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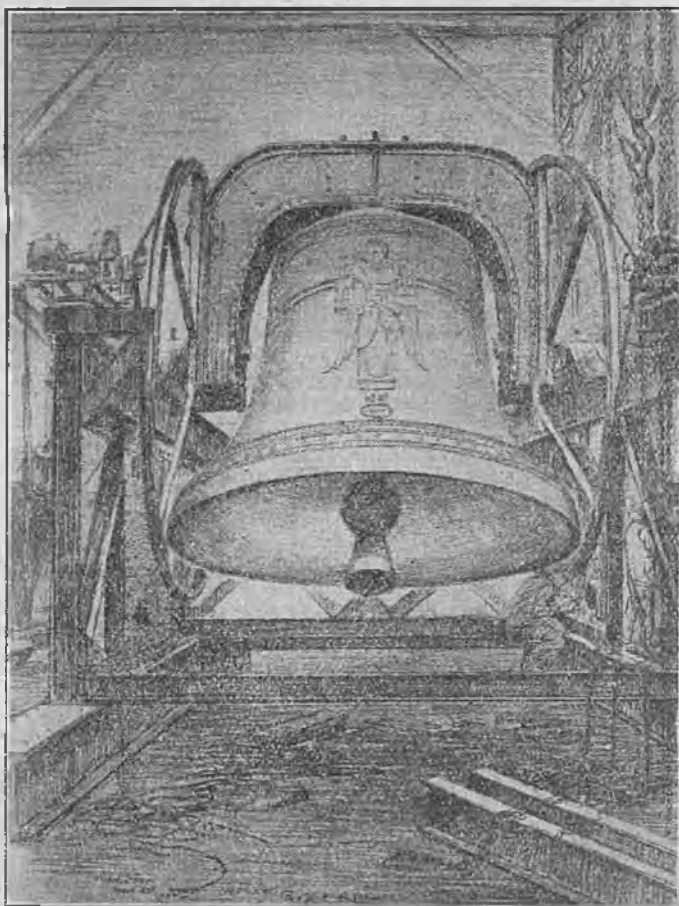
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AN IMPORTANT ISSUE

Next Monday the members of many of the associations will probably be asked to express their opinion on some of the matters raised in the Central Council's agenda, and one of the most important to the Exercise at large is that relating to the conditions which shall govern the recognition, by the Council, of peals of Minor and Doubles. No resolution which the Council may pass can prevent ringers ringing anything they like and calling it a peal, but the Council's decision, whatever it may be, will decide for the time being what shall and what shall not be handed on in its records as a peal, and it will have a considerable influence upon what ringers will themselves ring and recognise in future. Nothing, in our opinion, can go more to the root of ringing than the question of what shall be recognised as a peal, and it may not be out of place if, with next Monday's meetings in view, we refer to the differences of opinion between which the Central Council will be asked to decide at Whitsun.

Briefly, it comes to this, shall a peal of Minor consist of seven separate 720's, in each of which all the possible permutations are rung once and once only; or shall it be permissible so to mix up these permutations that some may appear more than once within the limits of one 720 and not at all in another, so long as each permutation appears only seven times in a 'peal' of 5040? In other words, shall we ring these changes, or rows, how we like—and call it a peal—or conform to the well established rule of ringing out each 720 true and complete in itself before commencing the next? The same arguments which apply to Minor will apply to Doubles, and what is permitted in one must be permitted in the other. Nor is it possible to make limits which will include specific compositions and exclude others of like nature. If you are to admit such arrangements as the Law James' London Minor, you must also admit as a peal such an absurdity as a composition of Bob Doubles in which each course is rung 42 times over before calling a bob to carry the bells into the next course. And then there enters the other phase, created by the Bankes James' arrangement of Cambridge. Can 'rounds' at the start be treated as part of the extent? If it cannot, then this ingenious composition must stand or fall upon the general question, but we can foresee a great diversity of opinion upon the all-important point of that first row, 'rounds.'

Here, then, are some of the issues which the representatives of the associations and guilds will be called upon to decide when the Council meet at Chelmsford, and at the meetings of ringers between now and then there will doubtless be many disputations. Whether or not mem-

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bers will want to vote on this question in accordance with the views held by those who send them, they will certainly like to have behind them the opinions of the thinking ringers, and for that reason the important issue at stake ought to be put plainly before the 'rank and file' at the many meetings which are shortly to take place.

TEN BELL PEAL.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, March 23, 1929, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

JOSEPH E. R. KEEN Treble	HENRY B. TAYLOR 6
GEORGE A. PICKERING 2	ADAM DEAS 7
ERNEST E. FERRY 3	ROBERT ANDERSON 8
* WILLIAM H. JOHNSON 4	WILLIAM H. BARBER 9
JOHN ANDERSON 5	WILLIAM RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal in the method. This was the 1,000th peal for the Durham and Newcastle Association.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

EARLSHEATON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 16, 1929, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

WALTER IDLE Treble	SAM GIBSON 5
PERCY BYRAM 2	FRED HODGSON 6
WILLIAM H. SENIOR 3	HARRY MARSDEN 7
HEMINGWAY DRANSFIELD 4	HERBERT DRANSFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by G. H. HARDY. Conducted by F. HODGSON.
Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. Arthur Goodall, who had been a ringer at the above church for fifty years.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, March 19, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, RUTLAND, BRISTOL, SUPERLATIVE,
CAMBRIDGE AND PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

HARRY KILBY Treble	CHARLES T. COLES 5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 2	ALBERT W. COLES 6
GEORGE M. KILBY 3	JAMES BENNETT 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.
This arrangement contains 1,408 London, 1,664 Rutland, 576 Bristol, 640 Superlative, 640 Cambridge, and 256 Pudsey. This is the first time that six Surprise Major methods have been rung in one peal.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wednesday, March 20, 1929, in Three Hours,

AT THE R.C. CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

CYRIL A. JONES Treble	* GEORGE E. FRERN 5
THOMAS MILLER 2	JOHN NEAL 6
JAMES GEORGE 3	† THOMAS KELLY 7
FREDERICK RISHWORTH 4	WILLIAM F. FROGGATT ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN NEAL.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal. It was fifty-one years on February 20th last since T. Miller rang his first peal, that also being the same composition, upon the same bell, and in the same tower. First peal as conductor.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 20, 1929, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. in F.

MISS FLORRIE WYMAN	Treble	REGINALD V. JOHNSON	5
KENNETH SNELLING	2	CECIL NICE	6
GEORGE OLLIVER	3	ALFRED J. BULL	7
NELSON ELLIOTT	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS	Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

First peal in the method on the bells, by the association, and by all the band, and rung at the first attempt.

HEENE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 20, 1929, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

ARTHUR GEORGE ARNELL	Treble	WILLIAM HILLMAN	5
JOSEPH FARMER	2	*HORACE TOLETT	6
ALFRED W. GROVES	3	†HARRY COLLEY	7
GEORGE JAMES NORRIS	4	EDMUND H. LINDUP	Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by E. H. LINDUP.

* First peal away from the treble. † First peal of Double Norwich.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, March 21, 1929, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.		Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.	
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY <i>Treble</i>	ERNEST F. POPPY... ..	5
WILLIAM J. GROOM	2	WALTER RUFFLES	6
GEORGE PRYKE	3	THOMAS WM. LAST	7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN	4	LESLIE G. BRETT... ..	<i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by WM. C. RUMSEY.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 21, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT	Treble	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD	5
HENRY HODGETTS	2	EDWARD AYLETT	6
STEPHEN H. HOARE	3	FRANCIS A. SMITH	7
GEORGE FOSTER	4	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW	Tenor

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by M. F. R. HIBBERT.

This composition, published on August 20th, 1924, contains the sixty course-ends without singles. The conductor has now called a peal from every bell in this tower, and in a different method, and is the first to accomplish this performance within the county.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 23, 1929, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

PETER CHARMAN	Treble	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH	5
*WILLIAM M. STONE	2	C. ERNEST SMITH	6
ALFRED H. PULLING	3	WALTER CHARMAN	7
CHARLES N. BERDOCK	4	WILLIAM T. BEESON	Tenor

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

* First peal of Major. This was A. H. Pulling's first peal since his serious accident in September, 1927. J. S. Goldsmith's 300th peal. These peals have been rung in 100 towers in 21 counties.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 23, 1929, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

WILLIAM BIGGIN	Treble	FREDERICK A. ADAMS	5
WILLIAM A. WOOLER	2	WILLIAM H. TURTON	6
ARTHUR KNIGHTS	3	RICHARD F. REECE	7
PERCY JERVIS	4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSELY & DISTRICT AND SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETIES.)

On Saturday, March 23, 1929, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*C. F. WILSON	Treble	OLIVER GREATHEAD	5
*WILLIAM GREEN	2	EDGAR STACEY	6
MILTON FOWLER	3	ALBERT NASH	7
ARTHUR PANTHER	4	ARTHUR GILL	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 197). Conducted by ALBERT NASH.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob. The composition, produced in 1887, is now rung for the first time.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 23, 1929, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

WILLIAM HIBBERT	Treble	HARRY WINGROVE	5
RICHARD T. HIBBERT	2	GEORGE MARTIN	6
WILLIAM WELLING	3	WILLIAM HENLEY	7
ARTHUR MARTIN	4	GEORGE GILBERT	Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

This was 'Father' Tom's first peal in the method for sixteen years. First Surprise peal as conductor.

MYTHOLMROYD, YORKSHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 23, 1929, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

HERBERT DAVENPORT	Treble	MISS ROSE A. BELL	5
JOHN WILCOCK	2	JAMES INGHAM	6
*FRANK GREENWOOD	3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	7
HAROLD HAMER	4	WILLIAM HORAN	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM HORAN.

* First peal in the method.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, March 23, 1929, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, BLAKENHALL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5050 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*WILLIAM SMITH	Treble	EDWARD F. MITCHELL	5
*ALBERT D. COLLINS	2	WILLIAM H. LAWLEY	6
THOMAS BEARDS	3	ALFRED ROWLEY	7
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD	4	HARRY BOSWELL	Tenor

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

* First peal. Rung to commemorate the coming of age of the 2nd ringer.

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LEYTON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 23, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

ERNEST J. BUTLER	Treble	CHARLES T. COLES	5
WILLIAM PYE	2	ALBERT W. COLES	6
GEORGE R. PYE	3	JAMES E. DAVIS	7
JOHN ARMSTRONG	4	JAMES BENNETT	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 23, 1929, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

JOHN C. NEWMAN	Treble	WILLIAM LINCOLN	5
WILLIAM J. NEVARD	2	WILLIAM KEEBLE	6
*PERCY GREEN	3	GEORGE HAYWARD	7
WALTER ARNOLD	4	GEORGE GREEN	Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

* First peal away from treble. W. Arnold has now completed the circle in this tower.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 23, 1929, in Three Hours and One Minute,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

GORDON W. CHECKETTS ...Treble	DENNIS R. MORRIS	5
SIDNEY T. HOLT	*LEONARD C. DOWDESWELL	6
THOMAS W. LEWIS	CHARLES CAMM	7
DENNIS SAYERS	CYRIL TANSELL	Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal at first attempt.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 23, 1929, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

OWEN H. GILES	Treble	D. CECIL WILLIAMS	5
GEORGE PULLINGER	2	FRANK BENNETT	6
*FREDERICK G. COLE	3	GEORGE WILLIAMS	7
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY	4	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. ...	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Surprise. The conductor's 1,200th peal. By a coincidence this peal was rung on the eve of the thirty-seventh anniversary (March 24th, 1892) of the conductor's first handbell peal, in which his wife also took part. It is also over 40 years since the ringers of the 6th and 7th rang their first peal together.

SIX BELL PEALS.

THE CHART, LIMPSFIELD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Tuesday, March 19, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Kent and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM G. PATERNOSTER Treble	LEONARD A. TIDY	4
JAMES KNIGHT, JUN.	GEORGE TOOTH	5
WILLIAM D. ASHDOWN	EDWARD E. TIDY	Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD A. TIDY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor and the ringer of the treble.

GAMSTON, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 23, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Single Court and Oxford Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

REGINALD ASHFORTH ...Treble	†CYRIL CARNALL	4
*WALTER RICH	†HAROLD DENMAN	5
DAN A. PIERCY	ROBERT W. STOCKDALE ...	Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT W. STOCKDALE.

* First peal on inside bell. † First peal. Ringers of the treble, 2nd, 4th and 5th belong to the local company, 3rd and tenor to Ordsall.

FULMER, BUCKS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 23, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford, two of Kent and three of Plain Bob

JAMES H. LUCAS	Treble	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ...	4
RICHARD WARNETT	2	PERCY E. JONES	5
EDGAR G. SWIFT	3	FRANK CORKE	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK CORKE.

WOLLASTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 23, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 19 cwt.

GEORGE BASFORD	Treble	JOHN R. MAIN	4
JAMES WARD	2	*AMOS SMART	5
JOHN KING	3	WALTER PERKINS	Tenor

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

* First 720 London and first on the bells.

HANDBELL PEAL.

WINCHESTER.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(KING ALFRED'S COLLEGE GUILD.)

On Wednesday, March 20, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

IN THE TOWER OF THE COLLEGE OF KING ALFRED,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 14 in D.

ERIC H. RUFFELL	1	ROBERT C. DAY	4
JAMES W. COLLINS	2	NOLAN GOLDEN	5-6
JESSE PEYMAN	3	REGINALD M. MALLETT ...	7-8

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Umpire: JAMES GAYLER.

First peal by all except the conductor. First by the King Alfred's College Guild, formed in January. Mr. Ruffell was elected a member of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild previous to the peal.

5,088 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR.

BY JOSEPH W. PARKER.

23456 3rd's. 5th's. B. W. H.

23564	—	—
52364	—	—
64235	S	S
43526	S	S
35264	S	S
52643	S	S
52436	—	—
45236	—	—
24536	—	—

Five times repeated.

S for B at H in the eighth course of first and fourth parts. First rung at St. Paulinus', Crayford, February 1st, 1929, conducted by E. Barnett, sen.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Chertsey District was held at Horsell on Saturday, March 16th. Unfortunately, not many of the ringers of the district put in an appearance, although those who did got plenty of practice, and a great deal of good was done in helping beginners to move a step forward in other methods.

Three ringers from West Clandon were greatly welcomed, as their presence enabled London and Cambridge Surprise to be rung. Besides those from West Clandon, ringers were present from Ottershaw, Otlands Park, and a good number of the local band, with visitors from Leatherhead and Woking, also an unattached member from Thames Ditton.

Tea was provided by the Vicar (Canon Pares) at the Institute, at which 17 sat down. Canon Norman Pares presided at the meeting, supported by the Rev. W. N. Willis, of Ottershaw, and Admiral T. P. Walker (hon. treasurer of the Guild). There was but little business to transact.

Admiral Walker proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to Canon Pares for the use of the bells, and for providing an excellent tea. Canon Pares, in reply, said how pleased he was to welcome the ringers to Horsell. His only regret was that there were not more there.

A service was held at six o'clock, when part of the Guild service was combined with evensong. A ladies' choir led the singing of the Guild hymns, making a very bright service and a welcome change. A friend of Canon Pares, the Rev. Cobb, gave an address and commented on the bells in Huntingdonshire.

The bells were kept going till nearly nine o'clock in Grandsire Doubles, Bob Minor, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge and London Surprise. About 25 ringers put in an appearance during the afternoon and evening, but it would have been more pleasing to the officials had more of the district members attended.

CRONDALL'S UNUSUAL TOWERS.

The Farnham District held a meeting at Crondall on Saturday, which was attended by 38 members and visitors from Aldershot, Crondall, Farnham, Frensham, Seale, Ottershaw and Woking. The Guild's service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Cyril Balmer), who gave an appropriate address based upon these words: 'Enter into Thy gates with thanksgiving and into Thy courts with praise,' which are included in the prayers of the service.

A company of 34 sat down to a very enjoyable tea provided by the local ringers and their wives, and at the business meeting the Vicar, after being elected as an hon. member, took the chair.

There was very little business to be transacted, and at the conclusion the hon. secretary moved a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, and his great assistance in arranging the tea; also to the local ringers and their wives who had so ably carried out the catering.

As the bells are in sad need of the bell hanger's attention, there was not so much ringing done as there might have been, and the visitors spent a lot of time exploring this very interesting old church, which dates from 1150 A.D.

A very interesting point about the church is that the bells are in one tower, and the staircase in a separate tower about 6ft. away, the two being connected by little bridges or balconies. From the top of the stair tower access is obtained to the roof of the church.

Ringing, which ranged from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor, was brought to a close at nine o'clock, when the bells were lowered in peal.

SUFFOLK GUILD.

RINGERS WANT MORE MEETINGS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—It is now some time since my letter appeared in your columns relating to the scarcity of meetings in Sudbury-Clare district of the Suffolk Guild. We have not yet had a meeting, neither are there signs that one will materialise. Why does the Rev. H. Drake spend so much time on long arguments when his Guild is wanting for organisation? I urge him to see that something is done. I am one of five in one company who are waiting to join the Guild as soon as a meeting arrives. Is the district secretary still on the active list? If so, can he get things going again?—Yours,
SUFFOLKIAN.

RINGER'S RETIREMENT.

Mr. Frederick W. Thornton, who has for so many years been connected with ringing in Greenwich, will, in May, retire from his position as messenger, mace-bearer and Mayor's attendant to the Greenwich Borough Council. His father, Mr. William Thornton, was messenger to the old Greenwich Vestry for about 18 years, and was succeeded by his son in 1889. Mr. Frederick Thornton has been personal attendant to every Mayor Greenwich has had, and up to now the mace has known no other bearer. This mace was presented to the Council in 1913 by Sir David Lionel Salomons, as a memorial to his uncle, Sir David Salomons, who represented Greenwich in Parliament from 1851 until his death in 1873. He was the first Jew to be admitted to Parliament.

BISHOP'S VISIT TO DORE.

YOUNG RINGERS CONFIRMED AND PEAL RECORDS DEDICATED.

Christ Church, Dore, was the scene of an interesting little ceremony on Sunday afternoon, March 17th.

It was the occasion of the first Confirmation held there by the first Bishop of the new diocese of Derby (Rt. Rev. Edmund Courtenay Pearce, D.D.), and the pretty little church was filled with an interested congregation. Among the confirmands were six of Dore's young ringers, Misses F. M. Elvidge and K. M. Revill and Messrs. F. Elvidge, G. Revill, J. Reynolds and N. W. Westlake, the latter four being also members of the choir. Before the actual service of Confirmation, the Bishop dedicated two gifts to the chancel, a handsome oak chair and a pair of solid silver Communion chalices; and, following the service, and before the Benediction, several gifts to the belfry.

The latter occasion provided a pleasing and somewhat unusual little ceremony arranged in accordance with the Bishop's own suggestion. Following the last Confirmation prayer and during the singing of the hymn, 'O Jesus, I have promised,' a procession was formed at the chancel steps, and, headed by the vergers (Mr. S. Thorpe) and the wardens (Messrs. H. E. Baggs and J. E. Lewis Cockey), with their wands of office, the Bishop, followed by the six ringers above-mentioned—the boys in their surplices—proceeded to the ringing chamber, where the rest of the ringers were assembled. Here a short ceremony was performed by the Bishop, suitable prayers being said and the four peal tablets dedicated. After a few words of greeting to those present, the procession was re-formed and the Bishop conducted back to the altar for the Benediction.

The four peal records dedicated have already been described in 'The Ringing World,' but it may be of interest to mention them again. The first two are handsome oak panels lettered in gold. One, presented by the Rev. E. S. Powell, of Clyst St. George, Exeter, records the first peal at Dore to be conducted by a lady, then Miss M. Davenport. The second, and the primary cause of the Bishop's visit to the belfry, records a peal rung to commemorate the foundation of the diocese of Derby and the appointment of Dr. Pearce as first Bishop, given by the band who rang the peal. The remaining two are framed records given by Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey, the one recording a fully-muffled peal rung in memory of the Rt. Rev. Sir E. Hoskyns, Bishop of Southwell, who dedicated the bells about 20 years ago, and the other, a framed set of eight 'Ringing World' peal cards, each recording a learner's peal at Dore.

Owing to the presence of so many of the young Dore ringers at the actual Confirmation, some kindly and much appreciated ringing assistance was given by Messrs. L. Charlesworth, R. Long, F. Ward and M. Wilson, of Sheffield Cathedral, and Miss E. Smith, of Norton, and some well-struck touches in various standard methods were brought round before and after the service.

The kindly and considerate action of Dr. Pearce in making the rather awkward ascent to the ringing chamber in his canonicals was deeply appreciated, and this appreciation was conveyed to him by the wardens; and the Bishop, who signed the belfry visitors' book before leaving, expressed his interest in, and appreciation of, the peal records, and his pleasure at coming in contact with so many young and promising ringers.

AN ANCIENT PEAL RECORD.

To the Editor.

Sir,—About seventy years ago, during work connected with alterations to the ringing chamber at the Parish Church of St. Alphege, Greenwich, a stone tablet was discovered, hidden by woodwork, recording a peal of Grandsire Triples rung in 1732. I append an exact copy of the inscription as it appears.

The tablet was carefully restored and erected in a prominent position in the ringing chamber.

It would be of interest if either of our campanological historians could enlighten us as to the probable composer of the peal.

I hope it may be my happy privilege, together with my few remaining Greenwich colleagues and other helpers, to attempt a similar peal on the 200th anniversary.—Yours faithfully,

FREDERICK W. THORNTON.

The Society of Kentish Youths rang on Friday, ye 1st of Decembr, 1732, a peal of 5,040 Grandfire Triples in the eighth month of their practice by the persons under:—

Written.

Jno Grefham	the	Treble
Tho Laurance		second
Henry Wragg		third
Richd Bolton		fourth
Jno King		fifth
Sheirley Hoar		sixth
Dani Luck		seventh
Edwd Gillett		tenor

C. Simpson in 3hrs. 9 mins. sexton.

PEALS OF MINOR AND DOUBLES.

To the Editor.

IMPERFECT ANALOGIES.

Sir,—The analogies that Mr. Law James uses are imperfect. We do not need to say seven 'different' changes of Bob Major, because everyone knows that if we speak of seven changes we always mean seven different changes. This is not so in the case under discussion: if it were we should not be discussing it. The other analogy happens to be true, but it makes an insufficient proof.

Instead of 'tests,' what we should ask (as a judge would ask) is, Would the writer of the words have inserted 'different' if they meant 'different'? The answer is undoubtedly 'Yes.' It would have been quite easy to write 'seven different 720's, each true and complete in itself.' As these words were not inserted, we must conclude that the rule does not mean that the 720's are necessarily to be different, nor each true, etc., 'in itself.' I think your legal readers will agree with me in this.

On the other hand, Mr. Duffield finds needless fault with some other words of Mr. Law James. To say that the middle eight of a four-and-twenty can be 'brought round' by itself, is the same as saying it can be considered to be a 'round block.' Mr. Duffield seems to think that 'bring round' is the same thing as 'bring up rounds.' In practice they usually are, but in theory they need not be the same thing at all. If we start from Queen's we do not bring the course round when rounds comes up, but when we get back to Queen's.—Yours, etc.,

HERBERT DRAKE.

THE SAME 720—BUT A DIFFERENT ORDER.

Sir,—With reference to Mr. Powell's letter for 'those who have missed the point,' he there states: 'Thus in a 720 there must be 720 true changes, and any such resolution . . . is altogether beside the point.' That point I certainly have 'missed.' Why, may I ask, is it 'beside the point'? Surely, the wording of the resolution seeks to elucidate that point. Many years ago, when I completed my first 720 of Bob Minor, in which I had rung the tenor, the dear old gentleman who had called it walked across the tower to me, shook my hand, and said, 'There you are, my lad. I called you Wrong, Right and Wrong, and you have rung all the changes it is possible to get on six bells, and if we had gone on and rung six more such lots, that is reckoned as a peal of 5,040 of Minor.' He added there are dozens of other methods you can ring, but you will still ring exactly the same 720 changes as we have just brought round, the only difference being that the changes will come up in a different order. That is the point of view from which I have always looked at this question, and I imagine hundreds of other ringers have done so also, and, if our point of view is correct, then resolution No. 7 is very much to the point.—Yours truly,

ROBERT WHITTINGTON.

Cranleigh.

'OUT OF THE MOUTHS,' ETC.

The 'Pub's' red windows glowed with cheery light.
Within, a babel—voices rose and fell.
'The argument which ends a shaky peal
Was, naturally enough, the 'place' and 'bell.'
'What's all this stooped fuss about a splice?'
Old Jinks remarked, as, with an angry eye,
He faced the local 'expert' who upheld
The 'Greater Experts' Six-bell Theory.
'Here, chuck it, Jinks,' Ted Fish, the Poacher, snapped
(The spittoon caught the well-directed shot),
And, pushing back his greasy moleskin cap,
He drained his mug and thus addressed the lot:
'No County Perlice about—I'll tell ya this,
If I should worry how I reads the law
I'd hang my night lines up and burn my snares:
I works by common sense and not by jaw.'
A roar of laughter—shouts of 'Good old Ted,
Who's for another, 'fore we goes to bed?'

'CASCABLE.'

HAMPSHIRE TOWERS VISITED.

A very enjoyable afternoon was spent on Saturday, March 16th, by members of the Woolton Hill band, who motored to Laverstoke, where 720 Bob Minor was brought round. A move was then made to Overton, where the band was met by their old friend, Mr. H. Balam. Here the bells were soon going for 720 Cambridge Surprise, but unfortunately this came to grief one course from home. Time not allowing another start, a good touch of Cambridge was rung on these bells. Deane was the next visited, and the ringing commenced with London Surprise Minor, followed by 720 Bob Minor. Afterwards, at Oakley, the party was met by Mr. Hunt, and, after tea, 720 Kent Treble Bob and 720 Bob Minor were rung on the bells, Mr. Hunt taking a rope in each. Touches of Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob were also rung before making the homeward journey. The ringers were J. Scott, N. Scott, F. Knapp, R. Rex, J. Berry, L. Robbins, J. Robbins, H. Balaam, W. Hunt. The conducting was shared by R. Rex and N. Scott.

SPliced SURPRISE MAJOR.

Considerable impetus has been gained in Spliced Surprise Major ringing since the Rev. H. Law James' peal in four methods was published less than two years ago. A peal in ten methods by Mr. A. J. Pitman was published in our last issue, and this week we record the actual performance of a peal in six methods by the Middlesex Association at Willesden on Tuesday week. The composition was as follows:—

SPliced LONDON, RUTLAND, BRISTOL, SUPERLATIVE, CAMBRIDGE, AND PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR. 5,184 CHANGES.

BY REV. H. LAW JAMES.

23456	M.	W.	H.	Methods.
64352	—	—	—	London, Cambridge, Rutland.
62453	2	—	—	Rutland, Bristol, Superlative, Rutland.
42356	—	—	—	Rutland, Cambridge, London.
32654	—	—	—	London, Superlative, London.
42563	—	2	—	London, Cambridge, Bristol, London.
36524	—	—	—	London, Pudsey, Rutland.
34625	2	—	—	Rutland, Bristol, Superlative, Rutland.
64523	—	—	—	Rutland, Cambridge, London.
54326	—	—	—	London, Superlative, London.
64235	—	2	—	London, Cambridge, Bristol, Rutland.
53246	—	—	—	Rutland, Pudsey, Rutland.
56342	2	—	—	Rutland, Bristol, Superlative, Rutland.
36245	—	—	—	Rutland, Cambridge, London.
26543	—	—	—	London, Superlative, London.

Repeat last part twice, then repeat the whole.

The above arrangement of methods was made by Mr. G. R. Pye. Superlative and Cambridge are interchangeable, but Pudsey may only be rung in the courses shown. Variations of the London and Rutland leads may be made, but should first be tried for falseness.

This peal was first rung at St. Mary's, Willesden, on Tuesday, March 19th, by members of the Middlesex County Association, and was conducted by Mr. William Pye. Rung at the second attempt.

THE TEN-METHOD COMPOSITION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I should like to be allowed to congratulate Mr. A. J. Pitman on his wonderful ten Surprise method composition, published this week. Will he, however, make it quite clear whether the Bristol leads must be rung as Home leads, i.e., by calling two bobs Home? Will he state, further, whether the composition would be false if the Bristol leads were ended as Plained Middle?

Will he also state where 'Gloucestershire' may be found. I have a collection of over 100 Surprise Major methods, but cannot identify this one amongst them.—Yours truly,

C. T. COLES.

LORD PHILLIMORE.

The late Lord Phillimore was laid to rest in the churchyard at Shiplake, Oxon, on Monday, March 18th. He was in his 84th year, and by his death the Exercise has lost a friend, for at the foundation of the Church Councils it was he who saved the ringers from coming under the authority of that body, instead of remaining, as they had always been, under the incumbent. Some twenty years ago Lord Phillimore was the means of re-establishing the Shiplake band after they had been on the 'retired list' for some eight months. His kindly handshake and encouraging words formed bulwarks in the hearts of those who ring the bells at Shiplake.

For the services on Sunday, March 17th, the bells were half-muffled, and after the funeral a well-struck 546 of Grandsire Triples was brought round.

His name as the master of ecclesiastical law will live for generations in the Established Church.

5,056 BOB MAJOR.

BY NOLAN GOLDEN.

23456 W. B. M. H.

45236	—	—	—
35264	—	—	3
62345	—	—	2
53246	—	—	—
24536	—	—	—
43265	—	—	3
52436	—	—	—
35426	—	—	3
34256	—	—	2
32546	—	—	2
36245	—	—	2
32456	—	—	S

Repeated.

6th the extent home.

Rung on handbells at King Alfred's College, Winchester, on March 20th, 1929.

WALSALL'S NEW PEAL OF TWELVE.

The fine new peal of twelve bells at Walsall will be dedicated at 3.30 p.m. on Saturday by the Bishop of Lichfield, in order that they may be rung on Easter Day. 'Ringers' Day' will be on April 13th, when the quarterly meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford is to be held there, and an invitation is extended to all ringers who care to attend.

A clean sweep has been made of everything in the tower above the clock room. In addition to a ring of Taylor's best, a cast-iron frame on steel girders has been installed. A new floor for the bell chamber has also been put in, and glass has been substituted for the old louvers.

5,664 BOB MAJOR.

BY ARTHUR CRAVEN.

2345678 W. 5th's. Out. In. H.

*35264	—	—	
63254	—		
56234	—		
2375468	—	—	—
72354	—		—
37254	—		—
*53274	—		
5362478	—	—	2
*32546	—		
43526	—		
124536	—		
5372648	—	—	—
75326	—		—
37526	—		—
*52376	—		
5243678	—	—	2

Twice repeated.

Contains the in-course extent of 468's, 648's, 478's and 678's, and is the first peal composed with these qualities. By adding a bob H in course marked † of any part produces the part-end and reduces the peal to 5,072. There are eight variations to be obtained by calling bobs H and omitting where necessary in courses marked with *.

VICAR RINGS HIS FIRST QUARTER-PEAL.

At St. Mary's Church, Southend-on-Sea, Essex, on Thursday, March 14th, for a special service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 50 mins.: G. E. Wilson 1, A. North 2, H. T. Wilson (conductor) 3, Canon E. Gowing 4, W. Dudley 5, F. Luffkin 6, L. H. Page 7, G. Bacon 8. First quarter-peal by Canon Gowing, who is Vicar of St. Mary's, and by A. North.

THE F. G. NEWMAN FUND.

The following subscriptions to the fund for Mr. Frederick G. Newman are acknowledged:—

College Youths' gift fund box £1 1s., Mr. E. A. Young 10s., Mr. C. F. Winney 5s., Mr. H. Langdon 2s. 6d., Mr. J. Bullock 2s. 6d., Mr. Cutmore 1s., Mr. T. Groombridge 1s., Mr. C. Roberts 2s. 6d., Mr. E. F. Pike 2s., Mr. W. Hewett 1s., Mr. E. G. Fenn 2s., Mr. J. C. F. Bayley 5s., Mr. Benney 2s., Mr. W. T. Cockerill 5s., Mr. W. Prime 1s., Mr. T. Langdon 1s., Mr. W. Rushton 5s., Mr. H. R. Pasmore 2s., Mr. C. S. Burden 5s., Mr. W. Roughton 2s. 6d., Mr. G. N. Price 2s. 6d., Mr. Choct 2s., Mr. Thornton 2s. 6d., Mr. J. Lamb 2s., Mr. Richards 1s., Mr. R. K. Knight 2s. 6d., Mr. F. E. Dawe 10s., Mr. G. Cartmel 5s., Rev. Canon Coleridge £1, Mr. W. H. Pasmore 2s. 6d., Major Hesse 5s., Mr. E. Bishop 10s., Mr. W. Lincoln 2s. 6d., Mr. J. Bennett 2s. 6d.; total £7 9s. Contributions should be sent to Mr. W. T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

DEATH OF MRS. HELMORE.

The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, of Canterbury, has sustained a severe blow by the sudden death of his wife, which took place on Friday morning last.

Mr. and Mrs. Helmore celebrated their golden wedding in July, 1927. The deepest sympathy of the Exercise will go out to the bereaved veteran secretary of the Kent County Association.

TETTENHALL, STAFFS.—On Wednesday, March 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: K. C. Taylor 1, R. Pickering 2, F. Brotherton 3, J. W. Taylor (first quarter-peal as conductor) 4, H. T. Piper 5, H. Boswell 6, H. Knight 7, J. Shaw 8. First quarter-peal of Triples on an inside bell for ringer of 6th, and first on eight for tenor. Ringers of treble, 2nd, and 4th are of the local band, 3rd, 5th, 6th and 7th from St. Peter's (Wolverhampton), and tenor from Bushbury.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

On March 29th, 1762, a peal of 10,080 Grandsire Caters was rung in 6 hrs. 53 mins. at Fulham by the College Youths.

The London Youths, another of the old Metropolitan societies which have disappeared, rang a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major at Lambeth on March 31st, 1778.

One of the earliest long peals of Treble Bob was rung on April 1st, 1727, at St. Michael Coslany, Norwich.

Thirty years ago next Wednesday a peal of 15,072 Double Norwich Major, then the record length, was rung at Erith. Five years later, on April 4th, 1904, was rung an 11,008 Double Norwich at South Wigston, Leicester, as 'a trial peal for a record length,' which the same band afterwards rang on the same bells. Five of the company still survive.

Handbells will be at the disposal of visitors to Leicester for the annual meeting of the M.C.A. on Easter Monday. The smokers of the Earl Grey, opposite St. John-the-Divine, will be the rendezvous.

Among those who have rung a hundred peals in their own tower are Mr. Walter Charman, of Warnham, Sussex, whose total is about 130, with the 'circle' completed eight times; and Mr. W. C. Rumsey, of Debenham, Suffolk, with a total of about 120. Mr. Rumsey has rung at least eleven peals on each bell, and conducted peals of Bob Major, Treble Bob and Double Norwich from all of them.

Mr. Edgar Pemberton, of Ipswich, has rung 117 peals on the bells of St. Mary-le-Tower, where he started ringing in 1878, and Mr. Edwin Barnett, senior, has not only rung 181 peals on his own church bells at Crayford, Kent, but also 141 at the neighbouring Parish Church of Erith.

Mr. Poppy rather wandered from the point in his comparison between Mr. James George and Mr. Robert Brundell. The latter, like the late Mr. I. G. Shade, is a marvel in one direction, but Mr. George's prowess is in a different sphere. No other man has ever rung a tenor of 50 cwt. to a peal, at the age of well over 75.

After a lapse of eighteen months, through the serious motoring accident which befell him early in September, 1927, Mr. A. H. Pulling, of Guildford, has been able to return to peal ringing, and on Saturday conducted a peal of Double Norwich Major at Warnham, Sussex.

We are asked to state, for the information of many inquirers, that letters for Mrs. Sykes, the widow of the late Mr. J. E. Sykes, should be addressed c/o Mr. G. Kirby, London Road, King's Lynn, Norfolk.

KING'S GIFT TO BELLS FUND.

The bells of Dersingham, near King's Lynn, Norfolk, have been rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., who have also recast the 2nd. They are to be rededicated on April 15th by the Archdeacon of Lynn (see notice columns).

The money for the restoration has all been subscribed, the contributions including £50 from H.M. the King.

KING ALFRED'S COLLEGE GUILD.

HANDBELL PEAL BY STUDENTS.

As a recruiting ground for ringers, efforts were made to interest in the art, students at King Alfred's College, Winchester, and, thanks largely to the efforts of Mr. Nolan Golden, some good work has been done.

Practice in change ringing was begun in November last, and King Alfred's College Guild was formed in January. Under the instruction of Mr. Golden, excellent progress has been made on handbells, and on Wednesday week a peal of Bob Major was rung by six of the members. It is believed to be the first peal rung at a training College. The ringers were Eric H. Ruffell, of Netherton, Wilts; James W. Collins, of Hastings, Sussex; Jesse Reyman, of Fairford, Glos.; Robert C. Day, of Compton Abbas, Dorset; Nolan Golden, of Northrepps, Norfolk; and Reginald M. Mallett, of Geldeston, Norfolk. Mr. J. Gaylor, who umpired the peal, is from Watford, Herts, and kindly gave up his afternoon to the task. He checked the calling and courses from manuscript.

RINGERS.

In the belfry, and at night,
Ghostly in the candle-light,
See the ringers circle-wise,
See the ropes that fall and rise.
List! above the clash of bells
The leader some new sequence tells,
In closing hand and opening fist,
The hand of an Evangelist.
For to those who never come
To Church, the Church had else been dumb;
As calls the Mussulman to prayer,
From minaret, those ringers there,
Their message reaches every ear.
Few may listen, all must hear;
Let the Ringers know that they
One and all are Preachers Lay.

Lutton.

S. CLAUDE TICKELL.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—As with your leading article last week, so with Mr. Guise's letter in this week's issue, there is much with which I heartily agree. At the same time, there are one or two points in it that call for a word or two in reply. He says that the expense incurred by the associations in sending members to Council is a reason why they should have a recognised status. But what more 'status' could they possibly have than they have already got? With the exception of the fifteen hon. members, the Council is wholly made up of the associations. It is the associations in Council.

As regards the word 'representative,' I am thankful to say that my copy of Johnson's Dictionary does not give 'delegate' as a synonym for it, nor do I remember any word in the Rules of Council other than 'members.' But I may be wrong, as I only speak from memory.

I am sorry that I fail to see the point in what Mr. Guise says as to voting against item 8b on the Council's agenda. It seems to me to be a most desirable and laudable attempt to get ringing properly represented in the Councils of the Church, and I do not see how it is going to cost the associations anything at all.

No one laments more than I do the absence of reference to the Central Council in reports and rules of associations, but whose fault is it? Certainly not that of the Council.

The Council, I take it, referred the 'item' mentioned by Mr. Guise to the associations to give those who had not debated it an opportunity to do so, and in the case of those who had debated it to give them further opportunity, so as to be certain of getting a well-matured opinion from them.

The associations do not give the Council 'power to enforce,' because they have not got that power to give, and if they gave it the Council could not use it.

Of course, if the Council is not worth the money that it costs, it will soon die a natural death—or, rather, it would have died years ago.—Yours, etc.,

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

DELEGATE v. REPRESENTATIVE.

Sir,—Is Mr. Guise correct when he writes that in the English Dictionary (there are many, he does not say which) 'this word "representative" means "delegate"?' As a printer, I have been using a Standard Dictionary for the past 36 years, and this is what it says about both words:—

Delegate—v.t. (delegating, delegated). To send as a representative; to depute; to commit to another's care. n. a representative; a deputy.

Representative—a. Fitted or serving to represent; conducted by the agency of delegates; typical. n. One who or that which represents; a person elected to represent a constituency.

So you see, Sir, that both words as nouns are one and the same thing, 'representative.' In addition, I may add that in all the reports of associations I have by me are set out the names of the representatives upon the Central Council of Church Bellringers.

The Central Council has been in existence for 38 years, and I say, calmly and deliberately, that it has justified its existence, and I prophesy that, whatever happens at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, it will continue to carry on its good work.

That it has no power to enforce its decisions has not prevented its decisions from being enforced, or, at any rate, respected. How often do we see peals of Grandsire Major published nowadays? or Plain Bob Triples or Caters? or seven-bell peals without a covering tenor? The Central Council say they are to be discontinued, and they undoubtedly are.—Yours, etc.,

W. A. CAVE.

TOO MUCH FUSS.

Sir,—I think the majority of ringers will agree that to us the words 'Representative' and 'Delegate' mean exactly the same thing, and it was a surprise to me, after making inquiries, to learn there is a difference in the meaning. If Mr. Guise will look in the new Oxford Dictionary he can study it for himself. The president of the Central Council was entirely within his rights when he made the statement Mr. Guise refers to, and while those words 'elect representatives' stand, a member has a perfect right to give his own personal view and vote. Whether it is wise or not is another question. My own personal view of the matter is that there has been a lot too much fuss made over the matter. The Central Council, we have been told several times, stand only in an advisory position. The rules they make can only be kept by the goodwill of the Exercise, and they have no means of enforcing them. I do not think the majority of the Exercise would welcome any body which tried to fine them over peal ringing, which, after all, is only a pleasure. I do not wish Mr. Guise to think I am against penalties. My own society has fines, and I believe in them for service ringing—but that is a duty, although it may be a pleasant one. It is, however, an entirely different thing to peal ringing.—Yours, etc.,

A. H. PULLING.

(Continued in next column.)

CAMBRIDGE YOUTHS 200 YEARS AGO.

DR. CHARLES MASON'S ASSISTANCE TO HOLT.

The paragraph last week giving the record of the peal of Grandsire Caters at New College, Oxford, in 1734, in which the occupation of the ringers was given, is a reminder that in the list of members of the Society of Cambridge Youths, 'Ringers to the Town and University of Cambridge,' is given the occupation of the individuals, beginning with the members elected in 1724 as follows:—

William Anderson, Esquire.
Robert Barker, Whitesmith.
Thomas Cornwall, Sawyer.
Hewes Carter, Watchmaker.
John Deeks, Gentleman.
George Gilbert, Puke maker.
Francis Hunt, Joiner.
Henry Mulline, Gentleman.
John Savell, Baker.
John Tuck, Bricklayer.
John White, Verger of Trinity College.
Joseph West, Innkeeper.

In the following year Charles Mason, D.D., 'Fellow of Trinity College and Woodwardian Professor,' was elected a member. Dr. Mason was keenly interested in ringing, and in the library of Downing College, Cambridge, are three manuscript books on change ringing which once formed his notebooks. In one of these books are the figures of Garthorn's peal of Grandsire—the first ever rung.

Many years later Dr. Mason used his good offices in an endeavour to assist John Holt in obtaining subscribers to the broad-sheet of his peals. Dr. Mason solicited the support of the Norwich ringers, and received the following significant reply:—

Norwich, August 27th, 1753.

'Reverend Sir,—I desire you'll excuse my not Subscribing to a Work which I have some Reason to fear will not answer to Expectation. I must Confess Our Company Seem Intirely to slight it, though I must Own it is not a Generous Way of Treating Mr. Holt's performance, but I believe they are Induc'd to this by that Ingenious Ringer, Mr. Anable's not Encouraging of it, had he Approved of it, his Influence on the Colledge Youths I presume would have been sufficient to have sent it to the Press without any Further Subscriptions.

'Revd. Sir, Give me leave to Observe to you that 'tis almost twenty years Since I sent to the Revd. Mr. Windhall a Whole peal of Ten with two Inferior Changes Only, Fully Explaining by an Infallible rule how to make any proper peal on all Numbers that go with a Quick Hunt.

'For Self and Co., I am, Sir,

'With due respect,

'Your most humble Servant,

'JOHN WEBSTER.'

Dr. Mason was a subscriber to the broad-sheet for two copies and the Cambridge Company for four.

Among other interesting elections to the Society of Cambridge Youths may be mentioned the following:—

- 1728. Thomas Prichard, Brewer of Trinity College.
- 1726. John Robinson, Member of the Corporation.
- 1747. Richard York, Attorney-at-Law.
- 1767. William Incarsole, Gentleman (totally blind, but an excellent Ringer).
- 1768. Richard Widnell, Cook of King's College.
- 1773. John Bowtell, Bookseller and Binder, a great Benefactor to Addenbrooke's Hospital.
- 1787. Thomas Steers, Gentleman, an ingenious Mathematician.

YEOVIL PARISH CHURCH BELLS.

At Yeovil Parochial Church Council meeting, Mr. J. Goodchild, steward of the Ringers' Guild, read an extract from the conductor's report calling attention to the state of the bells, and especially to the great increase in the vibration of the frame, due to their uneven running, caused by gudgeons and bearings being worn out of truth. Not only did this vibration make the bells difficult to ring, but it involved constant watch and attention, and might have a bad effect on the structure of the tower. It was nearly 40 years since the bells were last relunged, and during that time, with the exception of the tenor and ninth bells, they did not appear to have received any attention from bell hangers. In his (the conductor's) opinion, the time had now come when the question of calling in expert advice should be considered.

The Council decided to seek the advice of a firm of bell founders. Yeovil has a ring of ten bells with tenor of 42 cwt.

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THANKSGIVING DAY.

Dear Sir,—The Standing Committee of the Central Council have had under consideration the question of organised ringing should there be a 'Thanksgiving Day' for the recovery of the King, and it has been decided to recommend the secretaries of the affiliated Guilds to bear the matter in mind should the occasion arise without much previous warning.—Yours faithfully,

E. ALEX. YOUNG, Hon. Secretary.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL'S AUTHORITY—THE DEVELOPMENT OF RINGING—JOSEPH SYKES.

I am interested in a mild sort of way in this controversy about the Central Council and the associations, because I rather think that it was some remarks of mine that started the present discussion. We were considering last year the agenda of the coming Central Council meeting, and I said something like this: 'In the long run you must leave the decision to your members. They will hear all the arguments for and against. They are men whom you have elected because you can trust their judgment. The best you can find (I was not one of them). They are your representatives, not your delegates.' The president of the Central Council was present, and he repeated the phrase at the Council's meeting. (It may have been a coincidence.) What I was thinking was that members of the Central Council are in a similar position to Members of Parliament, not to delegates to a Trades Union Congress. But the whole matter is easily squared by a little common sense.

If the associations are going to debate and settle the items of the Central Council agenda before its meeting, I don't see why they need send a representative; a postcard would do as well.

On the other hand, the man who represented an association would be a fool who did not pay attention to the wishes of his constituency. And it is all to the good of the Council and the Exercise that the associations and any other person should take an interest in its agenda and express opinions on its resolutions. So I can fully agree with Mr. Whittington's letter so far. But I think that if anyone is going to vote on that gentleman's proposed resolution it may be as well for him to know what he is voting for.

Don't imagine that you are voting for the old idea of truth in peal ringing and the old standard for peal compositions; you are doing nothing of the sort. You are voting for a new standard, which, I think, is quite out of harmony with the traditions and usage of the Exercise. And don't think you are voting in defence of Mr. Banks' arrangement of Cambridge, because you are not. I believe that the intention is to keep the old standards as far as possible and at the same time let in the other by, so to speak, the back door. That sort of thing won't do. You want to face the facts of the case fairly.

Now, if history teaches us one thing it teaches us that though ringing has preserved a remarkable unity since the beginning, it is always developing, or, rather, I should say that whenever ringing has prospered it has developed in some way or other. The great principles remain unchanged, but new applications of them are found. It proves the life of present-day ringing that not a few of them have been in our day. And everyone has met with opposition, active or passive. They used to say, in my young time, 'What is the good of talking about a lot of new methods; nobody will ring them? What we have got are good enough for us.' But we do ring new methods nowadays. When the Little methods were introduced, people did not like them: they were a new idea. I confess that I myself was old-fashioned enough to look with suspicion on them. But the Little Methods have now a secure place in the repertoire of ringers, and have proved their usefulness.

And so I would advise that the development represented by Mr. Banks' arrangement of Cambridge should be left alone for the present. Let us see what good it will do, if any, and don't try and restrict it by well-meaning, but utterly illogical, definition.

Soliciting is another development. Ten or fifteen years ago the publication of Mr. Pitman's composition, with ten Surprise methods to one peal, would perhaps have been looked on as an interesting curiosity. Certainly not as anything within the range of practical politics, and almost certainly as a thing not allowed by the then standard of peal ringing. And now I wonder how long it will be before a band rings it or something like it? One thing I can say, it will be worth doing. There is that about spliced ringing which makes any peal in any one method seem quite tame. Of course, I mean spliced ringing where you change the method at nearly every lead, not half-and-half peals. One man said the other day that it was a relief to get into London Surprise because it gave you a 'breather.'

Well, the moral of all this is that the Exercise and the Council should not be in any hurry to pass rules. Really the rules we want in ringing are very few. It is not like a sport where there is competition between two parties, and you must have rules to hold the balance between them. The rules of ringing are not restrictive, they are not framed primarily to say that ringers must not do things. They are the result of the experience of the Exercise as to the best way to do things; they are really good advice, not orders. And so, if there is any good reason, anyone may break them. Of course, it is not often that there is good reason. But just remember that the old rules forbade spliced peals, yet when they were introduced bands rang them with the entire approval of the Exercise.

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SURREY ASSOCIATION.

CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICTS AMALGAMATED.

The annual general meeting of the Surrey Association was held at Reigate on Saturday week. It was a most successful gathering, 65 members being present. The following towers were represented, viz.: Ashted, Banstead, Beddington, Buckland, Burslow, Charlwood, Chelsea, London, Croydon (St. John's and St. Peter's), Crawley (Sussex), Dorking, Epsom (Christ Church), Ewell, Godstone, Guildford Cathedral, Henfield (Sussex), Horley, Leatherhead, Merstham, Mitcham (St. Peter's and Christ Church), Newdigate, Redhill, Reigate, Shoreham (Sussex), and St. Paul's Cathedral. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., and a service was held in the Parish Church at 5 p.m., conducted by the Vicar, Canon F. C. Davies, who gave a short but interesting address. Tea was served at the White Hart Hotel, and was followed by the business meeting.

Canon Davies was elected to the chair, supported by Mr. D. K. C. Birt (chairman of the committee), Mr. C. H. Kippin (hon. secretary), Mr. C. F. Johnston, Miss Nora Johnston, Mr. M. A. Northover, etc. An apology was read from Mr. C. Dean, who was under the doctor with 'flu.'

The treasurer's statement of accounts was passed. The committee's report for the year 1928 was presented. It stated that since the last annual meeting the association had lost its Master, Mr. J. D. Drewett, J.P., at the age of 74 years, and referred to his work for the association, of which he was Master for 15 years. Other members who had passed away included Mr. E. Hull, of Leatherhead, Mr. L. Attwater, of Wandsworth, Mr. W. States, of Croydon, Mr. T. Miles, of Epsom, and Mr. L. C. Ferridge, of Benlilton. Thirty-one peals had been rung for the association during 1928, which included their first peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal. The rules passed at Leatherhead had been revised for the meeting's consideration, as they overlapped and needed clarifying. Progress had been made in the districts. Only at three affiliated towers was ringing impossible owing to the bad condition of the bells. Although the Guildford Guild was now in operation, practically no effect had been made upon the membership to the association of those towers in the central district which were in the Guildford Diocese.—The report was adopted.

One hon. member, one ringing member, and three compounding members were elected. Beddington was chosen as the place for the next annual general meeting.

It was decided that the Central and Western Districts become as one under the title of 'North-Western' District. No alteration was made to the Southern District.

The rules as revised by the committee were unanimously passed by the members, and will be put into force at once.

The following officers were elected en bloc: President, the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Southwark; Master, Mr. D. Kenneth C. Birt; treasurer, Mr. Chas. Dean; hon. secretary, Mr. Chas. H. Kippin; assistant hon. secretary, Mr. F. E. Darby; auditor, Mr. F. W. Housden; representative upon the Central Council (vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Drewett), Mr. C. H. Kippin.

A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Dean and Mr. Kippin for their services during the year, and also to those who had helped in making the meeting a success, especially to Mr. Northover, who made all arrangements connected with the tea.

This concluded the business meeting, which only lasted 40 minutes.

During the afternoon and evening most of the standard methods were rung, including a course of Cambridge Surprise Royal. Reigate bells are a good peal of ten, and were rehung and retuned eighteen months ago by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

FIRST 720's

At Rock Ferry, Cheshire, on Thursday, March 21st, 720 of Norwich Surprise: J. Gorst 1, T. Birch 2, H. Rogers 3, G. R. Edwards 4, T. Rogers 5, J. Cooke (conductor) 6.—Also on Thursday, March 7th, 720 of Ipswich Surprise: G. R. Edwards 1, H. Rogers 2, T. Birch 3, W. Dean 4, T. Rogers 5, J. Cooke (conductor) 6. First 720 in the methods by all the band, and on the bells, both methods being rung for the first time by a resident band of the Wirral Branch.

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I must express my regrets at the sad news of the death of Mr. Joseph Sykes. He was a man whom I was continually meeting during the course of many years in all sorts of unexpected spots. He used to write to me from many foreign places. The last time I ran across him was in Paris, where he was quite at home—just as if he had lived there all his life, for he had a wonderful gift of acquiring the language of the country he happened to be in. With his help I saw a good deal of Parisian life, which would have been impossible to a casual visitor. He was a good ringer, especially a good tenor ringer, with a most interesting store of ringing tales. Hence to his ashes.

REV. H. LAW JAMES' INCONSISTENCY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have read with interest Mr. Law James' reply to my last letter. He certainly puts forward a very interesting point, namely, that since the 'leads' of even-bell methods are (in general) joined together when the treble leads, and those of odd-bell treble-dominated methods (in general) as the treble leaves the lead, it is natural to conclude that in the former case rounds is the first row of the method, and in the latter case it is the last.

He also raises the question of round blocks. I am only stating a well recognised fact when I say that there are few arts in which more words and phrases are in everyday use, but which have to admit ambiguity when viewed through really critical eyes, than that of campanology. Now this term 'round block' is one of these, although in this case the ambiguity is not very obvious at first sight. I submit that we use this term 'round block' to mean two different things; there are the round blocks of which Mr. Law James gives as examples the three leads of Bob Minimus; these (he says) begin and end respectively 1234 and 1324, 1342 and 1432, 1423 and 1243, and are joined together by making 2nd's place when the treble leads to give the 24 changes on four bells. There is also the meaning which we have in mind when we say that 'a peal must be a round block,' this being another way of saying 'a peal must start from, and end with, rounds.' These two types of round block might well be distinguished as 'open' and 'closed.' A round block beginning 12345678 and ending 12436587 would be an 'open' one; a 'closed' one would have to satisfy the further condition of actually coming back to 12345678 (the row we started from). The difference between these two types is admittedly slight, but it is an essential one.

Mr. Law James gives an answer to my first question, which was, 'On what authority did he make certain statements?' His answer, as I understand it, is that the statements were based on what are (in his opinion) 'natural laws, which cannot be altered,' and which he proceeds to set forth.

He totally ignores my second question, which was, 'How did he reconcile his persistent remarks to the effect that "rounds is the first row of a peal and not the last" with the Central Council's condition that "a peal shall in all cases start from and end with rounds"?' I think he will forgive me for assuming it as agreed that these two phrases are, in fact, irreconcilable.

I should like to say here, as one of the junior members of the Exercise to whom he refers in his letter, that we of the younger generation do realise what a very deep debt of gratitude we owe to Mr. Law James and his brother for their large share in the great increase of campanological knowledge which has taken place in the last 50 years; and we do respect and value their opinions highly. It is, therefore, in no spirit of unfriendliness or disrespect that I take up my pen on the opposite side to his in this discussion.

If there is one ideal which the Exercise should set itself above all others it is that of consistency. We can hardly hope never to be inconsistent, but I do urge that it is the common duty of each one of us to do our best to rid our extremely complicated art of as much as possible that is inconsistent.

Now Mr. Law James has surely placed himself in a position of extreme inconsistency. He is on the Standing Committee of the Central Council, and he is also president of one, and a member of many associations which are affiliated to it; and yet he tolerates rules which are entirely irreconcilable with what he considers 'natural laws which cannot be altered.' Surely the only consistent thing to do is to propose that the rules in question be altered. The rules of the Central Council are not unalterable; it is for its members to bring them into line with what they consider to be 'natural laws which cannot be altered.' But while we are affiliated to the Central Council it is surely no less than our duty to stick to what are at the moment its rules and to refrain from making statements which are in direct opposition to them.

The real trouble is that some of us are going about the job the wrong way: we are starting from the wrong end. Let us take the example of Mr. Banks James' arrangement of Cambridge Minor. I think we are all agreed that the arrangement is a very clever one, and reflects great credit on the composer: but this in itself does not make it a true peal. A great many of us go further than this, and feel that it does supply a great need in that it makes it possible to ring 5,040 Cambridge Minor with no 65's at back stroke, without ringing the same 720 seven times. So far so good; but this is where certain people have left the rails of consistency altogether: they have proceeded to take the existing rule and twist it about until they have deceived themselves and others into believing that it means something which no one reading it in an unbiased and logical way could possibly imagine that it was ever intended to mean. Surely the reasonable line of action is to propose a rule (free from ambiguity) which conforms with their view of what should be regarded as a peal, and then let the Central Council decide for or against it.

In any case the existing rule has not proved quite satisfactory, in view of the conspicuous inability of the Exercise as a whole to agree as to its exact meaning: it is therefore to be hoped, and I think, assumed, that something will be done about it at the next Central

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MERIVALE MEDLEY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Further investigation shows that Merivale Medley is a twenty part six-score of Original Doubles, with five reversals in each half.

12345

21345 S

23154

32145 bob

31254

Repeat four times, omitting the single, gives

12435

21453 } bob x

24135

42315

43251

34215 bob

(a) 32451

23415 bob

24351

Repeat four times, omitting bob x.

12543

Repeat the whole.

This is the six-score of Original Doubles.

Now lay a whole pull behind at (a) in each of the last five parts instead of the whole pull at lead, and you get Merivale Medley.

H. L. JAMES.

N.B.—The letter which appeared last week gives a correct account of the Q sets of M.M., but, unfortunately omitted the five reversals explained above. These five reversals are interesting, because they show the connection with Carter's Doubles and Stedman Doubles thus:—

23145

Stedman. 32415

23451

24315

42351

43215

34251

Carter's.

34251

43521

43521

45312

45312

54321

54321

53412

45231

Carter's Doubles consist of a slow six of Stedman, half a quick six, and then the second half of another quick six.

H. L. J.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, March 3rd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of London Surprise Major in 40 mins.: F. Palmer 1, A. Bigley 2, J. King 3, J. R. Main 4, H. Chambers 5, J. T. Ward 6, A. Y. Tyler 7, W. Perkins (conductor) 8.

HALESOWEN.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, February 24th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of London Surprise Major (1,344 changes) in 52 mins. by members of the local band: A. Harris 1, W. Coley 2, T. Greenball 3, W. Brown 4, V. White 5, J. Cox 6, H. Bird 7, A. Hackett (conductor) 8.

KENSINGTON.—At St. Mary Abbott's, on Sunday, February 24th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,260 changes): H. G. Miles (conductor) 1, E. V. Sinkins 2, A. Cutmore 3, C. F. Winney 4, A. Waddington 5, E. E. Welham 6, P. L. Miles 7, W. E. Judd 8, G. C. Rice 9, Capt. C. Warner 10.

DEPTFORD.—On Sunday, January 27th, at St. Nicholas' Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins.: S. E. Daynes 1, Miss J. Colegate 2, A. J. Ford 3, F. W. Thornton 4, W. Merritt 5, W. H. Daynes 6, G. H. Daynes (conductor) 7, J. Harding 8.

WANDSWORTH.—On Sunday, January 20th, at Holy Trinity, West Hill, for morning service, a 'cut' quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,092 changes) in 41 mins.: John Lee 1, F. G. Goddard 2, J. Kent 3, W. W. Bailey 4, F. Hawthorne 5, W. H. Ball 6, G. J. Tricker (conductor) 7, G. F. Edwards 8. Treble man from Streatham, 2nd, 3rd and 7th from Hounslow, 5th from Thames Ditton, remainder from Putney.

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Council meeting. But do let us, as an Exercise, go about it the right way this time, i.e., let us first decide on our policy and then frame the rule, not pass a rule first and then spend the next twelve months fighting about what it means.—Yours faithfully,

STEPHEN H. WOOD.

21, Peel Street, Partick, Glasgow.

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CENTRAL COUNCIL.—The honorary secretary will be glad to receive the names of any ringers who fell in the Great War, and whose names do not appear in the Council's 'Roll of Honour,' other than those already notified. The Writer is waiting to add such names before the Chelmsford meeting.—E. Alexr. Young, 55, Rushey Green, Catford, S.E.6.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Tickhill on Saturday, March 30th. Bells ready early. Tea will be provided for those who inform Mr A Hill, Sunderland Street, Tickhill. A good attendance is requested.—Percy Gledstone, Hon. Sec., 34, Silverwood View, Conisborough.

NORFOLK GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Norwich on Easter Monday, April 1st. The rings of bells of St. Peter Mancroft (12), St. John-de-Sepulchre (8), St. Michael-at-Coslany (8) and All Saints' (5) will be available. Divine service will be held at St. Peter Mancroft at 12.30 p.m., when the address will be given by the Archdeacon of Norwich. Luncheon will be served at William Grix, Limited, Criterion Restaurant, White Lion Street, at 1.30. Tickets 2s. 6d. per head. The annual business meeting will follow immediately after luncheon.—Arthur L. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held at South Anston on Easter Monday, April 1st. Bells open early. Tea provided to all those who advise Mr. C. Fowler, Princess Villas, South Anston. This is imperative. It is hoped as many as possible will attend.—R. Harrison, 41, Baltic Road, Sheffield.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday. Bells available at 2 p.m. Service at Cathedral 5 p.m. Address by the Vicar of Aldenham. Tea at 6 p.m., followed by annual business meeting, at the Ver Residential Hotel, Holywell Hill, adjoining the river bridge. Notification of attendance will be appreciated, for the sake of the caterer and others. — G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, St. Albans.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Cambridge on Easter Monday, April 1st. Committee at St. Mary's Vestry 11.15 a.m. Service 12 noon. Address by the Vicar (the Rev. Dr. P. N. Waggett). Lunch, followed by the business meeting, at the Dorothy Café, at 1 p.m. Ringing at St. Mary-the-Great (12), St. Andrew-the-Great (8), Old Chesterton (6) and St. Mary and the English Martyrs (8) (after 3 p.m.). —Rev. R. Copeman, Owlstone Road, Cambridge.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at Ashted on Easter Monday, April 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at Ashted Peace Memorial Hall 5 p.m. Business meeting following. —D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Maidstone on Easter Monday, April 1st. Committee meeting in All Saints' Vestry at 11.15. Service in All Saints' Church at 12. Address by the Rev. H. de V. Watson, Rector of Harrietsham. Dinner in the Corn Exchange at 1 o'clock, followed by business meeting. Towers open for ringing; Maidstone (All Saints) (10), Leeds (10), Harrietsham (8), West Malling (8), Linton (8), Barming (6), Boxley (6), East Farleigh (6), Bearsted (6), St. Michael's, Maidstone (6). —Fred M. Mitchell, Assistant Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting will be held at Whitby on Easter Monday, April 1st. Bells (10) available throughout the day. Tea will be provided at a charge of 2s. per head, and all applications for same must reach Mr. G. W. White, 84, Church Street, Whitby, not later than first post Tuesday, March 26th. Members are urged to attend.—Percy J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Easter Monday, at Leicester. Bells of St. Margaret's (12), Cathedral (10), St. John-the-Divine (10), St. Saviour's (8), Belgrave (8) (except between 10-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.), All Saints' (5) available during the day. Committee meet 3.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by general meeting. Convivial 8 to 10 p.m. All at Victoria Commercial Hotel, London Road. (N.B.—1928 reports now ready, price 6d., post free 7½d.). —Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 1st. Business meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House at 2.30 p.m. prompt. Chairman: The Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., President. Service, with address, in the Cathedral at 4.15 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5.30 p.m. Bells available: Cathedral (12) 12.30 to 2 and after service; All Saints' (10), St. Helen's (8), Claines (8), St. Nicholas' (6), and St. John-in-Bedwardine (6). Subscriptions should be paid and reports obtained in St. Helen's Church House between 11.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. — J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec., Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Leighton Buzzard on Easter Monday, April 1st. The bells of All Saints' (10) and St. Barnabas' (8) will be available from 10.30 a.m. Hot luncheon will be at the Plume of Feathers Hotel at 1 p.m., followed by the annual business meeting.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Ipswich on Easter Monday. Ringing all day (except 2-3) at St. Mary le Tower (12), St. Margaret (8), St. Clement (6), Rushmere (6). Committee meeting, 12 noon Service, St.-Mary-le-Tower, 2 p.m. Meeting in Oak Lane Rooms at 2.30. Unveiling of Catchpole-Motts Memorial at 4 p.m. Tea, 4.30, at Lyons, 1s. each.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Masham on Easter Monday, April 1st. Bells (8, tenor 17 cwt.) will be available for ringing during the day. Dinner will be provided at Ousbey's Café, members 2s., non-members 2s. 6d.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Seaton, Devon, on Easter Monday. Bells (6) from 2.30. Short service at 4.30, Parish Church. An address by the Rev. L. Stallard. Tea 5.15, Gould's Restaurant. Meeting follows. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on April 2nd; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 4th and 23rd; St. Magnus' on the 11th and 25th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 16th; Southwark Cathedral on the 18th; *St. Giles', Cripplegate, or the Coffee Pot, on the 30th. All at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The April meeting of the Bedford District will be held at Houghton Conquest on April 6th. Bells (6) available 2.45 p.m. Tea at 5.—J. T. Newington, Dis. Sec., 32, Grafton Road, Bedford.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Martock on Saturday, April 6th. Evensong 4 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. Nominations for C.C. representatives for the session commencing 1930 should reach me between now and July.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton, Bath.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Leigh, nr. Betchworth, on Saturday, April 6th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at the Plough Inn at 5.30. Business meeting to follow. All those requiring tea to let me know not later than Wednesday, April 3rd.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Dis. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, April 6th, at St. Elli's Church, Llanelly, Gilwern, Abergavenny. Ringing at 2 p.m. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 4 p.m. at Church Room. Tea will be kindly provided by the Vicar and Mrs. Davies.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will hold an eight bell contest and quarterly meeting at Kirkburton (near) Huddersfield, on Saturday, April 6th. Draw to take place 2.45 p.m. All who require tea, 1s. 6d. each, must send word not later than April 1st to L. Hargreaves, 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Nettleham (6), Saturday, April 6th. Tower open 2 p.m. Bus leaves Unity Square 3 p.m. and 4.10 p.m. Bus leaves Nettleham 7.15 p.m., 8.10 p.m. and 9.35 p.m. Notifications to tea to Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at Coleshill on Saturday, April 6th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea and business meeting at 5. Members requiring tea please notify Thomas H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. — The next meeting of the Southern District will be held at Bishop Auckland on Saturday, April 6th. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. It is necessary, owing to limited catering arrangements, at this meeting that ringers requiring tea should notify me not later than April 4th, so that a reasonable estimate may be given.—J. T. Titt, 71, Surtees Street, Darlington.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Our next meeting will be held on April 6th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. at Hoddlesden and Darwen. Meeting 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on Saturday, April 6th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Preacher, Rev. W. Hudson Shaw (Rector). Tea in the Church Hall at 5.15 p.m., at a charge of 1s. As accommodation is limited, provision will only be made for those members who advise either of the undersigned by Tuesday, April 2nd. Tea can also be obtained in the neighbourhood. The business meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Ringing arrangements are as follows:—St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, from 2 p.m. and after the meeting; St. Giles', Cripplegate, from 2.30 to 4 p.m.; St. Magnus', Thames Street, from 7 to 8.30 p.m.—C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4, W. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4., Hon. Secs.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general committee meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, April 6th, in St. Lawrence's Hall, Abbey Street (near Abbey Gateway), at 3.15 p.m.—Richard T. Hibbert.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Westbury on Saturday, April 6th. Bells (8) ready 2.30 p.m. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Business meeting follows tea. All ringers welcome.—F. Green, Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The annual nomination meeting will be held at Armley (Christ Church) on Saturday, April 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. All towers are requested to send a representative.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cropthorne on Saturday, April 6th. Service at 5 p.m., with an address by the Rev. E. H. Longland. Tea provided for those who send me their names not later than the Tuesday previous. Bells (6) available.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Bucknall on Saturday, April 6th. Tea at 5.30 p.m. for all who notify Mr. W. Fradley, 102, Charles St., Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent, before April 4th.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at West Lydford on Saturday, April 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in the schoolroom 5 p.m., meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify me by April 3rd.—E. Creed, 6, West Park, Castle Cary.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch. — There will be a dedication service at the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Reading, on Tuesday, April 9th, at 5.30 p.m. The eight bells, which have been rehung, will be dedicated by the Right Rev. Bishop Shaw. Ringing will take place after the service until 8 p.m. All ringers invited.—F. W. Hopgood, Hon. Branch Sec., 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Frittenden on Saturday, April 13th, by kind permission of Rev. H. M. Leathley. Tower open 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. A good meeting is hoped for. All ringers welcome. A card by 11th would oblige. —A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, April 13th. Ringing from 2.30. Service in the Cathedral 4.30. Tea and business meeting at Holy Trinity Parish Hall. Nominations of officers must be sent in to me not later than April 1st.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD. — Quarterly meeting will be held at Walsall on Saturday, April 13th. Bells (new ring of 12) available from 3. Service in church at 4.45. Tea will be provided in the Brotherhood Institute at 5.30. All ringers will be welcome. It is important that names should be sent in by Tuesday, April 9th.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

THE BELLS OF DERSINGHAM CHURCH will be rededicated by the Archdeacon of Lynn on Saturday, April 13th, at 3 p.m.—All ringers are invited. Tea provided.—R. L. B. Oliver, Vicarage, Dersingham, King's Lynn.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The first quarterly meeting of the above district will be held at Heanor on Saturday, April 13th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 to 6.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting afterwards. Will all those requiring tea please notify Mr. J. S. Stirland, Fair View, Heanor, by April 10th.—F. W. Bailey, 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham, Local Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Leeds on Saturday, April 13th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, April 9th.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — A meeting will be held on Saturday, April 13th, at Felkirk. Bells ready early. Short service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Kindly apply for tea before April 10th, to C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec., Prospect House, Royston, Barnsley.

LADIES' GUILD. — Northern District. — Quarterly meeting at Duffield, Derbyshire, on Saturday, April 13th. Notices for tea must be sent to Miss E. Foulk, 1, King Street, Duffield, by Thursday, April 11th. Will all members please make an effort to attend? Important business for discussion. New rule for Guild, etc. Gentlemen cordially invited. — Hilda F. Jacques, Northfield Avenue, Mansfield Woodhouse, Notts.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Croston on Saturday, April 13th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. — A meeting will be held at St. James', West Derby, on Saturday, April 13th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Special methods: Double Court and London Surprise. Those

desiring tea please notify Mr. H. Hancock, 60, Sandstone Road, Stonycroft, before Tuesday, April 9th.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Woolwich, on Saturday, April 20th. Bells from 3 to 8.30. Service. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock. Names or numbers for tea will be appreciated by the hon. sec., J. Herbert, 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

GUILD OF DEVON RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bampton on Saturday, April 20th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea (1s. each) 5.15. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by Tuesday, April 16th?—M. Hanson, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, 2, The Avenue, Tiverton.

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CHELMSFORD.—At the Cathedral, on Sunday, January 13th, for morning service, 952 changes of Grandsire Triples: Miss K. Meadows 1, A. Hume 2, A. Saltmarsh 3, R. C. Clark 4, C. Gentry 5, W. Lincoln 6, L. J. Clark (conductor) 7, G. Cooper 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the late Canon H. A. Lake, Sub-Dean of Chelmsford Cathedral.—For evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): Miss K. Meadows 1, C. Gentry 2, A. Hume 3, R. C. Clark 4, A. Saltmarsh 5, W. Lincoln 6, L. J. Clark (conductor) 7, A. Head 8, J. Wood 9, G. Cooper 10. Rung as a farewell to Dr. Guy Warman, Bishop of Chelmsford, on the occasion of his last sermon in the Cathedral before leaving Chelmsford to take

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