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RINGING IN AMERICA.

It has been pleasing recently to have been able to record some activity in ringing in America. There are very few places outside the British Isles where the art has been able to flourish; but it has been encouraging to read that in Vancouver the flag has been kept flying, and that the bells there are rung regularly. Mr. Limpus is the soul of the movement in that far-off spot, and despite the difficulties and the distances which separate many of the band, there seems to be always a good company obtainable for special occasions. In the United States, Boston and Groton School, which are comparatively near neighbours, are the only places where ringing has a foothold, and, up to the present, a precarious one at that. But for the sustained interest and persistent efforts of Dr. Nichols, who has many friends on this side of the Atlantic, it is unlikely that the art would have survived the many setbacks that it has received. Americans do not take to bells, rung as we ring them, and it is only on the nucleus of a band immigrated from Great Britain that ringing is now carried on there. But the 'worse trials are now over,' writes Dr. Nichols, and with five excellent rings of bells already available, and a sixth in prospect, there seems to be a future for change ringing in the Eastern city.

Simultaneously with the letters which reach us from Vancouver and Boston, comes one from Toronto, recounting the opening of a new carillon by Mr. Harry Withers, who made the trip from Bourneville expressly for the purpose. The occasion was made the most of by those 'exiles' from ringing who have settled in or near the city of Toronto, and we can picture the enthusiasm of these men in gathering to meet Mr. Withers. Our correspondent points out that it is a pity that when English firms instal carillons in the Colonies they do not do their utmost to induce those who give the bells to have at least an octave hung for ringing. For all we know, every effort may have been made at Toronto, and architectural or other difficulties may have prevented such a suggestion being carried out. But, in general, a great service to the art of ringing would be rendered if founders in preparing schemes for carillons could do something to provide a ringable peal among the bells they send out. This little band in Toronto, with a ring of eight, might have established another outpost of the Exercise, and have done it exceedingly well, if they could have started upon the wave of interest which was created by the opening of the carillon. They are, however, eager to revive their practice of the art by taking up handbell ringing, and we hope it may not be long ere they have the gratification of seeing a peal of bells for ringing installed in some tower in their midst.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 3, 1922, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.	
GEORGE ELLIS Treble	REV. E. BANKES JAMES ... 6
JOHN T. RICKMAN 2	OLIVER SIPPETTS 7
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT 3	WILLIAM C. HART 8
GEORGE WILLIAMS 4	ALBERT D. STONE 9
JOHN CAPP 5	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by KEITH HART.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, May 4, 1922, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5130 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.	
*FRED S. PRICE Treble	ALBERT COPPOCK 6
†GILBERT R. GOODSHIP 2	†LAWRENCE CHADBURN 7
WM. CLIFFORD, JUN. 3	†GEORGE WEST 8
†SAMUEL STONE 4	REUBEN CLIFFORD 9
†WILLIAM A. JAMES 5	EDWARD R. LEADER Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by REUBEN CLIFFORD.

First peal of Caters on the bells. * First peal of Grandsire Caters.
† First peal of Caters. First peal as conductor on ten bells.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 6, 1922, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAGNUS-THE-MARTYR, CITY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.	
WILLIAM HEWETT Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE 6
†ARMIGER J. TROLLOPE 2	ROBERT C. GRIMWOOD 7
*HAROLD P. JAMES 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 8
GEORGE R. PYE 4	WILLIAM NUDES 9
FRANK I. HAIRS 5	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Cambridge Royal.

REIGATE, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 6, 1922, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.	
HENRY F. EWINS Treble	FREDERICK W. RICE 6
*CHARLES H. KIPPIN 2	GEORGE F. HOAD 7
†ARTHUR BASHFORD 3	WALTER CLAYDON 8
†JAMES E. COOPER 4	HENRY A. HOAD 9
HARRY JORDAN 5	†JAMES H. JUDD Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE F. HOAD.

Rung on the anniversary of His Majesty's accession, also as a birthday compliment to J. E. Cooper. * First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal of Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thursday, April 20, 1922, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.	
GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.	
CHARLES BAILEY Treble	HERBERT KNIGHT 5
HARRY FARLOW 2	WILLIAM LAWLEY 6
FRANK PERRINS 3	ALFRED FALLON 7
EDWARD MITCHELL 4	ROBERT THOMPSON Tenor

Conducted by A. FALLON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Rev. W. T. Milligan, M.A., formerly Vicar of St. Luke's for 25 years.

DRAYTON, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(THE OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, April 27, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS ... Treble	*WILLIAM HARRIS ... 5
MRS. A. E. LOCK ... 2	ALBERT E. LOCK ... 6
CHARLES COLES ... 3	GORDON CAUDWELL ... 7
FRANCIS TAYLOR ... 4	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ... Tenor

Composed by W. HUDSON. Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.

* First peal of Major.

HOGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 29, 1922, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

TOM STANCLIFFE ... Treble	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 5
FRED RIGBY ... 2	*JAMES W. GROUNDS ... 6
FRED CHAMBERS ... 3	*JOHN BOOTH ... 7
RICHARD TAYLOR ... 4	WILLIAM TAYLOR ... Tenor

Composed by THOMAS DAY. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

* First peal in the method and first attempt. The ringers of treble, 3rd and 5th hail from Blackburn, 2nd from Chorley, 4th and tenor from Penwortham, 6th and 7th from Standish.

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

On Saturday, April 29, 1922, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... Treble	CHARLES S. BIRD ... 5
HENRY C. CHANDLER ... 2	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 6
FRANK I. HAIRS ... 3	*ARTHUR HARDING ... 7
WILLIAM HENLEY ... 4	WILLIAM WELLING ... Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by WILLIAM H. HEWETT.

* First peal in the method and first attempt.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 29, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qr. 3 lb. in A flat.

REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON Treble	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 5
JAMES ROSE ... 2	ALBERT FLEMING ... 6
FREDERICK J. TILLET ... 3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 7
FREDERICK C. LAMBERT ... 4	CHARLES WOODCOCK ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

Rung in honour of the 14th birthday of Harold E. Symonds, eldest son of the conductor.

BUNBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 29, 1922, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BONIFACE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

*H. DAVENPORT ... Treble	ARTHUR NEWELL ... 5
FRANK FOX ... 2	WALTER THOMAS ... 6
JOHN W. DAVIES ... 3	†HARRY H. WOODWARD ... 7
SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... 4	GEORGE R. JONES ... Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD. Conducted by GEORGE R. JONES.

* First peal. † First peal of Major; also first attempt by both these ringers. This peal was rung as a 71st birthday compliment to Mr. Samson Mossford, who has been a ringer at this church for 50 years. The ringers wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Mossford for their kindness in providing tea after the peal. H. Davenport was elected a member of the Guild previous to starting.

HEATHFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 29, 1922, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION. Tenor 11 cwt.

WILFRED BOOTH ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... 5
*FREDERICK J. LAMBERT ... 2	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... 6
*WILLIAM H. HOAD ... 3	ROBERT J. DAWE ... 7
ARTHUR R. MILES ... 4	THOMAS HOAD ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Stedman.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 29, 1922, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY TOWER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

HAROLD J. POOLE ... Treble	ERNEST MORRIS ... 5
SHIRLEY BORTON ... 2	JOHN OLDHAM ... 6
JOHN SADDINGTON ... 3	EDWARD READER ... 7
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 4	HARRY BROUGHTON ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY BROUGHTON.

BLETCHINGLEY, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 29, 1922, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

*GORDON H. KIRBY ... Treble	ALBERT E. WOOD ... 5
FREDERICK W. RICE ... 2	THOMAS J. COPPARD ... 6
*JAMES E. COOPER ... 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... 7
GEORGE F. HOAD ... 4	ALBERT ELLIS ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. HOAD.

* First peal.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 29, 1922, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 25½ cwt.

RICHARD E. GROVE ... Treble	*JOHN WOODBERRY ... 5
WILLIAM SHORT ... 2	CHARLES H. WOODBERRY ... 6
JOHN BASS ... 3	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... 7
JOSEPH DAVIES ... 4	JAMES GEORGE ... Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Stedman away from tenor.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 1, 1922, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

FREDERICK BORRETT ... Treble	*CHARLES CUTTING ... 5
HERBERT PIERCEY ... 2	JAMES BOUGHTON ... 6
ALFRED SMITH ... 3	CHARLES BRICE ... 7
CHARLES BAKER ... 4	ERNEST WHITING ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by F. BORRETT.

* First peal in the method.

DEANE, BOLTON, LANCs.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 1, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... Treble	*PETER CROOK ... 5
FRED ABBOT ... 2	*RICHARD P. HEALD ... 6
TITUS BARLOW ... 3	JOHN POTTER ... 7
ERNEST CUTSFORTH ... 4	†RICHARD WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by THOMAS B. WORSLEY

* 50th peal. † First peal.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 29, 1922, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr.

GEORGE CLAXTON Treble	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 5
MISS A. MAY DURRANT ... 2	BEN S. THOMPSON 6
ROBERT HARDY 3	GEORGE MAYERS... .. 7
JOHN A. GODFREY 4	GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

First peal in the method on the bells, also by all the band with the exception of the ringers of the 5th and tenor.

SANDHURST, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
AND THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.

On Saturday, April 29, 1922, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS BALDWIN Treble	GEORGE L. BRUNSDON ... 5
WILLIAM HARRIS... .. 2	JOHN AUSTIN... .. 6
JESSE GILLET 3	CHARLES H. AUSTIN ... 7
CHARLES DYSON 4	HERBERT BECKETT Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mrs. Newman, mother of Messrs. Samuel and Thomas Newman, respected members of the above society.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 4, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S ODD AND EVEN COMPOSITION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 5
WILLIAM J. WHEADON ... 2	SPENCER MARSHALL ... 6
HERBERT AODSLEY 3	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 7
JOHN WHEADON 4	SIDNEY ANSTEAD Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

KEIGHLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 6, 1922, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

ERNEST SIMPSON Treble	JAMES R. KEMP 5
FREDERICK SEAGER 2	JOHN PALFRAMAN 6
*JAMES F. HARVEY 3	JOSEPH BROADLEY 7
GEORGE ROBINSON 4	PERCY J. JOHNSON Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to J. R. Kemp. * First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. This peal contains the 4th, 5th and 6th their in-course extent in 6th's.

HENSINGHAM, CUMBERLAND.

THE CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 6, 1922, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.

*JOHN HUTCHINSON Treble	*FRED TICKLE 5
ISAAC B. DOUGLAS 2	JOHN H. ROTHERY 6
GEORGE W. TEMBY 3	*WILLIAM NORMAN 7
JOHN J. SPEDDING 4	WILLIAM T. HOLMES Tenor

Composed by W. ESTCOURT. Conducted by WILLIAM T. HOLMES.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect for the members of the Association who fell in the Great War. The ringer of the treble hails from Cleator Moor, 5th and tenor from Cocker-mouth, the rest from Egremont. First peal in the method by all except the ringers of 3rd and tenor. * First peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY, LEICESTER.)

On Saturday, May 6, 1922, in Five Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,
At THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF REAL DOUBLE SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 10,400 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN SADDINGTON Treble	LOUIS E. ALLEN 5
JOHN OLDBAM 2	DET.-SGT. H. G. JENNEY ... 6
HAROLD J. POOLE 3	HARRY BROUGHTON 7
SHIRLEY BURTON 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED H. DEXTER.

WYE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 6, 1922, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF SS. GREGORY AND MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF J. W. MOORHOUSE'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 23 cwt.

*GEORGE SWAFFER Treble	ERNEST POWELL 5
ARCHIBALD C. KAY 2	HENRY C. CASTLE 6
WILLIAM E. PITMAN... .. 3	HARRY PARKES 7
PERCY PAGE 4	*CHARLES J. HEAD Tenor

Conducted by HARRY PARKES.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung in honour of the King's accession.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 6, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVE'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 11½ cwt.

THOMAS HAMMOND, JUN. ... Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
*CLAUDE S. BENWELL 2	GEORGE LUNT 6
THOMAS JENNION 3	EDWARD CAUNCE... .. 7
BENJAMIN TREVITT 4	CHARLES PACKER... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal. Rung in honour of the King's accession.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 6, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

FREDERICK G. GODDARD ... Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY 5
CHARLES J. TRICKER 2	ARTHUR HARDING 6
JOSEPH MILNER 3	WILLIAM WELLING 7
GEORGE SPENCER 4	ALBERT BECKENSALE Tenor

Conducted by W. WELLING.

Arranged and rung as a compliment to Mr. T. Beadle, a vice-president of the Association, on attaining his 72nd birthday.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 6, 1922, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*JOSEPH SADDINGTON Treble	GEORGE BASFORD 5
GEORGE LINES 2	JOHN T. HENSMAN 6
MATTHIAS HOBBS 3	WILLIAM FAREY 7
WALTER PERKINS 4	WILLIAM J. ALLEN Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by W. J. ALLEN.

* First peal in the method; also the first peal in the method on the bells. Rung to celebrate the birthday of Queen Mary.

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SIX BELL PEALS.

STRETTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 25, 1922, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Matthew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of College Single, two of Oxford Single and 3 of Bob Minor. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*SYDNEY SAGE Treble	EDWARD JENKINS... .. 4
†HARRY FAIRCLOUGH 2	LEONARD BOSTOCK 5
ERNEST BOSTOCK 3	JOHN H. DAVENPORT Tenor

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal in three methods by all and on the bells by a local company. Rung on the 9th anniversary of the conductor's first peal.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.

THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 25, 1922, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Wicken Court, College Single, Double Oxford, Double Court, Double Bob, Oxford Bob & Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt.

*HAROLD W. BIRDSEY ... Treble	LEONARD A. SMITH 4
THOMAS E. ROBERTS... .. 2	ALBERT J. GREEN 5
FREDERICK C. CASE 3	THOMAS E. READ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. J. GREEN.

* First peal of Minor. Rung in honour of the wedding of the Hon. Hugh N. Douglas Pennant to the Hon Sybil M. Hardinge at Brompton Parish Church the same day.

GREAT CHART, KENT.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD AND
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 29, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

MISS ROSE THOMAS Treble	G. J. YOUNGS 4
*F. HODGES 2	C. F. GOOD... .. 5
*J. SKINNER 3	*W. J. BAKER Tenor

Conducted by C. F. GOOD.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. The ringers of the 3rd, 4th and 6th are local service ringers. Miss Thomas hails from Mersham, F. Hodges from Kingsnorth and C. Good from Charing. The ringers greatly appreciate the interest taken in the peal by the Rev. Holt.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 1, 1922, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, New London Pleasure, College Exercise, Woodbine, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN D. BUCKINGHAM ... Treble	FRED CHALK... .. 4
*HUMPHREY B. GARDNER ... 2	HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... 5
*ARTHUR C. LANGFORD ... 3	GEORGE H. NEVILLE Tenor

Conducted by J. D. BUCKINGHAM.

* First peal in seven methods.

HUMBERSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 29, 1922, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 20 cwt.

*JEREMIAH VERNON Treble	SIDNEY SKELTON 4
EDWARD WHITEHEAD 2	WILLIAM H. CLARKE 5
*WALTER E. TANDER... .. 3	*ERNEST TANDER... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. H. CLARKE.

* First peal. Ringers of treble, 3rd and tenor were made members of the M.C.A. previous to starting. Great credit is due to the ringer of the treble, who rung his first peal and is 65 years of age.

NEWINGTON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 29, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Kent Treble Bob, College Single and Plain Bob, and two 720's of Oxford Bob called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

SIDNEY MILLARD... .. Treble	THOMAS JULL 4
CHARLES MILLARD 2	CHARLES TUMBER 5
WILLIAM J. WALKER 3	WILLIAM NYE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM NYE.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 4, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter-de-Merton,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently.

MISS DOROTHY STEEL... .. Treble	*HERBERT MORTIMER... .. 4
MISS EVELYN STEEL 2	WILLIAM STAPLETON 5
CHAS. WM. CLARKE 3	*THOMAS HARPIN... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. STAPLETON.

* First peal away from treble.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, May 5, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

ALFRED T. POULTON Treble	CORNELIUS J. PARTRIDGE ... 4
WILLIAM T. POSTON 2	JOHN CLARK 5
JAMES BLAKE 3	WILLIAM POSTON... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

First peal and first attempt for ringer of 4th, who hails from Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts.

WOOTTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 6, 1922, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 19 cwt.

*LEONARD TURNER Treble	MISS EVELYN STEEL 4
†HERBERT MORTIMER... .. 2	HERBERT J. HARLOW 5
CHARLES W. CLARKE 3	HERBERT L. HARLOW... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. L. HARLOW.

* First peal in five methods. † First peal in five methods away from the treble.

HANDBELL PEALS.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sunday, April 30, 1922, in Two Hours and half a Minute,
In the Garden of 11, Queen Anne Terrace,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;

G. BENSON (St. Cath.) ... 1-2	WILFRED HOOTON (Queens') 5-6
HUGH BENSON (King's) ... 3-4	*MARTIN HOOTON (Queens') 7-8

Composed by MAURICE ATKINS. Conducted by WILFRED HOOTON.

* First peal in the method.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Monday, May 1, 1922, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
In the President's Rooms, Trinity College,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

REV. E. BANKES JAMES (Caius) 1-2	W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 5-6
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHY (Trin.) 3-4	*L. J. GODDARD (Trin. Hall) 7-8

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 4, 1922, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5099 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

ERNEST S. BAILEY 1-2	JAMES M. BAILEY 5-6
CHARLES F. BAILEY 3-4	FREDERICK W. BAILEY 7-8
EDGAR H. BAILEY 9-10	

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

Rung as birthday compliments to A. F. Bailey, of Manchester, and W. W. Bailey, of Chesterfield.

LONDON.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, May 7, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
At 63A, OLD TOWN, CLAPHAM, S.W.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16 in B flat.

MRS. F. I. HAIRS 1-2	ALFRED H. POLLING 5-6
ROBERT RICHARDSON 3-4	FRANK I. HAIRS 7-8
TOM TEBBUTT 9-10	

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

* First peal of Caters 'in hand.'

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SECRETARIAL CHANGES.

The annual meeting of the Ely Diocesan Association was held at Cambridge on Easter Monday. The towers open for ringing were: Great St. Mary's (10), St. Andrew's (8), Roman Catholic (8), and Old Chesterton (6), ringing commencing at 10.15 on the fine bells at the Roman Catholic Church.

A meeting of the Diocesan Committee was held in the vestry of Great St. Mary's at 11 o'clock and at noon, the Association's form of service was conducted at Great St. Mary's by the Vicar (the Rev. C. L. Hulbert, The Rev. H. B. Woolley read the lesson, and a most useful and interesting address on 'Unity among ringers' was given by the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey.

The lunch was served at the Dorothy Cafe, Sidney Street, 65 ringers and friends being present. The Rev. A. H. F. Boughey presided at the lunch, and at the business meeting which followed.

The General Secretary presented the balance sheet and report.

The Chairman, in explaining the balance sheet, mentioned that the chief item of expenditure was the cost of printing the last report.

As the present balance in hand was not sufficient to print the report for 1921 the question was raised as to whether it would be better to defer the printing, and have, say, a three-year report, or to have the report for 1921 printed as soon as funds were available.

It was finally agreed to adopt the latter course. — Mr. W. Crose, King's Lynn, suggested that an effort should be made to induce local tradesmen to advertise in the reports.

Mr. J. F. Penning, Saffron Walden, said he was a strong advocate for reports, and supported the idea of advertising, and in some humorous remarks suggested that 'The Ringing World' might increase its revenue by including advertisements such as 'Monkey Brand Soap' and 'Bird's Custard Powder.'

Proceeding to the election of officers, the Chairman said he deeply regretted to announce that Miss V. Shorter wished to retire from the position of General Secretary; he expressed to her the thanks of the Association for all the work that she had done. — The Chairman then proposed that the Rev. R. Copeman, who had recently come to live at Cambridge, should be appointed as general secretary. — This was unanimously agreed to.

The Rev. R. Copeman said that this proposal came as a 'bolt from the blue,' but he agreed to undertake the duties.

Mr. F. C. Turner who wrote regretting his inability to be present, was re-elected as treasurer. — The election of District Secretaries was then proceeded with. For the Archdeaconry of Ely Mr. A. E. Austin was re-elected. For the Archdeaconry of Huntingdon the Rev. H. B. Woolley expressed the hope that a secretary resident in the Archdeaconry would be appointed, but as no names were forthcoming the Rev. H. B. Woolley was re-elected.

Mr. R. Lathbury having stated that he wished to resign the office of district secretary for the Archdeaconry of Wisbech and no names having been proposed, Mr. H. Giddings, of March, offered to undertake the duties. — His offer was gratefully accepted.

Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, the auditor, stated that he would be away from Cambridge next year, and therefore, unable to act as auditor again. — Mr. T. R. Dennis, Cambridge, was, therefore, elected.

One resident member and four non-resident members were elected. — The usual votes of thanks concluded the meeting.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT HILLINGDON
A CLERICAL PRESIDENT ELECTED.

The members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild met for their annual general meeting on Saturday, April 22nd, at St. John-the-Baptist's Hillingdon in unhappy circumstances. The sudden death of their genial president, Mr. A. T. King, only four weeks earlier, threw a gloom over the whole proceedings, which the sound of the bells could not even dispel.

At the service, which was fully choral, the Vicar (the Rev. H. J. Kitcat) took for his text Ecclesiastes ix. 10, 'Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might.' After giving a sketch of the life and work of the late President, especially in connection with the Association, he showed how he had ever striven for a greater recognition of ringers as officers of the church. His was a life of service, which to him was joy, true to St. Paul's precept, in diligence not in sloth. The book of Ecclesiastes was the most pessimistic of any in the Old Testament. The spirit of the writer was full of gloom, because it was not lit up with hope of life beyond the grave. But the writer, if gloomy, was brave, and all the braver because to him life appeared to be so purposeless. How different St. Paul in his hopefulness that there would be a worthy end to all honest and faithful endeavours! 'Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord.' What was the key to the difference? Easter; with its joyful cry that Christ has risen! This had given to all life, yes, even to every hobby, a fresh inspiration. Nothing was vain if undertaken for Christ. Thus by our work in this world should we be fitted in the life beyond the grave for work of a like or even of a nobler kind. This was true of all work. It was true of bell ringing, which was the special ministry of the Association. It was true of every hobby. Who could tell whether some soul might not owe its awakening to the call of the bells? For the influence of God's Spirit was breathed into the soul of men in divers manners. Let them think of themselves, therefore, as ambassadors with the clergy in the cause of Christ; feel that they were doing a work of God; a service for their fellows which should one day reach out into all eternity.

After tea, the business meeting was held, the chairman being Mr. F. A. Milne J.P., vice-president, who was supported by the Rev. H. J. Kitcat, Mr. W. Pye (Master), Messrs. Bird and Lucas (District Masters), Messrs. Cole and Hollier (hon. secretary), Mr. T. Beadle (district vice-president), and about 70 members from all parts of the county and elsewhere, including ringers from places as far distant as Cambridge, Romford, Crayford, etc.

THE LATE MR. ARTHUR KING.

Before the usual routine business was commenced, the Chairman referred to the great loss sustained by the Association in the death of their old and valued friend, Mr. A. T. King, who died with such tragic suddenness on Sunday March 26th. 'No doubt,' said the Chairman, 'it was such a death as Mr. King would wish to have, as he was actually on his way to serve his Master. Possibly I knew Mr. King longer than anyone else in the room. When at Winchester, in 1867, he used to come down every summer to play for Old Wykehamists against the school, and always kept wicket and batted without either pads or gloves. For twenty years down to the time he left Barnet, in 1910, he was connected with me in diocesan and parochial work, and for some years he was a member of the St. Albans Diocesan Conference. He was a diocesan lay reader, and on the day of the funeral I heard from a friend with whom I had tea that quite recently, owing to the absence of the curate of Stevenage, through illness, Mr. King had taken the whole service at Holy Trinity Church on two successive Sundays, and had preached two admirable sermons. I should like to add as my appreciation of him that he was a man upon whose word you could absolutely rely, and in whose judgment you could implicitly trust—a man who never in my experience said an unkind word or did an unkind action.'

Mr. Milne then moved a sincere vote of condolence be passed to the widow and family of the late Mr. King, which was passed in silence, the members all standing.

The meeting then proceeded with the usual business. The report and balance sheet were adopted. The former showed that in 1921 there had been elected three honorary and 65 ringing members including new hands at Chiswick (St. Nicholas) and Staines (St. Mary's). Six members had been lost by death, the membership remaining at the total of 758. Twenty-three meetings were held, with an average attendance of about 40. The peals rung during the year numbered 59, including peals of London and Bristol Surprise Major, and Cambridge Royal and Maximus. No less than 133 members took part in the peals rung, 13 ringing their first peal, and 43 their 'first' in new methods, or on a different number of bells. Twenty members shared in the conducting, two for the first time. The quarter-peals ascertained to have been rung numbered 116, this being a large increase. No doubt others were rung without record being kept. Bell restoration work in the county was of not so extensive a nature as in the previous year, but was still of considerable importance. The fifth and tenor bells at St. Andrew's, Holborn, had been recast and the whole peal rehung and retuned, now constituting one of the finest peals of eight in London. At Hadley two new trebles had been

added to the existing six, being the gift of the hon. treasurer, Mr. F. A. Milne; one in memory of his father and mother; and the other in memory of his son, Capt. Alex. Milne, who was killed on active service. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank carried out the work at both these churches.

The balance sheet, showing a credit of £17 8s. 5d. to the Central Fund, was considered satisfactory, and was passed unanimously.

THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of officers was next on the agenda, and on the proposition of Mr. F. A. Milne, seconded by Mr. Wm. Pye, the Rev. F. R. Bonsey, M.A., Vicar of Northaw, Potters Bar, was unanimously elected President of the Association. Mr. Milne stated that it was thought that a ringing clergyman would be the most suitable president, and such a one was forthcoming in Mr. Bonsey, whom they had approached on the matter, and who was willing to serve them if elected. He was not only a keen ringer, and leader of his own band at Northaw, but he was also a good cricketer, and had played for Hertfordshire.

All the other officers were re-elected, viz.: Master, Mr. W. Pye; hon. treas., Mr. F. A. Milne; hon. secretaries, Messrs. C. T. Coles and W. H. Hollier; district vice-presidents, Messrs. F. A. Milne and T. Beadle; hon. auditors, Messrs. J. E. Miller and W. Pickworth.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles) read letters he had received from the London County Association and the Society of Royal Cumberlands, conveying to the Association the sympathies of the members of the societies at loss, by death, of the president.—It was resolved that a letter of thanks be sent to the London County Association, and a vote of thanks was also passed to the Society of Royal Cumberlands, confirming a letter which the Hon. Secretary stated he had written on receipt of their letter. The question of a memorial to Mr. King was also discussed, and was referred to the Central Committee, who were given powers to act. It was also decided that the cost of a wreath which had been sent from the Association should be paid out of the funds, thus making it, in effect, subscribed to by every member of the society.

Thanks of the members were accorded to Dr. Nichols, of Boston, U.S.A., and to his daughter, Mrs. Shurtleff, for their continued help to the Association, and also for the sympathy expressed at the recent loss sustained.

Votes of thanks were unanimously passed to the Vicar of St. John's for his very admirable sermon, and for the use of the bells; also to the Vicars of St. Andrew's and St. Margaret's, Uxbridge, for placing their bells at the disposal of the Association. The organist and choir were also thanked, and an 'extra special' vote was given to Miss Williams and friends for the very bountiful tea provided.

The ringing done during the day, in various methods, was of good quality. With one peal of ten, and two of eight in use, nobody had cause to go without a pull, and quite a large number of touches were brought round, including a well-struck course of Cambridge Surprise Royal, and some excellent Stedman Caters.

CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION.

A RINGING COMPETITION.

The annual competition of the above Association was held at Aspatria, on Easter Monday, by the kind permission of the Vicar. The day was very fine, and consequently brought together a good company of ringers. The shield was given by the late Canon Rawnsley to promote the art of change ringing in Cumberland, and was made by the School of Art, at Keswick. Six teams entered, each team being allowed to choose its own method, the winning team of last year to ring a more difficult method than they did on the previous occasion. The number of changes to be rung was 720 for six bells, and 576 for eight bells.

A start was made at 1 o'clock, Mr. W. H. Barber, of the Durham and Newcastle Association, being the adjudicator.

The ringing over, tea was partaken of in the schools, between 50 and 60 ringers sitting down.

The business meeting followed, presided over by the Vicar. It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Arlecdon, and the annual meeting at Workington in November.

Mr. Barber then gave the results of the ringing. Cleator Moor rang 720 Bob Minor, in 27 minutes, with 124 faults. Carlisle were rather unfortunate. They rang Kent Treble Bob Minor for 18 minutes, when the 6th rope slipped the wheel. They were allowed another attempt, and the same thing occurred after ringing 22 minutes. Finally a third attempt was successful, and they rang 720 Kent Minor, in 28 minutes, with 100 faults. Bride Kirk rang Kent Minor but failed to complete the 720, ringing for 14 minutes. Cockermouth rang 720 Oxford Bob Minor, in 31 minutes, with 209 faults. Egremont rang 576 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 23 minutes, with 41 faults. Arlecdon rang Bob Minor, but failed to complete the 720. Egremont band were, therefore, declared the winners, and the shield was presented to the captain to hold for the next 12 months.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and presiding at the meeting, to Mr. Barber for adjudicating, to Mr. Wilkinson, of Aspatria, for making the necessary arrangements for tea, etc., and to the ladies who waited at the tables.

This brought to a close one of the most successful meetings the Association has held, and steps were then retraced to the tower, where further ringing was indulged in.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The peal of 10,400 of Double Superlative was successfully accomplished at the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, last Saturday, and exceeds the longest length of Superlative previously rung, the 9,728 at Cleat, in 1910, which is held to be the extent in the method with bobs on the front only.

The combined practices, at Arundel, Sussex, to which all ringers are invited, is to take place on each second Saturday of the month, not each Saturday, as mentioned last week.

In the year 1837, on May 15th, a peal of 12,096 Grandsire Casters was rung at Fulham, in 7 hours 50 minutes, 'being the greatest amount of changes ever performed by ten men only, the truth of which is attested by several of the ablest judges of the art, who witnessed the whole performance, and which can only be equalled by the same ability and persevering exertions.' This peal was rung by the St. James' Society, after an unsuccessful attempt which reached over 9,000 changes on a previous date.

Unfortunately for the record, which it was believed this peal set up, the peal of 12,312 changes had been rung by ten men only at Painswick on May 5th, twenty years before.

It was on May 15th, 1894, that the then longest length of Superlative Surprise Major was rung at Loughborough, in 6 hrs. 16 mins. This was 8,800, composed and conducted by Nathan J. Pitstow. The present President of the Central Council (Canon Coleridge), then a curate at Caversham, took part in the peal.

On May 18th, 1883, Sam Wood conducted the 16,608 Kent Treble Bob Major, at Mottram-in-Longdendale, Lancs, in 9 hours 48 mins.

May 18th also brings another interesting anniversary, for it was on that day in 1846 that Thurstons' famous twin-bob peal of Stedman Triples was rung for the first time.

The first peal of Court Bob Major was rung by the College Youths on May 17th, 1735, at St. Lawrence Jewry.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

A most successful meeting was held at Llantrisant on Saturday week, when a goodly number of ringers from both the dioceses put in an appearance. The bells, a ring of six, cast by Evans, of Chepstow, in 1718, with a tenor of about 11cwt., were raised early in the afternoon, and rung in the standard methods. At 4.30, service was conducted in the Parish Church by the Rev. C. R. Rees (curate), in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, who was called away to take part in the funeral of his only brother, Dr. John Howell Griffiths of Fulham Road, London.

Tea and the business meeting followed in the Church Rooms. Instructors' reports were presented, and new members elected.

The place chosen for the next Glamorgan meeting was Merthyr, subject, of course, to the approval of the Vicar.

The ever-welcome Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon, was amongst the visitors.

Mention was made that the members of the Bouvillstone tower had scored their first peal, which was most gratifying, seeing that it is not so very long ago that they became affiliated to the Association, and discarded call changes.

Before the meeting closed the wonderful performance of the College Youths at Appleton in ringing the record length was touched upon by the Hon. Secretary, who also mentioned that this Association was indebted to one of the performers, Mr. R. T. Hibbert, for conducting several of the earliest peals rung by this Association. Mr. Hibbert at the time being resident at Newport for a short period.

After the meeting, the bells were again rung until late in the evening, bringing to a close a most enjoyable gathering.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

The quarterly meeting of the Midland District was held at Solihull on Saturday, April 29th, members being present from Evesham, Cleat, Tipton, Handsworth and Smilthwick. Much regret was felt at the absence of Miss Pigott, owing to illness. The local ladies and the visitors, with the help of two visiting gentlemen kept the bells going during the afternoon. Tea was kindly provided by the local ladies. The Rector (the Rev. Harvey Brooks) joined the company at the meal. He also officiated at the service, at which the Guild form was used. The organist also assisted. Ringing was again indulged in until the usual rush for the train brought a very pleasant afternoon to a close.

KIDDERMINSTER. — On Wednesday, April 5th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 43 mins.: Ralph Davies (1st quarter-peal) 1. T. J. Salter 2. E. J. Brooks 3. K. Salter 4. J. Woodberry 5. C. H. Woodberry 6. J. George (conductor) 7. J. Davies 8.

THE APPLETON LONG PEAL. THE QUESTION OF WEIGHT. FROM A CORRESPONDENT.

Diverse opinions have been expressed concerning the merits of the long peal at Appleton. As the Loughborough record was rung under the auspices of the Midland Counties Association, the views of Mr. W. Willson, who rang in the 18,027, on April 12th, 1909, and who is also an officer of the M.C.A., have been obtained by a correspondent, and will be read with interest.

'What do you think of the Appleton peal?' Mr. Willson was asked. 'I think it a fine performance—considering the time it occupied.'

'You will admit it supplants the Loughborough peal?'

'No, I will not,' was the reply.

'Why not? It is longer in time and greater in the number of changes.'

'Yes, but when you have said that you have said all. Look at the weight of metal? Does that not count at all? Let me be fair. I am a College Youth myself, and I am fully convinced that the presence of men like Challis Winney and Langdon, is a guarantee that a straight peal was rung, but there are some points that require explanation.'

'What are they?'

'What are they? Why, where were the figures before the peal? Who were the umpires? Why was the peal sprung upon the Exercise at a few hours' notice? Why take a record length to a hole-and-corner place like Appleton, where not one ringer in a hundred could get to?'

'Well, it appears to be a regular place for long lengths.'

'Yes, and I should think they are jolly glad of its situation. Don't think I am jealous of their success, for I am not built that way; but when a big performance is beaten, it should be beaten on its merits.'

'But it was 3,000 longer than the Loughborough peal?'

'Yes, and they are entitled to every credit for that, but I ask you, which is the greater feat, to ring twelve hours and eighteen minutes on a ring with a tenor of 30½ cwt., or seven minutes longer on a ring with a tenor only 14½ cwt.? There seems to me no sort of comparison—although I may be considered an interested party.'

'On what ground could you upset it?'

'I have no desire or intention to try and upset it; but understand this, if the Central Council rules for record peals stand for anything at all, those rules have got to be observed, otherwise a record will not be recognised.'

'Are the rules regarding figures and notice always observed?'

'They have been as far as I am concerned. The Loughborough figures were common property, and ringers outside held them. Also when I went for the Wigston long peal, the composition was sent to the President of the M.C.A., to the Oxford Guild, and to the "Bell News." In addition, it stated where the place was and how to get there.'

'Did not the M.C.A. get the figures of the Appleton peal in advance?'

'Not to my knowledge. I should have heard something about it.'

'Is an umpire necessary?'

'Yes, for a record length it should be compulsory. No one can deny that there is an element of sport in record breaking, and a band can claim anything if not attested by others outside the band.'

'Will an attempt be made to beat it?'

A pause ensued, during which 'W.W.' eyed our correspondent carefully.

'Well,' he said, 'I suppose you know that Loughborough bell foundry now has ten bells. We should be justified in going there for 25,000—that is if you think Appleton has beaten Loughborough old church peal, but it won't be there. The tenor is only 6½ cwt.—mere handbells, and people would laugh and call it a farce—and they would be right. That's why I laugh when you suggest that the Appleton 14½ cwt. peal has beaten Loughborough 30½ cwt.'

'Then you are content to let it stand as it is?'

'I cannot answer that. I don't know the opinions of Mr. W. Pye, the conductor, and you cannot pick up ten men to ring the clock round, at every street corner. It's never safe to prophesy until you know.'

'Then an attempt to beat the peal is not likely?'

'You know Mr. Asquith's formula—"wait and see." I notice a writer in "The Ringing World" this week says: "Who shall say we will beat it?" You can take it from me that given a ten bell tower suitable for the job, this Appleton record, as far as it goes, is likely to come unstuck before this time next year.'

Under the regulations laid down by the Central Council a sealed copy of the figures should be lodged, previous to the attempt, with the secretary or other responsible officer of the Association, under whose title the band is to ring and in the event of the peal being accomplished, such officer should forward the sealed copy direct to the ringing journal for publication. The rules also add that, if possible, a competent representative of each of the bands shall be present during the whole of the performance.—Ed. 'R.W.'

SUFFOLK DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. TITLE TO BE LEFT TO THE BISHOP TO DEFINE.

An enthusiastic meeting of the Suffolk Diocesan Association was held in Ipswich on Saturday, April 29th, Archdeacon Farmiloe being in the chair. The draft rules as presented by the committee were passed with slight revision. These were founded on those published as model rules by the Central Council, and contain no novel features, except that there is provision for a tower to compound for the subscriptions of the ringers, clergy, steepkeeper and clerk, by the payment during January of as many subscriptions as there are bells. A number of towers had promised to join, the subscriptions being paid by the Parochial Church Council, if this were passed. Another rule makes all decisions of the Central Council binding on the Association.

The question of title was then discussed. Mr. Ed. Evans attempted to defend the Norwich and Ipswich Association, but it was made clear to him by the chairman, that the Bishop both objected to the unauthorised introduction of the word diocesan into their title, and also to the use of his name in the columns of 'The Ringing World' as though he disapproved of his own Diocesan Association. It was decided to leave the title to the Bishop to define.

On the invitation of the Archdeacon it was decided to hold the annual meeting at Bury St. Edmunds in the early summer.

The Rev. H. Drake and Mr. Charles Mee were elected as representatives on the Central Council. Archdeacon Darling was elected as vice-president, as well as a number of new members, bringing the numbers from West Suffolk over 100, and those from East Suffolk not far behind.

THE SUFFOLK CONTROVERSY.

Letters upon this subject from various correspondents are unavoidably held over.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

By kind permission of the Rector (the Rev. C. H. Beedle), a quarterly meeting of the Wellingboro' district was held at Yardley Hastings, on April 29th, members being present from Northampton, Wellingboro', Irthlingboro', Finedon, Higham Ferrers, Desborough, Wootley, Isham, Wollaston, Earls Barton, Easton Mauduit, Castle Ashby, Thrapston, Ringstead, Olney, and the local ringers. The bells are a very good peal of six, and were kept going during the afternoon and evening in various methods, amongst them being Cambridge Surprise Minor, Woodbine and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Stedman, and Grandfire Doubles.

A short service was held in the fine old church, conducted by the Rector, who gave a very warm welcome to the Association, and also gave a very interesting address on the inscriptions on the various bells in the tower, pointing out how they could be applied to each member individually.

The party then adjourned to the Schoolroom, about 37 sitting down to a very enjoyable tea, kindly arranged by the lady members of the Church Council.

The business meeting followed, the Rector presiding. Amongst others present were Mr. G. Randall, of Higham Ferrers the vice-president of the district, Miss Atkins, and Mr. W. Wilson of Isham, the treasurer of the Association.

Irthlingborough was chosen as the next place of meeting, on July 8th.

Votes of thanks were given to the Rector for the use of the bells and for his address, to the organist, and to the local ringers; also to Mr. A. Smart for his help in getting some of the members to the meeting, and the ladies who helped with the tea. Some of the members then wended their way back to the tower for another pull, while others looked round this interesting and old-time village.

RINGING IN VANCOUVER.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—I am sending you these few lines just to let you know we are still to be found at the end of a rope every Thursday and Sunday evening.

Last Sunday (April 7th) we had the very great pleasure of a visit from Mr. R. J. Carrier, who is now living at Victoria and also Mr. George W. Foster, from Fort Hanez, some 35 miles from here. Then with Messrs. Farrington, Jones, and myself, we had just half the old band, who had the honour of ringing the first peal in the Dominion, again in the tower. We have not had Mr. Carrier with us since 1911. The other ringers present were Messrs. J. Parkinson, George Roberts A. P. Goddard, Wm. Sampson and Arthur King. We passed most of the afternoon till service time ringing touches on the tower and handbells. We attempted a quarter-peal, which was lost near the finish, after excellent striking which though regretted, was compensated for by the pleasure of seeing old faces in the tower—once more.—Yours truly,
A. C. LIMPUS.

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. ANNUAL MEETING OF CENTRAL DIVISION.

On Easter Monday, the annual meeting of the Central Division was held at Ditchling, 54 ringers being present. The musical peal of six at Keymer, by Mearns and Stainbank, was also open, and being about half-way between Hassocks Station and Ditchling, gave the opportunity for some very good six bell ringing. All assembled at 4.30 for the service at Ditchling Church, the address being given by the Vicar (the Rev. C. P. Williams), and a collection (amounting to 15s. 3d.) being taken for the Benevolent Fund. Afterwards, at the Schoolroom, a most liberal tea was provided by friends residing in the parish, and interested in their ringers.

The business meeting followed, the Vicar of Ditchling presiding, supported by the Rector of Keymer (the Rev. H. C. Bond), Mr. J. Brown and Mr. Geo. Mayston (wardens), and the Master of the Association (Mr. J. T. Rickman).

The following new members were elected: Messrs. J. Dearlove, H. E. Good and A. V. Good (St. Peter's Brighton), W. Pelling (Offham), E. Andrews (Ditchling), H. Richardson (Hurstpierpoint), R. Andrews and F. Andrews (Bolney), and the election of R. Richardson (Surfleet), G. Steer (Guildford), W. R. Madgwick (Surrey), H. Whitehead (Dover), and Alec Richardson (Tunbridge Wells) was confirmed. Mr. R. Newton (churchwarden, Balcombe) was also made a hon. member of the Association.

All the officers of the division were re-elected, viz.: A. D. Stone (hon. secretary), R. J. Dawe, E. C. Merritt and Wm. Watts, senr. (committee), Keith Hart, W. Palmer and C. Tylor (committee of advice).

The following brief report and statement of accounts for the past year was then submitted by the hon. secretary. During the year meetings were held at Burgess Hill, Crawley, and Bolney, the average attendance being 40. The methods rung at all these meetings ranged from Grandsire Triples to Surprise. At each of the meetings tea was provided for those attending by the kindness of residents in the respective parishes who were interested in their local ringers. The number of towers in the division affiliated to the Association remains the same, viz., 22, one tower (Worth) having left the Association, and one tower (Twineham) having become affiliated. If any members should know of a tower in the division where the ringers are sufficiently interested in change ringing to become affiliated, he should let the secretary know. An expression of thanks is due from the Association and the divisional hon. secretary, to those members who have assisted in the local arrangements for the divisional meetings, the success of which is, in a very large measure, due to their courtesy and willing assistance. It is hoped that local secretaries will send in particulars necessary for the report, as requested in the notice convening that meeting. In conclusion, the Secretary reminded members of the Association's Benevolent Fund, and said that if anyone should know of a qualified member being in difficulties, through illness or otherwise, he should bring the matter to the knowledge of the Association.—A statement of accounts was then read, and showed receipts, £27 0s. 9d.; expenditure, £4 2s. 10d.; balance paid to treasurer, £22 17s. 11d. The collections taken for the Benevolent Fund amounted to £2 15s. 7½d. Total amount received £29 16s. 4½d. Total paid to hon. treasurer (after paying expenses of division), £25 13s. 6½d.—The report and statement of accounts were received with applause.

Mr. E. C. Merritt then drew attention to the new rules, to be submitted to the annual general meeting for adoption, and especially to the rule stating that the subscriptions of non-resident members should be sent to the hon. general secretary instead of the divisional secretary, as has been the custom in the past. He strongly disapproved of the change; it would cause both trouble and expense. The general secretary did not require a fund. If he wanted petty cash he had only to apply to the treasurer for it. He also disapproved of the term 'council.' It was quite unnecessary, and he much preferred the term 'general committee,' as in the old rules. Finally, Mr. Merritt appealed to all who possibly could to attend the annual general meeting, and express their opinion by giving their vote one way or another.

The Master then proposed votes of thanks to the Vicar of Ditchling for the use of the bells for his excellent address and for presiding at the meeting; to the Rector of Keymer for the use of the bells, the churchwardens, the organist, to all those friends who had kindly provided tea, and to the ladies who had so ably waited upon the party.—The motion was carried with loud applause.

Both towers were again visited until eight o'clock, when the bells were lowered in peal. As is usual, the methods rung ranged from Grandsire to Surprise. The following tower were represented: Balcombe, Bolney, Brighton (St. Peter's and St. Nicholas'), Burgess Hill, Cuckfield, Ditchling, Hensfield, Heene, Hurstpierpoint, Keymer, Southover (Lewes), Lindfield, Twineham, Waldron.

SALISBURY.—On Saturday, April 1st, at St. Martin's, 720 Bob Minor: R. P. Knight 1, S. R. Roper (conductor, Croydon) 2, F. W. Romfene 3, E. Dibben 4, F. Precey 5, S. Macey 6.

NEW METHODS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Mr. Pye's letter in the current issue of 'The Ringing World' calls for some explanation on my part. I quite agree with him when he says my knowledge of Bristol is limited, having rung only three peals (no touches) in three attempts without practice. But surely Mr. Pye is not serious when he expects me (with my limited knowledge) to believe him when he says he has called peals of Bristol with the 6th 12 courses at home. If he had said 12 course-ends it would be nearer the mark.

Despite what Mr. Pye says about Premier, I still think it is the better method, for it allows more scope for extents without adulteration than does Bristol.

I plead guilty of calling such 'freaks' as Forward, Erin, Duffield, Dublin Complex and Double Superlative. My reasons for doing so were to obtain the best music. Mr. Pye has good right to be amused about my reference to too many calls in Bristol. If he refers to his first letter, he will find that he is the author of that phrase. In conclusion, I am accused of criticising others for not doing the same as myself. I will leave it to the Exercise to decide as to who is guilty of criticising.—Yours, etc.,
W. H. BARBER.

KIDDERMINSTER RINGERS ENTERTAINED.

MR. JAMES GEORGE CELEBRATES HIS PEAL OF LONDON.

There are many ways of spending an enjoyable evening, and to invite your friends to dine with you is one. To celebrate the successful ringing of a peal of London Surprise at Kinver, on March 25th, a party of twenty ringers enjoyed a well-served dinner at the Anchor Hotel, Kidderminster, at the invitation of Mr. Jas. George. The chair was taken by Alderman J. S. Pritchett, and after the toast of 'The King,' 'the Health of Mr. James George' was proposed by the Chairman, in his usual happy vein. He said they had met to celebrate a peal in which Mr. George had taken part, and although he had rung 713 peals he had never before rung a peal of London Surprise on an inside bell. It was believed to be the first time in the annals of change ringing that a man had accomplished his first peal in this intricate method inside at the age of 68. The more records Mr. George made the better they would be pleased, and on behalf of those present he offered his hearty congratulations, with thanks for his kind invitation.

Letters of apology were announced from the Rev. Canon Badger, Messrs. B. Gough, H. Chapman, J. E. Groves, A. P. Smith and A. J. Hessian. One writer said: 'I hope you will ring as many more as your heart can desire and your body support.' Another said: 'I have heard ringers say you would never ring one, am pleased they have been deceived.'

Mr. George, in reply, said how delighted he was to entertain them all, and wished there had been no apologies. He need not say how pleased he was to have rung this peal of London. He enjoyed it so much he hoped he should ring a thousand more. He was fully convinced that this method must be learned at home, and his charge now was 2s. 6d. a lesson (laughter). He could not speak too highly of the Kidderminster band, who had allowed him to attend their practices, and also altered their practice night to oblige him.

Mr. A. E. Parsons, in proposing the health of the peal band, said Mr. George was lucky in having the opportunity to stand in with such a good company. He mentioned that more than 20 years ago he took part in four peals of London rung in succession, but this band had accomplished seven peals, and he regretted he was not one of their number.—Mr. E. Matthews, the popular conductor, was called upon to reply, and emphasised the fact that the peal was well rung. He spoke feelingly of the kindness and help he had always received from Mr. Salter and Mr. Short, and to be asked to conduct the peal was a great honour. He congratulated Mr. George on the correct way he rang his bell.

Mr. George proposed 'Health and prosperity to the Kidderminster band.'—Mr. T. J. Salter, responding, said some people might perhaps think Mr. George had been specially favoured in coming there to practise London, but it was not so. There were a great many ringers who had come for peals or to practise the higher methods, in view of a peal, and the same channel was still open for any ringer, young or old, but he would advise him to persevere, and come in the right spirit. Mr. George had persevered and certainly acted in a gentlemanly spirit, which had helped him to be successful.—Mr. J. Woodberry proposed the visitors, to which Mr. A. E. Parsons replied.

Mr. R. E. Grove proposed 'The health of the Chairman,' which was heartily received, and Alderman Pritchett briefly replied. He said how pleased he was to come to Kidderminster once again. He remembered coming there some 30 years ago, and taking part in a peal of Stedman Triples, which was conducted by Mr. Grove. He (the Chairman) had to meet a great many people, but nothing pleased him better than to be amongst ringers.

The toasts were interspersed with handbell selections, courses of Stedman Triples, Grandsire Caters, Stedman Caters and Grandsire Cinques.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

FULHAM.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, May 7th, for evening service, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: H. Folkard 1, E. J. Walsom (first quarter on 10 bells) 2, W. Wood 3, A. Cuttmore 4, W. Judd 5, F. Skevington 6, H. Belcher 7, G. Hes 8, J. Driver (conductor) 9, A. Harding 10.

HIGH WYCOMBE.—At the Parish Church, for evensong, on Sunday, May 7th, 1,120 Bob Royal, in 49 mins.: P. S. C. A. Smith 1, G. Twitchen 2, F. Hayes 3, R. Coles 4, E. Markham 5, G. White 6, F. Boxell 7, J. W. Wilkins (conductor) 8, S. T. Goodchild 9, J. Gransbury 10.

LINSLADE, BUCKS.—On Sunday, May 7th, for evening service 336 Bob Major: G. White 1, W. Dedman 2, W. Jeffs 3, J. Sear 4, A. Vickers 5, J. Lovett (Mentmore) 6, F. Buttrum (first 'inside' 7), F. Vickers 8; and 168 Oxford Bob Triples.

LONDON.—On Sunday, May 7th, for evening service, at St. Magnus-the-Martyr, Lower Thames Street City, 1,260 Stedman Caters: T. W. Taffender 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, A. V. Good 3, E. J. King 4, J. Carter 5, H. Burton 6, J. R. Gammon 7, I. J. Attwater 8, G. A. Card 9, H. W. Hewson 10.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Sunday, April 30th, for morning service, at St. Edmund's Church, 1,280 Bob Major: W. Gammage 1, J. Meiharell 2, J. Dean 3, J. Hensman 5, J. Mackay 5, B. Soden 6, W. Farey 7, W. J. Allen (conductor) 8.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, April 30th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 48 mins.: A. C. Hardy 1, W. Beard 2, F. Russell 3, J. Waghorn, sen., 4, W. G. Jackson 5, C. Fenn (conductor) 6, R. Fenn 7, E. G. Cottis 8.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Stephen's, on Sunday, April 30th, for morning service, and also as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th, 1,386 Grandsire Triples (taken from 'The Ringing World'), in 48 mins.: H. A. Harding 1, E. J. Walsom 2, E. Harris 3, P. E. Clark 4, W. H. Hollier 5, C. Edwards 6, H. Belcher (conductor) 7, H. Brooks 8.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—On Sunday, April 30th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): F. Webb 1, J. Judge 2, L. Tuffrey 3, W. F. Judge 4, M. Smith (Banbury) 5, W. Stone 6, W. Judge (conductor) 7, J. Franklin 8.

NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Sunday, 30th April, for Matins, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: W. Johnson 1, W. Chambers 2, T. Scamell 3, J. Bacon 4, A. Callaway 5, W. Scott, senr., 6, W. Upton (conductor) 7, J. Leal 8.—For evensong, on the same day, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. Johnson (conductor) 1, W. Chambers 2, T. Scamell 3, W. Scott, senr., 4, T. Callaway 5, W. Scott, junr., 6, W. Upton 7, J. Leal 8. Arranged especially for Tom Scamell, a former ringer of this tower, who was sailing on the following Thursday for Australia, his brother ringers wishing him 'goodspeed and good luck.' First quarter-peal of Stedman for ringers of 3, 6 and tenor.

NORTHAMPTON.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, April 23rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): J. Dean 1, B. Bailey 2, F. Hopper 3, J. Dove 4, W. R. Parker 5, W. Farey 6, W. H. Austin (first quarter of Stedman as conductor) 7, J. Wilkins 8. Rung in honour of St. George's Day: also as a birthday compliment to the eldest son of the ringer of the treble.

FULBOURN, CAMBS.—For 7 a.m. Communion Service, on Easter Day, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. Stalley 1, J. Page 2, J. Giddens 3, C. E. Patten (conductor) 4, A. Page 5, G. Bridge 6, C. Hall (cover) 7.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 47 mins.: J. Stalley 1, J. Page 2, C. Hall 3, J. Giddens 4, J. Newington (first quarter of Kent) 5, A. Page 6, C. E. Patten (composer and conductor) 7, G. Bridge 8.

NORTON, STAFFS.—On Easter Day, for Matins, 720 Wells Surprise: G. E. Lawrence 1, T. Bettison 2, J. W. Walker (conductor) 3, W. O. Lawrence 4, J. E. Wheelton 5, J. Walley; and 240 London Surprise, T. Bettison conductor.—For evensong, 720 Cambridge Surprise: W. C. Lawrence 1, T. Bettison 2, J. E. Wheelton (conductor) 3, J. W. Walker 4, J. Walley 5, J. F. Ryles 6. Also 240 Violet, conducted by F. T. Dawson. Mr. T. Bettison hails from Mansfield Woodhouse.

KIDDERMINSTER.—On Easter Day, at the Parish Church, for afternoon service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): N. Davies 1, G. Davies 2, T. J. Salter 3, K. Salter 4, J. Woodberry 5, J. Davies 6, C. H. Woodberry (conductor) 7, E. J. Brooks 8. Rung on the occasion of the opening of the Whittall Chapel erected at a cost of £8,000 which has been entirely defrayed by Mr. Matthew J. Whittall, of Worcester, Mass. The donor, who was present at the ceremony, left Kidderminster 50 years ago, and has built up the latest earnest business in the world.

NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Easter Day, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: J. Simmonds 1, W. Chambers 2, W. Johnson 3, J. Bacon 4, A. Callaway 5, W. Scott, junr., 6, W. Upton (conductor) 7, J. Leal 8.

NOMENCLATURE OF MINOR METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The Analysis Committee of the Central Council were in possession of a considerable amount of research notes in connection with the nomenclature of Minor Methods, but we have failed to find them amongst the mass of papers which our late revered chairman left behind. As he never destroyed even a postcard, it is probable that he sent them to some member of the Exercise. The compilers, unfortunately, have only very sketchy notes of their contents, and to reproduce them will involve a great amount of work. We shall be very grateful if anyone can throw any light upon the question of their present whereabouts, and still more so if the papers can be sent to me.—Yours faithfully, E. W. CARPENTER.
Kingerby Vicarage, Lincoln.

DOUBLE SUPERLATIVE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Dexter cannot but accept the blame for making an ambiguous statement in the first instance. He is right when he says more than 9,600 changes are available, two other half-leads being admissible. He is also to be congratulated on being the first to discover that so many of these broken leads can be introduced into a peal.—Yours sincerely, JOSEPH W. PARKER.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.

PRESENTATION OF MR. T. J. ELTON.

A quarterly meeting was held at Pelsall on April 29th, with a very fair attendance of members. The four standard methods were rung on the six bells during the afternoon and evening. A service was held in church, conducted by the Rev. C. H. Barker, and an interesting address was given by the Vicar (the Rev. W. Armstrong).

A capital tea was served in the Schoolroom by local ladies, followed by the presentation of a silver bell-shaped inkstand to Mr. T. J. Elton, of Walsall, for his kindly assistance in helping the local band to grasp the intricacies of change ringing. The Rev. C. H. Barker was asked to make the presentation, and in doing so congratulated the band on having such a capable man to instruct them, with evident success as had been witnessed during the afternoon.

Mr. Cooper, on behalf of the band, thanked Mr. Elton for his valuable aid, and expressed the hope that he would continue to assist them.

Mr. Elton, who was taken completely by surprise thanked the donors for their kindly thought and action, and intimated that his services were still at their disposal, if they wished to make further progress.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar organist and choir and to the caterers, was carried with acclamation, thus bringing the meeting to a close.

The annual meeting is provisionally arranged to take place on June 17th or 24th, at Lichfield.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Easter Monday meeting of this Association was held at Carlton, in Cleveland, by special invitation of the President (the Rev. J. L. Kyle). The gathering was most satisfactory, over sixty ringers attending from Grimsby, Leeds, Sharow, Northallerton, Darlington (St. John's and Holy Trinity), West Hartlepool (St. Oswald and St. Aiden's), Stockton-on-Tees, Middlesbrough, Ormesby, Skelton, Saltburn, Whitby, Wath, Shildon and Carlton. Dinner was kindly provided by the president, and ample justice was done to the good old English fare.

Afterwards the company honoured the toast of 'The King,' and votes of thanks to those who had provided the meal and attended to the wants of the visitors were carried unanimously.

At this meeting there is very little business done, and this allows the ringers more opportunity for social intercourse and to get considerably more ringing.

A short service was held in the church at 3.30 p.m. The address was to have been given by the Dean of Ripon, but he was unable to be present owing to indisposition. The president, therefore, undertook the duty at short notice, and gave a most interesting discourse, appealing to the ringers to try and be at peace with everyone, and reminding them of their duty towards God in the great work they undertook.

The ringing throughout the day was exceedingly good considering the mixed nature of the bands that rang together. The methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major, and several courses of Grandsire Triples on handbells. The day was a very pleasant one.

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BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY MEETING.

The 40th anniversary of the formation of the Bedfordshire Association was celebrated in Bedford on Easter Monday. The bells of St. Paul's and St. Peter's were available all day, and were made good use of by the members and friends who attended.

The service was held at noon, conducted by the President (Canon Baker), in the absence of Canon J. H. Speck, Vicar of St. Paul's, through illness. An admirable sermon was preached by the Rev. Guy Beech, Rector of Turvey, and an hon. member of the Association, which was much appreciated by the members.

Luncheon was held in the Drill Hall of St. Paul's Mission, and the meeting which followed was presided over by Canon W. W. C. Baker, who recalled that Mr. Edwin Ransom and himself were the only two present who were at the formation of the Association. Other foundation members now living were Mr. F. T. Tanqueray, who called the first 720 of Bob Minor rung for the Association; Mr. H. Thody, and Mr. Charles Herbert, of Woburn, to whose efforts the success of scientific change ringing in Bedfordshire was largely due.

It was decided to send a message of respect and regret at his absence to Mr. Herbert, through his son, who was present.

Canon Baker said, on looking back, he remembered the early annual meetings. They had a great luncheon at the Swan Hotel, and, he believed, invited the High Sheriff. They had better ringing now, and ate less luncheon (loud laughter). They had in some ways exceeded the expectations of those days, in the adoption of Surprise ringing, for instance, as in the early days, Surprise seemed a long way off. But in other directions he was not sure they had achieved the expectations they reasonably cherished at that time, for there were still many villages in the county where change ringing was even now unknown. The war was no doubt responsible for that, as for a great many things.

Canon Baker was re-elected President, on the proposition of Mr. E. Ransom, seconded by Mr. Nicholls.—In reply, Canon Baker said he began as a committeeman, acted as assistant secretary, sole secretary, and as vice-president, so he had graduated in all positions of honour in the Association.

The vice-presidents were elected as follows: Messrs. E. Ransom, Charles Herbert, A. King and Miss Evelyn Steel.

Mr. A. E. Sharman was re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer, on the proposition of the Chairman; Mr. F. T. Tanqueray was re-elected hon. auditor; and Mr. H. Bacchus and Mrs. Leader hon. members.

The annual summer festival was fixed for Woburn, or failing that, Dunstable.

A discussion was raised by Mr. Harlow to amend Rule 9, relating to the fee for booking peals.—Mr. Harlow proposed, and Mr. Stapleton seconded, that the Association should go back to the pre-war figure of 1d. per member.

A very interesting debate took place, and finally Mr. F. Webb moved an amendment, which was seconded by Mr. E. J. Hobbs that 2d. per member be paid.—Mr. Harlow then withdrew his motion, and Mr. Webb's amendment was carried.

The Hon. Secretary was asked to obtain, if possible, a complete set of reports issued since the formation of the Association, and get them bound in book form, so that a record of office holders and members and all peals, would be at the disposal of the Association.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicars of St. Paul's and St. Peter's, and to the Rev. G. Beech for his address, was passed, and brought a very pleasant meeting to a close.

Members then vended their way to the towers, and ringing took place until a late hour.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MAIDSTONE DISTRICT.

The annual district meeting was held at Leeds, on Saturday, April 29th. After ringing during the afternoon, a service was held, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. Swan). Tea was then partaken of at the George Inn, provided by the Association, to which between 70 and 80 sat down.

A business meeting followed, presided over by the Vicar.—The Secretary read his report for the year, which was very satisfactory, showing an average attendance of 45 at the six meetings held, and 27 new members and three honorary members elected.

Mr. S. Hryzelden was again elected secretary, and Messrs. T. Manering and H. G. Sone, district representatives. Six new members were proposed, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Charing, on July 8th.

The Secretary proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for arranging the service, and also for presiding at the meeting.—The Vicar, in reply, welcomed the ringers, and hoped they would soon visit Leeds again, so as to give him the pleasure of providing tea for them. The towers represented at the meeting were East Farleigh, Barning, Linton, Hutton, Yalding, Bexley, Bearsted, East and West Malling, Hollingbourne, Leeds, St. Michael's, Maidstone; All Saints', Maidstone; Lenham; Snodland, Rochester, Gillingham, Tunstall, Frittenden, Tenterden, Staplehurst and Marden. There was further ringing during the evening.

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Estab. 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on May 30th; St. Magnus, 25th; *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, 16th; and Southwark Cathedral on the 23rd, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, third Monday, each month, at 7.30 p.m. Ringing for service at Shoreditch second and fourth Sundays each month at 5 p.m. Practice at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields temporarily suspended.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at Aston on Saturday, May 13th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea at 5.30 in Vicarage Rooms.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Urchfont on Saturday, May 13th. Bells (8) available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Short business meeting after tea.—F. Green, Hon. Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Penwortham on May 13th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6. Tea will be provided at a nominal charge of 6d. each.—E. R. Martin, Branch Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, May 13th, at Yeovil. Service 4.15, tea and meeting to follow. Visitors welcome.—F. Farrant, Martock, Somerset.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Port Sunlight on Saturday, May 13th. Bells ready at 3. Meeting at 6. Members intending being present please send word to Walter Hughes, Sec., 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—The Quarterly meeting will be held at Romford on Saturday, May 13th. Bells ready at 2.30. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea (1/- each), and Meeting to follow. Subscriptions for 1922 are now due.—W. H. Theobald, Hon. Dist. Sec., 49, Portway, E.15.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A district meeting will be held at Benwell on Saturday, May 13th, under the Vice-Presidency of George R. Holmes, Esq. Tower opens 3 p.m.—James E. Gofton, District Sec., 25, Ashbrooke, Monkseaton.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Chertsey on Saturday, May 13th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, tea and meeting to follow. All welcome.—H. F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next Monthly meeting will be held at Sandal on Saturday, May 13th, at 2.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at a reasonable charge, but due notice must be sent to Mr. H. Robinson, joiner, etc., Sandal, Wakefield. This renowned peal of 6 bells being easy of access by train, tram and motor bus, all members are specially invited.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Berrow (near Burnham-on-Sea) on Saturday, May 13th. Service 5.30. Tea and meeting after. Bells (6), afternoon and evening.—G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford Street, Burnham-on-Sea.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northampton District.—A special meeting will be held at Great Brington on Saturday, May 13th; usual arrangements.—S. J. Lawrence, 60, Harlestone Road, Northampton, District Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The Spring meeting will be held at Woodstock on Saturday, May 13th. Service in the Parish Church at 3 p.m. Address to be given by the Rev. E. D. Sedding (Vicar of Freeland). Tea at the Bear Hotel at 3.45 at 1/6 each. Meeting to follow. Bells available during the day. All ringers welcome.—John Monk, Hon. Branch Sec., 17, Cape Terrace, Witney, Oxon.

LADIES' GUILD.—The meeting at Clapham Park, on May 13th, has been postponed.—E. K. Parker, 17, Wellington Road, Enfield.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual General meeting at Brighton to-morrow, Saturday, May 13th. Business meeting in St. Nicholas' Hall at 3 p.m., followed by tea (1/6 per head) at the Imperial Hotel, Queen's Road, at 5 p.m. Service in St. Nicholas' Church 6 p.m. Ringing at St. Nicholas' 2 to 2.45, and at St. Peter's after the service.—Rev. C. H. Clarke, Hon. Gen. Sec., 10, Silverdale Road, Hove.

LONDON, ST. CLEMENTS' YOUTHS, St. Clement Danes, Strand, W.C.—Practice every Wednesday evening 6.30 till 8 o'clock. Ringing Sunday mornings, May 14th and 28th, 10 till 11 o'clock. Sunday afternoon, May 14th, 2.15 till 3.15 o'clock. Business meeting Wednesday evening, May 31st, at 8 o'clock.—F. W. H. Sergison, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practices: Mondays at 7.30 p.m.—St. Clement Danes, May 15th and 29th. Sundays at 10 a.m.—St. Clement Danes, 1st and 3rd; Bishopsgate, 2nd and 4th.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Gen. Sec., Oak Cottage, Farnburn Avenue, Near Slough.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bradford-on-Tone on Saturday, May 20th. Bells (6) from 2.30 to 8 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Tea will be provided for those who send word to me by Monday morning, May 15th.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Great Baddow on Saturday, May 20th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in the Iron Room. Buses leave Chelmsford Station 2.15 p.m. and 3.15 p.m., returning at 7 p.m., 7.40 p.m. and 9.40 p.m. Will all members intending to be present please let me know on or before Wednesday, May 17?—P. Timson, Hon. Dist. Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Chiswick, W., on Saturday, May 20th. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Tea will be arranged at 5.30 p.m. Will members please notify me by the 16th?—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec., 14a, Oxford Avenue, Merton Park, S.W.20.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Barnet on Saturday, May 20th. Short service at 6 p.m., to which all are invited. Tea at 6.30, at 1/6 per head, for those who state they require same. The bells at Barnet and Hadley will be available for ringing from 3 o'clock and during the evening.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Willington on Saturday, May 20th. Bells at 2.30 o'clock. All ringers and friends welcomed.—H. L. Harlow, Dist. Sec., 14, Newnham Lane, Bedford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Singleton, near Poulton (6 bells), on Saturday, May 20th. Bells ready at 3. Meeting at 5.30.—C. Sharples, Branch Secretary, 32, Ormond Avenue, Blackpool.

NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY & IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Debenham District.—A meeting for practice will be held at Stonham Aspal (10 bells) on Saturday, May 20th. Bells available from 2 p.m.—E. E. Grimes, Dist. Sec., Vicarage Road, Debenham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—A Combined Practice in Surprise Methods only will be held at Sevenoaks on Saturday, May 20th. Tower open at 3 p.m. All Surprise ringers welcome.—W. Latter, Hon. Dist. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at New Romney on Saturday, May 20th. Ringing to commence at 3 o'clock. Service at 5, tea at 5.30. The usual travelling allowances will be paid at this meeting. Will all members intending to be present kindly notify me on or before Tuesday 16th?—C. Tribe, Hon. Dist. Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Next meeting Saturday, 20th May, at Whitwell. Bells (6) available 2. Service at 4. Tea 4.30. All intending to be present for tea kindly let Sec. know by 13th inst.—W. Upton, Hon. Dist. Sec., 10, Elm Grove, Newport, I.W.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual General meeting will be held at East Retford on Saturday, May 20th. East Retford (10), West Retford and Ordsall (6) will be available for ringing from 2 to 9 p.m. Tea will be provided at a reasonable price (less 9d. per head for members) for those who notify D. A. Piercy, 60, Wharton Street, New Town, Retford, by May 17th. Short service, East Retford, 4.20 to 4.55 p.m. Members of kindred associations will be given a hearty welcome.—H. Haigh, Hon. Sec., 103, Gateford Road, Worksop.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Apsley on Saturday, May 20th. Bells available at 3 p.m. A short service will be held in Church. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—F. J. Reeve, Hon. Dist. Sec., Tring.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech Branch.—A District meeting will be held at March on Saturday, May 20. Bells (6) ready from 3 o'clock. Tea provided for all who let me know by May 17th.—H. W. Giddings, 46, St. Peter's Road, March.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Ledbury on May 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service in Church at 5.30

p.m. Tea and business meeting after service at the Central Café.—Richard Thomas, Dist. Hon. Sec., Post Office, Coddington, Ledbury.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting of the Bristol Branch of the above Association will be held at Olveston on Saturday, May 20th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, tea 5. Please notify by May 15th.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A Monthly meeting for May will be held at Monks Kirby on Saturday, the 20th inst. Bells (8) ready at 3 o'clock. I can arrange tea for those who send word of their intention to be present not later than Wednesday 17th. All ringers welcome.—A. Wilkerson, Hon. Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—A Monthly ringing meeting for practice will be held at Bromsgrove on Saturday, May 20th. Bells available at 4 o'clock.—A. Davies, Branch Sec., 29, Hampton Street, Netherton, Dudley.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next Quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Sedgley, All Saints' Church, on Saturday, May 27th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Guild service in church, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. T. G. Swindell, D.D.), at 5 o'clock. Tea in schoolroom at 5.45, 9d. per head. Business meeting afterwards. Will those who intend to be present kindly notify me by first post Tuesday 23rd?—Fred Colclough, Hon. Sec., 1, Earl Street, Bilston.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Stretford on Saturday, May 27th, instead of the 20th, as it is a more convenient date for the church authorities. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting 7 p.m.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver St., Miles Platting.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next Quarterly meeting will be held at Sherburn-in-Elmet on Saturday, May 27th. Bells (8) available from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. Further particulars next week.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dist. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this District will be held at Chiddingstone on Saturday, May 27th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea at the Castle Inn at 5.45, 1/6 per head, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the Dist. Sec. not later than Tuesday, 23rd inst.—W. Latter, Hon. Dist. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—Alteration of Date.—The meeting at St. Mary's, Ealing, will be held on Saturday May 27th (instead of the 13th), by permission of the Vicar, Rev. C. J. Sharp, who will entertain the members to tea after service. Visitors will be charged 1/- for tea. Tower open at 3 p.m. and a hearty welcome to all.—W. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4.

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