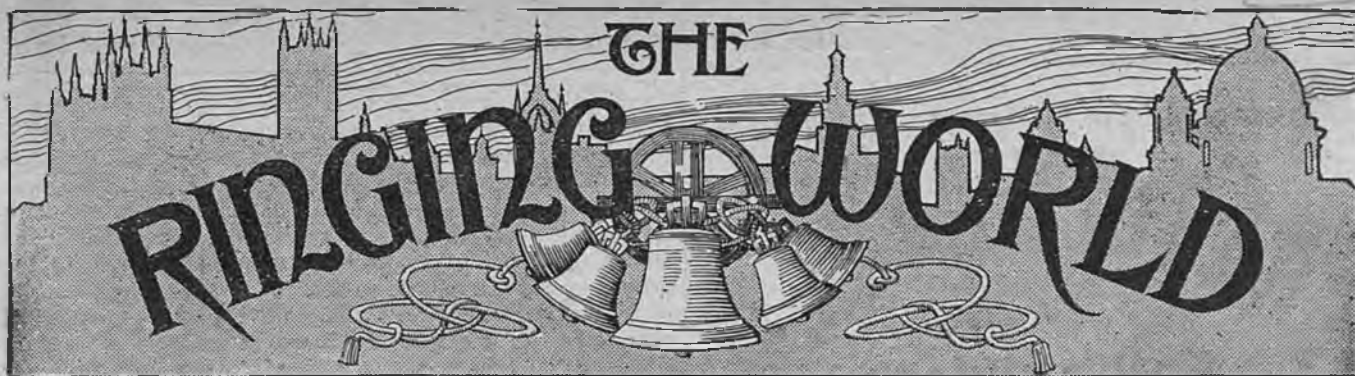


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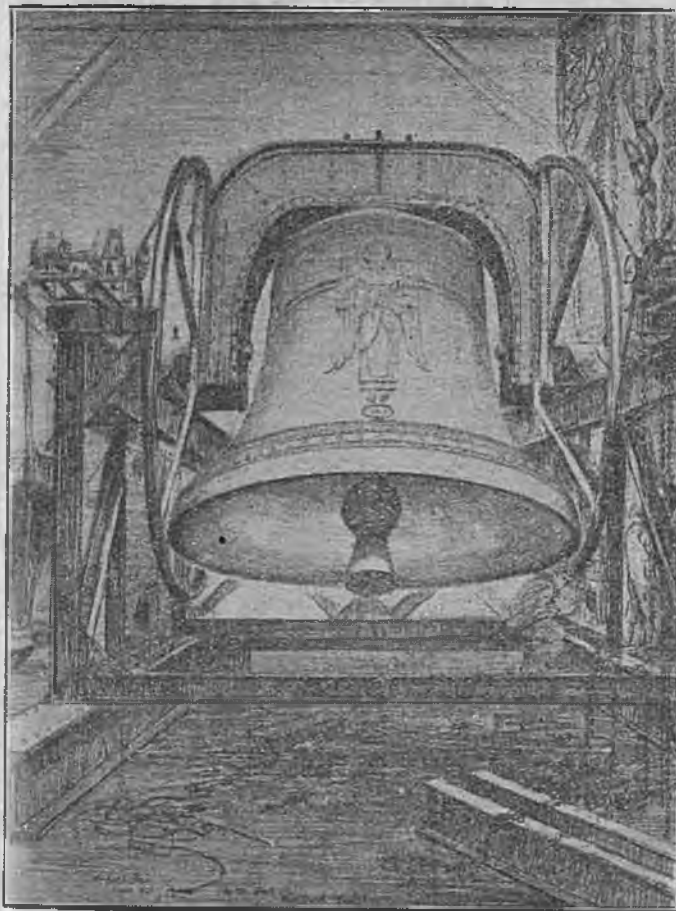
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AN EXAMPLE TO ARCHDEACONS.

It would be well, in the interests of the Church as well as of the art of ringing, if there were more Archdeacons like the Ven. Ronald Irwin, the Archdeacon of Dorking. He has under his supervision approximately half the churches in the Diocese of Guildford and he told the members of the Diocesan Guild on Saturday that whenever he visits a church with a tower and bells he makes a practice of inquiring into their condition, and, what is more, he insists upon going up into the tower and seeing things for himself. He has not yet been a year in office, but already he has ordered certain restorations to be carried out in two towers. This is in striking contrast to the indifference usually displayed by Archdeacons in matters appertaining to the belfry. Unfortunately, their interest, as a rule, stops short of the tower, and it is not surprising to learn from Archdeacon Irwin that, when he inquires about the bells, authorities sometimes look a little surprised. Many of the bells throughout the country that are now in a neglected condition would be quickly put into better order if the Archdeacons were thorough in carrying out their visitations. They are entrusted with the duty of inspecting the churches, but few of them trouble to make an ascent of the tower, even if they give so much as a thought to the bells. If associations could get the ear of their Archdeacons in this matter much necessary work might be done. It is good to find at least one Archdeacon who needs no prompting in this matter.

It is strange, however, to find a parish anxious and ready to restore their bells and, with the money for the purpose already in the bank, having to hold their hand because of the obstruction of a Diocesan Advisory Committee. The little Bedfordshire parish of Tilsworth wants its bells rehung in a new iron frame; it has subscribed all the necessary funds; but because the Advisory Committee want a wood frame installed instead of a metal one the scheme has been held up for nearly two years. That is one of the drawbacks of Advisory Committees who have no member among them with any technical knowledge of bells and bell hanging. Even the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, the most conservative of all bodies where restorations are concerned, has come to the conclusion that a metal frame has advantages. Assuming other things to be equal, the only claim which oak has to preference is that it does not need painting, but, apart from taking up more room, there is great difficulty in obtaining really seasoned timber, and the frame is liable to shrink and warp, or be

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attacked by insects. A metal frame, on the other hand, is not affected by the humidity of the atmosphere, it gives the rigidity required to ensure easy going bells and consequent protection to the fabric, and it is not, of course, liable to be attacked by insects. While it requires painting at intervals to prevent corrosion, it has this great advantage that, when properly constructed and kept in proper condition, shock to the tower from the swinging of the bells does not arise. These are matters upon which the experts of the Ringing Exercise and the representatives of the S.P.A.B. are agreed. They are, however, probably unknown to the Advisory Committee which is dealing with the Tilsworth application, and that is another argument for the inclusion of a person with knowledge of bells and bell hanging on these authorities, or at any rate for securing the appointment of a 'Consultant,' such as is suggested in the motion which will come before the next meeting of the Central Council.

TEN BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 30, 1929, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAGNUS-THE-MARTYR, LOWER THAMES
STREET, E.C.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5030 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... Treble	ERNEST BRETT 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	WILLIAM ROGERS 7
THOMAS GROOMERIDGE, SEN. 3	EDWARD D. SMITH 8
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... 4	JAMES GEORGE 9
JEFFERY R. GAMMON 5	WILLIAM D. GRAINGER ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER
Rung to celebrate the wedding of two members, Mr. Reuben Sanders and Miss Elsie E. Chapman, which took place the same day at St. Stephen's, Clapham Park.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 6, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

E. HARRY STONELEY ... Treble	CHARLES SMITH 5
JOHN H. SWINFELD 2	GEORGE BURROWS 6
CHARLES DRAPER 3	ERNEST W. BEADSMORE ... 7
*JOSEPH W. COTTON 4	*WILLIAM G. BROOKER ... Tenor

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

* First peal in method. Rung during the octave of Easter as a symbol of joy.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, April 6, 1929, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANOSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

HARRY BOEWELL ... Treble	FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 5
*JACK WM. TAYLOR 2	WILLIAM H. LAWLEY ... 6
HERBERT T. PIPER 3	WILLIAM A. COOPER ... 7
THOMAS E. TAYLOR 4	†JAMES SHAW Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. COOPER.

* First peal on eight bells. † First attempt on eight bells. Rung on the occasion of the 27th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Taylor, parents of the 2nd and 4th ringers.

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 6, 1929, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*F. MELLOR Treble	J. W. TRUELOVE 5
†H. PLATT 2	V. HOWARTH 6
*T. COCKING 3	C. E. PLATT 7
F. LAWTON 4	T. CHAPMAN Tenor

Composed by J. NICHOLL. Conducted by T. CHAPMAN.
* First peal and first attempt. † First peal on an 'inside' bell.
First peal as conductor.

JESMOND, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 6, 1929, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOHN ANDERSON Treble	HENRY B. TAYLOR 5
*CHARLES F. VASEY 2	ROBERT ANDERSON 6
†ROBERT LEIGHTON 3	ADAM DEAS 7
*WILLIAM H. JOHNSON 4	ERNEST E. FERRY Tenor

Composed by J. PARKER. Conducted by E. E. FERRY.
* First peal in the method, and hail from Durham Cathedral.
† First peal, and hail from Winton.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 6, 1929, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 30½ cwt.

CHARLES H. WEBB Treble	R. HENRY BARTRAM 5
ERNEST BARTRAM, M.M. 2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 6
JAMES HUTCHBY 3	EDWARD READER 7
ALFRED BALLARD 4	JOHN GRANT Tenor

Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.

Rung after meeting short for Stedman Caters.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, April 6, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANOSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

ALFRED ROWLEY Treble	WILLIAM GREEN 5
HARRY HUBBLE 2	†SIDNEY CARTWRIGHT 6
JOHN ROUND 3	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. 7
*THOMAS TOWNSEND 4	ALBERT PRESTIDGE, JUN. Tenor

Conducted by J. GOODMAN, JUN.

* First peal inside. † First peal. The ringer of the treble belongs to Tipton, 5th to Old Hill, 7th to Dudley, the rest to the local company.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 9, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

PERCY ALMOND Treble	*EDWARD B. SMITH 5
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 2	GEORGE J. ANDREWS 6
*URBAN W. WILDNEY 3	CHARLES J. ANDREWS 7
MAURICE LING 4	GEORGE GREEN Tenor

Composed by BENJAMIN J. FRANCIS (Bressingham).

Conducted by GEORGE GREEN.

* First peal, and belong to the local band.

STAFFORD.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, April 10, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb.

*F. R. WIGGIN Treble	†F. T. HAYLE 5
†B. J. YEATES 2	R. J. WARRILOW 6
*A. E. GARRETT 3	W. H. JONES 7
*H. EVANS 4	*G. WHITE Tenor

Conducted by W. H. JONES.

* First peal. † First inside. ‡ First peal of Triples. First peal as conductor. Ringers of 4th and tenor were elected members before starting.

NORTH ELMHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 10, 1929, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*FRANK V. GANT Treble	†CHARLES S. TUTHILL 5
†WILLIAM J. WASEY 2	F. NOLAN GOLDEN 6
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 3	JOHN A. GODFREY 7
†EDWARD HOWES 4	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by WM. B. DUNCAN.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

BOLSTERSTONE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 11, 1929, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF COLLEGE SINGLE MAJOR, 5136 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN R. BREARLEY Treble	JAMES H. CHARLESWORTH 5
SAMUEL HARRISON 2	ARNOLD HAIGH 6
WILLIAM A. WOOLER 3	JOHN A. BREARLEY 7
ALBERT HELLIWELL 4	WILLIAM HARRISON Tenor

Composed by GEORGE HILL.

Conducted by J. A. BREARLEY.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of esteem for the late Archie Brearley, who died on March 27th, and was a ringer at the above church for 27 years.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 13, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*HARRY A. SMITH Treble	*SIDNEY HYDER 5
*FREDERICK LIMB 2	JAMES E. BURLS 6
*JAMES WILLIAMS 3	*ARTHUR STEDMAN 7
EDWIN JENNINGS 4	THOMAS METCALF Tenor

Composed by E. MORRIS.

Conducted by E. JENNINGS.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Major on the bells.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 13, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE PINCOTT Treble	*JOHN H. C. MASSEY 5
MISS ROSE A. BELL 2	WILLIAM PENNINGTON 6
HERBERT DAVENPORT 3	JOHN POTTER 7
WILLIAM HORAN 4	*PETER CROOK, JUN. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

* First peal in the method.

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RAINHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 13, 1929, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM WOOD Treble	*SIDART SANDFORD 5
ERNEST DOBBIE 2	WILLIAM SPICE 6
FREDERICK S. MACZY 3	EDWARD H. SPICE 7
SAMUEL TAYLOR 4	WILLIAM HAIGH Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by W. HAIGH.

* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the completion by F. Macey of 25 years with the Rainham band.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 13, 1929, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 lb.

ARTHUR R. MILES Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
WILLIAM COLLINSON 2	STAFFORD H. GREEN 6
FRANK I. HAIRS 3	FREDERICK WHITE 7
MRS. F. I. HAIRS 4	HERBERT MARKWELL Tenor

Conducted by F. BENNETT.

WANDSWORTH.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 13, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

HERBERT LANGDON Treble	THOMAS W. WELBOURNE 5
HARRY R. PASMORE 2	JAMES H. RUMLEY 6
ERNEST E. BISH 3	JAMES W. CHAPMAN 7
WILLIAM LANGDON 4	WILLIAM G. GRAY Tenor

Conducted by J. W. CHAPMAN.

Rung on the 70th birthday of Mr. W. T. Cockerill, the hon. secretary of the above society. First peal in the method as conductor.

CHURCH, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 13, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIE AARON Treble	JOSEPH WOODS 5
LAWRENCE J. WILLIAMS 2	JAMES INGHAM 6
THOMAS HOWARTH 3	*JAMES PARR 7
ARTHUR LORD 4	JOHN HIRST Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

* First peal in the method away from the tenor.

EWELL, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 13, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

AMOS CLARKE Treble	*ERNEST REEVE 5
WILLIAM H. HEWITT 2	GEORGE H. CROSS 6
HERBERT SKELT 3	WILLIAM MADGWICK 7
CHARLES W. ROBERTS 4	RONALD H. BULLEN Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal in the method.

BIRSTALL, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 13, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E.

CLARENCE BLACKBURN Treble	SAM GIBSON 5
HARRY ROBINSON 2	*ARTHUR ADAMS 6
WILLIAM H. SENIOR 3	EDWARD CROWTHER 7
HARRY MARSDEN 4	HERBERT PEEL Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL.

Conducted by E. CROWTHER.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 13, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 6008 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in F.

WALTER J. BATTLE Treble	THOMAS ROGERS 5
LESTER L. GRAY 2	JOHN BREESE 6
JOHN COOKE 3	G. RONALD EDWARDS 7
G. RONALD EDWARDS 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 13, 1929, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, POPLAR,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

JAMES GEORGE Treble	JAMES BENNETT 5
CHARLES T. COLES 2	HAROLD W. CLARK 6
JOHN ARMSTRONG 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 13, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

REGINALD C. KIRSEY Treble	CHARLES F. BAILEY 5
JAMES M. BAILEY 2	JAMES G. RUMSEY 6
HARRY C. BALLS 3	CHARLES SAMPSON 7
ERNEST S. BAILEY 4	FREDERICK J. SMITH Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

Arranged for the ringer of the 3rd.

ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 13, 1929, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 21 cwt.

CHARLES W. BIRD Treble	JOHN KING 5
MISS KITTY MOORE 2	*FREDERICK J. TITE 6
*HARRY WARREN 3	THOMAS R. HENSHER 7
JOHN R. MAIN 4	ROBERT G. BLACK Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT G. BLACK.

* First peal in a Surprise method. Mr. C. W. Bird has now completed the circle in this tower.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WOOTTON COURTENAY, SOMERSET.

On Saturday, February 9, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*W. COPP Treble	S. BAKER 4
R. COURT 2	W. CONIBERE 5
W. MIDDLETON 3	A. COURT Tenor

Conducted by W. CONIBERE.

* First peal.

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DROITWICH.

On Easter Monday, April 1, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-DE-WITTON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with 10 different callings.

W. HARRISON Treble	W. RAXTER 4
J. NEALE 2	J. PRICE 5
E. G. HAWKINS 3	F. YATES Tenor

Conducted by J. PRICE.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. G. Green.

WISBOROUGH GREEN, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 6, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores (twelve callings). Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

*E. ENTICKNAP Treble	V. NICHOLLS 4
S. KILNER 2	F. BROOKS 5
P. DUNCTON 3	†M. SOPP Tenor

Conducted by F. BROOKS.

* Re-elected a member before starting. † First peal. First peal on the bells.

BALTORESBOROUGH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 6, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 21½ cwt.

*WILLIAM RAWLES Treble	ALBERT WOOLLEY 4
JOSEPH RAWLES 2	V. JOHN FARTHING 5
HAROLD HOSKINS 3	GEORGE PHELPS Tenor

Conducted by V. J. FARTHING. d

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

BRADWELL, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Sunday, April 7, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With ten different callings. Tenor 7½ cwt.

CHARLES G. ALDERMAN ... Treble	THOMAS C. WALTERS ... 4
WILLIAM FRENCH 2	ALEXANDER COLEY 5
EDWARD WHITLOCK 3	THOMAS H. BIRD Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD WHITLOCK.

Rung to celebrate the christening of the first son of the conductor. First peal of Stedman Doubles for the Branch by a local band.

LLANELLY, BRECONSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 11, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ELLI,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 13 cwt.

BRINLEY J. JONES Treble	WILLIAM H. SAUNDERS ... 4
ALAC A. KACKHAM 2	GEORGE POPNELL 5
*DONALD CLIFT 3	SYDNEY T. KACKHAM Tenor

Conducted by G. POPNELL.

* First peal of Minor. D. Clift, who hails from Usk, Monmouthshire, was elected a member of the association before commencing. First peal of Minor as conductor.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 13, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 changes each of London, York, Norwich, Norfolk, Primrose, Ipswich and Cambridge.

E. E. WOODAGE Treble	JAMES BASSETT 4
ANDREW MARSHALL 2	JAMES WAGHORN 5
ALBERT RELFE 3	ARTHUR H. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by A. H. SMITH.

This was J. Waghorn's 50th peal, and his first in seven Surprise methods.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Easter Tuesday, April 2, 1929, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Double Court, and two each of Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

MRS. PHILLIS HUMPHREY Treble	HORACE M. DAY 4
JOSEPH O. LANDON 2	COTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY 5
WILLIAM TILLEY 3	JAMES H. MUSSON Tenor

Conducted by C. T. H. BRADLEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the father of the conductor, who has completed 30 years as churchwarden at the above church, also as a wedding peal for Miss G. Musson, sister of the ringer of the tenor, and Mr. F. Booth, who were married in the afternoon. First as conductor.

CLEWER, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 8, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob, seven different callings. Tenor 14½ cwt.

THOMAS S. SMITH Treble	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 4
EDWARD S. T. FARR 2	LEONARD STILWELL 5
WILLIAM WELLING 3	WILLIAM HENLEY Tenor

Conducted by G. H. GUTTERIDGE.

First Minor peal on the bells. Mr. Cross (the Rector's warden) congratulated the ringers at the close of the peal, and afterwards kindly provided them with refreshments.

MISTLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 13, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES SOUTER Treble	ERNEST DURANT 4
CHARLES HONEYWOOD 2	WILLIAM STIFF 5
STANLEY MOSS 3	WALTER HONEYWOOD Tenor

Conducted by WALTER HONEYWOOD.

The ringer of the 4th comes from Thorp-le-Soken, the rest are the local company. Rung on the anniversary of the first peal on the bells, 25 years ago. This was conducted by George Moss, and the band, as far as it known, are all still alive.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, April 14, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Plain Bob and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 0 qr. 6 lb.

HAROLD G. SMITH Treble	ALBERT CRAWLEY 4
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY 2	HARRY W. HOWARD 5
HARRY PARKER 3	ENGR. F. H. CRAWLEY Tenor

Conducted by F. H. CRAWLEY.

Rung as a welcome home to Engineer F. H. Crawley, of the White Star Liner, 'Euripedes,' on his return from his first voyage to Australia.

HANDBELL PEAL.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1929, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT 16, LIME GROVE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

ALFRED BARNES 1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY 5-6
HAROLD JACKSON 3-4	PETER LAFLIN 7-8

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. H. Chapman, of Keyston, Hunts.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

THE FIRST YEAR'S WORK.

The first annual general meeting of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was held at Guildford on Saturday, and was attended by about 120 members, many of whom participated in the ringing during the afternoon, at the Cathedral and St. Nicolas' Churches. The Guild service took place in the Cathedral, where a full choir led the singing. Canon E. C. Kirwan (the Provost) officiated, and the lesson was read by the Rev. G. H. B. Coleridge (Vicar of Leatherhead), who gave the address.

Speaking from the text, 'One star differeth from another star in glory' (1 Cor. xv. 41), the preacher reminded his hearers that no two things in nature were exactly alike. God never made two men alike; each soul was made to fulfil some particular part in the great harmony of the Universe, and to fulfil the glory of God. So it was with the various parts of the work for the honour and glory of God and his Church. The Church had discovered that among bellringers a great work was being done for God. It might be that it was only in comparatively recent years that the Church had recognised the work of the bellringers, but that was, he thought, very largely because the bellringers did not themselves previously recognise that they were doing a piece of work for God—they had looked upon it merely as a hobby, a craft, an art. But, thank God, during the past half-century ringers had increasingly recognised that they had a great part in the work of the Church, and without that part there would be something missing. Rightly, therefore, they had claimed to be looked upon as real, active fellow-workers for God. Such a thing as a diocesan service for bellringers would have been an unimaginable thing fifty or sixty years ago. Continuing, the preacher said that bellringers in one sense stood for the great advertising agency of the Church; they stood in the light of propaganda. Where there were bells, no one need be ignorant of the fact that there was a church, and that there were church services. The bells called men and women to do their duty to their God, which stood over and above their duty to their neighbour, and they entered into every phase of human life. Bellringers were, happily, coming into their own, from the part they played in the harmony, which came through the diversity, of the work which was being done for the glory of God.

Tea was served in Holy Trinity Hall, at which Mr. Walter Harrison, chairman of the committee, presided. He was supported by the Provost, the Rev. G. H. B. Coleridge, Sir Arthur Martindale, Major J. H. B. Hesse (Master), Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O. (hon. treasurer), Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (hon. secretary), and Mr. C. A. Burdock (hon. auditor), while, later, the Archdeacon of Dorking (Canon R. Irwin) joined the party. Among those also present were Rev. Sir John Herschel (West Clandon), Rev. C. F. T. Willis (Dorking), Mr. C. H. Kippin (hon. secretary, Surrey Association), Mr. J. Parker (Edmonton), W. Charman (Warnham), Miss H. F. Mills (Brixton), Miss Melville (Reigate), and members from Aldershot, Bagshot, Banstead, Chiddingfold, Cobham, Cranleigh, Dorking, Epsom, Farnham, Godalming, Guildford (Cathedral and St. Nicolas'), Haslemere, Leatherhead, Otlands Park, Ottershaw, Seale, Shere, Thames Ditton, Walton, West Clandon, Woking, Worplesdon, etc.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Provost for the service, to the Rev. G. H. B. Coleridge for his address, and to the Cathedral organist (Mr. Sowerbutts).

In their first report the committee referred to the successful inauguration of the Guild and the launching of the four districts. In each district the Guild was fortunate in obtaining enthusiastic officers. The committee acknowledged with sincere thanks the services which these gentlemen had rendered. The programme drawn up provided for six meetings in each district during the year, and these meetings were duly held, with, in almost every case, conspicuous success. In a few instances the attendance was not up to expectation, but when the numbers present were comparatively few, individuals were able to enjoy greater practice, so that even these meetings had their compensations, and certainly could not be written down as failures. The combined practices have met with varying response. In the Leatherhead District, where 33 were held during the year, the scheme which has been carried out had had excellent results. Here the object was definitely to assist the local band at the tower where the practice was held, and some splendid spade work had been done. In the Guildford District the practice had been monthly, those held on Saturdays having been more successful than those in the mid-week. In this district it was proposed in future to hold the meetings on the practice night of the tower visited. In the Chertsey and Farnham Districts there was a rather regrettable lack of support for the combined practices, and it was hoped that the members would in future rally better to their officers and give a helping hand, even if it be at some little inconvenience.

During the year 22 peals were rung, and these included the Guild's first peals of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, Bob Minor and Surprise Minor, Grandshire Triples, Double Norwich Major, Bob Major, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major, Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise Major, Grandshire Caters, and Kent Treble Bob Royal. Seventy-six ringers took part in the peals. Of these, ten rang their first peal, two their first peal with a bob bell, one his first in the method with a bob bell, 15 their first in the method, 10 their first

peal of Minor, five their first of Major, five their first on ten bells, and four their first of Royal. The conductors were Messrs. A. Harman, 8; J. S. Goldsmith, 3; W. T. Beeson, 2; A. H. Winch, 2; F. R. Tullett, H. Langdon, W. J. Robinson, Frank Bennett, C. H. Kippen, R. Hasted and Fred Bennett, 1 each.

MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCE.

The membership of the Guild at the close of the year was 595, made up as follows: Life hon. members 19, hon. members 38, life ringing members 4, annual ringing members 393, compounding members 111. Financially, the Guild might congratulate itself on the first year's working, for after paying the initial expenses, which were rather considerable, there remained a balance in hand of £20 1s. 2d. on the general fund, while the balances in the four districts aggregate £11 0s. 10d. While the Guild could look back with satisfaction on the first year of its existence, there was still a considerable amount of work to be done. Apart from the fact that some few towers still remained outside the Guild, many of those which were affiliated were still below full strength in their bands. The first work of the Guild ought to be to help those companies to raise their numbers, so that the bells might be fully manned for the Sunday service ringing. This could only be done by the co-operation of all the clergy and ringers in the parishes concerned, not less than the officers and members of the Guild. There was still room for a greater measure of support by the members generally of those who were entrusted with carrying on the work of the Guild and who were doing their best to maintain its activities, create interest, and extend the art of change ringing. In the past year the Guild had done well; the future depended not alone on the officers but upon the members as a whole, and the committee hoped that the coming year would see the meetings and combined practices supported by still larger numbers.

The statement of accounts presented by the hon. treasurer showed receipts amounting to £71 17s. 4d., including £29 15s. from 39 towers which paid the affiliation fees, £24 3s. from life members, £7 18s. 6d. from unattached and compounding members, £21 15s. 9d. the quota from the districts, and £8 5s. 1d. from other sources. The expenditure, which totalled £51 16s. 2d., included £17 11s. 11d. incurred in connection with the preliminary organisation of the Guild. The balance at the close of the year on the general fund was thus £20 1s. 2d.

The report and statement of accounts were adopted.

The Hon. Secretary proposed the election of Mr. Walter Harrison as the first vice-president of the Guild, and in doing so referred to the interest which Mr. Harrison took in the old Winchester Guild, and the active and valued assistance he gave in the promotion of the new Guild, and since that time in carrying on its work.—Admiral T. P. Walker seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried amid applause, and the chairman acknowledged the compliment paid to him.

The retiring officers had been nominated by several towers, and as no other names had been received, the following were declared re-elected: Master, Major J. H. B. Hesse; hon. treasurer, Admiral T. P. Walker; hon. secretary, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith; hon. auditor, Mr. C. N. Burdock.

Canon Kirwan was elected a life member, Mr. James Parker a compounding member, and Mr. G. Pearce (Godalming) a ringing member.

Mr. B. H. Clark, hon. secretary of the Farnham District, presented to the Guild a handsomely bound peal book, sufficient to record 500 peals, and he was cordially thanked for his kindness, on the motion of the chairman.

Various alterations to the rules were considered, and on the recommendation of the Executive Committee it was resolved that in future the nomination of general officers should be made at the annual district meetings, and of the district officers at the district meeting immediately prior to the annual district meeting. It was also decided that all elections, if necessary, should be by ballot.

It was also decided that in future members attending a meeting of the Executive Committee should be entitled to receive their travelling expenses, and that power be given to the Executive Committee to make grants, if applied for, to towers which are endeavouring to add new bells to the existing ring, or are carrying out extensive repairs, any such grant not to exceed £3.

It was resolved to print a report for circulation among the resident members.

A discussion took place on the venue of the summer festival, which it was suggested should be held in conjunction with the jubilee festival of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild at Petersfield and Haslemere. Several speakers expressed the view that Haslemere should not be included on account of the distance which the two places are apart, and Mr. Hazelden regretted the fact that the jubilee festival was not to be held at Basingstoke, where the old Winchester Guild was founded.

The Master, hon. treasurer and hon. secretary were appointed as a sub-committee to act with the sub-committee of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild in making arrangements for the festival.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Guildford, the date to be settled by the committee.

The meeting then discussed the various motions on the agenda of the Central Council, and requested its representatives to vote for the

principle contained in the proposal that the Council should not recognise as a peal of Minor or Doubles any composition in which the bells do not strike in 720 or 120 different orders respectively before beginning the next 720 or 120.

The meeting was opposed to asking hon. members of the Council to pay an affiliation fee of 5s. each per annum, but agreed to the proposal that in future associations should pay a fee of 5s. per representative per annum.

In the other matters full discretion was left to the representatives to vote as they thought fit, after hearing the arguments.

It was left to the Executive Committee to decide what support should be given by the Guild to the Bristol United Guilds' proposal to enlarge the 'Ringers' Directory.'

The members agreed to a proposal to hold a joint meeting with the Royal Cumberland Youths at Epsom at some date to be arranged.

THE ARCHDEACON AND THE TOWERS.

The Chairman welcomed the Archdeacon of Dorking, who, in reply, said it was always a great pleasure to him to come among the ringers, and also to meet them at the churches he visited. There were some towers he knew of where the numbers were deficient, and he hoped that more ringers might be brought in. If he was allowed to apply for grants for bell restoration it would not be long before they received applications, because there were two towers where he had already ordered repairs to be carried out and the bells to be carefully inspected. He hoped the work would be taken in hand before long. He would tell these two parishes where there was a lot of money to back them up (laughter). Wherever he carried out an inspection he always asked, 'What about the tower?' That sometimes caused surprise, but he always said to the churchwardens, 'I am going up it.' He had had some perilous ascents (laughter). He had found some towers sadly neglected, and he intended to see that they were put in order (applause). With regard to the majority of towers, he must congratulate them upon the wonderful improvement made and the very great care taken of them (hear, hear). If there were any towers where it was necessary that improvements should be carried out, he would be only too glad if the Master or the hon. secretary would bring them to his notice, and he would bring the matters to the notice of the churchwardens at his visitations next month. The churchwardens were the people primarily responsible for seeing that the bells and towers were in order, and if he could help the Guild in that way he was at their disposal. Continuing, the Archdeacon said that although his engagements were very numerous he hoped it would always be possible for him to look in at the Guild's meetings, and

if he knew the dates a good time ahead he would endeavour to keep them free, because it kept him in touch with a body of men whose work for the church he greatly admired. He was sometimes glad he did not live immediately next to a tower (laughter), but it was always nice to hear the bells sounding from a distance, and the work of the ringers was a very essential bit of church work in the diocese. Long might they continue their good work. He hoped he might always be in touch with the bellringers in his own archdeaconry, and if at any time he could possibly attend their meetings he would be glad to do so. His desire was not to be some high, bloated dignitary, but to be their servant and brother, and one who was only too anxious to help them in any way he possibly could (applause).

Admiral Walker gave an invitation to the members to the opening of the new treble bells at Woking on May 11th, and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith informed the meeting that the Guild was losing the services of Mr. F. G. Woodiss, hon. secretary of the Leatherhead District, who was leaving for the North of England. He proposed that the thanks of the Guild be given to Mr. Woodiss for his services to the Guild.—The Archdeacon of Dorking seconded the motion, which was warmly accorded.

The business concluded with a vote of thanks to the secretary for his services and to the chairman for presiding.

A 'TIRED' PEAL.

PROPOSED RESTORATION OF BELLS AT NORTON, STAFFS.

Owing to the very bad going of the above bells, ringing is at present confined to touches of about 240 changes. An expert from Messrs. Taylor and Co. has now been called in to examine the bells, and in his report he states that the metal is absolutely tired, and that the bells are all out of tune with each other, and that the bearings are worn. The matter has been brought before the Parochial Church Council, owing to an S.O.S. thrown out by the leader of the ringers, Mr. J. E. Wheeldon, and it was unanimously decided to issue an appeal to the parish for funds to rectify matters.

The bells have been in the tower since 1826. They have, therefore, done very good service, and it is sincerely hoped that the appeal will meet with a response which will warrant the church officials giving the order for a clear out.

To have all the six bells recast will require a sum of £340, which is rather a big undertaking for a village in these days, but there is every confidence that the natives will rise to the occasion, assisted by outlying districts, to whom Norton bells always appeal, as the tower stands on a hill, and the bells are heard from far and near.

In the meantime the ringers intend to 'carry on' as well as possible with their backs to the wall (figuratively speaking).

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The commemoration dinner to the past officers of the Yorkshire Association will take place at the King's Head Hotel, Sheffield, on Saturday, September 21st, at 6 p.m.

Forty years ago next Monday Mr. W. T. Pates called the famous 15,227 Grandsire Caters at Cheltenham, which at that time was the longest peal rung on ten bells. Most, if not all, of the band have now gone from us, with the exception of the Cheltenham veteran. The peal was rung on Easter Monday, 1889, and occupied 9 hrs. 43 mins.

By a coincidence it was on the same day of the month in 1922 that the existing ten-bell record—and, in fact, the record length for any number of bells—was set up by the 21,363 Stedman Caters at Appleton.

St. George's Day is the 60th anniversary of a peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Epsom, Surrey, by four fathers and four sons. The last surviving member of that band—Mr. Thomas Miles—died only last June. He was 80 years of age at his death.

One of the earliest, if not the first, 'George' peals was rung on St. George's Day, 1857, at St. George's Church, Camberwell.

The ringer of the 2nd in the peal at Goscombe, Somerset, on April 1st was Franklin D. Rickards, and Frank D. Richards, as published.

Ringers visiting Belfast on holiday or business will be made very welcome at any of the towers, if they will communicate with the hon. secretary, W. Pratt, Kinnegar, Holywood, Belfast.

Mr. Arthur W. Searle, a well-known Exeter ringer, and one of the representatives of Devon on the Central Council, has been appointed deputy editor of the 'Devon and Exeter Daily Gazette.'

With the opening of the new peal of 12 bells at Walsall, there are now three peals of 12 in the Archdeaconry of Stafford. Walsall is in quite a good position for 12-bell ringers, as West Bromwich is only five miles distant, Wolverhampton 6½, and St. Martin's, Birmingham, is 8½ miles.

A CARILLON FOR NEW ZEALAND.

On Wednesday of last week the Rt. Hon. L. S. Amery, M.P., Dominion Secretary, and the Rt. Hon. Sir James Parr, K.C.M.G., High Commissioner for New Zealand, visited the Croydon Bell Foundry, where they inspected the first carillon for New Zealand. It consists of 49 bells, the smallest being 9lb. and the largest 5 tons, the total weight of the bells being 31½ tons. The carillon is to be erected at Wellington, and is a memorial to the men and women of New Zealand who gave their lives in the Great War.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are also carrying out the recasting of the bells of Derry Cathedral, and on Friday, in the presence of the Dean and members of the Honourable Irish Society, the new tenor of 31 cwt. was cast. To the new ring of ten will be added three semitone bells for tune playing, which will be hung dead.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

TRAVELLING FACILITIES FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The railway companies, having reduced the qualifying number to 100, have agreed to issue a ticket to Chelmsford at a fare and a half, available between May 18th and 22nd next, provided that not less than 100 adults use the tickets.

As the usual attendance at provincial meetings (including visitors) is generally about 100, if all those desirous of attending from near and far will avail themselves of the said tickets, it will be to the general advantage.

I shall be glad, therefore, if the hon. secretaries of the various Guilds and associations will let me know, at once, the number of tickets they will require, for themselves and their friends, as unless somewhere near the required number is guaranteed it will be useless for me to proceed with the printing of the necessary vouchers.—Yours faithfully,

E. ALEX. YOUNG.

155, Rushey Green, Catford, S.E.6.

WHOSE MONEY?

To the Editor.

Sir,—Is Mr. Joyce right when he refers to 'my money,' as I rather fancy the Gloucester and Bristol Association have assisted as much as any other association, and therefore we, too, could say, 'Our money'?

As a matter of fact the Central Council publications are issued at a 'profit,' and therefore, in the event of our ceasing affiliation, Mr. Joyce might recommend to the Council that we should have a refund, and then bar us from future benefits.

However, as hon. secretary of an association with 1,000 members, the fear is not how to stop members buying publications, but how to get them to do so? The librarian, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, will bear me out in this.—Yours faithfully,

EDGAR GUISE.

P.S.—Mr. Joyce's definition of the Central Council being 'a funny old body' is gratefully accepted.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S 'OBSTRUCTION'

CRITICISMS AT BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION MEETING.

The action of the Diocesan Advisory Committee in holding up the restoration of the bells at Tilsworth, Beds, was the subject of some outspoken criticism at the annual meeting of the Bedfordshire Association at Leighton Buzzard on Easter Monday. The meeting followed lunch at the Plume of Feathers Hotel, when Canon W. W. C. Baker, president, occupied the chair. Explaining why Leighton had been chosen for the meeting, he said they had met at Bedford for the last 48 years, but a month ago it was reported to the committee that the bells of St. Paul's, Bedford, were not ringable, and they selected Leighton because the conditions for ringing appertained to those they were accustomed to at Bedford.

Mr. G. F. Green, who supported Canon Baker, proposed the latter's re-election as president, and said he had thought they were honouring Leighton by their visit, but, from Canon Baker's remarks, they were there simply because they could not go anywhere else, a fact which had minimised the pleasure he had previously felt at having them there (laughter).—Mr. J. Nicholls seconded the re-election of Canon Baker, who, in reply, said he did not do much ringing now, but his interest in the association was just as keen as ever it was.

Vice-presidents re-elected were Miss E. Steel, Bedford, Mr. A. A. King, Luton, Mr. Cyril Herbert, Woburn, and the Rev. A. Rust, Husbome Crawley.

In regard to the appointment of an auditor, Canon Baker said his brother-in-law, Mr. F. Tanqueray, who conducted the first 720 ever rung by the association, and showed his interest by being auditor, was very dangerously ill. Mr. Green suggested that they should re-appoint Mr. Tanqueray and send him a letter of sympathy in his illness. This was agreed to.

Mr. A. E. Sharman, Dunstable, was re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer, and Canon Baker and he were re-appointed representatives on the Central Council.

When the venue of the next annual meeting was under discussion, a question arose as to when the bells at Bedford would be ready. Miss Steel said they had only about £70 towards the cost, and wanted about £290. They ought to be able to raise this sum, but there should be alternative places in case the bells were not ready.

Mr. Green suggested that as Leighton had ten bells and Linsdale eight, Leighton be the alternative place to visit, but added that it would be a disgrace to Bedford if the bells were not ready.

Miss Steel seconded, but Mr. Cyril Herbert suggested some other centre more accessible to ringers from the other side of the county. Luton and Biggleswade were other centres.

Mr. C. W. Clarke, Bedford, suggested Woburn, where they were sure of a good ring. They were bad bells at Luton.

A vote resulted: Leighton 10, Biggleswade 6, Woburn 5.

TILSWORTH BELLS.

Mr. F. Vickers, Linslade, thought that if the churchpeople of Bedfordshire could get Canon Baker and Mr. Green on the Advisory Committee they would get the Bedford bells done this year. It appeared that the present Advisory Committee, instead of helping the cause of bellringing, were doing it a lot of harm.

Canon Baker said they could not interfere in the matter of the Advisory Committee, because this was appointed by the Diocesan Conference. The committee was quite ready to listen to the representations of Mr. Rust.

Mr. Sharman: Do they take any notice of him? He went and reported on the bells at Tilsworth, but they did not take any notice. To my idea they are an absolute washout. The people of Tilsworth had been messed about for two years, because they had had the money in the bank all that time to carry out the work. It was disheartening to the people who had raised the money.

The Rev. A. Rust said he was asked to look at the Tilsworth bells, and sent in his report. He said that the bells were in a deplorable condition, and that a clean sweep should be made, but he was just thanked for his letter and heard nothing more about it. Had he been asked his opinion he would have suggested an iron frame, but the Advisory Committee was keen on having wood frames. Architects, for some reason, always thought they should have wood frames. He had the same trouble at Husbome Crawley, and insisted on an iron frame. He was afraid they were going to have a battle over wood or iron frames.

Mr. Sharman: Yet the bell founders say they cannot guarantee a wood frame.

Mr. J. Nicholls: They cannot get seasoned oak nowadays.

Mr. Vickers said he advised the people of Tilsworth to get a new treble bell and make a peal of six. They raised £400, and the late Vicar, Mr. Green, gave them £50 for the new bell. This £450 had been lying in the bank since 12 months last June. They could not get on with the job because the Advisory Committee would not budge. The Church Council said they would have the job done as they wanted, or not spend the money.

Mr. Sharman said that at Totternhoe a band of young ringers raised money outside the parish for a new treble bell, but the Advisory Committee had tried to put obstacles in their way.

Canon Baker replied that nothing could be done without a faculty, and the Chancellor of the diocese would not issue one except on the

advice of the Advisory Committee. He did not know what they could do except protest.

Mr. Sharman said if there was an organ with two or three bad pipes, it was replaced by a new one, but they must not change a bell which was out of tune. What could they do if the bells were recast without applying for a faculty?

The Rev. A. Rust replied that they could be made to take them down again.

Mr. Green could not understand the Advisory Committee having the least objection to bells being rehung. Whether it was a wood or iron frame should rest with the bell hanger. If he said it was much wiser to have steel they should have it. He could not understand Tilsworth having £450 in hand and the bells not being rung. He would have thought that the villagers would have been up in arms ('They are'). For the Advisory Committee to keep people waiting like that was absurd.

Mr. C. Herbert said the reason given for not favouring bells in metal frames was that they spoiled the tone of the bells.

Canon Baker said he would raise the question at the next diocesan conference, and tell them of the indignation that had been expressed.

THE SIX-BELL PEAL CONTROVERSY.

Canon Baker asked for some expression of opinion on what he described as the very vexed question of five and six bell peals. He had been ringing for 50 years, and did not think they could do better than stick to the old way of having seven seven-twenties, which were complete in themselves.

After discussion, Canon Baker said he felt that the association did not wish for an alteration in the rules that would allow bits of seven-twenties being rung and pieced together to be called a peal.

A welcome to the members, on behalf of the Vicar and churchwardens, was given by one of the Leighton churchwardens, Mr. W. Gill, who said it was nice to have a predominant vote in favour of Leighton Buzzard for the next meeting. Referring to the excellent way in which the art of bellringing was carried out, he said ringers had very little idea what it would mean to outsiders if they lost their bells. He did not know of another theme more appealing than bellringing, and could not imagine what a town or village would be like without it.

Canon Baker, in reply, expressed thanks to the Vicars of Leighton and Linslade for the use of the belfries.

New members elected were Mr. F. Bennett and Miss Sear, Totternhoe.

It was decided to hold the summer festival at Barton.

The ringing at All Saints' Church included touches of Stedman Triples, Grandsire Caters, Little Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Stedman Caters, Plain Bob Major, Bob Royal, Cambridge Surprise Major, and Little Bob Royal. Touches in various methods were also rung at Linslade.

IRISH ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN BRANCH MEET AT ARMAGH.

The second annual general meeting of the Northern Branch of the Irish Association was held at the Cathedral, Armagh, on Easter Monday, when about 70 members and friends travelled from Belfast. A short service in the Cathedral was conducted by the Dean (Very Rev. Forde Tichborne, M.A.), assisted by the Very Rev. W. Dowse, M.A., Dean of Connor, and the Rev. Canon C. C. Manning, M.C., M.A., Vicar of Holywood. The Rev. W. J. Parr, of Carrickfergus, presided at the organ.

The Dean of Armagh gave a most interesting review of the history of the city and the Cathedral.

The meeting was held in the Music Room of the Cathedral, where over forty members from Belfast, Carrickfergus, Holywood and Bangor attended.

The following officers were re-elected: President, Mr. W. Young, Carrickfergus; hon. treasurer, Mr. R. Adamson, Belfast; hon. secretary, Mr. W. Pratt, Holywood. New officers elected were Rev. Canon Manning as chaplain, and the Rev. W. J. Pass as organist.

The secretary's report showed that the association was in a very healthy condition, and that an interest was being taken in change ringing by other towers in the North. The four quarterly meetings during the past year had been well attended, and formed the basis for introducing the art to the ringers of the towers visited. The membership is at present 46, but it is hoped that by next year this will be very much increased. The members cannot yet claim a peal, but the Holywood band obtained their first extent of Doubles last August and 720 of Plain Bob on March 8th of this year, during a visit of Mr. Morris J. Morris, and since then several short touches of Triples.

The Dean was the guest at luncheon, and afterwards conducted the party over the Cathedral and library of Armagh. The observatory was also visited.

A demonstration of carillon ringing was given at the Roman Catholic Cathedral in the city by the Cathedral organist, Mr. T. W. Holden.

A most successful meeting was held, and the thanks of the members are due to the Dean, who made the splendid arrangements.

PEALS ON FIVE AND SIX BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In each of your last three issues the Exercise has been urged not to be in too much of a hurry to come to any decision about this vexed question of peals on five and six bells. I quite agree with the wisdom of giving time and common sense of the Exercise every opportunity to play their part, but we must not let this wisdom blind us to the other side of the question. We must not 'drift.' Neither must we forget that the Central Council meeting is an annual affair, and that what it does not decide on one Whit Tuesday it does not get another chance to discuss till twelve months later.

I want now to discuss certain points with an eye on the present and future, i.e., not taking into consideration whether they satisfy the ambiguous rules of the past or not. And in so doing, may I express the hope that others of your readers will criticise my views and put forward their own, because I believe that this is a way in which we of the rank and file of the Exercise can be of very real service to those whom we elect to be members of the Central Council, and whom, after all, whether as delegates or representatives, we more or less expect to reproduce between them the general feeling of the Exercise.

Let us take first the real cause and crux of the whole argument—Mr. Bankes James' peal of Cambridge Minor. Now I am quite sure, both from my own experience and from perusing the many letters on the subject in this paper, that the majority of the Exercise would be sorry to see this ingenious composition banned; I am equally certain that, according to the interpretation of the present rule which is held by the majority of the Exercise, it does not satisfy the conditions for a true peal. It is this unsatisfactory state of affairs which must at all costs be put right at the earliest opportunity. How is this to be done? Well, it is not at all an easy problem, but do not let us shirk it on that account.

I assume it agreed (for the purpose of this argument) that we want to keep the Bankes James' peal, and therefore we must frame our conditions so that without any hint of ambiguity or being let in by the side-door it satisfies them.

Supposing first that the Council decides at Whitsun that it is premature to come to a complete decision on the matter of peals on five and six bells, and therefore leaves it over for another year for further investigation and discussion, may I urge that in this case they will put matters on a more satisfactory footing by passing a resolution worded somehow like this: 'That pending a decision as to what shall constitute a peal on five and six bells this Council will in the meantime accept the performance of Mr. Bankes James' arrangement of Cambridge Minor as a peal.' This would at least put things on a consistent basis until the whole matter is cleared up.

And now let us tackle the bigger problem. If we want to frame rules which admit the Bankes James' arrangement, there are three possibilities:—

(i.) A rule which admits not only this but certain other arrangements which have not yet proved their value by the 'acid test of experience,' and which I, personally, do not advocate letting in (at least, at present).

(ii.) A rule which lets the arrangement of Cambridge Minor in but keeps others out. This is well nigh impossible, and would certainly have to be done by back-door tactics, and must therefore be discarded.

(iii.) Letting it in boldly as an exception. This is rather drastic, but it seems the only consistent and logical way out of the difficulty.

To make it quite clear, my policy is to accept the Bankes James' arrangement of Cambridge Minor, and to refuse the others, which include Mr. Law James' London Minor and Mr. Morris' Grandshire Doubles. I am quite prepared to argue my full reasons for this with any of your readers but I must not trespass on your space to do it here. Suffice it to say that the chief argument is that the Cambridge Minor fulfils a need which the others do not, and that it has proved its worth by the 'acid test of experience,' which the others have not.

I will now proceed to set down as briefly as possible a series of suggested rules and conditions which I put forward as a possible way out of the difficulty:—

(i.) Add words to the present condition: 'On all numbers of bells a true peal shall in all cases start from and end with rounds,' to make it quite clear that the word 'peal' includes 'extents' on six and five bells.

(ii.) Pass resolution 'that peals of Minor shall consist of at least seven true and complete 720's, each one satisfying the conditions for "extents" given above in (i.), i.e., each starting from and ending with rounds.'

(iii.) Splicing to be encouraged, but to be kept within the bounds of each 720, i.e., splice as many methods as you like into any 720, but keep the seven 720's themselves separate.

(iv.) Pass resolution 'That in view of the exceptional circumstances of Cambridge Minor, of which there is only one 720 with 5-6 the right way, the Central Council will accept as a peal seven or more 720's of this method, provided only that each contains no repetitions (the 720's may be divided at handstroke for this purpose), that they are joined by ordinary plain or bobbed changes,

and that the peal comes round at the end.'

(N.B.—The actual wording of this would require some thought, but I hope that I have made its aim and object plain enough.)

This rough outline lays no claim to perfection, but I think that it is a reasonable and practicable way out of the difficulty, and that it is consistent and satisfies the views of the majority of the Exercise. I have not mentioned Doubles, but my intention would be to keep them in line with Minor, i.e., at least 42 separate 120's, each starting from and ending with rounds. I do not consider that as yet any exceptions to this are necessary.

I have stated my policy boldly, if briefly. I will refrain from expanding and explaining it in further detail until I see what criticisms are levelled at it.—Yours faithfully,
STEPHEN H. WOOD.
Glasgow.

METHOD SPLICING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I read in 'The Ringing World' that at the annual meeting of the Suffolk Guild the following resolution was passed: 'The splicing of methods is theoretically unsound. But if this departure from strict regularity is allowed, the splicing of extents in five or six-bell ringing should be allowed also.' It would be interesting to know the reason why method splicing is unsound in theory, but none is given in your report of the meeting.

Will the hon. secretary of the Suffolk Guild please say if any reasons were advanced? Method splicing is being very widely practised on all numbers of bells, but it is apparent from the correspondence lately published in your paper that many ringers are against any form of change, or any widening of the scope of ringing. The resolution in question is but another instance of this, and surely the large number of ringers who practice method splicing are entitled to know any reasons against their doing so. For if spliced experts are ruled out at the next Central Council meeting, we may expect an attempt to get spliced methods ruled out also.—Yours faithfully,
C. T. COLES.

PRESENTATION TO MR. W. JUDGE.

APPRECIATION OF SERVICES AT TACKLEY TOWER.

On Sunday evening, April 7th, an interesting function took place in the belfry of the Parish Church of Tackley, Oxon, when a presentation of a silver inkstand, in the shape of a bell, was made to Mr. William Judge, on his leaving the village for Kirtlington.

Mr. Judge had been in Tackley for seven and a half years as village blacksmith, and during that period he had given to the struggling ringers all the help he could. He came just at the time when the movement was on foot for augmenting the ring of five bells to six.

The ringers wish to tender Mr. Judge their most sincere thanks for all he has done, and they hope he will visit them during the fine weather as often as convenient.

Mr. E. F. Honour, deputy foreman, made the presentation on behalf of the ringers, and in a few words he expressed the feelings of those whom he had helped so unstintingly and brought to such a degree of success in the art of ringing, so that none can have any fear in taking a bell in a six-bell tower.

The present was supplied by Mr. T. E. Russell, of Woking, and was much admired by many.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

In cold, but pleasant weather, a general meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held at Whitby on Easter Monday. By the courtesy of the Rector and churchwardens, the ring of ten at the Parish Church of St. Mary were available throughout the day, and some sixty members made good and continuous use of them in a variety of methods.

A meeting of the general committee was held in the Church Vestry in the afternoon, following which tea was served at Hood's Cafe on the Marine Parade, and the business meeting was held. To the great regret of the meeting, the president (Rev. C. C. Marshall) was unable to be present, owing to clerical duties demanding his presence at Leeds. Mr. J. Cotterell was voted to the chair, and letters of apology for non-attendance were announced from Messrs. A. Walker, G. Halksworth, G. Lewis, J. Broadley, F. Clark, and J. Lawson.

An invitation having been received from Huntingdon, near York, it was agreed to hold the September meeting there.

At this juncture, the Rector of Whitby, Rev. Canon C. A. Hone, extended a hearty welcome to the association, and gave a most interesting description of the architecture of the Parish Church, which combines beauty with quaintness in its varied style.

The very kind and hearty chat was greatly appreciated, and a vote of thanks to the Rector and wardens, and the local company of Whitby for their kind arrangements, on being moved and seconded by Messrs. A. C. Fearnley and J. W. Addison respectively, was carried with acclamation.

Mr. G. F. Alexander briefly responded.

In announcing the date of the Snowdon Dinner, to be held at Sheffield on September 21st, the General Secretary urged members to do all in their power to make that gathering a success.

Further ringing brought to a close a most pleasant and successful meeting.

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

FELKIRK'S FINE OLD CHURCH.

A meeting was held at Felkirk on Saturday, April 13th, when members attended from Sandal, Royston, Wath, Hoylandswaine, Shelley, and the local company. The bells commenced ringing early in the afternoon, and members arriving late had the benefit of hearing the bells at their best. The tower, standing in open country, lends itself to sound and perspective. This Felkirk Church, which sounds rather Scottish, but is not, is ancient and honoured in its varied styles of architecture. On entering the church one is struck by the sight of bases, clustered circular columns, and capitals of a Norman archway in the west end of the nave, in a design so pure, refined and chaste that it is doubtful if even the Norman work in Norwich or Durham Cathedrals can surpass it. Around and on this work has been built the present Gothic structure in Early and Late styles. It consists of nave, north and south aisles, with clerestory, porch and noble tower. In the churchyard stands an old school built in the scholastic Tudor style, quiet and unpretentious, yet from its only door have passed boys and men who have lived to uphold the good name of Felkirk. To-day it is used for meetings and other gatherings, and as a room for clergy and choir, from which they walk in solemn procession across the churchyard.

The Vicar, Rev. H. R. H. Coney, M.A., was probably the most interested person at Saturday's meeting. His eagerness to serve and care for the members was kindness itself. Service, which consisted of special and appropriate prayers and two hymns, was conducted by the Vicar, who also gave an address on the influence of bells and their great power for good.

Tea was enjoyed in the school, the Vicar presiding at the meal and at the subsequent business meeting.

The next meeting is to be held at Shelley. A vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens, the ladies and the local company for all arrangements so well made, was proposed by Mr. W. Keyner, who rejoiced in the all-round acknowledgment which the ringers received from the clergy, churchwardens, Church Council and Mrs. Finch.—The Vicar acknowledged the vote, and said he hoped to see the association meet again at Felkirk.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES BRANCH.

A quarterly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at the beautiful Church of All Saints, Westbury, Wilts, on Saturday, April 6th. Ringing commenced on the glorious ring of eight (tenor 35 cwt.), cast by Messrs. Taylor and Co. in 1921, about 2.45 p.m., a new addition to the branch from Guildford, standing 6ft. 4in., raising the tenor, and continued in methods ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Double Norwich till 4.40 p.m., when the Guild service was conducted by the curate (the Rev. A. H. Mock), the lesson being read by the chairman of the branch, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham, and Mr. J. N. L. Jefferies being the organist.

Tea followed in the Church Institute, to which 35 sat down, including the Vicar (the Rev. E. C. Alexander, R.D.).

A short business meeting followed, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham presiding. He thanked the Vicar for his efforts as Rural Dean, to get a representative of the Guild on the Bishop's Advisory Board.

Mr. H. A. Gummer, of Devizes, was elected a member of the Guild. The Chairman brought forward the question of the powers of the representatives to the Central Council, and, after discussion, a vote of confidence in the representative of the branch, Mr. S. Hillier, was passed, the same to be noted in the minutes.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to the curate for conducting the service, to the organist, and to those who prepared the tea.—The Vicar, in reply, said he was pleased to welcome the branch to Westbury, and explained what he had done towards getting a representative on the Advisory Board. He hoped that the Guild would persevere until there was someone put on the board.

This concluded the business.

Ringers were present from Westbury, Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), Bratton, Buckhorn Weston, Chippenham, North Bradley, Swindon, Weston, Mere, Melksham, Warminster and Trowbridge. Touches of Grandsire Doubles, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent, Cambridge and Double Norwich were rung during the afternoon and evening.

North Bradley and Bromham were suggested for the next two meetings.

In 'Highways and Byways of Wiltshire,' Edward Hutton, writing of Westbury, says: 'The church is a noble building, dedicated in honour of All Saints. It is a cruciform building, with fine central perpendicular tower, consisting of clerestoried nave of four bays, with aisles, and north chapel (this is the Penleigh or Becket Chapel, now the baptistry), and north and south transepts, chancel with north and south chapels, and two porches. . . . The south chancel chapel (now the Lady Chapel) is that of the Willoughbys. The north chancel chapel (now the vestry and organ chamber) is that of the Mandits. But whose is the recessed tomb in the south transept? Perhaps a Pavely lies there. The Caroline monument there, with effigies, is that of Sir James Ley, who became Earl of Marlborough, and of his wife.'

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

A quarterly meeting was held at Pontypridd on Saturday last. The bells, a sweet, light ring of eight by Taylor, were made good use of during the afternoon, various methods being rung by members who mustered well from both Glamorganshire and Monmouthshire. Among the visitors was Mr. W. Knight, of St. Stephen's, Bristol. The Vicar (Rev. Parry-Pryce) officiated at the service, assisted by his curate. Then followed tea, which had been generously provided in the adjoining Church Room. The subsequent business meeting was presided over by the Vicar.

At the outset, the Hon. Secretary (Mr. J. W. Jones) mentioned that since the last meeting four of the members had died, including the first Master of the association, Mr. Evan Davies, of Caerleon, Mr. H. Morgan, of Newport, Mr. A. J. Harford, of Bedwas, and a life member, Mr. Joe Sykes, of Huddersfield. As a last tribute of respect, all stood in silence for a few moments.

Instructors' reports were received, and under the heading on the agenda of 'Augmentations and restorations,' the Hon. Secretary announced that it was proposed to instal a new peal of eight bells in the beautiful church tower at Ebbw Vale, Mon.—A grant of £5 was made to the fund.

A letter was read from Mr. E. Guise, hon. secretary of the Bristol United Guild with reference to the Ringers' Directory, as issued by the Bristol United Guilds. A discussion followed, and it was resolved that the letter be received.

No resolution was passed in regard to the Central Council's agenda for the Whitsun meeting.

New members were elected, including seven from Pontypridd.

It was decided to hold the next Glamorgan meeting at Llantrisant. The next Monmouthshire meeting is to be held at Monmouth.

The usual vote of thanks concluded the business, and the bells were then rung until late in the evening, bringing to a close a very pleasant and successful gathering.

DEATH OF MR. R. TOMPSON, EALING.

Ealing ringers and Middlesex ringers generally have sustained a very real loss in the death of Mr. R. Tompson. Born at Chepstow in 1874, he started ringing at a very early age at St. Mary's Parish Church, Chepstow, where he was, for a great many years, foreman of the tower. While there he rang peals in many methods, including Surprise, in most parts of the West Country before coming to Ealing about five years ago, where he had endeared himself to all. He was a most capable conductor.

The ringers of Ealing highly appreciate the kindly remarks made by the Vicar of Ealing (the Rev. C. J. Sharpe) in the pulpit on Sunday evening, when he said how great a loss the Church had sustained by the death of Mr. Tompson, who was always at his post for service ringing to call the people to church. He had been 'called away,' and that on his silver wedding day, to a higher post. He was taken suddenly ill on April 3rd, and died on April 4th from an internal complaint for which he was too ill to be operated on. The sympathy of all would go out to his wife, son and daughter in their great loss.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire, with bells half-muffled, was rung at St. Stephen's, West Ealing, on Sunday morning, in 49 mins.: H. Folkard 1, J. E. Churchill 2, M. Stacey 3, H. Belcher (conductor) 4, H. J. Hunnisett 5, P. E. Clark 6, E. Harris 7, J. H. Hunnisett 8. And in the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, also half-muffled, was rung at St. Mary's, Ealing, in 53 mins.: P. E. Clark 1, J. E. Walsom 2, J. E. Churchill 3, H. J. Hunnisett 4, A. Harding 5, M. Stacey 6, J. H. Hunnisett (conductor) 7, E. Harris 8.

DEATH OF MR. ARCHIE BREARLEY.

The Sheffield and District Society regret to announce the loss to the Exercise by the death of Mr. Archie Brearley, who died at his home, Wood Royd, Deepcar, on March 27th. Eldest son of the late Mr. David Brearley, he followed his father's business of builder and monumental sculptor, many examples of their skill being evident on every hand. He was a well-known ringer, and had taken part in nearly a hundred peals, and ringing contests.

His interment took place on Saturday, March 30th, at Bolsterstone Churchyard and was attended by a large gathering of relatives and friends. The service in church which was conducted by the Rev. — Mason, Rector of Bolsterstone, was very impressive, the choir and organist being present. Among the hymns were 'Abide with me.' After the committal, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the open grave by Messrs. J. Thorpe, G. Lewis, B. Harrison and S. F. Palmer. Ringing also took place on the tower bells, which were deeply muffled, before and after the interment, but various circumstances prevented a peal being attempted. A touch of 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in 52 mins. by: A. P. Knights 1, J. A. Helliwell 2, W. A. Wooler 3, J. Thorpe (conductor) 4, M. Wilson 5, R. Harrison 6, J. A. Brearley 7, S. F. Palmer 8. Other ringing was taken part in by members from Bradfield, Wortley, the Cathedral and St. Marie's, Sheffield, Ecclesfield and Conisborough.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. (Established 1637.)—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on April 23rd; St. Magnus' on the 25th; *St. Giles', Cripplegate, 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.

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.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, April 20th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is requested. Reports, etc., to hand. Subscriptions due.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield, near Bury.

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.—M. Hanson, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, 2, The Avenue, Tiverton.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Epsom, on Saturday, April 20th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea and meeting in the Parish Room. Hearty welcome to all.—F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, Surrey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Todmorden Parish Church on Saturday, April 20th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. New rules and diagrams (6d. each) and emblems (3d. each) now available. Will tower secretaries please let me know the number of members requiring emblems?—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Gravesend on Saturday, April 20th (*not* 27th, as arranged). Bells available at 3. Association service in church at 5, conducted by the Rector of Gravesend (Rev. Elliott Mitchell). —Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

A JOINT MEETING of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild (South and West District) and the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, April 20th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged at 1s. each. Will those requiring tea kindly notify? All ringers welcome. — Wm. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4, A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, Bucks, Hon. Secs.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District. — The annual meeting will be held at Pontefract on Saturday, April 20th. All Saints' bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in the All Saints' Church House at 1s. 6d. per head. For detailed particulars see circular.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Pendlebury, on Saturday, April 20th. Bells ready 4 o'clock. Meeting at 7 p.m. Chair to be taken by the Vicar. Will members make a special effort to attend?—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—A meeting will be held at Burton Bradstock (6 bells) on Saturday, April 20th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting.—T. Hervey Beams, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Combe Florey on Saturday, April 20th. Service 4.30. Tea and business after.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at the Saviour's Church, Bolton, on Saturday, April 20th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District. — A meeting will be held at Houghton Regis on Saturday, April 20th. Bells (6) will be available at 3 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Wolvey on Saturday, April 20th. Bells available from 4 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—A meeting will be held at Elveden, Suffolk, on Saturday, April 20th. Bells (8) at the Memorial Tower of SS. Patrick and Andrew's Church will be available afternoon and evening. Tea at 5 p.m.—P. W. Fordham, King's Way, Mildenhall.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Loughborough District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Barrow-on-Soar on Saturday, April 20th. The bells will be ready at 3.30 p.m. Reports now to hand.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Southill on Saturday, April 20th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Owing to illness, we are unable to arrange a combined meeting at Biggleswade, as suggested for the Herts, Ely and Bedfordshire Associations.—C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The annual meeting of the Guild will be held at Rugby on Saturday, April 20th. The Parish Church bells (8) will be open for ringing from 2.30. Tea will be provided at 5, at a moderate charge, at the Corner House Café, next to the church. Business meeting will follow. Committee meeting at 4.15.—J. A. Fenton, Gen. Hon. Sec., 6, Frederick Street, Rugby.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held on Saturday, April 20th, at Coleman's Hatch.—Geo. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—The next meeting will be held at Creswell on Saturday, April 20th. All those requiring tea notify Mr. L. W. Bacon, Thanet House, Elmlton Road—J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch. — Combined practice at Easthampstead (near Bracknell), Saturday, April 20th, 6 till 9 p.m. All welcome.—W. J. Paice, Branch Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting and combined practice will be held at Twyford on Saturday, April 20th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow.—C. A. Smith, Hon. Sec., King's Somborne.

NEWMHAM PADDON, WARWICKSHIRE.—Dafodil Sunday, April 21st. Monk's Kirby bells (8) open to visitors, 5 to 6.30 p.m.—M. R. Peacock, Vicar.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A bye-meeting will be held at St. Mary, Walmer, on Saturday, April 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Arrangements for tea will be made for those members attending and who notify me on or before Wednesday, April 24th.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting at Eye on April 27th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea, 1s. each, at the Horse Shoes at 4.30. Meeting follows.—Rev. H. Drake, Ufford Rectory, Woodbridge.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, April 27th. Evensong in the North-West Chapel of the Cathedral at 3.30 p.m., with an address by the Very Rev. the Dean of Lincoln (President of the Guild). Tea at the Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, at 4.15, at 1s. 9d. per head; business meeting immediately afterwards. Ringing at the Cathedral (12) from 1.45 p.m. until service time, and at St. Peter-at-Gowts (6) and St. Botolph's (6) from 2 to 3. The towers will also be open for ringing after the business meeting until 9 o'clock. All members requiring tea should send their names to Mr. G. Chester, 16, Carline Road, Lincoln, not later than by Wednesday's post, April 24th.—F. W. Stokes, Hon. Sec., Blankney, Lincoln.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Burgess Hill on Saturday, April 27th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in Parish Hall, Cyprus Road, about 1s. Important.—Those who intend to be present please notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday previous to meeting. Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.). — A. D. Stone, Hon. Divisional Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Weekley (6) on Saturday, April 27th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by Tuesday, April 23rd?—H. Baxter, Silver Street, Broughton, Kettering.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wilby on Saturday, April 27th. The arrangements will be as usual. The address at the service will be given by the Rev. A. W. Laws, Vicar of Irchester. Tea will be provided (free) to all who notify me not later than Tuesday, April 23rd.—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at West Lulworth on Saturday, April 27th. Bells (also Wool) available at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Eye on Saturday, April 27th. Bells available 2 p.m. Tea at the Horse Shoes, 4.30, at 1s. each. Those requiring tea please notify by Thursday, April 25th.—A. J. Berry, Hon. Dis. Sec., Thornham Magna, near Eye.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Chester le Street on Saturday, April 27th, when we hope the members will turn up well. Bells will be available after 2 p.m. Tea at 5.—H. Tyson, Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Osyth on Saturday, April 27th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, 1s. each. Nearest station, Great Bentley (4 miles). All wishing to attend please notify by Tuesday, April 23rd.—R. W. Stannar, 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch, 1879-1929.—The branch annual meeting and jubilee celebration has been arranged at Boyne Hill on Saturday, April 27th. Bells available: Bray (6), 3 to 4 p.m.; Boyne Hill (8), 3 to 4.30 p.m. Guild service at 4.30 p.m., with an address by Rt. Rev. E. Domett Shaw, D.D., Archdeacon of Oxford. High tea in the Parish Hall, Rutland Road, Maidenhead, at 5.30 p.m., at 2s. 6d. per head. Admission by ticket. Rebate of 1s. allowed to branch members who have paid their subscriptions. Business meeting 6.30 p.m., to be followed by a concert. Names for tea, and remittance, must reach me not later than Monday, April 22nd.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's, Erith, on Saturday, April 27th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. It is essential that all who require tea should notify me by first post Tuesday, April 23rd.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Campsall on Saturday, April 27th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided for all those who notify H. Bradley, High Street, Norton, Doncaster, not later than first post Friday, April 26th. A good attendance is requested.—Percy Gledstone, Hon. Sec., 34, Silverwood View, Conisbrough.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Abbott's Leigh on April 27th. The bells will be available from 3 p.m. There will be no service. Tea 5 p.m. Will all members make an effort to be present, advising G. Way, 12, Seymour Road, Bishopston, Bristol?

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Husband's Bosworth on Saturday, April 27th. Bells (5) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea, at 5.15 p.m., for those who advise me not later than Thursday, 25th. This is the first meeting to be held at this tower; it is hoped that members will do their best to support it. All ringers and friends welcome. — Alban Disney, Dis. Hon. Sec., 19, Houlditch Road, Knighton Fields, Leicester.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech Branch. — A district meeting will be held at Chatteris, Cambridge, on Saturday, April 27th. Bells (6) ready from 2 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting. Will those who want tea please let me know by April 24th? All ringers are welcome. A united gathering is hoped for.—H. W. Giddings, 101, Elwyn Road, March, Cambridge.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Havant on Saturday, April 27th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, with address by the Archdeacon of Portsmouth. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea kindly inform me by Wednesday, 24th? All ringers welcome. — F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY. — The annual meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, April 27th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m. All ringers welcome.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Presteigne District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Dilwyn on Saturday, April 27th. Bells (6) available 4 p.m. Service 5.30. Tea at 6, free, to all who notify me not later than Wednesday, April 24th. Business meeting to follow.—Jb. Preece, Dis. Sec., Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Pembridge.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting of the above Guild will be held at Pluckley and Egerton on April 27th. Towers open: Pluckley, 2.30 to 5 p.m.; Egerton, 5.30 to 8.30 p.m. Tea at Mrs. Missings, Rochdale, Egerton, 5 p.m. Yellow car leaves Ashford for Pluckley 2.35. Pluckley to Egerton 4.50. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Garden, Tenterden.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Coalbrookdale on Saturday, April 27th. Bells (10) available 2.30. Meeting in Parish Hall 5 o'clock. Tea (1s. each) at 6 o'clock. All ringers welcome. Kindly send number requiring tea before the 22nd to Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—The next meeting will be held at Belper on Saturday, April 27th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting in belfry 4.30 p.m. Annual reports (6d.) can be obtained at this meeting. All ringers welcome. — George Freebrey, Local Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The general meeting will be held at Leeds Parish Church on Saturday, April 27th. Bells available from 5.30 p.m. Business meeting in the tower 7.30 p.m. All towers are requested to be represented.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The bells of S. Nicholas' Church, Newbury (8) will be rededicated by the Right Rev. Bishop Shaw on Sunday, April 28th, at 3 p.m. Tea at 4.30. All ringers welcome. Tea will be provided for those who let me know by Wednesday, April 24th.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Meeting at St. James', Clerkenwell, on Saturday, May

4th. The bells, recently recast and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Tea, by invitation of Vicar and churchwardens, at 5, to those who accept by April 30th. *Please advise me.* Social evening at 8 p.m. A hearty welcome is extended to all ringers.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Woolhope on Saturday, May 4th. Bells (6) available 3.30 to 8.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Please notify me not later than April 30th.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Brindle Parish Church on Saturday, May 4th. Bells available from 2.30.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. — Our next meeting will be held on Saturday, May 4th, at St. Peter's Church, Burnley. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. A good attendance requested.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Next meeting will be held at Worksop on Saturday, May 4th. It is hoped a good number will attend. There being plenty of cafés and restaurants open, visitors will make own arrangements for tea. Fixture cards will be available for forthcoming two years.—R. Harrison, Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Great Easton on Saturday, May 4th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, April 30th.—W. Arnold, Dis. Sec., Holt Street, Earl's Colne.

HERTS ASSOCIATION. — Bushey, Saturday, May 11th.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—In conjunction with the Liverpool Diocesan Guild the half-yearly meeting will be held at St. Helens on Saturday, May 11th. The Bishop of Liverpool has provisionally promised to attend.—W. H. Shuker, A. Tomlinson and C. I. Davies, Hon. Secs.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The festival will be held at Bridport on Saturday, May 11th. Service at 12.30. Preacher: Right Rev. Bishop Joscelyn. Luncheon at Greyhound Hotel 1.15 p.m. Charge 1s. Annual business meeting to follow. Towers open: Beaminster, Bradpole, Bridport, Whitchurch Canonorum (8), Burton Bradstock, Litton Cheney, Lodors, Netherbury, Symondsburry (6). All ringers welcome. Those requiring lunch please send in their names to T. Hervey Beams, Bradpole, Bridport, Dorset, by May 6th.—F. Llewellyn Edwards, Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Chippenham, Wilts, on Whit Monday, May 20th. Business meeting 2.30 p.m. Luncheon and tea being arranged. Notice of motion to delete part of Rule 1 is given. Any further alteration or deletion of rules must be given on or before April 22nd. Full details later.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

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KILBURN, LONDON.—At St. Augustine's, on Low Sunday, April 7th, for evensong, 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins.: L. Hicks 1, G. Moon 2, C. Conway 3, R. Gilbert 4, A. Gardner 5, E. M. Atkins (conductor) 6. First 720 on the bells without cover bells, and first by all except conductor. Rung to mark the close of the Easter octave, and on the eve the festival of the Annunciation of Our Lady.

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