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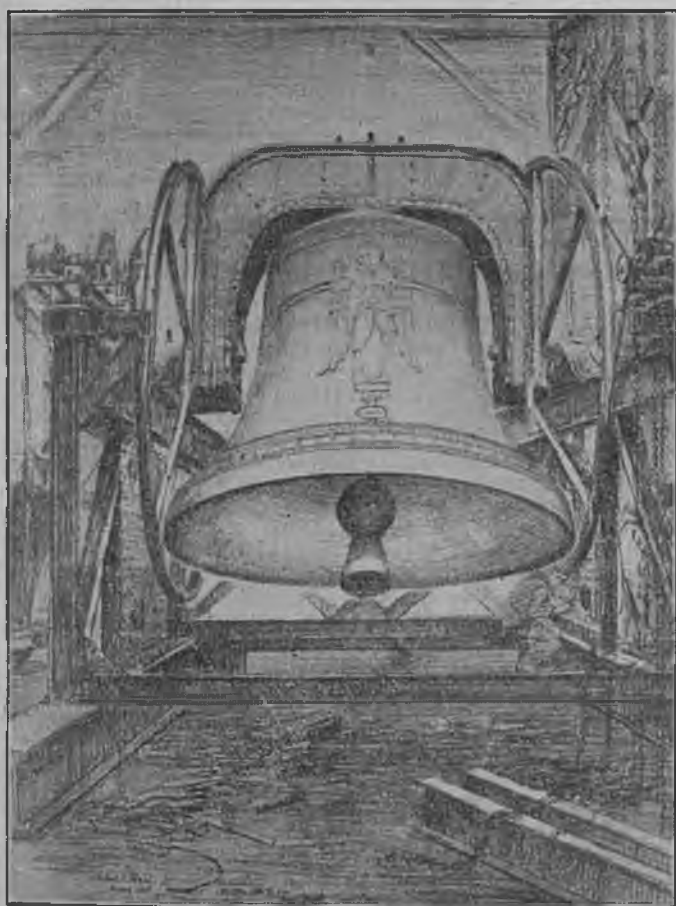
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A TASK BEFORE NORFOLK GUILD.

The Norfolk Guild has for some time past been faced with the difficulty of maintaining the interest of its members. There have been complaints that its ordinary meetings have been poorly attended; that life in the districts is stagnant, and that generally the rank and file have not rallied to the support of the officers in the way the latter have a right to expect. Norfolk is a county not altogether easy to organise; for successful organisation depends largely on easy means of intercommunication, and many of the towers in East Anglia are in very isolated situations. Even with the coming of the motor bus the facilities for travel in Norfolk, at times which would enable ringers to meet, are poor, and any activity that there may be has got to be developed very largely in the individual towers. Hitherto the Guild has been divided into eleven districts. Some are obviously too small to hope for success, but, with one or two exceptions, none of these districts seem to have functioned properly; whether it has been due to the difficulties of organising, or sheer apathy we do not know. But whatever the cause, the members do not seem to have taken advantage of the facilities which they might embrace for the holding of district meetings. In many other associations these gatherings are the foundation of the work, and have done more than anything else to foster the spirit of brotherhood and extend the art of ringing.

That some reorganisation of the existing arrangements is necessary is recognised by the committee of the Guild, and a proposal is now before the members, as will be seen from the report of the annual meeting elsewhere in this issue, to scrap the present division of the area and set up three districts only, each comprising an archdeaconry, with a district committee, to endeavour to infuse fresh life into the work of the Guild. It has not yet been definitely decided that this is the best way of reorganising, but if anything is done it will probably be on these lines. Changes of this description, which usually bring with them the introduction of new blood into administrative posts, often have the desired effect, but nothing will be accomplished without hard work. Nobody is more difficult to move than the apathetic ringer, and once he has slipped into indifference to his ringing organisation it takes a great deal to reawaken his active interest. The Norfolk Guild has a great reputation and a great record, and, though it has been shorn of half its original territory, by the formation of the Suffolk Guild, it must have great scope for useful work. We cannot imagine, for instance, that 300 anything like represents the number of ringers in the present diocese of Norwich,

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and yet this is all that the Guild can claim as actual resident members. The ringers themselves should get down to the task of bringing the Norfolk Guild back to the front rank of associations; in a county of such a size the general officers cannot themselves shoulder the whole of the task. A reorganisation would doubtless help, but it is work that tells in the long run.

TEN BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.)

On Saturday, April 21, 1928, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, FULHAM,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*HUGH M. PAGE Treble	WILLIAM H. HOLLIER ... 6
ARTHUR CUTMORE 2	†FRANK CORKE 7
ALBERT W. COLES 3	ARTHUR HARDING 8
†HERBERT E. ELLIS 4	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 9
CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 5	PERCIVAL W. NORTON ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. HALEY. Conducted by ALBERT W. COLES

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal of Stedman Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

NORTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, April 15, 1928, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr.

WILLIAM STEGGALL Treble	ARTHUR W. LEEDER 5
WILLIAM C. WISKINS... .. 2	TOM C. FORD 6
ALBERT G. HARRISON... .. 3	CLEMENT J. MORE 7
JOHN SOUTER 4	GEORGE ARCHER Tenor

Composed by J. HUNT. Conducted by C. J. MORE.

The peal was rung at the request of Mrs. Stephen Beales (donor of the bells) to mark the third anniversary of their opening.

TETBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 15, 1928, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

TREVOR PRITCHARD Treble	THOMAS WITTS 5
*FREDERICK PHELPS 2	HARRY PHELPS 6
ERNEST TRUEMAN 3	LESLIE BARRY 7
FRANK PONTING... .. 4	ROBERT SHARPE Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal of Triples. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 17, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Treble	EDWARD D. SMITH 5
ERNEST J. BUTLER 2	GEORGE R. PYE 6
ERNEST W. FURBANK... .. 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
WILLIAM MILLER 4	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by G. R. PYE.

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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 18, 1928, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Ignatius-the-Martyr,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
 Tenor 13 cwt.

JOSEPH W. PARKER Treble	HAROLD B. DITCHBURN ... 5
GEORGE S. TAYLOR 2	WM. H. BARBER 6
MICHAEL F. HARRISON ... 3	STEPHEN W. STRATFORD ... 7
WM. J. DAVIDSON 4	ROBERT L. PATTERSON ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by WM. H. BARBER.

Messrs. Davidson and Barber are from Newcastle, and Mr. Stratford from Whitley Bay.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 19, 1928, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt. 20 lb.

MRS. F. I. HAIRS Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
FREDERICK C. J. TURNER ... 2	JOHN DEARLOVE 6
FRED. N. SKEATON 3	KEITH HART 7
HERBERT RANN 4	ERNEST G. HIGGIN ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1928, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

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

Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

WILFRED C. IBBETT Treble	T. REGINALD DENNIS ... 5
MISS CATHERINE FIELDS ... 2	A. GEORGE RIVERS ... 6
SIDNEY J. COLEMAN 3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... 7
GEORGE D. COLEMAN 4	HERBERT FIELDS Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

This is the first peal in the method on the bells. Ringers of 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and tenor belong to the local band, 5th, 6th and 7th are from Cambridge, and wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Fields for their kind hospitality after the peal.

MERE, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 21, 1928, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

RONALD G. BECK Treble	* EDWARD G. L. COWARD ... 5
MISS NORAH G. WILLIAMS ... 2	JOSEPH T. DYKE 6
* WILLIAM C. SHUTE 3	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... 7
* FRED A. COWARD 4	GILBERT H. HARDING ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* First peal of Major. First peal of Bob Major on the bells.

ORMESBY.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1928, in Three Hours,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

MISS LAURA LANCASTER ... Treble	ROBERT LAUGHTON 5
GEORGE KEMBALL 2	* JOHN W. PASSMAN 6
WILLIAM A. BRECKON 3	THOMAS METCALFE 7
THOMAS LANCASTER 4	WILLIAM BROADLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS METCALFE.

* First peal in any method on an inside bell.

ANSTEY, NEAR LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... Treble	ALBAN DISNEY 5
GEORGE THOMAS 2	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... 6
NORMAN S. BAGWORTH ... 3	WILLIAM H. CLARKE 7
ERNEST MORRIS 4	ALFRED COFFLIN Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. R. Coppock, of Nottingham.

FARNDON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 21, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Chad,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	REGINALD L. INCE 5
GEORGE JONES 2	JAMES MORGAN 6
ALBERT E. RICHARDS 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 7
WALTER THOMAS 4	GEORGE R. JONES Tenor

Composed by JAMES MORGAN. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

Rung for the 21st anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald L. Ince, who kindly entertained the company to tea. First peal of Major on the bells since they were rehung and tuned by Messrs. Taylor and Co. The 'go' is excellent.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 21, 1928, in Three Hours,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES HAZELL Treble	MISS STELLA DAVIS 5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK 2	ALBERT E. LOCK 6
MISS RUBY HAZELL 3	GORDON CADDWELL 7
MISS DOROTHY FUTTER ... 4	TOM GODDARD Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 21, 1928, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bridget,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

* REGINALD POSTON Treble	ALFRED T. POULTON 5
ROBERT E. SUMMERS 2	HENRY E. COX 6
WILLIAM T. POSTON 3	* JOHN J. WEBB 7
JOHN CLARK 4	WILLIAM POSTON Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by W. POSTON.

* First peal of Major.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 21, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

In the NORMAN TOWER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 30 cwt. in C.

WM. STANNARD Treble	G. LILLEY 5
J. CHINNERY 2	* E. FOOTER 6
* C. STANNARD, JUN. 3	† P. EVERETT 7
* WM. GOODSHIP 4	† H. DOEL Tenor

Conducted by WM. STANNARD.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. E. Footer was proposed a member of the Suffolk Guild previous to starting.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

PARKER'S REVERSE.

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

ERNEST LEATHERBARROW ... Treble	ALBERT J. HUGHES ... 5
WILLIAM BIBBY ... 2	JOHN E. BIBBY ... 6
JAMES H. RIDING ... 3	JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... 7
EDWARD JENKINS ... 4	CECIL RADDON ... Tenor

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

REV. H. B. WOOLLEY ... Treble	GEORGE E. CRISP ... 5
MISS VIOLET SHORTER ... 2	† GEORGE PERKINS ... 6
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... 3	CHARLES W. COOK ... 7
* FRED GINN ... 4	FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by CHAS. W. COOK.

* First peal of Major. † First of Treble Bob Major.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

WILLIAM C. HUGHES ... Treble	STEPHEN H. HOARE ... 5
* HARRY L. LONG ... 2	WALTER AYRE ... 6
JACK STOPP ... 3	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... 7
REGINALD S. COOK ... 4	ERIC ELLIOTT ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by A. V. GOOD.

* First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor and first attempt.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.

TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 22, 1928, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART

Tenor 18 cwt.

H. CASHMORE ... Treble	L. A. SMITH ... 5
T. E. READ ... 2	T. E. ROBERTS ... 6
F. C. CASE ... 3	A. J. GREEN ... 7
* R. FODDY ... 4	* G. FODDY ... Tenor

Conducted by T. E. ROBERTS.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. H. Nelson Ward.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 22, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

GEORGE KENWARD ... Treble	THOMAS E. SONE ... 5
WILLIAM SPICE ... 2	HARRY BAKER ... 6
MRS. H. BAKER ... 3	CHARLES H. SONE ... 7
SAMUEL E. TAYLOR ... 4	STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

This composition appeared in 'The Ringing World' April 13th, 1928.

AN ICKLETON BENEFACTOR.

At Ickleton, Cambs, on April 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect on the occasion of the funeral of Miss J. Herbert, who passed away at the age of 91 years. She was for many years a supporter of the ringers, and headed the list for the restoration of the church bells with £105. E. Flitton 1, P. Webb (conductor) 2, R. Clements 3, G. Lilley 4, W. Hurley 5, A. Lilley 6, W. Flitton 7, E. Lilley 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all and on the bells. All are local men, and this was the longest length by the treble and tenor men, who only started ringing last autumn.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

LYONSALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Sunday, April 8, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 12 cwt.

* HENRY C. WOODWARD ... Treble	WILLIAM EVANS ... 4
HENRY T. CHANDLER ... 2	WILLIAM RICHARDS ... 5
JAMES P. HYETT ... 3	SIDNEY P. JONES ... Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal. Rung to celebrate Easter Day.

DERBY.

EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 9, 1928, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

JOSEPH LORD ... Treble	WILLIAM LANCASTER ... 4
WILLIAM POYSER ... 2	W. HARRY BOXTON ... 5
GEORGE W. BRAME ... 3	W. ALBERT PARSONS ... 6

JOHN W. GLEW ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM LANCASTER.

Rung after meeting short for Kent Treble Bob Major.

SEATON, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, April 9, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALBERT WEBBER ... Treble	* WILLIAM R. BOUNDY ... 4
FRANK J. DAVEY ... 2	WILLIAM S. LETHBRIDGE ... 5
SAMUEL J. HOPKINS ... 3	* SAMUEL SALWAY ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK J. DAVEY.

* First peal of Doubles. The tenor man was elected a Guild member before starting. Ringers of 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th from Exeter, and 4th and 6th from Seaton.

SUTTON-IN-HOLDERNESSE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 12, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four extents of Oxford and three extents of Kent. Tenor 13 cwt.

* GEORGE T. MILLER ... Treble	HENRY RODMELL ... 4
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ... 2	ARTHUR E. WEST ... 5
LEONARD RODMELL ... 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

* First peal of Minor. † 50th peal of Minor on the tenor. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas O'Hara on the eve of their silver wedding anniversary. Thomas O'Hara has the unique distinction of being the first ringer to be mentioned in the first copy of 'The Ringing World.' Also rung on the eve of the 25th anniversary of the tenor man's 'first as conductor.' He called his first the day Thomas O'Hara was married.

SANDY, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 14, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Double and Single Oxford, Plain Bob, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr.

* WILLIAM E. HOLDEN ... Treble	* CHARLES J. BALL ... 4
ARTHUR R. SOWDAN ... 2	* HERBERT SHERMAN ... 5
* TOM BARTRAM ... 3	* FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal in seven methods. It is the conductor's first 720 of St. Clement's.

AN EVENING OUT.

At North Cave, Yorks, on April 18th, 360 Wells Surprise, conducted by J. E. Sykes, 720 London Surprise conducted by L. Rodmell, 240 Cambridge Surprise conducted by L. Rodmell, 720 Kent and Oxford Spliced conducted by J. E. Sykes. Those taking part were F. Carrick, L. Rodmell, A. Turner, H. Rodmell, A. E. West, G. F. Williams, and J. E. Sykes. Mr. Blanchard and the Vicar welcomed the band, and their thanks are offered through the medium of 'The Ringing World.'

BUCKMINSTER, LEICESTERSHIRE.
MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 14, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 12 cwt. in A.

JOSEPH NORTON Treble	J. GEOFFREY GEARY 4
A. NORMAN GEARY 2	RONALD RUSSELL 5
R. HENRY BARTRAM 3	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

The ringers desire to thank the Vicar (Rev. H. Sparling) for permission, and Mr. T. Simpkin for having all in readiness and good order. This is the 109th Leicestershire tower in which the conductor has rung a peal.

GREAT HAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 14, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Rev. E. Banks James' arrangement.

Tenor 9 cwt.

* ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... Treble	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... 4
* JAMES HEMMING 2	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
SIDNEY T. HOLT 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

WEST HATCH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 14, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt.

T. LOCK Treble	T. W. CREED 3
R. MILLS 2	G. LOCK 4
F. LOCK ... Tenor	

Conducted by F. LOCK.

First peal on the bells. First peal as conductor. After the peal, the Rector provided refreshments, etc., for which the band wish to thank him, also for use of bells.

EAST MARKHAM, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 14, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN W. PRESTON ... Treble	DAN A. PIERCY 4
* SAMUEL BRETT 2	WILLIAM BRETT 5
FRED BLOOMFIELD 3	ROBERT W. STOCKDALE ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT W. STOCKDALE.

* First peal. Ringers of the 2nd and 5th belong to the local company. Treble, 3rd, 4th and tenor hail from Ordsall.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 17, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

3,600 Grandsire and 1,440 Plain Bob.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

* MISS E. M. CUTSFORTH ... Treble	* HAROLD WALSH 4
* FRED BELL 2	ERNEST CUTSFORTH 5
* JOHN TYSON 3	JAMES ASPDEN Tenor

Conducted by E. CUTSFORTH.

* First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of sympathy to the parents of Clifford H. Entwistle (accidentally killed). All are service ringers at the above church.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the Sheffield and District Society was held at Rotherham Parish Church on Easter Monday, over 60 members being present from Handsworth, Killamarsh, Norton, North Wingfield, Anston, Bolsover, Chesterfield, Pudsey, Loughborough, Dore, Derby, Wortley, Sheffield Cathedral and St. Marie's, and the local company. The bells were kept going in various touches from Bob Minor to Surprise methods, the fine peal of ten by Taylor and Co. sounding extremely well. After a well-served tea, Canon Allen presided over the meeting, and several new members were elected.—A vote of thanks to the Canon, churchwardens, ladies, and the local company was passed.

KINGSTON DEVERILL.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 16, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 240 of Morris' arrangement, and 40 six-scores, with ten different callings.

Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE BUNCE Treble	* JACK GRAY 4
WILLIAM C. SHUTE 2	FRED A. COWARD 5
EDWARD G. L. COWARD ... 3	* ENOS DODDINGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRED A. COWARD.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

BROUGHTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 17, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten six-scores of St. Simon's, ten of Canterbury, eleven of Plain Bob, and eleven of Grandsire.

SIDNEY MUNTON Treble	REGINALD WILLIAMSON ... 3
RONALD COLEMAN 2	FREDERICK W. RANDALL ... 4

ALBERT STAPLETON ... Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD WILLIAMSON.

NEWCHURCH, ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 21, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor (estimated) 10 cwt.

HARRY BARTON Treble	BERTRAM J. SNOW 4
ARTHUR P. BRADING 2	WILLIAM UPTON 5
ALBERT D. CALLOWAY ... 3	A. RICHARD WARD Tenor

Conducted by HARRY BARTON.

First peal on the bells.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 21, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and three of Plain Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

* LEONARD E. TUBB ... Treble	WILLIAM P. BLAKE 4
FREDERICK CHERRETT ... 2	BERTRAM F. TUBB 5
FREDERICK S. TUBB 3	FREDERICK A. BARKER ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK A. BARKER.

Leonard E. Tubb was elected a member prior to starting. It was his first peal and first attempt. All the ringers are of the local band.

WEEKLEY, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(KETTERING BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 21, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 8 cwt. 10 lb.

R. WILLIAM LAWRENCE ... Treble	* HARRY WARREN 4
* GEORGE WARREN 2	HARRY BAXTER 5
FREDERICK J. TITE 3	ROBERT G. BLACK Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT G. BLACK.

* First peal and first attempt.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 21, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GABRIEL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

FRANK LAWRENCE Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT 4
WILLIAM NIBLETT 2	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
ROBERT G. KNOWLES 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Arranged by REV. H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT

First peal of London Minor by all the band and on the bells.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 21, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 changes each of Ipswich, Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob.

*ERNEST E. WOODAGE ... Treble	JAMES A. BASSETT 4
GEORGE FULLER 2	ARTHUR H. SMITH 5
WALTER MARSHALL 3	BERTRAM LUCK Tenor

Conducted by A. H. SMITH.

* First peal of Minor and for the association. First peal as conductor, and quickest peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEAL.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Saturday, April 21, 1928, in Two Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
In Trinity College,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 19 in F sharp.

C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn)... 1-2	F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath's.) 5-6
E. G. BENSON (St. Cath's.) 3-4	S. H. WOOD (Magd.)... 7-8
J. R. DUFFIELD (Selwyn)... 9-10	

Composed and Conducted by S. H. WOOD.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEATHERHEAD DISTRICT MEETING.

The two six-bell towers of Capel and Ockley were visited by the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild on Saturday, and, despite the vagaries of an English spring day, when rain, snow, and sunshine alternated, nearly forty members put in an appearance from Leatherhead, Dorking, Banstead, Newdigate, Capel, Ockley, Guildford, Woking, Farnham, and Beddington. Capel will always hold a special place in the interests of the Guild. It was once the home of a six-bell band, celebrated throughout the country; and then, after a long lapse from membership of any association, it came wholeheartedly into the new Guild, and, on the first day of its history, rang the first Guildford Diocesan Guild peal. Unfortunately, its ring of bells is but a poor lot, although there have been hopes that some day this state of things might be changed. How soon that end will now be achieved is uncertain, for the Vicar (the Rev. C. F. Carver), who initiated the scheme, and who was a keen supporter of the Guild, having himself recently learned to ring, has just left the parish for the living of Charlton Hawthorne, in Somerset. It was, in fact, a great disappointment to the members that his induction on the preceding Thursday prevented him being with the members at the meeting on Saturday.

In the circumstances, the conduct of the Guild's service was left in other hands, but the members received a homely address from the gentleman who took Mr. Carver's place.

There was little business to be transacted at the meeting which followed tea in the Church Room, and at which the Guild Master (Major J. H. B. Hesse) presided. Several new members were elected, and the district hon. secretary (Mr. F. G. Woodiss) detailed the arrangements made for other meetings during the year. There would, he said, be no separate meeting in June, as on the 30th of that month the Guild was to hold its summer festival at Epsom, which was in that district. There would be a meeting at Banstead in August, a joint meeting with the Guildford District at Shere and Albury in October, and a meeting at Cobham in December.

Mr. A. Winch spoke of the good work which was being done at the combined practices, one of which was held in the district every week.

The Rev. J. Ward, of Newdigate, who for many years was in charge of a church in Australia, expressed his great pleasure with the Guild's proceedings and admiration of the characteristic service which had been held. Their procedure, he said, must add to the reverence with which they carried out their duties, and to the brotherhood which existed among them.

A cordial vote of thanks to the preacher and the organist, and to the authorities and ringers at the two churches closed the proceedings.

A variety of methods were rung, both in the afternoon and evening, at the two churches.

SUMMER FESTIVAL.

A special committee have in hand the arrangements for a summer festival at Epsom on June 30th. It is hoped to organise charabanc parties from a number of groups of towers, to work out for each an itinerary by which the ringers of the party will be able during the afternoon to ring on at least three peals of bells, and eventually concentrate on the Parish Church at Epsom, where service will be held, at which the Bishop of Guildford has promised to preach. There will also be arrangements for ringing in the evening. It is hoped to have three, if not four, eight-bell and two ten-bell towers available.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ANNUAL MEETING at STOCKPORT.

The annual meeting of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held at St. George's Schools, Stockport, on Easter Monday. Proceedings commenced with a service at 10.45, at which Rev. A. J. Humphreys, B.A., Vicar of Norbury, and an honorary member of the Guild, preached an excellent and inspiring sermon.

At the business meeting held an hour later in the schools, the accounts, showing an increased balance of £12, were adopted. The Secretary apologised for the absence of the printed report, which had been delayed owing to circumstances over which he had no control, but promised that it would be in the hands of the members shortly.

Arising out of a remark made by Mr. Elwell, an interesting discussion took place on the dirty state of some of the belfries in the diocese, several members taking part. It was pointed out that, being a part of the church, the belfry or ringing chamber should not be used as a lumber room, and there were several suggestions for dealing with the matter. Archdeacon Thorpe, of Macclesfield and Stockport, suggested a resolution, which was adopted for circulation to the Rural Deans, and promised to mention the subject in his archidiaconal charge. The resolution runs: 'That this Guild desires to call attention to the state of certain belfries, in the hope that a more satisfactory state of affairs may be brought about.'

Rev. C. A. Clements was again unanimously re-elected Master, with the Rev. A. T. Deeston as treasurer, and Mr. E. W. Elwell as secretary. Messrs. H. and J. Jackson were re-elected auditors, and Mr. J. Cooke as peal recorder.

It was unanimously resolved to accept the recommendation of the committee that the maximum grant for restoration work be increased to £7 10s., and grants of this amount were confirmed to Higher Sutton and to Marbury.

It was also resolved to admit junior members on payment of 1s. per annum, which is half the usual subscription, provided they are under 18 years of age. By this means it is hoped to encourage young ringers to take up the art at an early age.

After the decision to hold the next annual meeting at Bebington, a vote of thanks was passed to the preacher and the St. George's officials who had so kindly arranged the details of the meeting.

The next item on the programme was lunch, and an excellent one it was. The thanks of the Guild are due to Mrs. Jackson and the ladies who helped her to prepare it, and for all the trouble they took. At lunch, the loyal toast was drunk, and a collection for 'The Ringing World' fund for 'Ireneus Pistor' realised £1 7s. 6d.

After lunch, the afternoon was devoted to ringing, which took place at St. George's, St. Mary's, and Norbury Parish Church. The whole day was a most successful one, and the attendance numbered about 70 members and visitors.

SUCCESSFUL BRANCH MEETING AT BROMBOROUGH.

A most successful meeting of the Wirral Branch of the above Guild was held at Bromborough Parish Church on Saturday. A goodly number of members was present, and enjoyed to the full the fine peal of eight bells, the methods rung varying from Plain Bob Minor to Superlative Surprise Major, and all were thoroughly satisfied both with the quality of the ringing and the 'go' of the bells.

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. H. Barr, M.A.), who, speaking from the chancel steps, extended a hearty welcome to those present, and said his reason for speaking to them from that position was because he considered they were all on a level as worker's in God's service—he as a minister, the organist at his organ, and the bellringers in the belfry—all serving God in their own special ministry. People seemed to think the time would come when there would be no need to attend church, as sermons could be heard in their own homes on the wireless. He wished to emphasise the fact that the sermon was not the principal part of the service, and that the more important parts could not be carried out at home. Speaking of bells and bellringing, he said it seemed to him that bellringing created an enthusiasm and a keenness which was seldom met with in other walks of church life. He wished he could catch some of the fire and keenness of bellringers and infuse it into the leaders of other branches of parochial work. In conclusion, he said how pleased he was to see such a number of young boys present, and trusted they would progress and prosper in the office of bellringers.

A substantial tea was provided and thoroughly enjoyed, following which the usual monthly business meeting was held, the Rector presiding, after which the company adjourned to the belfry, the bells being kept going until about nine o'clock.

W. J. B.

COMPTON GIFFORD, DEVON.—On Easter Monday, April 9th, on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. F. M. Rice and Miss A. D. Cowl, a peal of Bob Major was attempted, but, unfortunately, a change course occurred in the eleventh course, after which the band rang 1,340 Bob Major in 50 mins.: W. J. Symons (longest length in the method) 1. R. J. Baldry 2, G. H. Myers 3, J. E. Lilley 4, G. Goddard (longest length in method) 5, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 6, T. G. Myers 7, J. Woodley 8.—On Easter Sunday, at Emmanuel Church, 518 Grand sire Triples: W. Pugsley 1, R. J. Baldry 2, W. J. Symons 3, J. E. Lilley 4, G. Goddard 5, J. Woodley 6, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 7, G. H. Symons 8.

PRESIDENT OF DEVON GUILD MARRIED.

Considerable interest was taken by parishioners and friends at Christ Church, Dore, on Wednesday, April 11th, in the marriage of Miss M. P. B. Davenport, a member of the local band of ringers and lately secretary of the Northern District of the Ladies' Guild, to the Rev. E. S. Powell, M.A., Vicar-designate of Clyst St. George, Exeter, and president of the Guild of Devon Ringers. The event, which was favoured by a beautiful, sunny morning, attracted a large congregation, and the pretty little church, its Easter decorations enhanced by quantities of flowers from Devon, arranged in bowls and clusters by Mrs. Cockey and Miss M. Benton, was almost full when the bridal procession arrived.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a gown of ivory satin, the veil of Brussels lace being lent by Mrs. W. P. Wright, of Eym Hall. She carried a bouquet of narcissi, with maidenhair ferns, and was followed by her two bridesmaids, Miss Jessie Davenport and Miss Dorothy Wright, in dresses of apple green and white georgette, each carrying bouquets of pale gold tulips. Mr. Charles Westley acted as best man.

The service, which was choral (bridal music being played by Mr. A. F. Farnsworth) was conducted by the Rev. W. P. Wright, of Eym Hall, assisted by the Vicar of Dore, the Rev. W. R. Gibson. The Rev. W. P. Wright, a ringer himself, in a pleasing little address at the close of the ceremony, referred to the ringing activities of the bridal pair, to the position of the bridegroom as a priest of the Church, and to the bride's great fitness as a helpmeet for him, and concluded with a little analogy on the significance of the wedding ring.

For the occasion, the bells were placed in charge of members of the Ladies' Guild, and the following took part in touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major, and 'firing,' both before and after the ceremony: Miss Mary Benton (Dore), Miss Noel Cawthorne (Handsworth), Miss Marjorie Holmes (Dore), Mrs. H. J. Jacques (Mansfield Woodhouse), Mrs. W. M. Ryder (Rotherham), Mrs. Scott (Workop), Miss Elsie Smith (Norton), Miss Nora A. Spilby (Doncaster), and Miss Dorothy Tarlton (North Wingfield).

Among the relatives and friends present were Mrs. Davenport and Everard Davenport, Mrs. Davenport, sen., Mrs. Westley, Miss Cause, Miss Cane, Miss Nichols, Mrs. W. P. Wright and party, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lewis Cockey, Mrs. Holmes, the Rev. L. C. F. Tomkins and party, Mrs. Benton, Deaconess Weston (Sheffield Cathedral), Mrs. Watkinson, members of the Mothers' Union of St. John's, Abbeydale, the Sheffield Girls' Movement, and many others. Owing to the ill-health of the bride's mother no reception was held, and the bridal couple left shortly after the ceremony by motor for Southampton en route for the South of France.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES BRANCH.

A well-attended quarterly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at the grand old Church of All Saints, Westbury, Wilts, on Saturday, April 14th. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. E. C. Alexander), Mr. Jefferies, the talented organist, being at the organ. Tea followed in the Church Institute, to which 36, including the Vicar and organist, sat down, the catering being done by Mr. W. Holloway, who was formerly one of the Westbury ringers.

The business meeting was presided over by Mr. C. D. Heginbotham, of Devizes.—Mr. B. Cook gave a report of the business transacted at the Diocesan Committee meeting.

A discussion followed as to the advisability of trying to form new branches, with a view to covering ground not already covered by the Salisbury and Marlborough Branches. The Chairman stated that a meeting of the Marlborough Branch was to be held on Saturday, April 21st, at Pewsey, when an effort would be made to start a branch for the Pewsey District. If this were done, it would relieve the Devizes Branch of four six-bell towers, viz., Upavon, Enford, Fittleton and Netheravon, and should be the means of making a good branch.

On the proposition of the Chairman, a vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and conducting the service, also to the organist.—The Chairman asked the Vicar, as Rural Dean, to use what influence he might have to get a representative of the Guild on the Bishop's Advisory Board.

The Vicar, in replying, said how pleased he was to see such a large number present, and was glad to welcome the Branch to Westbury. He wished they could come more often, but, as they knew, the tower was still under observation, and cases of illness near the church sometimes prevented the bells being rung. He added that he would certainly use what influence he had to get a representative on the Advisory Board.

Visitors present included Miss N. Williams, Messrs. W. J. Prescott, W. H. Crocker and F. Rich (Bath), Mr. L. G. Hill (Slough), Mr. H. Hunt (Bagshot, Surrey) (Guildford Diocesan Guild), Messrs. F. Lambeth and S. Wilshire (Chippenham), Messrs. Romain (secretary, Salisbury Branch), Southey and Roles (Salisbury), and Messrs. F. A. Coward and E. Coward (Mere), (North Dorset Branch). Ringers were also present from Bratton, Bradford-on-Avon, Chirton, Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), Melksham, Rowde, Trowbridge and Warminster. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Double Norwich were rung during the afternoon and evening.

It was decided to hold the next two monthly meetings at Rowde and Bromham (May) and Bishop's Canning (June).

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Messrs. Headstock, Soundbow and Co., of Warrington and Bolton, beg to announce the following rule decided upon at their recent Hoptonstall meeting: 'That anything over 13,000 shall be classified as "a good practice."

At the annual vestry meeting at Christ Church, Dore, on Easter Monday, Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey was elected people's warden for the fifth time. At a previous meeting of the parochial electors, he was also elected a member of the Diocesan Conference for the See of Derby.

The most interesting anniversary next week is that on Thursday, for it was on May 2nd, 1715, that the first peal of which we have any authentic record was rung. It was the famous peal of Grandsire Bob Triples at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich.

Last Sunday, in addition to being the anniversary of the Appleton record peal—which, by the way, was duly 'celebrated' by a small party who met by accident in London—was also the anniversary of the 15,227 Grandsire Caters (still the longest length in the method) at Cheltenham in 1889. The conductor of that peal, Mr. W. T. Pates, is still in charge of Cheltenham belfry.

Sixty years ago to-day a famous band of College Youths rang the then record peal of 15,840 Kent Treble Bob at Bethnal Green, in 9hrs. 12mins. Ted Horrex was the last of that company to go.

The first peal by Cambridge University Guild was rung on April 28th, 1890. To-morrow is also the anniversary of the 12,896 Cambridge Surprise Major, rung at Stony Stanton.

The first peal of Cinques in Yorkshire was rung on May 1st, 1812. This was a peal of Grandsire, at Leeds, composed and conducted by Samuel Smallpage.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HON SECRETARY'S THANKS TO MEMBERS.

Fellow Members,—By the courtesy of the Editor, I wish to convey to you all my grateful appreciation of the kindness literally showered upon me on Easter Monday at an annual meeting, when the president, in your name, presented to me a handsome silver tea service, together with an illuminated address, to mark the completion of 25 years' service as your secretary, and to Mrs. Cartmel two beautiful silver vases. I confess that I was so utterly taken by surprise that I fear I very inadequately expressed in words the true emotions of my heart, and the feelings of my wife. Although it was a record gathering, I know that to many contributors attendance was impossible, so the courtesy of the Editor is welcome, as it enables me to express to one and all my sincere appreciation of their kindness. The epitome of the letters read by Mr. Ayre, and the remarks of various speakers at the meeting all seemed so overwhelmingly kind that cold print, or even words, fail to express one's feelings. Again, your kindness was once more shown in electing me your secretary, and further in appointing me to the presidency.

To those gentlemen who initiated and carried through the effort, and to all kind friends who have by their generosity made the presentation possible, please accept from Mrs. Cartmel and myself our sincere thanks.—Yours sincerely,

G. W. CARTMEL.

Duffield, St. Albans.

THE RINGERS' DIRECTORY.

To the Editor.

Sir,—May I, through your columns, thank brother and sister ringers for the prompt response to our directory notice. My committee will be very grateful for the kind wishes for success which have accompanied subscriptions.

The Bristol United Ringing Guilds have undertaken this task for the benefit of the ringing community, and have no regard for a profit to be made, although they are not in a financial position to stand for a loss.

The scheme has been carefully drafted out, and it is up to every ringer to ensure the success of this large undertaking.

In conclusion a free copy will be sent post free to every subscriber of 1s., even though it is as large as 200 to 300 pages. The size of it of course depends upon the number of subscribers.—Yours faithfully,

EDGAR GUISE,

Hon. Secretary, B.U.R.G.

PEAL CRITICS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I did not hear the peal of Cambridge Royal at Epsom on March 17th, but would suggest that when any self-appointed critics are outside a tower when a peal is in progress, they should be courteous enough to meet the conductor and his band when they come out of the tower and criticise the performance in front of them. Some critics up this way suddenly remember that they have an important business appointment when the last course-end comes up.—Yours truly,

W. R. MADGWICK.

THE HEPTONSTALL PEAL ATTEMPT.

CONTROVERSY OVER THE CAUSE OF FAILURE.

The newspapers gave a great deal of notice to the attempt for the record peal at Heptonstall on Saturday week, and some of those in the North of England gave long articles. The Halifax 'Daily Courier' went into the question of the cause of the failure. After describing the attempt and the dramatic climax, the report stated:—

The actual state of the bells, and the ability of the team to have completed the peal under any other conditions, has already aroused a little storm of controversy, and the points mentioned above (whether failure was due to dry bearings on the tenor) are likely to be long debated in bellringing circles. Mr. Chapman, for instance, declared that the bells at Heptonstall, from every point of view, constitute one of the finest peals in the country. Before the collapse of the effort he expressed the opinion that the ringing was not as emphatic and confident as a year ago, when the peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major was rung. Afterwards he said the team had done remarkably well to have rung for 10 hours and 36 minutes in Double Norwich Court Bob Major. Much depended upon the man who rang the tenor bell, and 10½ hours on Saturday's method was equal, in regard to pulling strength needed, to about 18 hours of Oxford Treble Bob Major. He described Mr. Pegler's effort as a great feat, and doubted if anyone in the country could have beaten it.

they are blaming the bells, but the bearings are not dry. I went specially to inspect them before the ring started, and there was then sufficient lubrication to have kept a mill shafting running all day. The bearings are still greasy, and, for ordinary ringing purposes, it will not be necessary to touch them for weeks. It was a mistake, when attempting such a big thing, to put in a new rope. Pegler is a strong, well-built man, but he was completely beat. I believe he had been more or less exhausted a couple of hours before he gave in.'

HOW THE NEWSPAPERS VIEWED IT.

The different newspapers treated the peal attempt from many different standpoints. One made it the occasion for describing the antiquarian charms of Heptonstall; another to refer to the decimation of the town's population during a plague in the early seventeenth century. Another emphasised the fact that it is unlucky for ringers to encounter a funeral, and that a funeral took place in the churchyard while the bells were ringing. Of course, there was the writer who tried to poke fun at it and talk of the long-suffering inhabitants. But his article makes humorous reading, so here it is. It is headed 'Heptonstall, Saturday':—

This little Yorkshire village tried to make history to-day. It became the big noise in national achievement; in fact, it was the biggest noise since a Barnum and Bailey's elephant did a clog dance on a platform of broken bottles.



HEPTONSTALL PARISH CHURCH, WHERE THE ATTEMPT FOR THE RECORD PEAL WAS MADE.

For this illustration we are indebted to Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who cast and hung the bells in 1912.

LOCAL RINGERS' OPINIONS.

Mr. Francis Robertshaw, the conductor of the Heptonstall team, said the 'Daily Courier,' strongly denied that the bearings were dry. He said he had examined the bearings after the peal ended and declared that they were not dry. 'Pegler did well,' he added, 'but the task was too much for him. He was exhausted. If it could have been possible for him to have rested ten minutes I believe he would have finished the job, but that could not be. In my opinion the man would be seriously feeling the strain at the end of five hours. The visiting ringers had a new rope fitted to the big tenor bell. That was a mistake, for it would increase Pegler's task for several hours, until the "stretch" had gone out. When told on the Friday night that a new rope had been put on, Pegler himself shook his head as though he disapproved of it. Anyhow, after the effort had broken down, a visitor, an old ringer, volunteered to ring the tenor bell in a peal of 5,000 changes to show that it was not so much the condition of the bell that had caused the failure, as the matter of human endurance. The bells have not been touched, and to-day (Sunday) our own men have been ringing as usual. The bells, including the tenor, have swung beautifully. We all think that the team on Saturday put up a fine performance, but it should be known that that was the third unsuccessful attempt which has been made to break the present world record.'

Mr. Lewis Greenwood, the belfry keeper and the man responsible for seeing that the bells were in order, when interviewed, said: 'I know

For Heptonstall awoke at 6.15 a.m. this morning to the music of its church bells, and every inhabitant who hadn't taken the precaution to sit overnight has been dashing about ever since in search of aspirins and oblivion.

It was all due to a misguided ambition of an expert band of ringers from different parts of the country to tackle the Double Norwich Court Bob Major peal, with 22,096 changes, on the bells of Heptonstall Church. They locked themselves in the belfry, and were prepared to carry on without food or drink until the peal was completed in 13½ hours.

But it was not to be. After 10 hrs. 31 mins., when 18,600 changes had been rung, the patent lubricator of the 18wt. tenor bell ran dry, and the record-breaking attempt had to be abandoned.

The present bell-ringing record, of course, is held by a Scotsman, who wanted a drink on credit in a Glasgow public-house, and had to ring continuously for the waiter for 12 hours.

But everything passed off happily to-day. At the seventh hour one of the ringers complained of perspiration, and was provided with a blotting pad. At the eighth hour a small boy called round to show his blood orange, and at the tenth hour a flustered ringer slipped on the peal.

When told later that the record hadn't been broken, the oldest inhabitant said he had heard all about it, though he had never had such a day of earache in his life before.

NORFOLK GUILD. THE PROPOSED REORGANISATION.

The annual meeting of the Norfolk Guild was held at Norwich on Easter Monday. Ringing commenced soon after ten a.m. at St. Peter Mancroft (12), St. John-de-Sepulchro (8), St. Michael-at-Coslaury (8), and All Saints' (5). By kind permission of the respective incumbents these rings of bells were placed at the disposal of the members throughout the day. Divine service was held at 12.30 p.m. at St. Peter Mancroft, when Canon F. J. Meyrick (Vicar) officiated, and the address was given by the Rev. Roger Bulstrode, Rector of Holy Trinity, Heigham, Norwich, on the text, 'The hearing ear, and the seeing eye, the Lord hath made even both of them' (Proverbs xx. 12). In Snowdon's 'Rope Sight,' said the preacher, 'the writer speaks of the power of noticing the ropes' as 'the foundation of all change ringing.' He also says that 'side by side with finding his way amongst the ropes, a ringer must strive so to catch the rhythm or beat of the time, and so impress his mind and ear with it that he finds himself working both in mental and muscular sympathy with it.' In other words, a ringer must have all his faculties alert, especially those of mind and ear and eye. Those present to-day will not fail to see the bearing of my text on the ringers' art. They know by experience the close application, the long apprenticeship that is needed before the art is mastered, and even intricate methods become almost second nature. But even then, I am very sure, vigilance can never be relaxed. Watch a company of good ringers, and there will be no fuss or anxiety—you will not see the wild and anxious look that often comes into the eye of a beginner—but you can see that each ringer has his senses alert, counting his place, listening for the lead, and glancing at the rope to be followed. I was tempted to choose as a text Nehemiah i. 6, as a good motto for ringers, 'Let thine ear now be attentive and thine eyes open,' but I felt it was unjustifiable, as the words form part of a prayer to the Almighty, not an exhortation to His servants. It is a high privilege to preach at this service in this ancient home of ringing. As a ringer, I can only speak as a learner, but as a minister of Christ I can welcome the opportunity of addressing you as fellow-workers in His Church; and whereas in a belfry some are experts, some learners, here in the service of God we shall feel we must all take our place as learners, often more beginners and bunglers, but at least, I trust, keen, anxious to improve and to offer something better and more worthy than we have done. It is therefore from the point of view of the learner only that I would speak on the two parts of our subject. (i.) The hearing ear. The young ringer cannot be expected to 'hear' the bells in the same way that an old ringer can. He cannot, perhaps, even pick out the sound of his own bell, but there is one thing that the youngest ringer can and must do: he must listen to the voice of the instructor. Carelessness or inattention here is unpardonable. When he makes a mistake, he may be unable to correct it, but the conductor's instant shout (and conductors have been known to speak 'rather sharply' to beginners!) may enable him to recover and avoid disaster. Best of all, perhaps, is the presence of some old ringer who will 'stand behind' him, and whenever he sees signs of doubt or hesitation will just quietly give the needed instruction: 'After the 5th at hand, 6th at back; now you're leading,' etc. Does this familiar scene in the belfry ever remind you of the voice of our divine instructor, Who once said, 'Learn of Me,' 'Be My disciples,' and whose Voice, gentle or stern as needed, will whisper in our ear and guide us through life? He is the Teacher, and the wise learner will have his ear attentive, and say, 'Speak, Lord, for Thy servant heareth.' (ii.) The seeing eye. This may remind us that ringing is team work. We must watch the other ropes and take our own place unobtrusively. Unselfishness should be a virtue of the belfry. A selfish ringer spoils the spirit of the belfry, as a bad ringer spoils the music of the bells. The 'seeing eye' must also be kept on the conductor. 'I will guide thee with mine eye,' is the divine promise, but only the willing, watchful pupil can be so guided. If the art of change ringing is intricate, how much more intricate is the art of life! We dare not trust our own wisdom; we know too well how often we have failed. 'Looking unto Jesus,' keeping our eyes fixed upon Him, is the only secret by which we can be sure of bringing the bells safely 'home' at the end of our course.

THE NEW PRESIDENT.

Luncheon was served at Messrs. Ashworth and Pike's Restaurant, Davey Place, the Rev. Canon F. J. Meyrick presiding, supported by the Rev. Roger Bulstrode, Mr. Charles E. Borrett (vice-president), Mr. Arthur L. Coleman (secretary and treasurer), Messrs. G. P. Burton, W. L. Duffield, and W. C. Duffield (members of the committee), and Messrs. W. B. Duncan, R. W. Cooke, Ben S. Thompson (district secretaries), and forty-four members.

The toast, 'The King,' was proposed by the Chairman, and duly honoured. Following the loyal toast, the members stood in silence in tribute to the pious memory of their former president, the late Dean of Norwich, the Very Rev. John Wakefield Willink, D.D.

The annual business meeting then followed. Canon F. J. Meyrick presided, and welcomed the members. He said that in his own church the Guild was one of the strongest organisations he had at St. Peter Mancroft.

The annual report dealt in detail with the work of the Guild during the year 1927. The membership had increased by 28, making a total of 801. Reference to the death of the president (the Dean of Norwich) was signified as follows: 'We may safely say that the Guild has never

had to record the loss of such an ideal and honoured leader in the whole of its history.'

The balance sheet showed a balance of 2s. 2d. in hand. The total receipts amounted to £147 3s. 4d., and the expenditure £147 1s. 2d. It was resolved that the report and balance sheet be adopted.

Mr. Arthur L. Coleman proposed, and Mr. John Moy seconded, on behalf of the committee, that the Archdeacon of Norwich, the Venerable George Martins MacDermott, M.A., be elected president of the Guild in succession to the late Very Rev. the Dean of Norwich. Mr. Coleman said that he was quite sure that in the Archdeacon of Norwich they would have a splendid president and a worthy successor to Dean Willink. He (Mr. Coleman) thought the choice of the committee in nominating the Archdeacon of Norwich as president a very happy one. He would be in touch, not only with the clergy, but now with the ringers also.—The proposition was agreed to unanimously.

The vice-presidents were re-elected, Mr. Arthur L. Coleman was re-elected secretary and treasurer, and Mr. G. P. Burton was also re-elected hon. auditor. The committee were re-elected en bloc.—The Secretary moved the ratification of one belfry election, four re-elections and the election of nineteen new members, and these were duly elected.

It was resolved that the Whit Monday meeting be held at Fakenham and the August Bank Holiday meeting at Great Yarmouth.

COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE PROPOSED CHANGES.

With a view to increasing the efficiency of the Guild, the committee had recommended that three divisions, coterminous with the area of the Norwich, Norfolk and Lynn Archdeaconries, should take the place of the eleven existing districts. It was thought that by the formation of a committee consisting of a chairman, secretary and committee for each division, the members would be brought into closer touch with the work of the Guild, and that as an aid to their advancement in the art of change ringing some system of instruction should be arranged for by that committee. The project was explained by Mr. Coleman, who suggested that the Archdeacons should be asked to act as chairmen of the respective divisional committees.

It was pointed out by Mr. G. P. Burton that the matter required very careful consideration, and the old foundations should not be disturbed until the new scheme was proved workable. After all, he said, the Guild had gone on for 51 years, and to postpone the matter would not disturb its existence.

The Chairman said that the Guild was suffering, as were many other societies, from the diocese being so scattered. The proposed scheme required most careful thought, and he advised that a small committee should draw up a report on the matter.

In this connection it was suggested that a meeting should be held at King's Lynn during the month of October. After further discussion it was agreed to refer the matter to the committee, and to instruct them to get into touch with the ringers of West Norfolk to obtain their views on the scheme.

A vote of thanks was passed to Canon F. J. Meyrick for presiding, and this concluded the meeting. The members then adjourned to the belfries for further ringing. They were joined by latecomers, making a total attendance of members of over sixty for the day.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A monthly meeting of the Barnsley and District Association was held at Crofton, Wakefield. The village is possessed of a model church, built in the 14th century Gothic style, and is cruciform in plan, with centre tower. The whole is beautiful in proportions, although small in size. The ringers stand on the floor of church under the tower in sight of everyone in church, and the bells are one of the very best rings of six, with a tenor of 14 cwt.

The Vicar (Rev. H. Brownrigg) gave a hearty welcome to the association early in the afternoon, and evinced a fatherly interest in the whole proceedings. Members attended from Pontefract, Felkirk, Horbury, Sandal, Wath, Shelley, Barnsley, and a full muster of local ringers.

Tea was partaken of in the church Sunday School, about 40 sitting down.

The Vicar presided at the business meeting, at which the coming cup contest at Hoylandswaine came under review. Further particulars are to be given at an early date.

A summer meeting at headquarters (Barnsley), at which the Bishop of Wakefield is expected to be present, is under serious consideration, and everything points to a favourable meeting in due course. Messrs. C. Ward, Welsh, P. Morley, Briggs, A. Taylor, and G. H. Cook were elected members, and these, with other members of Crofton tower, form the greatest number from one company in one tower.

Heartly votes of thanks were given to the Vicar, churchwardens, Church Council, and local ringers for all the kindness bestowed so freely on the association.—The Vicar and Mr. Churchwarden Stead replied.

RINGERS' WEDDING.

The wedding of two members of the Worcestershire Association took place last Saturday, when at Hinton-on-the-Green, Gloucestershire, Miss Alice Victoria Lampitt, a regular service ringer at Hinton, was married to Mr. Ralph Harris, the leader of the ringers at the neighbouring village of Elmley Castle. In honour of the event a quarter-peal of Grandshire Doubles was rung at Hinton by J. D. Johnson 1, J. Hemming 2, Miss Rosalie Johnson 3, F. J. Johnson (conductor) 4, G. J. Hemming 5. In the evening the bells at Elmley Castle were also rung.

RE-OPENING OF THE HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING BELLS.

The two new trebles to complete the octave at Houghton-le-Spring, Durham, were dedicated on Saturday afternoon, April 7th, by the Bishop of Durham. The old six, dated 1826, have been to the Croydon Bell Foundry and tuned, and the whole have been hung on ball bearings in a new 'H' cast-iron frame on new steel joists. The tone and 'go' is all that can be desired. The bells were seen and heard at Croydon at the 'All England' ringers' meeting, and so no further description is necessary here.

The service was held at 3 o'clock, when the fine old cruciform church, with its massive central tower, was filled to its utmost capacity. The Rector (the Rev. Ralph Watson) conducted the service, assisted by the Rev. F. B. R. Wilcox and the Rev. F. Owen. Other robed clergy present were the Revs. L. W. Trotman (Bishop's chaplain), the Rev. W. W. Adamson, and the Rev. W. L. Law. The Bishop gave a very interesting address, and said a good, skilled, loyal company of ringers in a parish was a great help to its higher life, if only they would look upon their ringing as what it truly was—the service of God. It was really as much part of the service as the singing of the choir or the worship of the congregation.

The two new troubles were sounded at the dedication, and after the service the bells were kept going in various methods until 9 p.m., with an interval at 5 o'clock for tea, when ladies of the congregation very kindly looked after the ringers sitting round the festive board. The ladies had really been very badly treated, for six ringers notified their intention of being present, but some 40 sat down. It is to be hoped the delinquents' ears are burning, and that they will mend their ways.

Fortunately, the weather was very kind on this occasion.

The following towers were represented: Durham and Newcastle Cathedrals, Durham (St. Oswald's and St. Ignatius'), Sunderland (St. John's), Darlington, Shildon, Gateshead, Tanfield, Jesmond, Whitley Bay, West Hartlepool, Cheshire-le-Street, Staundrop, Willington, and the local ringers. Houghton-le-Spring have now a very handy peal, and great things are expected from them in the future.

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REDEDICATION OF ST. PETER'S BELLS, NORTHAMPTON
A SUCCESSFUL RESTORATION SCHEME.

On Thursday, March 29th, a notable event occurred in the history of St. Peter's Church, Northampton, when the peal of eight bells, cast by Abraham Rudhall in 1734, were rededicated by the Bishop of Peterborough (Dr. Claude Blagden).

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston were entrusted with the work of re-running the bells (tenor 12½ cwt. in the key of F), rehanging them with new fittings throughout in the existing wooden frame, which has been placed on two steel supporting girders, making renewals to the clock climbing apparatus and regilding the clock face. In addition the walls of the tower have been strengthened by the provision of angle bonds.

A large congregation attended the rededication service, among those taking part in the procession being the St. Peter's ringers, with the Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, Mr. F. Wilford, and Mr. J. C. Dean, of the All Saints' company of ringers, the latter gentleman having served on the Bells Restoration Committee.

The Bishop performed the ceremony, after which the St. Peter's company rang a course of Stedman Triples: W. J. Dove 1, H. E. Sibler 2, S. J. Lawrence 3, A. Slade 4, W. R. Parker 5, W. Sturgess 6, W. H. Austin 7, J. Wilkins 8. Then followed an inspiring address by the Bishop, during which he said: 'It is a great achievement to be able to look back upon work as being finished. Most of our work is so lamentably incomplete. But you are granted that happiness. You know, too, that the work has been well and truly finished; and in later years you will be able to look back with pride upon what you did in 1928? 'And,' continued the Bishop, 'what of the future? What had been accomplished in unity was surely going to be an example for the time to come.'

After the service, touches in standard methods were rung in the limited time available, many visiting ringing friends taking part, and all expressed great appreciation of the work carried out by the bell founders (who were represented by Captain Howard Freeborn), the tone of the bells being very much improved, and the 'go' really excellent.

During the restoration work, when the wooden frame was raised to insert the steel girders, it was discovered that part of the bottom of the frame was decayed to such an extent that work had to be suspended until that portion was renewed. This meant the insertion of two oak beams and accompanying struts, and the rehanging work was thereby delayed for many days whilst the new beams were slotted and fixed. It is worthy of note that although this delay was, of course, unforeseen, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston ably kept their promise to have the job completed by the opening date, but it meant working late hours towards the finish.

St. Peter's is a very poor parish, and it is very gratifying, indeed, to know that, thanks to the generous support of the congregation and outside friends of town and county, nearly the whole of the money required for this restoration has been raised.

HAGDOURNE, BERKS.—On Easter Monday, Thurstans' quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. E. Napper 1, J. S. Napper 2, H. J. Balcombe 3, E. Humphrey 4, R. T. Hibbert 5, R. G. Rice 6, F. W. Hopgood (conductor) 7, W. A. Goodenough 8.

'IRENÆUS PISTOR'S' THANKS

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have to-day (Friday, the 20th inst.) received P.O. bank book, with a deposit of £166 18s. placed to my credit, which, with the £35 already received by me, makes a sum total of £201 18s.

In acknowledging receipt, one feels too full to dictate a fitting letter of appreciation. It is, however, my bounden duty to offer my thanks, and not only my, but the grateful thanks of mine, to our ringing friends in the British Isles, the Dominion of Canada, New Zealand, and the United States of America.

Really, it is impossible to express in full our heartfelt thanks. 'Our' is the most happy word one can use, for at 22, Hawthorn Road, it is 'our' in everything. Your brotherly sympathy, spoken, written and practical, speak of Freemasonry and savour of Christianity in its purest form. The response on my behalf to your appeal has proved beyond doubt that, even if there be no Lodge of Freemasons associated with the art and science of ringing, there is the essence of one permeating the Exercise, which has risen, and will rise again, to the occasion if a brother or sister of the Exercise is in adversity.

In offering thanks, one feels that it would be most ungrateful if one failed to give appreciative acknowledgment, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' to my dear old friend 'Nemo,' who (secretly) wrote to the Editor, and who is equally as full of emotion and gratitude as I am myself. To him and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith I owe a debt, for not only has the latter appealed on my behalf, but he has made himself responsible for every incidental expense in connection with the fund, after the donations had reached him. He is a 'ringing gentleman,' who, I hope, will cast aside diffidence, and will not delete my written opinion, and that of 'Nemo' and others.

Brothers and sisters of the Exercise, from the bottom of my heart I thank you for your practical sympathy, which gives one heart and courage to 'drain the bitter cup,' ever mindful that the things one has seen were but temporal, and, beautiful as they seemed, I do believe that they are incomparable with those glories we are to see in the life eternal. Again, profound thanks from yours sincerely,

ALFRED T. BAKER.

22, Hawthorn Road,
Hillsborough, Sheffield.

The following additional subscriptions have been received to the fund:—

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A. Barnes, North Reddish	2 6
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We publish the following at the special request of its author, 'Owens Kay,' and others:—

AN ACROSTIC.

'JOHN SPARKES GOLDSMITH.'

7-8-7-8.

John, our thanks are due to you
On behalf of 'Irenæus':
He, his wife, and daughter too,
No need to say, join in with us.

Sustenance to those in need;
Pressing duty, kindly taken,
Asking nothing; this, indeed,
Real thanks in all ringers waken.

Kindly, then, accept our thanks,
Effervescing, running over;
Sincere gratitude all ranks
Give to you, from 'Gloats' to Dover.

Our friend 'Irenæus,' now,
Loving wife, and loving daughter,
Do no longer have to bow;
Sorrow's fled, re-enter laughter.

May the years find Alf content
In his home with wife and daughter;
There's still one trait, worth comment:
He was born creating laughter.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

SOUTHCOTE.—On April 21st, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,263 changes) in 53 mins.: A. R. Glasscock 1, N. Tomlinson 2, G. Bester 3, J. Armstrong (conductor) 4, H. Balaam 5, J. E. Miller 6, W. Pickworth 7, H. Miller 8, S. Wade 9, A. Crane 10.

SHARNBROOK, BEDS.—At St. Peter's Church, on Thursday, April 12th, a quarter-peal of Minor in 42 mins., containing 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 360 Kent, and 180 of Plain Bob: W. Surridge 1, W. Cooper 2, C. H. Surridge 3, A. S. Barcock 4, F. Allen 5, E. C. Allen (conductor) 6.

OVER, CAMBS.—For practice, on Tuesday, April 10th, two 720's of Plain Bob: D. Adams 1, W. Bavin 2, A. W. Ginn 3, R. Thoday 4, H. Robinson 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6. In the second 720, G. Whybrow took the treble, and it was his and D. Adams' first 720 in any method.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Sunday, April 22nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major in 55 mins.: R. G. Bell 1, *H. G. Milton 2, S. H. Hoare 3, H. Long 4, R. W. R. Picton 5, S. E. Edwards 6, W. E. Oakley 7, F. Edwards (conductor) 8. * First quarter in the method.

EAST GRINSTEAD.—At St. Swithun's Church, on April 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, for evening service, in 50 mins.: B. White 1, W. Mills 2, G. Hewitt 3, T. Potter 4, G. Wilby 5, E. G. Ladd 6, J. Wren (conductor) 7, S. Chesson 8. This quarter was rung as a farewell to the Rev. W. M. Shephard (curate), who is leaving this parish for Norfolk.

HOUNSLOW.—On Sunday, April 22nd, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor, with tenor covering: H. Gash 1, E. Cassel 2, C. J. Tricker 3, F. G. Goddard 4, J. Kent 5, W. Ellingham (cond.) 6, G. Gash tenor.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—At the Church of St. Margaret, for morning service, on Sunday, April 22nd, 1,224 Kent Treble Bob Minor: F. Warrington (conductor) 1, C. W. Cook 2, F. G. Gleaves 3, G. L. Perkins 4, H. Lavender 5, J. Perkins 6. The first 720 contained 15 bobs. Ringing at this church is first and third Sunday in each month during summer season.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, April 22nd, for evening service: J. Dodson 1, Miss N. E. Shorter 2, J. Gill 3, A. R. Pink 4, J. Emery 5, W. Beeson (conductor) 6. First 720 by ringers of 3rd and 4th.

KENSINGTON.—At St. Mary Abbot's, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,260 changes): A. Cutmore 1, W. E. Judd (conductor) 2, P. Miles 3, F. V. Sinkins 4, C. F. Winney 5, E. B. Welham 6, E. G. Garrard 7, H. Miles 8, G. C. Rice 9, W. Langdon 10.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Easter Sunday, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. Vickers 1, A. G. Crane (Southgate) 2, H. V. Sear 3, A. Crane 4, S. Foskett 5, W. Sear 6, H. Sear (conductor) 7, E. Smith 8. First quarter-peal by F. Vickers.

SUTTON-IN-HOLDERNESS, YORKS.—On Sunday, April 15th, for evensong, 720 Wells Surprise: H. Rodmell 1, A. Turner 2, L. Rodmell (conductor) 3, G. F. Williams 4, J. E. Sykes 5, A. E. West 6. Also 120 London Surprise.

VETERAN SHIPLAKE RINGER'S DEATH.

On Wednesday, April 4th, there was laid to rest in the churchyard at Shiplake, Oxon, the mortal remains of Walter Wenman, who died in his 71st year, and was a ringer at Shiplake Church for 53 years. A fine striker, the deceased gained his early tuition from that famous conductor, the late Mr. Henry Haley, who in the early '70's was engaged by the then Vicar to train the local ringers in the art of change ringing. Mr. Wenman probably held the record for distance walked to and from the belfry. He lived three miles from the church, and during his prime never missed a service or practice.

The 'whole pull and stand' was rung after the service, and then Shipway's 546 Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled. The deceased had rung several peals of Grandsire Triples.

At the present time this beautiful country churchyard is full of bloom, with primroses and scented violets. The ringers' wreath was inscribed with the following:—

53 YEARS A RINGER AT THIS CHURCH.

Walley, our love, peacefully rest. Adieu!
Sweet violets blue, primrose true, bloom beneath the yew,
Not raised by human hands; God's monuments for you.
To you, Adieu, Adieu!

[CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Easter meeting was held at Whitby on Bank Holiday, when there was a good gathering from the following towers: Robin Hood's Bay, Skelton, Middlesbrough, Stockton-on-Tees, Darlington (St. John's), and the local company. Dinner was provided at Hood's Marino Cafe, and presided over by the vice-president, Mr. G. F. Alexander, supported by the vice-president (Mr. W. Newton), and the hon. secretary (Mr. T. Metcalfe). The bells (ten, with tenor 17 cwt.) were kept going from about 11 a.m. until about eight in the evening to Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich Major, Grandsire Caters, Stedman Caters, and Kent Treble Bob Royal, everyone getting a good share of ringing.

Several new members were elected, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rector and churchwardens for allowing the association the use of the church and bells.

NOTICE

DEVON GUILD.—Mid Devon Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Collaton, on Saturday, May 5th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea, etc., to follow. Also Berry Pomeroy bells (8) and Stoke Gabriel (6) available; good bus service. Please advise me early for arrangements. — H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

NOTICES.

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ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY. — The annual meeting will be held on April 28th at St. Michael's Church, Ashton-under-Lyne. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m. All ringers invited. — S. Thompson, Hon. Sec.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Malins Lee (6) on Saturday, April 28th. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea in Church Room (1s. each), followed by business meeting.—Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Erith, on Saturday, April 28th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Tunstall on Saturday, April 28th. Tower open at 3. Association service in church at 5, conducted by the Rev. Green. Business meeting after tea.—Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Hugglescote on Saturday, April 28th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Subscriptions now due.—D. S. Collins, Dis. Sec., 145, Paget Street, Loughborough.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Bitton on Saturday, April 28th. Bells open from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. A charabanc leaves St. Stephen's (City) at 2.30 p.m. Please advise me if attending as early as possible.—G. Way, 1a, Seymour Road, Bishopston, Bristol.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Woodford (6 bells) on Saturday, April 28th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea in Memorial Hall 5.30 p.m. Subscriptions for 1928 are now due.—E. J. Butler, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. — The next meeting will be held at King's Walden on Saturday, April 28th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Tea 5 o'clock, kindly provided by Major Harrison. Large grounds also open. All are welcome.—George T. Croft, Dis. Sec., 37, Burnell Walk, Letchworth.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Braughing on Saturday, April 28th, when the bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. A short service will be held at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30 at the Brown Bear, as usual. All will be made welcome. — W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Belper on Saturday, April 28th. Bells (8) ready 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Chas. Draper, Local Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND DISTRICT DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—A meeting will be held at South Cerney on Saturday, April 28th. Bells open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, kindly provided by Vicar.—F. J. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., 67, Chester Street, Cirencester.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, April 28th. Evensong at the Cathedral at 4.30 p.m., to be followed immediately by the dedication, in the Nave, of the four new memorial bells by the Very Rev. the Dean of Lincoln (President of the Guild). Tea at the Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, at 5.45, at 1s. 9d. per head. Business meeting immediately afterwards. Ringing at St. Peter-at-Gowts (6) and St. Botolph's (6) from 2.30 to 4, and from 7 to 9. The tower of St. Peter-at-Arches will also be open for handbell ringing.—F. W. Stokes, Hon. Sec., Blankney, Lincoln.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely Archdeaconry.—A meeting will be held at Fulbourn on Saturday, April 28th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec., Long Stanton.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672).—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, April 28th. Ringing from 5 to 9 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 7 p.m. A good attendance is desired. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—A bye-meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, on Saturday, April 28th. Tower open at 3.30. Tea will be provided in the Parish Room at 5.30, 1s. per head.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District. — Spring meeting at Deane on Saturday, April 28th. Bells available 2.30. Also Oakley bells. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Business meeting 5.15 p.m. Names to Rev. Evan Jones, 5, Church Square, Basingstoke.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Calne Branch.—All ringers are invited to attend a meeting at St. Mary's, Calne, on Saturday, April 28th, to ring on the 8 bells (tenor 24½ cwt.) just re-hung on ball-bearings by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, of Whitechapel, London. Bells ready 2 p.m. Tea can be had at Maslin's Restaurant close to church.—L. A. Wilson, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Measham (8 bells) on Saturday, April 28th. Bells available 2 to 6 p.m. Tea and meeting 6 o'clock. Those requiring tea (moderate charge) please advise the Vicar, Rev. J. R. King, beforehand. A good attendance hoped for. All ringers welcome.—R. H. Dove, Dis. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Petersfield on Saturday, April 28th. Bells (8) available 2.30; also Steep (5). Service 4.30, with an address by Canon Masters. Tea in the Parish Hall 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chippenham Branch. — The quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Colerne (8 bells) on Saturday next, the 28th inst. Bells open at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Visitors will be welcome. Please notify early.—F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., 38, Downing Street, The Woodlands, Chippenham.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The next meeting will be held at Ash on Saturday, April 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow.—B. H. Clark, Hon. Sec., 17, St. James' Avenue, Farnham, Surrey.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The Branch annual meeting will be held at Beaconsfield on Saturday, April 28th. Bells (8) available at 3.0 p.m. Guild Service 5.0 p.m. Tea 5.30 at 1s. per head.—Business meeting 6.15 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treas., Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on May 1st; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 3rd and 31st; St. Magnus' on the 10th and 24th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 15th; Southwark Cathedral on the 17th. All at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Hendon, Saturday, May 5th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5. Tea at 5.30, 1s. each. Please advise me if you are coming.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's Church, Burstow, on Saturday, May 5th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30, by kind invitation of the Rector, the Rev. A. F. Bradley. Business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea must let me know by Wednesday, May 2nd.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Dis. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley, Surrey.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Lymington on Saturday, May 5th. Bells available from 3.30. — G. Preston, 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Rowde on Saturday, May 5th. Bells (6) ready at 2.30 p.m. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea. Bromham bells (6) available 6 p.m. till 8 p.m.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, May 5th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at the White Cot Dairy at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow. — Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—A meeting will be held at Walton-on-Thames on Saturday, May 5th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30; tea and meeting 5.15. Those intending to be present must let me know not later than Wednesday, May 3rd. All ringers welcomed.—H. J. Chaffey, Dis. Sec., Upper Childown, Longcross, Chertsey.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next business meeting will be held at Stoke Golding on Saturday, May 5th. Bells available from 4 p.m. Tea provided. Special method, Oxford Bob. All ringers cordially invited. — W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Leek (10 bells) on Saturday, May 5th. Will those who require tea please notify Mr. E. A. Ridgway, 11, Shirley Street, Leek, not later than May 2nd?—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held at Tickhill on May 5th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea please inform Mr. A. Hill, Sunderland Street, Tickhill, before May 2nd?—R. Harrison, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Meeting of Eastern District at West Hartlepool on Saturday, May 5th. Meet at St. Oswald's at 3. Tea at Raglan Hotel at 5.30 for those who advise Mr. F. Robson, 6, Water Street, West Hartlepool, by May 3rd.—George S. Taylor, Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Harrold on Saturday, May 5th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Business to follow.—W. Stapleton, 24, New Fenlake, Bedford.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Tarrington on Saturday, May 5th. Bells (6) available 3.30 to 8.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. Please notify me not later than May 2nd.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Tring on Saturday, May 5th. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Short service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and short business meeting. Well served by train and bus. Make up your minds to come—then let me know.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Stanton-by-Dale on Saturday, May 5th. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m. Members make own arrangements for tea.—F. W. Bailey, Hon. Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Bolton, on Saturday, May 5th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton, Lancashire.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next ringing meeting will be held at Rishton on Saturday, May 5th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Reports to hand.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting will be held, by kind permission of Rev. Hybra Holden, at Folkestone on Saturday, May 12th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 5.30. Tea at 6 o'clock, followed by usual business meeting. A hearty welcome to all ringing friends.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN.—South and West District. —A meeting will be held at Feltham on Saturday, May 12th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea arranged as usual. Church

outside station and buses from Hounslow. All ringers and friends welcome.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A quarterly meeting at Stratford St. Mary on May 12th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at the Church Hall at 4.45 for 6d. (to all sending me word by May 8th). Bells available from 2 p.m., and at Higham and Langham.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A light peal of six bells, by Taylors, Loughborough, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Leicester on Saturday, May 12th, at 3 o'clock (D.V.) at St. Michael's Church, Croft, two minutes' walk from L.M.S. Station, with an excellent train service from Leicester and Nuneaton. Clarke's buses also pass the church from Peacock Lane, Leicester, and the Coventry and Leicester buses pass Croft Hill, five minutes' walk from the church. A band of ladies will open the bells by ringing the first touch after service, after which all ringers will be invited to try the new bells. Tea will be provided at 1s. each for those who send their names not later than Wednesday, May 9th. Collection at service and profit from the tea will be devoted to bells fund.—C. H. Webb, Croft, near Leicester.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Brighton on Saturday, May 12th. The towers will be open as follows:—St. Peter's and St. Nicholas', 2 till 3.30 and after meeting; the Good Shepherd, Dyke Road, 7.30 till 9. Service at St. Nicholas' 3.45 p.m. Meat tea at Morley's, Pavilion Buildings, 5 p.m. Price 2s. 6d. (1s. 3d. to members). Half rail fare (maximum 2s. 6d.). Those who intend to be present should notify the undersigned not later than Tuesday, May 8th.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The festival will be held at Salisbury on Saturday, May 19th. Services in Cathedral at 3 p.m. Preacher, the Dean. Further details to follow.—F. Ll. Edwards, Secretary.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Ilkley on Saturday, May 19th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. per head, and all applications for same must reach Mr. T. W. Crawshaw not later than first post Wednesday, May 16th. Members are reminded that subscriptions are now due, and should be paid without delay.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Jubilee festival will be held in Bristol at Whitsuntide. The following arrangements have been made:—

Friday, May 25th. Two eight bell peals have been arranged.

Saturday, May 26th. Peals for life members and visitors have been arranged at St. Mary Redcliffe (12), St. Stephen (10), St. James' (10), St. Philip (8), whilst the leaning tower, Temple Church, will also be available.

The Bristol Branch will hold a branch meeting during the afternoon.

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Service at St. Mary Redcliffe Church, 12 noon.

Luncheon at St. Mary's Parish Hall at 1 p.m.

Meeting, Bedminster Bridge School, at 2.30 p.m.

Notice of motion to alter, delete or add to rules must be given before April 30th. Revised copies upon application.

Tea, St. Mary's Parish Hall, at about 5 p.m., to be followed by more ringing and a social evening (announcement later).

Tickets for luncheon and tea upon deposit of 1s. Luncheon 3s. 6d. Tea 1s. (a large portion of this expense will be assisted from a special fund). Tickets for meeting free upon application. All applications should be made before May 20th. Train leaves Temple Meads Tuesday morning at 7.38 a.m. for Hereford, arriving at 9.50 a.m., for Central Council meeting. Return fare 8s. 6d.

Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.—A grand fete will be held on Saturday, May 26th, in aid of the Bells Fund. Bells available afternoon and evening. All will be welcome. Admission to fete free.—P. Webb.

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