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ASSOCIATIONS & THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

To publish the official minutes of the last meeting of the Central Council at this time of year may seem to indicate too long a delay, but it has the advantage of providing a revival of interest in the Council's work and, as it were, giving a start to the affairs of the coming session. The detailed reports which appear in 'The Ringing World,' in the weeks immediately following the Whitsun meeting, provide the Exercise with all the information it needs at the time, but the work of the Council is continuous, and it is as well that, before the succeeding meeting, there should be a reminder of what was the position of affairs when last the Council met, for it must not be overlooked that the business transacted often concerns the associations as well as the representatives.

For instance, we wonder how many of the associations have taken any steps in the matters directly referred to them? Such a request, shall we say, as that asking for information concerning any local customs relating to muffled ringing, particulars of which are needed for inclusion in a report upon the subject? Or again, the furnishing of details of old ringing records, contained in many belfries, which are still awaited to complete the work which is being done by one of the committees of the Council? There are quite a number of things in which, from time to time, the Council needs the help of the associations, and it is astonishing in how much some of these organisations fall short of what may reasonably be expected of them. The affiliated societies ought not to feel that, when they have paid their subscriptions and elected their representatives, they have done all that is necessary in their relationship with the Council. The more lively the interest they take in its proceedings and work, the more effective the Council would be, and one way in which they could help its usefulness would be in sending forward, through their representatives, subjects of general interest which the Council could discuss.

Behind the scenes the work of the Council, through its officials and committees, proceeds throughout the year; it is only with the approach of Whitsuntide that the Exercise hears anything about what is going on. But some of the most valuable work is of a humdrum nature, for which those who do it often get little thanks. Those who are inclined to grumble that the Council does very little probably know little of all that is being done on their behalf, and have hardly stopped to consider what the Exercise and the Art would be like without such a body to co-ordinate them. For something like fifty years the Council has been encouraging all that is best in ringing and endeavouring successfully to direct the development

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of the art into channels which have lifted it far above the conditions which prevailed previously. While the associations themselves have raised the status of ringers and spread interest in the art, the Council has not only given them support and helped to consolidate their position, but has facilitated largely, by its discussions and publications, the expansion of the art itself to fields previously undreamt of. The best way in which the Exercise can repay the Council is not merely to show an interest in its labour, but to give it more work to do.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE SECRETARIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 9, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;
Tenor 50 cwt.

MRS. EDITH K. FLETCHER, Ladies' Guild	Treble
HERBERT KNIGHT, Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford ...	2		
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH, Guildford Diocesan Guild ...	3		
CHARLES T. COLS, Middlesex County Association ...	4		
FREDERICK W. STOKES, Lincoln Diocesan Guild ...	5		
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER, London County Association ...	6		
ERNEST MORRIS, Midland Counties Association ...	7		
FREDK. W. ROGERS, Winchester & Portsmouth Diocesan Guild ...	8		
RICHARD T. HIBBERT, Oxford Diocesan Guild ...	9		
GEORGE W. FLETCHER, Central Council ...	10		
ALFRED B. PECK, Ancient Society of College Youths ...	11		
JOSEPH T. DYKE, Bath and Wells Diocesan Association ...	Tenor		

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, Irish Association.
Conducted by EDITH K. FLETCHER.

The above are secretaries of the respective ringing organisations. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of William T. Cockerill, formerly for 46 years hon. secretary of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

TEN BELL PEAL.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 9, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

MISS GWENDOLINE KIPPIN Treble	HARRY W. SIMMONS ...	6
*ERIC J. COE ...	†GEORGE OLIVER ...	7
CHARLES H. KIPPIN ...	†ARTHUR G. WILLETT ...	8
†DANIEL COOPER ...	†AMBROSE T. SHELTON ...	9
†THOMAS G. BANNISTER ...	WALTER CLAYDON ...	Tenor

Composed by G. F. HOAD. Conducted by WALTER CLAYDON.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal in the method. ‡ 100th peal.
First peal in the method as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BLAGDON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

JOSEPH T. DYKE Treble	KENNETH MOON ...	5
NORAH G. WILLIAMS ...	2	ALBERT A. HUGHES ...	6
EDWIN H. NASH ...	3	KENNETH FORD ...	7
EDWIN J. AVERY ...	4	*WILLIAM BIGGS ...	Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

* First peal.

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DARLASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thursday, March 17, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*T. A. HINGLEY Treble	H. HOWELL 5
G. BUTLER 2	B. G. KEY 6
D. HINGLEY 3	A. H. HINGLEY 7
H. SMITH 4	J. HINGLEY Tenor

Conducted by A. H. HINGLEY.

* First peal at first attempt.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, April 1, 1938, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN E. BIBBY Treble	WALTER ALLMAN 5
HARRY W. HOWARD 2	HAROLD WORRALL 6
STANLEY N. HARRISON 3	CECIL RADDON 7
REGINALD W. WORRALL 4	HARRY PARKER Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by H. PARKER.

RATBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 2, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS Treble	PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM 5
*R. S. WILLIAM SMITH 2	*GEORGE E. SPENCER 6
JOHN E. CLARKE 3	CHARLES MARSHALL 7
*THOMAS ISOM 4	J. LESLIE WILLARS Tenor

Composed by J. NICHOLLS.

Conducted by J. LESLIE WILLARS.

* First peal in the method.

CLAYBROOK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 2, 1938, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*WILLIAM A. WOOD Treble	SIDNEY CHENEY 5
*FRANK K. MEASURES 2	RICHARD F. ROE 6
*WILLIAM J. ROOT 3	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 7
*EDWIN LLOYD 4	*ALFRED BALLARD Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by A. BALLARD.

* First peal in the method.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 2, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

*GEORGE LEE Treble	FRED HARTMAN 5
FRANK VARTY 2	†GEORGE LEDSHAM 6
ROBERT SPERRING 3	†HARRY PYE 7
WILLIAM D. FLETCHER 4	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob. † First peal of Oxford Treble Bob 'inside.' A 21st birthday compliment to Mr. Frank Varty and his 50th peal.

HARWICH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 2, 1938, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

EDWARD E. DAVEY Treble	GEORGE THOMPSON 5
MISS SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER 2	†WALTER FELGATE 6
*GEORGE E. JENNINGS 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY 7
GEORGE WATERMAN 4	HORACE A. WRIGHT Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD E. DAVEY.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' † First peal.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 5, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF SPLICED BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE, EALING, LONDON,
RUTLAND, SUPERLATIVE, WATFORD, WEMBLEY AND YORKSHIRE
SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10 cwt.

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

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

Umpire—Eric B. Hartley.

* First peal in more than four Surprise Major methods. † First peal in more than seven Surprise Major methods. This peal contained 640 each of Bristol and Rutland, 576 each of Ealing, London, Wembley and Watford, 512 Yorkshire and 480 each of Cambridge and Superlative, with 157 changes of method, and is the first peal rung containing these nine methods.

WATFORD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(WATFORD SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, April 5, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, CAMBRIDGE, SUPERLATIVE, BRISTOL
AND WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 24½ cwt.

FREDERICK BULLOCK Treble	STEPHEN H. HOARE 5
WALTER G. PAUL 2	RICHARD G. BELL 6
ARTHUR W. DIX 3	GEORGE E. HOWCHIN 7
*HARRY L. LONG 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise. The peal consisted of 1,600 London, 1,280 Watford, 800 Bristol, 736 Cambridge, 704 Superlative, with 145 changes of method.

MARGATE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 7, 1938, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

*E. STOCKBRIDGE Treble	E. SPICKETT 5
F. GADSDEN 2	J. FIFIELD 6
J. WAGHORN 3	A. SAXBY 7
A. DADDS 4	R. WHYBROW Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER.

Conducted by F. GADSDEN.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the 3rd. A silver wedding peal for Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Saxby.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 7, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

SAMUEL WARNE Treble	FREDERICK RIDGWELL 5
*MISS ELSIE PETTITT 2	ALBERT WIFFEN 6
RONALD SUCKLING 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
MISS HILDA G. SNOWDEN 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

* First peal in the method.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 7, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

FRANCIS A. SMITH Treble	HENRY HODGETTS 5
*MRS. J. THOMAS 2	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD 6
JOHN THOMAS 3	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 7
STEPHEN H. HOARE 4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal in the method.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 8, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*ERNEST H. OXENHAM ... Treble	*CYRIL BRETT-SMITH ... 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 2	*FREDERICK W. BUDGEN ... 6
HARRY HOVERD ... 3	*JOHN O. WELLER ... 7
EDWIN BARNETT ... 4	*DEREK M. SHARP ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by D. M. SHARP.

* First peal of Little Bob. A 19th birthday compliment to Geoffrey V. Murphy, a member of the local band.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 9, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE H. LIMMER ... Treble	GORDON W. LIMMER ... 5
*CYRIL A. BURGESS ... 2	*L/CPL. P. H. TOCOK, R.T.C. 6
PETER A. BLAMEY ... 3	JOHN E. TAYLOR ... 7
BRYAN O'NEILL ... 4	GEORGE GILBERT ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal of Bob Major.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, April 9, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

WALTER FARLEY ... Treble	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH ... 5
GEORGE H. WILLIAMS ... 2	WILLIAM DAVIES ... 6
GEORGE F. SWANN ... 3	ALLAN SHORT ... 7
RICHARD C. INGRAM ... 4	JOHN E. PYWELL ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. W. S. Power, Vicar of Erdington.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, April 9, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING ... Treble	JAMES MORGAN ... 5
WILLIAM GRIFFITHS ... 2	EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... 6
JOHN GRIFFITHS ... 3	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... 7
ARTHUR NEWELL ... 4	ARTHUR E. PEGLER ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 9, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ILKESTON ARRANGEMENT.

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

CHARLES E. LAWSON ... Treble	JOHN ANDERSON ... 5
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 2	*WILLIAM SHERRATON ... 6
*THOMAS W. CROWE ... 3	*ROBERT L. PATTERSON ... 7
REV. JOHN P. PELLOE ... 4	*KENNETH ARTHUR ... Tenor

Conducted by E. GOBBY.

Conducted by K. ARTHUR.

* First peal of Treble Bob on this plan.

HOLLOWAY.—For morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. S. Turner 1, R. Charge 2, R. Newman 3, G. Charge 4, G. Tetman (first quarter-peal 'inside') 5, A. Turner (conductor) 6, F. Akers 7, A. Johnson 8. On Sunday, March 6th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Tetman 1, R. Charge 2, R. Newman 3, A. Warren 4, H. Franks 5, A. Turner (conductor) 6, G. Charge 7, A. Johnson 8. Rung in honour of A. Warren's birthday.

SIX BELL PEALS.

NEATH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 2, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 changes each of Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob, and 1,440 each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

TREVOR RODERICK ... Treble	BENJAMIN WILLIAMS ... 4
ERNEST STITCH ... 2	GEORGE POPNELL ... 5
HARRY BOYCE ... 3	GWYN I. LEWIS ... Tenor

Conducted by G. I. LEWIS.

First peal of Minor in five methods for the Guild, on the bells and for all the band except the ringer of the 5th.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 2, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four extents of Kent and three of Oxford, called differently, with 5.6 the right way behind.

Tenor 12 cwt.

THOMAS R. MOGG ... Treble	CHARLES L. SMITH ... 4
KENNETH J. CARLTON ... 2	WILLIAM J. LANCEFIELD ... 5
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... 3	EDWARD S. RUCK ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD S. RUCK.

First peal of Treble Bob by all the band except the conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. R. Hills, a chorister at this church for upwards of 50 years.

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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 2, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in eight methods: Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Double Court, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Plain Bob, and Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt.

CHARLES E. LAWSON ... Treble	*STEPHEN THOMPSON ... 4
JOHN ANDERSON ... 2	ROBERT W. LEIGHTON ... 5
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 3	KENNETH ARTHUR ... Tenor

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

* Fiftieth peal. These bells were augmented from three in April, 1888, and this peal was rung to celebrate their fiftieth anniversary as a ring of six.

APSLEY END, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 4, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents: (1) Alnwick; (2) Chester; (3) Munden; (4) York; (5) London; (6) Cambridge; (7) Netherseale.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. PUDDFOOT ... Treble	HORACE L. WAITE ... 4
*C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... 2	WILLIAM J. RANDALL ... 5
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... 3	WALTER AYRE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RANDALL.

* First peal in seven Surprise Minor methods. First Surprise peal as conductor

FELKIRK, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, April 5, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents in ten methods: (1) Killamarsh; (2) Trinity Sunday; (3) St. Albans; (4) Wragby and Neasden; (5) London Scholars' Pleasure and Capel; (6) Sandal and Oxford; (7) Kingston.

Tenor 10 cwt.

ROLAND HILL ... Treble	*WILFRED TIBBLE ... 4
J. THOMAS WHITE ... 2	*CYRIL COOK ... 5
HAROLD CHANT ... 3	DANIEL SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by D. SMITH.

* First peal in ten methods. Rung in honour of the completion and dedication of the new church at Shafton in the above parish.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 5, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, London Scholars' Pleasure, New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

WILLIAM WILLIAMS Treble	*GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 4
BARNARD PATMORE 2	ERNEST OVERALL 5
ALBERT LAWRENCE 3	SYDNEY CARTER Tenor

Conducted by SYDNEY CARTER.

* First peal of Treble Bob Minor in seven methods.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 9, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Treble	† WILLIAM H. COLES ... 4
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 2	GEORGE M. KILBY ... 5
* ERIC B. HARTLEY ... 3	CECIL C. MAYNE ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

* First six-bell peal. † First peal of Cambridge Minor.

MISTLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 9, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Viz.: Three extents of Oxford Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob, with different callings. Tenor 12½ cwt. in A.

* MISS EDITH CATON ... Treble	HARRY J. MILLATT ... 4
† ALFRED HONEYWOOD ... 2	WILLIAM STIFF ... 5
GEORGE E. JENNINGS ... 3	ALAN R. ANDREWS ... Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS,

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

ACTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 9, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

* HERBERT SUTTON ... Treble	† EDWARD J. BOFFEY ... 4
HARRY PARKER ... 2	HARRY THELWELL ... 5
† GEORGE A. PACKER ... 3	HARRY W. HOWARD ... Tenor

Conducted by H. W. HOWARD.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Minor. First peal of Treble Bob as conductor. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

KELHAM THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 3, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE HOUSE OF THE SACRED MISSION,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6040 CHANGES;

* THOMAS BARLOW BROWN ... 1-2	ALBERT FRANCIS SARGENT ... 5-6
† PHILIP JOHN BOULSOVER ... 3-4	† ARCHIBALD T. BARTLETT ... 7-8

Composed by B. ANNABLE.

Conducted by A. F. SARGENT.

Umpires—James Trainer and Harold Bacon.

* First peal of Major. † First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal by the College band. Rung as a token of appreciation to our benefactors.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 7, 1938, in Two Hours and Five Minutes,

AT 20, ABERDEEN CRESCENT,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6024 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

ALFRED BARNES ... 1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY ... 5-6
HAROLD JACKSON ... 3-4	* HARRY ASHTON ... 7-8

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

Witness—Mrs. A. F. Bailey.

* First peal in the method.

THE SECRETARIES' ASSOCIATION.

MEMBERS RING A PEAL OF CINQUES.

On Saturday, twelve secretaries of a similar number of ringing organisations rang a peal of Stedman Cinques at Southwark Cathedral, London, the first time that a band thus composed had rung a twelve-bell peal, and they rang it for an association which is their very own.

By way of explanation, it may be as well to go back a bit in history to recall that on March 21st, 1931, at Beddington, Surrey, before a peal of Stedman Caters, ten secretaries founded an association, by passing the following resolution, which has made their society a model for all time. The formation of the association and its constitution were embodied in the following:—

'That an association, to be known as the Secretaries' Association, be and the same is hereby formed; that those here present become its first members; that it be open to secretaries of recognised ringing guilds and associations; that there be no entrance fee or annual subscription; and that no minutes of its proceedings be kept.'

Since that resolution was passed the association had not met until last Saturday, when the 'first annual meeting' was held. There was no agenda and no business, except the election of new members, and a resolution, moved and carried without speeches, that the subscription be halved and the secretaries' secretary's salary doubled.

Then they got down to the real task of the day, which a number of them had come so far to share. Lincoln, Leicester, Wolverhampton and Somerset, to say nothing of Reading and Portsmouth, had been drawn on, and the result was extremely satisfactory to the secretaries. There were a number of experts outside to listen to the ringing, and the band received their congratulations upon having rung an excellent peal, which was conducted by the secretary of the Ladies' Guild.

Before this performance the secretaries modestly thought of challenging the guild and association treasurers to ringing combat, but they now think they might try for something even more august and challenge the Masters to ring Stedman Cinques in competition for twelve top-hats.

But in addition to the pleasure which the secretaries had of meeting and ringing together, there was a touch of sadness about the peal. It was a coincidence that just when the arrangements had been completed, one of the most noted of all ringing secretaries should pass to his rest, so soon after having laid down his pen. The secretaries, therefore, paid their tribute to the late Mr. W. T. Cockerill, who had been the doyen of their fraternity, by ringing the peal with the bells half-muffled.

One other point about the peal is worthy of note, and that is that Mr. Tom Hibbert was able to finish off the task of ringing every one of St. Saviour's bells to a peal. Tom had to dash off at the finish to catch his train, and the remainder had only just time for a brief celebration before the Licensing Act intervened. We understand that what with early morning trains to distant parts of England and the beginning of 'summer time' in the course of these journeys, some of the ringers only reached home on Sunday morning 'with the milk.'

The secretaries would like to acknowledge their indebtedness to Mr. A. A. Hughes, of the Whitechapel Foundry, for the attention given to the bells and for putting on the muffles before the peal.

DEATH OF BRISTOL RINGER.

We regret to record the passing on Sunday, April 3rd, of Mr. Bertram C. Worsdell, of Bristol, at the age of 44 years. He had been employed by the Great Western Railway Company and was well known in ringing circles in the west country, where he will be always remembered as a valuable Sunday service ringer and a great asset to the band to which he belonged.

From 1928 until 1935 he was a member of St. Ambrose, Bristol, Guild. When he was promoted to a higher post and transferred to Trowbridge, Wilts, he became a useful addition to the band there and rang in the first peal of Stedman Cinques by the local company. In 1937 he was transferred back to Bristol to take up his duties in another part of the city, and became a member of St. Stephen's Guild, to which he was attached until his death, which occurred at Bristol General Hospital following an operation.

The funeral took place on Thursday, April 7th, at St. Ambrose's Church. The service, which was choral, was conducted by the Rev. R. F. Plaistowe, curate (a member of St. Ambrose Guild of Ringers), assisted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. S. Lee), the interment being at Avon View Cemetery. Bristol ringers were represented by Messrs. J. A. Burford and W. H. Thomas (St. Stephen's), A. Pearce and G. Pearce (St. James'), Mrs. E. J. Brown (St. Philip's), Mrs. L. Simmons (Portishead), Messrs. J. G. Jefferies (Mangotsfield), A. T. Maggs, A. Knight, G. S. Wiltshire, Mrs. F. Skidmore and Mr. F. Skidmore (St. Ambrose).

The bells were half-muffled and Stedman Triples were rung prior to the service. After the service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by A. T. Maggs 1, G. Pearce 2, Mrs. F. Skidmore 3, A. Knight 4, F. Skidmore 5, A. Pearce 6, J. G. Jefferies 7, G. S. Wiltshire 8.

The floral tributes included wreaths from Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Brown; C. Raisen, Trowbridge; Trowbridge ringers; and St. Ambrose ringers.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CANTERBURY MEETING.

Minutes of the second session of the sixteenth Council (45th annual meeting), held in the Chapter House, Canterbury, on Whitsun Tuesday, May 18th, 1937, at 11 o'clock.

In the unavoidable absence of the Archbishop, due to Coronation duties, the Council was welcomed by Canon F. J. O. Helmore, a former member of the Council and for very many years secretary of the Kent County Association.

The thanks of the Council were expressed by the President.

The meeting opened with prayers offered by Canon G. F. Coleridge.

Present:—

Ancient Society of College Youths—Mr. A. B. Peck.
Bath and Wells Diocesan Association—Mr. H. W. Brown, Mr. J. T. Dyke, Mr. J. Hunt.

Bedfordshire Association—Mr. A. King.

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

Chester Diocesan Guild—Mr. A. Crawley, Mr. H. Parker.

Devon Guild—Mr. T. Laver.

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

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

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

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association—Mr. W. B. Kynaston.

Guildford Diocesan Guild—Mr. G. L. Grover, Mr. A. C. Hazelden, Mr. A. H. Pulling.

Hertford County Association—Mr. W. Ayre.

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

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

Lancashire Association—Mr. W. H. Shuker, Mr. L. J. Williams, Mr. T. B. Worsley.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild—Mr. J. Bray, Ven. Archdeacon H. T. Parry, Mr. R. Richardson.

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

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

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

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

Norwich Diocesan Association—Mr. A. L. Coleman, 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, Mr. R. A. Post.

Oxford Society—Mr. W. G. Collett.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Surrey Association—Mr. W. Clayton, Mr. D. Cooper, Mr. C. H. Kippin.

Sussex County Association—Mr. H. R. Butcher.

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

Truro Diocesan Guild—Mr. C. E. Lanxon.

Warwickshire Guild—Mr. D. H. Argyle, Mr. F. W. Perrens.

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

Worcester and District Association—Mr. J. D. Johnson.

Yorkshire Association—Mr. J. Hardcastle, Mr. P. J. Johnson, Mr. S. F. Palmer.

Honorary Members—Messrs. W. A. Cave, C. Dean, J. S. Goldsmith, J. H. B. Hesse, A. A. Hughes, C. F. Johnston, J. A. Trollope, E. C. S. Turner, A. Walker, S. H. Wood, E. Alex. Young.

MEMBERSHIP.

The hon. secretary reported that the composition of the Council was now as follows:—

Associations affiliated	...	50
Total members to which entitled	...	138
Total members elected	...	135
Honorary members	...	15

The alterations from last year were the affiliation of the Sussex County Association with four representatives, an addition of one representative from the Warwickshire Guild and one less from the Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild.

It was also reported that Lord Shaftesbury had consented to his election as honorary member.

The following subscriptions were reported unpaid: Cambridge University Guild, Durham and Newcastle Association, North Notts Association and North Wales Association, and attention was drawn to Rule 5.

As the operation of this rule would prevent the president from speaking or voting, it was proposed by Mr. A. Paddon Smith, seconded by Mr. Stephen H. Wood, and resolved, that Mr. E. H. Lewis be elected an honorary member.

(Note.—The unpaid subscriptions have since been paid.)

ADDRESS TO H.M. THE KING.

On the president's motion, it was resolved that the following address be sent:—

'The members of the Central Council of Church Bellringers, who represent 21,000 change ringers, assembled for their annual meeting in the Chapter House, Canterbury Cathedral, wish to repeat to your Majesty the message of congratulation and loyalty which rang out last Wednesday from the church towers of the country.—Edwin H. Lewis, President.'

The following reply was received:—

'The King is much gratified to receive your message of congratulation on the occasion of His Majesty's Coronation. I am desirous to express his warm thanks to all who joined in these good wishes.—Private Secretary.'

ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS.

On the proposal of Mr. J. A. Trollope, seconded by Mr. C. F. Johnston, it was resolved that the following retiring members be re-elected: The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson and Messrs. A. A. Hughes, E. C. S. Turner and S. H. Wood.

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE PRESIDENT.

In accordance with Rule 11, the following members were presented: Mr. L. J. Williams (Lancashire Association) and Mr. W. Claydon (Surrey Association).

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Mr. W. T. Cockerill (Ancient Society of College Youths), the Rev. W. M. K. Warren (Bath and Wells), Mr. A. E. Sharnan (Bedford), the Rev. E. V. Cox (Devon), Messrs. W. H. Barber and W. J. Davidson (Durham and Newcastle), Mr. E. P. Duffield (Essex), Messrs. H. E. C. Goodenough and C. W. Woolley (Hertford), Mr. G. Lindoff (Irish), Mr. G. R. Newton (Lancashire), Mr. G. Chester (Lincoln), Mr. W. H. J. Hooton (Midland Counties), Messrs. F. Colclough and K. Thacker (North Staffs), Mr. C. E. Borrett (Norwich), Mr. R. G. Black (Peterborough), Mr. W. Saunders (Shropshire), Messrs. C. J. Sedgely and S. H. Symonds (Suffolk), Mr. S. E. Armstrong (Sussex), Mr. H. Barton (Winchester and Portsmouth), Mr. C. H. Woodberry (Worcester and Districts), Canon C. C. Marshall (Yorkshire), and honorary members, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson and Mr. C. W. Roberts.

LOSS OF MEMBERS THROUGH DEATH.

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

The Rev. A. H. F. Boughey (1892-1928, president 1918-20), the Rev. E. W. Carpenter (1891-1932), Mr. F. Wilford (1904-1936), Mr. A. A. Coppock (1924-1935), Mr. J. Phillips (1932-1935), Mr. H. S. Ellis (1912-1914), Mr. R. J. Dawe (1909-1911), Mr. A. E. Wreaks (1895-1896), Mr. G. W. Stokes (1937).

A silent tribute was paid with all members standing.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

It was proposed by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes and carried, that the minutes published in 'The Ringing World' on March 26th and April 2nd, pages 197-199 and 213, and circulated to all members, be taken as read and be approved.

REPORTS.

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

REPORT OF THE HONORARY LIBRARIAN.

(Vide 'The Ringing World,' May 28th, 1937, pages 355-6.)

In the unavoidable absence of the hon. librarian, the report and accounts were presented by the hon. secretary, who moved the adoption. The resolution was seconded by Mr. A. Paddon Smith and carried.

Arising out of the report, the following matters were dealt with on the recommendation of the Standing Committee: (a) The 962 copies of the Glossary to be offered to associations on payment of postage, the out-of-date matter to be indicated by rubber stamp. (b) Model Rules for a Local Company and Preservation of Bells to be reprinted, decision to be made by Standing Committee as to number of copies required and revision necessary. (c) Hints to Instructors and Beginners to be reprinted if demand continues. (d) The officers to consider the preparation of a book on double-handed handbell ringing. (e) Insurance should be effected on the stock of publications and the contents of the library.

The recommendations were adopted on the motion of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, and on the proposal of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. S. H. Wood, the thanks of the Council were accorded to those who had kindly presented additional books to the library.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

(Vide 'The Ringing World,' May 28th, 1937, page 356.)

The hon. treasurer represented the accounts and reported that these had been audited by Mr. A. A. Hughes, who moved the adoption, and Mr. C. T. Coles, who seconded the motion. The accounts were adopted.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE CARTER RINGING MACHINE.

('The Ringing World,' May 28th, 1937, page 356.)

The report was presented by Mr. E. Alex. Young (senior trustee), and on his proposal, seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes, was adopted. It was also agreed to pay the demonstrator's fee of 10s. 6d.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

('The Ringing World,' May 28th, 1937, page 356.)

The hon. secretary presented the formal report of the committee and moved the adoption. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Fletcher and carried.

REPORT OF THE PEAL COLLECTION COMMITTEE.

('The Ringing World,' May 28th, 1937, page 356.)

A letter from Mr. Lindoff was read by the hon. secretary stating that the peal collection was delayed owing to failure of members of the committee to return selections of peals.

The letter was accepted as the report of the committee, and on the proposal of Mr. J. A. Trollope, seconded by Mr. W. H. Hollier, was adopted.

REPORT OF THE METHODS COMMITTEE

('The Ringing World,' May 28th, 1937, pages 356 and 357.)

The report was presented by Mr. J. A. Trollope, who moved the adoption. The motion was seconded by Mr. E. C. S. Turner and carried. The committee indicated that they would deal with the question of reprinting Plain Major and Cater Methods, which were nearly sold out.

The committee recommended 'that in order to assist the Council in keeping up to date a register of methods which have been rung, the secretaries of affiliated associations be asked to forward to the Council the figures of any method rung for the first time and the composition, together with particulars of first performance.'

The recommendation was adopted on the proposal of Mr. S. H. Wood, seconded by Mr. E. C. S. Turner.

REPORT OF THE PEAL ANALYSIS AND RECORDS COMMITTEE.

('The Ringing World,' April 23rd, 1937, pages 267-9.)

In presenting the report, Mrs. Fletcher stated that since its publication in 'The Ringing World,' two alterations had been made, i.e., a non-association peal of Bob Minor was now included with the peals of the Ely Diocesan Association, and a peal in seven Surprise methods had been added to the record of new methods.

The committee referred three matters for the Council's decision:—

(a) As to whether Pitman's and Morris' Doubles were contrary to the Council's decisions. (No action was taken on this matter as the question was to be debated later.)

(b) As to whether two peals of Doubles, rung for the Hertford County Association, containing Oxford Singles, should be excluded from the Analysis. The Standing Committee recommended that the Council regret the inclusion of such a method in a peal considering the number of methods available.

(c) As to whether a peal of Minor rung for the Yorkshire Association, containing a plain course of Woodbine in addition to an extent in that method, should be included, there being some doubt as to

where the plain course was inserted. The Standing Committee recommended that the committee make further inquiry.

The report was adopted on the proposal of Mrs. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. G. R. Pye, and on the president's motion the Standing Committee's recommendations were adopted.

It was proposed by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, seconded by Mr. A. Walker, and carried, that it be an instruction to the committee that, when necessary information is not forthcoming when the statistics are made up, the peals should be ignored and omitted from the Analysis.

The committee recommended the addition of Mr. W. Ayre to the committee, and on the proposal of Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. F. Perrens, this was adopted.

(To be continued.)

'CANNED' SERVICES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In view of recent correspondence and expressions of opinion by bellringers regarding the use of gramophone records instead of bells, the following extract from the Church Magazine 'Home Words' for March will no doubt be of interest to your readers:—

'In your Church News,' writes the Rev. T. H. Croucher, 'you mention a Vicar who conducts services and plays the organ too. I have done that many times. (I am an F.R.C.O.) But I wonder if there are any clergymen who play a gramophone to accompany their services? At my church at South Pickenham, Norfolk, I used to play hymns, psalms, anthems and the Canticles on the gramophone. This I found very successful; one hadn't to rely on village folk who couldn't or wouldn't play!'

It would be interesting to know what the Rev. T. H. Croucher means exactly by the words 'very successful'; presumably the attendance at church showed an improvement after the introduction of the gramophone. However, in my opinion a mere handful of sincere worshippers in church would be far better than a church full to the doors with people who were there, either out of sheer curiosity or for the sake of the novelty of hearing a gramophone taking the place of the choir and organ.

On one point, at any rate, I am sure that all churchpeople (whether ringers or not) will be agreed, i.e., that the efforts of the 'village folk,' however poor and imperfect, would be far more acceptable to God than the most perfect gramophone record, and this goes for bells as well as services!

Further, as there are two sides to every story, it would be rather interesting to hear what the people of South Pickenham have to say in answer to the Rev. Croucher's closing words.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild had 262 paid up ringing members for 1937. They seem to have a way of collecting arrears, too, for the balance sheet shows that in addition to the contributions for 1937, ten members paid for 1936 and seven for 1935.

Easter tide has always been a time for the ringing of long peals, and among them we would recall the 13,265 Grandsire Caters at Appleton rung exactly 50 years ago last Monday.

Tuesday, the 12th, was the anniversary of the famous 18,027 of Stedman Caters, rung at Loughborough in 1909, the first time that one set of men ever rang 'the clock round.' The peal took 12 hours 18 minutes.

Next Sunday is the anniversary of 12,240 of Treble Bob Maximus at Ashton-under-Lyne, to which Mr. James George rang the tenor, in 8 hours 39 minutes, on April 17th, 1911, while Monday is the anniversary of three records: 12,006 Grandsire Caters at Painswick in 1737; 13,440 Double Norwich Major at Romford, Essex, in 1894; and 17,824 Oxford Treble Bob Major at Hepstonstall, Yorks, in 1927.

It is also interesting to recall that the first peal of Cumberland Exercise Major—a method long since relegated to the limbo of things forgotten—was rung exactly 100 years ago on Saturday at Birstall.

Among the events of which to-day (Thursday) is the anniversary is the gallant attempt for the tower-bell record, made at Heptonstall, Yorks, on April 14th, 1928. A peal of 22,096 of Double Norwich Major was lost after 18,360 changes had been rung in 10 hours 31 minutes.

Which is a reminder that the longest tower-bell peal by one set of men was rung on April 22nd, 1922, at Appleton—the 21,363 Stedman Caters in 12 hours 25 minutes.

THE LATE MR. W. T. COCKERILL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The remark in your last issue with reference to the first peal of London Surprise in the City makes me feel I should like to add just a word of appreciation to what has been said of the late Mr. William T. Cockerill. I can fully endorse the remarks as to his being an upholder of strict discipline in the belfry. Experience has taught me that this is a necessity, but with Mr. Cockerill's tact as a leader it came quite naturally. In my early visits to St. Paul's on a Sunday in the early nineties I was always most courteously welcomed (although not a member of the 'Ancients'), and never left the tower without being asked to ring.

With regard to Mr. Cockerill's trying hard for the first peal of London Surprise in the City, it may not be out of place to mention that one of the first to congratulate us on coming out of the tower at St. Stephen's, Coleman Street, on January 14th, 1899, was Mr. W. T. Cockerill with the remark, 'You have done it for us this time.'

I can only add that I am sure the passing of Mr. Cockerill will cause a gap in the St. Paul's company very hard to fill as faithfully as he has done.

G. WILLIAMS.

Eastleigh.

PRESENTATION TO RETIRING DONCASTER RINGER.

MR. G. HALKSWORTH'S FIFTY YEARS' SERVICE.

Mr. George Halksworth has been for nearly fifty years a member of the Doncaster Parish Church company, and vice-president of the Doncaster and District Association and Ringing Master of the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association for 21 years. He has now left Doncaster to live at Scarborough, but before his departure received a slight recognition from his colleagues for all the service he had rendered to ringing.

On April 3rd, Canon A. Ll. Davies, Vicar of Doncaster and president of the Doncaster company, presented a Westminster chime clock to Mr. Halksworth and a cut-glass bowl to Mrs. Halksworth on behalf of the local company.

Mr. W. E. Lloyd welcomed the visitors, who represented the Yorkshire Association and Doncaster and District Association.

Canon Davies said he was very pleased to see so many present, as Mr. Halksworth's ambition to encourage bellringing, not only in Doncaster, but all over Yorkshire, was greater than could be expressed in words.

Mr. Lloyd read a letter from Mr. H. Walker, of Whitley Bay, a former ringer of Doncaster Parish Church. In it he said: 'It was in 1891 that Mr. George Halksworth became a member of the Doncaster company. For 50 years he has upheld the best traditions of the art of change ringing in Doncaster and district, and has done all in his power to advance the art. He has been vice-president of the Doncaster and District Association for 21 years, Ringing Master of the Southern Division, Yorkshire Association, for 21 years, and for four years on the General Committee of the Yorkshire Association. He carried out the often difficult duties of his office in a manner worthy of a diplomat, giving pleasure to many and offence to none.'

Mr. Halksworth, in acknowledging the gifts, said that what he wanted more than anything else was that the work should be carried on.

Mr. A. Staveley, 151, Wentworth Road, Doncaster, was elected to take Mr. Halksworth's place as secretary of the Doncaster company.

LEADING CONDUCTORS—14.

JOHN AUSTIN.

One of the 'old brigade,' Mr. John Austin, of Gloucester, was among the pioneers of Surprise ringing. He was born at Burton-on-Trent on November 19th, 1863, and at the age of 20 was invited to take up ringing at Winhill, near his home. He soon became very interested in the art, and later made the acquaintance of Mr. John Jaggar, who was doing a lot of useful work among young ringers. On December 5th, 1885, Mr. Jaggar conducted Mr. Austin's first peal—Grandsire Triples at St. Paul's, Burton, and, soon afterwards, Mr. Austin joined the St. Paul's company.

It was just at the time the Burton men were beginning to make history and break new ground in Surprise ringing. So quickly did Mr. Austin develop as a ringer that in May, 1886, he took part in the first peal of New Cumberland Surprise, and quickly followed this with peals of Stedman, Treble Bob, Superlative, Cambridge, and London. On November 8th, 1888, he rang in the 6,720 of London Surprise at Burton, conducted by Mr. Joseph Griffin. At that time it was the record length in the method. In this same year, too, Mr. Austin rang his first peal as conductor, calling Holt's Original.

In November, 1890, Mr. Austin went to live in Gloucester and joined the enthusiastic band at St. Michael's, the society including the brothers E. B. and H. L. James. They were at that time practising Double Norwich, and on Christmas morning rang the first peal in the method for the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

In 1893 Mr. Austin conducted the first peal of Superlative Surprise, Double Oxford Bob Major and Grandsire Cinques for the association, and, in the following year, the first peals of Cambridge

Surprise Major and Double Norwich Court Bob Caters. In the diamond jubilee year, 1897, came the first peals of Bob Royal, Bob Maximus, Gloucester Surprise Major and Kent Treble Bob Maximus. It was this band that really gave the first impetus to Surprise Royal ringing. On January 21st, 1898, Mr. Austin called a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at Cheltenham. At the time it was believed to be the first ever rung, but later it was discovered that 80 years or so before a peal had been rung in Yorkshire. But the Cheltenham peal was the start of modern Surprise Royal ringing.

Afterwards Cambridge Surprise Maximus was practised, and, although he has never rung a peal of it, we believe Mr. Austin was the first ever to call a bob in Surprise Maximus. On three occasions the band met for a peal at Cirencester, and at the last attempt rang nearly two courses. Although they were never successful in scoring a peal, it was a great piece of pioneering work, for it must be remembered they had no ring of twelve of their own on which to practise. Indeed, it was the fact that they had to travel to Cirencester that eventually led to dropping the method.

The year 1898 was a very successful one, for it saw the first peals on the augmented ring of ten at St. Michael's and a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal at Hereford Cathedral, the latter a formidable task, for ringing takes place among the great old timber beams amid deafening noise.

St. Michael's Juniors later fell on quiet days, for the band became much depleted, but Mr. Austin kept up his peal ringing activities, and his conducting has been an example to many young ringers, for John Austin seldom calls a peal from any but a 'working' bell. Altogether he has rung 540 peals, of which he has conducted 310, and the proudest moment in his life was when he called 'this is all' at the end of the first peal at Exeter Cathedral.

Mr. Austin was Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association from 1916 to 1918, and served for a number of years as Gloucester branch secretary of the association. He has also represented the association on the Central Council, first from 1908 to 1920, and from 1932 to the present time.



MR. JOHN AUSTIN.

RINGING IN LONDON.

MR. BAILEY REPLIES TO MR. CORBY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It is not my intention to enter into a wordy argument, but now that I have been accused of 'insulting the London County Association,' 'talking through the back of my hat,' 'using carping criticism' and 'residing in a district where bitterness is rife,' I would like to attempt to reply to the bitter and unpleasant onslaught made by Mr. Corby against my speech at the recent Cumberland Youths' dinner.

First of all, let me say that there was nothing I said in my speech which I did not qualify by an example or an observation, and if Mr. Corby had been present at the dinner he would not have written 'through the back of his hat' on secondhand information and accused me of talking through the back of mine.

There is no need for me to reply to the points raised in Mr. Corby's letter, as I think they have been effectively dealt with by Mr. Gilbert (on free lance peal ringing) and Mr. Waugh (on the position of the London County Association in London ringing) at the dinner, and by the leading articles and Mr. Trollope's letter in your paper, and it would appear that Mr. Corby would have been well advised to wait for the full report of the speeches at the dinner to appear before doing any mud slinging.

I am rather afraid Mr. Corby has overstepped the mark and has pointed his criticism at me rather than at my speech. He says, 'I feel that the Exercise should be informed that in the neighbourhood in which Mr. Bailey resides there is a great deal of bitter feeling,' etc., but he omits to mention that, until recently, he has been residing in the district himself, and I do feel that he is hitting below the belt by using the district in which I reside to further his own arguments, particularly as he has not long ceased to be a resident of it himself.

As far as using 'carping criticism' is concerned, I leave those of your readers who read Mr. Corby's letter to decide who has been doing the 'carping.'

In conclusion, let me venture to suggest that Mr. Corby will be doing the London County Association a much greater service by showing the courtesy and friendliness that its other officers show rather than indulging in a bitter criticism which he has done in his letter of last week.

J. E. BAILEY.

Dartford.

'HIDEOUS EFFECT' OF SIMULTANEOUS RINGING.

Dear Sir,—This letter is written from an office in Kingsway, London, at six o'clock on Sunday evening, to the combined accompaniment of a peal of eight bells, probably St. Andrew's, Holborn, and a peal of ten, which no doubt is St. Clement Danes'.

The effect is really hideous, and if some of those ringers who lament the silence of many of London's bells could be with me now, I am sure they would doubt whether it is such a bad thing after all.

As ringers, we agree that all bells should be rung, but we are naturally only very rarely able to judge their effect. This particular office is within earshot of four peals of bells—the two mentioned above; St. Paul's Cathedral, which I heard this afternoon; and St. Martin's-in-the-Fields. In all cases there is nothing to prevent the sound of the bells coming out, and it can be little short of a miracle that, apparently, no complaints are received. The bells of St. Clement Danes, for example, are, to my mind, a definite nuisance. I personally do not object to them (by themselves), but the comments of my non-ringing colleagues can be well imagined, even though we do not hear them at full force.

The four peals mentioned above are contained in a very small part of London, and there must be many other places where more than one peal can be heard. If all the silent bells started ringing, heaven knows what the effect would be!

E. A. BARNETT.

LONDON TWELVE-BELL TOWERS.

Sir,—What is a 'silent twelve-bell tower'? And may I ask which twelve-bell towers in London are supposed to come in this category?

R. F. DEAL.

RINGER'S SILVER WEDDING.

On the occasion of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. E. Coles, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters was rung at St. John the Baptist's Church, Cardiff, for evening service on Sunday, February 22nd. The conductor, Mr. A. Rowley, called the same quarter-peal for the wedding 25 years ago: W. Prosser 1, F. Hannington 2, E. Coles 3, E. Hunt 4, J. Davies 5, H. Morgan 6, A. Rowley (conductor) 7, E. Coomes 8, J. Phillips 9, S. R. Barker 10.

FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

BURFORD, OXFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday, March 20th, at the Parish Church, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: T. Bond 1, T. Timms 2, A. Bishop 3, *B. S. Nichols 4, R. Hudson 5, W. Dixon (conductor) 6, F. Soden 7, *O. Aldridge 8. * First quarter-peal of Stedman. First quarter-peal as conductor.

STREATHAM.—On Sunday, February 5th, for evensong, at Immanuel Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. C. Mitchell 1, A. Diserens (conductor) 2, Mrs. A. Diserens 3, E. L. Miles 4, C. A. Button 5, T. W. Welbourne 6, J. W. Chapman 7, A. Hodges (first quarter-peal) 8.

LADY'S TENOR RINGING FEAT.

MISS HILDA SNOWDEN'S CAREER.

Miss Hilda Snowden's performance in ringing Bocking tenor to a peal of Double Norwich Major, as well as conducting it, is an outstanding achievement for a lady, for, in the words of one who knows this 18½ cwt. bell well, 'it is a man's job.' The peal, recorded in our columns last week, was rung for her 22nd birthday.

Miss Snowden, who is now hon. secretary of the Northern Division of the Essex Association, really began her ringing career before she reached the age of 14. She started to learn at St. Andrew's, Halstead, in January, 1930. As there were six beginners at the time, progress with handling a bell was slow, and it was not until two years later that she became keenly interested, and realised that, if she was to get on, she must get further practice elsewhere.

With her brother, Mr. Claude Snowden, she cycled to other towers in the district, and most of her early practice in change ringing was obtained at Earls Colne, Greenstead Green and Colne Engaine. It was at the first-named church that she received the splendid tuition which has since enabled her successfully to ring some fairly heavy bells, for at Earls Colne there is a long draught and the bells need a lot of handling. By the way, it is rather regrettable to think that, out of the six who began ringing together in 1930, Miss Snowden is the only one who is left; the others all gave it up.

Miss Snowden rang her first peal in May, 1932, and her first two Surprise peals were rung in one day, in December, 1933. Her peals now number 60 and include Cambridge Minor, Major and Maximus, as well as peals in five other Surprise Major methods. The peal of Cambridge Maximus is a reminder of the fact that Miss Snowden and her brother frequently motor the 32 miles to Ipswich and back for practice. Recently, it will be recalled, she conducted the first peal on Stoke-by-Nayland bells, which are anything but an easy peal to ring. Altogether she has called seven peals and shared in the conducting of one other.

The following is a list of her peals: Cambridge Surprise Maximus 1; Kent Treble Bob Maximus 1; London Surprise Major 7; Bristol Surprise Major 1; Cambridge Surprise Major 6; Superlative Surprise Major 7; Yorkshire Surprise Major 2; Belgrave Surprise Major 1; Kent Treble Bob Major 2; Double Norwich Court Bob Major 7 (conducted 1); Bob Major 6 (conducted 2); Grandsire Triples 1; Surprise Minor, seven methods, 1; Cambridge Surprise Minor 1; Minor in seven methods 2; Minor in four methods 5 (conducted 1, jointly conducted 1); Minor in three methods 2 (conducted 1); Minor in two methods 2 (conducted 1); Oxford Treble Bob Minor 1; Plain Bob Minor 3 (conducted 1); Bob Doubles 1; total 60.

In addition to her membership of the Essex Association, Miss Snowden is also a member of the Ladies' Guild, the Suffolk Guild, the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, St. Andrew's Guild, Earls Colne, and St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Western Division of the Sussex County Association was held at Pulborough on Saturday, March 26th, when 40 members attended from Angmering, Arundel, Billingshurst, Brighton, Chichester, Heene, Kirdford, Rudgwick, Storrington, Shoreham, Warnham, West Grinstead and the local band. Short touches of several methods were rung during the afternoon prior to a short service, which was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. I. Frost).

The tea and business meeting were presided over by the Rector. All the outgoing officers were re-elected, three new members, viz., the Rev. H. T. Wisdom (Worthing), Major H. C. Hall (Wisborough Green) and W. Scragg (Rudgwick), were elected.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells, and further ringing brought an enjoyable meeting to a close.



MISS HILDA SNOWDEN.

PEAL NOTES.

NINE SPLICED MAJOR METHODS.

A peal in nine spliced Surprise Major methods was rung at Willesden on April 5th. It will be remembered that recently an attempt was made for it, and, after being apparently successfully brought round, the conductor discovered that in copying the figures he had put a wrong method in one place, with the result that the peal was false.

Naturally such a contretemps was guarded against on this occasion, and this time the peal was actually rung with an umpire, who sat in the belfry and ticked off each method as it was called.

A feature of the composition, given below, is that the changes are more than usually evenly distributed between the methods, and there is not a predominance of London. Bristol and Rutland have 640 changes each, Ealing, London, Wembley and Watford 576 changes each, Yorkshire 512, and Cambridge and Superlative 480 each. It was the first time a peal had been rung containing these nine methods.

Congratulations to the band, which included one lady, Miss Kathleen Bradford, and particularly to the young composer and conductor, Mr. Ernest C. S. Turner.

Here are the figures of the peal, which runs to 5,056 changes:—

23456	M	W	Methods
35642	—	2	Wem. S. B. Wat.
42356	2	—	R. B. C. or S. R.
32654	—	—	L. C. E.

25463	—	2	Wem. S. B. Wat.
63254	2	—	R. B. Y. R.
52436	—	—	L. C. or S. Wem.
34625	—	—	E. Y. L.
26543	—	—	Wat. C. E.

Repeat the last 5 courses three times, produces 43265. Then repeat the whole.

Peals of Spliced Surprise Major are not, in these days, altogether rare performances, although they are still rare enough to make them noteworthy. It is seldom, however, that two are rung in one day.

In addition to the one at Willesden, another was successful at Watford, where Mr. Harold Cashmore called a peal in five methods of his own composition. Peals of this description have seldom been rung by an entirely local band, but this one was rung by the Watford Society.

VARIETY IN PEAL RINGING.

Probably our readers may have noticed the variety of methods in which the peals on eight and ten bells recorded last week were rung.

The Royal included Plain Bob, Double Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Bob Major, Double Norwich and St. Clement's College were in the Plain Major methods, and the Surprise Major included London, Bristol, Yorkshire, Staffordshire and Rochester, together with a peal in six methods spliced, Cambridge, Superlative, Ealing and Rutland being among them, while of Triples there were peal of Grandsire, Stedman and Oxford Bob.

The fiftieth anniversary of the augmentation of the bells at Whickham, Co. Durham, from three to six was celebrated with a peal of Minor in eight methods on April 2nd.

A peal of Surprise Minor in seven methods was specially arranged for C. E. Jeffries, of Ampthill, who cycled 28 miles each way to Apsley End to take part. It was his first attempt at three of the methods, Alnwick, Munden and Netherseale—a very creditable performance.

Mr. George Thompson rang his 70th peal on his 70th birthday at Harwick, Essex, on April 2nd. It was also a birthday peal for the granddaughter of Mr. H. A. Wright, the tenorman, and the 50th peal rung by Mr. E. E. Davey, who was the conductor.

The silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Saxby, of Margate, was celebrated by a peal of Oxford Bob Triples on April 7th. It was the first peal in the method by all the band, except Mr. J. Waghorn.

Mr. Maurice Hibbert rang his one hundredth peal on the bells of St. James' Church, Bushey, on April 7th. The peals have been rung in 27 methods.

The peal last week was specially arranged for Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas, and Mrs. Thomas scored her first peal of Superlative Surprise.

Mr. W. R. Hills has been a chorister at Willesborough Church, Kent, for upwards of 50 years, and on April 2nd the ringers celebrated his birthday by ringing a peal of Treble Bob Minor in his honour.

A 'coming of age' compliment to Mr. Frank Varty, a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major at Pulford, Cheshire, was his fiftieth peal.

Another 'coming of age' compliment was the peal rung at Houghton-le-Spring, Co. Durham, on Saturday, Mr. T. W. Crowe celebrating his 21st birthday by ringing a peal of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major in the Ilkerton arrangement. The ringers take the opportunity of thanking the Rector for his hospitality after the peal.

Arranged for Mr. A. E. Pegler, of Bangor, North Wales, and Mr. E. V. Rodenhurst, of Hodnet, Salop, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at the Church of St. Mary-within-the-Walls, Chester, on Saturday, was a birthday compliment to Mr. Arthur Newell.

The first peal of Treble Bob on the bells at Acton, Cheshire, was rung on Saturday, when seven 720's of Kent Minor were brought round.

A peal of Bob Major at Burnham, Bucks. on Saturday, was rung after meeting short for a local peal of St. Clement's Major. Corporal Tocock, of the Royal Tank Corps, filling the gap at short notice.

(Continued in next column.)

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

REPRESENTATIVE NORTHERN DIVISION MEETING.

A successful meeting of the Northern Division of the Essex Association took place at St. Andrew's, Halstead, on Saturday week, when 48 ringers attended, 21 towers being represented: Halstead, Earls Colne, Greenstead Green, Over (Camps), Cambridge, Saffron Walden, Sible Hedingham, Pebmarsh, Fulbourne, Hornchurch, Kelvedon, Wickham St. Paul's, Bocking, Braintree, Bishopsgate, Leytonstone, Great Yeldham, Waldingfield, Newmarket, Sawston and Great Tey.

Service in the Parish Church was conducted by the Vicar (Canon T. H. Curling), assisted by the Rev. A. W. Swallow (assistant priest). In the course of his address, the Vicar welcomed the ringers and said he was very pleased they were again meeting at Halstead.

Tea was afterwards partaken of at St. Andrew's Hall, having been prepared by Mrs. Snowden, Mrs. Parmenter, Mrs. Ward and Mrs. A. Root, assisted by Mrs. G. Trendell and Mrs. Upstone. The provisions for the tea had been kindly given by parishioners.

The District Master (Mr. F. Ridgwell) said as they had been so kindly entertained to tea he would suggest that a collection be made for the hall repair fund.—This was done and £1 5s. 6d. was realised.

The business meeting followed, the District Master presiding. Miss W. Elliott (Kelvedon), Mr. A. P. Cannon and Mr. H. Smith were elected ringing members. It was agreed that the next meeting should take place at Stebbing on July 2nd.

The District Master moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his excellent address, to the organist for his services, to the ladies for the able way they had prepared and served the tea and to the parishioners for giving the provisions.

The Vicar, in reply, thanked Mr. Ridgwell for his kind words and for the collection, which, he said, was a kindly thought. He was very pleased to say that the fund was now nearing its goal. He was pleased that another lady had been elected a member of the association, and was glad that the Northern Division had chosen Miss Snowden as their secretary. It was necessary that a good ringer should hold the position and in their case he thought they had made the right choice.

The ringers then returned to the tower. During the afternoon and evening the following methods were rung: Bob Major, Grandshire, Stedman, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Cambridge, Superlative and London Surprise. A gallant attempt was also made for Spliced Surprise.

THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS' SUCCESS

(Continued from previous column.)

Kelham Theological College students are making excellent progress, and on Sunday, April 3rd, rang their first peal.

From this training college come clergy of the future, and by the initiative of Mr. A. F. Sargent, who learned ringing in Glasgow when Mr. Stephen Wood was there, a serious attempt is being made to interest the students in ringing, not only for ringing's sake, but in order that they may have an interest in the art and in ringers, if at any time they are attached to a church with bells.

For a time they practised on borrowed handbells, but they were recently presented with a set, and assiduous use has been made of them. Two peals of Minor have recently been rung in Nottingham, with the assistance of Mr. Ralph Narborough, and now four of the students have rung a handbell peal of Bob Major entirely unassisted.

There is a graceful footnote to the peal, which says that it was rung as a token of appreciation to our benefactors.

New Cambridge Surprise Major was rung at Claybrook, Leicestershire, on April 2nd, and was the first peal in the method by five of the band. It was the 25th peal together by Messrs. Alfred Ballard and W. A. Wood, hon. secretary of the Hincley District of the Midland Counties Association.

The peal was a compliment to Master G. Brown, Mr. C. W. Ballard and Mrs. W. A. Wood, whose birthdays occurred on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd of April respectively. It had been arranged by Mr. K. A. Roe, but he was unable to ring owing to illness, and the band wish to thank Mr. Edwin Lloyd for filling the gap at short notice.

As we have said before, 'stars' do not always indicate progress. Here is Dan Cooper, of Croydon, with a 'star' to his name for his first peal of Bob Royal. And Dan has rung London and all sorts of other Surprise Royal! This peal of Bob Royal was rung at Beddington, and was Mr. Tom Bannister's one hundredth peal.

The Vicar of Erdington's birthday was celebrated on Saturday with a peal of Stedman Triples. Afterwards he and Mrs. Power kindly entertained the ringers to tea.

The ringers of the treble and sixth at East Meon on April 2nd scored their first peal of London Surprise. They were Leslie Tremeer and Reginald Reed.

PRE-REFORMATION BELLS.

PLIGHT OF POOR PARISHES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With regard to the pre-Reformation bell at Hollesley, I, like many others, noticed this was set down in the church, where it is neither use nor ornament. It seems a most lamentable fact, while so many hundreds of pounds of bell metal is wasted, that the oldest ring of eight should be quite unringable for the want of a few hundreds spent in rehanging. The Rector of Horham is very keen on this being done, and has had tenders for the work, but the project has been turned down as quite beyond the means of the parish, which is in a very poor agricultural area. The district includes Gislegham, which has one of the finest sixes in the country, and where for years a fund has been started for rehanging. With only £100 to raise, the parish has decided not to go on with the scheme till a more favourable opportunity occurs. Yet less than ten miles away seven bells have stood on the floor of an unused church for more than 20 years.

Stoke Ash, Suffolk.

ERNEST F. POPPY.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING IN NEWPORT PAGNELL DEANERY.

The Rev. J. F. Amies should be well pleased with the success of the meeting of the Newport Pagnell Deanery area of the North Bucks Branch of the Oxford Guild, held at his church, Weston Underwood, on Saturday, April 9th. In addition to ringers of neighbouring towers, there were present the Deputy Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg), with two of his ringers, Messrs. C. W. Smith and E. C. Lambert, and a welcome visitor in the evening was Miss M. Cross, of Twyford, Berks.

A homely service was held at 4 o'clock, with Mr. D. Cockings at the harmonium. Tea followed, at which the Rev. J. F. Amies voiced the sentiments of the ringers in welcoming the Deputy Master.

Ringing included rounds for the learners, of whom there were quite a few, and London Surprise and spliced methods for the experts.

RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

CELEBRATED BY QUARTER-PEAL AT KING'S LANGLEY.

On March 13th Mr. and Mrs. J. Hayward, of King's Langley, Herts, celebrated their golden wedding, having been married at St. John's Church, Devizes, Wilts, in 1888. Both come of generations of farming families, and resided in Staffordshire before going to Hertfordshire. They have three sons, two daughters and eight grandchildren.

Mr. Hayward, who is 74, was married on his birthday. He has been a bellringer for 60 years and rang in the first peal in King's Langley Church. On Sunday, March 13th, in honour of his golden wedding, a quarter-peal of Grandshire Triples was rung, in which Mr. Hayward rang the tenor: A. V. Cook (first quarter-peal) 1, A. J. Rogers 2, D. A. Cook (first quarter-peal) 3, A. H. Hill 4, J. W. Lane 5, E. V. Rowe 6, R. S. Cook (conductor) 7, J. Hayward 8.

COMPLAINTS SILENCED AT BOWDEN.

EFFECTIVE REMEDY AT A CHESHIRE CHURCH.

Complaints about the bells at Bowden, Cheshire, have been silenced by effectively bricking up and shuttering the louvres.

In 1935 ringing turned over from 'stone', and practices were commenced. Numerous complaints followed, but the church authorities did the wise thing. They did not stop the bells, or defy the objectors, but took the rational step of modifying the sound of the bells.

Bowden 'Parish Magazine' says: 'We can now claim to have freed ringing practice from all annoyance to those who live near the church. The shutters in the belfry, when closed, reduce the sound to a minimum. Indeed, in several houses quite near the church it is said that the bells cannot be heard at all. There cannot be good ringing without practice, and as at the present time there is a great revival of change ringing up and down the country, it would be a pity if Bowden tower was left out of it.'

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NOTICES.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Welwyn. —A peal of six (tenor $8\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.), recently augmented and rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of St. Albans at the morning service on Easter Day at 11 a.m. The bells will be available for ringing (by kind permission of the Rector, the Rev. Bate) from 2 p.m. to 3.30 p.m., and 5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. First meeting, April 23rd, details later.—Don Mears, Hon. Sec., Fritton, Moormead Close, Hitchin.

BEXLEY, KENT.—St. Mary's Parish Church. The augmented peal of eight bells, in new steel frame and latest fittings, by Mears and Stainbank, will be dedicated by Dr. King, assistant Bishop of Rochester, on Easter Sunday, April 17th, at 3 p.m. All ringers cordially invited.—H. H. Holden, Verger, St. Mary's.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Easter Monday, at Leicester. Towers open from 10.30 a.m. to 4.15 p.m. (subject to weddings or services): St. Margaret's (12), St. John's (10), Belgrave (8); 2.30 to 4.30 and 7 to 8 p.m., Cathedral (12). Committee meet at 3 p.m. in Church House, St. Martin's (side of Cathedral). Tea at 4.45 prompt at Oriental Cafe, Market Place, followed by general meeting. A room will be reserved at the Hotel Victory, Great Central Street, 7 p.m., till 11 p.m. Concert at 8.30 p.m.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Over on Easter Monday, April 18th. Bells (8) available from 12 noon. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea in the schoolroom at 4 p.m., 1s. each, followed by business meeting. It is hoped that Swavesey bells (6) will also be available. No ringing allowed during the business meeting. Good train services. The 11.32 a.m. from Cambridge will stop at Swavesey by request.—Kitty Willers, Gen. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, Cathedral bells (12) available at 2 p.m., St. Peter's (10) 2.30 p.m. The bells of St. Michael's, St. Stephen's and Sandridge (6 each) open by arrangement with your secretary. Service in the Cathedral at 4.30 p.m., with special preacher, followed by tea and business meeting in the Abbey Institute. **If you want tea you must let me know, the latest by Easter Monday morning, post or phone 241.** Notice of alteration of rule: 'That the subscription be raised to 1s. 6d., commencing January, 1939.'—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, Russell Avenue, St. Albans.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The 58th annual general meeting will be held at Margate on Easter Monday, April 18th. The committee meeting will be held at 11.15 in St. John's Church Room. The association service will be held in St. John's, Margate, at noon; preacher, the Vicar, Rev. C. Tyrell. Lunch at 1 o'clock in the Artillery Drill Hall, Victoria Road, followed by the business meeting. The following are the ringing arrangements: St. John's, Margate (8), before the service and after the meeting (ringing may be curtailed in the morning owing to weddings); St. Lawrence's, Ramsgate, after the meeting; St. Peter's, Thanet (8), Birchington (8), Quex Park (12), St. Nicholas-at-Wade (6), all from 10 a.m. to 11.30 and after the meeting. Major Powell Cotton has kindly offered to open his museum to ringers after the meeting.—Fred M. Mitchell, Gen. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday. The bells of St. Paul's (10) and St. Peter's (6) will be available from 10.30 a.m. and throughout the day. Tea at St. Peter's Church Hall at 4.30, to be followed by the annual meeting.—Arthur E. Sharman, 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Woolos, Newport, on Easter Monday, April 18th. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea and business to follow in Water's Lane Mission Room.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Altery View, Newport, Mon.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 18th. Business meeting in the College Hall at 2.30 p.m. prompt; chairman, the Very Rev. Arthur Davies, D.Litt., Dean of Worcester. Service in the Cathedral at 4.15 p.m.; special preacher, the Rev. W. Buchanan Dunlop, Rector of All Saints', Worcester. Tea (non-members 1s. each) will be provided at 5.30 p.m. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 1 to 2 p.m.; All Saints' (10), from 10 a.m.; St. John-in-Bedwardine (8), St. Nicholas' (6) and St. Swithin's (6), all from 11 a.m. 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, Sedgeberrow, Evesham.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Selston on Easter Monday, April 18th. Bells available at 2 p.m. Service in church at 4 o'clock. Tea in Church Schools at 4.45. Meeting to follow.—J. W. England, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting (60th year), Bristol. Easter Monday, April 18th. Programme: 10.30 a.m., St. Nicholas bells (10); 11 a.m., St. Mary-le-Port bells (8); 11.30 a.m., St. John's-on-the-Wall bells (6); 12 noon, All Saints' bells (8); 12.30 p.m., dinner at the Prince's Cafe, High Street, 2s. 3d. per head; 2 p.m., business meeting, St. Thomas' Church Room, Victoria Street; 4.30 p.m., tea at Prince's Cafe, 1s. 6d. per head; 5.30 p.m., St. Mary-le-Port bells (8); 6 p.m., St. Stephen's bells (10); 7 p.m., St. Mary Redcliffe (12 bells). Other bells may be available for ringing. St. Matthew's, Kingsdown (8), available for ringing by arrangement on the day. There will be assistance from the association funds towards cost of dinner and tea, if members notify their intention of being present at either or both.—Edgar Guise, Gen. Hon. Sec., 46a, Tankards Close, Bristol, 2.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District. —The next meeting will be held at Dorking on Easter Monday, April 18th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30 in the Parish Hall, followed by business meeting. All ringers heartily welcome.—F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Long Sutton on Easter Monday, April 18th. Bells available from 12.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for April: St. Giles', Cripplegate, 19th; St. Andrew, Holborn, 21st; *St. Paul's Cathedral, 26th; St. Magnus', Thames Street, 28th. *Business meeting afterwards.—A. B. Peck, Sec., Branksome, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wednesday Afternoon Guild.—The next meeting will be held at St. Michael's Church, Houghton-le-Spring, on Wednesday, April 20th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Please send numbers for tea as early as possible.—Margaret A. P. Bertie, Hon. Sec., 17, Ridley Avenue, Chester-le-Street.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Twyford, Berks (8 bells), on Wednesday, April 20th, 6.30 to 9 p.m. All welcome.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec.

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (10) available from 2 o'clock. Service 4 p.m. Tea by invitation of the Cathedral Society. Business meeting. St. Cuthbert's bells (8) will be available in the evening.—Charles R. Raine, Hon. Sec., 21, Grosvenor Crescent, Edinburgh.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Wednesbury on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells from 3. Service in church at 4.45. Tea (1s.) in Parochial House at 5.30. Please send word not later than Tuesday, 19th inst.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stratfieldsaye on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify by April 19th.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec., Lea Cottage, Yateley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Rishton on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited. Subscriptions due.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting at Guildford, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells of the Cathedral available 3.30 to 4.15, S. Nicolas' Church (10) and Shalford (8) 3 to 4.15 p.m. Service in St. Mary's Church, Quarry Street, 4.30 p.m. Tea at Holy Trinity Parish Hall 5.30, to be followed by business meeting. Further ringing afterwards at S. Nicolas' and Shalford. Numbers for tea by Tuesday, April 19th.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Woking, Surrey.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Annual meeting, April 23rd, at Ipswich. The bells at St. Mary-le-Tower (12), St. Margaret (8), St. Clement (6), St. Matthew (6) and St. Lawrence (5) will be available. Committee meeting in vestry of St. Mary-le-Tower 4 p.m. Service 4.30. Address by Rev. Canon G. H. Round-Turner. Tea and meeting 5.15 at Co-op Hall.—Harold G. Herbert, Hon. Sec., 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Lincoln District will be held on Saturday, April 23rd, at Basingham. Bells (6) available 2 to 9 p.m. Tea at moderate charge to those who inform me by Wednesday, the 20th.—K. W. Mayer, Dis. Sec., 31, Vine Street.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, April 23rd, at Crewkerne. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kingskerswell, near Torquay, on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (6) available from 2.45 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in the Parish Hall at 5.15 p.m. Notifications for tea should reach me first post certain, Tuesday, April 19th.—A. L. Bennett, Branch Sec., Cornerways, Elliott Plain, Buckfastleigh.

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire Branch.—A meeting will be held at Willingham, near Gainsborough, on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, April 19th? Gentlemen cordially invited.—A. Richardson, Hon. Sec., Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Cheriton on Saturday, April 23rd. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Rd., Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Next meeting at Wotton-under-Edge on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea at the Falcon Hotel, 5 p.m. Visitors welcome.—W. J. Smith, Branch Sec., Elm View, 130, Station Road, Yate, Bristol.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Leighton on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Vicarage at 5 o'clock.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—A meeting will be held at Weaverham on Saturday, April 23rd. The bells will be ready at 3 p.m. All ringers are welcome, but will those who intend to be present kindly notify me for tea.—H. Parker, 3, London Road, Davenham.

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—St. John's tower, Longton, bells (8) open for Surprise methods practice, 3.30 p.m. to 6 p.m., April 23rd. Do your best.—A. D. Steel, 7, Bath Terrace, Stoke-on-Trent.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Grantham on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (10) available during afternoon and evening. Service 4.30. Tea at State Cafe at 1s. 6d., followed by the business meeting. Please attend and make the meeting a success. All welcome.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Sleaford, Lincs.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Whickham, on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in Rectory Hall, 1s. per head. Will those who require same notify Mr. S. Thompson, Poplar Villa, Whaggs Road, Whickham, Newcastle-on-Tyne, by Thursday, April 21st?—J. A. Brown, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Finchdale Terrace, Chester-le-Street.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held on Saturday, April 23rd, at St. Mary's, Birkenhead. The tower will be open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. A good attendance is particularly requested.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec. and Treas.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The branch annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Slough, on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells available at 2.45 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head, for those who notify me not later than April 18th. Stoke Poges bells (8) available after business meeting.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Rothwell (8 bells) on Saturday, April 23rd. Usual arrangements. Please notify me if you require tea.—H. Baxter, 256, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

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NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The ANNUAL MEETING will be held at Retford, on Saturday, April 23rd. Towers open: East Retford (10), West Retford (6) and Ordsall (6), 2.30 to 9. Service in East Retford Church at 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 5.45 p.m. Please do your best to be present and send me a card for tea before Thursday, April 21st.—R. Towler, 69, Ordsall Rd., Retford

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Hornchurch, on Saturday, April 23rd. Towers open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at the King's Head. Kindly send in names by April 19th.—Norman Summerhayes, Hon. Sec., 28, Bean Road, Bexleyheath.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, April 30th. Full particulars later.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Nottingham, April 30th. Tower open 3.30 p.m. Tea, Barker Gate Institute, 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Postcard for tea by Thursday, April 20th, to I. B. Thompson, 52, Lace Street, Nottingham.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A special deanery service and meeting will be held at West Haddon, on April 30th, with the purpose of stimulating the interest in bellringing. The Rev. W. M. Watkins-Pitchford, Rector of Lamport, R.D., and who is well known for his broadcasts of church bells, etc., has very kindly promised to preach. The service will be at 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (tickets 9d.). Meeting to follow at approximately 5.45 p.m., when the Rev. N. Hatherly, R.D., will preside, supported by the Guild Ringing Master, the Rev. E. S. Powell, and others. We make a very strong appeal to all members of the branch and all interested in the ringing of the church bells in the deanery to attend. To facilitate the arrangements for tea, tickets should be applied for by the 25th to the undersigned. Ringers from outside branches are heartily welcome.—Rev. T. W. Long, Branch President, Ravenshorpe Vicarage; George Hollick, Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Silverton on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (recently augmented to eight) from 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Monday, April 25th?—R. Harris, Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Linton (8 bells) on Saturday, April 30th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.45. Tea is by the kind invitation of the Vicar, Rev. A. M. Haire. Everybody will be welcome, but please remember to send a postcard to Mr. C. H. Sone, The Bungalow, Linton, before Wednesday, April 27th, so that arrangements may be made for tea.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Egerton.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—A meeting will be held at East Dereham on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in Church House 5 p.m. Trains leave Norwich at 1.4 p.m. and 2.20 p.m. Will those intending to be present please notify me by Wednesday, the 27th?—H. Tooke, The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Boreham on Saturday, April 30th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting after. Will those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, April 27th?—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at the Church of the Annunciation, Chislehurst, on Saturday, April 30th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., with address by the Vicar. Tea (1s. per head) and business meeting to follow in St. Mary's Hall. Visitors requiring tea must notify Mr. T. Groombridge, 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst, not later than Tuesday, April 26th.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

PLYM TREE, NEAR CULLUMPTON, DEVON.—Festival service and rededication of the ring of six bells restored by John Taylor and Co., will take place on Saturday, April 30th, at 3 p.m. Special preacher, the Rector of Rewe.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Swindon on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (5) open at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea by the invitation of the Rev. and Mrs. Pugh at the Rectory. Will all those expecting to be present please notify me by the 27th?—Walter Yeend, Millfield, Swindon, Cheltenham.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting at Ruyton XI. Towns, April 30th. Six bells recently restored. 2.25 'Midland' bus from Square, Shrewsbury. Names for tea.—W. A. Farmer, 76, Calnfield Road, Shrewsbury.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at St. George's, Jesmond, on Saturday, April 30th, commencing 3 p.m. A good muster of members, particularly those of the Northern District, is looked for. Tea will be served in the Church Hall at 5 p.m.—K. Arthur, Hon. Sec., 29, Cherryburn Gardens, Fenham, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Harwich (8 bells) on Saturday, May 14th. It is hoped that ringers will book this date and make the Harwich meeting a success.—J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec.

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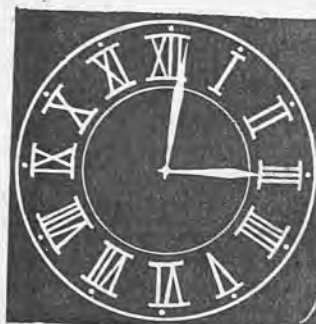
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