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BIG INCREASE IN PEAL RINGING.

The peals analysis, which is published this week, reveals a big increase in the number of peals rung during 1930 compared with the preceding year. For the second time only in the annals of ringing the total has passed two thousand. The one previous occasion where this happened was in 1913, when the total reached 2,358. Last year the figure was 2,014. To the extent that peal ringing represents the efficiency of ringers, the rise of 349 in the number of peals is a very satisfactory mark of progress. There are many factors which enter into success in peal ringing and too much importance must not be attached to any increase or decrease in the aggregate of peals rung, but an examination of the details, so carefully compiled by the Analysis Committee, will reveal features which are not only interesting, but which are, we think, a real indication of progress. For instance, the number of ringers who scored their first peal was 96 more than in the preceding year, and the number who rang their first peal in a new method or in a method on a different number of bells was 345 more. There were a greater number of new conductors, and among the increases in the peals themselves it will be found that out of the 104 additional peals of Major no fewer than 93 were Surprise peals.

These facts point to an increasing interest and desire to advance; they indicate that peal ringing made a wider appeal than for many years past and in so far as this encourages a better standard of service ringing, it is all to the good. There are, of course, some people who consider that peal ringing serves very little purpose except to satisfy personal ambition. It is true that success in peal ringing provides the ringers with a good deal of individual gratification and pleasure; but it is also true, as a general rule, that peal ringers are better ringers than those who never seek to go beyond short touches, for the simple reason that the longer practice and the greater concentration necessary for peal ringing has its effect upon the 'training' of the ringer. Nor is this the only justification for peal ringing. At its best it is the highest form of the art and brings out in the fullest degree mental and physical qualities which are, in comparison, very lightly called upon in the ringing of lesser lengths.

It is, of course, impossible to say precisely to what reason or reasons the sudden jump of 349 peals in one year is due. The two preceding years had shown distinct declines; 1930 made a new spring forward. Undoubtedly it is partly accounted for by a fairly general increase of ambition in peal ringing, but it would be interesting to know if it was also in any way due to a more

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'successful' year than usual; whether, that is to say, fewer peals were lost. It would be easier to judge the measure of progress if we had, in addition to the records of successes, some indication of the proportion of failures. If associations could induce their members to keep count of their failures, as well as recording the peals actually rung, the information which would then be available over a series of years would be even more conclusive of progress, or otherwise, than the figures at present available, which record only the completed achievements. But, whatever the reason, 1930 must go down in history as one of the greatest of peal ringing years, not only in the number, but in the quality of the methods rung and in the encouragement which has obviously been given to young and aspiring ringers. For the knowledge which the Exercise is able to gain year by year from the interesting tables, which have been compiled now for exactly fifty years, they have to thank a little body of ringers—who may change in personnel but not in the spirit of willingness to give time and infinite labour—who work week in, week out, with punctilious care to ensure that the analysis shall faithfully and accurately record for all time what the Exercise throughout the world is doing in the way of peal ringing.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

SIDNEY T. HOLT Treble	* HAROLD F. MARTIN 6
FRANK LAWRENCE 2	WILLIAM RANFORD 7
* MISS AMY R. JOHNSON 3	† HARRY PRICE 8
* ARTHUR J. MARTIN 4	CYRIL TANSELL 9
ROBERT G. KNOWLES 5	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal. Arranged and rung on the occasion of the enthronement of Dr. A. W. Perowne as Bishop of the Diocese of Worcester.

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, March 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

* CHARLES H. SONE Treble	CHARLES W. PLAYER 6
THOMAS E. SONE 2	† ALEXANDER WADDINGTON 7
MRS. H. BAKER 3	ALBERT RELFE 8
GEORGE EDWARDS 4	† LUTHER J. HONESS 9
HARRY BAKER 5	KENNETH PATTENDEN Tenor

Composed by LOUIS HEAD. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
* 175th peal. † First peal of Grandsire Caters and first attempt.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, March 21, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

CHARLES DAVIS Treble	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH 5
RICHARD C. INGRAM 2	MORRIS J. MORRIS 6
FRED PRICE 3	GEORGE F. SWANN 7
* FRANK E. HAYNES 4	HARRY COOK Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD C. INGRAM.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples on tower bells. Rung in honour of Mr. W. Cooper's 83rd birthday. He has been a member of the local band for 59 years.

ST. ALBANS.

ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND
AND THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 21, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes.

AT THE ABBEY.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

BRO. W. NASH, Mimmine Lodge, No. 4932. Treble	
W. BRO. W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM, L.R. P.B. G.S.N., Old Albanian	
No. 4999. 2	
BRO. H. HODGETTS, Wilson Hles, No. 2054. 3	
BRO. JOHN D. MATTHEWS, Rose of Denmark, No. 975. 4	
BRO. WM. G. WHITEHEAD, Abercorn, No. 1549. 5	
BRO. H. E. C. GOODENOUGH, Semper Fidelis, No. 4393. 6	
BRO. STAFFORD H. GREEN, Whitgift, No. 3617. 7	
BRO. FREDERICK WHITE, Holmesdale, No. 874. Tenor	

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by S. H. GREEN.

Bro. John D. Matthews was elected a member of the association previous to starting. All the above are Master Masons.

SKELTON-IN-CLEVELAND.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 21, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

*ALAN GARNER Treble	G. KEMBALL 5
†MISS E. GARNER 2	P. WILFORD 6
†B. PYBOS 3	R. LAUGHTON 7
A. LAING TAYLOR 4	C. ROBINSON Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by C. ROBINSON.

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

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 21, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROBERT MATTHEWS Treble	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 5
JOHN BASS 2	HAROLD V. COOPER 6
JAMES HEMMING 3	HECTOR G. BIRD 7
THOMAS HEMMING 4	JOHN LLOYD Tenor

Composed by J. PIGOTT. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

Specially arranged for Mr. James Hemming, the genial secretary of the Southern Branch of this association, it being his first peal in the method.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, March 23, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF IPSWICH SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ALBERT E. WHITING Treble	GEORGE BENNETT 5
JAMES BENNETT, JUN. 2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	T. WILLIAM LAST 7
GEORGE WHITING 4	LESLIE G. BRETT Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN H. WOOD. Conducted by T. W. LAST.

First peal in the method by all the band and for the Suffolk Guild.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 23, 1931, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE.

A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

P.S. ALBERT LAWRENCE Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE 5
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
*JOHN H. CRAMPION 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
JOHN T. KENTISH 4	*WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by G. LEWIS. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* First peal in the method.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 26, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS-THE-MARTYR.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*NORMAN PATTERSON Treble	†HAROLD B. DITCHBURN 5
†THOMAS STEPHENSON 2	JOHN J. LEIGHTON 6
†FRANK AINSLEY 3	JOSEPH W. PARKER 7
MICHAEL F. HARRISON 4	ROBERT L. PATTERSON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

* First attempt for a peal of Treble Bob. † First peal in the method.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 26, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL.

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

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

S. WARNE Treble	ALBERT WIFFEN 5
HERBERT CHARLES REASON 2	FREDERICK T. ELY 6
FRED RIDGEWELL 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
*REGINALD MARTIN 4	BASIL RIDGEWELL Tenor

Composed by C. A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

* First peal of Major. A wedding compliment to Miss Kitty Young and Mr. F. Melbourne, youngest son of Mr. W. G. Melbourne, who has been a member of the Braintree company for 35 years, and rung at the first opportunity after the wedding.

EAST TYTHERLEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F.	
GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	WILFRED ANDREWS 5
REGINALD BROWN 2	D. CECIL WILLIAMS 6
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 3	WILLIAM E. CHEATER 7
LEONARD HARRIS 4	WILLIAM G. GALE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OLAVE, HART STREET.

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

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

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

WALTER CHARNAN Treble	C. ERNEST SMITH 5
*NORMAN V. HARDING 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON 6
*ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 3	RAYMOND OVERY 7
*FREDERICK W. ROGERS 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Composed by F. W. ROGERS. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal in the method. N. V. Harding was proposed a member of the association before starting.

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HUGHENDEN, BUCKS. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in C.

MISS E. DORIS BLENCOWE Treble	RALPH H. BIGGS ... 5
*FREDERICK J. RUSSELL ... 2	FRED BIGGS ... 6
WILLIAM E. TAYLOR ... 3	GEORGE GILBERT ... 7
ROLAND BIGGS ... 4	†ERNEST TUCK ... Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal. This is Mr. Ralph Biggs' 107th peal on these bells.

BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 18½ cwt.

FRED HINDLE ... Treble	RICHARD BALDERSTONE ... 5
WILLIAM HORAN ... 2	WILLIAM H. HUNTER ... 6
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 7
F. FRANKLAND RIGBY ... 4	HERBERT DAVENPORT ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

Arranged for W. H. Hunter, and was his first peal in the method.

KELSALE, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

JAMES G. RUMSEY ... Treble	JAMES M. BAILEY ... 5
*A. ROY WOODARD ... 2	GEORGE WILSON ... 6
ERNEST S. BAILEY ... 3	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... 7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a compliment to Mr. C. E. Fisher, of Ufford.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

HELMDON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, March 24, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's.

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr.

*JOHN LEADBEATER ... Treble	*FRANK J. BALDWIN ... 4
ERNEST PEARSON ... 2	MAURICE SMITH ... 5
*CECIL HINTON ... 3	JOHN MARDELL ... Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE SMITH.

* First peal of Minor.

HODNET, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, and five 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb. in F.

WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... Treble	WILLIAM J. CHESTER ... 4
G. LEONARD HEWITT ... 2	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 5
ALFRED S. BAYLEY ... 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... Tenor

Conducted by A. GREENFIELD.

First peal on the bells, which were cast by Thomas Rudhall, of Gloucester, in 1769, and have recently been tuned and rehung in a frame for eight by Taylor and Co.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Thursday, March 26th, at the Church of St. Mary, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,251 changes) in 48 mins.: R. Maynard, jun. (conductor) 1, F. C. Maynard 2, J. A. Waugh 3, J. H. Wilkins 4, W. B. Manning 5, J. C. Adams 6, R. Maynard, sen., 7, H. F. Hull 8, E. E. Holman 9, J. H. Crampton 10.

HUTTON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 3,600 of Grandsire and 1,440 of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

WILLIAM H. POOLE ... Treble	CHARLES J. BRACKLEY ... 3
*JACK C. BELCHAM ... 2	HARRY TURNER ... 4
GEORGE MILES ... Tenor	

Conducted by H. TURNER.

* First peal 'inside.' Rung as a compliment to the Rev. P. L. Cloughton, who, on March 17th, completed 50 years as Rector of Hutton.

BUTCOMBE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire in 14 different callings. Tenor 6 cwt. 8 lb. in B.

CESAR DAVIS ... Treble	ERNEST TOSSELL ... 4
JEFFERY TOSSELL ... 2	HAROLD BLACKER ... 5
CECIL MOGFORD ... 3	*JOHN WATTS ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD BLACKER.

* First peal in two methods. This is the first peal in two methods on this beautiful little six which were cast and hung by Mears and Stainbank in 1913. The band wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, also Mr. J. Fry for kindly having everything in readiness.

STAPLEGROVE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(TACNTON DEANERY.)

On Saturday, March 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.).

*WILLIAM WARREN ... Treble	WILLIAM GIGG ... 3
WILLIAM H. LLOYD ... 2	*CHARLES TREMLETT ... 4
ARTHUR H. REED ... Tenor	

Conducted by A. H. REED.

* First peal. Rung as a compliment to the Vicar, Dr. Harris, on completion of twenty-five years' service in the parish.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 28, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 each of Burton, Rochester, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kent, Oxford and 960 of Woodbine.

WILLIAM GREEN ... Treble	*JOHN R. MATTOCK ... 3
ARTHUR GILL ... 2	HAROLD CHANT ... 5
ARTHUR PANTHER ... 3	ALBERT NASH ... Tenor

Conducted by A. PANTHER.

* First peal. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar (Rev. L. E. Meredith), after the induction service, which was conducted by the Bishop of Sheffield.

HANDBELL PEAL.

CRETINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, March 22, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. GEORGE WIGHTMAN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16 in B.

WALTER W. MILLER, SEN. ... 1-2	GEORGE WIGHTMAN ... 5-6
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ... 3-4	JOHN ASBON ... 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN
Umpire: STEPHEN WIGHTMAN.

COMBE MARTIN.—At the Parish Church, on Tuesday evening, March 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: T. Yeo 1, C. Rook 2, J. G. S. Sanders 3, R. Gubb 4, L. Walters (first quarter-peal) 5, J. Rook 6, A. H. Hayward (conductor) 7, T. Gubb 8. First quarter-peal on the bells by an entirely local band. All the above are Sunday service ringers.

A YOUNG FAMILY OF RINGERS. PROMISING DARLINGTON CHILDREN.

There is a family of young ringers of great promise in Darlington. The children of Mr. H. Taylor—whose ages range from six to twelve years—are assiduously practising on handbells and making great headway under the instruction of their father. They have only been seriously tackling the job for about six months, but

lady ringers and look forward to the time when they, too, may take part in peals for the Ladies' Guild. As to the boys, they have their eyes on the exploits of such men as William Pye and James George, and are determined not to be satisfied until they can emulate their example. In addition to their change ringing they ring tunes very nicely.

Mr. Taylor is naturally proud of his children's progress, for he is both father and 'mother' to them. Un-



Grace
(aged 8).

MR. H. TAYLOR AND HIS FAMILY OF RINGERS.
Raymond
(aged 9).

Harry
(aged 6).

Ida
(aged 11).

Fred
(aged 12).

already the elder ones can ring Grandsire and Stedman Triples 'double-handed' and an independent witness informs us that he has seen the four oldest with their father ring a perfect course of Grandsire Caters.

Even the six-year-old can ring the treble to Grandsire, and they are all of them intensely interested in all that is going on in the Exercise and follow the doings of some of their campanological 'heroes' with great zest. The girls are keen on the successes that attend the efforts of

happily, Mrs. Taylor has been a helpless invalid for some years, suffering from rheumatoid arthritis, and Mr. Taylor has done everything for the children before and after his own day's work, while the eldest children take their important share in caring for the home and the other members of the family. They are a fine quintet of boys and girls, with a brave father and patient mother, and the children's progress in the art of ringing will be watched with interest.

SIXTY YEARS A RINGER.

One of the best known and most highly respected residents of Ringstead, near Thrapston, Kettering, Mr. Ebenezer Mayes, passed away at Northampton Hospital on March 7th, after an operation for cancer of the mouth.

Mr. Mayes, who had lived at Ringstead all his life, was 78 years of age, and celebrated his golden wedding about four years ago. A lifelong abstainer and non-smoker, he had been wonderfully active up to the last.

Mr. Mayes had been a handsewing craftsman in the boot and shoe trade. He had been a school manager and a member of the Ringstead Temperance Band, and a sacristan. He had been a ringer for upwards of sixty years. The funeral took place on March 11th, after which a muffled 720 of Bob Major was rung by: H. Peacock 1, A. Baxter 2, S. G. Robinson 3, E. Whitmore 4, W. Whitmore 5, F. H. Chapman 6. Many beautiful floral tributes were sent from friends, including one from the ringers. Many friends were at the church and also at the cemetery to pay a last mark of respect, but Mr. G. H. Roberts, a particular friend of the deceased, was unable to be present on account of illness.

ARKSEY CHURCH'S LOSS.

At Arksey, Doncaster, on Sunday, March 22nd, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples (1,288 changes) was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Miss Edith Dunhill, for twelve years Vicar's warden, and a devoted churchworker for close on fifty years. The esteem in which she was held in the village of Arksey was shown by the great number of people who attended the funeral on Saturday, March 21st. The choir and clergy led the procession to the cemetery, and the service was conducted by the Vicar of Arksey (the Rev. J. Pierce Price) and the Vicar of Bentley (the Rev. A. E. B. Wade).

The death of Miss Dunhill, who passed away suddenly at the age of 62 years, leaves a gap in the church life of Arksey that will be exceedingly difficult to fill. She was a great friend of the ringers, and had, a few years ago, replaced the old 'ding dong' chimes with full Cambridge chimes for the clock, in memory of her father and mother.

The quarter-peal was rung by: F. Garner 1, G. Clark 2, E. Lea 3, E. Cooper (conductor) 4, H. Arrand 5, J. McCluskey 6, T. Revill 7, T. Bysouth 8.

STEDMAN CATERS.

A NEW TYPE OF PEAL.

5,016, BY STEPHEN H. WOOD.

231456789 1 2 4-5 8-9 14-15 18-19

342651978	—		x	x	x	x
463152			x	x	x	x
614253			x	x	x	x

125364879	—	s			x	x
231465			x	x	x	x
342561			x	x	x	x
453162			x	x	x	x
514263			x	x	x	x

216453978	—				x	x
142356			x	x	x	x
431652			x	x	x	x
364251			x	x	x	x
623154			x	x	x	x

125463879	—	s			x	x
241365			x	x	x	x
432561			x	x	x	x
354162			x	x	x	x
513264			x	x	x	x

216354	—				x	x
132456			x	x	x	x

Repeated, omitting the bob at 1, gives:—
231456789

231456897 by Bob at 1.

231456789 by Bob at 1.

First rung on February 28th, 1931, at St. Stephen's, Bristol, by the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, conducted by W. A. Cave. This composition contains a large number of calls, most of them 'twin-bobs'; in fact, it looks at first sight more like a peal of Stedman Triples. Perhaps a few words on its construction and musical qualities will be of interest.

If you start from 123456789 and call 2 bobs each time the 5th, 7th, 8th or 9th is behind with one of the other bells, then each of these 4 will be retarded 2 sizes in their work, and they will all come back into their home positions after 20 sixes (i.e., 2 more than an ordinary course). The bobs will have been called at 4, 5, 8, 9, 14, 15, 18, 19, and the course-end produced is 241653789, which repeats 4 times to give a round block of 5 courses. This block is the basis on which the peal is founded.

Now let us look at the musical advantages made possible by its use. If we put the big bells into the 'titlums' position and fix the 5th in 5th's place, we shall get the usual titlums music at the course-end, and we shall also get an —8975 in the middle of the course, and —78 and —59 will come up together behind twice in every course instead of once. Similarly, if we put the bells into the 'handstroke-home' position and fix the 6th in 5th's place, we shall get, in addition to the usual course-end music, a —9876 in the middle of every course, with —79 and —68 dodging together behind twice instead of once. So that really we may say that we are getting twice as much good music in a course only 2 sizes longer than usual.

When we come to putting these courses together into peal form we are at once faced with a difficulty, because when we have called the 4 pairs of twin-bobs at 4-5, 8-9, 14-15 and 18-19 we find that there is no other place in the course where we can make another call without disturbing the fixed bells, so that we can get our 5 courses, but we can get no further. The solution to this difficulty lies in the simple manner in which the bells can be turned from one position to the other and back again. Thus it will be found that if the heavy bells are in the titlums then by calling a 'bob at 2' and omitting the usual bobs at 4-5 and 8-9 they will fall into the handstroke-home position half-way through the course, and vice versa. And if we arrange to do this after the course-end at which the 6th is in treble's place, then it will fall into the correct position in which it has to be fixed when 7, 8, 9 are in the handstroke-home position; and similarly for the 5th when we turn the heavy bells back again. Thus we have a 5-course block of titlums and a 5-course block of handstroke-home linked up into one round block of 10 courses, thus:—

614253978 2 4-5 8-9 14-15 18-19

215463879	—				x	x
142365			x	x	x	x
431562			x	x	x	x
354261			x	x	x	x
523164			x	x	x	x

126354978	—				x	x
231456			x	x	x	x

(Continued in next column.)

THE COLLECTION OF MINOR METHODS.
VIEWS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In order to try and clear the air with regard to the Methods Committee's report, I took the responsibility of sending to each member of the Standing Committee a copy of attached letter, together with one of the enclosed cards, which I have marked with the result of the voting.—Yours sincerely,

W. A. CAVE.

The letter to the members of the committee was in the following terms, and was signed by Mr. Cave as acting secretary of the Council:—

'As a member of the Standing Committee you will have received a circular letter from the hon. secretary of the Council, and also read the protest from the Methods Committee published in "The Ringing World."

'I would ask you to please refer to previous publications of the kind, and then kindly fill in your answers to the questions on the accompanying stamped post-card and return it to me without delay.'

'COLLECTION OF MINOR METHODS.'		Yes.	No.
Should the title page show the names of the Methods Committee?	...	11	3
Should the title page show the names of the executive officers?	...	8	6
Should the publication of the books be proceeded with at once?	...	11	3
Or should publication be delayed till Mr. Young's return early in May?	...	3	11

PRESENTATION TO MR. T. H. VALLANCE.
LEICESTER RINGERS' PARTING GIFT.

Force of circumstances and an opportunity to start in business for himself combined to induce Mr. T. H. Vallance, a well-known Leicester ringer, to seek fresh fields and pastures new and old, for he returns to his own particular place whence he came some twenty years ago.

A native of Stoke Golding, he was bred and fed on six-bell methods, but when he migrated to Leicester he rapidly digested eight and ten bell methods, and thrived on them.

Tom was the first of St. John's company to join up in the Great War, and saw it through to the end. There is another side to his nature. He is a rough diamond in unconscious humour, and when he effervesces and can no longer keep his bottle of fun corked, the readers of this journal inhale the bubbles signed 'A Flat.'

So it was with mixed feelings that a goodly company of ringers from several Leicester churches met at St. John-the-Divine's belfry on Monday night of last week to wish him the best of luck. Touches of Grandshire and Stedman Caters, also a course of Cambridge Royal, were rung, and, after the bells had been lowered, Mr. W. Willson, on behalf of the company, asked Mr. Vallance to accept a polished mahogany mantel clock, on which was inscribed: 'Presented to T. H. Vallance by St. John-the-Divine Society of Ringers, March 23rd, 1931.'

In making the gift, Mr. Willson expressed the regret of all that the severance was to occur, but they all realised that 'there comes a time in the affairs of man,' and they trusted that this effort would carry Mr. Vallance on the tide to success. There would always be a niche and a welcome for him.

Tom, in his reply, was visibly affected, but said that he did not intend to give up ringing; on the contrary, he would return to his old haunts on every opportunity.

Tom Vallance starts in his new sphere with the sincere good wishes of all who know him, and his business career will be followed by his friends with the greatest interest.

(Continued from previous column.)

231456	x	x	x	x
342651	x	x	x	x
463152	x	x	x	x
614253	x	x	x	x

By the introduction of 6 singles operating on the little bells, 1, 2 and 3, 4, we can now extend this to give a block of 40 courses, or 4,800 changes, and this is then spliced in between 3 bobs at 1 to give the peal. Thus, we start with a bob at 1 which puts the bells straight into the body of the peal, ring through the 40 courses till we come round to the same position again, and then call 2 more bobs at 1 to bring the bells round. This gives a length of 5,016, finishing with the plain course.

It may be noted that with the exception of the 8 'bobs at 2' and the 2 'bobs at 1' at the end all the calls are either 'twin-bobs' or singles, so that with these few exceptions all the bells go in alternately 'quick' and 'slow' throughout the peal (as in an ordinary peal of Stedman Triples).

But it is in the music produced in this peal that its chief claim to attention lies, and it is dedicated in particular to those members of the Exercise who argue (and with some reason) that Stedman Caters in the ordinary titlums and handstroke-home positions is 'all right at the course-ends but not very musical in the middle of the courses.'

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The committee of the Norwich Diocesan Association, in their forty-ninth annual report of the fifty-third year of the association, to be presented to the annual meeting on Easter Monday, state that the twelve months that have elapsed since the last annual report have been distinguished by the satisfactory results brought about by the reorganisation of the association into four branches. Eleven branch meetings and two joint meetings were arranged during the year by four branch secretaries. Their reports on the work of the branches may be regarded as a record of progress which may be looked upon with satisfaction and encouragement for the future.

The committee wished to record their thanks to Messrs. W. B. Duncan, W. J. Leo, F. Nolan Golden and W. J. Eldred for their generous services and excellent work rendered for the welfare of all. They regretted the loss by death of six members and fourteen members by resignation. Fifteen members had lapsed during the year by non-payment of their subscriptions, but the election of forty new members and the re-election of three old members made the total membership of the association 830, as against 822 in 1929.

Attention of members was called to one item in the balance sheet and that of the petty cash account, which again for the third year in succession appeared on the credit side of the balance sheet as unpaid and due to the treasurer, and this tended to make such balance sheet misleading as to real balance in hand. The committee earnestly urged all members whose subscriptions were outstanding to pay more promptly in the future and before Christmas of each year to enable the general secretary and treasurer to discharge all debts before December 31st of each year. The outstanding subscriptions on December 31st, 1930, amounted to £4 10s., and should be nearly all recoverable by the collectors. The committee were glad to report an increase in the number of peals rung during the year, the total being 73 peals in 16 different methods, against 45 peals in 11 different methods in 1929. 120 members took part in the peals, which were conducted by 15 members. Amongst the peals rung to be noted were a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 8,096 changes, composed and conducted by F. Nolan Golden, and rung at St. Andrew, Quidenham, on March 15th, 1930, and also the peal of Spliced Treble Bob Major, 5,280 changes, composed by H. W. Wilde and conducted by William Clover, and rung at SS. Peter and Paul's, Salle, on May 3rd, 1930, this being the first peal of Spliced Treble Bob Major by all the band and by the association.

The committee concluded their report by expressing thanks to all officers, branch secretaries and committees, for their generous services during the past year for the welfare of the Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers.

DEATH OF MR. C. W. ALLEN, OF HAGBOURNE.

A PUPIL OF J. W. WASHBROOK.

On Monday, March 16th, Mr. C. W. Allen, of Down Farm, West Hagbourne, Berks, passed away at the age of 76 years.

Mr. Allen, who was very well known in Berkshire, and was a prominent member until a year ago of the Wallingford Urban District Council, was one of the original band of ringers taught early in the 'eighties' by the late Mr. J. W. Washbrook, and he rang some fifteen peals chiefly at East Hagbourne, where the funeral took place on Thursday week.

The bells were rung half-muffled before and after the ceremony, and in the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by: A. W. Cox 1, G. F. James 2, H. K. White 3, A. H. Webb (conductor) 4, W. V. Webb 5, J. Sawyer 6, R. G. Rice 7, W. Lambell 8.

'STONY' MEN'S QUARTER-PEAL.

At Old Knebworth, Herts, on March 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes, with ten callings) was rung in 43 mins., the ringers being: Arthur Turner 1, Walter Scott 2, Arthur Childs 3, William Scott 4, John Ferris 5, Frank Towers 6. Conducted by W. Lawrence, who stood in the tower. The first five ringers are Knebworth service ringers, who have only been change ringing for three months, and it was their first attempt for a quarter-peal. They had been 'stony' ringers several years, but have been learning the art of change ringing under Mr. W. Lawrence and Mr. E. Turner (who covered in their quarter-peal, and who belongs to Stevenage). The striking was very good.

PLAYING THE GAME ?

To the Editor.

Sir,—At a service specially arranged for sportsmen in Irchester Parish Church, on Sunday, March 22nd, the Vicar (the Rev. A. W. Laws, M.A.), in the course of his address, asked the question, 'Does everyone play the game?' to which the answer, he said, was 'No.' Some always wanted to win, and, when losing, exhibited bad grace and made excuses. There was no discredit in losing fairly, said the Vicar, but much in winning unfairly. He appealed for all sportsmen to 'play the game.' Having read various arguments in 'The Ringing World' at different times, I think ringers might well take these words to heart.—Yours sincerely,

P. AMOS.

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PICTURES OF CHURCH TOWERS FOR PUBLICATION IN 'THE RINGING WORLD.'

The Editor of 'The Ringing World' will be glad to receive photographs of churches, with a view to their future publication when suitable occasion arises.

The photographs should be accompanied by brief particulars of the bells, with their inscriptions and dates if possible, and any other interesting information about them.

Pictures should, for preference, be photographic post-cards, and, where there is any choice, the tower should be a feature.

Obviously, of course, all the pictures cannot be published at once, the object of getting a collection being that the photographs may be ready at hand for use when fitting opportunity occurs.

Will each tower secretary be good enough to send a photograph of his own tower? It should be forwarded in an envelope for protection, and addressed to The Editor, 'The Ringing World,' Woking, Surrey, and the sender should enclose his name and address.

BELFRY GOSSIP.

Conductors of peals rung on Easter Monday should post off the reports to reach 'The Ringing World' on Tuesday morning.

The first 'silent' peal of Surprise Minor ever rung took place at St. Mary's Church, Bucknall, Staffordshire, and was rung on Saturday, April 6th, 1897, in seven different methods by: George Clarkson 1, William Wheeldon 2, John E. Wheeldon 3, Charles Preston 4, Daniel Preston 5, William Twigg 6. The band consisted of two pairs of brothers, an uncle and a nephew. The two latter are now deceased.

Mrs. Barton, the wife of Mr. Harry Barton, of Ventnor, I.O.W., sailed on Tuesday last for Australia accompanied by her brother-in-law and sister, Dr. and Mrs. T. F. Brown. She had recently contracted a complaint which entailed absolute rest and quiet. All who know her will wish her bon voyage and a safe return completely restored to health.

The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, of Canterbury, has been laid up with an attack of bronchitis, and, much to his disappointment, will be unable to attend the Kent County Association's general meeting at Tonbridge on Easter Monday.

Only six Surprise Major peals are recorded in our columns this week, but these half-dozen are in no less than five different methods.

RINGERS' MEETING IN AUSTRALIA.

A GATHERING OF THIRTY AT MELBOURNE.

At the invitation of the ringers of St. Paul's Cathedral, the ringers of Ballarat paid a visit to Melbourne on January 26th (Foundation Day). Eight members of Ballarat took the journey and were met by members of St. Paul's at 10 a.m. The Precentor (Rev. R. Sherwood) welcomed the ringers at the Cathedral entrance. Ascending to the belfry, the bells were given a busy time during the day. Luncheon and tea were provided in the city, a party of twenty-four sitting down to luncheon and thirty to tea—all ringers.

During the day the Precentor, five ladies and five young men, 'recruits' of St. Paul's, took part in the ringing. These recruits have been learning the art since August last, and can now manage a bell quite well, and it is hoped to have them taking part in 'touches' at an early date.

Unfortunately, the Ballarat ringers do not have much opportunity to practise change ringing, as their bells are situated in the City Hall, and when meetings are held there ringing cannot take place. This is a great handicap, as the men manage their bells well, and there is a fine peal of eight at Ballarat.

Touches of Plain Bob Minor, Grandsire Triples and Caters were rung, and wherever possible a Ballarat ringer was put in with the Melbourne ringers.

Altogether a most enjoyable day was spent, and it is hoped to make these visits more frequent. St. Paul's ringers are most fortunate in having the Precentor at their head. Not only does he take a great interest in the ringers and ringing, but is keen on learning the art himself, and spent the whole of the day with the ringers.

At St. Paul's, Melbourne, there is a very fine peal of thirteen bells, tenor 31½ cwt.

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NOTE.—The following Associations were affiliated to the Council during the year:—Oxford Society, Oxford University, Romney Marsh and District Guild.

TOWER BELL PEALS OF MINOR AND DOUBLES

Associations.	MINOR Number of Methods.								Total	DOUBLES Number of Methods.								Total	Grand Total of Peals.
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8 to 20		1	2	3	4	5 to 14					
Barnsley and Dist.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1		
Bath and Wells	14	—	—	3	1	—	—	—	18	28	1	1	1	1e	—	35	53		
Bedfordshire	1	—	—	1	1	1	2	6	16	1	—	—	—	—	—	17	17		
Chester Diocesan	15	—	—	—	2	—	—	3	28	5	—	—	—	—	—	33	33		
Cleveland & N. Y.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1		
Devonshire Guild	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1		
Dur. and Newc.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2		
E. Derbys. & Notts	2	—	—	2	2	1	—	1	8	—	—	5	1e	—	14	14	14		
Ely Diocesan	21	2	—	—	—	—	—	2	25	—	—	—	—	—	—	25	25		
Essex	4	—	—	2	4	—	—	3	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	14	14		
Guilford Dio.	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	4	4		
Hereford Dio.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	15	—	1	—	5f	21	25	25		
Hertford County	3	1	—	—	2	—	—	2	8	1	—	1	—	—	2	10	10		
Kent County	11	—	—	1	2	—	—	3	19	—	—	—	—	—	—	19	19		
Ladies' Guild	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1		
Lancashire	6	2	—	1	—	1	—	1	11	2	—	—	—	—	2	13	13		
Lincoln Diocesan	7	2	2	2	2	2	3	13	42	2	—	—	—	—	2	44	44		
Llandaff & Mon.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1		
Middlesex County	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2		
Midland Counties	8	1	—	2	2	—	—	1	14	4	2	4	1	1e	12	26	26		
North Notts	1	—	—	3	—	—	—	2	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	5		
Northampton	7	—	—	2	1	2	3	2	17	1	1	2	—	—	4	21	21		
Oxford Diocesan	1	1	3	1	1	1	—	4	11	10	1	—	—	—	11	22	22		
Peterborough Dio.	1	—	—	—	2	2	—	3	11	8	1	1	—	2g	15	26	26		
St. Martin's Guild	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1		
Salisbury Dio.	10	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	19	5	2	—	—	—	7	17	17		
Stafford Arch.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	4	8	8		
Suffolk Guild	5	—	—	6	7	2	3	1	24	—	3	—	—	—	3	27	27		
Surrey	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	9		
Sussex County	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	3		
Swansea and Brecon	5	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	1	—	—	—	—	1	7	7		
Trent Diocesan	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	2	3	3		
Warwickshire	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	4		
Windsor & P'm'h.	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	1	—	—	—	2	4	4		
Worcestershire	6	—	—	—	—	—	10	—	16	8	1	—	—	—	12	28	28		
Yorkshire	1	1	1	—	—	—	4	1d	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	8		
Unaffiliated Soc.	2	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	7	2	3	1	—	—	6	13	13		
Non-Association	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	3	0	1	—	—	—	7	10	10		
TOTAL	103	11	40	31	14	11	70	8	360	108	26	11	7	10	162	522			

(a) 23 methods. (b) one in 21 and one in 26 methods. (c) one in 8, one in 9, one in 11, and one in 15 methods. (d) 7,200 in 10 methods. (e) one in 5 methods. (f) two in 7, one in 9, one in 12, and one in 14 methods. (g) two in 6 methods.

HANDBELL PEALS.

Associations.	CINQUES		ROYAL		CATERS		MAJOR		TRIPLES		MINOR	DOUBLES	TOTAL					
	Stedman	Kent Treble Bob	Oxford Treble Bob	Little Bob	Plain Bob	Stedman	Grandsire	D'ble Norwich C.B.	Double Bob	Sp. D. Pl. & Lit. Bob	Kent Treble Bob	Oxford Treble Bob		Plain Bob	Stedman	Grandsire	1 and 2 Methods	1 and 2 Methods
Cambridge Univ.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Chester Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10
Durham & Newcastle	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15
Essex County	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9
Guilford Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Hereford Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9
Hertford County	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Kent Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Lancashire Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Lincoln Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	19
Middlesex County	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
Norwich Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
St. Martin's Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Stafford Arch.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Suffolk Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7
Sussex County	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Warwickshire Ass.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Worcester & Districts	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Yorkshire Assoc.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Unaffiliated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Non-Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
TOTAL	4	1	1	1	10	5	5	1	1	1	6	1	32	1	6	8	18	97

(a) One in 2 methods.

SUDBURY.—On Sunday, March 22nd, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes) for evensong: H. Herbert 1, L. Allington 2, C. Woodcock 3, S. Gridley 4, A. Fitch 5, L. Johnson 6, D. Elliott (conductor) 7, T. E. Slater 8. First quarter-peal in this method by the 5th and 6th men.

REPORT OF THE ANALYSIS COMMITTEE.

There has been a remarkable increase in the number of peals rung during 1930 as compared with 1929. In fact, this is only the second time since 1881, when the first Analysis was compiled, that the total has been over 2,000. In 1913 the number of peals rung was 2,358, and in 1930, the year under review, the Analysis shows a total of 2,014. As compared with 1929 the increase is 349, which is shown by the following summary:—

	1930		1929	
	Tower.	Hand.	Tower.	Hand.
Maximum	25	—	23	—
Cinques	30	4	23	3
Royal	57	13	49	4
Caters	100	10	83	9
Major	733	42	629	31
Triples	450	7	359	5
Minor	360	8	318	3
Doubles	162	13	126	—
Total	1,917	97	1,610	55

TOWER BELLS.—The peals of Surprise Maximums remain the same, the decrease in peals of Cambridge being offset by those of Pudsey. Treble Bob Maximums have increased by 5 and other Maximum methods have decreased by 3. Stedman Cinques have increased by 4 and Grandsire Cinques by 3. Surprise Royal show 6 more, all of Cambridge. Treble Bob Royal have increased by 6. Other Royal methods have decreased by 4. In Caters the increases are Stedman 5 and Grandsire 11.

In Major methods the increase is 104 peals, and it is pleasing to note that peals in Surprise methods account for 93 of this number. Superlative alone showing 49 more. Triples show an increase of 91 peals, all Grandsire. Minor peals are 42 more and Doubles 36 more.

HANDBELLS.—The number of handbell peals rung was 42 more than last year, the increases being—Cinques 1, Royal 9, Caters 1, Major 11, Triples 2, Minor 5 and Doubles 13.

NEW METHODS.—Pudsey Surprise Maximums, Double Dublin Surprise Major, Surrey Surprise Major, Reverse Dublin Surprise Major, Double Little Bob Major and Erith Little Bob Major are recorded as having been rung for the first time.

ASSOCIATIONS.—The Lancashire Association this year has rung the greatest number of peals, viz., 135, followed by the Kent County Association with 134, the Chester Diocesan Guild with 114, the Midland Counties Association with 113, and the Essex Association with 110. No other Association reached 100 peals. Thirty-one Societies show an increase, headed by the Bath and Wells with 43 peals, the Kent County Association with 34, the Oxford Guild 32, the Lancashire Association 31, and the Lincoln Guild 30. Twelve Societies show decreases, the chief of which is the Midland Counties with 15 peals less than last year.

GENERALLY.—Long lengths rung during the year are as follows:—12,221 and 9,201 Grandsire Cinques by an unaffiliated Society; 8,096 Double Norwich Court Bob Major by the Norwich Diocesan Association; 7,200 Minor in 10 methods, and 6,400 Oxford Treble Bob Major by the Yorkshire Association; 6,144 Guildford Surprise Major by the Guildford Diocesan Guild; and 6,048 Kent Treble Bob Major by the Sussex County Association.

Performances worthy of note are a peal of Spliced Surprise Major in 11 methods by the Middlesex Association; Spliced Surprise Minor in 26 methods and 21 methods by the Kent County Association; and one of Surprise Minor in 23 methods by the Essex Association. Two peals of Minor on handbells were rung in the Transvaal. A 'George' peal of Bristol Surprise Major and a 'William' peal of Double Norwich were rung by the Middlesex Association, whilst an 'Edwin' peal of Grandsire Triples was rung for the Kent County Association. In the latter peal three generations of one family took part.

Three non-conducted peals were rung, one of Cambridge Surprise Major by the Bath and Wells Association, one of Stedman Triples by the Stafford Archdeaconry, and one of Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original) by the Kent County Association. A Boy Scouts' peal was rung for the Chester Guild, and a handbell peal of Grandsire Caters for the Durham and Newcastle Association was rung in a coal mine.

The following are the number of peals rung during each month in 1930 and 1929:—

	1930	1929		1930	1929
January	129	113	July	117	118
February	171	118	August	192	148
March	144	92	September	154	137
April	133	141	October	177	150
May	193	148	November	237	197
June	147	132	December	220	171

An analysis of the footnotes shows that the number of ringers who have scored their first peal has increased. This year there are 595, as compared with 499 in 1929. There is also a considerable increase in the number who have rung their first peal in a new method, or method on a different number of bells. Last year's total was 869—this year it is 1,214. Ringers of their first peal inside

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ERITH LITTLE BOB.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—May I add a few words to the discussion that is going on about the above method?

If you write out the simplest possible method with the treble hunting up to 4th's place, and nothing else but plain hunting (except the dodging above 4th's caused by the treble making 4th's place), you will have written out 'Little Court Bob,' and nobody is likely to dispute it. If you add 2nd's place when the treble leads, you will get 'Little Bob,' and no one will dispute this.

If, now, you add 3rd's place while the treble makes 4th's, you might conceivably call it 'Double Little Bob,' on the analogy of Double Bob (Major) being produced from Plain Bob by adding 7th's place while the treble makes 8th's; but this would require a modification of the generally accepted meaning of the term 'Double' as applied to methods; in any case, it does not give a 'Bob Major lead-end,' and is therefore not a regular method at all.

If, however, we add 4th's place when the treble is in 2-3, EITHER up OR down but not both, we get in each case a regular method with lead-end 14263857. Here we have two methods, one of which is the method in question.

Neither of them is a 'Double' method, as the work on the way up is different from that on the way down. They are both equally entitled to the terms 'Little' and 'Bob,' and it is therefore necessary that they should be given further names to differentiate them from each other and other Little Bob methods.

The names given by the bands who rang the first peals in these methods were 'Erith' and 'Dartford,' and there seems no reason why subsequent bands should ring them under any other titles.

In any case, I submit that there is no such thing as 'Double Little Bob.'—Yours faithfully,

STEPHEN H. WOOD.

Cold Ashton Rectory, Chippenham.

DOUBLE LITTLE BOB.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Barnett unfortunately misinterprets my attitude, which is that a method that has been familiar to ringers for two hundred years or more needs no other further designation than 'Little' to indicate the shortened hunt of the treble.

And when Mr. Barnett warns the Exercise of a 'dictator' in their midst, is he not projecting his own complex?—Yours faithfully,

NOLAN GOLDEN.

BOB MINIMUS WITH MAJOR LEAD-ENDS.

Sir,—With regard to the correspondence between Mr. E. Barnett and Mr. N. Golden re the above, I did not wish to again open up the subject of what is, or is not, the proper name for the method under discussion, but seeing that my name is being mentioned again in the controversy I feel I must trouble you for a little space in case your readers should think I have altered my opinion. After the publication of the diagrams in 'The Ringing World' of February last year, I still maintain that the method rung as Erith is nothing but Double Bob Minimus with Major lead-ends, and I may add that the peal rung at Sheffield has been published by the Yorkshire Association in their annual report as Double Little Bob. With my kindest regards to both Mr. Barnett and Mr. Golden,—Yours,

The Cross, Ecclesfield, Sheffield.

GEO. LEWIS.

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number 67; away from the tenor 16; in the method inside 83; Maximus 16; Cinques 11; Royal 11; Caters 15; Major 77; Triples 29; Minor 83; Doubles 24; on twelve bells 29; on ten 56; on eight 43; on six 4; Surprise 48; 'in hand' 23; in method 'in hand' 29. The number of new conductors has risen from 54 to 69, and conductors in a new method from 73 to 85.

Other footnotes show that 51 peals were the first on the bells; 39 since restoration or augmentation, and 173 the first in the method on the bells. Muffled and half-muffled peals number 73. In addition to these, 25 muffled peals were rung on the occasion of the R101 disaster. Birthday peals number 309; Royal Birthdays 12; Wedding (including Diamond, Golden and Silver) 88; Church Festivals and Dedications 45; Empire Day 19; Armistice Day 17; Anniversaries 47; Welcome and Farewell peals 49.

It should be noted that in cases where peals are published under the names of two associations these are recorded in the Analysis under the first named association.

In conclusion, we give below the number of peals rung in each of representative years since 1881, the total for the whole period being 57,220.

1883	156	1909	1,628	1921	1,632
1885	500	1913	2,358	1923	1,885
1889	797	1914	1,415	1926	1,667
1894	859	1915	259	1927	1,841
1898	1,002	1917	130	1928	1,702
1902	1,313	1919	1,048	1929	1,665
1905	1,519	1920	1,471	1930	2,014

(Signed)

EDITH K. FLETCHER,
GEORGE R. PYE,
CHAS. DEAN,
GEORGE W. FLETCHER.

**THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.
SOME OF THE ARRANGEMENTS.**

The headquarters will be the Stork Hotel, Queen Square, Liverpool. Terms, bed and breakfast 8s. 6d., mention Central Council. Members will book rooms direct with the Stork.

The Council will meet in the Town Hall by the kind permission of the Lord Mayor, who will receive and welcome the Council.

The Lancashire Association will entertain all members of the Council to lunch at headquarters. Apply for tickets to me before May 15th (stamped addressed envelope, please).

The Lord Mayor will entertain the Council to tea in the Town Hall at the close of the meeting.

With regard to the Masonic peal attempt, will any other brethren who desire to stand in notify me early, and any brethren who desire an invitation to Lancastrian Lodge notify me prior to May 15th.

A social evening is arranged at headquarters for the Tuesday evening.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

One of the most successful meetings of the Northern District was held at Daybrook, Notts, on Saturday, when ringers attended from Sutton-on-Trent, St. Mary's and St. Peter's, Nottingham, North Collingham, Ilkeston, Rotherham, Sheffield, Treeton, Bolsover, Basford, Cotgrave, Sandiacre, Beeston, and the local tower.

A choral service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Everitt, who gave the ringers a most hearty welcome to the church.

An excellent tea, prepared by the ladies, was served in the Social Centre, presided over by the curate. Afterwards a short business meeting took place, Miss Thompson, of Nottingham, taking the chair. Miss Thompson was appointed a member of the committee, and two new members were elected.

The usual vote of thanks was given to Miss Thompson. The ladies then adjourned to the belfry, where a plain course of Bob Major was rung by ladies. All were very sorry when a rope broke and ended the ringing earlier than usual.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
POSSIBLE CHANGE IN TREASURERSHIP.**

A quarterly meeting of the Leicester District was held at Enderby on Saturday. Touches in various methods were rung during the afternoon, and tea was served in the Institute.

At the business meeting, which followed, Mr. Ernest Morris (general secretary) mentioned that if Mr. W. Wallace gave up the treasurership of the association, Mr. W. White, of Cotgrave, would be willing to accept the office.

For the mid-quarterly meeting, Hallaton was unanimously agreed upon. Great Easton was also suggested, but was considered too far away, and not easily accessible from Leicester. The secretary was asked to invite the Vicar of Great Easton to attend.

For the half-yearly meeting, Saddington, near Kibworth, was decided upon. It was also proposed to hold a joint meeting with the Hinckley District, it being left to the secretary to arrange the date and place with the secretary of the Hinckley District.

The meeting closed with the usual vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Clarence Jesson and his wife for arranging such an excellent tea. The tower was then again visited, and the bells kept going up to 8.30 p.m.

PEAK DISTRICT.

A very pleasant meeting of the Peak District was held at Baslow and Edensor on Saturday last, when about sixteen ringers were present from Bakewell, Baslow, Bolsover, Chesterfield, Darley Dale, Dore, Edensor and Eyam. The pretty peal of six (tenor about 12 cwt.) at Baslow were raised soon after 3 p.m., and some creditable ringing was indulged in, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise all being brought round. A very enjoyable tea was partaken of at the Rutland Arms, during which, in order to save time, an informal business meeting was held, presided over by the Rev. W. P. Wright (Eyam).

The secretary apologised for his absence from the previous meeting at Darley Dale, stating that the car in which he was travelling was held up by the heavy snow which fell that day. It was decided, if possible, to have the next meeting at Youlgrove on April 18th, when the grand old church, fine heavy peal of eight and beautiful surroundings, should prove an attraction.

The secretary announced that the new Vicar of Dore, the Rev. J. D. W. Dawson, M.A., at present Rector of Stoke Dry, Uppingham, and sometime curate of Rawmarsh, Rotherham, would be inducted on Friday, April 24th, at 7.30 p.m., and extended a cordial invitation to any ringer who cared to do so to join in the ringing before and after the service. Mr. Dawson has done a little ringing himself, and it was hoped to interest him in the belfry. One new member, Mr. W. Hawksworth, of Baslow, was elected.

At 5.45 p.m. a move was made to Edensor, about two miles away, whose beautiful church, standing within Chatsworth Park, possesses a very fine ring of six bells, tenor about 15 cwt. These were kept going till about 7.15 p.m. in Grandsire, Plain Bob and Cambridge, a good 'fall' at the above-mentioned time bringing a very pleasant meeting to a close.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**THREE FIVE-BELL TOWERS VISITED.**

A successful meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry was held at Stetchworth on Saturday. Members were present from Exning, Fulbourne, Newmarket, Over, Sawston, Stapleford, Trumpington, Willingham and Wood Ditton, and the local band turned out in full force to welcome the visitors.

A service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. S. V. Wylie), and tea was very kindly provided by the inhabitants of Stetchworth at the White Horse Hotel. As this was a by-meeting, no formal business had to be transacted, but several new members were elected, including two clergymen, the Rev. S. V. Wylie, of Stetchworth, and the Rev. Austin, of Wood Ditton, also Messrs. L. Brown, R. Cater, F. Dean, J. Dean and J. Starling, all of Wood Ditton.

It was decided to hold another by-meeting at Gamlingay on April 25th. Mr. A. E. Austin, District Ringing Master, expressed grateful thanks on behalf of the visitors for the very generous hospitality and hearty welcome given to the association.

The neighbouring towers of Wood Ditton and Dullingham were visited in turn. It was very pleasing and encouraging to see the keenness displayed by a number of promising young ringers.

Everyone spent a very happy afternoon and evening, and one ringer was overheard to remark that it was the best five-bell meeting he had ever attended, and he had been to many.

ROMNEY MARSH & DISTRICT GUILD.

The monthly meeting of the Guild was held at Eastwell on Saturday, March 21st, and was attended by about twenty members from other towers, but, for some reason unknown, the local band were not represented. The bells were kept going from 2.30 to 4.30, when the Rector conducted the Guild service, and Mr. C. Coleman presided at the organ. Then a walk across Eastwell Park to the Flying Horse, where a substantial tea was in readiness.

The Rector took the chair at the business meeting which followed, when Hawkhurst was confirmed for the next meeting on April 18th.

Two new members were elected, and a vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for the use of the bells and for conducting the service.

Some then returned to the tower for more ringing, which continued to 8.30 p.m.

THE MASONIC PEAL AT STEPNEY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With the association's rule, No. 15, as it is, I do not see how the Masonic peal, rung at Stepney and recorded in 'The Ringing World' of March 20th, can be claimed as a Kent County Association peal.

The rule states that, 'previous to starting for a peal, a band may elect not more than two as members of the association,' and according to the footnote three were so elected.—Yours truly,

A. H. SMITH.

Leatherhead.

RINGING IN THE CHANNEL ISLANDS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It is always a pleasure to read in 'The Ringing World' letters from ringers abroad, and I was very pleased to read the letter from Mr. F. G. May, in which he relates experiences in Guernsey, but I was not under the impression expressed in the first sentence of his letter.

The explanation is this: The last paragraph of my letter in November 21st issue should read '... parish church in the island.'

You will notice in my first paragraph I wrote 'particularly in Jersey,' and I purposely refrained from mentioning Guernsey in my letter as I knew of the Bristol ringers' visit.

Referring to the last sentence of Mr. May's letter, if he will read my fifth paragraph he will notice the 1844 ring at St. Mark's has been 'pushed into the corner,' presumably at the time of the hanging of the 1881 Taylor clock bell, which put the peal of six out of action as regards ringing.

The 'tapping' was done on the ropes, which come down together against the wall into the ringing chamber.

I am very glad to know others are interested in the bells of the Channel Islands, and would like to know that change ringing is to be practised.

It must be a source of great pleasure to you, Mr. Editor, to receive these letters from ringers abroad, and to know that 'The Ringing World' has such a world-wide circulation. I earnestly hope that the increased circulation at home, for which you have so long striven, will, in the near future, be realised.

I would also like, with your courtesy, through 'The Ringing World,' to send to Mr. F. G. May my best wishes, with many thanks for his interesting letter.—Yours sincerely,

F. W. RICHARDSON.

Brockley, S.E.4.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BEDDINGTON.—On Sunday, March 22nd, for evensong, 1,344 London Surprise Major in 50 mins.: G. Jennings 1, J. Sparrow (first in the method) 2, H. S. Robinson 3, E. G. Talbot 4, F. Jennings 5, A. J. Trappitt 6, J. F. Galyer 7, C. H. Kippin (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal of Surprise by the local society.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.—On Sunday, March 1st, for evening service, 1,320 Treble Bob (consisting of 240 College Exerciase, 360 Oxford and 720 Kent): J. D. Buckingham (conductor) 1, B. C. Mann 2, C. Mann 3, F. W. Shynn 4, G. Neville 5, H. Gardner 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

MITCHAM.—At Christ Church, for evening prayer, on March 1st, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob half-muffled, in grateful memory of Beatrice Taylor, a worker in and benefactor of the parish, widow of Thomas Taylor, for many years churchwarden and restorer of the spire: H. Allen 1, E. H. Jones 2, A. Miller 3, J. W. Parslow 4, G. Pidwell 5, W. H. Pasmore (conductor) 6.

OVER, CAMBS.—On Sunday, February 15th, for matins, 720 Kent: M. Ginn 1, G. Whybrow 2, C. Robinson 3, R. Thoday 4, F. Warrington (conductor) 5, H. Robinson 6. For evensong, 720 Norwich: M. Ginn 1, F. O. Ginn 2, B. Wayman 3, R. Thoday 4, F. G. Gleaves 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6.—On Monday, February 9th, R. Thoday and M. Ginn rang their first 720 of Norwich on a working bell.

PUTNEY.—On Sunday, February 8th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major (1,280 changes) in 48 mins.: C. Moody 1, H. G. Owen 2, E. Cassell, sen., 3, W. H. Ball 4, C. Ottley 5, W. T. Elson 6, W. Malins (conductor) 7, J. Herbert 8. First quarter in the method by H. G. Owen, and specially arranged for him. Also for dedication festival and the visit of the Rector of Lambeth.

SOUTHWARK.—At the Church of St. George-the-Martyr, on Sunday, February 8th, after evening service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 48 mins.: Guardsman Chance (first in method) 1, C. W. Roberts 2, E. Brett 3, W. Madgwick 4, E. F. Pike 5, F. Digby 6, J. E. Davis 7, W. Bottrill (conductor) 8.

DEPTFORD.—On Sunday evening, February 8th, in 42 mins., at St. John's Church, Lewisham, J. George's quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): J. J. Lamb 1, H. Hoskins 2, W. A. Martin 3, P. S. R. Steers (first in the method) 4, E. B. Crowder 5, F. W. Thornton 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, A. Bennington 8.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Matthew, Bethnal Green, for evensong, on Sunday, February 8th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 48 mins.: W. W. Stevens 1, J. F. Parrott 2, J. H. Parrott 3, I. J. Attwater (conductor) 4, J. Martin 5, H. Hills 6, F. Smith 7, S. Penfold 8. First quarter in the method by ringers of 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7.

GORSEINON.—At St. Catherine's Church, on Sunday, February 1st, for evening service, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Hanson 1, T. Willis (first quarter 'inside') 2, Reg Dobbins 3, R. Baird 4, Wal Dobbins 5, W. Dobbins 6, J. Williams (conductor) 7, A. McMillan 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday, February 1st, at St. Andrew's, Holborn, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: H. Wilkes 1, E. Brett 2, W. J. Norton (conductor) 3, A. Cutmore 4, C. J. Chooet 5, J. S. Hawkins 6, R. W. Green 7, T. Joyce 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to T. Joyce.

NOTICES.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, April 11th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Tea at 5.30. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Southport, on Saturday, April 11th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m. A good attendance requested.—James Grounds, Hon. Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—A meeting will be held at Middlewich on Saturday, April 11th. Bells ready at 3.30. All ringers welcome.—H. Parker, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bowdon and Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bowdon on Saturday, April 11th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Those requiring tea must notify me not later than Tuesday, April 7th.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec., 36, Dowson Road, Hyde.

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HALSALL, LANCS. — The recast ring of 6 bells, together with the clock and carillon machine, by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, will be re-dedicated by the Archdeacon of Warrington on Saturday, April 4th, at 2.45 p.m. All ringers welcome.

SADDLEWORTH CHURCH, UPPER MILL. — The ring of eight bells restored and hung in a new framework by Taylors, of Loughborough, will be opened on Saturday, April 4th. Service at 2.30 p.m.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society. Established 1824) **AND NORTH SOUTH-WARK DIOCESAN GUILD.** — April meetings: Sunday, 5th, at 10 a.m., St. Clement Danes'; Tuesday, 14th, 7.30 p.m., St. Mary, Lambeth; Monday, 20th, St. Clement Danes', practice, 7.30 p.m., quarterly meeting 8.15 p.m. With a view to improving attendances at fortnightly Monday practices, also at the first Sunday morning of each month at St. Clement Danes', I shall be glad to receive members' promises to attend at least once a year, also dates most convenient to them. Possibly some living long distances would thus appreciate a visit. — Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec., 7, Station Road, Camberwell, London, S.E.5.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, April 6th. Service in the Cathedral at 4.30 p.m., with address by the Rev. R. F. R. Routh, Vicar of Hitchin. Tea at the Ver Residential Hotel, Holywell Hill (near Abbey Station) immediately after the service, followed by annual business meeting for election of officers, etc. Towers open at 2 p.m., but ringing can be had at the two six-bell towers, during the morning, if early application is made to me. The peal of 8 at Harpenden will be available from 12.20 p.m. — G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Next meeting will be held at South Anston on Easter Monday, April 6th. Bells (8) available early. Will members requiring tea please notify Mr. Hy. Stenton, South Anston, by Thursday, April 2nd? — Maurice E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday, April 6th. The bells of St. Paul's (10) (recently rehung) will be available from 10.30 a.m. St. Peter de Merton (6) also available. Luncheon at the Silver Grill at 1 p.m., to be followed by the annual business meeting. A hearty welcome is extended to any visitors. — Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD. — East Devon Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Sidmouth on Easter Monday, April 6th. Bells (8) available; also Ottery St. Mary (8) and Tidbury (6). Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m., at Bray's Café. All ringers welcome. — J. H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The next meeting will be held at Tadcaster on Easter Monday, April 6th. Bells (8, tenor 23 cwt.) will be available for ringing from 2.30 to 7 p.m. Dinner will be provided at Woodward's Café at 1 p.m. Members 1s. 6d. Non-members 2s. It is hoped that members and friends will make a special effort to attend this meeting. — T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting, Easter Monday, Derby. Bells available: Cathedral (10), 9.45 to 11 a.m. and 2 to 4.30 p.m.; St. Peter's (8), 3 to 4.30 and 7 to 8 p.m.; St. Luke's (8), 3 to 4.30 p.m.; St. Andrew's (10), 11 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. and 7 to 8 p.m. Committee meet 3.15 prompt. Tea 4.45, followed by general meeting at King's Café, St. Peter's Street. Application for tea (2s. per head) must be made to Mr. G. Freebrey, 81, Roe Street, Derby, not later than Friday, April 3rd. To avoid disappointment, will all intending to be present note this and act accordingly? It is regretted that Ald. Chambers' Memorial cannot be completed by this date. Will members of committee meet at Littleover Church at noon, to view and make final arrangements? — Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — The 51st annual general meeting will be held at Tonbridge on Easter Monday, April 6th. Committee meeting in the Parish Hall at 11.15. Association service in the Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul at 12 noon. Address by the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Rochester. Dinner in the Carlton Café, High Street, at 1.15, followed by business meeting. The following towers will be open for ringing from 10 a.m. till 11.30 and after the meeting: Tonbridge (8), Tunbridge Wells (8), Chiddingstone (8), Penshurst (8), Sevenoaks (8), Hadlow (8), Shipbourne (6) and Speldhurst (8). — Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 6th. Business meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House at 2.15 p.m. prompt. Chairman: The Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., President. Service, with address by the Rev. G. W. Webb, Vicar of Longdon, in the Cathedral, at 4.15 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5.30 p.m. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 12.30 to 2, St. John-in-Bedwardine (8), 11 to 12 and after 5.30, All Saints' (10), St. Nicholas' (6) and St. Swithun's (6). Subscriptions should be paid and reports obtained in St. Helen's Church House between 11.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. — J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec., Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The annual general meeting of the association will be held at Norwich on Easter Monday, April 6th. By kind permission of the Incumbents, the bells at St. Peter Mancroft, St. John de Sepulchre, St. Michael-at-Coslany, and All Saints' will be placed at the disposal of the members from 10 o'clock a.m. Divine service will be held at St. Peter Mancroft at 12.30 p.m., when the address will be given by the Rev. Canon C.C. Lanchester. Luncheon will be served at the Bell Hotel, Orford Hill, at 1.30 p.m. Tickets, 2s. 6d. per head. The annual business meeting will follow immediately after the luncheon. — Arthur L. Coleman, Secretary and Treasurer, High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Dorking on Easter Monday, April 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., tea and meeting following. All ringers welcome.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Ripley on Easter Monday. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at a moderate charge. A good attendance requested.—J. W. England, Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Leckhampton, Cheltenham, on Easter Monday, April 6th. The Ven. Archdeacon of Cheltenham will give the address at the service, 2.30 p.m., Parish Church. Luncheon, 2s., at the Malvern Hotel (from 12 noon). Business meeting in the Schoolroom at 3 p.m. Tea, 1s., at the Malvern Hotel. Notice for meals should be given by post to-day. Ringing arrangements as previously announced in these columns.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The arrangements for the annual meeting at Cambridge on Easter Monday, April 6th, have been slightly amended, and members and friends are asked to note the alterations. The bells of St. Mary the Great (12) will be available from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and during the evening. The Church of Our Lady (R.C.) 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and evening. Great St. Andrew's (8) 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. St. Benedict (Stedman's tower) 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. The business meeting will be held in the Vestry of Great St. Mary's at 3.10 p.m. sharp, by kind permission of the Vicar, followed by service at 4.15 p.m., with address by the Vicar (Rev. E. C. Essex). Tea will be served at the Dorothy Café, 1s. 6d. per head, to all who notify me by April 4th.—T. R. Dennis, Gen. Sec., 33, Clarendon Street, Cambridge.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on April 7th, St. Magnus' on the 9th and 23rd, Southwark Cathedral on the 16th, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 21st, all at 7.30 p.m., and at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 30th, at 8 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Madeley on Saturday, April 11th. Will all who intend to be present please notify me not later than April 8th?—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec., 72, Station Road, Milton, Stoke-on-Trent.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, April 11th. at the Parish Church, Cefn Coed. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. The tea will be supplied by the generosity of the Vicar.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec., Belle Vue, Brecon.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Ipswich on Saturday, April 11th. Bells available from 10 a.m.: St. Mary-le-Tower (12), St. Margaret's (8), St. Matthew's (5), Rushmere (6), Bramford (6). Service 4.30 (with sermon by Rev. C. S. Scott, Incumbent of All Hallows, and District Secretary). Tea at Co-operative Hall 1s. each, at 5. Meeting to follow.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, April 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Rothwell (8) on Saturday, April 11th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, April 7th?—H. Baxter, Bredon, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general committee meeting will be held at St. Laurence's Hall, Abbey Street, Reading, at 3 p.m., Saturday, April 11th (p.v.). Will branch secretaries notify me before that date the number of annual reports required for their respective branches? — Richard T. Hibbert, Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's, Glastonbury, on Saturday, April 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Evensong 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hoghton on Saturday, April 11th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea, at 1s. 3d. a head, to all who notify Mrs. J. Harrison, Park Gate, Hoghton, near Preston, not later than Tuesday, April 7th.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Daybrook on Saturday, April 11th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. The reports for 1930 are now ready.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Monthly meeting will be held at Darfield on Saturday, April 11th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. For tea please notify Mr. T. W. Hilton, 28, Victoria Street, Darfield, near Barnsley, by Thursday, April 9th. All are welcome.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Newcastle, on Saturday, April 11th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Tea at 5. Those requiring tea please advise me before April 8th. Send a card this time if you never have before! — W. J. Davidson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Chief Fire Station, Newcastle.

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Clerkenwell on Saturday, April 11th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, at 1s. each, at 5, followed by business. Ringing at Clerkenwell from 2.45 and after the meeting; at St. Giles', Cripplegate, 3 to 4 p.m., and at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, 7 to 9 p.m. Please advise us, if you require tea, by April 7th.—C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4; W. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4, Hon. Secs.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A district meeting will be held at Tichborne on Saturday, April 11th. Service at St. Andrew's Church 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting at the Tichborne Arms 4.30. Bells of Cheriton and Tichborne available 2.30. Please let me know how many will come.—George Noice, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Cathedral View, Highcliffe, Winchester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Farnworth (Widnes) on Saturday, April 11th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar, and meeting to follow. Notify for tea Mr. J. Witter, 127, Albert Road, Widnes, before Wednesday, April 8th.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Melksham on Saturday, April 11th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Lecture and short business meeting follows tea. All ringers welcome.—F. Green, Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—A meeting will be held at Thames Ditton on Saturday, April 11th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Numbers for tea to reach me not later than Wednesday, April 8th.—H. Hancock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Chobham Road, Ottershaw, Chertsey.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Bramley, April 18th. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Visitors welcomed. Numbers to me by April 15th, please.—D. L. Board, Wolverton Rectory, Basingstoke.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Birling on Saturday, April 18th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.45. Tea (free) and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Please notify me early.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, on Saturday, April 18th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.45, with address by the Vicar, Rev. John Goodacre. Tea (1s.), in Institute, at 5.30. Please send word by Tuesday, April 14th.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Great Holland.—Dedication by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford of the new ring of eight erected to the memory of Miss Emma Barron, founder of the Barron Bell Trust, on Saturday, April 18th, at 3 p.m. Kirby-le-Soken Station ten minutes' walk by the fields. Frequent bus service from Clacton-on-Sea. Tea in the Village Hall, provided at a small charge, to all who give notice to Mr. W. J. Nevard, The Myrtles, Great Bentley, Colchester, by the first post Tuesday, April 14th. All ringing friends will be welcomed.—C. H. Howard, Master.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, EVESHAM.—The restored and augmented peal of 8 bells will be open to ringers on Saturday, April 18th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea provided, 9d. per head, for all who let me know by Wednesday, April 15th. All ringers welcome. Good bus services from Evesham.—F. J. Johnson, 29, Hinton, Evesham.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Pontefract on Saturday, April 18th. The peal at the Parish Church (10) available from 4 p.m. to 4.30 p.m., and at All Saints' (8) from 2.30 p.m. onward. Service at 4.30 p.m. in the Parish Church, with sermon by the Rev. A. G. Shipley, Vicar of All Saints'. Tea will be served in Wordsworth's Café, Beartfair, at 5 p.m., at 1s. 6d. per head. Those requiring same are requested to notify Mr. W. Pearson, 53, Northgate, Pontefract, not later than Thursday, April 16th. Business meeting to follow. All ringers will be cordially welcomed.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Guildford, on Saturday, April 18th. Bells of the Cathedral from 2.30 p.m., and St. Nicolas' from 3 p.m. Service in the Cathedral 4.30.; preacher, Bishop Golding-Bird. Tea and meeting in Holy Trinity Parish Hall. Numbers for tea must reach me not later than Tuesday, April 14th.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

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