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## A REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL.

The surmise that the Central Council, when they met in London on Whitsun Tuesday, would have a full day's business before them, proved correct, for the deliberations lasted until nearly half-past five in the afternoon, and, what is more, none of the time was frittered away, as it has been frequently in years past, in discussing trivialities. As a matter of fact, the meeting proved one of the most interesting that has been held for a long time. We must postpone until subsequent issues comment upon many of the topics that came under debate, and confine ourselves at this moment to one or two items of a general nature.

The meeting was extremely well attended, and a perusal of the names of the societies represented will show that, with one or two exceptions, every association of importance sent its delegates. The most conspicuous absence was the Sussex County Association, which, for some years, has declined to appoint representatives. It is regrettable that this association, which has in the past figured so prominently in ringing matters, should persistently refuse to join in with the other associations in the country in this matter. This year a lot of 'new blood' has been infused into the Council, and it can be said, without any reflection upon the composition of the Council in the past, that it has probably never been more representative of all phases of the Exercise than it is today. Practical ringers of established repute are included by the dozen, many of the best brains in the realm of composition and the theory of the science are included; the technical side is represented by the best engineering skill which is available to ringers; architectural, building, antiquarian and legal knowledge is to be found among the members; and, not least important, there are, in addition, large numbers who have had long experience in the management of associations. In comparison with the composition of some Councils in years gone by, this Council is, we venture to say, a body far more representative of the interests of ringing and ringers, and if any association holds aloof merely on the score of what has happened in the past it is doing itself and the Exercise a disservice.

One very pleasing feature of last week's meeting was the presentation to the Rev. Charles D. P. Davies, who, for nearly twenty years, with so much painstaking labour, devotion and ability, filled the offices of hon. secretary and treasurer. It was three years ago that Mr. Davies resigned, but the meeting this year, occurring again in London, was considered the most fitting at which to make this special acknowledgment of his services. Apart from his connection with the Council, Mr. Davies has rendered

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invaluable aid to the Exercise in the past. his share in the Snowdon text books on Grandsire and Stedman being alone a monument of work which will stand for all time. His executive services to the Council were longer than those of any other man, except Sir Arthur Heywood himself, and the Council's gift was the least acknowledgment that could be made of work so well and so wholeheartedly done.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 14, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE ... .. Treble	CYRIL PEASE ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 2	WILLIAM J. NUGDS ... 8
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 3	WALTER AYRE ... .. 9
*MRS. R. F. DEAL ... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... .. 10
ALBERT W. COLES ... .. 5	REUBEN SANDERS ... 11
T. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... 6	RICHARD F. DEAL ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

\* First peal on twelve bells, and first attempt. This composition is now rung for the first time. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Fred C. Maynard and Miss Emily L. Barnes, who were married at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on this date.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 7, 1924, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E flat.

*EDWARD TALBOT ... .. Treble	STEPHEN W. HOLDAWAY... 6
C.O.M.S.G. GILBERT, R.E. 2	†FRANK E. DARBY ... .. 7
CHARLES H. KIPPIN... .. 3	JAMES E. COOPER ... .. 8
ALFRED J. TRAPPITT ... 4	CECIL V. EBBERTSON... 9
FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... 5	GEORGE H. DAYNES ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY J. TUCKER. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

\* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Plain Bob.

BEVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Whit Monday, June 9, 1924, in Three Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 35 cwt.

PERCY HARRISON ... .. Treble	E. HARRY STONELEY... .. 6
MISS PHYLLIS HARE ... 2	JAMES F. CLARKE ... .. 7
HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 8
FRED. W. HILL ... .. 4	HARRY BROUGHTON ... 9
ALFRED C. WRIGHT ... .. 5	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

First peal of Royal on the bells.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 10, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

ALBERT STOWELL ... .. Treble	WILLIAM KNIGHT ... .. 6
*MISS ANNIE BROWN ... 2	FREDERICK W. WADE ... 7
ALFRED E. REEVES ... .. 3	*FREDERICK E. TYLER ... 8
*EDWIN J. BROWN ... .. 4	HENRY T. HOWELL ... .. 9
WILLIAM STOWELL ... .. 5	*ISAAC LONG ... .. Tenor

Composed by FRED G. MAY. Conducted by EDWIN J. BROWN.

\* First peal of Kent Royal, and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. T. Howell.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
*On Whit Monday, June 9, 1924, in Three Hours and One Minute,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE GATERS, 5039 CHANGES;**

FRANK COLE... .. Treble	WALTER TRUMAN ... .. 6
HERBERT BISHOP ... .. 2	CHARLES GARDINER ... .. 7
THOMAS BALDWIN ... .. 3	LESLIE BARRY ... .. 8
GEORGE ORCHARD ... .. 4	JOHN BALLINGER... .. 9
ALBERT WRIGHT... .. 5	CHARLES BARNFIELD ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

**CREWE.**

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Saturday, June 14, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,*  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

ROBERT SPERRING ... .. Treble	EDWARD JENKINS... .. 6
GEORGE R. JONES ... .. 2	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... .. 7
RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... .. 3	SAM JONES, JUN. ... .. 8
HARRY F. HOLDING ... .. 4	RICHARD T. HOLDING ... .. 9
HARRY OVERTON ... .. 5	JAMES H. RIDING ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal of Oxford Royal on the bells, and by all the hand except the conductor, also in the county and by the Guild with a resident band.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

**NEWCHURCH, WARRINGTON.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, June 7, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,*  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5568 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt.

FRANK REYNOLDS ... .. Treble	JOHN YATES... .. 5
WILLIAM GOULD ... .. 2	EDWARD JENKINS... .. 6
GEORGE POWNALL ... .. 3	THOMAS B. WORSLEY... .. 7
WILLIAM HAMPSON ... .. 4	JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... .. Tenor

Composed by T. DAY. Conducted by E. JENKINS.

Rung as an anniversary peal for the 16,608 Oxford Treble Bob Major, the same composition being rung.

**GRIMSBY, Lincs.**

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, June 7, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Tenor 18½ cwt.

PERCY HARRISON ... .. Treble	FRED. W. HILL ... .. 5
E. HARRY STONELEY... .. 2	JAMES F. CLARKE ... .. 6
HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 7
ALFRED C. WRIGHT ... .. 4	HARRY BROUGHTON ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

First Surprise peal in Grimsby.

**GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.**

**THE NORFOLK GUILD.**

*On Whit Sunday, June 8, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

GEORGE A. FLEMING ... .. Treble	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL ... .. 5
ALBERT A. FLEMING ... .. 2	LESLIE G. BRETT ... .. 6
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 3	WALTER RUFFLES ... .. 7
GEORGE W. ABLITT ... .. 4	GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEO. H. CROSS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Orford S. Wightman, brother of the ringer of the 3rd.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, Lincs.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.  
*On Sunday, June 8, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,  
**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 'CHANGES;**

Tenor 10½ cwt.

PERCY HARRISON... .. Treble	JAMES F. CLARKE ... .. 5
HARRY BROUGHTON ... .. 2	E. HARRY STONELEY ... .. 6
FRED. W. HILL ... .. 3	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... .. 7
ALFRED C. WRIGHT ... .. 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

**CROYDON.**

**THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Whit Monday, June 9, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in E flat.

JAMES E. COOPER ... .. Treble	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... .. 5
THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... .. 2	CHARLES H. CHAPMAN ... .. 6
C. Q. M. S. G. GILBERT, R.E. 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. 7
STEPHEN W. HOLDAWAY... .. 4	GEORGE H. DAYNES ... .. Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

\* First peal in the method away from the treble.

**LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.**

**THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

*On Whit Monday, June 9, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

BROOKS' VARIATION.

Tenor 23 cwt.

MAURICE T. SYMONDS ... .. Treble	FREDK. F. MORTLOCK... .. 5
FREDK. A. POULSON ... .. 2	STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... .. 6
FRANK A. TURNER ... .. 3	WILLM. R. J. POULSON ... .. 7
LAURENCE POULSON ... .. 4	ARTHUR SYMONDS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

First peal in the method by all excepting the 3rd and tenor ringers, and first peal in the method in West Suffolk by a local band.

**CALDICOT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.**

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Whit Monday, June 9, 1924, in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

E. MORRIS' TRANSPOSITION OF MATTHEW'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb.

ARTHUR LEWIS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM PHILLIPS ... .. 5
WILLIAM PIKE ... .. 2	SAMUEL JONES ... .. 6
ARTHUR MARTIN ... .. 3	FRANK BOUCHER ... .. 7
PERCY JONES... .. 4	ERNEST ROWE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by SAMUEL JONES.

**GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.**

**THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**

*On Whit Monday, June 9, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOSEPH B. FENTON ... .. Treble	CHARLES W. WHEELER ... .. 5
JOHN W. CHANDLER... .. 2	JOSEPH A. FENTON ... .. 6
LESLIE BRAMALL ... .. 3	WALTER MALINS... .. 7
* ERNEST W. TIPLER ... .. 4	WILLIAM TAYLER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER MALINS.

\* First peal in the method.

**THOS. J. GROOMBRIDGE**

Church Bell Hanger,

CRAYFORD, KENT.

ESTIMATES SUBMITTED FOR NEW OR REPAIR WORK

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.  
(ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY.)

On Whit Monday, June 9, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF ROCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

EDGAR H. BAILEY ... .. Treble	JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. 5
ALFRED KEEBLE ... .. 2	JAMES G. ROMSEY ... .. 6
GEORGE BAILEY ... .. 3	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... .. 7
GEORGE WILSON ... .. 4	ERNEST S. BAILEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.  
This method is now rung for the first time.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Whit Monday, June 9, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

WILLIAM C. ROMSEY ... .. Treble	WALTER RUFFLES ... .. 5
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 2	FREDK. J. ROOPE ... .. 6
WILLIAM J. GROOM ... .. 3	NORMAN R. BAILEY ... .. 7
ERNEST WHITING ... .. 4	GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PISTOW. Conducted by W. C. ROMSEY.  
First peal of New Cambridge by ringers of 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 8th. Geo. H. Cross's 250th peal. Messrs. Whiting, Roope and Cross were elected members of the Guild previous to starting for the peal.

MIDDLEWICH, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Whit Monday, June 9, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Tenor 20 cwt. 20 lb in E.

*GEORGE VERNON ... .. Treble	†ERNEST BOSTOCK ... .. 5
*HARRY PARKER ... .. 2	LEONARD BOSTOCK ... .. 6
†HUGH YARWOOD ... .. 3	ALBERT BOOTH ... .. 7
†THOMAS WILKINSON ... .. 4	EDWARD JENKINS ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by E. JENKINS.  
\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Major. ‡ First peal of Major inside.

BLEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Whit Monday, June 9, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

*THOMAS IMPEY ... .. Treble	RICHARD G. RICE ... .. 5
†ROBERT R. LEWIS ... .. 2	WILLIAM HUTTON ... .. 6
G. FREDERICK JAMES ... .. 3	†FREDERICK W. WOODWARD ... .. 7
MAURICE SMITH ... .. 4	CHARLES SPICER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD G. RICE.

\* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal on a bob bell.  
‡ First peal on eight bells 'inside.' The conductor has now rung every bell in this tower to a peal. This is the fastest peal ever rung on these bells.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Whit Monday, June 9, 1924, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F sharp.

ROBERT J. DAWES ... .. Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 5
RICHARD HAYES ... .. 2	*GEORGE TOMSETT ... .. 6
MAURICE SMITHER ... .. 3	HARRY PARKES ... .. 7
CHARLES HAZELDEN ... .. 4	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.  
\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells, and rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Major and Mrs. Bernard Thomas.

ELLESMERE, SALOP.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Whit Monday, June 9, 1924, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E. 00

*WILLIAMS S. HIGGINSON ... Treble	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... .. 5
ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 2	GEORGE R. JONES ... .. 6
THOMAS R. BUTLER ... .. 3	EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... .. 7
HARRY F. HOLDING ... .. 4	JAMES H. RIDING ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

\* First peal on eight, and made a life ringing member. Rung with bells half-muffled for Mrs. Jennings, a devout worker in connection with this church.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Whit Monday, June 9, 1924, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

*ARTHUR KING ... .. Treble	HAROLD J. HAZELL ... .. 5
REV. H. B. WOOLLEY ... .. 2	†FRANK WARRINGTON ... .. 6
*FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... .. 3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... .. 7
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 4	ERNEST J. KING ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.  
\* First peal on eight bells, and first attempt. † First peal of Bob Major.

LISCARD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, June 10, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*FRANK WOOSNAM ... .. Treble	†THOMAS ASHLEY ... .. 5
DAVID HUGHES ... .. 2	WILLIAM WOOSNAM ... .. 6
†JOHN HUGHES ... .. 3	†HENRY WILLIAMS ... .. 7
HERBERT LUDKIN ... .. 4	*FRANK WINSTANLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. WOOSNAM.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Miss A. Milner and Mr. Richards. Also as a compliment to the bride's father, Mr. Milner, the popular president of the branch. \* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal as conductor.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 11, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ARTHUR BIGLEY ... .. Treble	WALTER PERKINS ... .. 5
LEONARD WYMAN ... .. 2	JOHN R. MAIN ... .. 6
*NORMAN THOMAS ... .. 3	ANDERSON Y. TYLER ... .. 7
*ARTHUR BELLAMY ... .. 4	GEORGE BASFORD ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.

\* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. C. Newman, who is a ringer and sexton at the above church.

ASHTAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 14, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5036 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR DEAN ... .. Treble	†ALFRED H. WINCH ... .. 5
HENRY HUTTON ... .. 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... .. 6
JOHN T. SCOTT ... .. 3	ALBERT HARMAN ... .. 7
*GEORGE MARRINER ... .. 4	ALFRED H. POLLING ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major in the method away from the treble. Messrs. Hutton and Scott were proposed members of the association previous to the start of the peal.



**BEDWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.**  
**THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**

*On Saturday, June 14, 1924, in Three Hours,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... Treble	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS ... 5
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... 2	*ABRAHAM WILKERSON ... 6
EDWARD H. JOHNSON ... 3	WILLIAM T. COX ... 7
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER.

Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

\* First peal of Bristol, and first in the method on the bells. It was the 200th peal by the Ringing Master (A. Roberts).

**SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.**  
**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, June 14, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,*

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;**

H. JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 18 cwt.

BARNARD PETTITT ... Treble	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 5
*HORACE COOPER ... 2	WALTER ARNOLD ... 6
JAMES FLETTY ... 3	FRANK CLAYDON ... 7
GEORGE WIFFEN ... 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

\* First peal in the method, also on the bells.

**NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.**  
**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

*On Saturday, June 14, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,*

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*THOS. E. LEE ... Treble	FRANCIS WARD ... 5
†COLIN HARRISON ... 2	ROBERT HARRISON ... 6
WILLIAM BIGGIN ... 3	G. FREDERICK ALLEN ... 7
JAMES EVINSON ... 4	GEORGE H. SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.

Rung to commemorate a recent presentation, consisting of an ornamental timepiece, with a pair of vases, silver watch and an illuminated address, to Mr. William Biggin, in recognition of his 25 years' services as ringer and church worker at Norton. The peal was also rung on Mr. Biggin's 60th birthday. \* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal of Grandsire as conductor.

**FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS.**

**UPPINGTON, SHROPSHIRE.**  
**THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.**

*On Saturday, May 24, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,*

*AT THE PARISH CHURCH,*

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

Ten different callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

JOSEPH STANIER ... Treble	JOHN H. HAYWARD ... 4
*ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... 2	WILLIAM A. FLETCHER ... 5
ERNEST FOX ... 3	*JOHN PAINTER ... Tenor

Conducted by W. A. FLETCHER.

\* First peal. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. G. H. Goodwin for the use of the bells.

**FULBOURN, CAMBS.**  
**THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wednesday, June 4, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,*

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

Consisting of 720 each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob, and two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Tenor 12½ cwt.

*EDMUND WEBB ... Treble	ARTHUR J. PAGE ... 4
JOHN W. B. GIDDENS ... 2	GEORGE D. BRIDGE ... 5
CHARLES R. HALL ... 3	CHARLES E. PATTEN ... Tenor

Conducted by C. E. PATTEN.

\* First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor.

**ILMINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.**  
**THE FOUR SHIRES GUILD.**

*On Whit Sunday, June 8, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

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

Being 42 six-scores in 20 different callings. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

CHARLES SABIN ... Treble	WALTER LARGE ... 4
HORACE TERRY ... 2	GEORGE HANDS ... 5
FRANCIS BOSWELL ... 3	LEONARD BRYAN ... Tenor

Conducted by HORACE TERRY.

First peal by the local band, and rung to celebrate the 64th birthday of Mr. W. I. Tye.

**BODENHAM, HEREFORDSHIRE.**  
**THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Whit Sunday, June 8, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,*

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

Being ten 120's of Canterbury Pleasure, ten of Plain Bob, and 22 of Grandsire, ten different callings. Tenor 15 cwt.

*STANLEY LEWIS ... Treble	*GEORGE W. RUSHTON ... 4
FREDERICK G. GRIFFITHS ... 2	ALFRED E. RUSHTON ... 5
JOSEPH W. RUSHTON ... 3	ROLAND BILLINGS ... Tenor

Conducted by A. E. RUSHTON.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor.

**WHICHFORD, WARWICKSHIRE.**  
**THE FOUR SHIRES GUILD.**

*On Monday, June 9, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,*

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

Being 42 six-scores in 21 different callings. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

ARTHUR LARGE ... Treble	ERNEST WITHERS ... 4
HORACE TERRY ... 2	GEORGE HANDS ... 5
WALTER LARGE ... 3	LEONARD BRYAN ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER LARGE.

**LITTLEDEAN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**

*On Whit Monday, June 9, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,*

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

*HERBERT EMBLING ... Treble	WALTER GLEED ... 4
†FELIX CARTER ... 2	THOMAS HART ... 5
JOHN GIBSON ... 3	*FREDERICK EVANS ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS HART.

\* First peal. † First peal away from treble.

**HARBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION**  
**AND FRAMLAND SOCIETY.**

*On Whit Monday, June 9, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,*

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

Being twelve 120's of Plain Bob, four different callings, and thirty 120's of Grandsire, ten different callings.

*J. REGINALD BARTRAM ... Treble	JOHN R. BARTRAM ... 3
*ARTHUR H. BARTRAM ... 2	ERNEST BARTRAM ... 4
R. HENRY BARTRAM ... Tenor	

Conducted by R. H. BARTRAM.

\* First peal. Ringer of treble proposed member of M.C.A. before starting. First peal on tower bells, for both societies, by father and four sons.

**BECKLETON, LEICESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**  
(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

*On Monday, June 9, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,*

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

Consisting of seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

*THOMAS K. DEACON ... Treble	†CHARLES R. BELTON ... 4
*CHARLES E. PAYNE ... 2	CHARLES H. BELTON ... 5
*GEORGE THOMPSON ... 3	FRED. COTTON ... Tenor

Conducted by F. COTTON.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal.

LEVERINGTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.  
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 11, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5030 CHANGES;**

Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 17 cwt in F.

*HARRY SHINKINS ... .. Treble	FRED. WIGMORE ... .. 4
ARTHUR WIGMORE ... .. 2	BERT GOGLE ... .. 5
WALLACE COUSINS ... .. 3	CLAUDE COUSINS ... .. 6

Conducted by BERT GOGLE.

\* First peal in three methods, and the first peal on the bells. Rung in celebration of the rededication of the tower and bells. The latter have been returned and rehung, and the back three recast by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, the 'go' being excellent. The ringers wish to thank the Rector and Mrs. Wilkinson for the excellent tea provided immediately after the peal.

PATTISHALL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD  
AND THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 12, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Cross,

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

Being 2,520 of Oxford Bob, and 2,520 of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN M. GRAY ... .. Treble	*ALBERT BOOTH ... .. 4
*JAMES HAYNES ... .. 2	GEORGE MANSFIELD ... .. 5
J. WILFRED SHARP ... .. 3	TOM TEBBUTT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

\* First peal of Minor away from treble.

COLTISHALL, NORFOLK.  
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 14, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

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

Being seven 720's each differently called. Tenor 12 cwt.

*H. DUFFIELD ... .. Treble	C. POOLEY ... .. 4
E. KIMM ... .. 2	W. STIBBONS ... .. 5
E. WILSON ... .. 3	W. C. MEDLER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. C. MEDLER.

\* First peal.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 7, 1924, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,

In the Tower of All Saints Church,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

WILBY J. HAZEL ... .. 1—2	JOHN THOMAS ... .. 5—6
WILLIAM H. BARBER ... .. 3—4	EDWARD H. KING ... .. 7—8

Conducted by J. THOMAS.

CLAPHAM, SURREY.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 11, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At 63A, OLD TOWN,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5017 CHANGES;**

Tenor, size 16 in B.

MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... .. 1—2	R. ALDER GOFTON ... .. 7—8
JOSEPH A. GOFTON ... .. 3—4	JAMES E. GOFTON ... .. 9—10
THOMAS T. GOFTON ... .. 5—6	FRANK I. HAIRS ... .. 11—12

Composed by J. E. GROVES.

Conducted by T. T. GOFTON.

Mr. W. H. Hewitt umpired the last 15 courses of the peal.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

**THE ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual general meeting was held on Whitson Monday, at Sevenoaks. Never before during its forty-four years' existence has the association had a general gathering there; and for that reason alone it was imagined that a record attendance might be possible. The natural beauties of the place and its surroundings might have proved an additional attraction; and the weather was tolerably fine, though a trifle more sunshine would have been appreciated. It was somewhat disappointing, therefore, to find that less than a tenth of the practising members of the county, that is, about eighty or so, put in an appearance.

The programme usual on those occasions was observed: Committee meeting at 11.15; service at noon; and luncheon at 1.15. The towers open for ringing were: Sevenoaks (8), Westerham (8), Shoreham (8), Brasted (6), Seal (6), and Seal Chart (6).

At the service the association's form was used, the prayers being read by the hon. secretary, and the lesson by the Rev. A. W. Habersohn, assistant curate. The address was given by the Rector (the Rev. W. E. Gilliat) from the text, Col. iii. 23: ' whatsoever ye do, do it heartily (from the soul), as unto the Lord.' Three hymns were sung, 'When God of old came down from Heaven,' 'Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly dove,' and the special ringers' hymn, 'Unchanging God, who livest, Enthroned in realms above.' The organ was played by the Rev. G. C. E. Ryley, M.A., Mus.Bac., Vicar of East Peckham, with his accustomed taste and skill. The collection was devoted to the Benevolent Fund.

The luncheon took place in the grounds of the Lime Tree Hotel, in a covered sort of alley, which would have sheltered the company from rain or sun, had there been any, but afforded no protection from wind. Fortunately, however, there was not more than a gentle breeze, which would have been more pleasant, if it had been a trifle warmer. Through the modesty of the Rector, the hon. secretary was called upon to preside, being supported by the Revs. W. E. Gilliat, A. W. Habersohn, G. C. E. Ryley, Mrs. Gatehouse (a life member and practical ringer), the district secretaries, Messrs. Tribe, Buesden, Groombridge, Sone, Mitchell and Latner, and other members of the committee. After the usual toasts, 'The King,' and 'Archbishop and Clergy,' with thanks to the preacher, to which the Rector responded, the hon. secretary read his report, which, with the statement of accounts, was adopted, on the proposition of Mr. F. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. F. White (Tonbridge Wells).

Mr. Stead (Tonbridge) proposed the election of officers, vice-presidents (other than ex-officio), secretary, treasurer, auditor and committee.—This was seconded by Mr. E. Hadlow (Gravesend), and carried.

The company then adjourned, some to ring, others, mainly the older contingent, to enjoy the beauty and quiet of the Rectory garden, which, by the kindness of Mr. Gilliat, was open to ringers throughout the day. There is not much connection between lawn tennis and change ringing; but while the church bells were being rung (not 'ringing,' mind you, as ordinary journalists will persist in putting it), it was pleasant to sit and watch a tennis match between the Rector and his curate, the former an old Varsity and International football blue, whose fifty years have not yet robbed him of his youthful agility and suppleness. The writer has no record of the kind or amount of ringing that was done during the day; but it would be safe to say that touches were brought round in most of the methods generally practised at the present time.

**DEATH OF MR. JOSEPH BLISS, HIGH WYCOMBE**

The High Wycombe belfry has sustained the loss of a valued supporter, by the death of Mr. Joseph Bliss, who passed away on Sunday, June 8th, at the age of 70 years. The deceased had always taken an interest in the welfare of the local ringers, and any appeal made on behalf of the tower met with a sympathetic response. Two tablets in the belfry were presented by Mr. Bliss, including one recording a peal of Stedman Cinques by the Royal Cumberlands. A truly typical English gentleman, his passing will cause a deal of sorrow to many other branches of Christian work.

On the day of the funeral the heavy eight bells of the Parish Church were rung half-muffled, Thurstan's quarter-peal of Stedman being rung in 50 mins.: Fred Hayes (conductor) 1, George Hinton 2, Ralph Coles 3, Sidney T. Goodchild 4, George White 5, P.S. Cecil E. Smith 6, Edward R. Coles 7, William H. Plumridge 8.

**PASSING OF AN OLD RINGER.**

At the Parish Church, Bishop's Stortford, Herts. on Thursday, June 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung, with the bells half-muffled: H. M. White 1, F. Bird 2, H. J. Tucker (conductor) 3, H. Dew 4, H. Champness 5, W. W. Tucker 6, W. T. Prior 7, C. Ridgewell 8. This was rung as a last tribute of respect to the late Mr. William Rickett, aged 76, who was a ringer at the above church for over 50 years.

BAGSHOT, SURREY.—At the Church of St. Anne's, on Empire Day. Also for the jubilee of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught's Dukedom, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: W. Welling 1, W. Henley 2, E. Haynes 3, R. Hawkins 4, G. Bull 5, M. Norman 6, F. Nye (conductor) 7, H. Hunt 8. Rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Stedman.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

The annual festival was held at Hereford on Whit Monday, June 9th. At 12.15, a service was held in the Cathedral, when about 100 ringers were present. The Rev. S. Cornish Watkins preached an excellent sermon from Ps. xix. 3. Dinner was served at the Booth Hall, where 76 sat down, 25 towers being represented. Some excellent speeches were made.

The following facts were mentioned in the annual report: Ringing members had increased from 605 to 690; towers from 76-84; 146 probationers had been enrolled during 1923. The hon. members had increased from 79 to 114, and their subscriptions from £25 to £36. Fifty-two peals had been rung. The balances of the districts stood at £48, and the Central Fund at £70.

At the business meeting, held after the dinner, the Master (Mr. J. G. Buchanan) resigned the office, which he had held since 1891, and Mr. C. Edwards was unanimously appointed in his place.

The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson and Mr. J. G. Buchanan were elected vice-presidents; Mr. J. Beavan (Bridstow), Rev. F. W. Worsley, Rev. Prebendary C. E. Warner, Mr. S. T. Rackham (Abergavenny) were added to the committee. The Rev. G. W. Turner was re-elected hon. secretary.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

The quarterly meeting of the Cheltenham and District branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Alderton on May 31st. About fifty ringers were present, representing a dozen towers. After service the delegates were entertained to tea in the Village Hall by the Rector (the Rev. A. D. Pennington). Being chairman of the branch for this year, the Rector took the chair at the business meeting which followed, and was supported by the secretary (Mr. W. Yeend).

An appeal from the Winchcombe tower for an instructor was answered by Mr. Harrison, of Toddington, kindly consenting to undertake the duty, the Rector remarking that he had no doubt Mr. Harrison would be as successful as he had been with the Toddington band.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for his address and kind reception concluded the business. A heavy thunderstorm prevented a move to the tower except in the case of a few daring spirits, but a piano and some lady helpers present, suggested dancing to beguile the time. No doubt the energetic secretary was stiff for days.

**BARNSELY DISTRICT CONTEST.****WATH WINS THE NEW CUP.**

On Saturday, June 14th, a large number of ringers and friends visited the village of Hoylandswaine, the chief attraction being a challenge cup contest inaugurated by the local company for competition by the Barnsley and District Association. Seven bands entered, viz., Ecclesfield, Wortley, Rawmarsh, Wath, Cawthorne, Sandal and Horbury. The test was 720 Minor, in any method or variation. Three bands failed to go through. The remaining four were judged and placed by Mr. Lambert, Bolsover, the faults being as follow: Wath, 256; Ecclesfield, 268; Sandal, 290; Rawmarsh, 414. During an interval tea was served in the Day School, the number present being much greater than expected, but all were welcomed with a smile by the ringers' wives, who had been responsible for all cooking and other preparations.

The Vicar (the Rev. J. Hewitson) kindly took the chair at the close of the contest. Wath were declared the winners, and received from the chairman the cup to hold for one year. Each member of the band received a silver medal, with gold centre, their names being: Treble, W. Bramham; 2, H. Chamberlin; 3, A. Gill; 4, A. Nash (conductor); 5, R. J. Ricketts; tenor, A. Panther.—The conductor thanked the chairman, and, with pardonable pride, said that Wath's effort to retain the cup for another year would be great and strong.—Mr. L. Wilkinson, of the local company, proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and the many generous subscribers who had made the contest possible.

The President of the Association (Mr. R. Thickett) proposed a vote of thanks to the local company, and all who had joined in paying such a compliment to the society. He trusted great good would result from such high-souled action.—The Vicar briefly replied, and expressed the hope that everyone had enjoyed themselves.

**OFF TO CANADA.**

At Selby Abbey, on a recent Sunday, being the last Sunday prior to two members of the band emigrating to Canada, namely, Arthur Cryer and Charles Woodard, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters was rung by C. Woodard 1, R. Fenton 2, W. A. Hall 3, H. S. Morley 4, A. Cryer 5, E. Storr 6, F. Cryer 7, G. Fenton 8, H. Fairlam (conductor) 9, T. Morgan 10. First quarter of Caters for ringers of 1st and 2nd. 'Good luck and godspeed' is the wish of the Selby Abbey ringers to Messrs. Woodward and Cryer, who were presented with a cigarette case and tobacco pouch, respectively.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

A peal in another new Surprise method, of which Mr. Gabriel Lindoff is the author, has been rung by the Leiston band. It is on the extending lead principle, and has been named 'Rochester.' The figures will be published in due course, but we have a hazy notion that a method known as Rochester Surprise was rung many years ago. If that is so, perhaps some of our readers will be able to give us the information. But we may be mistaken.

A peal tablet at St. Peter-at-Arches, Lincoln, records a peal of 'Catharans Tripples' rung there on June 20th, 1756. This is believed to be Garthorn's peal of Grandsire Triples, the first Grandsire composition that was rung. It was called at Lincoln by John Foster, who some years before had called the same composition at Coddensham, Suffolk, where, apparently, he was a member of Theodore Ecclestone's band.

The second anniversary of the only peal rung on fourteen bells—Stedman Sextuples on handbells at Birmingham—occurs on Tuesday next.

The Midland Counties Association rang their first peal on June 23rd, 1882.

A man, named George Bones, committed suicide last week by jumping from the tower of Wormingford Church, near Colchester.

On Whit Sunday, Mr. Charles Gordon, of Beddington, Surrey, who has been ill for the last five years with asthma and heart trouble, succeeded in ringing a touch of Grandsire Triples on the 4th. Mr. Gordon, who is 73 years of age, took part in the first ringing on the bells, which was on Whit Monday, 55 years ago, and is the sole survivor of that band.

Will Mr. Lewis W. Wiffen, of Braintree, Essex, send his address to Mr. A. C. Wright, Strathallan, Darley Dale, Derbyshire?

Will the gentleman, who was handed the wrong umbrella, from the cloakroom of the Bedford Head, on the night of the Central Council meeting, kindly send same to Mr. T. Faulkner, 94, St. Awdrys Road, Barking, Essex? He will receive his own per return in exchange.

The many friends of Mr. John Prickett, late of Chesham, will be pleased to hear that he has been appointed head ringer of St. Mary's, Durban, South Africa, where he and his son Ewart have done good work since their arrival. The loss to St. Mary's, Chesham, has truly been the gain of St. Mary's, Durban.

Pressure on our space necessitates holding over the reports of several meetings and a number of peals.

## METHOD NOMENCLATURE.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—We read with interest your report of the Council held on Tuesday, and note that there were nearly 90 members present; further, we read that the numbers voting one way or another on the matter of method nomenclature were 63 and 67 on the two resolutions respectively. Presumably the remainder present had gone to sleep, or had attended the Council to have an excuse for Wembley; the real reason, of course, being that they were not interested in whether the names were revised or not.

We all know the apathy that is prevalent at all meetings where voting is necessary, and we deplore the fact that it is possible for a minority to foist their opinions upon the majority because of this; we realise this may be looked at from the opposition's point of view in this particular instance, and we quite agree that the narrow margin of gain must be particularly galling, when nearly one-third of the representatives fail to vote either for or against.

We look for those 'sheep' in general meetings, but should have thought that the 'cream' of the associations sent to the Council would have produced representatives capable of holding opinions upon all matters. However, thirty of the 'brains' of the associations evidently thought it not worth the while of the energy required, to cast a vote for or against the upsetting of last year's work in this matter.

We note Mr. Trollope's remarks, and quite agree that the ringers have no right to claim a name for a method—surely the man who 'discovers' a thing has a right to do as he pleases, but while we are touching upon the subject from this angle, we fear that the committee just appointed will have a fairly rough time in the future, if they are going to lay down some rule for the naming of Minor and Major methods. The experts appear to be unable to agree as to what is a correct extension of a method.

Would it not be possible for the Council to try to arrange a meeting of the authorities upon method construction, where they might sit round a table and work out a suitable scheme, whereby can be determined what is a proper extension—thus to work for the betterment of ringing generally.

We must remember that A is not of necessity wrong, because B, C and D do not agree with him!—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE DAWSON.

S. John Baptist Association, Leytonstone.

P.S.—May we acknowledge all the suggestions and help that have been accorded us, in our endeavour to revise the Minor names?



## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

### PRESENTATION TO THE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.

The historic Jerusalem Chamber at Westminster Abbey, placed at the disposal of the Central Council by the Dean of Westminster, was the meeting-place of the Council on Whitsun Tuesday, when the various associations were represented as follows:—

Ancient Society of College Youths: Messrs. W. T. Cockerill, A. A. Hughes, T. Faulkner and H. R. Newton.  
Bath and Wells Diocesan: Rev. C. C. Parker, Mr. J. Hunt.  
Bedfordshire: Canon W. W. G. Baker, Mr. A. E. Sharman.  
Chester Diocesan: Rev. A. T. Beeston, Messrs. H. Fairclough, E. W. Elwell.

Devonshire: Rev. Maitland Kelly.  
Dudley and District: S. J. Hughes.  
Durham and Newcastle Diocesan: Messrs. W. Story, W. H. Barber, T. T. Gofton.  
Ely Diocesan: T. R. Dennis.  
Essex County: C. H. Howard, W. J. Nevard, G. R. Pye and E. J. Butler.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan: W. A. Cave and E. Bishop.  
Hertford County: Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake.  
Kent County: Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, Messrs. T. Groombridge, senr., E. Barnett, senr., and J. H. Cheesman.  
Ladies' Guild: Miss E. K. Parker.

Lancashire: Canon H. J. Elsee, Messrs. H. Chapman, J. R. Taylor and W. E. Wilson.

Lincoln Diocesan: Rev. H. Law James, Rev. H. T. Parry, Mr. R. Richardson.

Llandaff and Monmouth: Messrs. J. W. Jones and W. Bolton.  
London County: Messrs. T. H. Taffender, A. D. Barker.  
Middlesex County: Messrs. F. A. Milne, C. T. Coles, W. H. Hollier and R. Holloway.

Midland Counties: Messrs. Pryce Taylor, A. Coppock.  
Norfolk Guild: Messrs. A. L. Coleman, G. P. Burton.  
Oxford Diocesan: Canon G. F. Coleridge, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Messrs. F. Hopgood and J. Evans.

Peterborough Diocesan: Messrs. F. Wilford, R. Narborough and L. S. Clark.

Royal Cumberland Youths: Messrs. J. Parker and F. Smith.  
St. Martin's, Birmingham: Mr. A. Paddon Smith.

Salisbury Diocesan: Rev. F. L. Edwards, Rev. C. Carew Cox, Messrs. T. Hervey Beams and S. J. Heelor.

Stafford Archdeanery: Mr. H. Knight.  
Suffolk: Rev. H. Drake.

Surrey: Messrs. C. F. Johnston and C. Dean.  
Warwickshire: Messrs. H. Argyle and A. Roberts.

Winchester Diocesan: Rev. C. E. Matthews, Messrs. A. H. Pulling and H. Barton.

Worcester and Districts: Messrs. T. J. Saller and R. Matthews.  
Yorkshire: Messrs. P. J. Johnson and J. Cotterell.

Honorary members: Revs. C. D. P. Davies, E. W. Carpenter, Messrs. J. S. Pritchett, J. W. Parker, J. George, J. A. Trollope, J. H. B. Hesce, J. Carter and E. A. Young.

### ELECTION OF PRESIDENT.

The proceedings having been opened with prayer, Mr. E. A. Young temporarily took the chair for the election of president, and stated that only one nomination had been received, namely, that of Canon Coleridge. He was proposed by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, and seconded by the Rev. H. Law James, and he (the speaker), therefore, had to declare Canon Coleridge elected for the ensuing three years (applause).

Canon Coleridge, on taking the chair, reminded the Council that the work of the Council was a young man's game. In three years' time he would be in his 70th year, and they would have to elect someone else. He had tried to do what he could as president, and he felt it the greatest honour of his ringing career to occupy that position. He would do what he could during the next three years. Meanwhile he had to thank the Council for the confidence reposed in him, and he would do his utmost in order that that confidence should not be misplaced (applause).

The President said the only nomination for hon. secretary and treasurer was Mr. E. A. Young, and he, therefore, declared him elected. Mr. Young acknowledging the election.

On the motion of Canon Baker, seconded by the Rev. C. E. Matthews, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn was re-elected hon. librarian, and he and Mr. Young were thanked for their services.

Apologies for absence were received from the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Messrs. R. B. Chambers, E. H. Lewis, G. Chester, C. Edwards, H. W. Wilde, C. E. Borrett, G. Boland, D. J. Nichols and G. Williams, and Mrs. N. Edwards.

### LATE SECRETARY'S SERVICES, ACKNOWLEDGED.

The President said the next business was a very pleasant one, and one which did not often occur in the Council. It was to ask their late secretary, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, who had served them so

faithfully for something like nineteen years, to accept at their hands a slight token of their appreciation for all that he did as their treasurer and secretary from 1902 to 1921. The gift took the form of a cup, which was inscribed:

'1902—1921.'

### 'CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS.

'Presented to the Rev. Charles Douglas Percy Davies, M.A., in grateful recognition of his valuable services as secretary and treasurer during the long period of nearly 20 years.'

The President then asked Mr. Davies to accept the gift with their most grateful and hearty thanks and appreciation for the most meritorious services he rendered to the Council, not only as secretary, but in many other capacities. He was always ready to do what he could for them, and he would still do so in the future, although he was no longer secretary. In the name of the Council he asked Mr. Davies to receive the cup as a token of their deep appreciation of all he had done for them, and of their esteem for his character (applause).

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies said he did not know how to thank the Council enough for that very touching token of their regard. It was a most beautiful cup, and all he could say was that the little he was able to do for the Council was done with the utmost pleasure and readiness, and if he was able during that period to contribute to the stability of the Council, to its standing in the Exercise, and to its usefulness, he was amply rewarded without any present. Their recognition of his services touched him extremely. The form which the present had taken was one which he could not possibly have wished otherwise. A cup like that was a possession for ever; not only would it be a great joy to him to see during the remainder of his life, but it was a thing which would go down to his children and their children's children. It would be a standing memorial of the Council's feeling and their kindness towards him. He thanked them from the bottom of his heart, and the cup would remind him for the rest of his life of the Council's appreciation of the very little he was able to do (applause).

The accounts having been audited by the Standing Committee, were presented by the treasurer. The year began with a balance in hand of £76 18s. 7d. Affiliation fees (including 15s. arrears) amounted to £13, and £4 9s. 4d. was received from interest on stock. The expenditure, which included £2 5s. 8d. loss on the sale of publications and £20 for the ringers' Roll of Honour, amounted to £31 10s. 10d., leaving a balance of £62 17s. 1d.—The accounts were adopted, on the motion of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, seconded by the Rev. H. Law James.

### LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

The Hon. Librarian read the following report for 1923-24: The number of publications sold during the year ending April 30th, 1924, is 285, as against 315 in the previous twelve months. It should be said that of this number 37 were copies of the report of the conference with S.P.A.B. It has cost the Council £2 5s. 8d. to sell these books. The sum of 9s. has come in from the 'on sale or return' source, as against £1 8s. 7d. a year ago, but a sum of 11s. 9d. came to hand after my accounts were made up, while one of the four agents for sales has not yet sent a return. The publications 'Rules for a local company' and 'On the Preservation of Bells' are out of print, and there is, perhaps, a little more than one year's supply of 'Legitimate (Regular) Minor Methods.' It is surely a matter of wonder and regret that there is not more demand for the 'Glossary,' especially as a book to give to one outside the Exercise who is asking for some general enlightenment on our art. Last August I was approached by Mr. Flitton, of the Suffolk Guild, with an offer to insert an advertisement in their annual report free of charge. This I accepted with thanks. This was followed up last February with an invitation to advertise in the 1924 report at the reduced charge of 5s. for a half-page. I replied that I would bring the matter before the Council, and accordingly I now do so.

Corrigenda of Collections of Peals.—I was instructed at the last Council meeting to proceed with this work, and to publish results when they could be obtained. These, so far as they concern Collection No. 2, have appeared in the 'Ringing World,' and slips of the same have been printed off: while those concerning Collection No. 1, are now in the hands of the Editor. In this Collection it was not thought worth while to prove the peals of Triples, but only those of Caters and Cinques. With regard to Collection No. 3, I am informed by the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson that this presents peculiar difficulties, and, therefore, the results are delayed. Besides Mr. Richardson, the following have assisted or are assisting in the work of proving and correcting, Revs. H. L. James, E. S. Powell, and Messrs. J. A. Trollope and H. W. Wilde.

Roll of Honour.—This is now completed, and is here for your inspection. Within certain limits you left me a free hand as to carrying it out, and I trust I have not abused this freedom. The Council may remember that it had a very generous offer from Mr. T. Wilson, of Blackburn, to write the names free of charge, if we

would find someone to do the work of ornamenting and binding. Shortly after our last meeting, I received a request from Mr. Cousins, an engrosser, of Cambridge, through a member of the Council, to be allowed to tender for carrying out the whole work. Finding that his total estimate was only a little in excess of the sum voted by the Council, and that his specimen work was extremely good, I consulted with the President, and we agreed that we could not do better than entrust Mr. Cousins with the whole work. It must be acknowledged that he has given us a most worthy memorial of our loved and honoured dead. When the Council voted the sum of £20 towards recording these names, it was suggested that a few pounds more could if necessary be provided by private subscription. I am presenting no account for such things as postal or advertising charges, for although the task of compiling this roll has been a hard one, I have felt it an honour to do it. The total cost is £23 14s., and I have this confidence in my brother members that before the Council separates there will be no debt upon the Roll of Honour.

The Librarian added that the Roll contained the names of 1,071 ringers.

#### A BEAUTIFUL RECORD.

The President remarked that it was due from him to say how deeply the Council was indebted to the Librarian for his work in connection with the Roll. He had spent not merely hours and hours, but weeks and weeks, in trying to get everything as accurate as possible. The work had been almost superhuman, and they had before them that day the most beautiful album. He would like to add that it was taken to an art expert at South Kensington, who said it was the most beautiful example of modern writing and illumination and ornamentation which had ever come into the museum.

With regard to the disposal of the volume, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn said he had a 'brain wave' with regard to it, for it occurred to him that a most suitable place to keep it would be in the library at St. Paul's Cathedral. He, therefore, wrote to the Dean on the subject, and the Dean had consented. He (the Librarian, therefore, moved that the Memorial Book be placed in the library at St. Paul's Cathedral, on the understanding that it be open to the inspection of those who visited the Cathedral and wished to examine it, until such time as the Council determined.—Canon Baker seconded.

Some discussion ensued as to the exact terms on which the volume should be placed in the library, and eventually it was unanimously agreed that it should be deposited on permanent loan, and should be produced on all such occasions as it might be demanded by the Council through the hon. librarian.

It may here be added that the volume, bound in royal blue leather, was open to the inspection of members, whose admiration of the work of Mr. Cousins was unbounded. The title page of the Roll is a copy of the King's Scroll:—

They whom this work commemorates were numbered amongst those who, at the call of King and Country, left all that was dear to them, endured hardness, faced danger, and finally passed out of the sight of men by the path of duty and self-sacrifice, giving up their own lives that others might live in freedom. The whole book is a positive work of art, but this page is a really glorious specimen of the illuminator's craft.

With regard to the distribution of the Corrigenda of the Council's Peal Collection, the Librarian suggested that the slips, when completed, should be sent to applicants who forwarded a penny stamp (a halfpenny for postage and a halfpenny towards the cost). It would be notified in 'The Ringing World' when these slips would be ready.—This was agreed to, as was also the proposal that the Council was unable to pay for advertising its publications in association reports, Canon Elsee suggesting that associations might be willing to insert such a notice without charge.

#### HONORARY MEMBERS.

The following hon. members retired by rotation: Messrs. J. Carter, R. A. Daniel, Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Messrs. J. S. Pritchett, J. A. Trollope and J. H. B. Heshe.

These were re-elected with the exception of Mr. Daniel, and with the addition of Mr. Joseph Griffin, of Burton, and the hon. secretary (Mr. E. A. Young).

The Standing Committee were elected as follows: Canon Coleridge, Canon Elsee, Revs. C. W. O. Jenkyn, H. Law James, C. D. P. Davies, Messrs. W. T. Cockerill, J. Griffin, E. H. Lewis and E. A. Young (re-elected), and J. S. Pritchett, A. A. Hughes, Cyril F. Johnston, and Pryce Taylor (added).

A large number of new members were introduced to and welcomed by the President.

At this stage, the Dean of Westminster (Bishop Ryle) visited the meeting, and extended a hearty welcome to the members.

The President thanked the Dean for his welcome, and also for placing the Jerusalem Chamber at the disposal of the Council. The Council felt they were indeed highly honoured in being allowed to

meet in that historic chamber, where on many occasions during the centuries the light and learning of the Church of England had assembled.

The reports of committees were next received by the Council. For the Peal Collection Committee, Mr. J. A. Trollope reported that the work of the committee during the past year had been in connection with the corrigenda.—The committee was re-elected as follows: Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Messrs. J. A. Trollope, H. W. Wilde, J. W. Parker and Miss E. K. Parker; and the Rev. E. S. Powell was added.

The Literature and Press Committee's report, which has already appeared in 'The Ringing World,' was adopted, and the committee re-elected as follows, with the addition of Mr. A. Paddon Smith: Revs. C. E. Matthews, A. T. Beeston, F. Ll. Edwards, Messrs. G. P. Burton and W. Willson.

The Rev. H. Law James reported for the Methods Committee. He said the Council would remember that two years ago the committee was instructed to print a selection of the Collection of Plain Major Methods. He was sorry to say Mr. Lewis had still got the manuscript. He (Mr. James) had been writing to him vigorously, but had got no reply. Mr. Lewis was a very busy man, who seemed to be in a position not only of national, but of international importance. They did not want to hurry him, but while he could not say they would have the collection in print by the next meeting, he hoped they would do so.

The committee, consisting of the Rev. H. Law James, and Messrs. E. H. Lewis and J. A. Trollope, were re-elected.

The adoption of the report of the Peals Analysis Committee, already published, was moved by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, and seconded by the Rev. A. T. Beeston, the former remarking that in the past year he had had to leave the greater part of the work to his colleagues.

The President said the analysis was a perfect monument of zeal and erudition. What the Exercise owed to the gentlemen who undertook this vast responsibility no words of his could express, but they thanked them very much for their labours (applause).

The report was adopted, but on the proposal for the re-election of the committee, the Rev. E. W. Carpenter said he had reluctantly to retire. He had had fifteen or sixteen years of the work, and now he found that his sight was failing, and it was really necessary that he should give up. He hoped members would take the hint of the President, that they wanted young blood. They still had Mr. Beeston and Mr. Parker, who were so excellent at the work, and Mr. Williams, who was always so helpful in any reference that was sent to him. They could carry on if the Council could induce some younger member, who could be broken into the work, to give them assistance.

The President said they heard with great regret Mr. Carpenter's decision to retire, but they must allow for age.

The Rev. C. E. Matthews appealed to some of the younger members to come forward and take the place of the senior members.

Eventually the Rev. A. T. Beeston, and Messrs. J. W. Parker and G. Williams were re-elected, and Miss E. K. Parker added to the committee.

(To be continued.)

#### METHOD PRODUCTION.

To the Editor.

Sir,—It must be confessed that all scientists have to plead guilty to Mr. Baker's charge of arbitrariness. They assume (and I acknowledge it is an enormous assumption) that 2 and 2 make 4. However, most people are willing to accept the fact that it is so, and, moreover, they do not as a rule trouble themselves to worry whether this statement is an arbitrary law or not.

All mathematics depends upon belief that it is true, and once that is accepted the rest follows of necessity. Incidentally there have actually been produced (as Mr. Trollope says) by strictly logical reasoning a series of formulae by whose means all known methods and thousands of unknown ones can be turned out as mechanically as sausages are discharged from a sausage machine, and these formulae provide for the methods' extension to higher numbers by every conceivable means.

That these formulae lead to a different inference as to the relationship between London Surprise Minor and Major, from that which finds favour with Mr. Baker is unfortunate—for the formulae or for Mr. Baker.

Your readers will, of course, understand that I make no suggestion as to his theories being arbitrary. If they were so he could never fall into the weakness of reasoning, shown by the pot in its conversation with the kettle.—Yours, etc.,

E. S. POWELL.

The many friends of Mr. Sam Thomas will regret to learn that he is now dangerously ill with pneumonia, and is an inmate of Ward 86, Lodge Moor Hospital, Sheffield. His condition is critical, but hopes are entertained that a strong constitution will enable him to pull through safely.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

### ANNUAL GATHERING AT CHELMSFORD.

The members of the Essex Association assembled in large numbers at Chelmsford on Whit Monday for their 48th annual meeting, which proved a great success, and again justified the choice of the Cathedral town as the popular rendezvous for Essex ringers. In the morning the twelve bells of the Cathedral were rung by several bands from different parts of the county. There was a break in the ringing for the annual service, at which the association form was used, together with special hymns. The Cathedral Precentor officiated, and Mr. E. H. Howard (Braintree), Master of the Association, read the lesson.

The Bishop of Chelmsford (Dr. Guy Warman) was the preacher, and expressed his pleasure at being able to address the representative bell ringers from the Diocese. The ringing of church bells to some people might appear a matter of very small moment, but all down the history of the church in our land it had been part of the ministry of the Church of God. The ringers and himself each in their particular function were serving in the church—they were fellow servants. The Bishop said he was afraid if he had to ring bells—which he had had to do once or twice in livings he had held—he would do it very badly, and possibly if the ringers had to preach a sermon they would do it almost as badly. Each had their particular task, and he was certainly not contemptuous of the ringers. If a service was worth doing at all it was worth doing properly, and the ringers had recognised that by banding themselves together in an association to make their particular piece of service as effective as it could be. Why were church bells rung; why did the association exist, and what was the compelling motive? There were no church bells in the day of the Master, but He suffered the common experience of life, and had something to say about every piece of work. The method and pattern behind His work was the pattern for to-day. Ringers enjoyed their service, and one could only feel sorry for people who had so misconceived life that they had no enjoyment in it. Ringers took pleasure in their work, but it was quite voluntary, and they could stop ringing the church bells to-morrow if they wished. The ringers, of their own sweet wills, rang for service, and the duty of life was sweetened by the thought of love. He asked the ringers to go back to their task, feeling that a happy compulsion rested upon them to do their task as well as it could be done in the service of the church of the Lord Jesus Christ. He wanted bell ringing to be put at the highest; not merely an interest, but a service, and happy service was the road to the Kingdom. The cheery music of the bells was a witness that love was service.

### VILLAGE DIFFICULTIES.

The annual business meeting followed at the Vestry Hall, where the Bishop of Chelmsford presided over a crowded attendance, representative of all parts of the Diocese. The 85 members present included the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, ex-hon. secretary to the association; Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Deal, Messrs. Thomas and G. W. Faulkner, L. W. Wiffen, W. H. Theobald, W. Lincoln, W. J. Nevard, P. Timson, F. Dench, E. J. Butler, G. R. Pye, and many other distinguished ringers.

The Master presented his report as follows: It is gratifying to record, year after year, the continued success of our association and its work. The past year has been no exception to the general rule. Although now forty-five years since its foundation—and recognising all the good work accomplished in the way of belfry improvements, the extension of the art of change ringing, the raising of the status of ringers as church workers, and increased interest of the clergy—still much remains to be done. The difficulty of maintaining regular bands in the villages increases. Our efforts in future should be especially directed to giving assistance to isolated towers by more frequent visits from those who have the advantage of belonging to flourishing bands of competent exponents of the Exercise.

Financially we are in a very healthy state. The income is £60 12s. 8d., against £58 2s. 4d. in the previous year. The expenditure shows a decrease of £12 6s. 4d., which enables us to replace in the reserve fund £10 of the £25 12s. which was taken in 1921 to meet the cost of the War Memorial, leaving a balance in hand on the general account of £29 2s. 11d. Our reserve now totals £79 1s. 5d. The membership stands at 1,037, an increase of 48 on the year—and exceeding the record in 1921 by 16. During the year, the ring of six at Arkesden has been repaired, and various minor improvements have been carried out in several towers. An order has been placed to recast and rehang, in an iron frame, the unmusical ring of eight at Great Baddow, and it is hoped the new bells will be dedicated and reopened in the autumn.

Forty-five peals have been rung during the year, namely: Cambridge Sunrise Maximus, 1; Stedman Cinques, 1; Treble Bob Royal, 1; Stedman Caters, 1; Grandsire Caters, 1; London Surprise Major, 5; Cambridge, 6; Superlative, 3; Double Norwich Major, 6;

Treble Bob, 7; Bob Major, 2; Grandsire Triples, 2; various minor methods, 9. Twenty-two acted as conductors.

The death of the Bishop of Chelmsford, Dr. Watts-Ditchfield, our president, was a great loss to the association. He took an immense interest in our work; his presence at our annual gatherings served as an inspiration, and his frequent messages thrilled us with fresh zeal. The late Bishop's influence in our association will long be felt. In ringing members we have lost Mr. Arthur Edwards, of Boreham; Mr. A. T. Morris, of Harwich; Mr. A. G. Clarke, of Broomfield, and Mr. A. B. Peak, of Maldon.

Our new president, Dr. Guy Warman, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, is already keenly interested in the association. He very readily consented to accept the office, and we confidently look forward to increased usefulness under his presidency. The district officers and auditors have maintained the work of the association at its present high level, and I tender them, in your name, our sincere thanks for their continued efforts.

On the proposition of Mr. E. J. Butler, the report and accounts were adopted.

### BISHOP AND RINGERS.

The Bishop of Chelmsford said he wanted to tell the ringers how glad he was to be with them that day, and how he appreciated their ringing as he moved from place to place in the diocese. On going to a parish he heard the bells ringing, and knew the tremendous efforts the ringers made to perform that duty. He was grateful for the services of the ringers rendered everywhere. If the diocese was to become one big family it had to be realised that the Bishop, bell ringers, and others, were all part of the work. In the last 50 years the story of bell ringing was one of wonderful advance. Fifty years ago, before the Essex Association was formed, there were scandals and difficulties connected with bell ringers, and he very much doubted if a Bishop would have been welcomed to their meeting, for bell ringers and the rest of the church were not on the best of terms with one another. Now they were a happy band of brothers and sisters in these enlightened days, working together in a great cause. He wished the ringers more power to their elbows in the work they were going to do (applause).

Mr. Ellis, Harwich, proposed, and Mr. G. Pye, Romford, seconded, the re-election of Mr. C. H. Howard as Master, and spoke of the capable way he had carried out the duties.—The motion was carried unanimously, and Mr. Howard, in returning thanks, also thanked the Bishop of Chelmsford for his helpful address, and for the ready way in which he consented to become President of the Essex Association. The newly-elected Master then took the chair, and the Bishop left the meeting.

Mr. F. J. Pittsow, Saffron Walden, was re-elected hon. secretary, and all the officers were re-appointed. It was decided that the general committee should consist of all the officers, and not less than five members to be elected from the meeting. The following three, the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, Messrs. W. Lincoln and T. Faulkner, were elected, and two seats were left vacant.

Mr. Faulkner suggested in view of the excellent balance which the society holds, that those members who had attained 70 years of age should be relieved from paying subscriptions in future, and should be retained as free members.—This suggestion was endorsed by the Master, who stated that the matter should be brought forward at the next annual meeting. Three new members were elected—Messrs. W. H. Smith (Felsted), H. Skitchley and W. Staines (Saffron Walden).

### THE DIOCESAN ADVISORY BOARD.

The Master reported that he had been elected a member of the Chelmsford Diocesan Advisory Board, which was a recognition of ringing in the diocese. All matters connected with improvements and alterations in churches, including the rehangings of bells, came before this body. Since he had been a member, each time he had sat on the Board, there had been something connected with bells. On several occasions there were recommendations by gentlemen—some interested in the antiquity of bells rather than their practical use—and he had been able to get some modifications in the recommendations of the Advisory Board. At Great Baddow he was able to put forward the suggestion that the new bells should be rehung on one level, and the bells were recast instead of being re-tuned. It was impossible to get the Great Baddow bells in tune until they were recast. The Master said he wanted it recorded that a representative of the Essex Association of Change Ringers' had been elected a member of the Diocesan Advisory Board, as such Boards had been set up all over the country, and it would be useful in future to have it known that the recognition had been given to ringers in Chelmsford Diocese.

Mr. T. Faulkner asked what was the attitude of the Essex Association towards six bell ringing and the nomenclature of Minor methods. He said floral and other names were being given to the methods.—The Hon. Secretary read a resolution from St. John Baptist Association, Leytonstone, stating that steps should be taken by six bell bands to enforce a decision regarding the nomenclature of



legitimate Minor methods at the coming meeting of the Central Council.—The Master said he had no hesitation in supporting that proposal, as he felt that the names of methods should stand, and not be changed. In some cases floral names were being used, and in one case a method was renamed twice in about a year. He promised support to the Leytonstone resolution. — This concluded the meeting.

In the afternoon and evening, the following bells were rung:—Cathedral (12), Writtle (8), Widford (8), Galleywood (8), Great Waltham (8), Springfield (6), Broomfield (6), Boreham (8). There were some excellent touches of Cambridge Surprise Royal, Stedman Cinques, Treble Bob Royal, London, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major, Double Norwich Major and Stedman Triples.

#### CANON PAPILLON'S GOOD WISHES.

The Master received a letter, which he read to the members, from the Rev. Canon Papillon, the first Master of the Association, sending his good wishes, and stating he was glad to find many old friends still going strong in the Essex Association, including the present Master, and Messrs. Nevard, P. Pitstow, W. H. Judd, T. Faulkner, G. A. Black, H. J. Tucker, etc. He wished the Essex ringers a pleasant and successful meeting, and the association continued prosperity.

#### SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Eastern Division was held at Heathfield on Whit Monday, June 9th. Members were present from Brightling, Burwash, Chiddingfold, Eastbourne (St. Mary's and St. Saviour's), Hastings (Christ Church, Blacklands), Southover, Lewes, Mayfield, Pevensy, Waldron, and Westham, together with members of the local band. Ringing in the standard methods was indulged in at intervals during the afternoon and evening, and a short service was held, at which the ringers were addressed by the Vicar (the Rev. H. Grahame-Clarke).

About 30 members sat down to tea, which was provided at the Star Inn.—At the business meeting which followed, the Vicar occupied the chair.—Ringmer and Waldron were proposed for the next meeting, in September, and on being put to the vote the former was decided upon.

Mr. G. Penfold proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. Grahame-Clarke) for his warm welcome to the association members, for the use of the bells, and for presiding at the meeting.—The Vicar responded.—This terminated the meeting, the members returned to the tower, and kept the bells going until 8 p.m.

#### NORFOLK GUILD.

A general meeting of the Norfolk Guild was held at Lowestoft on Whit Monday. By kind permission of the Rev. E. C. Morgan (Rector of Lowestoft) the ring of eight bells at the Parish Church of St. Margaret's were placed at the disposal of the members.

Luncheon was served at the Crown Hotel, the Rector of Lowestoft being in the chair, supported by the Rev. W. C. Pearson, the Rev. R. Bulstrode, Mr. Lancelot F. Orde, and the following members of the committee: Messrs. C. E. Borrett, F. W. Naunton, C. S. Tuthill, F. C. Lambert, J. Souter, and the general secretary (Mr. Arthur L. Coleman). Representatives were present from the Norwich, Great Yarmouth and Lothingland districts.—The Secretary announced that the president (the Dean of Norwich) had written to him apologising for his absence from the meeting.

At the business meeting, Messrs. Hubert Ernest Duffield, William Baldry and Austin Head were elected members of the Guild.—The Secretary moved a vote of thanks to the Rector of Lowestoft for presiding over the meeting, and also for the use of the bells.—The Rev. E. C. Morgan acknowledged the vote, and expressed the pleasure he had had in presiding.

The Secretary announced that the August Bank Holiday meeting would be held at North Elmham.

#### LADIES' GUILD TO BE ENTERTAINED.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have been informed by the Bristol United Guilds that they will entertain the Ladies' Guild, when they visit Bristol on July 12th, 1924.

In order to assist the committee in their effort, I have been instructed to ask for the names of all Ladies' Guild members who intend to be present, and what time they will reach Bristol.

This information should reach me on or before July 8th, 1924.—Yours,  
E. WILKINS.

President of the Ladies' Guild.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Henry Bayne, of Plymouth, who died on Whitsun Tuesday. He was one of the oldest members of the Devon Guild, and had he lived four days more he would have been a member for 50 years.

#### SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—On Sunday, June 15th, for evening service, a quarter-peal (odd bob) of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): R. Payne 1, F. R. Coombes 2, J. Judge 3, J. G. Hambleton (Mid-somer Norton) 4, C. Bennett 5, W. Stone 6, W. F. Judge (conductor) 7, W. Thorne 8.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, June 15th, for morning service, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. W. Bond 1, J. E. Waters 2, W. C. Cuss (conductor) 3, H. Lewis 4, H. Gassor 5, H. C. Bond 6, F. J. Lewis 7, W. Hayward 8.

FAIRFORD, GLOS.—On Sunday, June 8th, for morning service, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): G. Law 1, B. Guy 2, V. R. Williams 3, W. C. Cuss (conductor) 4, J. Hope 5, G. J. Winter 6, J. Smith (first quarter-peal of triples inside) 7, Walter Peachey 8.

BATTERSEA.—On Sunday, June 1st, at St. Mary's Church, for men's service, a quarter-peal (1,230 changes) of Cambridge Surprise Major, in 45 mins.: A. Clark 1, W. H. Wood 2, C. F. Mitchell 3, E. A. Reeve 4, H. H. Mance 5, W. Essery 6, F. Skevington 7, H. Mance (conductor) 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday, June 1st, for Matins, at St. Andrew's, Wells Street, W., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): W. E. Garrard 1, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 2, P. L. Miles 3, H. Dyna 4, P. E. Clark 5, W. E. Judd 6, G. W. Frayne 7, E. G. Locke 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Hy. Parsons, of Ealing.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, June 1st, for morning service, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): F. W. Bond 1, H. Lewis 2, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 3, W. G. Cook 4, W. C. Cuss 5, W. H. Hayward 6, H. C. Bond 7, F. Edwards 8.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, June 1st, 720 changes Kent Treble Bob Minor: F. Hammond 1, C. Harman 2, H. Hammond 3, W. Rogers 4, E. Bishop, senr., 5, C. Brasier (conductor) 6, S. Russell 8. Rung for evening service, and as a birthday compliment to Miss E. Brasier, daughter of the conductor on attaining her 21st birthday.

NEWPORT, I.O.W.—For evening service, on May 18th, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Johnson 1, W. Scott, senr., 2, W. H. Fussell 3, W. Scott, junr., 4, A. D. Callaway 5, R. Phillips 6, W. Upton 7, H. Barton (conductor) 8.

WREXHAM.—At St. Giles' Church, for evening service, on Sunday, May 18th, 1,040 Kent Treble Bob Royal, in 40 mins.: J. Barber 1, F. Evans 2, A. Lea, junr., 3, Capper 4, J. Thomas (Bristol) 5, W. Catherell 6, W. Jones 7, T. Catherell 8, S. Meadows (conductor) 9, A. Lea 10.—For evening service, on Sunday, May 11th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 52 mins.: F. Evans 1, J. Capper 2, P. Groves 3, A. Lea, junr., 4, W. Jones 5, A. Catherell 6, S. Meadows (conductor) 7, A. Lea, senr., 8.

HORNCHURCH.—At the Church of St. Andrew, for evensong, on Sunday, May 18th a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: D. Phillips 1, E. Butler 2, C. Baker 3, J. Stieh 4, J. McDougall 5, C. Bone 6, J. Dale 7, F. Riseley 8. First quarter in the method by ringers of 3rd, 5th and 8th.

EASTON NESTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, May 18th, at St. Mary's Church, for morning service, 252 Stedman, 224 Bob Major, and 238 of Kent Treble Bob Major by the following ringers: F. Hopper, F. Wilford, H. Marlow, J. W. Sharp, J. Gray, S. J. Lawrence, T. Law, T. Tebbutt.

NORBURY, CHESHIRE.—On Sunday, May 11th, for service, 720 Spliced 'Allendale' and 'Westminster'.—On Thursday, May 15th, for practice, 720 Spliced 'Coldstream' and 'Southwell'. First Spliced Surprise methods by the band. L. Clough, J. Fernley, senr., J. Fernley, junr., W. Fernley, J. P. Fidler, W. Wolstencroft and J. W. Hartley took part.

SOUTH HACKNEY.—On Sunday, May 11th, for evensong, at the Church of John of Jerusalem, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: A. Riley 1, W. Stevens 2, F. Smith 3, F. Alley 4, W. Glover 5, J. Martin 6, I. Atwater (conductor) 7, S. Wanshore 8. First quarter-peal by the society since formation.

NORTHAMPTON.—At St. Peter's Church, for morning service, on Sunday, April 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. C. Dean 1, \*Ernest Sibley 2, W. R. Parker (conductor) 3, \*G. W. Webb 4, W. J. Dove 5, W. Sturgess 6, W. H. Austin 7, J. Wilkins 8. \* First quarter-peal.

WREXHAM, N. WALES.—On Sunday, April 27th, for evening service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Thurston Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: F. Evans 1, J. Capper 2, P. Cross 3, A. Lea, junr. (conductor), 4, W. Jones 5, T. Cathall 6, A. Lea, senr., 7, S. Meadows 8.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—On Sunday, April 27th, for evensong, at the Church of St. Thomas-a-Beckett, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, in 54 mins.: E. Martin 1, Mrs. F. Burnett 2, Miss F. M. Burnett 3, F. Burnett (conductor) 4, P. Giles 5, L. P. Cook 6, H. Aitken 7, T. Clements 8.



## NOTICES.

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**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District. — On Saturday, June 21st, there will be a meeting of the Hinckley district at Thurlaston. Bells available 4 p.m. All ringers welcome. Bells are by Taylor and Co., Loughborough, tenor about 14 cwt.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Sharnbrook on Saturday, June 21st. Bells from 3 p.m. A good attendance is requested. Tea at 5 p.m.—L. Turner, Dist. Sec., 7, High Street, Kempston, Beds.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Worsley on Saturday, June 21st. Bells at liberty 3.30. Meeting 6.30. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Taunton Deanery Branch. — A meeting will be held at Rockwell Green on Saturday, June 21st. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business in Schoolroom afterwards. Wellington Parish Church (8) available after tea.—P. Merson, Branch Sec., Bishop's Hull.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—Annual meeting at Scarborough on Saturday, June 21st. Bells of the Parish Church (8) available for ringing from 2 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided at Chapman's Hotel, Castle Road, at 5.30, at 1s. 9d. each. The secretary extends a hearty invitation to all ringers.—A. L. Henderson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Mayfield, Pickering.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Bulkington on Saturday, June 21st. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. Wilkerson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.** — The next monthly meeting of the Bristol branch of the above association will be held at Bitton on Saturday, June 21st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify by June 16th.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.** —The summer meeting will be held at the Parish Church, High Wycombe, on June 21st. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Short service by the Rector 5.30. Tea will be provided at 6 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m. Trains from Paddington 1.25, 2.23 and 3.40.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7d, Morgan Mansions, Holloway, N.7.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the branch will be held at Arley on Saturday, June 21st. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than June 17th at 1s. 3d. per head.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division. —The quarterly meeting will be held at Ecclesfield on Saturday, June 21st. Bells (8) open from 2 to 9. Committee meeting at 4.30. Tea at 5, at a charge of 1s. per head. Will intending visitors please note? Motor bus leaves Firth Park tram terminus every 20 minutes for Ecclesfield.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

**HERTS ASSOCIATION.** — Practice meeting at Aldenham, Saturday, June 21st, 5.45 till 8 p.m.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch. —The next branch meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, June 21st. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Tea provided, 9d. each. Annual branch meeting and social, August 23rd, at Blackburn Parish Church. Others branches please notice. Particulars later. — J. Watson, Branch Sec.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Farndon on Saturday, June 21st. Tower open 3 p.m. Service at 4.30.—J. W. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Aldford, Chester.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.** — Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 26th; Southwark Cathedral on the 24th; all at 7.30 p.m.—\*Business meeting afterwards. — Wm. T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.** — The 301st anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Friday, June 27th. Ringing commences 9 a.m., and all visitors are heartily welcomed. A luncheon will be held at one o'clock, and those wishing to attend kindly notify the honorary secretary.—R. A. Strong, Saffron Walden.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Ruislip on Saturday, June 28th. Ringing from 3.15. Will arrange tea for those who let me know by the 23rd. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock, 1s. each. Those who require same please advise W. J. Kemp, 46, Narford Road, E.5, by Thursday, June 26th, first post. Business meeting and further ringing to follow. The bells at St. John's, Hackney, will be open for ringing from 8 to 9.30 p.m.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Coleshill on Saturday, June 28th. Bells (8) available at 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. Will those requiring tea send word to Mr. C. Dale, High Street, Coleshill, not later than Wednesday, June 25th?—B. Witchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, New Street, Erdington.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Sprothorough on Saturday, June 28th. Bells (6) ready early. Tea in the Rectory grounds. Will all who will require tea please notify me before the 24th?—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Grantham (10 bells) on Saturday, June 28th. Ringing from 3 to 8.30 p.m. Special object, unveiling of peal board at 4.30. Meat tea at Globe Café 2s. each. Will those requiring tea please advise Mr. S. Procter, 72, Bridge End Road, not later than June 26th? Train leaves Nottingham at 2.18. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Central District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ewell on Saturday, June 28th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 5.30, followed by tea and business meeting in Church Room. Those requiring tea should advise Mr. C. E. Read, 1, Grove Villas, High Street, Ewell, by Wednesday, June 25th.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Wallington.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.** — The next meeting will be held at Tong Church on Saturday, June 28th. Usual arrangements.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 6, Laurel Grove, Armley.

**ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.**—The next meeting of the above will be at Wye on Saturday, June 28th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., Appledore, Kent.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, June 28th, at Great Brington. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, the 24th. All ringers welcome.—T. Tebbutt, Branch Sec., 53, Louise Road, Northampton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Southport, on Saturday, June 28th. Bells only available for ringing from 5 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.—J. W. Grounds, Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Knutsford on Saturday, June 28th. Tower secretaries please send number attending to Mr. J. Webb, 24, King Street, Knutsford, by Tuesday, June 24th.—J. P. Fidler, Branch Hon. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sonning Branch. — A combined practice will be held at Sandhurst on Saturday, June 28th, from 6 till 9 p.m.—Jos. White.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.** — Northern District. — A meeting will be held on Saturday, June 28th, at Foxearth, to which all ringers are cordially invited. The bells will be available during the afternoon. Service in the church at 4.15, after which a tea will be provided. All those intending to be present are asked to notify the same to Mr. S. Evans, Foxearth, not later than June 26th.—W. H. Dyson, Dis. Sec.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Wisbech Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, June 28th, at Wilburton, Ely (6 bells). Haddenham (6 bells) also available. Service 5 o'clock. Arrangements for tea: please let me know early. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Giddings, 101, Elwyn Road, March.

**BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Taunton on Saturday, July 5th. Business meeting in St. Mary's Church Room at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 1s. 3d. per head in St. Mary's School at 5 p.m. Service in St. Mary's Church at 6 p.m. St. Mary's bells (12), St. James' (8) and Wilton (6) will be available during the afternoon and evening.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEANCONRY OF STAFFORD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, July 5th. Bells: Cathedral (10) 3 to 3.45 and 6.30 to 7.15; St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) from 3 p.m. Service in Cathedral at 4. Tea at Lloyd's Restaurant at 5, followed by general meeting. Tea, to fully paid up members, 1s.; to others 1s. 6d. Please send word by Tuesday, July 1st. — H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**LADIES GUILD.**—Midland District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, July 5th, at St. Michael's Church, Lichfield. Bells available 3.30. Service in the church at 6 o'clock prompt. Tea 5 o'clock. Business meeting afterwards. Gentlemen invited. Names to be sent in not later than Wednesday, July 2nd, to Mrs. Groves, 43, Malvern Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Church Hall, Farnham, on Saturday, July 5th. Committee meeting at 11.30 a.m. General meeting at 2 p.m. (at which election of officers and alteration to rules will be decided). Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. for those who notify me before July 1st. Towers open for ringing: Farnham (8) after 6 p.m., Alton (8), Aldershot (8), Bentley (6) and Frensham (6). All ringers welcome.—George Williams, Hon. Gen. Sec., West End, Southampton.

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.** — On Saturday, July 5th, the annual meeting and 6-bell contest will be held at Crofton (near Wakefield). Draw for order of ringing 2.45 p.m., School. Tea will be provided, 1/6 each, to all who send word not later than June 30th, to 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.—L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec.

**THE LADIES GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Bristol on Saturday, July 12th. Full particulars next week.—E. K. Parker, Hon. Sec.

**THE ANNUAL COMMEMORATION DINNER** to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association will be held at York on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Further details later.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

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**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

A special meeting was held at West Hartlepool on May 10th, having been originally fixed for Easter Monday. The committee, however, recognising this was a fixed date for the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association's meeting, and not wishing to clash with their date, fixed it for a subsequent Saturday. By kind permission of the Vicars of the three churches, the bells were at the disposal of the ringers, and touches were brought round in Bob Minor and Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Stedman Caters, Kent, Double Norwich, Cambridge and London Surprise Major.

An excellent tea was propovided by local ladies, under the able guidance of Miss Stephenson, and the company numbered 25.

The President occupied the chair, and there were ringers present from St. Ignatius, Sunderland; Holy Trinity, Darlington; Newcastle Cathedral; St. George's, Jesmond; Whitley Bay, and the local towers.

Three new members were elected, and the President proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicars of the three churches for kindly placing their bells at the ringers' disposal, and to the ladies for making such excellent arrangements for tea.—Afterwards there was further ringing.

**MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.**

**BARNES.**—At the Church of St. Mary's, on June 3rd, for His Majesty's birthday, 1,260 Stedman Triples, in 43 mins.: F. Skevington (conductor) 1, H. Barrett 2, H. Rivers 3, R. Mackrill 4, H. Cook 5, W. C. Stacey 6, C. Hunt 7, J. Willmott 8.

**DARLINGTON.**—On Saturday, April 5th, at the Church of the Holy Trinity, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. N. Ashby (first 720 Surprise Minor) 1, R. Park (first 720 Surprise Minor 'inside') 2, F. Cooke 3, W. N. Park 4, W. H. Porter 5, J. E. Sykes 6. This 720 was arranged for Mr. J. E. Sykes, who was on a visit to Darlington. Also a course of London Surprise Minor, with G. W. Park on the 3rd.

**NOTICE.**

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—There will be a General meeting of the branch at Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea and business afterwards.—Alfred J. Harman, Hon. Sec., 2, St. Mary's Cottages, Grove Road, Windsor.

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