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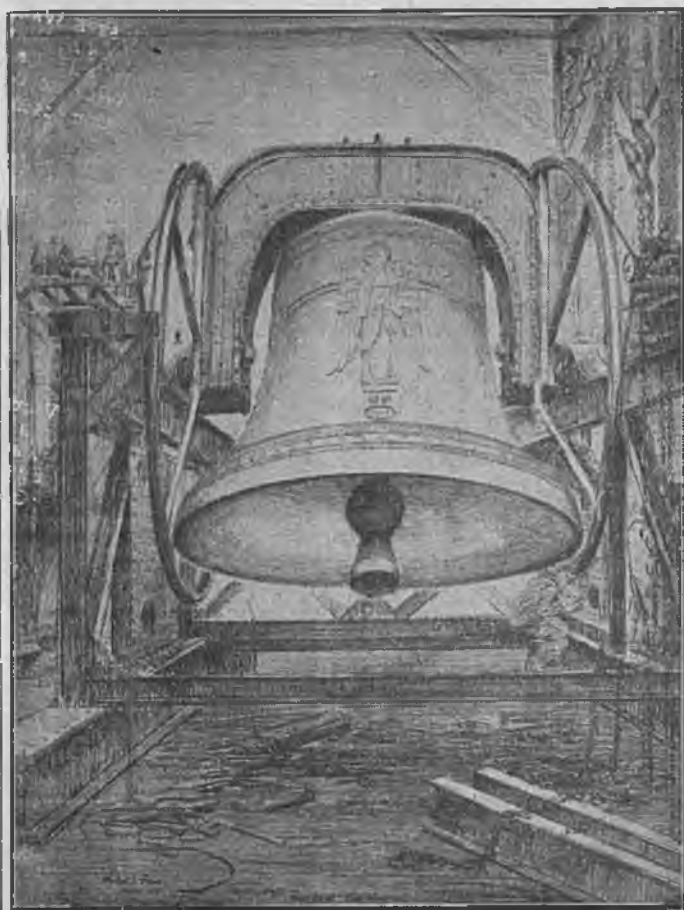
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AFFILIATION AND ALLEGIANCE.

It is quite certain that almost, if not quite all, the associations and guilds who send representatives to the Central Council will adopt the suggested rule 'loyally to abide by the rules and decisions of the Council.' As a matter of fact, this is the only logical course that a society which professes 'membership' of the Council can take. What is the use of supporting an organisation, the object of which is to further the cause of ringing, unless those who join it are prepared to accept its decisions? The Council may, for the most part, be able only to act in an advisory capacity; it may have no powers to enforce any of its decisions, but that does not alter the fact that any association which affiliates to it would place itself in an absurd position if it declined to accept the rulings of the Council and remained a member of it. And yet an effort made some years ago to get this same recognition of the position of the Council failed. The result which is now being achieved has come about by a changed view of the value of the Council. From being looked upon as merely a debating society, the Council now occupies a position of recognised importance in the organisation of ringing. It is a cohesive force, which aims at drawing together into one whole the many associations and guilds which cover the country; it can speak with a collective voice and it is composed of some of the best brains in the Exercise. The Council is what the associations like to make it; and they are making it an organisation of increasing use and greater guidance. Loyalty to its rulings is the first essential to its being, and we are glad to see that all over the country associations are coming into line and are not merely doing lip service to an ideal, but are definitely accepting the position by adopting, in cases where it had not already been done, a rule governing their relation with the Council.

But while the associations are now prepared to give an undertaking loyally to abide by the rules and decisions of the Council, the Council, on its part, must be prepared to recognise the associations. Hitherto, only the individual representatives of the societies have had recognition—the societies have had none, beyond the right to elect the members and to pay the fees. A society, as a society, has no locus standi with the Council—it cannot even send up a motion in its own name. There has got to be a closer unity between the Council and the associations in future, and it is possible that the Standing Committee may find a way to establish this when they report on the suggested alterations in the constitution of the Council at the next meeting. Affiliation with the Council is often spoken of, but actually there has been no

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such thing, and it is not mentioned in the rules. The Council merely consists of a certain number of members, whom associations are entitled to elect; it is not the central organisation of the societies themselves. That, in our opinion, is a distinction with a real difference. The Council has now asked the societies to include in their rules a stipulation that they shall be 'affiliated' to the Council; that being so, the Council as a corporate body must provide for effective contact with them. If the societies are to give allegiance to the Council, the Council will owe them something in return.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 6, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES Treble	FRANK W. PERRINS 7
GEORGE R. PYE 2	WILLIAM A. CAVE 8
ALBERT W. COLES 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE 9
ALFRED E. REEVES 4	JAMES BENNETT 10
CHARLES W. ROBERTS 5	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 11
JOHN H. CRAMPION 6	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells and by the association.

SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 11, 1931, in Three Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 40 cwt.

WILLIAM BURGAR Treble	GEORGE HOLMES 7
SIDNEY F. PALMER 2	HAROLD NAYLOR 8
JOHN THORPE 3	MADRICK E. WILSON 9
*RONALD E. JOHNSON 4	*W. W. WOLSTENCROFT 10
*HEZEKIAH THORPE 5	HAYDN THORPE 11
*GEORGE H. HURST 6	*ROBERT HARRISON, JUN. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN THORPE

* First peal of Stedman Cinques. Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. George Holmes, also as a birthday compliment to Mr. William Burgar.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, April 11, 1931, in Three Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5082 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*THOMAS E. SONE Treble	*WILLIAM SPICE 7
EDWIN G. BUESDEN 2	*KENNETH PATTENDEN 8
FREDERICK G. BRETT 3	*ERNEST J. DOBBIE 9
*ALEXANDER WADDINGTON 4	*WILLIAM BUTTON 10
CHARLES W. PLAYER 5	*STANLEY B. DOBBIE 11
*WILLIAM BIDNELL 6	*CHARLES W. FRANKLIN Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First peal on twelve. First peal of Grandsire Cinques for the association, the Guild, and all the band.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

WELLS, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 6, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 57½ cwt.

JOHN H. CRAMPION Treble	ALBERT W. COLES 6
CHARLES T. COLES 2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
FRANK W. PERRENS 3	JAMES BENNETT 8
ALFRED E. REEVES 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 9
GEORGE R. PYE 5	WILLIAM PYE Tenor
	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES

HEREFORD.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Monday, April 6, 1931, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 41 cwt.

CHARLES EDWARDS Treble	GEOFFREY W. TAYSON 6
*FRANK DOWNES 2	WILLIAM H. SYMONDS 7
†JOSEPH W. DOWNES 3	*WALTER TAYLOR 8
ALLEN GWYNNE 4	ALBERT E. HURCOMBE 9
REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 5	†HENRY J. TAYLOR Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

* First on ten with a bob bell. † First peal on ten.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 11, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOHN HOLMAN Treble	J. WILLIAM CUNDALL 6
EDWARD JENKINS 2	WILLIAM BARTON 7
THOMAS B. KENDALL 3	WILLIAM HORAN 8
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 4	JOSEPH BROADLEY 9
JAMES COTTERELL 5	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON

First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal by all except ringers of treble and 2nd. First peal in the method on the bells.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 11, 1931, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5061 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

RICHARD H. BARTRAM Treble	*C. ALAN HEWITT 6
ERNEST BARTRAM, M.M. 2	FREDERICK H. DEXTER 7
PERCY L. HARRISON 3	SIDNEY PROCTER 8
C. FERGUSON HOWITT 4	ERNEST MORRIS 9
WILLIAM H. CLARKE 5	JOHN GRANT Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FREDK. H. DEXTER.

* First of Stedman Caters. Rung as a 65th birthday compliment to Mr. R. H. Bartram. The band take this opportunity of thanking Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Bartram for their kind hospitality after the peal.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 11, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON, STEPNEY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt. in C.

THOMAS BENNEY Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE 6
THOMAS LANGDON 2	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS 7
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 3	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD 8
HERBERT LANGDON 4	JAMES BULLOCK 9
WILLIAM S. LANGDON 5	EDWARD J. SAMPSON Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. HALEY. Conducted by H. LANGDON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. T. Cockerill, hon. secretary of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

USK, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 4, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F. sharp.

GEORGE POPNELL Treble	DONALD G. CLIFT 5
JOHN W. JONES 2	*ARTHUR HAWKINS 6
ERNEST STITCH 3	WILFRED WILLIAMS 7
ALBERT J. PITMAN 4	*GEORGE HAWKINS Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal in the method on the bells. Thanks are due to Messrs. E. W. Luff and E. H. Stradling, who stood out to allow the visitors to attempt Stedman. D. G. Clift has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

MITCHELDEAN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTH FOREST BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 4, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' ONE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM BEARD Treble	EX-SERG. J. WILLIAMS 5
BRUCE P. CHEW 2	WALTER T. BENNETT 6
JOHN AUSTIN 3	JOHN W. DAVIS 7
GEORGE WILKS 4	HOWARD MEER Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

Rung with the bells muffled as a last token of respect to Dr. N. F. Searancke, a much respected member of the South Forest Branch.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Easter Day, April 5, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

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

Conducted by L. C. WIGHTMAN.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Easter Monday, April 6, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

BERNARD GILLATT, SEN. Treble	CHARLES H. BIRD 5
MRS. J. BRAY 2	BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. 6
*PERCY PEACOCK 3	FRANK LORD 7
JACK BRAY 4	CECIL PYE Tenor

Conducted by F. LORD.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal in method as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. J. Bray.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 6, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, EASTWOOD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*SIDNEY BRIGGS Treble	*ARTHUR PANTHER 5
WILLIAM GREEN 2	ALBERT NASH 6
MRS. C. RYDER 3	ARTHUR GILL 7
*CHARLES POULTENEY 4	COLIN RYDER Tenor

Composed by J. H. BARRETT.

Conducted by A. NASH.

* First peal in the method.

RINGWOOD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Easter Monday, April 6, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.			
*EDWARD T. HENDLEY ... Treble	GEORGE WILLIAMS ...	5	
†MISS MARCIA WHITE ... 2	REGINALD BROWN ...	6	
ANTHONY V. DENT ... 3	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ...	7	
ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... 4	WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... Tenor		

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.
 * First peal of Major and first of Treble Bob. † First peal of Major. ‡ Fiftieth peal.

ROCHE, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Easter Monday, April 6, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GOMANDUS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;			
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. 13 lb. in F sharp.			
HAROLD BENNETT ... Treble	JOSEPH WOODLEY ...	5	
CHARLES R. LILLEY ... 2	G. HARRY MYERS ...	6	
WILLIAM RICHARDS ... 3	THOMAS G. MYERS ...	7	
WILLIAM RUNDLE ... 4	A. WILLIAM MYERS ... Tenor		

Conducted by T. G. MYERS.

The first peal on the bells.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
 (EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)
On Tuesday, April 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.			
*VICTOR EVANS ... Treble	PERCY NEWTON ...	5	
JOHN EVANS ... 2	RALPH BIGGS ...	6	
†FRANK WEST ... 3	ROLAND BIGGS ...	7	
FREDERICK BIGGS ... 4	ARTHUR G. JAMES ... Tenor		

Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.
 * First peal of Grandsire away from tenor. † First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

EPSOM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, April 8, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;			
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 lb. in E.			
*THOMAS A. SHRUBB ... Treble	W. CYRIL SMITH ...	5	
ALFRED L. BROWN ... 2	ALBERT HARMAN ...	6	
GEORGE MARRINER ... 3	HARRY ELLIOTT ...	7	
†WILLIAM J. WHITING ... 4	ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor		

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
 * First peal of Major. † First peal in the method with a 'bob' bell. Mr. George Marriner's 200th peal.

FORDINGBRIDGE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, April 8, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;			
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.			
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... Treble	A. F. MARTIN STEWART ...	5	
MISS MARCIA WHITE ... 2	WILLIAM E. CHEATER ...	6	
WILFRED ANDREWS ... 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS ...	7	
CYRIL F. TURNER ... 4	ERNEST J. WHITFIELD ... Tenor		

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.
 This is the first peal on the bells since their recent rehanging and retuning by Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, April 8, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. W. PARKER'S ODD AND EVEN BOB AND SINGLE TEN-PART, No. 64.			
Tenor 12½ cwt.			
JOHN H. SWINFELD ... Treble	ARTHUR ROWLEY ...	5	
MAURICE SWINFELD ... 2	CHARLES DRAPER ...	6	
ALFRED BALLARD ... 3	JAMES S. HUTCHBY ...	7	
E. HARRY STONELEY ... 4	JOSEPH BAILEY ... Tenor		

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time, and is the first peal of Stedman Triples in ten equal parts.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, April 9, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;			
Tenor 15 cwt.			
ALAN PORDON ... Treble	JIM HURRELL ...	5	
ISAAC EMERY ... 2	JOHN LYDDIARD ...	6	
ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... 3	EDMUND MOUNTER ...	7	
CYRIL BRETT-SMITH ... 4	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor		

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE.
 The treble ringer's first peal of Major, and rung on his birthday, also to celebrate the silver wedding of W. Lyddiard, a sidesman at this church, and one of the first ringers.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, April 10, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;			
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.			
GEORGE H. CROSS ... Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ...	5	
*EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 2	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ...	6	
†MRS. GEORGE H. CROSS ... 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7		
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. Tenor		

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.
 * First peal away from the treble. † First peal of Grandsire 'inside.'

LLANGIBBY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 11, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;			
Tenor 15 cwt.			
EDWARD H. STRADLING ... Treble	ARTHUR HAWKINS ...	5	
*EDGAR W. LOFF ... 2	DONALD G. CLIFT ...	6	
GEORGE POPNELL ... 3	GEORGE HAWKINS ...	7	
JOHN W. JONES ... 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... Tenor		

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
 * First peal in the method 'inside.' First peal of Bob Major on the bells. First peal in the method as conductor. A birthday peal for Messrs. W. Short, R. G. Knowles and G. Popnell.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 11, 1931, in Three Hours and One Minute,
 AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;			
Tenor 17½ cwt.			
MRS. GEORGE H. CROSS ... Treble	HARRY HOVERD ...	5	
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 2	FREDERICK A. COLEY ...	6	
WILLIAM G. TURLEY ... 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ...	7	
ROBERT COLLINS ... 4	GEORGE H. CROSS ... Tenor		

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.
 First peal in the method by the ringer of the 3rd.

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ST. IVES, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 11, 1931, in Three Hours,
At the Parish Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

FRANK WARRINGTON Treble	FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 5
CHARLES ROBINSON 2	ARTHUR J. GINN 6
MISS DORIS CLARKE 3	HARRY CHAPMAN 7
MANSFIELD GINN 4	HERBERT FIELDS Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON
First peal on the bells since being rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, also first peal by 'Henry VIII.' in his native county.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 11, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	HECTOR G. BIRD 5
*C. HOWARD STANLEY 2	ROBERT MATTHEWS 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT 3	WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT 7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 4	THOMAS HEMMING Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT
* First peal in the method.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, April 11, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Groves' Transposition of PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*LESLIE PRESTIDGE Treble	†ARTHUR E. WHATMORE 5
THOMAS A. TOWNSEND 2	CHARLES WM. COOPER 6
WALTER FARLEY 3	JOHN GOODMAN 7
SIDNEY THOMPSON 4	HENRY GOODMAN Tenor

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN.

* First peal and first attempt. † 50th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. W. Short, of Clent, and Geo. Poppell, of Newport.

CRESWELL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 11, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN H. BROTHWELL Treble	MISS N. CAWTHORNE 5
MRS. C. RYDER 2	JESSE J. MOSS 6
MISS G. BURCHNALL 3	ERNEST WAGSTAFF 7
MISS K. BURCHNALL 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

REDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 11, 1931, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

RONALD H. DOVE Treble	FRANK JENNINGS 5
HERBERT J. SKELT 2	ALFRED J. TRAPPIST 6
*H. STANLEY ROBINSON 3	FRANK E. DARBY 7
JOHN SPARROW 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by FREDR. DENCH.

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

* First peal in the method.

(A number of peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

FAIRFORD, GLOS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Wednesday evening, April 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): G. Low 1, Miss F. M. Hope 2, B. Guy 3, S. Worsfold 4, J. Peyman 5, J. Hope (conductor) 6, J. Smith 7, E. Cooper 8. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

SIX BELL PEALS.

STOKESAY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;			
Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 9 cwt. (approx.).			
ARTHUR C. NASON Treble	FORREST T. MASSEY 4
JOHN J. PRICE 2	HUBERT JONES 5
WILLIAM J. BENIAMS 3	E. RICHARD BALDWIN Tenor

Conducted by WM. J. BENIAMS.

Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to the Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Griffiths, Stokesay.

BRADFORD ABBAS, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Monday, April 6, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;			
Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.		Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in F.	
ARTHUR H. S. RAINEY	...Treble	CLEMENT VOWLES 4
PERCY N. G. RAINEY...	... 2	FRANK PRICE 5
WILFRID P. LAMBERT...	... 3	WILFRID H. POPETenor

Conducted by FRANK PRICE.

First peal on the bells. First peal for the Guild as conductor.

BURRINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 6, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

CÆSAR DAVIS	Treble	EDWARD J. AVERY	4	
JEFFREY TOSSELL	2	GEORGE GILLING... ..	5	
CHARLES FIELD	3	HAROLD E. BLACKER	Tenor	

Conducted by GEORGE GILLING.

Conducted by GEORGE GILLING.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gilling, parents of the conductor, in celebration of their diamond wedding, which occurred the Saturday previous.

BACKWELL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 6, 1931, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;			
Being four six-scores of Stedman, 18 of Plain Bob, and 20 of Grandsire, 16 different callings.			
		Tenor 19½ cwt.	
ERNEST TOSSELL	Treble	EDWARD J. AVERY	4
CHARLES FIELD	2	HAROLD E. BLACKER	5
JEFFREY TOSSELL	3	SIDNEY ROWE	Tenor

Conducted by H. E. BLACKER.

First peal in three methods by all the band.

HORBLING, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Monday, April 6, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;			
Being 720 each of St. Clement's Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Plain Bob, Double and Single Court. Tenor 9 cwt.			
MRS. PHILLIS HUMPHREY ...	Treble	HERBERT LOUTH ...	4
JOHN ALLEN ...	2	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY ...	5
HORACE M. DAY ...	3	*JAMES H. MUSSON ...	Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First peal in seven methods 'inside.' Rung as a welcome to the new Rector of this parish, the Rev. T. L. Ivens.

FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Easter Monday, April 6, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;			
Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.			
SHELFORD SPARROW	Treble	PERCY L. JOHNSON	4
ARTHUR R. GRIMWOOD	2	*P. C. HENRY J. VINCE	5
KEITH W. WHITTLE	3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

* First peal.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. CONTRIBUTION TO THE STEDMAN COMMEMORATION SCHEME.

Nearly 100 members of the Hertford County Association attended the 46th annual meeting of the association, which was held at St. Albans on Monday, under the chairmanship of the president (Mr. W. Nash).

Prior to the meeting, a service was held in the St. Albans Cathedral, when an address was given by the Vicar of Hitchin (Rev. R. F. E. Routh). Tea was provided at Ver House, where the business meeting also took place.

After a welcome had been extended to the visitors by the president, the financial statement for the year ended Easter, 1931, was presented and adopted. In presenting the report and moving its adoption, Mr. H. G. Lowe stated that the treasurer (Mr. E. P. Debenham) was unable to be present owing to indisposition, but he was making satisfactory progress towards recovery. The report showed that the income, which totalled £59 16s. 8d., included £18 17s. derived from ringing members, £9 18s. from hon. members, and 15s. from life members. The expenditure amounted to £41 14s. 11d., leaving a credit balance on the year's working of £18 1s. 9d.

RINGING ON A HIGH LEVEL.

In presenting his annual report, Mr. G. W. Cartmel (hon. secretary) stated: Another year has passed, and from our towers, on every Sunday, the bells have called the people to worship in the House of God. It is a point of honour we cherish. Many people would forget it was Sunday, but for the bells. They have a message at all times, whether of cheer or sorrow. The standard of ringing of our association to-day is on a very high level, probably the highest of any period of its existence. Many of us can remember when Squire Proctor's band was the only one in the county which could ring Surprise methods. To-day, we have many bands, scattered throughout the county, who successfully practise such methods, and ere long we can confidently expect records. We congratulate the Luton band upon their peal of London (all service ringers), and specially mentioning Mr. Lewis Goodenough, the conductor. Several new towers have been added to our strength. Thirty-six meetings have been held, at most of which a service with address has been arranged. The ringers have entered heartily into these services, and they appreciate the readiness of the various incumbents in making the arrangements. Joint association meetings have been continued, and have proved pleasurable and profitable functions in every way. Mr. W. H. Lawrence has been inspired to arrange mid-week district meetings, which have been very successful. By catering for those who only get a mid-week holiday, he has supplied a real want, which the ringers of his district have appreciated. It does not necessarily follow that the mid-week meeting would be successful in every district. Thirty-three peals have been rung on tower bells and three on handbells, making a total of thirty-six, the same as last year. The methods rung range from Surprise to Grandsire Doubles. The peals have been rung in twenty-three different towers, distributed throughout the county, and there have been twenty-one different conductors.

BENEVOLENT FUND STARTED.

The Benevolent Fund was brought into existence by resolution at the last Easter meeting, and in accordance with powers delegated to the treasurer and secretary, rules were drafted and circulated to the district secretaries, asking for an opinion upon them. This consideration called forth a wide divergence of thought, and it was found useful for the committee's consideration. With the exception of the Western District, the districts were favourable, and, support having since been forthcoming, an account has been opened at the Westminster Bank, at St. Albans. At the annual committee meeting in February last, the rules were discussed and finally agreed. Rule 2 was drastically altered, the meeting being unanimous in their opinion that only those members who contributed to the fund should be eligible for benefit. Another important addition was that towers outside the county, who were affiliated to the association, were brought within the scope of benefit. The committee do not suggest that the scheme is perfect, experience will decide that, but they do say that the effort is an honest attempt to help an unfortunate brother or sister in distress, and to put to practical test the reality of the brotherhood of ringers. I appeal personally to every member to give the scheme a chance, and by so doing to realise that you have a share in the Divine promise, 'Inasmuch as ye did unto the least of one of these my brethren, ye did it unto Me.' This, and this alone, is the ideal basis of the benevolent scheme.

INSURANCE AND PRESERVATION OF BELLS.

Reference was made to the death during the year of Canon Baker, president of the Bedfordshire Association, the Rev. G. Edmonds, of St. Albans, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, a member of the Herts County Association from its earliest days, Mr. W. J. Hazell, of Edmonton, and Mr. J. Floyd, of Hemel Hempstead, who was for forty years a ringer at St. Mary's Church. The report then proceeded: The disastrous fire at Eaton Socon Church draws attention to the insurance of church bells. Whilst there may not be any obligation resting upon Church authorities to insure their bells, it would be wise

procedure to do so. At a trifling cost, a policy could be procured which would indemnify against a great loss, in case of destruction, and ensure restoration. We all know that the bells are nearer Heaven than the fittings below, yet it is common knowledge they are the last to receive consideration as regards insurance. Of course, all ringers are on the electoral roll, if not on the P.C.C., and I would suggest that they raise the question of insurance at the first opportunity. Akin to the insurance of bells, is their preservation. It is doubtful whether church authorities have any systematic or competent inspection of belfries, the job is usually left to the ringers. A body called the St. Albans Advisory Committee function for this Diocese, and information is sought from the assessors, who, whilst possessing accurate knowledge of the fabric, probably know very little about bells and fittings. If this committee would be willing to co-opt a ringer or ringers to assist them, I know we could find the men to render valuable service.

After referring to the work done in the various districts, and expressing thanks to the district secretaries, the auditor, the treasurer and the librarian, the hon. secretary thanked the Dean of St. Albans for his kindly sympathy and interest in the association's work, and concluded by asking the members to take an inspiration from that meeting. 'Would it not be fitting,' he said, 'to regard this meeting as an association dedication day, a day on which we dedicate our services as bellringers in the House of God for another year. Let us see to it that our recognition as churchworkers is never forfeited by any indifference, and by our Christian standard of living, and efficiency in our bellringing, prove to the world "that old things have passed away, and all things have become new." Lastly, I would add my personal tribute to all those who have helped to uphold the traditions of change ringing in our county.'

RAVAGES OF DEATH WATCH BEETLE.

The Dean of St. Albans, in moving the adoption of the report, said he had noticed that bellringers seemed to live to a great age, and added that he thought that bellringing must have something to do with it. He referred to the ravages which the death watch beetle had done in St. Albans Cathedral, and added that they were fortunate to have come so lightly out of such an expensive and anxious trial as the last six months had been. He impressed upon his listeners the importance of having their towers inspected without delay to see whether old timbers were what they seemed to be, or decayed pieces of wood, eaten away by the beetle. He added that they had been fortunate to save in the Cathedral timbers that were erected when the tower was built in 1066. Continuing, he said ringing had a tremendous educational value. Ringers had to possess accuracy, concentration and perseverance, and what three finer qualities could they want, he asked.

The election of officers followed, when Mr. F. J. Reeve, of Tring, was appointed president. The hon. treasurer and hon. secretary were both re-elected as also was Mr. G. Debenham as hon. librarian. The district secretaries for the Northern, Eastern, St. Albans, Watford and Western Divisions were all re-elected.

The Hon. Secretary reported that he had received a letter from the editor of 'The Ringing World,' stating that an effort was being made to restore the bells on which Fabian Stedman rang at Cambridge, and that an appeal was being made to all the associations in the country for contributions. The meeting unanimously decided to contribute a sum of three guineas to the scheme.

The meeting concluded with the usual votes of thanks.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the East Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Association was held on Easter Monday at Ripley, Derbyshire, and was favoured with fine weather and a good attendance. Ringing commenced shortly before three o'clock, and continued until five, when the company adjourned for tea.

The business meeting was afterwards held with the president (Mr. W. Dobb) in the chair. The members evinced a keen interest in the affairs of the association and showed their confidence in the officials by re-electing the president (Mr. W. Dobb), treasurer (Mr. T. Stimpson) and secretary (Mr. J. W. England). Mr. Melville Slater was elected vice-president, Messrs. Jos. Machin and G. H. Jolland, auditors, and Messrs. C. Rogers, C. J. Partridge, F. Knowles and E. Ashman on the executive committee.

The balance sheet and auditors' report were accepted as satisfactory. A proposal to increase the annual subscription to one shilling was carried by a large majority.

Correspondence was read from the editor of 'The Ringing World' and the secretary of the Central Council, and a resolution was passed that the association loyally abide by the rules and decisions of the Central Council.

The venue of the next annual meeting is Tibshelf, and quarterlies were arranged at Pleasley, Old Brampton and Morton, the dates to be arranged by the executive committee.

Five new members were elected.

Members were present from Alfreton, Blackwell, Crich, Denby, Mansfield, Mansfield Woodhouse, Morton, Pleasley, Ripley, Selston, Sutton-in-Ashfield, South Normanton, Tibshelf, Kirkby-in-Ashfield and Hencor.

RESTORATION WORK AT SADDLEWORTH. BELLS IN A 'NO-MAN'S-LAND' GIVEN NEW LIFE.

Saddleworth, a place famous in the days that are no more and an arena for former six-bell contests, was the scene of renewed activity on Saturday, April 4th, when the restoration of the bells was celebrated in traditional style. The special service was very well attended, and the Rural Dean of Oldham, Canon A. R. Mackintosh, duly dedicated the bells at a service conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. W. Hudson.

Despite the uncertain weather and the position of the church, many visitors, including Mr. J. P. Fidler, of Loughborough, joined with the Saddleworth men in the pleasures of the day and enjoyed themselves to the 'full.'

The bells are a peal of eight, tenor weighing approximately 11 cwt. The back six were cast by Rudhall in 1781, and these were augmented by two trebles by Mears in 1884. A wonderful transformation has taken place in their tonal effect and carrying power, the falseness in tune having been corrected by the 'Taylor' system of tuning. The old timber frame was built in two levels, and for many years made strenuous efforts to make its escape from the tower when the bells were rung. At last its wishes have been realised, but it made a most ignominious descent from the tower; whether by design or accident, it remained in the churchyard to witness the triumphant entry of its successor, a monster of iron and steel, which now sits snugly in the tower, fitting it like a glove and all on one level. At the call of the bells the new frame acts as the true gentleman it is, so that the former, resplendent in their new rig out, can show off at their best without any unnecessary coaxing. To ring in the tower is now a treat, the handling of the bells is 'it,' and their sound in the ringing chamber is ideal—two combinations which make for nice 'tapping'—and some of the six-bell 'stuff' demonstrated this in no mean manner.

The Church authorities deserve every praise for the manner in which they have tackled this restoration, for, despite heavy financial burdens in other directions, they bravely set their shoulders to the wheel and made a job of it. We believe that Mr. Burridge, one of the wardens, greatly interested himself in the bell scheme, and has been a tower of strength towards its fulfilment. Great thanks are due to him and all those who assisted in attaining such a splendid result. The proof of the pudding is in the eating of it, and there is no doubt that Taylors have done this job 'to a turn,' and those who ring at Saddleworth can do so to their hearts' content.

The original Church of Saddleworth was founded in 1200 by William de Stapleton, who made it subordinate to the mother church

of St. Chad, Rochdale, but of this nothing now remains, the present building being a comparatively modern structure, while the tower was rebuilt some time during the middle of last century.

To reach the church, one must first get to Uppermill, which can be reached either by train or bus, then a nice long climb awaits the pilgrim. Like many churches in this locality, that of Saddleworth stands on an eminence on the western slopes of the Pennines, placed well away from the village, which, although it is in the county of Yorkshire, is very close to the borders of Lancashire, Cheshire and Derbyshire, thus making it a sort of no-man's-land. Yet it retains the grand virtue of hospitality. A large portion of the surrounding country is in a barren state and mountainous, which makes it a favourite spot with 'hikers.' The industrial part of the district is well away from the church, and thus, in its immediate vicinity, the population is very sparse, and on this further comment is unnecessary.

Despite this out-of-the-way situation, the visitor is well catered for, as there is a very good 'rest house' quite handy. Here the visiting ringers were entertained in a most excellent manner, and between thirty and forty did ample justice to a 'gradely' meat tea. 'Hey by gum, it were champion and cost nowt!' The very best thanks of all the ringers who attended are due to the good people of Saddleworth for the excellent fare provided, and for the manner in which they received the visitors.

To Mr. Jonathan Pilling and his merry men we extend our very best wishes, and trust they will have very many years' enjoyment with the bells of Saddleworth.

CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION. COCKERMOUTH WIN RINGING CONTEST.

The annual ringing contest and general meeting of the Cumberland Association was held on Easter Monday at Bridekirk Parish Church, when five teams competed representing Bridekirk, Cockermouth, Egremont, Keswick and Workington. The judge was Mr. J. H. Banks, of Helmshore, who placed Cockermouth as winners. They rang 720 Cambridge Minor in 28 minutes with 23 faults. Keswick rang 720 Kent Minor in 30 minutes with 21 faults. The other teams failed to complete the peal.

At a subsequent meeting, which was presided over by the Vicar, Rev. Canon Sutton, the 'Rawnsley' shield was presented to the conductor of the winning team (Mr. W. T. Holmes).

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for use of bells, etc., also to Mr. Banks for judging, brought the meeting to a close.

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THE STEDMAN TRICENTENARY.

COMMEMORATION FUND OPENED.
FIRST GRANTS FROM ASSOCIATIONS.

Although the actual details of the scheme for the restoration of the bells of St. Benedict's Church, Cambridge, in commemoration of the tricentenary of the birth of Fabian Stedman, have not yet been settled and consequently the cost is not yet known, it was felt that, with so many of the annual meetings of associations being held at Easter, the opportunity ought not to be missed of bringing the general idea of the commemoration to the notice of these gatherings. A tentative appeal was therefore addressed by the editor of 'The Ringing World' to those associations who were holding their annual meeting, and, wherever it was discussed, it met with widespread approval.

The circular, in asking for a provisional grant, pointed out that the cost might be in the region of £350, so that it would need the fullest support of the Exercise to carry it to a successful issue. It was added that the general outlines of the restoration proposals had the support of the Rector of St. Benet's and his churchwardens, and also of the secretary of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, and further that the Rector had given his promise that, should the bells be restored, reasonable facilities will be given for their use in the future.

The result of this first tentative appeal has been most gratifying and encouraging, the following sums having been actually or provisionally voted:—

	£	s.	d.
Ely Diocesan Association	10	0	0
Kent County Association	5	5	0
Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association	3	3	0
Hertford County Association	3	3	0
Middlesex County Association	5	0	0

in addition to which the committee of the Oxford Diocesan Guild proposes to recommend to the Guild that a grant of £10 be made to the fund.

Here is a splendid start, and we believe the whole Exercise will follow this lead in a similarly generous spirit. The appeal is to be a national one, and individuals as well as organisations will have the opportunity of subscribing.

BELFRY GOSSIP.

The two treble bells which are to augment the ring of eight at Isleworth, Middlesex, are to be cast to-day at the Whitechapel Foundry. The dedication will probably take place next month.

The bells at Ashbourne, Derbyshire, a ring of eight, are to be rehanging in new framework by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who have returned the four bells at Kingstone, Somerset, and augmented them to six.

It is now said that the peal of Stedman Caters at Beddington on March 21st was rung by only nine and a half secretaries! Sooner or later, we suppose, we shall get to the truth of this affair.

Twenty years ago to-day the Treble Bob Maximus record was set up at Ashton-under-Lyne, 12,240 being rung in 8 hrs. 39 mins. The tenor was rung by Mr. James George.

To-morrow is the anniversary of three long peals, 12,006 Grandsire Caters at Painswick on April 18th, 1737, 13,440 Double Norwich Major at Romford in 1894, and 17,824 Oxford Treble Bob Major at Hoptonstall, rung in 10 hrs. 51 mins., in 1927.

April 22nd is the anniversary of two other memorable peals, 15,227 Grandsire Caters at Cheltenham in 1889, and, the longest length ever rung by one set of men, 21,363 Stedman Caters at Appleton, which occupied 12 hrs. 25 mins. in 1922.

Who holds the record for being first out of the belfry after a peal? A West Country ringer was twice beaten in one day on Easter Monday, and admitted that on only six occasions had he ever failed to be out of the belfry first. As on three of these occasions it was by the same ringer, we would suggest that the latter is the record holder. If you want to know who he is, ask the ringer of the treble in the peal at Buckfast Abbey last October.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS, 1750-1788.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

II. BENJAMIN ANNABLE.

The story begins about the year 1750. For more than a hundred years the Society had been the foremost in London, perhaps in England. Founded in 1637, at a time when ringing was a fashionable sport, its members comprised the social and intellectual aristocracy of the Exercise. This is not just the exaggerated rumour of later ages. Among the two hundred and forty-three members between 1637 and 1700 there are one lord, nine sirs, six esquires, two Doctors of Divinity, two captains, and one colonel.

During the closing years of the seventeenth century, method ringing, as we know it now, became common and in the early years of the eighteenth century people began to ring peals. Which band it was that first rang five thousand changes we do not know, but the first true peal was accomplished at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, in 1715, and it was quickly followed by others in different parts of the country. In London the first peal was rung by the London Scholars in 1717—one of Grandsire Caters at St. Bride's, Fleet Street.

The College Youths did not ring their first peal till January 19th, 1724, but it was one of Grandsire Cinques (Note 4), and they quickly took the lead in peal ringing and held it for several years. This predominance was largely due to one man.

Benjamin Annable was born in 1703 and joined the Society in 1721 in his nineteenth year. He soon made his influence felt. He neither composed nor called the first peal, but in the next month he called a peal of Grandsire Caters at St. Magnus', and from that time he was the recognised conductor of the Society. He called the next seventeen peals, and out of a total of sixty-four rung before his death he took part in all but ten, and called all he took part in except four. His ascendancy was due to his great ability as a ringer and composer and to his masterful personality.

Jasper Snowden prints a letter which throws light on his position and reputation among the College Youths and ringers generally. Dr. Mason, of Cambridge, had written to Norwich asking for subscribers for John Holt's broadsheet, and in reply John Webster says that the Norwich Scholars will not do so because 'that Ingenious Ringer Mr. Annable's not Encouraging of it, had he Approved of it, his influence on the Colledge Youths would have been sufficient to have sent it to the Press without any Further Subscription.'

And the following is another rather similar incident. On January 12th, 1752, the Eastern Scholars rang at St. Margaret's, Westminster, a peal of a method they called Eastern Bob Double. It was the composition of Joseph Prior and is the same method which Shipway printed as Double Court Bob Major, but with second's and seventh's added. Henry Hubbard gives it in his book as Double Yorkshire Court Bob and as his own composition. The Eastern Scholars were very proud of their peal and their method, and claimed (with reason) that it was very musical.

But underneath the entry in their peal book they added this couplet—

'Unparalleled for Musick tho' derided
By B——n, who tells us—'Tis lopsided.'

This is very interesting. Prior anticipated Shipway by sixty years; both in his method and his rule for double methods; and Annable is insisting on the need for symmetry which has only of late years been accepted by the Exercise as a whole.

Annable was not elected a Steward of the Society till he had been a member for sixteen years, and was not made Master till he had been a Member for twenty-one years; which shows there were many older men who claimed precedence at the social meetings and the annual dinner. But in the tower he was the recognised if unofficial leader.

It is hardly likely, however, that his position was not sometimes challenged. In 1730-1 we find some signs of dissension. John Cundell called three peals and Laughton one, in none of which Annable took part. Annable, however, was soon back again as leader, but from that time there were occasional peals in which either he did not ring, or let someone else call. Probably his masterful manner did not agree with the younger ringers, and Cundell, likely enough, was his rival both as composer and conductor. Evidently, however, he was not big enough a man.

There was only one ringer at that time in London who could be said to be in any way Annable's equal. That was John Holt. Holt was leader of the Union Scholars, a man inferior to Annable socially and in education, but probably superior intellectually; and between the two there was keen rivalry and no great amount of love lost. For some reason or other, coolness arose between Holt and the Union Scholars. Osborn suggests it was because they did not book his peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Westminster in 1751. Anyhow, he was invited to join the College Youths, probably by the Cundell party, and as a rival to Annable. He joined them in 1752, and in that year called two peals of Grandsire Caters for them. Annable rang in neither.

(To be continued.)

LATE NOTICES.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Harpole on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Will all who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, April 21st.—T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—A meeting will be held at Lyme Regis on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea 5.15 at Church Hall. Notifications for tea to E. F. Brooks, Hon. Sec., Beaminster, Dorset.

OXFORD GUILD AND THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

At Reading, on Saturday, April 11th, the general committee of the Guild, amongst other business, unanimously recommended to the annual meeting that Rule 1 shall read: 'This society shall be called "The Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers," and shall be affiliated to the Central Council of Church Bellringers and loyally abide by the rules and decisions thereof.'

The committee also recommended that £10 be granted from the Guild's Restoration Fund to the restoration of the six bells of St. Benet's, Cambridge, the tower in which Fabian Stedman actually rang.

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MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

THE MEMORIAL TO THE LATE PRESIDENT.

The annual meeting of the above was held at Derby on Easter Monday, April 6th, when the bells of the Cathedral (10), St. Andrew's (10), St. Peter's (8), St. Luke's (8) were open at intervals during the day, and made good use of by members and friends from a large area. Some of the committee visited Littleover Parish Church, and were met by the Vicar and Mrs. Chambers to view and discuss final arrangements for the memorial to the late president, Alderman R. B. Chambers, B.A., J.P. This is to take the form of a silver chalice and brass tablet, the former of which is already completed. It is a replica of the ancient silver chalice, and inscribed to match the old inscription, which reads:—

'The gift of John Harpur, Esqr.
For the use of the Chappell of Littleover.
Anno Dom. 1687.'

The new memorial chalice, which is beautifully executed, is inscribed:—

'For the Church of Saint Peter, Littleover.

In memory of Robert Baker Chambers, A.D. 1929.

A tribute to their President from the Midland Counties Association of Change Ringers.'

Two estimates were considered and one finally decided upon for the brass tablet, and the place for its erection chosen exactly opposite a window which Mrs. Chambers is having replaced in stained glass to her late husband's memory, and is therefore a most suitable spot.

The Vicar of Littleover is now proceeding with the arrangements, and when completed a meeting will be arranged and service of dedication.

The committee met at 3.15 p.m. and carried out a heavy (too heavy) programme of routine work, making a number of suggestions for ratification by the members at the subsequent meeting. Tea was partaken of in King's Cafe, St. Peter's Street, and well over 100 members and friends sat down, and these represented every branch of the association's area, viz., Burton-on-Trent, Chesterfield, Derby, Hinckley, Leicester, Loughborough, Nottingham, and the Peak. Visitors also came from as far apart as Nuneaton and Leeds, Stoke-on-Trent and places too numerous to mention. The meeting followed immediately after tea, the chair being taken by the president, Mr. E. Denison Taylor, who was supported by the hon. treasurer, Mr. W. Wallace, the hon. sec., Mr. Ernest Morris, and Mrs. Chambers.

The president gave a resume of the year's work and a number of reminiscences, and congratulated Mr. Maurice Swinfield on his splendid peal performances, with the many new compositions of Stedman Triples he has conducted. He also congratulated the general hon. secretary, Mr. Ernest Morris, on the successful issue of his fine book, 'History and art of change ringing,' which he described as a veritable encyclopædia of ringing history and knowledge. He also referred to the same author's ringing feats, he having passed the 500-peal mark for the M.C.A., which no other member yet had reached.

Mr. W. Wallace then explained to the members what had been done regarding the Chambers memorial, and Mrs. Chambers very feelingly thanked the members and all concerned for their kindness and sympathy. She thought the memorials chosen to her late husband were most beautiful, and would ever be a source of help and comfort to her and an inspiring memory to the members of their late president, who had always had the association's welfare at heart. The members then stood in silence for one moment to the respected memory of their late president.

CHANGE IN FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS.

New members elected since the last meeting, viz., 24 ringing and 2 honorary, were duly confirmed.

The meeting also confirmed the election of the president (Mr. E. Denison Taylor) and hon. secretary (Mr. Ernest Morris) as before, but as the vice-president (Mr. J. Griffin) had left the district and had asked to be relieved, Mr. Wm. Willson was duly elected to the office. Mr. W. Wallace wished to retire from the position of hon. treasurer owing to domestic ties and removal of residence, and Mr. W. E. White, of Cotgrave, was duly elected in his place. The retiring officers were thanked for their services.

The committee's selected places for next quarterly meetings were confirmed, viz.: June, Syston; September, Staveley; January, 1932, Beeston; and the proposal to hold the next annual meeting—which will celebrate the jubilee of the association, which was formed in 1882—at Derby—its birthplace—was approved.

The report and balance sheet were passed on the proposition of Mr. W. E. White (one of the auditors), who remarked that everything was well kept, and the books all correct, the hon. treasurer and secretary having done their work well.

The question of the annual subscription and reports received a lengthy discussion, and each district sent in a report. Although the majority were in favour of a subscription of 1s. 6d. per annum and a free report, some districts were against it. A difficulty also arose of members paying 1s. as hitherto against the retrospective proposition, and it was finally proposed and carried that for 1931 subscriptions be as before, 1s., and 6d. charged for reports, but altered in (Continued in next column.)

HALSALL BELLS RECAST.

IMPROVEMENTS AT A LANCASHIRE TOWER.

The ring of six bells at St. Cuthbert's Parish Church, Halsall, Lancs., have been recast, with the addition of some 4 cwt. of metal, into a most musical ring perfectly tuned on the five-tone harmonic principle, and were rededicated on the day before Easter. The cost of the bells has been borne by the Rector, the Rev. E. L. Mather, in memory of his brother, who was killed at Ypres in 1917. In addition to the bell restoration, the old clock has been repaired and augmented to strike the Westminster quarters, a new tune playing machine installed, and the dial restored, this being the gift of Sir Wroth and Lady Lethbridge, the latter being the daughter of the late Canon Blundell, for many years the loved and respected Rector of the parish. The old clock is almost unique of its kind, having a pendulum 15 feet long, suspended at a distance from the clock itself and connected by a thin iron bar to the escapement.

The rededication of the bells and clock was performed by the Ven. Archdeacon Hawson, of Warrington, assisted by the Rector, Rev. E. L. Mather, Rev. Dr. Hayes, of Melling, the curate of Halsall (Rev. Leslie Hart), Mr. A. B. Service (licensed lay reader), etc. The service commenced at 2.45 p.m., and just before 3 p.m. the Archdeacon, clergy and choir proceeded to the tower, where the wardens requested the Archdeacon to dedicate the gifts. The actual ceremony was just completed when the beautiful Westminster chimes were heard, followed by the striking of the hour and the playing of the carillon. After a short address by the Archdeacon, the service closed with the hymn, 'Hark, hark, my soul.'

The local ringers then ascended the tower and rang a few touches, and visitors from Aughton, Southport, Sefton, Liverpool, Standish, Middleton, Penwortham and Blackburn also joined in. Tea had been provided at the Scarisbrick Arms by the kind generosity of Sir Wroth and Lady Lethbridge and the Rector. Mr. Cyril F. Johnston (of the firm of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, who have carried out the whole of the work in connection with the bells and clock) entered the room just as tea was concluded, and gave an interesting account of the new carillon which the firm are installing at River Side Church, New York, U.S.A.

Mr. Johnston's health was drunk with musical honours, and a hearty vote of thanks to the donors of the tea was, needless to say, carried with acclamation.

Afterwards ringing was carried on by different bands till 9.30, and it was the unanimous opinion of all present that the tone and 'go' of the bells were excellent, and reflected great credit on the firm of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston and their employees. The methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. The weight and inscription on the bells are as follows:—

	cwt. qr. lb.
Treble.—Excito Lentus (I hurry up the slow)	4 1 9
2.—Laudo Deum Verum (I praise the true God).	4 3 23
3.—Festa, Decoro (I honour the Feast).	6 1 9
4.—Dissipo Ventos (I scatter the Winds).	7 0 3
5.—In Memoriam, Alfred Lushington Mather, Ypres, 1917.	8 0 9
6.—Defunctos Ploro (I mourn for the departed).	10 3 19

41 2 16

These inscriptions are taken from a poem by Coleridge, 'The Bells,' A.D. 1772.

On the clock dial a new inscription which mystified the parish has been written in gold letters: 'Prætereunt Imputantur.' This motto is taken from an old sundial at All Souls' College, Oxford. It means, 'They pass by and will be summed up.'

On April 8th, 720 Plain Bob Minor was rung by the following: J. Hadcock 1, T. Prescott 2, E. Blundell 3, A. J. Trappitt 4, H. Serjeant 5, A. Mawdesley (conductor) 6. The ringers of the treble and 4th are employees of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

The bell founders were confronted with many difficulties in their task because the ringing chamber not only housed the ringers and the ancient clock, but is now called upon to accommodate a new Westminster quarter chime mechanism and also a tune playing machine. These difficulties were surmounted by lowering the ringing room floor by 4 feet, hoisting the clock and chime mechanism on to brackets as near the ceiling as possible, and fitting winding platforms, which are hinged and can be pulled up and out of the way when not in use. The original disposition of the rope circle could not be altered as the existing bell frame is used again, and its space in the heltry is quite restricted. The ringers, however, have an excellent circle of ropes, and are not in any way hampered by the mechanical additions in the tower.

J. G.

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1932 to 1s. 6d. with a free report. This will come into force in January, 1932.

Mr. Wm. E. White then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the president for presiding and for the interest he displays in the association; also to the local committee for arrangements made that day; and to Mrs. Chambers for so kindly coming to their meeting.

Further ringing and a pleasant convivial with handbells terminated a successful and pleasant meeting.

E. M.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**HITCH IN REAFFILIATION WITH CENTRAL COUNCIL.**

The annual meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Leckhampton, Cheltenham, on April 6th, nearly 100 members attending. Proceedings commenced with some ringing, and afterwards tea was served at the Malvern Inn.

The Ven. Archdeacon of Cheltenham gave the address at the service, taking for his text one which he had heard taken by the Rev. H. A. Cockey many years ago. He also read extracts from the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies' retrospect in the jubilee number of the Report.

After the service the meeting was held in the church schoolroom, the Master (Rev. E. S. Saleby) being in the chair.

The annual report of the association was in circulation on March 13th, and it is believed that this constitutes a record for its appearance so soon after the end of the financial year.

The Master's report and the secretary's report were unanimously adopted, as was the hon. treasurer's statement of accounts. The latter was very satisfactory, showing an increase throughout all sections.

The committee appointed to deal with future affiliation to the Central Council gave their report, which was referred back. This arose through the agenda of the Central Council not having appeared in 'The Ringing World' in accordance with the rules of that body, viz., approximately eight weeks before the meeting. A member of the Central Council present stated that the Council must not be 'dictated to.'

The Master said he would not permit the word 'dictated,' as there was every indication that good was being done by the association in discussing and ventilating the question of the rules of the Central Council; after all, they were suggestions.

It was decided that a peal rung at Thornbury in February, 1930, and not yet published in 'The Ringing World,' was not in accordance with the rules and could not be recorded. It was decided to form a committee to deal with the question of a national ringers' memorial to the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies.

All the officials were re-elected for the ensuing year, except the hon. secretary, whose duties are temporary until reaffiliation to the Central Council has been carried out.

The Hon. Secretary, in asking that he should not be re-elected, stated that he had done all in reason to make it possible for reaffiliation, and there was no reason why any attempt was made that day to discuss the question, as it had already been decided, and probably but for the fact that the Council's agenda had not appeared in accordance with the Council's rules, affiliation would have been established before that meeting.

All the other business was quickly disposed of, and a donation of £5 3s. was voted to the Stedman Tercentenary Fund.

This concluded the business, and the association then entertained the members to tea at the Malvern Inn, which is situated in a delightful part of Gloucestershire, and, although the weather was not of the best, to the writer and, doubtless, to all those at the meeting, it was a wonderful sight. Never before had the hills behind Leckhampton been seen by the majority of the party.

The Bristol contingent had a very happy day in spite of the inclement weather. Leaving Bristol (and a couple of their party behind), they travelled by motor coach through the gorgeous valley of Stroud, stopping for a 'pull' at Horsley, a delightfully pretty church, and then for a 'feed' and some fun at the Golden Hart, Painswick, proceeding in good time to Leckhampton.

The return journey was made through Gloucester, and home reached in good time. E. G.

KIDSGROVE BELLS RECAST.**ROOM FOR TWO TREBLES.**

After recasting and rehanging by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, the six bells of St. Thomas' Church, Kidsgrove, near Stoke-on-Trent, have been rededicated. The bells were originally installed soon after the accession of Queen Victoria. They have now passed once more through the furnace, and have been rehung in a cast-iron frame of steel girders, with space left for two trebles. The whole of the money required for the work was raised before the dedication service.

There was a large attendance at the ceremony, the service being conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. F. C. Llewellyn, and the rededication performed by the Rural Dean of Newcastle (Rev. J. H. L. Edwards). Immediately afterwards, the bells were rung by the local ringers, and the Doxology followed. The sermon was preached by the Rev. E. W. Hadmen (Vicar of Cobridge), who spoke of the important part bells had played in English Church life from the sixth century. Mr. J. P. Fidler represented the founders at the service. After the service, touches were rung by visiting ringers from Crewe, Chester, Farrdon, Wistaston, Pulford, Stoke, Kingsley, Bidulph, Loughborough, Lawton, Norton-in-Hales and Norton-in-the-Moors.

A public tea and meeting was afterwards held, attended by over 200 parishioners and friends, when congratulatory speeches were made and votes of thanks passed.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**REARRANGEMENT OF DISTRICTS DEFERRED.**

The annual general meeting of the Norwich Diocesan Association was held at Norwich on Easter Monday. The members began the day by ringing touches in various standard methods at the Churches of St. Peter Mancroft (12), St. John de Sepulchre (8), St. Michael at Coslany (8), and All Saints (5). The executive committee held a meeting in the choir vestry of St. Peter Mancroft in the morning, when the general secretary laid before the committee suggestions that he had received for a rearrangement in the areas of the branches. The committee were of the opinion, in view of the present scheme having been in force for such a short time, that it should be given a further trial, and in the meantime the matter be referred back to the area committee to report upon.

Divine service was held in the Church of St. Peter Mancroft at 12.30 p.m., conducted by the Rev. Hugh McMullan, M.A. (Vicar). The address was given by the Rev. Canon Charles Compton Lanchester, M.A., Vicar of St. Barnabas', Heigham, who gave an interesting discourse based on Psalm xix. 3-4, 'There is neither speech nor language: but their voices are heard among them, their sound is gone out into all lands: and their words into the ends of the world.'

The luncheon was served at the Bell Hotel, the president (the Archdeacon of Norwich) being in the chair. Among those present were the Rev. R. H. O. Bankes, Mr. P. E. Sowell, Mr. Charles E. Borrett (a vice-president), Mr. Arthur L. Coleman (general secretary and treasurer), Mr. G. P. Burton (hon. auditor), Messrs. William J. Lee, F. Nolan Golden (branch secretaries), Miss Helen W. Bill, Messrs. J. F. W. C. and W. L. Duffield (members of the executive committee), and also Messrs. R. W. Cooke, Eric G. Bennett and C. E. Lovett (members of branch committees), besides representatives from Norfolk and Suffolk, making a total of 53 members.

Immediately after luncheon, there followed the business meeting. The president, in his introductory remarks before the commencement of business, quoted the following quaint eulogy of bellringing by the writers of the 'Clavis' (1788): 'Of all the athletic exercises or amusements now in practice, there are none so ranked in the circle of sciences of so noble a nature, so conducive to health, and employing so many faculties, both mental and corporeal, as that of the art of ringing. . . . And, moreover, at this time, to our knowledge there are several learned and eminent persons, both clergy and laymen of good estates, that are members of several societies of ringers, and think themselves very highly favoured that they can arrive at so great an happiness and honour.'

The Archdeacon, in moving the adoption of the annual report and balance sheet, said the association had 830 members. There were something like 40,000 bellringers in the country, so they belonged to a very noble army. There was a very privileged position, and he wanted them to be proud of it.

Mr. G. P. Burton moved the re-election of the Archdeacon of Norwich as president, and the motion, on being put to the meeting, was carried with enthusiasm.

The vice-presidents were all re-elected, as were Mr. Arthur L. Coleman (as general secretary and treasurer), and Mr. G. P. Burton (as hon. auditor). Messrs. George Bailey, William E. Bason and Chas. E. Lovett were elected to fill the vacancies on the executive committee, the remaining members being re-elected.

The General Secretary moved the election of six new members, the re-election of three old members, and the ratification of one belfry election.

On the motion of the President, a vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar of St. Peter Mancroft and to the incumbents of St. John de Sepulchre, St. Michael at Coslany, and All Saints for allowing the use of their bells, and also to the Rev. Canon C. E. Lanchester for his address at the service.

This concluded the business meeting. The members afterwards dispersed to the various belfries for further ringing until the evening. The day being gloriously fine added much to the enjoyment of those attending, a total of between 70 and 80 members being present during the day.

OLD HALESWORTH RINGER'S DEATH.

The death occurred on March 26th of Mr. James Howard, of Halesworth, Suffolk, who passed away at the age of 71 years. He had spent all his life in the town, and had been a member of the Church Council and a sidesman at the Parish Church for many years past. He had belonged to the Halesworth Ringers Society since 1878, and been its treasurer for 35 years. He had assisted on over fifty occasions in the ringing for the birthdays of the sovereigns of England and had taken part in 38 peals. Mr. Howard was also for a long period a member of the Halesworth Company of the 1st Volunteer Battalion Suffolk Regt., in which he was for many years an N.C.O., attaining the rank of colour-sergeant, and for some time being its secretary.

There was a large and representative gathering at the funeral, which took place amid many marks of respect. The Halesworth ringers, who also sent a wreath, were represented by Messrs. F. C. Lambert (secretary), W. Pierce, L. Hammond, A. H. Took, J. O'Neill and K. Kemp. In the evening the bells of the Parish Church were rung muffled.

A WRINGTON BELL RECAST.**IMPROVEMENTS IN A FAMOUS SOMERSET TOWER**

The fifth bell in the peal (the treble in the old six) at Wrington, Somerset, had for some time been cracked in the crown, and was very dull in tone compared with the others. The bell has now been recast, making a big improvement in the peal. The new bell is a perfect splice with the others. Visitors to this glorious tower will recall the excessive volume of sound in the ringing chamber, which is immediately below the bells. This has now been cured by fitting a deadening ceiling and sound absorbent material, while movable hatches have been fitted in the weight shaft. The sound in the ringing chamber is now all that can be wished.

The cost of the work has been borne by Mrs. R. E. Marshall, of Pierce Hay, Wrington, and her brother, Major J. H. B. Hesse. The local ringers also made a substantial contribution towards the cost of the sound deadening.

A bronze inscription plate at the foot of the tower records the recasting as follows:—

'The 5th bell in the peal of ten was recast A.D. 1931 as the gift of Rose Ethilend Marshall and John Harley Bridges Hesse to the loved and honoured memory of Lieut.-Col John Valentine Hesse, J.P., late 58th Regt. Foot, and his wife, Ellen McGhie (Bridges), also Edward Dowell Marshall, M.A., I.E.S., late Principal, Rangoon College, Burma, of Pierce Hay, Wrington, and son-in-law of the above. 1890-1927.'

On Easter Monday afternoon the bells were reopened by the local band, assisted by Major Hesse and Mr. A. A. Hughes, and the ringers were afterwards very kindly entertained to tea at the Golden Lion (of happy memory) by Mrs. Marshall. The local ringers are very enthusiastic, and are to be congratulated on the good progress they have made in change ringing.

The work of recasting and the fitting of the new deadening floor has been carried out by Mears and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel Foundry.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**NEXT YEAR'S JUBILEE CELEBRATION.**

The attendance at the annual meeting at Worcester on Easter Monday was very good, in fact, larger than for some years, and the number of young members was very noticeable and encouraging. The various rings in the city were set going early in the morning to the tune of methods ranging from Grandsire Doubles to London Surprise Major, Cambridge Royal and Stedman Cinques, but the opportunity of ringing at St. Helen's Church was much missed, the bells there being unringable with a badly cracked tenor.

The business meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House was presided over, as for many years past, by the Dean, the Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., who always extends a cordial welcome to the association.

It was decided to make a new form of membership, to be called honorary life, and to consist of those who, in the opinion of the committee, had done good service, either in office or in long and hard-working membership, and who would then be free of any further subscription.

An addition to the rules on the lines of the Central Council resolution was unanimously agreed to.

A satisfactory report was received from the librarian, Mr. C. W. Cooper, and Mr. H. Mason, having kindly offered to present copies of 'The Bell News' covering 36 years, was sincerely thanked.

Considerable discussion took place in regard to the best way to celebrate the jubilee of this association next year, the first meeting having been held at Bromsgrove on April 10th, 1882. It was eventually decided to arrange a jubilee festival on Saturday, April 9th, at Bromsgrove, the annual meeting to be held as usual at Worcester on Easter Monday.

A proposal by Mr. T. J. Salter to increase the bells at Bromsgrove to a peal of twelve was not carried.

The officers were all re-elected, although the secretary, having completed 25 years in that office, tendered his resignation. Mr. F. J. Johnson, of Hinton, was elected a vice-president.

Owing to the meeting not starting on time, it had to be adjourned until after the service (which was held in the Cathedral, and an excellent address given by the Rev. G. W. Webb) and the tea, when a sub-committee was appointed to arrange a competition for a set of ten handbells, which was most generously offered for that purpose by a member.

A grant of £5 was made towards the cost of rehanging the bells at Grimley Parish Church, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Dean and the various incumbents who, by kindly allowing the use of their bells, had materially assisted in making the occasion both successful and enjoyable.

EGERTON, KENT.—On Thursday, April 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 43½ mins.: W. Missing 1, F. Good (Charing) 2, L. Homewood 3, A. Waddington 4, A. Missing 5, C. Rains 6. Arranged and rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, Rev. F. B. Norie, on his first evening in the parish.

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 23rd, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 21st, both 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.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Kintbury on Saturday, April 18th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., at 1s. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

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.

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

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.—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. Kirby Cross Station ten minutes' walk by the fields. Frequent bus service from Clacton-on-Sea. Tea in the Village Hall provided free. — C. H. Howard, Master.

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 S. Nicolas' from 3 p.m. Service in the Cathedral 4.30.; preacher, Bishop Golding-Bird. Tea and meeting in Holy Trinity Parish Hall.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

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. Business meeting to follow. All ringers will be cordially welcomed. — A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held in Birmingham on Saturday, April 18th. The bells of St. Chad's, Bath Street, will be available from 3 to 4.30 p.m., and Bishop Ryder's, Gem Street, from 3 to 5 p.m. and after tea until 7 p.m. A meat tea will be served in Bishop Ryder's School at a charge of 1s. 6d. per head. The business meeting will follow the tea and reports will be ready for distribution. — Miss D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Blagden on Saturday, April 18th. Bells open 2.30. Divine service 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting.—L. G. Tanner, Local Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH AND SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILDS.—A combined practice by these guilds will be held at Christchurch on Saturday, April 18th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Those requiring tea inform Mr. G. Preston, 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Braughing on April 18th, when the bells will be ready during the afternoon and evening. Service at 5. Address by the Vicar. Tea and meeting after. All will be heartily welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Youlgreave on Saturday, April 18th. Church of All Saints (8 bells, tenor 27 cwt.) available afternoon and evening. Tea will be arranged. Visitors welcome. Subscriptions due. Method for special attention: Double Norwich.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leamwood, Dore.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Leighton Buzzard on Saturday, April 18th. The bells (10) will be ready at 3 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Welton (5) on Saturday, April 18th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me?—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Midsomer Norton and Frome Deanery.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Compton Dando on Saturday, April 18th, and not 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business at 5 p.m. Please let me know how many of your ringers want tea.—G. M. Hasell, 11, Council Houses, Timsbury.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Forest Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Ruardean on Saturday, April 18th. Bells (8), recently rehung, available 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting, at 5 p.m., will be held at Bell Hotel.—Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec., 44, Newerne Street, Lydney, Glos.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the branch will be held on Saturday, April 18th, at Aldbourne. Bells available 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30. Visitors kindly notify the secretary, Cyril Hussey, Hon. Sec., Green Farm, East Grafton, Marlborough.

DEVON GUILD.—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Bickleigh on Saturday, April 18th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting 4 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea (1s.) 5.15 p.m.—Fitzwilliam Carter, Withleigh Vicarage, Tiverton.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the Southampton District will be held at East Tytherley on Saturday, April 18th. Bells (8) and Lockerley (6) from 2.30. Service at 4.15. Tea, at Star Inn, at 5 o'clock.—W. T. Tucker, Dis. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Chiddingstone on Saturday, April 18th, at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held at Exminster on April 18th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, at 5, 1s. each.—W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, St. Thomas, Exeter.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Chesterfield District of the above association will be held at Cresswell on Saturday, April 18th. Bells open early.—J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Sec.

ST. ALPHEGE CHURCH, CANTERBURY.—The re-hung peal of six by Alfred Bowell will be re-dedicated by the Archdeacon of Canterbury on Thursday, April 23rd, at 7.30 p.m. All subscribers and ringers will be most heartily welcomed at this service.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Southover, Lewes, on Saturday, April 25th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, 5, in the Church Hall, 1s. 3d. Will secretaries please notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday previous to meeting how many may be expected from their towers? Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.).—A. D. Stone, Hon. Div. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Ashton Parish Church (12 bells) on Saturday, April 25th. Bells 3 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m. Members make their own arrangements for tea. Good accommodation near by.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—N. and E. District.—Next meeting at Pinner on Saturday, April 25th. Bells from 3. Tea, at 5.30, 1s. each. Please do let me know if you are coming.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Brading on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., in the Parish Hall followed by business meeting. All ringers welcomed. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me on or before Wednesday, the 22nd inst?—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., Collingwood, 23, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Leesfield, Oldham, on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. A peal board will be unveiled by the Vicar at this service. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A by-meeting will be held at All Saints', Whitstable, on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Will all those members intending to be present kindly notify Mr. G. C. Smith, Whittenham, Vale View Road, Whitstable, not later than Thursday, April 23rd?—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary Cray on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea, generously provided by the local ringers, will be reserved only for those members notifying me not later than Monday, April 20th.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Hastings, on Saturday, April 25th. Tower open at 3 p.m.—A. Edmies, Hon. Sec.

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch. — The next meeting will be held on Saturday, April 25th, at East Budleigh. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea at 4.30. Numbers for tea to be sent by Monday, April 20th, to Mrs. Powell, Hon. Sec., Clyst St. George, near Exeter.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District. — The half-yearly meeting will be held at Cliffe-at-Hoo on Saturday, April 25th. Half rail fares allowed. Tea supplied for a small charge. Please notify me not later than Tuesday, April 21st.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division. — A meeting will be held at Great Totham on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (6) 2.30. A short service in church at 4.30, to be followed by tea and meeting. Will all those who intend to be present please let me know by first post on Thursday, April 23rd? Members are asked to turn up in large numbers and make this meeting a great success. — A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual meeting will be held at Burley Parish Church on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged for all who send in their names to Mr. G. Slack, 12, Wolsley Mount, Burley, Leeds, by April 22nd. Business meeting at 7.30 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Swainswick on Saturday, April 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow.—T. Grant, Hon. Branch Sec., Swainswick, Bath, Somerset.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. — On Saturday, April 25th, a meeting will be held at Barley. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. No business meeting. All ringers and friends are cordially invited to attend, but a card if you require tea will be much appreciated.—Don Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Offley, Hitchin.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672). — The annual meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, April 25th. Tower open 5.30. Meeting 7 p.m. Election of officers and other business. A good attendance is desired.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting at Lincoln, Saturday, April 25th. Special service in the Ringers' Chapel at the Cathedral at 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, at 4.15, at 1s. 9d. per head, followed by business meeting. Ringing at the Cathedral from 1.45 p.m., and at St. Peter-at-Gowts and St. Botolph's from 2 p.m. All who require tea please send their names to Mr. G. Chester, 16, Carline Road, Lincoln, not later than Wednesday, April 22nd.—F. W. Stokes, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch. — Next meeting will be held at Winterbourne on Saturday, April 25th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Half-hourly bus service from tram centre. A card by the 21st for those requiring tea will be appreciated. — Harry Bennett, Branch Sec., Highfield, Runswick Road, Brislington.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch. — The quarterly meeting will be held at Tarvin on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available at 3. Service 4.30. Kindly notify me if you intend being present. — J. W. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Wayside, Circular Drive, Chester.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will hold their quarterly meeting, and an eight bell contest, at Elland, near Halifax, on April 25th. Draw 2.45 p.m. Will those requiring tea (1s. 6d. each) please send not later than April 20th to L. Hargreaves, 30, Bankfield View, Halifax?

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch. — The quarterly meeting will be held at Sydling on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (also Bradford Peverell, Frampton and Maiden Newton) available at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea (by kind invitation of the Vicar) and meeting to follow. — C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Horwich on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. — Peter Crook, Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hchester Deanery Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Langport on Saturday, April 25th. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, Branch Sec., Martock.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch. — The branch annual meeting has been arranged at St. John the Baptist, Windsor, on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Guild service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, at 5.15 p.m., at 1s. per head, to all those who notify me not later than April 20th. Business meeting 6.15 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District. — A district meeting will be held at Bagshot on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in the Parish Hall. Please notify for tea by Wednesday, April 22nd.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch. — The next meeting of the branch will be held at Withington on Saturday, April 25th. Bells open at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea, at the Mill Inn, 5.30. Business meeting to follow. Will all those intending being present please notify me by the 21st inst.? — Walter Yeend, Branch Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The next meeting will be held at Barnby Dun on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (6) ready early. Will all ringers please make own arrangements for tea? Don't forget this meeting. — Percy Gledstone, Hon. Sec., 22, Hameline Road, Conisborough.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District. — A meeting will be held at Thurleigh on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (6) from 2.45. Tea at 5 p.m. Turn up in good numbers. — Percy C. Bonnett, Dis. Sec., Stagsden.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District. — The next meeting will be held at Wolvey on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available from 3.45 p.m. A good attendance is specially hoped for, all ringers being cordially welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Gamlingay on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, at the Cock Inn, 5. — K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Worthen on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. Tea (1s. each) and meeting at 5 o'clock. A bus leaves Shrewsbury at 2.20 p.m. for Worthen, returning at 7.15 p.m. Please send numbers for tea before the 20th to Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton Branch. — A meeting will be held at Froyle on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in St. Mary's, Froyle, at 4.30. Tea at the Shrubbery House, by kind invitation of Sir Hubert Miller. All ringers welcome, but will those who intend to come kindly notify me by Thursday, April 23rd?—B. C. Taylor, Binsted Vicarage, Alton.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY. — The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, April 25th, at Ashton Parish Church. Bells available 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. — S. Thompson, Hon. Sec., 16, Market Street, Ashton.

MUCH WENLOCK.—The Bishop of Hereford will dedicate, on Friday, May 1st, at 3 p.m., the restored and augmented peal of eight bells which has been hung in a new framework by Taylors, of Loughborough.

BROADWOODKELLY, DEVON.—The re-dedication by the Bishop of Exeter of the recast and augmented ring of 6 bells in a new frame and with new fittings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, will take place on Saturday, May 2nd, at 3.30 p.m., followed by tea (1s. per head). Ringing before and after tea. Concert 7.30 p.m. Notifications for tea should be sent to the Rev. E. W. Perry, The Rectory, Broadwoodkelly, Winkleigh, Devon, beforehand.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bicester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Launton (6) on Saturday, May 2nd. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome. Will those requiring tea please notify me early? Bells available from 2 p.m. — F. Sharpe, Hon. Sec., Launton, Bicester, Oxon.

SURFLEET. — A combined meeting of the Lincoln Branch of the Ladies' Guild and the Elloe Deanery Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild will be held at Surfleet on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (10) will be open all day. Service at 4 p.m., with tea and business meetings following. Tea will only be provided for those who notify me before Thursday, April 30th. — Mrs. R. Richardson, Hon. Sec., Glyn Garth, Surfleet, near Spalding.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District. — A meeting will be held at Heston on Saturday, May 2nd. Ringing from 3 p.m. Buses from Hounslow (Central Station) pass church. Tea arranged. All ringers welcome.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, May 2nd, at Chrishall. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. Wacey, 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, May 2nd, most probably at Ewell, Christ Church, Epsom, not being available. Full particulars next week.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

RICKMANSWORTH. — Saturday, May 2nd. Bells open from 3.30. Tea, at Red Spider Tea Rooms, 6 p.m. Cheap tickets from all parts by train or motor bus.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday afternoon, May 2nd. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Kelvedon on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Will those requiring tea please let me know by Tuesday, 28th inst.? Subscriptions for 1931 are now due. — F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earl's Colne.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Next meeting will be held at Norton on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. For tea please notify Mr. Wm. Biggin, 13, Abbey Lane, Woodseats. — M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Chiddingstone on Saturday, May 9th. Further particulars will be announced next week.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

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