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### OVERLAPPING.

The question raised at the annual meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association with reference to the overlapping of ringing organisations is a very important one to many societies. In the case of the Gloucester and Bristol Association we learn that forty per cent. of the membership of the overlapping society is drawn from the diocesan area, and if these ringers are not members of both societies, it can readily be realised that this position of affairs must seriously affect the numerical and financial strength of the Diocesan organisation. Although no action appears to have been taken, it was suggested that the Central Council might take this matter up, so that overlapping might be prevented.

Such action by the Council would bristle with difficulties, and in the present stage of the development of ringing organisation would probably do more harm than good. There are many areas in which more than one society operates, and for the most part, what rivalry there is, is of a most friendly type. Instances could, of course, be mentioned where the official feeling between the societies thus placed is not altogether cordial, but any outside interference in the direction of delimiting spheres of operation or influence would not be taken kindly. Unless there are clear-cut geographical boundaries, there is always risk of the 'offence' of poaching, even in cases where each society recognises the presence of the other upon its territory, and whatever action was taken by way of arranging existing cases of overlapping there would be no future guarantee that new societies would not from time to time spring up.

Where there now exist two societies covering one area, to the detriment and not to the mutual support of one another, our view is that the safest and most hopeful line to follow is to seek amalgamation. Whether such a step is possible in the diocese of Gloucester and Bristol we are not in a position to say, but action upon this basis was successful in Lancashire, where the Liverpool Diocesan organisation joined forces with the Lancashire Association. On the other hand, we have such cases as the Leeds and Sheffield district societies thriving within the borders of the Yorkshire Association, supported by leading members of the county organisation, and carrying on together in the most amicable fashion. When, however, the position is otherwise, it is lamentable to find two bodies, which might form one strong whole, suffering from the actions of each other, to the detriment, often, of membership and finance, and most certainly to the art of ringing. Unity is strength in this as in other matters, and it should be the object of all to see that weakness, brought about by the division of strength, does not harm the cause which both have at heart.

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## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, June 2, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-BOW, CHEAPSIDE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 53 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... .. Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 7
FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ... .. 2	THOMAS LANGDON ... .. 8
WILLIAM S. LANGDON ... .. 3	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD ... .. 9
GEORGE N. PRICE ... .. 4	WILSON RUSHTON ... .. 10
CYRIL C. PHASE ... .. 5	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 11
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 6	HERBERT LANGDON ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. T. DALTRY.

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

Rung in honour of H.M. the King's birthday.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

CARDIFF.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, May 31, 1923, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM RICHARDS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM BOLTON ... .. 6
WILLIAM HEATH ... .. 2	FREDERICK VILES ... .. 7
JOHN W. JONES ... .. 3	ALFRED PARNELL ... .. 8
FREDERICK ATWELL ... .. 4	FRED CHAMBERLAIN ... .. 9
GEORGE LARGE ... .. 5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by F. CHAMBERLAIN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Russell Viles, son of the ringer of the 7th.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 2, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE PRO-CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. WOOLOS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

WILLIAM RICHARDS ... .. Treble	* REGINALD LEWIS ... .. 6
FREDERICK ATWELL ... .. 2	† CHARLES GREEDY ... .. 7
JOHN BUTLER ... .. 3	ERNEST COOMBS ... .. 8
GEORGE LARGE ... .. 4	JOHN W. JONES ... .. 9
SIDNEY DAWE ... .. 5	FRED CHAMBERLAIN ... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD.

Conducted by CHARLES GREEDY.

\* First peal of Caters on an inside bell. † First peal of Caters as conductor. Rung half-muffled on the occasion of the opening and unveiling by the Lord Lieutenant of the county (Lord Treowen) of the Cenotaph, the town's War Memorial to the fallen.

WALTHAMSTOW

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 2, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES ... .. Treble	† WILLIAM MILLER ... .. 6
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... .. 2	† CHARLES W. BIRD ... .. 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	WILLIAM PYE ... .. 8
* FREDK. W. GOODFELLOW ... .. 4	WILLIAM J. NODDS ... .. 9
HAROLD W. CLARK ... .. 5	REUBEN SANDERS ... .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

\* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Cambridge Royal. Rung in honour of His Majesty's birthday.

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## EWERBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 2, 1923, in Three Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. in D.

GEORGE LADD ... .. Treble	FRED WILFORD ... .. 6
RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. 2	FREDERICK W. STOKES ... .. 7
*JOHN WALDON ... .. 3	*JOHN A. FREEMAN ... .. 8
*WILLIAM H. LLOYD ... .. 4	WALTER H. WOOD ... .. 9
JOHN W. WOOD ... .. 5	REV. H. LAW JAMES ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

\* First Surprise peal of Royal.

## TROWBRIDGE, WILTSHIRE.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 2, 1923, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. Treble	*SIDNEY HILLIER ... .. 6
WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. 2	THOMAS F. KING ... .. 7
*CHARLES DOEL ... .. 3	WALTER FARLEY ... .. 8
CHARLES J. GARDINER ... .. 4	SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... .. 9
GILBERT H. HARDING ... .. 5	*WILLIAM R. BAXTER ... Tenor

Composed by EDGAR GUISE.

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

\* First peal on ten bells and first attempt. First peal on ten bells in the county. Rung on the eve of the 9th anniversary of Mr. T. F. King's wedding day.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

## GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Whit Sunday, May 20, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

GEORGE FLEMING ... .. Treble	ALBERT FLEMING ... .. 5
TONY PRICE ... .. 2	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... .. 6
ROBERT HARDY ... .. 3	CHARLES WOODCOCK ... .. 7
GEORGE ABLITT ... .. 4	WILLIAM BURGESS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by WILLIAM BURGESS.

For calling see N.D.A. Report for 1908, peal No. 1955. This and the five following peals were arranged for T. Price and R. Hardy during a week's holiday, two other attempts being unsuccessful.

## HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 22, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 10½ cwt. in E flat.

GEORGE WHITING ... .. Treble	TONY PRICE ... .. 5
GEORGE BENNETT ... .. 2	*LESLIE G. BRETT ... .. 6
GEORGE PRYKE ... .. 3	WILLIAM T. LAST ... .. 7
ROBERT HARDY ... .. 4	ERNEST E. LANHAM ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Conducted by GEORGE WHITING.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

## DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH.

On Wednesday, May 23, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in E flat.

EDWARD G. GRINDALL ... Treble	ROBERT HARDY ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. GROOM ... .. 2	TONY PRICE ... .. 6
WALTER RUFFLES ... .. 3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... .. 7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 4	ERNEST E. GRIMES ... Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

## CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 24, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.

ROBERT HARDY ... .. Treble	GEORGE FLEMING ... .. 5
*TONY PRICE ... .. 2	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... .. 6
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 3	WALTER RUFFLES ... .. 7
PERCY MAY ... .. 4	JOHN GOOCH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WM. C. RUMSEY.

\* First peal in the method.

## FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 25, 1923, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... Treble	GEORGE FLEMING ... .. 5
ROBERT HARDY ... .. 2	WALTER RUFFLES ... .. 6
GEORGE PRYKE ... .. 3	*TONY PRICE ... .. 7
LESLIE G. BRETT ... .. 4	WILLIAM T. LAST ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by WILLIAM T. LAST.

\* First peal in the method. For calling see Snowdon's Treble Bob, page 81.

## IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 26, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,

J. W. WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

*TONY PRICE ... .. Treble	HENRY C. GILLINGHAM ... 5
WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... .. 2	HARRY R. ROPER ... .. 6
ROBERT HARDY ... .. 3	GEORGE E. SIMMONDS ... 7
JAMES DURRANT ... .. 4	FREDERICK GILLINGHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

\* First peal in the method.

## MOORSIDE, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Sunday, May 20, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

F. DUNKERLEY ... .. Treble	J. COLLIER ... .. 5
A. LEYLAND ... .. 2	I. KAY ... .. 6
H. BARLOW ... .. 3	J. HALLAS ... .. 7
W. BARNES ... .. 4	C. PLATT ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by C. PLATT.

First peal by ringers of 2nd, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th.

## NUNEATON.

## THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, May 31, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

CHARLES DRAPER ... .. Treble	ERNEST STONE ... .. 5
WALTER J. HORTON ... .. 2	WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ... 6
*WALTER MARTIN ... .. 3	ABRAHAM WILKERSON ... .. 7
THOMAS DICKIN ... .. 4	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... Tenor

Composed by Rev. E. B. JAMES.

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

\* First peal in the method inside. W. H. J. Hooton was elected a member in the tower. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of esteem and respect to the late Thomas Winfield, a previous churchwarden, who was interred the previous day.

FOXEARH, ESSEX.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD

On Whit Monday, May 21, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

ARTHUR SYMONDS ... .. Treble	*FREDERICK MORTLOCK ... 5
*FREDERICK A. POOLSON ... 2	*FRANK TURNER ... .. 6
ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 3	STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 7
*MAURICE SYMONDS ... .. 4	W. R. JOHN POULSON ... Tenor

Composed by J. HUNT.

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

\* First peal in the method. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. Carpenter for the use of the bells, also Mr. S. Evans for having them ready.

DARTFORD, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Whit Monday, May 21, 1923 in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

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

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN W. STEDDY... .. Treble	CHARLES WINNER ... .. 5
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 2	COL.-SGT. BENNETT ... .. 6
HERBERT E. ADDSLEY ... 3	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 4	HENRY SIMMONS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

SOUTHAMPTON.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Whit Monday, May 21, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. Treble	JOSEPH W. PARKER ... .. 5
JOHN W. FAITHFULL ... 2	*REGINALD BROWN ... .. 6
*WILLIAM TATE ... .. 3	JAMES PARKER ... .. 7
MISS E. K. PARKER ... .. 4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

\* First peal of Superlative, also first peal of Superlative on the bells.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 26, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

† WILLIAM GIBES... .. Treble	* WILLIAM COLEY ... .. 5
ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. 2	WILLIAM SHORT ... .. 6
JOHN BASS ... .. 3	SAMUEL GROVE ... .. 7
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT 4	* ALFRED HACKETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

\* First peal in any Surprise method. † First peal of Superlative.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.  
(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, May 26, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

* G. MARK COE ... .. Treble	CHARLES H. BRIGGS... .. 5
HARRY BRIGGS ... .. 2	CHARLES H. WEBB ... .. 6
† ARTHUR WATERS ... .. 3	GEORGE P. GARNER ... .. 7
HENRY WRIGHT ... .. 4	† FRED COTTON ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by F. COTTON.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Major. † First peal of Major as conductor. First peal of Bob Major on the bells.

PERRY BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, May 26, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

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

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE T. MITCHISON ... Treble	ALBERT E. NORMAN ... .. 5
GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. 2	ALBERT T. SCRIVENS ... .. 6
WILLIAM H. JONES ... .. 3	OLIVER G. NORMAN ... .. 7
MORRIS J. MORRIS ... .. 4	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Arranged and rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Morris.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, May 27, 1923, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. in G.

* ALFRED A. RACKHAM ... Treble	* WILFRED WILLIAMS... .. 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 2	* WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS ... 6
SIDNEY T. RACKHAM ... .. 3	* JAMES P. HYETT ... .. 7
* ALEXANDER A. RACKHAM... 4	CHARLES EDWARDS ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

The 50th year as Vicar by the Rev. Walwyn-Trumper, M.A. First peal of Major on the bells. The hospitable tea after ringing was kindly provided, as usual, by the Vicar, Mrs. S. Rackham and Mrs. Edwards joining the company.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 29, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 19½ cwt.

* THOMAS I. KNIGHT ... .. Treble	GEORGE DURLING ... .. 5
ISAAC EMERY ... .. 2	GEORGE HUXLEY... .. 6
WALTER SMITH ... .. 3	PERCY J. SPICE ... .. 7
* EDMUND MOUNTNER ... .. 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by GEORGE DURLING.

For calling see K.C.A. Report, 1909, Peal No. 1475. \* First peal of Major. Rung on the exact 150th anniversary of the opening of the bells, which were cast by Thomas Jannaway, and are still intact.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thursday, May 31, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, WANDSWORTH, S.W.,

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

ALAN R. MACDONALD... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. PASMORE ... 5
WILLIAM HIBBERT ... .. 2	HARRY R. PASMORE ... .. 6
LOUIS ATTWATER ... .. 3	HERBERT LANGDON ... .. 7
HAROLD N. PITSTOW ... .. 4	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON.

Conducted by HARRY R. PASMORE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of James Willshire and Joseph A. Lambert, who passed away on May 22nd and May 27th respectively.

MILNROW, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 2, 1923, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

SHIPWAY'S FIVE-PART.

R. BUCKLEY ... .. Treble	G. STAFF ... .. 5
J. FITTON ... .. 2	W. CRABTREE ... .. 6
MISS R. A. BELL ... .. 3	J. H. MASSEY ... .. 7
* MRS. CRABTREE ... .. 4	H. DAVENPORT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE STAFF.

Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of the Vicar and Mrs. Elliot, who congratulated the ringers on their performance, and entertained them to tea. \* First peal in the method.

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QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD, YORKS.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 2, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CECIL DRAKE ... .. Treble	ALBERT PICKLES ... .. 5
THOMAS SENIOR ... .. 2	EDGAR WHITELEY ... .. 6
WALTER MOUNCEY ... .. 3	FRED HUTTON ... .. 7
HAROLD PEARCE ... .. 4	WILLIAM AMBLER ... .. Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN.

Conducted by WM. AMBLER.

RUNCORN, CHESHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 2, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

*BENJAMIN TREVITT ... .. Treble	JAMES MARTIN ... .. 5
*CLAUDE S. BENWELL ... .. 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 6
JOHN WILKINSON ... .. 3	EDWARD CAUNCE ... .. 7
WALTER HUGHES ... .. 4	*THOMAS W. MATHER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

\* First peal of Stedman. Also the first peal of Stedman on the bells. Rung in honour of the birthday of His Majesty King George V.

LINTON, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 2, 1923, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

CL.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. Treble	CHARLES H. SONE ... .. 5
DAVID HODGKIN ... .. 2	*THOMAS BEADMONT ... .. 6
SAMUEL E. TAYLOR ... .. 3	LEONARD MANNERING ... .. 7
LOUIS HEAD ... .. 4	PHILLIP HODGKIN ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by C.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M.

Rung in honour of the birthday of His Majesty King George V. For calling see Peal No. 88, Section 2, C.C. Collection. \* First peal of Major.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 2, 1923, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

SIDNEY FIGGESS ... .. Treble	CHARLES NORRIS ... .. 5
CHARLES WINSOR ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... .. 6
RICKS PAINE ... .. 3	JOHN HAIGH ... .. 7
FREDERICK RICHARDSON ... .. 4	WILLIAM HAIGH ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by W. HAIGH.

Rung to celebrate the King's birthday, and the birthday of the conductor, also after the marriage of Lieut. Gordon Lawes, Assistant Commissioner of Police, Malay States, and Miss Maude Violet Ranger, of Gillingham.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WINCHESTER DISTRICT)

On Saturday, June 2, 1923, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 26 lb.

OWEN H. GILES ... .. Treble	PERCY W. CAVE ... .. 5
JOHN W. FAITHFULL ... .. 2	REGINALD BROWN ... .. 6
GEORGE POLLINGER ... .. 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 7
*WALTER G. ROWE ... .. 4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

\* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Friday, June 1st, a quarter-peal of Doubles on the back six (consisting 360 Stedman and 900 Grandsire Doubles), in 45 mins.: W. Ratcliffe 1 H. Bush 2, F. Justice 3, J. E. Hobbs (conductor) 4, H. Williamson 5 E. William. son (first quarter-peal) 6.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS.

KNOWLE, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 22, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings.

CHARLES HOLLAND ... .. Treble	*ARTHUR MORRIS ... .. 4
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... .. 2	HARRY BRAGG ... .. 5
*GEORGE R. BAILEY ... .. 3	HARRY SMITH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

\* First peal. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. T. W. Downing, Vicar of Knowle, whose birthday occurred during the week.

TILNEY ALL SAINTS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH  
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 23, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 17 cwt. in E flat.

*CHARLES BUNTING ... .. Treble	FRED C. WIGMORE ... .. 4
ARTHUR WIGMORE ... .. 2	JOHN R. RODWELL ... .. 5
WALLACE W. COUSINS ... .. 3	CLAUDE COUSINS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CLAUDE COUSINS.

\* First peal and first attempt. Quickest peal on the bells.

THE CHART, LIMPSFIELD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Wednesday, May 23, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Violet, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

THOMAS FIRMAGER ... .. Treble	HYLTON F. H. TIDY ... .. 4
PERCIVAL C. TIDY ... .. 2	EDWARD E. TIDY ... .. 5
CHARLES W. CLINCH ... .. 3	LEONARD A. TIDY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD A. TIDY.

This peal was rung by the local band to commemorate the 21st anniversary of the opening of the bells, the bells being first raised and rung on May 23rd, 1902.

BISHOP'S HULL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 24, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 120's with ten different callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

REGINALD BEALE ... .. Treble	SAMUEL PYNE ... .. 4
HARRY POCOCK ... .. 2	EDGAR ELSON ... .. 5
WILLIAM UNDERHILL ... .. 3	CHARLES AVIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR ELSON.

First peal by all the band, and rung at the first attempt. Rung in honour of Empire Day.

RUMBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH  
ASSOCIATION.

(HALESWORTH DISTRICT.)

On Thursday, May 24, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND FELIX.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Plain Bob, Old Doubles, Morning Star, Canterbury and April Day and two 720's of Grandsire Doubles.

Tenor 10 cwt.

LIONEL HAMMOND ... .. Treble	FREDERICK C. LAMBERT ... .. 3
*SAMUEL BIRD ... .. 2	JACK FORD ... .. 4
WALTER KERRISON ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

Rung to celebrate Empire Day, and also the wedding of Mr. W. Cleveland and Miss M. Harrold, daughter of Mr. W. Harrold, churchwarden. \* Proposed a member before starting for the peal.

## IMBER, WILTS.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 13, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

SYDNEY FRANCIS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM LOUD ... .. 3
JESSE FRANCIS ... .. 2	WILLIAM BAXTER ... .. 4

SAMUEL HECTOR ... .. Tenor

Conducted by SAMUEL J. HECTOR.

STOKE EDITIL, HEREFORDSHIRE  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 26, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM H. WARGENT ... Treble	GEOFFREY W. TAYSOME ... 4
THOMAS H. TAYSOME ... .. 2	HERBERT J. TAYSOME ... 5
ALEC J. TAYLOR ... .. 3	WALTER TAYLOR ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. TAYLOR.

\* First peal. First as conductor.

## HARTLIP, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 26, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

CL.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. Treble	WILLIAM SPICE ... .. 4
WILLIAM J. WOOD ... .. 2	CHARLES H. SONE ... .. 5
SAMUEL E. TAYLOR ... .. 3	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... Tenor

Conducted by CL.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M.

BEDFIELD, SUFFOLK  
SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, May 27, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Kent Treble Bob, and two each of Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

LESLIE WIGHTMAN ... Treble	ALPHEUS BERRY ... .. 4
FRANK RUFFLES ... .. 2	WALTER RUFFLES ... .. 5
GEORGE BROWN ... .. 3	WILLIAM GROOME ... Tenor

Conducted by W. RUFFLES.

## NEWHURCH, LANC.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Sunday, May 27, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being seven 720's each called differently.

FRANK REYNOLDS ... Treble	WILLIAM HAMPSON ... .. 4
GEORGE POWNALL ... .. 2	JOHN YATES ... .. 5
WILLIAM GOULD ... .. 3	JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... Tenor

Conducted by J. LEATHERBARROW.

\* First Surprise peal on the bells, and first peal in the method by all the band. All the ringers belong to the local company.

## BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 29, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Sandal and Oxford Treble Bob (spliced). 720 Double Oxford and Single Oxford (spliced), 720 Double Bob and Plain Bob (spliced) and 360 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob Double Court, Single Court, St. Clement's, Grandsire, College Single and Canterbury Pleasure. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

WILLIAM POWELL ... Treble	JAMES BLAKE ... .. 4
JOHN J. BEVAN ... .. 2	ROBERT E. SUMMERS ... 5
WILLIAM T. POSTON ... .. 3	WILLIAM POSTON ... Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

First peal in 14 methods by the Guild.

## DENVER, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 2, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Single Court, College Single Reverse, St. Clements, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in A flat.

WALLACE COUSINS ... Treble	JOHN RODWELL, JUN. ... 4
CLAUDE COUSINS ... .. 2	BERT GOGLE ... .. 5
FRED WIGMORE ... .. 3	TONY PRICE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

First peal and first attempt in seven methods by all the band. Quickest peal on the bells.

## DENFORD, NORTHANTS.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 2, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720 of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Bob, and three of Plain Bob each called differently. Tenor 7 cwt.

LESLIE GROOM ... Treble	FRANK KIRK ... .. 4
DANIEL REDHEAD ... .. 2	*JOHN COLEMAN ... .. 5
*CYRIL WILSON ... .. 3	JAMES M. NICKERSON ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES M. NICKERSON.

\* First peal of Minor with a working bell. Rung on the eve of the Dedication Festival, also on the eve of the King's birthday. First peal on the bells for ten years.

## HANDBELL PEALS.

## HAMPTON, EVESHAM.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 26, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

MISS NELLY JOHNSON ... .. 1-2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... .. 5-6
JAMES HEMMING ... .. 3-4	JOHN HALL ... .. 7-8
FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... .. 9-10	

Composed by J. D. JOHNSON. Conducted by F. J. JOHNSON.

Rung as a compliment to Miss Ruth Johnson on her coming of age.

## LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 29, 1923, in Two Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT 90 BLACKMAN LANE, LEEDS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

JAMES R. KEMP ... .. 1-2	WILLIAM BARTON ... .. 5-6
PERCY J. JOHNSON ... .. 3-4	*SYDNEY SADLER ... .. 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

Attested by WALTER MORRELL.

\* First peal on handbells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

## ALDBURGH-ON-SEA, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 2, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF SS. PETER AND PAUL'S CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 7008 CHANGES;

Tenor size 20 in E flat.

JACK PILGRIM ... .. 1-2	NORMAN R. BAILEY ... .. 5-6
ROY PILGRIM ... .. 3-4	LEONARD W. BALE ... .. 7-8

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by NORMAN R. BAILEY.

Umpire: GEORGE HUK.

Longest length in the method by all the band. This composition, a two-part, is now rung for the first time.

## CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. SUPPORTING THE CENTRAL COUNCIL'S DECISIONS.

The annual meeting was held at Thirsk on Whit Monday, when members attended from Ripon, Thirsk, Wath, Northallerton, Middlesbrough, Darlington St. John and Holy Trinity, West Hartlepool, St. Aidan's, Shildon; Stockton, and Sharow. The bells, a peal of eight, with tenor of 17 cwt., were kept going practically all day, Kent Treble Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise Major being rung.

A committee meeting was held at which a considerable amount of business and discussion took place, followed by a short service in the church, there being a good gathering of members and friends. The address was given by the Rev. N. P. H. Austin, Vicar of Thirsk, who gave the association a very warm welcome to Thirsk.

Dinner was held at the Three Tuns Hotel, presided over by the Rev. A. Simpson, president, supported by the Rev. G. F. Amies (curate of St. Mary's, Cockfield), the hon. secretary, Mr. T. Metcalfe; vice-presidents, W. Pick (Sharow), J. Stott (Thirsk), J. W. Passman (Middlesbrough).

At the business meeting which followed, the Secretary submitted the annual report showing, amongst other things, that ten peals had been rung during the year by 45 members in the following methods: Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major and Double Norwich Court Bob Major. The year had begun with £30 14s. 11d. in hand, and closed with £33 14s. 10d.—The report and balance sheet were unanimously adopted.

The president (the Rev. A. Simpson), vice-presidents, Messrs. W. Pick, J. Stott, G. F. Alexander, J. W. Passman and the Rev. J. L. Kyle; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. T. Metcalfe; auditors, J. W. Whittle and J. C. Pollard were re-elected, and were unanimously thanked for their past year's services.

The President moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Thirsk for conducting the service and giving the address and the use of the bells; also the Vicar of Felixkirk for granting the use of the bells, and to Mr. A. J. Todd, the organist.

The President explained there had been a movement amongst various associations to back up the Central Council in their work and suggestions. He suggested that the association should fall into line by passing a resolution that they would abide by the decisions of the Central Council. This would give them a moral support, and help them in their undertaking.

The resolution was adopted unanimously.

The committee's recommendations of meetings for the year are:—September, Bedale; Easter Monday, 1923, Robin Hood's Bay; annual meeting, Whit Monday, 1924, Middlesbrough.

The President also suggested that the vice-presidents should try and arrange other meetings at various towers and send invitations to the members and officials. He thought this would do a great deal of good and stir up more interest in the art of change ringing.

## 86, NOT OUT.

### ROMNEY MARSH GUILD CELEBRATE A BIRTHDAY.

A meeting of the Romney Marsh and District Guild, held at Aldington on Saturday, May 26th, was arranged specially to celebrate the 86th birthday of Mr. Charles Slingsby, the father of the Guild, and captain of the Aldington ringers. Mr. Slingsby rang the treble to the first touch of Bob Minor, and also in a subsequent touch. Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were also rung. Service was conducted by the Rector, who gave a very nice address, based on the words, 'Honour to whom honour is due.' He referred to Mr. Slingsby as one particularly to whom honour was due, as he was always to be found in his place in the belfry, and afterwards at the services.

At the conclusion of the service a tablet was dedicated to commemorate a 720 of Bob Minor which was rung at Aldington on Mr. Slingsby's 85th birthday. The members were then invited to the Rectory, where a splendid tea awaited them on the terrace, Mrs. Slingsby and Mrs. Sherwood assisting the Rector's wife and his family. There were two fine birthday cakes, one being Mr. Slingsby's, the other for the Rector's youngest daughter, whose birthday it was as well.

The meeting was held on the terrace immediately after, the Rector presiding.—New Romney was fixed as the place for the next meeting, on June 16th.—It was decided to have an annual outing in July, and the Master, Mr. C. W. Everett and Mr. O. Tribe were deputed to make the necessary arrangements, the route proposed being Tunbridge Wells, East Grinstead, Edenbridge, etc.

The good wishes of the Guild were accorded to Mr. Slingsby upon his birthday, and the hope expressed that he might, like his father, reach a century.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for permission for service, and for his generous hospitality, with thanks also to his wife and family, and the ladies who had assisted.

A course or two of Grandsire Triples were then rung on the handbells by C. Tribe, H. Baker, F. S. Macey and G. Johnson, and thus ended a very pleasant and enjoyable meeting.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The ancient peal of bells at Holy Trinity Church, Gidleigh, have just been removed from the tower. Three of them are by Robert Norton, 1430; the other bell by W. Bennington, 1641. They are to be tuned, and a new bell added. These bells being of such a good age and shape, Messrs. W. Aggett and Sons have recommended that they should be saved by tuning and adding a new bell to make the peal. They will be rehung on modern principles.

During the next fortnight the old bells at Withiel, Bodmin, Cornwall, will be removed to Messrs. Aggett's Bell Works. Two of the bells fell through the tower floor, three are still in the bell frames. All are to be recast, and a new tenor bell added, and the whole rehanging in new fittings.

On June 9th, 1850, the first peal in America was rung. This was a peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's ten-part) called by Henry Haley at Philadelphia. There were two tenors, one of them, a one-legged man, ringing the bell for the first 24 hours.

Believed to be the first peal of Grandsire Maximus out of London, a peal in this method was rung at Birmingham on June 12th, 1815.

Mr. C. Wallater writes with regard to the footnote to the peal of Stedman Triples at Barton-under-Needwood, Staffs, that he has received a letter from Mr. F. J. Cope, of Lichfield, stating that he rang in a peal of Stedman Triples at Barton-under-Needwood on Oct. 13th, 1906, by the Burton branch of the Midland Counties Association, and that he is under the impression that there had been a peal in this method rung there previously by the Burton men.

The time of the peal rung at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on May 26th, published in our last issue, should have been given as 3 hrs. and 22 mins.

The St. John-the-Baptist Society, Leytonstone, have held their customary two days' excursion, and set about it with the same energy that always marks these annual excursions. Amongst other ringing, they brought round eighteen complete 720's of Surprise Minor!

Winchcombe bells, Gloucestershire, have been rehung by Messrs. Bond, of Burford, Oxon, and were opened on Sunday week by members of the Gloucester and Bristol Association. They are a peal of six, with tenor of 12 cwt.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at St. Margaret's, Leicester, on May 24th, was the first peal of Cambridge rung in the city by a local band.

## ROWLEY REGIS BELLS.

### AN APPEAL.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I take the liberty of appealing through your columns for help towards reinstating the peal of bells of the ancient parish of Rowley Regis, Staffordshire.

The church was destroyed by fire in June, 1913 when so many other churches and public buildings were being sacrificed in a political campaign of that period.

After lying in ruins for ten years the church is now being rebuilt. The tower has been built as high as the nave roof, but the Church Council being already in debt to the extent of over £2,000 cannot undertake the completion of the tower and installing the bells.

A public effort is being made by the four daughter churches of Blackheath, Old Hill, Cradley Heath and Tividale to complete the tower, and also help toward the £400 to rehang the bells. Rowley Regis is one of the poorest parishes in the Black Country, where there are practically no industries.

The bells, undamaged by fire, were augmented to eight in 1887 by James Barwell. The original five were by Matthew Bagley, of Chacombe, 1694. The tenor, 13 cwt., was recast in 1848 by Mears, and again in 1881 by Blews.

On behalf of the poor parishioners, who are yearning to hear their bells again, I ask all large-hearted clergy, laity, and ringers to help. Subscriptions will be gladly received and duly acknowledged through your columns, and may be sent to Lloyds Bank (Rowley Bells Account), Old Hill, or to me.—Yours, etc.,

A. E. PARSONS.

Beauty Bank, Old Hill, Staffs.

## FALSE PEALS.

### CENTRAL COUNCIL'S PLAIN BOB COLLECTION.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—The question of false peals having been brought forward at the recent meeting of the Council, I would point out that the following peals have been duly notified as false, through the ringers' Press:—

Page 145, peal No. 2 (J. Carter), can only be five times repeated, producing 4,032 changes (not 8,064); page 213, peal No. 149 (A. Craven); page 217, peal No. 156 (A. Craven); page 222, peal No. 167 (H. Dains).  
Bob Royal Group.—Page 242, peal No. 21 (H. Dains).

Double Oxford Group.—Page 254, peal No. 1 (H. Dains).

It really seems a pity that the Royal Group does not contain the first-class compositions which had been rung years before the collection was printed.—Yours truly,  
J. HUNT.  
Taunton.



## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

(Continued from page 347.)

### LITERATURE AND PRESS COMMITTEE.

Mr. W. Willson presented the following report on behalf of this committee, many of the quotations from newspapers in reference to bells and ringing, causing the members of the Council considerable amusement: "During the past year, numerous comments upon bells and bell ringing have found their way into the public Press. A strike or 'lock-out' of a band of ringers in the North was sufficient to cause the Sunday newspapers to broadcast the information that the ringers' 'Trade Union' had withdrawn its men for a 'living wage.' On behalf of the committee, it was pointed out to the various Editors that the statement was absurd that no such union existed, nor was likely to exist, that the ringers on strike were outside the pale of the Exercise of change ringing, and that their status was that of the itinerant organ grinder compared to a church organist. The coming of the carillon has also helped to bring the bell question before the public. An article in the 'Daily Mirror' of March 27th, on 'Chimes,' remarked: 'On the Continent, especially in Flanders, bells have a much mellower and more stirring ring than in England, and church carillons, although melancholy, are wonderfully soothing. Cromwell and his Puritans were responsible for the melting down of ancient and beautiful toned bells, but those now being manufactured have a dry and sharp sound. Are some secrets of bell founding lost? or is there no demand for perfect chimes?' Also in the 'Morning Post' of April 16th, a 'leaderette' dealt in a most interesting manner with the same subject. The writer was obviously well versed in bells and ringing. The article was headed 'Singing Towers.' After describing the high state of efficiency in the ringing of to-day, the writer proceeded: 'The music they provide is a noble accompaniment to the people's emotions: it decorates the passing time with arabesques of stately sound which, according as the mood of the listeners colours them, may be far-flung litanies of lamentation, or, on joyous occasions, the veritable 'laughter of music.' We shall never cease to take delight in the intricate sequences of 'change ringing,' even though we welcome a higher form of bell music—that which is possible only where a keyboard carillon, such as exists in every tower of Belgium and Holland, has been installed. . . . We are now on the eve of a new and significant development—the creation of a school of carillon players and composers under the auspices of the University of Birmingham.' Now, while every one with an ear for music will appreciate tune-playing and its recognition, it would be unfortunate for our art if carillons were to be preferred to bells hung for ringing. The carillon has come to stay, and we must adapt ourselves to what it may entail. Your committee suggest that when a carillon is about to be installed, influence should be brought to bear, so that out of the many bells a ring of eight or ten be hung for ringing, on the ground that a carillon cannot express public or national sorrow or rejoicing as does a ring of bells hung for ringing. Thus provision would be made for both forms of bell music. The question of ringing defence has cropped up in a new guise. A mixed band from various parts of the country, arranged to attempt a long peal and permission was granted by the authorities concerned. When the 'Ringing World' announced it, other ringers took umbrage, wrote letters to the local Press and induced the authorities to cancel the permission on the ground of possible damage to the tower and bells! While it is admitted that there may be reasonable and just objections to long peals, and the public have a right to be considered it is scarcely 'playing the game' for ringers within the ranks to incite a protest and thus bring about an embargo. Any 'backdoor' influence to suppress the legitimate aspirations of a band—whether local or not—is to be deplored. Such objections should be made through the Ringing Press, and weighed for what they are worth."

Mr. Willson emphasised the feeling of the committee with regard to the action taken to prevent the long peal attempt at Evesham, and pointed out that while objection was taken to this peal attempt, another band rang a peal in the same tower the next week.

Rev. C. B. Matthews seconded the report.

Rev. F. L. Edwards pointed out, with regard to carillons, that it was a mistake to suppose that carillons abroad took the place of church bells for ringing. They did nothing of the kind, they were only a supplement.

Mr. G. P. Burton, who is a member of the committee, said they ought to be glad that the Press was showing greater sympathy if not greater intelligence as regards bell ringing. The 'Daily Mail,' in connection with the Stedman Cinques record at Southwark on the previous day, had announced to the world the amazing news that ringers preferred to ring in their shirt sleeves (laughter). He suggested that some member of the Council or committee should be asked just to leave the official 'card' of the Council so to speak, at the editorial office of one or two of the important papers. They had a friend at court at the office of the 'Morning Post,' who was most friendly to ringing generally, and he suggested they might with advantage get into touch with some of the other papers.

Alderman Pritchett said he wanted to remove one misapprehension.

They had no professor of carillon music at Birmingham University, and he did not think it was likely they would have one.

Mr. Pryce Taylor said he believed money had been left for the purpose of instructing students at Birmingham University in carillon music.

The report was adopted.

### METHODS COMMITTEE.

The Rev. H. Law James, on behalf of the Methods Committee, said they were authorised last year to print the collection of Plain Major Methods. His part of the business was done, and so was Mr. Trollope's part, and the papers were at the present moment in the hands of Mr. E. H. Lewis, who was an extremely busy person. He had been carrying them about with him from one hotel to another all over the country, dealing with them piecemeal as he could, and Mr. Lewis had suggested that he should give it up and resign from the committee. That, said Mr. James, was the very last thing they wanted. Mr. Lewis was one of the best members of their committee, and doing good work. It was work that was of importance, and he suggested that the Council should have patience and let them get it done as soon as they could. They could not hurry Mr. Lewis, who was up to his eyes in work.

The Council agreed.

### THE PEALS ANALYSIS.

The report of the Analysis Committee was read by the Rev. A. T. Beeston. Practically the whole of it had previously appeared in 'The Ringing World,' and the members got rather tired of the repetition of a mass of statistics, but, when questioned as to the necessity of going through already published details, Mr. Beeston said he was merely carrying out the request of the chairman of the committee, who was not present at the meeting.

When the report had been read, the Rev. B. H. T. Drake humorously suggested, amid laughter, that it be referred back for further details.

The President said they were greatly indebted to the committee for the enormous labour they had expended upon the report. All he could say was that they had infinitely more leisure than he had (laughter).

Mr. W. A. Cave called attention to the inclusion in the Analysis of peals of Triples rung on seven bells, and said he understood that the Council had decided that these should not be recognised.

The Rev. A. T. Beeston said the decision of the Council was that they should not be 'countenanced.'

Canon Baker asked how the Council could discountenance them except by omitting them from the records.

### METHOD NOMENCLATURE.

The report was adopted, and later the same committee's report on method nomenclature was brought up by the Rev. A. T. Beeston, who moved its adoption. This report has already been published in these columns.—The motion was seconded by Alderman Chambers, and had been declared carried, when the Rev. H. Law James intervened to point out that the committee had taken upon itself to change the names of methods which had been applied by the Methods Committee, and published in 1907. He mentioned as instances College Single and Canterbury Pleasure, and added that by their action the Analysis Committee wanted to say that a reverse method was a single method—in other words, that black was white. He moved that the matter be referred back.—Mr. J. A. Trollope seconded, and added that he would also like to see a revision of some of the names. The only safe plan in naming methods was to name them after towns.

Mr. J. W. Parker said the committee had the highest respect for the opinions of Mr. James, and they recognised what he had done with regard to the publication of methods, but in this matter they could not agree with him. The object of the committee was to indicate as clearly as possible what the method in the collection really was. The method of College Single Minor had been rung for over 200 years. It was the method in which, when the treble got down into 3rd's place, the bells from the front made 4th's, and went back to lead. The method in the collection was that method reversed, and as the old method was that rung as College Single the committee thought by putting it down as College Single Reverse they were indicating to the Exercise what exactly the method was. Continuing, Mr. Parker said the committee either wished the report to go through as it stood or that the matter should be placed in the hands of some other committee.

The Rev. H. Law James said this matter was not a question of opinion; it was a question of what was right and what was wrong.

Mr. G. P. Burton said some ringers were much concerned about the absurd names the committee had given to some of the methods. They did not want to make the Exercise a laughing-stock.

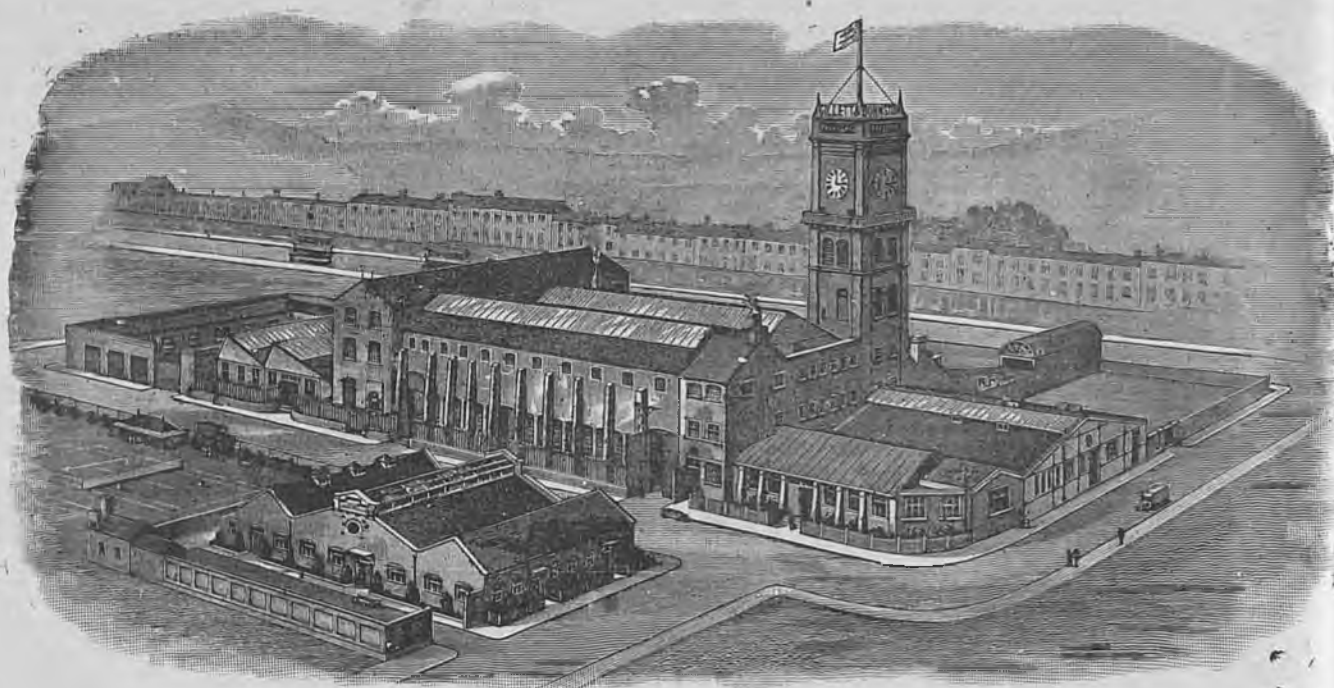
The Rev. E. S. Powell asked if the committee had not gone beyond their powers, in renaming these methods. He understood they were asked only to find names for the unnamed methods.

### PRIORITY OF USE.

The Rev. A. T. Beeston said the question arose out of the difficulty experienced by the Analysis Committee. When methods were rung bearing two names, they were not aware which method had been rung, and it was to get rid of that confusion that it was de-

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cided that any claim to the name of a method should be sent in to the librarian within a certain period. At the Council's last meeting it was decided that the Analysis Committee should take up the work of clearing up this confusion. That being the case, it was necessary to go back and find out what names had been given to methods that were being rung, and in the search they had to make they came across methods bearing certain names which were in the collection, bearing other names. In dealing with the matter they found it necessary to go, as they stated they should do, on priority of use. Acting on that principle they embodied these changes in their report, and they stood by it.

Mr. Trollope said the names of the two methods referred to by Mr. James were put into the collection deliberately by the Methods Committee. There was a principle behind the action. The method to which the Methods Committee gave the original name of College Single was being rung as such in many places, and the name of College Single as applied to the old method would die out. If there was any point in the argument about confusion, he believed it was only a question of a few years before it would be eliminated entirely. What the Analysis Committee were now doing was setting back a matter that had long been going steadily forward, and which had been entirely approved by the Exercise.

Referring to the point raised by the Rev. E. S. Powell, the President read the minute of the meeting by which it was decided that the committee should after a certain date name the unnamed methods.

The Rev. E. S. Powell: Does that give them power to give a new name to a method which already had a name printed in the collection?

The Rev. A. T. Beeston said the Methods Committee, when they published the collection, gave the name of Stedman Slow Course to a method which they acknowledged to be a mistake. Had the Methods Committee power to take the name given to a recognised method and give it to one of their own?

The Rev. H. Law James said if they accepted the Analysis Committee's recommendation, the Council, to be consistent would have to say that Cambridge Surprise must lose its name, and that Double Norwich Major should be Norwich Court Bob.

Mr. C. T. Coles said the committee seemed to have gone beyond the terms of the reference.

The Rev. A. T. Beeston said the Council, at their last meeting, accepted the principle on which the committee had acted, namely, the question of priority of use.

The Rev. H. Law James said the subject was a technical one which should have been settled. He had been trying his best for the last month or six weeks to bring the committee to see it in its true light, and that was why he was prepared to fight (laughter).

Mr. Cave pointed out that members might refrain from voting for the amendment because the committee had threatened to resign. It would be a great regret to many of them if the question was not decided on its merits.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards moved that the matter be adjourned until next year's Council meeting.

Mr. A. F. M. Stewart seconded.

Mr. W. Willson moved, and Mr. J. Parker seconded, that the Council proceed to the next business.

On being put to the meeting this was carried by 28 votes to 20.

(To be continued.)

## CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

### ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Central Northamptonshire Association was held in Northampton on Whit-Monday.

The service was held in St. Edmund's Church at noon, when the Vicar (the Rev. A. M. Johnson) preached a very practical sermon.

Luncheon was served at the Cinema Cafe, Market Square, the company of guests including the Rev. J. P. Friend (president of the Association), the Rev. A. M. Johnson (Vicar of St. Edmund's), the Rev. E. C. Channer (Northampton) (Rev. C. H. L. Hopper (Weekley), the Rev. J. White (Pittsford), the Rev. J. O. Hichens (Guilsborough), vice-presidents; Mr. W. T. Wilson (treasurer), Mr. D. J. Nichols (general secretary), Messrs. R. Black, F. Barber, S. J. Lawrence, and W. Bott (district secretaries), Miss C. Hepburn (secretary Ladies Guild), Mr. W. Martin (Nuneaton), Mr. H. Wood (London), Mr. W. R. Drage (Long Eaton), and about 50 others.

The business meeting followed, presided over by the president. The election of officers resulted in the president, treasurer and general secretary all being unanimously re-elected, with thanks for past services. Mr. M. Hobbs and Mr. J. Saddington were also re-elected auditors.

Representatives to serve on the Central Council for 1924, 1925 and 1926 were elected as follows: Messrs. D. J. Nichols, F. Hopper, E. M. Atkins and P. Wilford.

Grants of three guineas were made from the Belfry Repairs Fund to the Desborough and Doddington Bell Restoration Funds.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Kettering.

Arrangements were made to hold a special meeting of the Association on Saturday, June 9th, at Wellingborough, when the Lord Bishop of Peterborough will address the members.

The President proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of St. Edmund's for conducting the service, and to the clergy of Northampton for placing the various rings of bells at the disposal of the ringers during the day.

The Vicar of St. Edmund's, in replying, said how pleased he was to meet the ringers, and promised to do all he could to help the Association.

Some excellent ringing was enjoyed in a variety of methods by a representative gathering during the day.

## NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting was held at Llandudno on Whit Monday, when members from the following towers were present: Buckley, Wrexham, Rhyl, Portmadoc, Hawarden, Bangor, Gresford and Llandudno. A service was held at Holy Trinity Church, when the Rev. Canon L. R. Hughes gave an excellent address, dealing with the origin and development of bell ringing as a means of calling people to the worship of God.—Mr. Hughes presided at the organ.

The business meeting was held in the Church House, the chair being taken by the Rev. Canon Hughes. Mr. A. J. Hughes, of Rhyl, spoke of the recent bereavement of the Rev. T. Lewis Jones, of Bangor, president of the association, by the death of his wife, and it was unanimously resolved that a letter of sympathy be sent to him.

The following officers were all re-elected: President, Rev. T. Lewis Jones, Bangor; Master, Mr. A. J. Hughes, Rhyl; hon. treasurer, Mr. Edw. Rowlands, Wrexham; hon. secretary, Mr. C. H. Jones, Buckley; district secretaries: Bangor, Mr. Wm. Pegler; Rhyl, Mr. B. R. Collis; Wrexham, Mr. H. Moore, junr.; Buckley Mr. C. H. Jones. It was decided to hold the half-yearly meeting at Bangor on Saturday, Sept. 1st and the next annual meeting at Rhyl on Whit Monday, 1924.

New members were proposed from Portmadoc, Buckley, Wrexham and Bangor, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. Canon Hughes for presiding at the meeting, and also for his address at the service.

After the meeting, the ringers were entertained to an excellent tea, provided by Mr. Hughes.

Touches in various methods were rung during the day both before and after the meeting.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The Whit Monday meeting was held at Morpeth in ideal weather. A company of 25 sat down to an excellent dinner at the George and Dragon Hotel, Mr. Story (the president) presiding, supported by Mr. E. Ferry (hon. secretary), Mr. A. M. Hall (hon. treasurer), Messrs. G. Holmes and R. Parkinson (vice-presidents of the Northern and Eastern Districts, respectively), Mr. J. E. Goffon, Northern District secretary, and others. The agendas for the committee and general meeting were very short, and the party were soon out enjoying the country, but not before they had had the pleasure of hearing the Whitley Bay band tap off a course of Stedman Caters on the handbells, and three courses of London Surprise Major by the Goffon brothers. The Whitley Bay band arrived in style, with 'Elizabeth,' and T. T. G. as 'chefionier.' As well as walks round the Castle Grounds and the country in the immediate district, touches of Plain and Treble Bob Minor, Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Cambridge Surprise Major, etc., were rung on the ancient watch tower bells, situated in the Market Place. The parish church, for the services of which the watch tower bells ring, is about a mile further south. In the ringing chamber is a slab bearing the lines:—

Have you heard the Morpeth Wonder,

Church and steeple a mile asunder?

The tower has two stone watchmen on its battlements. The bells are rung thrice daily, and the curfew is still rung here.

The clock is said to be a very old one, brought from Bothal Castle. For many years it had only one pointer which made it, if not a Morpeth wonder, a Morpeth curiosity. The late Alderman Cranston supplied the necessary works for the second pointer. The fact that the clock had only one pointer, stamps it as an ancient one for, as most people know, the first clocks had only one hand, the hour hand, the minutes had to be guessed.

The Roman Catholic Church in Oldgate, Morpeth stands in what was part of the gardens of Collingwood House, the residence of Lord Collingwood. The pastures round the Castle are full of oak trees planted by Lord Collingwood, when he feared there would be a shortage of oak to build the men-of-war.

Until quite recently there was a strap and long heavy rope some 25ft. or 30ft. long kept in the Watch Tower belfry, which was used in the old days of bull baiting; it is now in the Town Hall Museum. It was a law of the ancient Corporation that no butcher should kill a bull, the flesh of which was to be sold for human food, unless the bull had been publicly baited in the market place. In the museum are many interesting relics of the past, including 'The Branks,' or bridle, for punishing scolding women.



## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**MORETON-IN-MARSH GLOS.**—On Sunday evening, June 3rd, for service, 420 Grandsire Triples W. Buttler 1, C. Grimes 2, F. Jones 3, J. Gardner 4, N. Brion 5, A. White 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, J. Lloyd 8.

**PRESTBURY.**—On Sunday evening, June 3rd, at St. Mary's Church, in 42 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): W. Hale 1, T. Pendry 2, H. Newman 3, H. Halford 4, J. Cannon 5, C. Tovey 6, J. F. Ballinger (conductor) 7, J. Harrison 8.

**WORCESTER.**—On Sunday, June 3rd, at St. John's Church, in honour of the King's birthday, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Woodrath 1, C. Bowkett 2, S. Holt 3, W. Page (conductor) 4, J. J. Jefferies 5, W. Lewis 6.

**HITCHIN, HERTS.**—At the Parish Church of St. Mary, on Sunday, June 3rd, previous to evensong, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 51 mins.: H. W. Else 1, E. W. Day 2, E. J. Newell 3, J. Hare 4, G. Wolfe 5, G. T. Croft 6, H. E. Day 7, W. J. Croft (conductor) 8.

**GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.**—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, June 3rd, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob: A. Booth 1, E. A. Hornsby 2, A. Mansfield 3, G. Mansfield 4, J. M. Gray 5, J. Wilfred Sharp (conductor) 6. Also 180 Double Court.

**HILLINGDON MIDDLESEX.**—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on June 3rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 50 mins.: A. Smith 1, J. J. Pratt (conductor) 2, Miss G. Baker 3, H. Chandler 4, S. Honor 5, Miss P. Moss 6, J. Bacon 7, H. Folkard 8, W. Honor 9, F. Smith.

**YATELEY, HANTS.**—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, June 3rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. G. Stilwell (first quarter-peal) 1, W. G. Bunch 2, A. Hearmon 3, C. Bunch 4, H. Tice 5, G. Butler (conductor) 6, S. J. Riddell 7, W. A. Goodall 8. All are regular Sunday Service ringers.

**LEISTON, SUFFOLK.**—On Sunday, June 3rd, at St. Margaret's, for morning service, 1,083 London Surprise Major: A. Keeble 1, F. L. Fisher 2, M. Bailey 3, E. Fisher (longest length in method) 4, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 5, Edgar Bailey 6, Ernest S. Bailey 7, J. G. Rumsey 8.

**KEIGHLEY, YORKSHIRE.**—On Sunday, June 3rd, at St. Andrew's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in honour of King George's birthday: R. W. Jennison 1, J. Edmondson 2, E. Green 3, R. Bottomley 4, J. Hall 5, H. Thorpe (conductor) 6, A. Jackson 7, J. Coulton 8.

**DUBLIN.**—At St. Patrick's Cathedral, for afternoon service, on May 27th, five courses Grandsire Caters: D. Gibb 1, T. McMorran 2, J. Alkinson 3, C. Harrison 4, W. Wilson 5, J. Cherry 6, A. Murray 7, G. Wilmet 8, J. E. Sykes (conductor) 9, W. Gibson 10. Rang with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mrs. Gabriel Lindoff.

**BLACKBURN.**—At St. Michael's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 43 mins., 1,280, by H. Haigh: A. Tomlinson 1, H. Chambers 2, A. Chamberlain 3, E. Eastwood 4, T. Chambers 5, F. Chambers 6, F. Bradley 7, L. J. Williams (conductor) 8. First quarter in the method for ringers of 2 and 4.

**TITCHMARSH, NORTHANTS.**—On Sunday, May 27th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes), in 49 mins.: J. Nickerson (conductor) 1, G. Jeffs, junr., 2, G. Jeffs, senr., 3, A. Smart 4, L. Wyman 5, J. Seaman 6, A. Bellamy 7, R. Loveday 8. First quarter-peal with an inside bell by G. Jeffs, junr.

**PETERBOROUGH.**—On May 27th, for evensong, at St. John's Church, 546 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: V. Butler 1, W. M. Cross 2, H. Beechev 3, S. Wright 4, W. G. Cross 5, T. Vaughan 6, F. Cooke 7, C. T. P. Brice (conductor) 8. Also 560 Double Norwich, with Miss P. Hare at treble, H. Poole (Leicester) 5th and F. Davis 6th.

**PETERBOROUGH.**—On Trinity Sunday, May 27th, for morning service, at St. Mary's, 720 Cambridge Minor: J. J. Jutson 1, Miss Elsie Brandon 2, Miss Annie Dale 3, Miss Phyllis Hare 4, W. Waldron 5, H. J. Poole, Leicester (conductor) 6. First 720 of Cambridge Minor by ringers of 2, 3 and 6.

## NOTICES.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Hunts District will be held at Spaldwick on June 16. Tea at the George Inn at 5 o'clock. Members intending to be present please reply by Tuesday, June 12th, to Rev. H. B. Woolley, Longstanton, Cambridge.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chester Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Tettenhall on June 16th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify me before Tuesday, June 12? — J. W. Clarke, Hon. Sec., School House, Aldford, Chester.

## ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

## SUCCESSFUL GATHERING AT CHELMSFORD.

The 44th annual meeting of the Essex Association was held on Whit Monday, at Chelmsford, and proved one of the most successful in its history. There was a large gathering of ringers from all parts of Essex, together with distinguished visitors from outside the county, which testified to Chelmsford being the most suitable venue for Essex ringers. Chelmsford, with its ring of twelve at the Cathedral, and the number of eight-bell towers in the neighbourhood is recognised as one of the best ringing centres in the Eastern Counties. Proceedings opened with service at the Cathedral in the morning.

The Rev. Canon Lake, Rector of Chelmsford, conducted, and the lesson was read by Mr. C. H. Howard, J.P. (Braintree), Master of the Association.—The Rev. W. H. Pellham, Vicar of Terling, gave the address.

The annual meeting followed in the Vestry Hall. The Master presided over a crowded attendance, among those present being Canon Lake, the Rev. W. H. Pellham; Mr. F. J. Pitsoy (Saffron Walden), hon. secretary and treasurer; the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre (formerly hon. secretary and treasurer); Messrs. W. J. Nevard, Master, N.E. Division; W. H. Dyson, Master, N. Division; A. Edwards, Master, S.E. Division; P. Timson, secretary, S.E. Division; W. H. Theobald, secretary, S.W. Division; F. Dench, secretary, N.W. Division; and the following well-known ringers: Messrs. W. and G. R. Pye, Romford; D. Elliott, Great Henny; Mr. and Mrs. Elkins, Clapham; Miss Parkins, Peterborough; Mr. J. Souter, Diss; Mr. Rupert Richardson, Surfleet; Messrs. W. Hewitt and B. Pyke, London; T. R. Dennis, Cambridge; T. and W. G. Faulkner, C. Fenn, Barking, etc.

## THE MASTER'S REPORT.

The Master, in his report, stated: Although the total membership is slightly reduced, it does not indicate any slackening of interest, but is rather due to the difficult times through which we are passing. A considerable number of names have been removed from the list, due to non-payment of subscriptions, some not of their own choice, but from a necessity arising out of lack of regular employment. The membership now stands at 989, showing a decrease on the year of 32, which is undoubtedly temporary, and will again show improvement when the revival in industry is more apparent. The income of £58 2s. 4d. is smaller by £5 11s. 9d. than last year, and expenditure amounts to £53 12s. 1d. showing a balance in hand of £23 14s. 0d., resulting in a net gain of £4 10s. 3d., which would have been greater had all subscriptions due been paid. The five-bell tower of Shalford has again been affiliated and has an enthusiastic young band, making 99 towers in union with the Association which constitutes a record. Forty-eight peals all on tower bells have been rung as follows: Stedman Cinques, 1; Bob Royal, 2; Stedman Caters, 2; Grandsire Caters, 1; London Surprise, 2; Cambridge, 4; Superlative Surprise, 1; Double Norwich Major, 2; T. B. Major, 4; Bob Major, 3; Stedman Triples, 2; Grandsire Triples, 4; Surprise Minor, 4; Minor in various methods, 14; and Doubles, 2. Thirty-one members shared in the conducting, and forty-two rang their first peal.

The new ring of eight, hung in a steel frame in the triangular tower at All Saints', Maldon, has been dedicated and opened. The ring of eight at Romford has been rehung in a steel frame. A new treble has been added to each of the rings of five at Kirby-le-Soken and Ingatestone. It is proposed to recast some of the Rayleigh bells and rehang the whole ring of eight. Necessary repairs have also been carried out at Halstead and Thaxted. An appeal for funds is being made to rebast and rehang in a new frame the ancient ring of eight at Great Baddow. Although the past year may be described as uneventful, we can congratulate ourselves that good work has been accomplished. It is gratifying to know that in an increasing number of parishes the bells are regularly sending out their message, inviting all to public worship, which as church workers is our first duty. In conclusion, the Master expressed thanks, on behalf of the Association, to the honorary secretary, district officers and auditors for their zealous work to promote the interests of the association during the past year.

## OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The report and balance sheet were unanimously adopted.—Mr. G. Faulkner raised the question of advertising the meetings of the Essex Association in the 'Ringing World,' and the Master stated that arrangements had now been made for the notices to be regularly published in the 'Ringing World.'

The election of officers followed.—Canon Lake, who temporarily took the chair, said it was a great pleasure for him to propose the re-election of Mr. C. H. Howard as Master, and the Essex Association were very fortunate in having a Master who took such a keen interest in its affairs (hear, hear).—Mr. Caleb Fenn (Barking) seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously amid applause.

Mr. C. H. Howard, in reply, said he was extremely obliged for the renewed confidence (this being his fourteenth successive appointment to the office), and so long as it was the wish of the members that he should occupy the position he would endeavour to continue to carry on the business of the association in a proper manner (hear, hear).



The Master proposed the re-election of Mr. F. J. Pitstow (Saffron Walden) as hon. secretary and treasurer, and said he had entered with enthusiasm into his work, which he was carrying on in a most satisfactory manner.—Mr. G. Faulkner seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.—Mr. Pitstow, in reply, acknowledged the good work done by the district Masters and secretaries, and said he should be pleased to carry on for another year.

Messrs. G. A. Black and G. W. Faulkner were re-elected auditors, and thanked for their services. Messrs. G. R. Pye, W. J. Nevard, E. J. Butler, and the Master, were again appointed representatives to the Central Council.

The question of association property was discussed and it was agreed that the handbells should be kept in the ringing chamber at the Cathedral, and the peal books and other property in the hands of the general secretary.—Mr. T. Faulkner very kindly undertook to write the peal book up to date free of cost.

The question of the utility of the peal analysis published by the Central Council in the 'Ringing World' was discussed, and the Master stated that it was interesting to a great many ringers and associations, and entailed a large amount of labour upon those who compiled it.

A number of new numbers from Harwich and Braintree were enrolled.

#### RECOGNISED BY CHURCH AUTHORITIES.

Mr. T. Faulkner proposed thanks to the Master for presiding, and acknowledged the good work of the district officers for the association.—The motion was carried unanimously.

The Master, in reply, returned thanks for himself and the district officers, whose work he always recognised in the annual report. The Essex Association was now recognised in the county as an authority on bells, and during the past year he had been applied to over a score of times from different parts of the diocese for advice. The Master of the Association and district officers were often written to from parishes where there were proposed restorations of church bells, and there were frequent journeys to parishes where meetings were held to consider such matters. In the last ten years the Essex Association had become recognised by the church authorities in such matters, and there was scarcely a restoration going on in the county where the association had not been asked for advice. Very often the association had been the means of preventing patched up jobs being made of bells restorations, and sometimes work had been put off for a year or two, so that it could be done well. The influence of the Essex Association was always to see that work was properly carried out (hear, hear).

Mr. F. J. Pitstow proposed, and Mr. W. H. Dyson seconded, thanks to Canon Lake and the Rev. W. H. Palham.

Canon Lake, in reply, said the church authorities at Chelmsford regarded it as a great compliment to have the Essex ringers there, and they could always be assured of a warm welcome.

After a luncheon at Hicks' Restaurant the ringers adjourned to the Cathedral and various towers in the district, where some excellent touches were brought round. On the Cathedral bells there was some very fine ringing, including Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Royal. At the other towers methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise were successfully brought round by mixed companies. Every opportunity was given to young ringers to try their hands on twelve bells and in advanced Major methods. The Essex Association has held many successful meetings during its long history, but it was agreed that this gathering at Chelmsford was the most successful and enthusiastic ever experienced, and spoke well for the advance of the art in Essex.

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## NOTICES.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Andover on Saturday, June 9th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45, followed by business meeting.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. District Sec., Deane Rectory, Overton, Basingstoke.

**CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.**—A special meeting will be held at Wellingborough on Saturday, June 9th. Service in the Parish Church at 3.30 p.m. The address will be given by the Lord Bishop of Peterborough. It is hoped there will be a large attendance.—David J. Nichols, Gen. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held on Saturday, June 9th, at Newport Pagnell. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service 3.15 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Meeting after. All ringers welcome. — Walter Sear, 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Harpenden, on Saturday, June 9th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Short Service at 5 p.m. Tea by arrangement after. All welcome.—Wm. Nash, Dist. Sec., North Mymms, Hatfield.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Hillingdon (St. John's) on Saturday, June 9th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea arranged for those who kindly lent me know by June 4th. — W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Bennington on Saturday, June 9th. The bells will be available all the afternoon and evening. Tea will be kindly provided free in the Parochial Hall by the Rector, Rev. E. U. Mills, at five. Business meeting after. All members and friends will be made welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Oxford City and District Branch.—Quarterly Meeting at Iffley, Saturday, June 9th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea, 4.45 p.m.; 1s. Business meeting after tea.—Wm. Harris, Hon. Branch Sec., 28 New Street, St. Ebbs, Oxford.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Meetings for June, 1923.—St. Clement Danes, Monday, June 11th and 25th, 7.30 p.m.—J. Bullock, Hon. Sec. pro tem.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on June 21st. \*St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 12th; Southwark Cathedral, on the 19th; \*St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 26th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 28th, all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, Frodingham, 32 Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**GUILD OF DEVONHIRE RINGERS.**—A series of Cinques practices will be held at the Cathedral, Exeter, with a view to the ultimate selection of a band for a peal attempt. All members capable of profiting by this experience are urgently invited to attend. First practice, Wednesday, June 13th, at 6.30 p.m.—E. S. Powell, Gen. Secretary.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Reddish, on Saturday, June 9th. Bells ready 3.30 p.m. Meeting 7 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22 Silver Street, Miles Platting.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—The Quarterly Meeting will be held at Wortley on Saturday, June 16. Bells (8) ready 2 o'clock. Service at 4.30 Tea and meeting after. Will all requiring tea (1/- each) notify Mr. H. Burkinshaw, The Shop, Wortley, by Thursday the 14th?—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at St. John's, Croydon, on Saturday, June 16th. Ringing from 3 to 8 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m. at Hare and Hounds, Waddon. A good attendance desired and all ringers welcomed.—Fred W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 9, Dorset Road, Ealing, W.5.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 16th. Bells: St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) from 3 o'clock. Tea at Lloyd's Restaurant at 5, 1s. to fully-paid members, to others 1s. 6d. General meeting to follow. Please send word by Tuesday, June 12th. — H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—Next meeting at Northaw on Saturday, June 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at 5. Tea and meeting to follow. Tea, at a small cost, will be arranged for those who require same and advise me by June 13th. All members and friends welcome.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The Ven. Archdeacon of Warwick and Mrs. Back extend their usual invitation to all members to visit Berkswell on Saturday, June 16th next. In order to assist Mrs. Back with the catering arrangements, will those who intend being present kindly let me know as soon as possible? Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 4 p.m.—A. Wilkerson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Meeting at Barkway, on Saturday, June 16th. Tea will be provided at 1/3 each to all who send me word on or before Tuesday, June 12th, at the Wheatsheaf. A bus will run from Royston at 3.20 p.m. There will also be a bus leave Hertford at the same time. Either or these will give members and friends a good three hours at Barkway.—F. R. Bacon, District Secretary, 21, Lancaster Avenue, Hitchin, Herts.

**DEVON GUILD OF RINGERS.**—North-Eastern Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Huntsham (8) on Saturday, June 16th. Bells available at 2.30; service at 4.45; tea at 5.15, 9d. each. Those requiring tea must send their names to me by Tuesday, June 12th.—Rev. E. V. Cox, Hon. Sec., Bampton Vicarage, Devon.

**ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.**—The next meeting of the above will be held at New Romney on Saturday, June 16th. The bells will be available for ringing from 2 p.m.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., Appledore, Kent.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The usual monthly meeting will be held at Leesfield on Saturday, June 16th. Bells ready at 3. Meeting at 6.30. All are welcome.—T. K. Driver, Branch Sec., 31, Samuel Street, Middleton.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next monthly meeting of the Bristol branch of the above association will be held at Alveston on Saturday, June 16th. Bells available from 3. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. Please notify by June 11th.—P. C. Williams, 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

**CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.**—Guisborough District.—The annual meeting will be held at Guisborough on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than the 14th inst.?—W. Bott, District Hon. Sec., Guisborough.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at West Derby on Saturday, June 16th. Bells ready at 4.30.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Ewhurst on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30, followed by business meeting.—E. Raddon, Hon. Sec., Hillcrest, Baillie Road, Guildford.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cheltenham and District Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Winchcombe on Saturday, June 16th. Bells open at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, by invitation of the Vicar (Rev. F. M. Wickham). Business meeting to follow. Will all those requiring tea please notify me not later than the 12th inst.?—W. Yeend, Hon. Branch Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Beverley on Saturday, June 23rd. The Minster bells (10) available from 1 to 9 p.m., and St. Mary's (10) from 6 to 8 p.m. Service in the Minster Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Minster Parish Room at 5 p.m. to those who notify Mr. W. Gibson, 3, Brithunus Place, Long Lane, Beverley, by first post Tuesday, June 19th.—A. B. Cook, Hon. District Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Bishopstone on Saturday, June 23rd. Train to Shrivernham Station. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Tea arranged for those who kindly let me know by June 18th.—H. A. Hearl, Hon. Branch Sec., 5, The Knoll, Swindon.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Hellingly on Saturday, June 23rd. Tower open at 2.30. Service 4.30, and tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by Tuesday, the 19th instant?—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. District Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Newchurch, on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting 7 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—John H. Haydock, Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom, Lancs.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—A meeting will be held at S. Nicolas, Guildford, on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells (10) ready 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Those requiring tea please

notify me by Tuesday, June 19th. All ringers welcome.—Miss N. E. Shorter, Ferndene, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.

**SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.**—Established 1623.—The Tercentenary Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 27. A free dinner will be provided at one o'clock; and an official reception by the Mayor and Corporation at a Tea, at 4.30, kindly given by them. A very hearty welcome will be accorded to all visiting ringers; and it is sincerely desired that as many as possible will attend to honour the Saffron Walden Society on this unique occasion. It is essential that those intending to be present should communicate with the Hon. Secretary, not later than Thursday, June 21st, in order that suitable arrangements may be made.—R. A. Strong, Hon. Sec., West Road, Saffron Walden.

**OLDHAM PARISH CHURCH.**—On Saturday, June 30th, the new peal of 12 bells, weight of tenor 35 cwt., recast by J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, will be open to all ringers from 12 noon. A hearty invitation is given to all. Teas will be provided at a nominal fee. Applications for teas must be sent to the secretary on or before Tuesday, June 26th.—James Cox, 144, Horsedgate Street, Oldham, Lancs.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Preliminary Notice.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London, W.C., on Saturday, July 14th. Fuller particulars later.—Edith K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Enfield.

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