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**COMPETITIONS.**

Although contests for prize money have, very rightly, been eliminated from the activities of ringers, there are competitions in a number of areas for encouraging ringing in various directions. Prize ringing, of course, originated when bellringing was looked upon purely as a sport, and competition was, in a sense, a natural corollary. That it led to abuses no one denies, but in those earlier days the clergy and Church folk themselves did not, presumably, raise any real objection. The changed relationship between ringers and the Church has altered all this, and such competitions as now exist are on a purely friendly basis for the encouragement of good ringing. In some cases there are challenge trophies awarded for the best exhibition of ringing; in others certificates are given for the best records in Sunday service ringing. In the East Derbyshire and Notts Association, as we recorded last week, a new shield has been presented for a competition which has been framed on novel lines. It is to be awarded annually to the company making the best progress during the year, and the committee have set up a three-part standard, viz., attendance at service ringing, actual progress in method ringing, and attendance at association meetings. We think they have chosen wisely in the subjects in which they hope to encourage their members.

There will be among our readers some who disagree entirely with all forms of competition among ringers, and who will probably condemn the award of any trophy for any purpose connected with our art. Art for the art's sake, service for the sake of service is the line they take, and it is a high ideal. But there is something to be said for holding out a prize for efficiency. As long as a ringing competition is conducted in the right spirit, to create friendly rivalry among ringers to raise the standard of their work, we can see no more harm in it than in a musical contest in which church choirs compete. The object is the same, to lead to an improvement in the service they render to the Church. The fact that the ringers have to conduct their competition in a part of the church is not their fault; it could be run nowhere else for want of the necessary instruments. Moreover, it cannot be denied that the practice which a competition requires must have a valuable influence upon the efficiency of the ringing of those who take part, and there is in it a disciplinary training which must count for good. We are quite sure that if ringers everywhere would practise up to competition standard, the ringing in many places would be far better than it is now. There is a great deal too much slipshod service ringing, and anything which will improve its quality ought to be welcomed.

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There is one other argument often used against the giving of awards for ringing, and that is that ringers ought not to need an incentive to carry on their work—it should be done efficiently and regularly from the high motives which should prompt it. No one will dispute the perfection of such advice, but it does not keep ringers up to the highest standard either in the quality of their ringing, their regularity or their punctuality. There are, as everyone knows, far too many towers where, although there are sufficient 'members' to man all the bells, at many services only part of them are rung, or they are rung for only a part of the available time. If, as is being done in East Derbyshire and Notts, there is offered an inducement to better attendance for service ringing, we can see no more objection to it than to the reward of somewhat trivial cash payments which some churches make to their ringers to keep the bells going on Sundays.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

CROYDON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 7, 1938, in Three Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;**

Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in C sharp.

WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... Treble	DUDLEY H. P. BUXTON ... 7
ROYDON DAVIES ... 2	*AMOS W. CLARK ... 8
FRANK E. DARBY ... 3	GEORGE W. STEERE ... 9
DANIEL D. COOPER ... 4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 10
*JAMES E. COOPER ... 5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... 11
HARRY W. SIMMONS ... 6	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK E. DARBY.

\* First peal of Stedman Cinques. First twelve-bell peal as conductor. Rung in honour of the visit of H.M. Queen Mary to Croydon to present new colours to the Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

LEYLAND, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 30, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;**

Tenor 23 cwt.

*SYDNEY TUSON ... Treble	*FREDERICK G. BRADLEY ... 6
*ADAM BLOGG ... 2	FRED BLACKLEDGE ... 7
FRED RIGBY ... 3	*WILLIAM TAYLOR ... 8
*JOHN JACKSON ... 4	*ALFRED BLOGG ... 9
HARRY FRANCE ... 5	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (275). Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

\* First peal of Kent Royal. First peal of Royal on the bells. A farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. F. W. Argyle, M.A.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH  
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 30, 1938, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*MISS OLIVE L. ASHBROOK ... Treble	JOHN G. NASH ... 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	†R. DONALD BOREHAM ... 7
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... 3	†NORMAN H. MANNING ... 8
ERNEST J. KING ... 4	ERNEST W. FORBANK ... 9
CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 5	EDWARD D. SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

\* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Royal. ‡ First attempt for a Surprise peal 'inside.'

CASTLE BROMWICH, BIRMINGHAM.—On Tuesday, March 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: \*A. H. Blewitt 1, G. Crofts 2, J. Graves 3, J. Wilkinson 4, W. C. Rhodes (conductor) 5, \*F. Harvey 6. \* First quarter-peal. A birthday compliment to Brian Rhodes.

## WORSLEY, LANCs.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE ... 1 <i>Treble</i>	STANLEY HARRISON ... 6
JOHN BOOTH ... 2	PETER CROOK, JUN. ... 7
FRED GRUNDY ... 3	JAMES GROUNDS ... 8
BENJAMIN THOMAS ALLRED ... 4	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD ... 9
CECIL RADDEN ... 5	*ARTHUR JAMES ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOSEPH H. RIDYARD.

\* First peal of Caters. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a memorial to the late Mr. T. L. Pollitt on the first anniversary of his interment.

## KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 7, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

JOHN ADDLETON ... <i>Treble</i>	ERNEST HALL ... 6
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 2	† REGINALD WOODYATT ... 7
* FREDERICK J. HINTON ... 3	REGINALD J. CHANCE ... 8
CHARLES H. WOODBERRY ... 4	ALBERT J. WRIGHT ... 9
KEITH SALTER ... 5	† FREDERICK G. YATES ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

\* First peal of Caters 'inside.' † First peal of Grandsire Caters and 50th peal. ‡ First peal on ten bells.

## NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 7, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ... <i>Treble</i>	C. ERNEST SMITH ... 6
* HAROLD P. REED ... 2	* REGINALD BROWN ... 7
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 3	EDWARD J. CHARMAN ... 8
* GEORGE PULLINGER ... 4	* REGINALD A. REED ... 9
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 5	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by W. PVE.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\* First peal of Cambridge Royal. Rung to celebrate the conductor's 61st birthday.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

## HOOK NORTON, OXON.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 30, 1938, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

* BERNARD H. NICHOLS ... <i>Treble</i>	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR ... 5
REGINALD H. JARVIS ... 2	WALTER F. JUDGE ... 6
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER ... 3	RICHARD A. POST ... 7
WILLIAM J. DIXON ... 4	* ARTHUR G. NEWMAN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by RICHARD A. POST.

\* First peal of Stedman.

## NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 30, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb.

JOHN GOODMAN ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM DAVIES ... 5
* THOMAS TOWNSEND ... 2	STANLEY PRESTIDGE ... 6
HENRY HUBBALL ... 3	ALFRED DAVIES ... 7
HAROLD SHUCK ... 4	WILLIAM GREEN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ALFRED DAVIES.

\* First peal of Stedman. Rung as a birthday compliment to T. Townsend, also to the wife of the ringer of the tenor, who was 74 the day before.

## KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1938, in Three Hours and thirty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 27½ cwt. in C sharp

NORMAN V. HARDING ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM HENLEY ... 5
* FRANK E. HAWTHORNE ... 2	* WILLIAM BARRETT ... 6
WILLIAM WELLING ... 3	CECIL C. MAYNE ... 7
FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... 4	TONY PRICE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. HUNT.

Conducted by CECIL C. MAYNE.

\* First peal of Double Norwich.

## PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, April 30, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE F. SWANN ... <i>Treble</i>	* ARTHUR H. S. RAINEY ... 5
JOHN BASS ... 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 6
MORRIS J. MORRIS ... 3	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH ... 7
* GEOFFREY F. D. PRATT ... 4	JOHN GILSON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples.

## HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 30, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

MISS K. E. FLETCHER ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE MARTIN ... 5
MISS D. R. FLETCHER ... 2	ROLAND BIGGS ... 6
* REV. R. F. R. ROUTH ... 3	PERCY NEWTON ... 7
FREDERICK G. BIGGS ... 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

\* First peal in the method.

## WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.

WALTER CHARMAN ... <i>Treble</i>	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... 5
SYDNEY TAYLOR ... 2	ERNEST J. AVLIFFE ... 6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3	* RAYMOND WOOD, JUN. ... 7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 4	EDWARD J. CHARMAN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

\* First peal in the method.

## LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 30, 1938, in Three Hours and three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 12 lb. in D.

ALFRED H. WINCH ... <i>Treble</i>	ARTHUR H. SMITH ... 5
* WILLIE GREEN ... 2	ALBERT NASH ... 6
GEORGE MARRINER ... 3	ARTHUR GILL ... 7
† WILLIAM G. NEWBERRY ... 4	ALBERT HARMAN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by A. HARMAN.

\* First peal in the method 'inside.' † First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

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(St. Mary-Le-Tower Society.)

On Saturday, April 30, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

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

Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... .. Treble	HARRY R. ROPER ... .. 5
HOBART E. SMITH ... .. 2	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... .. 6
SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... .. 3	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... .. 7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... .. 4	CECIL W. PIPE ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

First peal on the bells. A birthday peal to Miss Bowyer's mother.

ECCESTONE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, April 30, 1938, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

WILLIAM E. FLETCHER ... .. Treble	SAMUEL JONES ... .. 5
HARRY F. HOLDING ... .. 2	JAMES SWINDLEY ... .. 6
RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... .. 3	JOHN WORTH ... .. 7
JOHN MAYES ... .. 4	PERCY SWINDLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

OVERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD ... .. Treble	WILLIAM E. CLAYFIELD ... .. 5
*HORACE OVER ... .. 2	JACK BAILEY ... .. 6
WILLIAM H. CURSON ... .. 3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON ... .. 7
*WILLIAM BROOKER ... .. 4	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by JOSEPH W. COTTON

\* First peal of Bob Major. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung on the last day of Canon H. E. Fitzherbert's incumbency of Seale, and especially arranged as a farewell to a very good friend and one who fully appreciated the work of ringers.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 30, 1938, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Deanery Church,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*RALPH BIRD ... .. Treble	ERNEST W. PYE ... .. 5
ALRC GENERY ... .. 2	*DOUGLAS JENNINGS ... .. 6
*DONALD JENNINGS ... .. 3	*VICTOR MORLEY ... .. 7
ROBERT HEAZEL ... .. 4	RONALD SUCKLING ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by R. SUCKLING.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung to commemorate the seventh anniversary of the institution of the Very Rev. Edgar Rogers as Dean of Bocking.

ROCESTER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13½ cwt.

RICHARD T. HOLDING ... .. Treble	*JOHN G. CARTLEDGE ... .. 5
WILLIAM CARNWELL ... .. 2	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... .. 6
*GEORGE A. PACKER ... .. 3	CHARLES H. PAGE ... .. 7
*ANDREW THOMPSON ... .. 4	ARTHUR W. HALL ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by ARTHUR W. HALL.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor and first in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Ada Bourne, of Newcastle-under-Lyme.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 1, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in D.

*DAVID WHITING ... .. Treble	FREDERICK C. ROPER ... .. 5
*ALBERT G. HARRISON ... .. 2	FREDERICK C. GUNTON ... .. 6
WALTER ELSEY ... .. 3	CHARLES W. LOOME ... .. 7
*ERIC G. BENNETT ... .. 4	ERNEST WHITING ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. A birthday compliment to Mr. F. Nolan Golden, the hon. secretary and treasurer of the association.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, May 2, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

RONALD W. STEWARD ... .. Treble	JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... .. 5
SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... .. 2	*URBAN W. WILDNEY ... .. 6
JOHN H. ARBON ... .. 3	T. WILLIAM LAST ... .. 7
LESLIE G. BRETT ... .. 4	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by MISS BOWYER.

\* First attempt for a peal of Superlative. Miss Bowyer's first attempt for a peal in a Surprise method as conductor.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 2, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Olave, Hart Street,

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

PITSTOW'S TRANSCRIPTION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES ... .. Treble	KENNETH C. DAVIS ... .. 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2	GEORGE W. STEERE ... .. 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... .. 7
ERIC B. HARTLEY ... .. 4	*HENRY S. T. WILLSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

\* First peal.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 6, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Treble	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... .. 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 2	HARRY HOSKINS ... .. 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 3	EDWIN BARNETT ... .. 7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... .. 4	DEREK M. SHARP ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

QUEENSBURY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 6, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

EDGAR WHITELEY ... .. Treble	HARRY WILDE ... .. 5
WILLIAM BARTON ... .. 2	*ALBERT PICKLES ... .. 6
HAROLD PEARCE ... .. 3	SAM LONGBOTTOM ... .. 7
PERCY J. JOHNSON ... .. 4	WILLIAM AMBLER ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. W. DEBENHAM.

Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

\* First peal in the method 'inside.'

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 16, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF SPICED SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720's, viz.: (1) Durham, York, Surfleet, Beverley; (2) Chester, Munden, Alnwick, Newcastle; (3) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Hull, Bourne; (4) Northumberland, Carlisle, Sandiacre; (5) London, Wells, Cuneastre; (6) Rossendale, Stamford, Wearmouth, Lightfoot, Netherseale, Annable's London; (7) Durham, York, Hexham, Surfleet, Beverley, Berwick. Tenor 19½ cwt.

*WILLIAM OLDMAN ... .. Treble	JOSEPH O. LANDAN ... .. 4
HORACE M. DAY ... .. 2	*ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... .. 3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by HORACE M. DAY.

\* First peal in 28 methods.

WOOLTON HILL, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 23, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob, with different callings. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in B flat.

NORMAN RANDALL ... .. Treble	REGINALD W. REX ... .. 4
JAMES W. BERRYMAN ... .. 2	HENRY LAWRENSON ... .. 5
JOHN CHESTERMAN ... .. 3	HARRY E. BALAAM ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY E. BALAAM.

A wedding compliment to Mr. Tom Lock and Miss Kathleen Bradford on their wedding day. It was also a birthday compliment to the conductor.

BISHOP'S SUTTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 25, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Consisting of 38 extents with 10 variations of calling, and two of Morris' 240's. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

A. PATRICK CANNON ... .. Treble	† LESLIE TREMEER ... .. 3
*HARRY NEWNHAM ... .. 2	*HAROLD P. REED ... .. 4

\*REGINALD A. REED ... Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

\* First peal of Doubles. † First peal in the method. First peal on the bells.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, April 25, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and five 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

RONALD W. STEWARD ... Treble	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 4
RONALD G. BUGG ... .. 2	MISS SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... 5
MISS DAISY M. ANDREWS ... 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY ... Tenor

Conducted by U. W. WILDNEY.

HINTON BLEWIT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 25, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

HERBERT BABER ... .. Treble	KENNETH G. FORD ... .. 3
EDWIN J. AVERY ... .. 2	JOHN TOSSELL ... .. 4

HAROLD BLACKER ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD BLACKER.

WAVERTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt.

WALTER THOMAS ... Treble	JOHN GRIFFITHS ... .. 4
ALBERT E. RICHARDS ... 2	JAMES MORGAN ... .. 5
ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 3	J. WILLIAM CLARKE ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

ELSTOW, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,!

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND HELENA,

**A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Rossendale, Durham, York, Beverley, Wells, London and Cambridge.

*RONALD J. SHARPE ... Treble	*C. HENRY HARDING ... .. 4
*LEONARD WILLIAMS ... .. 2	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... .. 5
*REGINALD HOUGHTON ... 3	WILLIAM STAPLETON ... Tenor

Conducted by W. STAPLETON.

\* First peal in seven Surprise methods. First peal in seven Surprise methods on the bells.

GREAT FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 27, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Consisting of 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's and Plain Bob, and two 720's of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, each called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt.

CLEMENT W. CRACKNELL Treble	FRANK BORLEY ... .. 4
FRANK W. J. ROPER ... .. 2	ROBERT J. STEED ... .. 5
ARTHUR R. WOODARD ... 3	EDWIN A. CRACKNELL ... Tenor

Conducted by E. A. CRACKNELL.

Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of Arthur Symonds, of Lavenham.

HARMONDSWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 27, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Comprising an extent each of Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.).

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... Treble	WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 4
*EDNA F. BEDFORD ... .. 2	LEONARD STILWELL ... .. 5
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... 3	ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal of Minor in seven methods.

SUTTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 28, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

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

JOHN DALE ... .. Treble	ERNEST F. SALMONS ... .. 4
CHARLES L. SADLER ... .. 2	GEORGE T. COUSINS ... .. 5
AUSTIN T. WINGATE ... .. 3	WILLIAM E. KINSEY ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST F. SALMONS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. W. R. Allison, for 35 years schoolmaster of Sutton.

PEMBRIDGE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 30, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Ten different callings, 42 six-scores. Tenor 16 cwt.

BRIAN ELLESMORE ... Treble	LESLIE EVANS ... .. 3
THOMAS PAYNE ... .. 2	TREVOR JONES ... .. 4

ERNEST F. SALMONS ... Tenor

Conducted by E. F. SALMONS.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being two 720's of Kent and one each of Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*PERCY PAGE ... .. Treble	LESLIE C. SMITH ... .. 4
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... 2	WILLIAM J. LANCEFIELD ... 5
RAYMOND G. CARLTON ... 3	EDWARD S. RUCK ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD S. RUCK.

\* First peal in six methods. Arranged for and rung on the birthday of Mr. P. Page.

(Many other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

**SHERWOOD YOUTHS.****MR. R. NARBOROUGH ELECTED MASTER.**

The annual meeting of the Society of Sherwood Youths was held on Saturday, April 30th, at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Nottingham. Ringing commenced at 3.30, and at 5 p.m. an adjournment was made to the Institute for tea and the business meeting.

As the Mastership was vacant through the lamented death of Mr. Albert Coppock, through whose efforts the society was revived in 1924, the chair was taken by Mr. W. E. White, one of the trustees, who referred briefly to the history and traditions of the society and the wonderful work of W. D. Crofts, and urged all to do their best to forward the work of the society.

The accounts were presented and passed, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Master, Mr. R. Narborough; treasurer, Mr. W. Nichols. Mr. R. A. Hickton and Miss I. B. Thompson were re-elected steward and hon. secretary respectively. Two new members, Mr. Francis and Mr. Furmidge, were also elected.

A vote of thanks to the ladies for their work in preparing such an excellent tea concluded the business.

In response to an appeal from Mr. P. Amos on behalf of the Bell Fund of St. Andrew's, Northampton, a collection was taken, which amounted to 3s. 6d., and this has been forwarded to Mr. Amos.

Handbell ringing and further ringing in the tower was enjoyed for the remainder of the evening.

Thanks are extended to those members and friends who, by their presence and support, helped to make a happy and successful meeting, and at the same time all members are asked to rouse themselves and give more help to each other and to the society by better attendance at the meetings and prompt payment of subscriptions. It is only by these means that a society worthy of the traditions of the Sherwood Youths and of a city and district like Nottingham can be kept alive.

**ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.****PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MR. G. HUGHES.**

The spring meeting of the Stafford Archdeaconry Society was held at Wednesbury. The attendance was not as large as usual, but this did not prevent some useful practice being put in. A variety of methods was rung during the afternoon and evening, including a well-struck course of London Surprise.

The service was conducted by the Rev. J. H. Spencer, and the address given by the Rev. D. P. Lane, whose subject was 'The Resurrection.' An adjournment was then made to the Parish House for tea.

After proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicar, the Rev. T. W. Jones (who was unavoidably absent), for the use of the bells, etc., to the Revs. J. H. Spencer and D. P. Lane for conducting the service, and to Mr. G. Harper, who officiated at the organ, the Rev. C. H. Barker mentioned the compliment paid to the hon. lay secretary, and, incidentally, to the Stafford Society, in being invited to take part in the peal at Southwark Cathedral by members of the Secretaries' Association, which was rung half-muffled to the memory of the late hon. secretary to the Ancient Society of College Youths, Mr. William T. Cockerill.

It is proposed to erect a memorial tablet in the belfry of St. Bartholomew's Church, Wednesbury, to the late Mr. George Hughes, who for many years was conductor there. A fund has been opened for the object, and it is probable that many old friends of his may like to associate themselves with the scheme.

The Rev. Canon Elsee memorial appeal was introduced, and it was decided that the matter should be left over till the annual meeting, which is to be held at Lichfield on June 25th.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.****MR. E. STITCH ELECTED MASTER.**

The annual meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association was held at St. Woolos', Newport, on Easter Monday. The ten bells were available from 2 o'clock and were made good use of, under the direction of the Master (the Rev. Ivor J. Richards), until 4 o'clock, when service was held, the Dean (the Very Rev. J. L. Phillips, D.D.) officiating. Tea, which had been kindly provided by the Dean, followed in Waters Lane Mission Room, and there was an excellent attendance from both dioceses.

At the business meeting, the Dean occupied the chair, and, at the outset, welcomed everyone to the parish.

Augmentations and restorations which had taken place during the past year were reported on and instructors' reports were also submitted. The report on the year's work was given by the hon. secretary (Mr. J. W. Jones).

A number of new members were elected, and St. John's, Cardiff, was chosen as the place for the next annual meeting, Baglan for the next quarterly Glamorgan meeting, and Trevechin for the next Monmouth quarterly meeting.

Mr. E. Stitch, of Aberavon, was elected Master for the ensuing year, and the hon. secretary and auditors were re-elected.

After the usual vote of thanks, the meeting closed, and the bells of both St. Woolos' and All Saints' rung until a late hour.

The meeting was splendidly attended, and although, owing to considerable debate on various matters, it was prolonged, was a very pleasant and enjoyable one.

**PEAL NOTES.****VETERAN GUILD MASTER CELEBRATES 81st BIRTHDAY.**

Mr. George Williams, Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, celebrated his 81st birthday on Saturday by calling a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at North Stoneham. The years still sit lightly upon him, and we hope he will long continue to be as mentally and physically active as he now is.

This peal was the 300th in a Surprise method by Mr. F. W. Rogers, who is hon. secretary of the Diocesan Guild, and it was the first peal of Cambridge Royal by four of the band, all of this quartette having learnt their Surprise ringing in this tower under Mr. Williams' tuition. The brothers Reed are only 16 and 19 years of age respectively.

As he left the parish on Saturday, April 30th, Canon H. E. Fitz-Herbert, who has resigned the living of Seale, Derbyshire, to become secretary of the Bishop of Derby's Appeal Fund, visited the belfry before the commencement of a farewell peal and wished the ringers success, and said good-bye to the four local members, Messrs. W. H. Curson, W. E. Clayfield, W. Brooker and J. W. Cotton.

It is interesting to note that six members of the farewell peal band, Messrs. J. H. Swinfield, A. E. Rowley and the above mentioned members of the Overseale tower, rang in 'welcome' peals to him on December 20th, 1930, the day following his induction as Rector of Seale.

Another farewell peal to a Vicar was rung on the same day at Leyland. The Rev. F. W. Argyle has left this Lancashire town to take up the incumbency at Sevenoaks, Kent. After the peal he visited the belfry, congratulated the band and thanked them for the compliment.

It was the first peal of Royal on the bells and the first by the Preston Branch of the association since they were increased to ten, thus happily ending the friction which has existed for a time among the ringers at this place. Sydney Tuson and Adam Blogg made their first attempt for a peal on ten bells, and four others of the band scored their first peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal.

When the 'brass hats' are not peal-ringing at Kidderminster, Mr. C. H. Woodberry, leader of the band there, invariably fixes up a peal for the benefit of those who have not rung on ten or twelve bells before. On previous occasions many ringers have achieved their first peal of Grandsire Caters at 'Kidder,' and last Saturday, continuing the good work, 'Charlie' got together a band, who were successful in ringing Grandsire Caters. One rang his first peal of Caters 'inside,' another his first on ten bells, while Reg. Woodyatt rang his first peal of Grandsire Caters and completed 50 peals, which include a good variety of methods.

It was also a birthday compliment to Reg. Chance, his natal anniversary occurring on the same day as the peal attempt. Just to show how disinterested 'Charlie' Woodberry's endeavours are in fixing up these peals, he turned the calling over to George E. Large, thus allowing that gentleman to call a peal of Caters from a working bell.

**WHERE JOHN BUNYAN RANG.**

The first peal in seven Surprise Minor methods on the bells of Elstow, Beds, was rung on April 26th. Elstow has a detached campanile, and it was here that John Bunyan was a ringer in the days before he thought that ringing was one of the pastimes of the devil.

Another church with a detached tower is Pembrige, Herefordshire. It has five bells, and a peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung there on April 30th.

A peal of Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor at Bramford, Suffolk, on April 25th, enabled Miss Sylvia Bowyer and Mr. R. W. Steward to complete peals of Minor in from one to seven methods. The peal was a birthday compliment to Miss Bowyer's mother.

Another birthday peal for Miss Bowyer's mother was rung at Hollesley, Suffolk, on April 30th. It was the first peal on this beautiful ring of bells (tenor 17 cwt. in F), cast by Messrs. Taylor and Co. and dedicated on March 26th. It was also a christening peal for the youngest son of Mr. Cecil Pipe.

Miss Bowyer added to her claims to distinction on May 2nd, when she called her first peal in a Surprise method. She had not previously attempted a Surprise peal as conductor, but she called this one from an 'inside' bell. It was rung at Framsdon on May 2nd.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. Nolan Golden, the hon. secretary and treasurer of the Norwich Diocesan Association, a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major, the first in the method on the bells, was brought round at Diss, Norfolk, on Sunday, May 1st.

Queen Mary visited Croydon on Saturday to present new colours to the Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment, and the occasion was marked by a peal of Stedman Cinques at the Parish Church. It was also a birthday compliment to Messrs. J. E. and D. D. Cooper, and Dan's 200th peal with Charlie Kippin. Incidentally, of course, it was Charlie's 200th peal with Dan.

Beddington and Croydon, where these two are in command, may be rival twelve-bell towers in the near future, if present plans mature. At Rochester, Staffs, a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major—also the first in the method on the bells—was rung on April 30th as a birthday compliment to Miss Ada Bourne, of Newcastle-under-Lyme.

A half-muffled memorial peal of Stedman Caters was rung at Worsley, Lancs, on April 30th, on the first anniversary of the funeral of Mr. T. L. Pollett, formerly secretary of St. Mark's Church Council.

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**DOUBLES TO CINQUES AT SIXTEEN.**

(Continued from previous page.)

It is no bad record, at the age of 16, to have rung peals of Grandsire from Doubles to Cinques. Harold Reed completed this sequence when he rang a peal on the five bells at Bishop's Sutton, Hants, on April 25th. His brother, Reginald Reed, who is 19, can also claim peals of Grandsire 'all the way up.' The peal was the first on the bells.

Mr. Ernest C. S. Turner, one of the foremost conductors of spliced ringing, took part in a peal in 28 Minor methods at Deeping St. James, Lincolnshire, on April 16th. The peal was called by that Minor expert, Mr. Horace Day.

Three Yorkshiremen, Messrs. Nash, Green and Gill, who played truant from Wembley, rang a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at Leatherhead, Surrey, on Cup Final day. It was their annual journey 'south.' Their Willie rang his first peal in the method 'inside,' and Leatherhead's Willie rang his first peal of Yorkshire.

Derek M. Sharp rang his one hundredth peal on May 6th at Crayford.

Arranged for and rung on the birthday of Mr. Percy Page, hon. secretary of Ashford District of the Kent County Association and of the Romney Marsh Guild, a peal of Minor at Willesborough was his first in six methods.

Mr. John Bass, of Stourbridge, waited 30 years to ring a peal at Perry Barr, his native place. He accomplished the aspiration on April 30th, when he took part in a peal of Stedman Triples.

The first peal on the bells of Kingston-on-Thames since they were rehung was scored on April 30th, when a peal of Double Norwich Major was rung on the back eight. Messrs. F. E. Hawthorne (captain) and W. Barrett (secretary), of the local band, rang their first peal in the method.

A peal of Stedman Triples at Netherton, Worcestershire, on April 30th, was a birthday compliment to Mrs. William Green, who was 74 on the previous day.

Her husband, who rang the tenor to the peal, is one of the oldest members of the Worcestershire Association. He rang his first peal at the neighbouring parish of Old Hill as long ago as 1886. That peal, incidentally, was the first on the bells.

The peal at Netherton was also a birthday compliment to Mr. Thomas Townsend, who rang his first peal in the method, and it was Mr. Harold Shuck's 25th peal.

Mr. Robert Sperring, of Chester, has now conducted and Mr. J. Morgan, of Pulford, has now rung peals of Kent Treble Bob from Minor to Maximus. A peal of Kent Minor at Waverton on April 26th, arranged for the purpose, completed the series.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.****ANNUAL MEETING AT RETFORD.**

There was a disappointing attendance at the 51st annual meeting of the North Notts Association, held at Retford on Saturday, April 23rd. Only 38 members, out of a total of about 150, were present. Even allowing for those unable to be at the meeting owing to being at work, and for other reasons, the attendance was not nearly so good as it has been at previous 'annuals.' Nevertheless, the bells at East Retford and Ordsall were rung during the afternoon and evening, and those at West Retford, as well, after the meeting.

A short service was held at East Retford Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. D. James), who also gave an interesting address. He referred first to the departure from religion, religious thought and ideals by many of our fellow-men, and then to the Archbishop's 'Recall.' This, he pointed out, was primarily a movement on the part of all the clergy, but there were others who played a less prominent, unseen part, and among these were the ringers up and down the country, whose call from the towers of our churches could be heard by most people if they would only listen and realise what it meant.

After tea in the Ebsworth Hall, the business meeting was held. The Vicar turned over his duties as chairman to the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, but before doing so he expressed his pleasure in having the association at East Retford. He was glad, too, that he had a ringing curate who might some day succeed Mr. Wilkinson as the ringing parson of North Notts (laughter).—The Rev. R. F. Wilkinson thanked the Vicar for taking the service and for allowing the use of the bells and of the hall.

The secretary's report stated that one tower had seceded from membership (Collingham), and at one other the bells were rung at irregular intervals on Sundays (West Retford).

The number of peals rung in 1937 was 34, of which Mr. C. A. Vessey conducted 22. A record was created by the ringing at Barnby of 20 methods in a peal, while at Worksop the first peal of Gainsborough Little Bob Major for the association was rung. Four peals were rung for the Coronation. Five non-resident members were elected and eight ringing members. A grant of £2 2s. was made to Harthill Bell Fund, and the new peal was opened on April 27th, while on Coronation Day members from the surrounding district rang during the afternoon and evening.

The report and balance sheet were both unanimously adopted. All the officers were re-elected, as well as seven new members and four vice-presidents.

Afterwards ringing continued, and at East Retford touches of Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Little Bob Major and Cambridge Minor were brought round. Ordsall and West Retford bells were kept going, the latter for the benefit of learner ringers.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart, of Ferndown, Dorset, was installed last week as Worshipful Master of the St. Cuthberga Lodge of Freemasons (No. 622) at Wimborne. Among his ringing friends in the craft who attended were the Rev. F. L. Edwards (hon. secretary of the Salisbury Guild), the Rev. C. A. Phillips (hon. secretary of the Wimborne Branch of the Guild), Mr. J. Corbett (hon. treasurer of the Guildford Diocesan Guild) and Mr. W. A. Cave (Bristol).

A meeting of the Ely Diocesan Association is to be held at Orwell to-morrow. It should have been held at Linton a fortnight ago, but the absence of the Vicar caused an alteration in the arrangements.

The 'Seahawks,' of H.M.S. Osprey, 'made whoopee' at Wyke Regis on Wednesday week in aid of the fund to restore the local church bells. It was a rollicking concert, as one may well imagine from a company of sailors, and the Memorial Hall could not hold all who sought admission.

Mr. C. H. Jennings made the arrangements, the concert being a 'kick-off' in the campaign to raise £300 for the bells.

This restoration scheme has come on top of a heavy expenditure in the parish, which has included £7,000 for a new school, £1,600 for church renovation and £350 for the organ.

The Johnson Dinner at Birmingham is to become a fixed feast. Hitherto it has been held on the Saturday nearest February 28th in each year; now it has been decided to fix the first Saturday in March for the commemoration.

## ANOTHER PEAL FOR HERTFORDSHIRE.

### WELWYN GETS A RING OF SIX.

In these days, when there is so much discussion regarding 'canned' bells, it is a pleasure to record the provision of another ringing peal in Hertfordshire. Welwyn is at the moment the centre of attraction in this respect.

Until last year, the present tower contained one bell, cast in 1760 by Joseph Eayre, of St. Neots, and it bore the following inscription, typical of the Puritan feelings of that time: 'Prosperity to the Established Church of England, no encouragement to enthusiasm.'

Last year, Messrs. Mears and Stainbank hung stationary the present treble, and they have now added the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and tenor, the old bell being the 5th. The frame has been made to carry eight. The tenor weighs 8 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. and is in 'A.'

The old tower contained a ring of five bells in 1700, and the following entry is taken from the Parish Book, dated July 17th, 1746: 'Ordered that the bells be sold to the best bidder, in order to raise money to erect a turret or some other conveniency for the hanging up of a large bell and the Saunce Bell.' The old tower fell about 1700 and the present one was built in 1834.

On Easter Day the Bishop of St. Albans dedicated the new peal, and the opening touch was rung by the following members of the Hertfordshire Association: D. C. Mears (conductor) 1, R. H. Howard 2, C. V. Hare 3, R. T. Newman 4, L. Fidler 5, F. Gardner 6.

During the afternoon and evening many friends visited the tower and ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise. The striking throughout the day was excellent and a great credit to the ringers. Incidentally, every touch was brought home.

The first district meeting at Welwyn was held on Saturday, April 23rd, when about 35 ringers attended from all parts.

Everyone agrees that the peal and the hanging are a great credit to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and the result is something of which Welwyn people should be very proud. Unfortunately, there is not a band of ringers, but arrangements are on foot for frequent combined practices to be held for the purpose of forming a local band. Details will appear from time to time in this paper. D. C. M.

## SAXMUNDHAM BELLS RING AGAIN.

### 'OUTSIZE' TREBLE BECOMES SECOND.

On Saturday, April 30th, the Archdeacon of Suffolk rededicated the restored tower and bells of Saxmundham at a special service. There was a good muster of ringers from Essex and Suffolk, including ladies from Halstead, Dedham and Ipswich. The work includes the recasting of the old second bell into a treble and tuning the old treble into a second, owing to it being out of proportion with the rest and actually heavier than the third. The whole peal has been tuned and hung in a new oak frame for eight with all modern fittings. The work has been carried out by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich. On Thursday week a trial run was given them by four of the foundry staff and two local men. The opening touch at the service was 360 Oxford Treble Bob: Fred Bowell (St. Clement's, Ipswich) 1, Ernest F. Poppy (Stoke Ash) 2, Miss Eleanor Reeve (St. Matthew's, Ipswich) 3, William J. Nevard (Great Bentley, Essex) 4, William Smith (Benhall) 5, Fred Watling (Saxmundham) 6, six towers thus being represented.

About 40 ringers were entertained to tea afterwards. At the trial run 720 Oxford Treble Bob was rung by F. Bowell 1, Alfred Bowell 2, Victor E. Waters 3, Henry G. Welham 4, William Smith (Benhall) 5, F. Watling (Saxmundham) 6. Everyone expressed satisfaction at the great improvement.

Mr. Bowell has also restored the clock, which had been silent for several years. All that is required now is the empty pits to be filled.

## LEADING CONDUCTORS—18.

## ERNEST MORRIS.

Few men have devoted so much time to so many phases of 'campanology,' as Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester. As a ringer, an author and an association secretary, he has rendered yeoman service to the art and the Exercise.

Mr. Morris was born in Leicester on July 28th, 1889, but although he has been attached to St. Margaret's all his life, he rang his first peal at St. Andrew's, Grimsby, while on a visit with his father to the Lincolnshire town in August, 1906, when he was 17 years of age. His first peal as conductor was rung at Melton Mowbray, where he called Grandsire Triples in May, 1908. His peals, including 49 on handbells, now number, 769, of which he has conducted 385.

He has rung and conducted peals on all numbers of bells from five to twelve, and he is a ringer who thinks as much of assisting in a peal of Doubles as he does a peal of Maximus. It is, indeed, in evidence in his record, which comprises 163 peals of Doubles and Minor, and 41 of Cinques and Maximus, while his eight-bell peals total 433 and ten-bell peals 132.

There are very few towers in Leicestershire that he has not visited, and he has rung peals at 120 churches in his native shire, a number which, we believe, no other ringer has reached in any one county.

He has taken part in many record lengths, including conducting the longest by the Midland Counties Association of Doubles (6,600), Minor (7,200 and 10,080), Bob Major (7,008 and 13,440), Kent Treble Bob (10,912) and Oxford Treble Bob (7,840). He also conducted the longest lengths of Bob Major by Central Northants Association, one of 7,488, and another of 9,760 with 400 singles. He called the record peals of Little Bob (6,720), Little Canterbury (6,720), Spliced Treble Bob (Tibston arrangement, 9,120), and rang in 9,600 Kent and Oxford Spliced. He also took part in the record peals of Cambridge Major (7,008 and 12,396).

He called the quickest tower-bell peal ever rung, a 5,040 Cambridge Minor in 1 hour 50 minutes; and also the only 'Ernest' peal. He has rung peals with four sets of brothers, four fathers and sons, and five fathers and sons, while his handbell peals range from Doubles to Stedman Cinques and include the lightest and heaviest sets ever rung. His peals have been spread over 205 towers in 23 counties for 25 associations and guilds.

It is, however, not only in peal ringing that Mr. Morris has done some excellent work. He has served the Midland Counties Association as its honorary secretary since 1925 and acts as consultant for bells on the Advisory Committee for the Diocese of Leicester.

With a penchant for historical research, Mr. Morris has collected a great deal of material in connection with the church bells of Leicestershire. He is the author of a 'Chronology of British Bell Founders' and many historic articles on other subjects, but he is, of course, best known to ringers as the author of 'History and Art of Change Ringing' and 'Legends of the Bells,' two volumes of great interest and value. He transcribed all the ancient baptismal, marriage and burial registers of St. Margaret's, where he is now Parish Clerk and Clerk of the Vestry, and for this and other works was made a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society. He is also a member of the Johnsonian Society of London, and he has done much good work on behalf of ringing by giving many lectures on bells and our art in many centres.

Next week: Mr. Richard T. Hibbert.

## DEATH OF WIMBLEDON RINGER.

The death occurred on Saturday, April 30th, of Mr. E. Baker after a short illness. Mr. Baker had rung off and on at Wimbledon for many years and his services to the belfry will be missed. On Sunday, May 8th, his fellow-ringers rang the bells of St. Mary's Parish Church half-muffled as a last token of respect. In the morning for service 960 Grandsire Doubles was rung: W. Arthur Taylor (conductor) 1, F. Hopgood 2, J. Tomsett 3, H. V. Lintill 4, A. Taylor 5, F. Pearmain 6, R. Rapson 7, R. Underwood (longest length) 8.



MR. ERNEST MORRIS.

## A LOSS TO THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

## DEATH OF SOUTHERN DIVISION SECRETARY.

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Mr. Fred Clark, of Doncaster, hon. secretary of the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association, which took place suddenly at his home on Sunday, April 24th. Mr. Clark had been indisposed and unable to follow his employment since Christmas, but had recently made steady improvement and was able to attend the quarterly meeting of the association, held at Handsworth on March 19th. Unfortunately, however, he suffered a sudden and severe relapse on Easter Monday, from which he never recovered.

Mr. Clark was 53 years of age, and leaves a widow and three sons. Originating from Newthorpe, Notts, he commenced work at Watnall Colliery, and whilst there learned to ring at Greasley Parish Church. Later, removing to Doncaster, he had for the past 27 years worked at Bentley Colliery, and for the last 20 years of this period had been a Deputy. During the whole of that time he had been a member and regular Sunday service ringer at Arksey Parish Church, where he and his family also took great interest in the church work of the parish.

The funeral took place at Arksey on April 24th, the service being conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. John Pierce Price), assisted by the Rev. Canon A. Ll. Davies, Vicar of Doncaster and president of the Doncaster and District Society.

In addition to the family mourners and a large number of friends, others attending to pay a last tribute of respect to an old comrade were Messrs. S. F. Palmer (hon. treasurer of the Yorkshire Association), L. W. G. Morris (hon. general secretary), George Lewis (vice-president, Southern Division), F. Cryer (vice-president, Eastern Division), P. J. Johnson (vice-president, Western Division), F. Rayment (divisional secretary, Western Division), E. Cooper (hon. secretary, Doncaster and District Society), E. C. Stacey (Doncaster), O. Greathead (Conisborough), W. Fay and F. Vallance (Burgwallis), G. Clark (cousin), H. Woodhouse and H. Scott (Arksey). The Rev. Canon C. C. Marshall, president of the Yorkshire Association, was unavoidably unable to be present.

A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on the handbells at the graveside by G. Lewis 1-2, L. W. G. Morris 3-4, P. J. Johnson 5-6, S. F. Palmer 7-8, and immediately after the service touches were rung on the tower bells with the clappers half-muffled by members of the local company and the visiting ringers.

On coming to Doncaster in 1911, Mr. Clark joined the Yorkshire Association and eventually became one of its staunchest supporters. Although not aspiring to a large number of peals (he had rung 14), he took quite a keen interest in the affairs of the association and everything appertaining to its welfare. Consequently, when the office of Southern Division secretary became vacant in 1921, Mr. Clark was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy, and this position he held up to his death, never sparing himself and being always ready efficiently to carry out the work that demanded his service and which was so dear to him.

Thus a familiar figure and a most respected member has passed away, one who will be missed, whose devotion to duty endeared him to all with whom he came in contact, and especially his brother officers and the members of the Southern Division.

S. F. P.

## MEMORIAL RINGING.

The bells of Felkirk Church, Yorkshire, were rung half-muffled for matins and evensong on Sunday, May 1st, as a token of respect to the late Mr. F. Clark, secretary of the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association, who passed away suddenly on Sunday, April 24th. For matins, 360 Plain Bob: P. Woodward 1, T. Cook 2, J. T. White 3, H. Chant 4, G. Cook 5, D. Smith (conductor) 6; also 260 Kent Treble Bob. For evensong, 360 of Arksey: R. Hill 1, J. T. White 2, M. Perry 3, H. Chant 4, G. Cook 5, D. Smith (conductor) 6; Arksey being the tower to which Mr. Clark was attached as a ringer.

## HUDDERSFIELD AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

## WELCOME IN HALIFAX DISTRICT.

The Huddersfield and District Association held its first meeting in the Halifax district at St. Peter's Church, Sowerby, on Saturday, April 30th, when about 25 members attended. The ringers came from a wide area, including Heptonstall, Brighouse, Elland, Rippenden, Halifax (Parish Church and All Souls'), Lindley, Marsden, Meltham, Huddersfield Parish Church and the local company. A short service was held in the afternoon, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. P. Morley) and the president of the association (the Rev. T. Mathieson), after which an excellent tea was partaken of, which was provided by the local ringers.

The business meeting took place in the tower, with the president in the chair. It was arranged to hold the next meeting at Marsden, at the kind invitation of the Marsden ringers.

The business of the day was quickly disposed of, the ringers being impatient to settle down to more important affairs, and, as the president had some local ringing business in the form of a whist drive and dance, the short meeting was to everybody's satisfaction.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and wardens, to the organist, and the local ringers for the wonderful reception they had given.

It will please members to know that the president's whist drive and dance were a huge success.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

### REVISED RULES ADOPTED.

#### Unpaid Subscriptions Cause Fall in Membership.

During the past year the rules of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild have been undergoing revision, and they were presented for adoption to the annual meeting held at Hillingdon on April 30th. So well had the work been done that the draft, as submitted, went through with little discussion and without alteration. In the words of the annual report, it is hoped the new rules will bring the two districts much closer together than before and give added strength to the Guild.

In the afternoon the members attended service in St. John's Church, the Vicar (the Rev. A. M. Bashford) officiating. Basing his address upon St. Luke's narrative of the appearance of Christ on the first Easter Day to the two disciples walking to Emmaus, which he had previously read as the lesson, the Vicar spoke of the hope and disappointment of these two men and their subsequent joy on realisation of the truth that Christ had really risen. What, he asked, had this to do with the company of ringers who gave up their time week after week to carry their message through the air to thousands who heard the bells ringing? He referred to the disappointments of ringers, with which he seemed to be particularly acquainted, to their hopes and to the value of their work. When, he said, they got depressed, let them remember they were doing their work for God and not only for man. Because it was God's work they need not worry about the disappointments—their work was acceptable to Him and could not fail. He appealed to the ringers to renew their zeal and loyalty to their officers, and to back them up for all they were worth, because, in backing them up, they were backing up the Master, who stood above them all, whom they served and who appreciated their difficulties while ringing, appreciated their hopes and their courage, and could give them strength to get on with the job God had given them to do in His church.

Mr. F. E. Platt, a young ringer at St. Mark's, Dalston, was at the organ, and the hymns were sung in stirring fashion.

Tea was served in the Parish Hall by Mrs. Goodfellow and other ladies, and the business meeting was afterwards presided over by the Rev. Prebendary Cole Sheane (president), who was supported by the vice-presidents (Messrs. G. W. Fletcher and J. A. Trollope), the Master (Mr. A. W. Coles), the hon. secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles), Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey (hon. secretary of the South and West District) and about 80 members.

When the minutes of the last annual meeting were read, a question was asked as to the position in regard to the bells of All Hallows', Lombard Street, upon which a resolution was passed last year.

The President said he believed the Ecclesiastical Commissioners were considering the erection of a church of very considerable size, which was to be named All Hallows', somewhere in Middlesex. He hoped provision for hanging the bells would be made in this new church, but up to about a fortnight ago, at any rate, they had not decided where it was to be placed. The site in the City had not yet been sold.

#### FALLING OFF IN MEMBERSHIP.

The annual report expressed regret that the attendances at district meetings had fallen much below the average of the previous year. Meetings were an outward expression of the society's work, giving opportunities of good practice for ringers of all stages of ability, and it was particularly disheartening to those responsible for arranging them when only a comparatively few members attended. It would make a great difference if every member would attend at least one meeting a year.

During the year one honorary and 48 ringing members were elected, but the addition was more than offset by losses through death, resignations and non-payment of subscriptions. It was regretted that twelve members died during 1937. Losses through non-payment of subscriptions reached an alarming figure, especially in the South and West District, and consequently the membership showed a considerable decrease, the total now being 867. The continued decrease in the membership in the South and West District, mainly through the non-payment of subscriptions, was a matter for serious concern, and it was hoped that an extra effort would be made this year to collect the arrears. The loss of income was reflected in the continually decreasing balance in the district accounts. New bands formed at Bethnal Green and Stamford Hill continued to make satisfactory progress, and before long it was hoped that a start would be made with a new band at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton.

The year had been disappointing with regard to peal ringing. The total of 35 was the lowest since 1919. These were rung in 21 different towers, and one on handbells, while 130 members took part and seven rang their first peal.

In the record of bell restorations, the report made reference to the addition of a treble to make a peal of six at Stanwell, where the five original bells have been rehung in new bearings. The bells at St. George's-in-the-East were being rehung with new fittings in a strengthened frame; at Northaw the peal of six had been lowered to the level of the old ringing chamber, and the bells are now rung from the floor of the church, and the five bells at Shepperton have been retuned and rehung on ball bearings in a strengthened frame.

In moving the adoption of the report, the hon. secretary drew attention to the reduction of members during the year, 12 having been lost by death. Only 35 peals were rung, the lowest since 1919. The com-

mittee hoped it would be better this year, as, up to the present, the figures were proportionately better. Mr. Coles also called attention to the Central Council 'news,' which was included in the report, and thought this was very valuable publicity. He knew of only one other association—Lancashire—that gave information about the Central Council's proceedings.

The report was adopted, as was also the balance sheet, which showed receipts of £21 6s. 6d. and an excess of payments for the year of 7s. 2d. This reduced the balance in hand to £24 11s. 7d.

#### REVISED RULES TO UNIFY ASSOCIATION.

The adoption of the revised rules was moved by Mr. G. W. Fletcher, who reviewed the steps which had been taken leading up to the present position. The old rules, he said, were drawn up in 1897, and, now that they had been revised, they did not anticipate that any large alterations would be necessary for many years. The new rules consolidated the position of the society and its organisation, and, to his mind, finished the work which the founders started in 1897.

The Hon. Secretary, in seconding, explained what the main changes in the rule were, chief among them being that after this year the vice-presidents would be elected at the annual meeting instead of being nominated by the president; the district rules were embodied in the association rules, and, in regard to finance, the districts would pay over to the central fund their whole balance, instead of a proportion, at the end of the year. This came into operation from January 1st, 1939.

Mr. E. M. Atkins, in supporting the changes, said he did not like Mr. Fletcher's statement that the new rules finished the work which the founders had in mind. The new rules they hoped would improve the work of the association, but he hoped they would continue to improve the general outlook. He would like the committee to consider further how the rules worked and to bear in mind any further amendments that were necessary. He personally thought some improvement could be made, so that they considered the towers, rather than the individuals, as being in union with the association, much as the associations were in union with the Central Council. He also thought it was a pity they could not get some of the younger members of the association on the committee, and he suggested that the committee should consider making it obligatory upon members of the committee to retire after a certain number of years' service, so that younger members could be put on.

Mr. Fletcher said he had not wished to make it appear that the new rules finished the work; but that they completed the union of the districts contemplated by the founders. Up to the present the union had been incomplete, as they would realise if they studied the reports. With regard to putting younger members on the committee, that was a matter for the districts when they elected their representatives.

After further short discussion, the rules were adopted unanimously.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The president, having been re-elected, nominated Messrs. Fletcher and Trollope as vice-presidents. Mr. A. W. Coles was re-elected Master, and Mr. W. H. Oram was elected hon. treasurer (the office which was vacant through the death of Mr. W. H. Hollier).

Mr. C. T. Coles was re-elected hon. secretary, and Mr. E. C. S. Turner auditor.

Mrs. W. F. A. Barrett (Harrow) was elected an honorary member, and the following were elected ringing members: Messrs. T. H. Francis (Chiswick), A. Cutler (Willesden) and D. Wright (Southgate, late of Croydon). Mr. C. K. Davis (Blagdon, Somerset) was elected a compounding member, and the belfry election of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Housden (now of Leytonstone) was confirmed.

Mr. F. W. Goodfellow was unanimously elected an honorary life member in recognition of his services as secretary of the South and West District for seven years, an office which he recently resigned, and he was also elected to serve for a year as a representative on the Central Council to replace the late Mr. Hollier.

A donation of one guinea was voted to the Canon Elsee memorial, and a resolution of sympathy was passed with the Ancient Society of College Youths on the death of Mr. W. T. Cockerill.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Bishopsgate, and the meeting terminated with a comprehensive vote of thanks to the Rev. A. M. Bashford for the use of St. John's bells and for the service; the Rev. R. Home, Vicar of St. Andrew's, and the Rev. A. D. Perrot, Vicar of St. Margaret's, for the use of the bells at their churches; to Mr. F. E. Platt, the organist; the captains of the various towers visited; and to Mrs. Goodfellow and the ladies who prepared and served the tea.

Ringling was enjoyed at all three of the towers mentioned, a great variety of methods being rung.

#### PILGRIMAGE OF REMEMBRANCE.

A few ringers made their annual pilgrimage of remembrance to the village of East Garston, Berks, on Wednesday evening, April 27th, on approximately the fifth anniversary of the interment of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, and visited his resting place. A 720 of Bob Minor was rung by R. T. Hibbert 1, C. J. Hibbert 2, E. Humfrey 3, S. C. Davis 4, H. W. Smith 5, W. Hibbert (conductor) 6. Stedman and Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor were also taken part in by W. Hibbert, sen., Miss M. Field and G. Woodley. Then, some along the beautiful Lambourne Valley and others back over the Berkshire Downs, all of which 'the Reverend' loved, the ringers journeyed home, all glad to have once more paid their loving visit to his resting place.

R. T. H.

## BURTON-ON-STATHER'S NEW BELLS. ACQUISITION TO NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE.

### An Opening Gathering of Ringers.

A few weeks ago the bells of Burton-on-Stather were augmented from six to eight by the addition of two trebles, and North Lincolnshire gained a valuable addition to its octaves; valuable not merely because in an area of some sixty miles by forty miles there were previously only ten rings of eight, but because these new bells have gone into a tower where there is an enthusiastic band that will make full use of them. Indeed, it has been the enthusiasm of the ringers that has brought about the augmentation, and last Saturday members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild and visitors from outside the county gathered in force at an 'opening' meeting to congratulate Mr. Jack Bray, the leader, and the local company both upon the success of their efforts and the making of a very delightful little peal of eight. Messrs. Taylor and Co., who put in the six in 1920, have added two bells entirely in the same 'family,' and the peal is perfect in every respect. The ringing is done from the ground floor, and prior to the coming of the new trebles the long flight of rope up the ceiling made the handling of the bells no easy matter; indeed, the inexperienced often used to find themselves grabbing over their shoulders to find the sally, particularly if they rang the second. But all this has been changed by the provision of rope guides, and ringing on the eight is now a happy experience for everyone.

### FORMER VICAR'S BEQUEST.

The erection of the new trebles is the outcome of a bequest by a former Vicar, Canon Francis Jarvis, who held the living for 40 years. He left £100 towards them, and the remainder of the money is being raised by public subscription. The Burton people are providing a new resty as a memorial to Canon Jarvis and his wife, so that the ringers' efforts to complete the bell fund is not an easy matter; indeed, it was said on Saturday that the parish has now three thumping good debts: the balance on a new Parish Hall, the memorial vestry and the bell fund; but the spirit that pervades the place will undoubtedly triumph.

Saturday's meeting brought together a gathering of about 90 ringers, who came by car, bus and cycle, for geographically Burton has been pushed almost off the map; it stands in the north-west corner of the county, where the Trent and the Ouse converge into the Humber. But campanologically Burton is much in evidence and promises to be more so now that it has eight bells. Ringers who were present on Saturday included Mr. R. Richardson (Master) and Mr. P. W. Stokes (hon. secretary of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild), and members from Lincoln, Scunthorpe, Grimsby, Gainsborough, Ulceby, Killingholme, Barton-on-Humber, Barrow-on-Humber, Bigby, Willingham, Lea, Upton and Surfleet, with visitors from Derby, Loughborough, Rotherham and elsewhere. It was a matter of great regret that Archdeacon Parry, president of the Northern Branch, was prevented by illness from being present, and a message of greeting and sympathy was sent to him from the meeting.

The Vicar (the Rev. M. Hadley) conducted service, and Mr. J. Bramwell, of Goxhill, sang a solo from 'The Crucifixion.' The Vicar extended a hearty welcome to the ringers and gave an exceedingly interesting description of the church, which, he said, seemed to hold the history of the village from the earliest days, and in which people had worshipped for centuries. The present building was erected in 1160, and there had been three restorations, in which each generation had brought into it their own ideas and had contributed something to the church. An earlier building of Saxon origin probably stood on the site. The registers went back to the year 1567, and the elm trees in the churchyard were planted by the churchwardens 200 years ago. There were three bells in 1553, and these 'Tudor bells' were recast and increased to six in 1920. Incidentally the Vicar mentioned that Burton had only two vicars in 100 years, Canon Jarvis and his predecessor.

### 'A GREAT DAY.'

After the service a substantial tea, prepared by the wives and sisters of the ringers, was served in the new parish hall, and short meetings of the Gainsborough and Grimsby districts were held.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith congratulated Burton-on-Stather upon its new bells, admirable alike in tone and go and an excellent 'sauce.' He said he looked forward to great things from the ringers in that district and hoped the enterprise they had shown in spliced Minor ringing would be extended to spliced Surprise Major ringing.

The Vicar explained the position of the bell fund. He said in addition to the £100 left by Canon Jarvis, £90 was required to complete the work. Of this about £35 had been raised and £55 had still to be obtained.

A collection amounting to 22s. was devoted to the Burton fund.

Mr. C. McGuinness proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of Burton, to Mr. Bray and the ringers, and to the ladies for the catering, also to the organist and the soloist.

Mr. J. Bray, in replying, said that was a great day for those interested in the bells of Burton. Ever since 1920 some of them had looked forward to the time when they would have eight bells. Canon Jarvis had always wanted the additional bells, and it was a pity they were not provided before his death, so that he could have seen the consummation of his desire. They could understand the pride of the

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## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I remind association representatives and others who may be intending visiting Leeds on the occasion of the forthcoming Central Council meeting at Whitsuntide that no application can be entertained for the outing on Whit Monday, or for the tea on Whit Tuesday, unless such application is received by me not later than the first post Monday, May 23rd.

A charge of 10s. will be made to all other than association representatives for the outing on Whit Monday, and 2s. per head for tea on Tuesday to non-representatives. Early application for tickets would be greatly appreciated by

PERCY J. JOHNSON.

53, Shire Oak Road, Leeds, 6.

## THE LATE MR. ARTHUR SYMONDS.

### SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS' CONNECTION WITH BELLS.

The funeral of the late Mr. Arthur Symonds, of Lavenham, Suffolk, whose death at the age of 80 years we recently recorded, took place on Saturday, April 16th, when many ringing friends attended. The entire company of Lavenham ringers was present, four of his 'boys' acting as bearers. His favourite hymn, 'We love the place, O God,' was sung, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells at the graveside.

Among the many floral tributes was one 'In deepest sympathy, from his "boys," the Lavenham bellringers.'

Several short touches were rung muffled on the bells he loved so well during the afternoon and evening.

The late Mr. Symonds' first connection with bells was at the age of five, when he tolled a bell hanging in a sycamore tree for service in his native village of Preston. At 13 he learned ringing under the tuition of his father, Henry Symonds. In 1883 he moved to Lavenham, and was appointed instructor to the Lavenham ringers, which office he held for 52 years, and was never once without a band, and at one time had both a married and a single band. Every one of the 66 ringers whom he taught were a credit to him and a lasting testimony to his unlimited patience.

For more than 40 years Mr. Symonds regularly attended ringing practice at his Parish Church, and in doing this walked more than 8,000 miles. He had rung every bell in Lavenham tower (excepting the 3rd) ten times to a peal, ill-health in 1935 preventing him from scoring his 'tenth' on the 3rd. He is the only man to have rung 100 consecutive peals on his own bells at Lavenham.

For 33 years he was towerkeeper, climbing the 77 steps to the belfry five times a week, and he served as Ringing Master under six Rectors.

He was a member of the Suffolk Guild, being the pioneer of the movement, also a life member of the Norfolk Guild, the Royal Cumberland Youths, the London County Association and St. James' Society, Bury St. Edmunds, and had held office as secretary of the Sudbury Archdeaconry of the Elv Diocesan Association and the Suffolk Guild. His peals on tower and handbells totalled 274, his last peal having been the 'Symonds' peal at Stowmarket in 1935.

His ringing relatives have included grandfather, father, three sons, two daughters, two grandsons, three uncles and four cousins. Eleven of these were among his pupils. Two sons and two grandsons carry on the family tradition of well over a century.

The following is the list of Mr. Symonds' peals:—On tower bells: Kent Treble Bob Maximus 1: Bob Royal 1: Kent Treble Bob Royal 4: Grandsire Caters 2: Bob Major 52 (6,240), conducted 1: Grandsire Major 1: Yorkshire Court Bob Major 1: Double Norwich Court Major 17: Kent Treble Bob Major 58 (6,048, 7,040, 7,360), conducted 1: Oxford Treble Bob 9, conducted 2: Cambridge Surprise Major 2: Superlative Surprise Major 5: London Surprise Major 2: Bristol Surprise Major 1: Grandsire Triples 32: Stedman Triples 3: Minor in one method 2, conducted 1; in two methods 1; in three methods 7, conducted 1; in four methods 3; in five methods 1; in seven methods 3: Doubles in seven methods 1. On handbells: Kent Treble Bob Major 2: Bob Major 10: Grandsire Triples 2: Bob Triples 1: Minor in one method 38 (6,000, 7,200), conducted 4; in two methods 4; in three methods 5; in four methods 2; in five methods 1; total 274, conducted 10.

## BURTON-ON-STATHER'S BELLS.

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Burton ringers in having at last got the octave. He congratulated Messrs. Taylor and Co. (who were represented by Mr. Colin Harrison) upon the excellent job they had done, and thanked them for the courtesy they had shown. He welcomed the visitors and said he felt that what had been done by the Burton ringers was only a little return for the hospitality they had received in other places.

The Vicar also replied and spoke of the feeling of good friendship that always seemed to prevail at ringers' meetings.

Throughout the afternoon and evening the bells were kept going in courses and touches, and the ringing ranged from rounds to Spliced Surprise Major.

The final break up of the gathering was not brought about until after midnight with the departure of some of the Lincoln contingent. The last ringing of the day was an attempt for a touch of Spliced Minor on handbells in twelve plain methods. It didn't come round—but what could be expected at such an hour after such a day!

**NOTICES.**

**RACKENFORD, NEAR TIVERTON, DEVON.**—Ring of six, tenor 14 cwt., rehung on ball bearings, in a strengthened frame, by Gillett and Johnston. Blessing of the bells by the Lord Bishop of Exeter to-day, Friday, May 13th, at 12.30. Ringing during the afternoon.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Harwich on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Meeting to follow tea, which is to be provided free, at 5.15 p.m. Will everyone please make a special effort to attend and to notify me as soon as possible?—J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Hotel, Wivenhoe.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton District.—You can 'Keep fit' by visiting Rolleston-on-Dove on Saturday, May 14th, for the next meeting of the above district. Beautiful ring of eight available at 3 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Walton-le-Dale, on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m.—A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting will be held at St. Barnabas', Shore, on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Business at 6.30 p.m. A hearty invitation to all ringers and friends.—Stephen Lloyd Parry, Branch Sec., 24, St. James Street, Milnrow, Rochdale.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Monken Hadley, near Barnet, on Saturday, May 14th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. Please advise me by May 11th. Special method, Double Norwich Court Bob Major. Other methods as desired. All members and friends welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4. Tel., Larkswood 1959.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—The next district meeting will be held at East Molesey on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. to 4.45 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., business following. Bells again after until 9 p.m. All ringers heartily welcomed. Buses 214 from or to Kingston pass the church.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec., 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Sheffield Cathedral (12 bells) on Saturday, May 14th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Ringing at St. Marie's, Norfolk Row (8 bells), 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield, 7.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—The next district meeting will be held at King's Langley, on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. All ringers welcome.—W. Ayre, Dis. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next meeting is at Higham on Saturday, May 14th. Ringing from 3.30. Short service 4.30. Tea in Schools at 5. All ringers welcome. Please let Rector know how many to expect for tea. Reports available.—W. A. Wood, Dis. Sec., Croft, near Leicester.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Freiston on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at Bull and Dog Inn at 5 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Park House, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston.

**EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Frant on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify. Everyone welcome.—B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—On Saturday, May 14th, a meeting will be held at Barkway. This fine peal of eight will be available at 3 p.m. Tea at Wheatsheaf at 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. C. Bysouth, Barkway, Royston. The larger the crowd, the better, but don't forget that card. Everything from Rounds upwards—depending on you! Book the date, and don't be late.—Don Mears, Hon. Sec., Fritton, Moormead Close, Hitchin.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Sefton on Saturday, May 14th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m., 9d. each.—H. Grundy, Branch Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whittington-in-Lonsdale on Saturday, May 14th. Bells from 2 p.m. All members and friends are cordially invited to attend.—E. Swain, Hon. Sec., 23, Thornton Road, Morecambe.

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Cary Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cucklington on Saturday, May 14th. Usual arrangements. Stoke Trister and Wincanton bells available. Please notify for tea.—W. A. Osborn, Galhampton, Yeovil. Phone, North Cadbury 230.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—South Norfolk Branch.—New ground again. Garboldisham. We meet on Saturday, May 14th (not 21st as arranged). Bells afternoon and evening. Methods to suit all. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at The Fox, 5 p.m. Meeting follows. Special invitation to Suffolk ringers.—A. G. Harrison, 90, Denmark Street, Diss, Norfolk.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Orwell to-morrow (Saturday), May 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please attend and encourage our younger members in this district.—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Tewkesbury Branch.—Meeting at Tirley to-morrow, Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow.—H. Wakeford, 63, Gloucester Road, Cheltenham.

**ARELEY KINGS, NEAR STOURPORT-ON-SEVERN, WORCS.**—The bells to be rededicated on Sunday next, May 15th, at the 11 o'clock service; preacher, the Rev. J. F. Hastings. A ring of six tuned and rehung by John Taylor and Co.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for May at 7.30 p.m.: 17th, St. Michael's, Cornhill; 19th, St. Andrew's, Holborn; 24th, \*St. Paul's Cathedral; 26th, St. Magnus'. \*Business meeting.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

**WEDNESDAY MEETING.—GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—An experimental mid-week meeting at Crondall on Wednesday, May 18th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at the Cricketers 5.15. All ringers welcome. Please notify for tea by first post, Monday, May 16th.—C. W. Denyer, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—There will be a combined practice with the local band at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, Westminster, on Wednesday, May 18th, from 7.30 to 9 p.m. A combined meeting with the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association will be held at St. Nicholas', Chiswick, W.4, on Saturday, May 21st, at 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea in Parish Hall at 5.30 p.m. Further ringing till 8.30 p.m. No business meeting.—N. H. Manning, Dis. Sec., 21, Burlington Gardens, Chiswick, W.4.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Matthew's, Stretford, on Saturday, May 21st. Tower open 3.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. W. J. Moss, 38, Kendal Road, Stretford, not later than Wednesday, May 18th.—Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Staverton (now a beautiful ring of six) on Saturday, May 21st. Kindly notify for tea.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The next meeting will be at Fillongley, near Coventry, on Saturday, May 21st. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea provided.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—It is hoped to hold the next meeting on Saturday, May 21st. Further particulars next week.—James G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., 81, Denbigh Street, Westminster, S.W.1.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—The next meeting, which will be a joint one with the Southern District of the London County Association, will be held at Chiswick, on Saturday, May 21st. Church of St. Nicholas (8 bells, tenor 14 cwt.). Ringing from 3.30 till 5 p.m., and 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., followed by tea in the Parish Hall at 5.30 p.m. It is particularly requested that outstanding subscriptions should be paid as soon as possible.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Sec., 16, St. Stephen's Road, Ealing, W.13.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A general meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Tadcaster, on Saturday, May 21st, when, by kind permission of the Rev. R. J. Hall, A.K.C., the fine ring of eight bells (tenor 20½ cwt.) will be available from 2.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. General Committee meet at 3.30 p.m. prompt. A brief service, conducted by the Vicar, will take place at 4.30 p.m. Tea (1s. 3d.) will be served in the schools at 5 p.m. to all who notify Mr. W. Hick, Chapel Street, Tadcaster, by the first post on Thursday, May 19th. General meeting immediately afterwards. As this is the first occasion that the association have met at Tadcaster, it is hoped that a record number will be present.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—A bi-monthly meeting will be held at Leigh (6 bells) on Saturday, May 21st. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea. No business meeting. Will all members please make a special effort to attend? Numbers for tea not later than Tuesday, May 17th. All ringers heartily welcome.—R. A. Tuffin, Hon. Dis. Sec., 65, Blackborough Road, Reigate, Surrey.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—To avoid clashing of meetings, the visit to Harthill has been put forward to Saturday, May 21st. The eight bells will be available from 3 till 8.30 p.m. Please send me a card for tea.—R. Towler, 69, Ordsall Road, Retford.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A combined meeting of the Wotton, Bristol City and Bristol Rural Branches will be held at Yate on Saturday, May 21st. Bells (6, tenor 25 cwt.) open from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please help to make this tripled meeting a roaring success by advising Mr. W. Smith, secretary of the Wotton Branch, for tea. Thank you!—R. C. Gifford, Gifford House, Frampton Cotterell.

**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—A ringing meeting will be held at Alfreton on Saturday, May 21st. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Own arrangements for tea.—J. W. England, Hon. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District.—A meeting will be held at Wigston Magna (8 bells) on May 21st. Ringing to commence at 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m. for those who notify me by May 18th.—H. W. Perkins, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Landseer Road, Leicester.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The Guild festival will be held at Lyme Regis on Saturday, May 21st. Guild service in the Parish Church at 12.30 p.m.; preacher, the Rev. C. C. Cox. Collection for memorial funds. Luncheon in the Church Hall at 1.30 p.m., 1s. 6d. each member. Annual business meeting to follow. Towers available: Eight bells, Lyme Regis, Bradpole, Bridport, Whitchurch Canonicorum; six bells, Burton Bradstock, Evershot, Symondsburry, Litton Cheney, Lodres (2-5 p.m.), Netherbury, Hawkchurch; five bells, Chideock. Ringers intending to be present should signify their intention to the secretary by Monday, May 16th.—F. L. Edwards, Kingston Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—A meeting will be held at Dunsfold on Saturday, May 28th (postponed from May 21st). Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting at Vicarage. Please notify me numbers for tea by Wednesday, May 25th.—W. F. J. Cope, Hon. Sec., Kingsway, Old Palace Road, Guildford.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Bexhill on Saturday, May 21st. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, 1s. 3d. per head. Will members intending to be present kindly let me know by Wednesday previous to meeting?—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Sec., 13, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Ibstock on May 21st. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Please look up Minor methods and let me have names for tea by 19th instant.—H. O. Over, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hugglescote.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Kirkham on Saturday, May 21st. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea in the school at 5.30. Business meeting to follow.—C. Sharples, Branch Secretary, 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Crewe Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Barthomley (8 bells) on Saturday, May 21st. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock. Will all those who intend to be present please let me have word by May 18th?—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A general meeting will be held at Hollesley, near Woodbridge, on Saturday, May 21st. The new peal of eight bells will be available afternoon and evening. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. at the Fox Inn.—Harold G. Herbert, Hon. Sec., 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—East Norfolk Branch.—A meeting will be held at Ranworth (6 bells) on Saturday, May 21st. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Please be sure and send names or numbers for tea by Wednesday, May 18th, to J. Harwood, Branch Sec., 4, Cobden Terrace, Northgate Street, Great Yarmouth.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Wisbech Branch) AND NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (West Norfolk Branch).**—A joint meeting will be held on Saturday, May 21st, at Terrington St. Clement. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Please notify numbers for tea to either secretary, or to Mr. J. Wright, Leicester House, Terrington St. Clement, King's Lynn. All ringers welcome.—W. W. Cousins and W. J. Eldred, Hon. Dis. Secs.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Crewkerne Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Barrington on Saturday, May 21st. Bells from 5.30 p.m. No tea or service. Business meeting in the tower.—D. G. Taylor, Ilminster.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Cheshunt on May 21st. The bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Service conducted by the Vicar. Tea at the Green Dragon. All ringing friends heartily welcomed.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Berks Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Drayton, Berks, on Saturday, May 21st. Service 3.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please notify early for tea.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Meeting of Southampton district at Broughton on May 23rd. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by May 18th to G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—The next meeting will be held at Lyvinge on Saturday, May 28th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Please send your names for tea to Mr. A. Webb, The Croft, Lyvinge, near Folkestone, not later than Friday, May 27th.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

**NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.**—A practice will be held at Longton on Saturday, May 28th, from 3.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. Depending on you. Don't be late.—A. Thompson, Hon. Sec.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Clavering on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know not later than May 25th.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 69, Rye Street, Bishops Stortford.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Colne Parish Church on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Time of meeting to be arranged. Members and non-members cordially invited. Subscriptions due.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Grimsby St. James' on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available 2.15 p.m. to 9 p.m. (except during service, tea and meeting). Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., free to members, 1s. 6d. non-members. Business meeting to follow. Please inform Mr. H. Mingay, 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby, by Wednesday previous how many for tea.—J. Bray, Hon. Sec., Trentwood, Burton-on-Stather, Scunthorpe.

**TETSWORTH, OXFORD.**—The 2nd anniversary will be held on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available 1.30. Please notify for tea.—J. W. Gibbard, Tetworth, Oxon.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Wellingborough on Whit Monday, June 6th. Central committee meeting at 10.45 a.m. at the Church Hall. Service in All Hallows' Church at 12 noon, when the address will be given by the Bishop of Peterborough, Dr. C. M. Blagden. Lunch at 1 p.m. at the Gloucester Hall, Church Street, followed by the business meeting. 1s. 6d. will be allowed towards 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 Thursday, May 26th. Non-members and non-resident members 2s. 6d. each. All tickets to be applied for by May 30th. Bells available: Wellingborough (8) from 10 a.m. throughout the day; Earls Barton (8) and Irchester (8) after the meeting; Irthlingborough (8) and Finedone (8) from 5 p.m. to 7; Wallaston (6), Mears Ashby (6), Great Doddington (5), and Wilby (5), after the meeting, but visitors to these towers are advised to make up a band before going to them.—R. G. Black, Gen. Hon. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—The 59th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, June 6th.—A. J. Clark, General Sec.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—The address of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Housden is now 20, Fairwood Court, Fairlop Road, Leytonstone, E.11.

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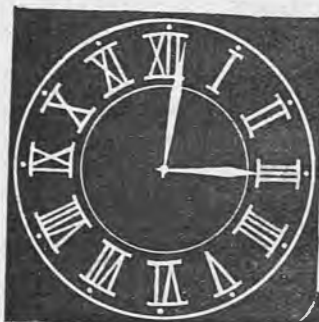
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