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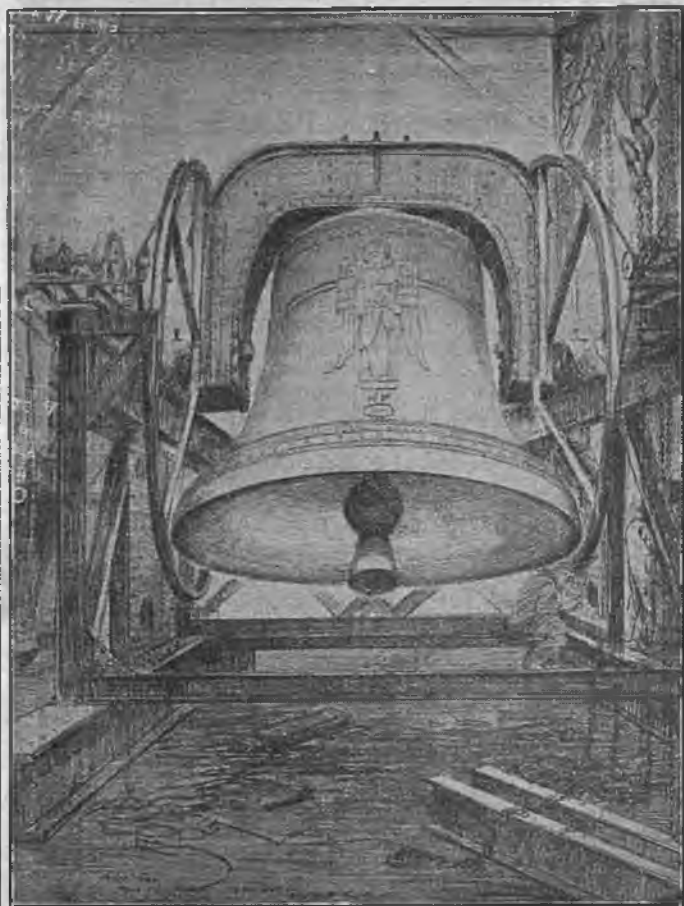
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### A DELAYED AGENDA.

It is a little unfortunate that the agenda of the next meeting of the Central Council, which should have been published in the week before Easter, has not yet made its appearance. The rules provide that it shall be advertised at least eight weeks before the meeting, the object being that the many associations which hold their annual meetings between that time and Whitsun Tuesday may have the opportunity of considering and expressing an opinion upon any of the matters which are likely to come before the Council. No reason has been made public why the course prescribed by the rules has not been followed this year, and associations and members of the Council await with interest an explanation of the delay. Consideration of the Central Council's agenda has appeared as an item in the business of more than one association since Easter, but it has had to be passed over for lack of information.

The rule providing for the early publication of the agenda is a good one, if the Council really desires the associations to take an interest in its work. The majority of the more important associations hold their annual meetings between Easter and Whitsun Tuesday, and unless they can know what the Council propose to do, so that they can discuss it beforehand, the greater part of their interest is lost, because it is nearly twelve months before they can consider any of the subjects, however important these may be. Moreover, though the representatives are free agents to vote as they please in the Council, there are many of them who like to know beforehand what their members think on leading questions.

There is one other matter to which in this connection we should like to refer. In view of the importance of the question, it would have been a good plan if the Standing Committee had been able to publish before the meeting the exact amendments to the Council's rules which it is proposed to recommend, under the resolution passed last year. The minutes of a meeting of the Standing Committee have been published in our columns, from which it appears that the revision of rules has been discussed, but the conclusions arrived at were expressed in such general terms that the extent of the committee's recommendations is hardly clear, and unless the Council has before it specific amendments it is not likely to carry the matter much further at its next meeting. There are some associations, at any rate, who want to see the relationship between the Council and those who have been asked to pass resolutions of 'affiliation' put on to a proper footing, and any suggested changes in constitution cannot be adequately discussed without definite recommendations which the members ought to have the opportunity of considering before the meeting.

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## TWELVE BELL PEALS.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, April 12, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;**

Tenor 31 cwt.

FRED HAYES ... .. Treble	*WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 7
RALPH COLES ... .. 2	*LEONARD STILWELL ... .. 8
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 9
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 4	DONALD BOREHAM ... .. 10
FRANK BOREHAM ... .. 5	WILLIAM PYE ... .. 11
CECIL C. MAYNE ... .. 6	JAMES BENNETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\* First peal on twelve bells. A jubilee peal of Cinques for the Diocesan Guild, founded 1881.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 18, 1931, in Three Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;**

Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM TILLET ... .. Treble	*WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... .. 7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... .. 2	*J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... .. 8
GEORGE A. FLEMING ... .. 3	CHARLES A. CATCHEPOLE ... .. 9
HARRY R. ROPER ... .. 4	WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... .. 10
*HAROLD E. SYMONDS ... .. 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... .. 11
ALBERT A. FLEMING ... .. 6	FREDERICK J. TILLET ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

\* First peal of Superlative Surprise Maximus. Rung as a farewell to Mr. J. F. Smallwood, who is leaving the district.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH  
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 11, 1931, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAGNUS, LONDON BRIDGE, CITY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt.

*GEORGE H. GRAINGER ... Treble	GEORGE A. CARD ... .. 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	†BETIE ALDRIDGE ... .. 7
ERNEST J. KING ... .. 3	THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... 8
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 4	EDWARD D. SMITH ... .. 9
†WILLIAM D. GRAINGER ... 5	JAMES G. A. PRIOR ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN COX. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

\* First peal. † First peal of Stedman Caters 'inside.' ‡ First peal on ten.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHAMPTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 18, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

**A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

*HARRY MARLOW ... .. Treble	*WILLIAM R. PARKER ... .. 6
WILLIAM ROGERS ... .. 2	FRED HOPPER ... .. 7
†BETIE O. SODEN ... .. 3	*WILLIAM ATTERBURY ... .. 8
†TOM LAW ... .. 4	TOM TEBBUTT ... .. 9
*ARTHUR H. TAYLOR ... .. 5	JOHN J. TAYLOR ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by J. J. TAYLOR.

\* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Bob Royal.

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## NOTTINGHAM.

## THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 18, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 34 cwt.

*RALPH NARBOROUGH... ..Treble	*SAMUEL PINDER... .. 6
IDA B. THOMPSON ... .. 2	†HENRY ROGERS ... .. 7
ALBERT COPPOCK ... .. 3	*ALFRED B. MOSS ... .. 8
FRED BLOOD ... .. 4	PERCIVAL PRICE... .. 9
ALLEN R. HICKTON ... .. 5	FREDERICK W. BAILEY ...Tenor

Composed by HENRY PRICE. Conducted by ALBERT COPPOCK.

\* First peal of Royal. † First peal. A birthday compliment to the conductor and the ringers of 4, 9 and 10.

## HERTFORD, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN A. WAUGH ... ..Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS... .. 6
*EDITH K. FLETCHER... .. 2	*JAMES PARKER ... .. 7
*JOHN H. CRAMPION ... .. 3	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... .. 8
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 9
EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 5	*GEORGE W. FLETCHER ...Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

\* First peal of Double Norwich Royal. First peal of Double Norwich Royal as conductor.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

## BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

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

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 21 cwt.

FRANK BUCKLAND ... ..Treble	RICHARD BUCKLAND ... .. 5
MISS K. E. FLETCHER ... .. 2	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. 6
MRS. P. M. MAYNE ... .. 3	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 4	CECIL C. MAYNE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

## COLWALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, April 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 11 cwt.

FRANK LAWRENCE ... ..Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 5
DENNIS R. MORRIS ... .. 2	SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 6
GEORGE POPNELL ... .. 3	CYRIL TANSSELL ... .. 7
WILFRED WILLIAMS ... .. 4	*CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

First peal of Surprise as conductor.

## HOLBECK, LEEDS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, April 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. H. EARLE BULWER'S SIX-PART, NO. 10.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F.

WILLIAM WOODHEAD ... ..Treble	PERCY J. JOHNSON ... .. 5
JAMES A. TEALE ... .. 2	GEORGE ROBINSON ... .. 6
CHARLES E. LAWSON ... .. 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... .. 7
THOMAS W. STRANGEWAYS ... .. 4	*THOMAS McHALE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

\* First peal. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal on the recast bells. Specially arranged and rung on the occasion of the wedding of the Vicar, the Rev. Rowland J. Wood, which took place at Sleaford, Lincs, on this date, also as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Lindsay, of Burley, on the forty-ninth anniversary of their wedding day.

## BARROW-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM ROBINSON ... ..Treble	THOMAS S. JEFFERSON ... .. 5
FRANK WILSON ... .. 2	EDWIN JENNINGS ... .. 6
JAMES WILLIAMS ... .. 3	JIM TEBAY ... .. 7
WILLIAM PICTHALL ... .. 4	JAMES E. BURLS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN JENNINGS.

## FOLKESTONE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND EANSWYTH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS' SIX-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.

*JOHN T. COPPINS ... ..Treble	†WILFRED KITCHEN ... .. 5
WILLIAM BIDNELL ... .. 2	†R. THOMAS CLARK ... .. 6
CHARLES R. MILLWAY ... .. 3	CHARLES TURNER ... .. 7
FREDERICK CASTLE ... .. 4	†TIM ANDERSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES TURNER.

\* First peal away from tenor. † First peal. ‡ First peal on eight bells. Messrs. J. T. Coppins and T. Anderson were elected members of the association previous to starting for the peal.

## CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, April 16, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

PERCY GLEDSTONE ... ..Treble	WILLIAM GREEN ... .. 5
SAMUEL HARRISON ... .. 2	J. EDWARD CAWSER ... .. 6
MRS. T. COLIN RYDER ... .. 3	ALBERT NASH ... .. 7
MILTON C. FOWLER ... .. 4	T. COLIN RYDER ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 102). Conducted by J. E. CAWSER.

## ROLVENDEN, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

AND ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Thursday, April 16, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES TRIBE ... ..Treble	*ALEXANDER WADDINGTON ... .. 5
CYRIL W. A. BROWN ... .. 2	WILLIAM P. TICKNER ... .. 6
FREDERICK G. BORDEN ... .. 3	WILLIAM BUTTON ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ... .. 4	ALBERT E. BRANEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL W. A. BROWN.

\* First peal of Grandsire Triples. First peal as conductor. Rung for the wedding of Mr. J. Neve and Miss D. Talboys. Also on the 31st anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. T. Brown, parents of the conductor.

## UPPINGHAM, RUTLAND.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 18, 1931, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY Treble	ROGER W. DANIELS ... .. 5
HARRY THORPE ... .. 2	SIDNEY PROCTOR ... .. 6
WILLIAM G. THORPE ... .. 3	R. HENRY BARTRAM ... .. 7
ARTHUR W. WARD ... .. 4	JOHN T. SCOTT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

First peal of Stedman on the bells. Mr. J. T. Scott has now completed 50 years as a ringer. The ringer of the treble hails from Polkingham, 2, 3 and 6 from Grantham, 4 from Bottesford, 5 from Stamford, 7 from Melton Mowbray, tenor from Oakham.



## ROMFORD, ESSEX.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Thursday, April 16, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 5
MRS. G. W. FLETCHER ... 2	ERNEST J. BUTLER ... 6
ALFRED PYE ... 3	GEORGE W. STEERE ... 7
JOHN D. MATTHEWS ... 4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

The conductor rang the 2nd in the 13,440 Double Norwich rung at Romford on April 18th, 1894. A birthday compliment to Mr. Benjamin Keeble.

## HASLINGDEN, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 18, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOSEPH BANKS ... Treble	† SYDNEY ASHWORTH ... 5
* JOSEPH PORTER ... 2	† ERNEST PARKINSON ... 6
JAMES H. BANKS ... 3	THOMAS ROLLERSON ... 7
GEORGE BROWN ... 4	JOHN W. JOHNSON ... Tenor

Conducted by J. H. BANKS.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal. Rung in honour of and as a compliment to Mr. Richard Wilson, who has been a ringer at the above church for fifty years. The band wish to thank him for kindly entertaining them after the peal.

## QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM AMBLER ... Treble	WILLIE PROCTOR ... 5
VERNEY BAIRSTOW ... 2	* TOM SMITH ... 6
EDGAR WHITELEY ... 3	SAM LONGBOTTOM ... 7
ALBERT PICKLES ... 4	ARTHUR BAIRSTOW ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WM. AMBLER.

\* First peal in the method. The ringer of the tenor has now completed the octave in this tower.

## HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

HERBERT DAVENPORT ... Treble	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 5
THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... 2	WILLIAM HORAN ... 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 3	TITUS BARLOW ... 7
THOMAS WALLWORK ... 4	EDWARD JENKINS ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

First peal in a Surprise method on the bells. Rung on the 4th anniversary of the record peal of 17,824 Oxford Treble Bob Major.

## TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, April 18, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

BENJAMIN GOUGH ... Treble	* LEONARD HOLDEN ... 5
HARRY GOODMAN ... 2	† GEORGE HUGHES ... 6
* DENNIS HOLDEN ... 3	WILLIAM FISHER ... 7
* FREDERICK HOLDEN ... 4	FRANK WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

\* First peal and, with the conductor and the ringer of the treble, belongs to Coseley Parish Church. † First peal in the method with a bob bell and, with the tenor ringer, belongs to the local band. The 2nd ringer belongs to Parish Church, Dudley.

## HILLINGDON WEST, MIDDLESEX.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 18, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... Treble	WILLIAM WELLING ... 5
PERCY E. JONES ... 2	* WILLIAM HONER ... 6
JAMES H. LUCAS ... 3	FRANK CORKE ... 7
EDGAR HANCOX ... 4	† RICHARD CARTER ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK CORKE.

\* First peal of Stedman 'inside.' † First peal of Stedman. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 4th and 5th and the conductor.

## RAWMARSH, YORKSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 18, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... Treble	WILLIAM T. PALMER ... 5
HAYDN THORPE ... 2	SIDNEY F. PALMER ... 6
WILLIAM A. WOOLER ... 3	WILLIAM BIGGIN ... 7
JOHN THORPE ... 4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS.

This composition, now rung for the first time, contains the 5th and 6th the extent in 5-6, in 14 courses, and is the greatest length rung on this plan.

## FAIRFORD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE LAW ... Treble	P.-I. G. HASTINGS ... 5
* JESSE PRYMAN ... 2	JOHN HOPE ... 6
HERBERT ACOCK ... 3	JOE SMITH ... 7
† STANLEY J. WORSFOLD ... 4	EDMUND T. GARDENER ... Tenor

Conducted by J. HOPE.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal and first attempt, and aged 15.

## CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

MISS MARY L. CUFFLIN ... Treble	HAROLD G. JENNEY ... 5
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 2	JOSEPH B. FENTON ... 6
* ALBERT DISNEY ... 3	PERCY L. HARRISON ... 7
C. FERGUSON HOWITT ... 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

\* First peal of Superlative 'inside.' First peal of Superlative on the bells.

## KIBWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

PERCY AMOS ... Treble	HARRY L. SMITH ... 5
J. GREGORY GEARY ... 2	FRED STANFORTH ... 6
ERNEST MORRIS ... 3	ERNEST H. BAGWORTH ... 7
ERNEST W. TIPLER ... 4	JOHN GRANT ... Tenor

Transposed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Ringers hail from eight towers, viz., Wellingborough, Billesdon, Leicester (St. Margaret's), Lutterworth, Leicester (St. John's), Kibworth, Leicester (St. Saviour's), Leicester (Cathedral). They desire to thank the Rector, Rev. Canon Fletcher, for permission to ring this peal.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

KEMPSTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 18 cwt.

*ALFRED FORD ... .. Treble	NORMAN INSKIP ... .. 4
PEARL INSKIP ... .. 2	SYDNEY FOSKETT ... .. 5
LEONARD HARLOW ... .. 3	HAROLD G. BEARD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by P. INSKIP.

\* First peal.

GREAT WOLFORD, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE FOUR SHIRES GUILD.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

In ten callings. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

HORACE STEVENS ... .. Treble	WALTER LARGE ... .. 4
HORACE TERRY ... .. 2	GEORGE HIATT ... .. 5
WILLIAM COLEMAN ... .. 3	FRANK EDGINGTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HORACE TERRY.

BITTESWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

FRANK BAILLESS ... .. Treble	RONALD RUSSELL ... .. 4
ERNEST MARSH ... .. 2	JOHN G. GEARY ... .. 5
JOHN H. BAILLESS ... .. 3	HARRY LOOMES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN G. GEARY.

\* First peal.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, April 10, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 six-scores of Grandsire.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

*ERNEST E. WHITMORE ... Treble	†JACK D. BELL ... .. 3
*WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... 2	*CHARLES M. WHITNEY ... 4
BURLEY P. MORRIS ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by B. P. MORRIS.

\* First peal of Doubles in more than one method. † First peal of Doubles. First peal of Doubles as conductor in more than one method, and first attempt.

HUTTON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 11, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 8 extents of St. Simon's, 24 of Grandsire and 10 of Plain Bob.

WILLIAM H. POOLE ... .. Treble	JACK C. BELCHAM ... .. 3
ALBERT RAINBIRD ... .. 2	GEORGE MILES ... .. 4
HARRY TURNER ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by H. TURNER.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Hills, of Hutton, who on April 9th celebrated their golden wedding.

KIRKEY MALLORY, LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, April 11, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

With ten callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

*NORMAN STATHAM ... .. Treble	THOMAS H. WRIGHT ... .. 3
HECTOR A. KNIGHTS ... .. 2	LEONARD G. JORDAN ... .. 4
FRANCIS R. DEACON ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by THOMAS H. WRIGHT.

\* First peal away from tenor.

CLUTTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 9, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Forty-two six-scores, 10 callings.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*JOHN J. TREASURE ... .. Treble	*CLIFFORD S. BENNETT ... .. 4
*O. JOHN PULLEN ... .. 2	HAROLD E. BLACKER ... .. 5
JEFFREY TOSSELL ... .. 3	C. HENRY PARSONS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD E. BLACKER.

\* First peal. Mr. C. S. Bennett was re-elected a member of the association before commencing the peal. Rung as a farewell to Mr. O. J. Pullen, one of the local band, before his return to Dumfries, Scotland. An attempt for a peal had to be abandoned owing to illness before his departure in the new year.

DATCHWORTH.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 11, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

*T. CANNON ... .. Treble	F. TURNER ... .. 4
MISS NORA WELCH ... .. 2	T. NEWMAN ... .. 5
S. CARTER ... .. 3	J. WELCH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by S. CARTER.

\* First peal. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

MICKLETON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE FOUR SHIRES GUILD.

On Sunday, April 12, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

In ten callings. Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

ERNEST HOLDER ... .. Treble	FRANK TUFFLEY ... .. 4
HORACE TERRY ... .. 2	FREDERICK KINCHIN ... .. 5
DENNIS KINCHIN ... .. 3	HOBERT BOWLES } ... .. Tenor
	OWEN KINCHIN }

Conducted by HORACE TERRY.

Believed to be the first peal on the bells by a local band.

MARSTON BIGGOTT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 12, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 7 cwt.

*CHRISTOPHER T. HOOPER Treble	EDWARD G. L. COWARD ... 4
JIM RALPH ... .. 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... .. 5
*WILLIAM J. MARSHALL ... 3	EDWARD J. ROWE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD G. L. COWARD.

\* First peal of Minor, and hail from Stourton, Wilts.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, April 12, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*DONALD G. CLIFT ... .. Treble	WILLIAM SHORT ... .. 4
*GEORGE POPNELL ... .. 2	SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 5
ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... 3	CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

\* First peal in seven methods. Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. G. Popnell, R. G. Knowles and W. Short.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.—On Tuesday, February 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung by: G. Clayfield 1, F. Boulstridge 2, L. Freeman 3, P. Grice 4, W. Brooker 5, W. Cursen 6, J. W. Cotton (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, W. Woodward 8. First quarter-peal by the local band, and rung at the first attempt.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

### MEMORIAL TO MR. F. A. MILNE—CHANGE OF PLAN.

The annual meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday week, at St. James', Clerkenwell, London. In the afternoon, ringing took place at St. Giles', Cripplegate, as well as at St. James' Church, and a hearty service was conducted by the Rector of Clerkenwell, who gave an excellent address which he based generally upon the special lesson from the 33rd chapter of Ezekiel, comparing the warning of the bells in these days with the warning of the trumpets of old, and the ringers with the watchmen. He paid a tribute to the work done by members of the Middlesex County Association in instructing the young ringers at St. James' Church. The lesson was read by Mr. J. A. Trollope.

Tea was served in the Crypt, and was followed by the business meeting, at which, in the absence of the president (Rev. W. P. Cole-Sheane), who is abroad, the chair was taken by Mr. W. Pickworth (vice-president), who was supported by Mr. J. A. Trollope (vice-president), Messrs. C. T. Coles and W. H. Hollier (joint hon. secretaries), the Master (Mr. W. Pye), the district officers and members of the committee, and Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Johnston (Croydon).

The committee's report was adopted, as was also the balance sheet, which showed receipts amounting to £25 5s., and expenditure to £24 15s. 5d., leaving a balance at the end of the year of £30 10s. 8d., compared with £30 1s. 1d. on January 1st.

In their annual report the committee said that in electing a successor to the late Mr. F. A. Milne, the members, in unanimously choosing the Rev. W. P. Cole-Sheane as their president, had done well for the association. Since his ringers at Twickenham became affiliated he had taken a great interest in the art, and in this he set an excellent example to the clergy generally. 'As Rural Dean of Hampton,' says the report, 'we may confidently rely on him to look after the bells in his deanery, and as our president we may rest assured that the interests of the association will be his first consideration. The revival of interest shown in the meetings in recent years continued during 1930, which is most encouraging to those responsible for arranging them.'

### HIGHEST YET.

'We are glad to record,' continued the report, 'a satisfactory increase in our membership, which now stands at 875, the highest number yet attained by the association. During the year we elected 3 honorary and 73 ringing members in the N. and E. District, and 1 honorary and 32 ringing members in the S. and W. District. An entirely new band has been formed at St. Andrew's, Enfield, and Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher are acting as instructors with satisfactory results. This tower has become affiliated to the association, as also has the tower of St. Lawrence, Brentford. The band at St. Mark's, Dalston, after an anxious time, has now become firmly established under the leadership of Mr. C. Randall. The efforts of Mr. G. Kilby are bearing fruit at Ruislip, where progress is being made. The ringers at All Saints', Poplar, have, however, signified their desire to withdraw from membership, and that tower has consequently been withdrawn from the list of affiliated towers. The total number of peals rung was 69, six of which were rung on hand-bells. The peals on church bells were rung in 33 different towers. In all, some 187 members took part in the peals, ten of whom rang their first peals, whilst there were 84 other members who accomplished something new. The number of conductors was 25, a rather higher figure than usual, and Mr. G. R. Goodship appeared in this list for the first time. The usual record of bell restoration work is a small one. The ten bells at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, have been rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who have also returned and rehung the peal of eight bells at St. Lawrence Jewry. The contract for the augmentation of the Isleworth bells has been placed with the Whitechapel firm, and we have every reason to hope that the long looked for peal of ten in that part of the county will soon be in existence. A movement is also on foot to add two trebles to the Harrow Weald peal of six bells. Grateful thanks are given to all whose work as instructors is doing so much to keep the association going. This sort of work goes on apparently unnoticed, but it is none the less appreciated in spite of that. The self-imposed task brings its own reward, the goodwill of one's friends. We once more thank our hon. secretaries for their untiring work on behalf of the association. To repay them, let us not forget that they, who arrange the many meetings, also appreciate a good attendance, and then let us do our best to attend.'

The officers were re-elected, and Master Ernest W. Pye, son of Mr. William Pye, was elected a member of the association.

The Central Council's resolution inviting all associations to embody in their rules a rule to the effect that they should be affiliated to the Council and loyally abide by the rules and decisions of the Council, was considered, and its acceptance was proposed by Mr. Trollope. The association, he said, was already affiliated, and the question of abiding by its rules and decisions really meant very little. There was little that the Council could do that was in any way mandatory. It did not tell the associations that they should or should not do this, that or the other, but what the Council really did was to set standards, and there was evidence that its recommendations were accepted, in the long run, by the Exercise, and they were en-

tirely for the good of the Exercise.—Mr. J. Parker seconded the motion, which was agreed to.

### MEMORIAL TO THE LATE PRESIDENT.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles) reminded the members that at the last annual meeting it was decided to erect a memorial to the late president, Mr. F. A. Milne. The matter was referred to the committee, who in turn appointed a sub-committee to deal with it. They approached the Rector of Barnet with the idea of placing a mural tablet in that church, somewhat similar to the one placed there in memory of Mr. A. T. King a few years ago. The Rector fell in with their wishes, and drafted the inscription. A design and estimate were obtained from a sculptor, but when the faculty was applied for the Diocesan Art Advisory Committee withheld their consent to it unless the whole thing was recast, in wording, design, and lettering by 'a competent craftsman.' As it was impossible to get a faculty without the consent of the Advisory Committee, and as they did not feel inclined to pay fees for 'a competent craftsman' as well as the cost of the tablet and faculty, they felt compelled to find some other way out of the difficulty. The Rector had now agreed to a proposal to place in the tower a peal tablet recording the last peal rung by Mr. Milne, almost exactly eight years before his death, with a footnote to say that the tablet was placed there to his memory. Such a tablet would not require the sanction of the Advisory Committee.

The suggestion was agreed to, and the sub-committee empowered to get on with the work.

The hon. secretary appealed to those members who had not already subscribed to the fund to do so, and it was resolved that any balance needed should come out of the central fund of the association.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Twickenham, where the president of the association is Vicar.

The next business was to have been a discussion on the Central Council's agenda for the Liverpool meeting, but, as this has not yet been published, although according to rule it was due in the week before Easter, nothing could be done in the matter.

One or two points were, however, raised. Mr. Mayno suggested that the Council should distinguish between record peals of Maximus and Cinques, but it was pointed out that this was already done in the Council's Analysis of Peals. Mr. Roberts urged that some rule should be introduced to ensure that before record peals were attempted steps should be taken to check the composition to avoid another fiasco like that at Painewick.

Mr. J. Parker pointed out that no one could force a composer or conductor to reveal his figures, but it was up to the conductor to make sure the peal was true. If he was silly enough to ring twelve hours and then find out it was false, that was his fault.

Mr. Roberts said in the interests of the rest of the band he thought the figures should be submitted to a competent authority.

Mr. Parker: If I composed a twenty thousand of Cambridge Maximus I should not let Mr. Pye see it (laughter).

Mr. Coles: It may be news to Mr. Parker to know that we have already got a 24,000 (renewed laughter). Mr. Coles added that if a band liked to chance a composition and run the risk of finding out afterwards that it was false, that was their 'funeral'—the humiliation and disappointment were theirs.

No action was taken on the suggestion.

The hon. secretary read a letter from the Editor of 'The Ringing World' with regard to the Stedman Tercentenary, and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith spoke upon the subject. The meeting, on the motion of Mr. J. Parker, seconded by Mr. E. Maurice Atkins, voted a sum of £5 towards the fund for the restoration of St. Benet's bells, the central fund to be reimbursed from the district funds.

The proceedings concluded with a vote of thanks to the officers, proposed by Mr. J. Parker, and, on the motion of the chairman, a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of Clerkenwell, the Rector of St. Giles', Cripplegate, the Rector of St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, the organist, the ringers and steeplekeeper at Clerkenwell, and the caterers.

Many of those present then enjoyed further ringing at St. James' Church, while others visited St. Sepulchre's. The ringing at the various churches during the afternoon and evening included London, Bristol, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major, Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major and Royal and Cambridge Surprise Royal and Maximus.

### BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The members of the Barnsley and District Association held their monthly meeting at Darfield on Saturday, April 11th. Considering the lovely weather and the good 'go' of these beautiful bells, the attendance was very poor. Only Cawthorne, Ecclesfield, Felkirk, Wath and Darfield were represented, but those present were able to put in some good practice in various methods.

After tea, served in schoolroom, the business meeting was presided over by the curate (Rev. H. Y. Nacker). Three new members were elected, and Felkirk chosen for next place of meeting.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to the ladies for the excellent tea served concluded the business. Ringing was then continued.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.****AFFILIATION WITH CENTRAL COUNCIL APPROVED.**

The annual meeting held in Birmingham on Saturday was sparsely attended by members from Allesley, Chilvers Coton, Lillington, Nuncaton and Warwick. The bells of St. Chad's Cathedral and Bishop Ryder's Church were available during the afternoon, and ringing in various methods was accomplished before tea. This was partaken of in the school attached to Bishop Ryder's Church. The Guild was pleased to welcome Mr. T. H. Reeves and Mr. W. C. Dowding, of St. Martin's Guild, to tea.

The business meeting followed the tea, and Mr. H. Argyle was voted to the chair. The reports for the years 1929-30 were distributed, and the balance sheet shown therein was passed. The hon. secretary's report, giving the Guild's total membership as 237, was taken as read.

The question as to the Guild's affiliation to the Central Council was brought up, and Mr. F. W. Perrens proposed that a new rule be added, viz.: 'That this Guild be affiliated to the Central Council of Church Bellringers, and loyally abide by the rules and decisions thereof.'—This was seconded by Mr. W. Stote and carried unanimously.

With regard to Stedman's tercentenary, all the members were in favour of making a grant towards the restoration of the bells of St. Benet's Church, Cambridge, but in order to adhere to Rule 16 ('That all members moving resolutions having a call upon the funds of the Guild for outside objects shall give at least three months' notice'), Mr. F. W. Perrens gave notice of motion that he would bring the question up at the July quarterly meeting, when it is hoped that a definite sum will be allocated.

The officers were re-elected en bloc, except the president, Rev. J. L. White, who desired to be relieved of the position, as he could not devote as much time as he would like to the Guild.—Rev. J. A. B. Davies, Vicar of Chilvers Coton, was elected to the office.

The July quarterly meeting was fixed for Stratford-on-Avon, and the May and June monthly meetings for Bickenhill and Wolvey respectively.

Four new members were elected, and the election of one prior to a peal was ratified.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar, to the ladies who prepared the tea, and to Mr. James George, who had made all the arrangements for the use of the bells and for tea.

Ringling was resumed at Bishop Ryder's Church for a short time during the evening. D. E. L.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.****DEVIZES BRANCH BEGIN SERIES OF LECTURES.**

The Devizes Branch quarterly meeting was held at the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Melksham, on Saturday, April 11th. This tower contains a very fine peal of eight bells, which were recast and rehung in 1925. The tenor weighs about 18 cwt. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. The business meeting was held in the Parish Hall. The chair was taken by Mr. C. D. Heginbotham, who gave a hearty welcome to all and especially the visitors. Three new members from Melksham were elected to the Guild.

It was provisionally decided to hold the next three meetings as follows: At West Lavington in May, Steeple Ashton in June, and the half-yearly at Trowbridge first Saturday in July, but Steeple Ashton is now being substituted for West Lavington.

Mr. E. F. White, of Warminster, was unanimously elected as vice-chairman of the branch, the vacancy being caused by the death of Mr. B. L. Cook, of Bratton, in January last.

The chairman reminded those present that the annual festival of the Guild would be held at Sherborne on Saturday, May 16th.

The usual vote of thanks to the Vicar brought the meeting to a close, and the tea followed, the following towers being represented at the tables: Devizes (St. John's, St. Mary's and St. James'), South-broom, Warminster, Rowde, Bratton, Bradford-on-Avon (Holy Trinity), Trowbridge and Melksham. Ringing visitors were also present from Swindon, Bathford, Weston and Bath.

After the tea, the first of the branch lectures on 'Ringing' was given by Mr. C. F. Andrews, of Trowbridge. Mr. Andrews suggested these lectures to the branch at the beginning of the year, and this one, being the first of a series, was of special interest to the young ringers. It was very evident, however, that all were deeply interested, everyone being of the opinion that this departure is decidedly a step in the right direction. Mr. Andrews was heartily thanked for his very interesting lecture, and arrangements will be made for the next of the series to be given as early as possible.

It was the wish of the Vicar, the Rev. B. Aston, that the Guild service should be held with the usual evening service at 6 p.m. This was conducted by the Vicar, who gave a short address to the ringers. The singing was hearty; in fact, the whole service was one that made ringers feel proud that they were privileged to take part in it.

After the service, ringing was continued till about 8 p.m. Touches of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung during the afternoon and evening.

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## THE STEDMAN TRICENTENARY. MORE SUPPORT FROM GUILDS.

The proposal to celebrate the tricentenary of Fabian Stedman's birth by restoring the bells on which he rang at St. Benet's Church, Cambridge, is meeting with widespread approval. Wherever the subject is mentioned ringers hail with pleasure the opportunity of doing something to commemorate the interesting event, on the lines suggested in 'The Ringing World.'

In addition to the grants and provisional votes by associations announced last week towards the fund for the restoration of St. Benet's bells, the Guildford Diocesan Guild, at their annual meeting on Saturday, voted £5 5s., and the Warwickshire Guild, which also met on Saturday, accepted notice of a motion to make a grant at the next quarterly meeting. In addition, the Suffolk Guild has requested the hon. secretary to take steps to assist the fund among Suffolk towers when the time arrives to take action.

In the meantime, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn has kindly undertaken to act as hon. treasurer of the fund until the meeting of the Central Council.

## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The report of the annual meeting of the Guildford Diocesan Guild will appear in our next issue.

Two additional bells are to be placed in the tower of Dunstable, Beds, as a memorial to the late Canon W. W. C. Baker, president of the Bedfordshire Association.

The third instalment of Mr. J. A. Trollope's history of the College Youths will be published next week.

Next Monday is the anniversary of three noteworthy events in the history of the College Youths. Seventy years ago on that day, they rang the celebrated 8,580 Stedman Cinques at Cornhill, in 1868 they rang the 15,840 Kent Treble Bob Major at Bethnal Green, and in 1901 St. Stephen's, Westminster, band scored, for the first time, three Surprise peals in one day.

In this connection it is interesting to note that in April, 1800 (we have not got the exact date), the Cumberland Youths attempted to ring 15,136 Oxford Treble Bob at Edmonton. In the ninth hour, 'an unlucky accident befel Mr. George Gross, the composer of the peal. When making an attempt to slacken his knee-buckle his leg entangled in the coil of the rope, by which he was elevated to a considerable height and, thence falling down on his head, he broke his collar bone. Had it not been for this accident, no doubt the feat would have been accomplished, and the performers crowned with perpetual honour.'

The peal of Minor at Macclesfield, Cheshire, on April 18th, was the outcome of a quick change of venue. The peal was started at St. James' Church, Sutton, but owing to illness nearby ringing had to be stopped. The Vicar of Christ Church, Macclesfield, was approached and readily granted permission, with the result that another and successful attempt was made. The band are indebted to the Rev. S. J. F. Sharples for allowing the use of the bells at a moment's notice.

Mr. J. A. Trollope has been appointed one of the churchwardens of Christ Church, Ealing.

Mr. E. A. Young, hon. secretary of the Central Council, who has been spending the winter in South Africa, is expected to arrive in England about May 1st. He is returning via Egypt and the Mediterranean.

Two young people have scored their first peal at Handsworth, Sheffield, where they took part in a peal of Bob Major. They were Miss Mildred Higgins, aged 15, who rang the treble, and John Gilbert, who is only 12, and rang the 2nd. They both performed well.

We understand that as a result of the dedication and ringers' opening of Hinton bells last Saturday, a new menu is suggested for future Johnson dinners. It runs something like this: Syston turkey, Loughborough salmon, banana sandwich, and—it's a secret, but it's a beverage, and the two Johns (of the aforesaid turkey and Spiced Minor fame respectively) will probably tell you if you apply to them.

Is it a fact that Hinton 2nd (the ringer's bell) is in danger of a fate similar to that which befel a former Worcester Cathedral treble? Someone fell in love with it as being a perfect little bell, but was informed he was only entitled to his particular share of it. (Apologies to Mr. F. E. Dawe.)

And what about those coats? In spite of last Saturday's large gathering, Hinton is too small a place in which to lose things—in fact, it is without precedent. But if any gentleman who arrived home with the wrong coat will communicate with any other in a like predicament, perhaps a satisfactory exchange can be effected.



## FOUNDER OF THE BARRON BELL TRUST.

## MEMORIAL BELLS AT GREAT HOLLAND.

Last Saturday will be remembered as a red-letter day in the history of Great Holland, Essex. It was the occasion of the dedication by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford of a new ring of eight bells placed in the tower of the Parish Church in memory of Miss Emma Barron, who by a bequest founded a trust for the provision and restoration of church bells. Long before the time fixed for service, 3 p.m., the church was filled to its full capacity. Many were unable to gain admittance, and remained standing in the porch. The service commenced with 'The Old Hundredth' as a processional. The service was taken by the Rev. J. B. Barton, M.A., Rector. Canon R. B. Tollington, D.D., Rural Dean, read the lesson from Numbers x. 1-10. Immediately after the dedication by the Bishop, a few rounds were rung by eight officers of the Essex Association as the Bishop and clergy returned to the chancel. The hymn, 'Lifted high within the steeple, all our bells a-set on high,' was then sung.

The Bishop, in his sermon, referred to the use of bells, and expressed a hope that their message would have an inspiring effect upon all who heard them. He thanked from the pulpit the trustees of the Barron Bell Trust for their splendid gift to the church and parish.

'Hark on high the joyful music! Hark the concert of the bells!' was sung as the collection was taken.

As the large congregation were leaving, a touch of 448 Superlative Surprise Major was rung by: R. W. Stannard 1, C. H. Howard 2, W. J. Nevard 3, E. J. Butler 4, F. Ridgwell 5, G. Green 6, W. Keeble (conductor) 7, A. A. Saunders 8. For the first time in its history, from the massive and lofty Tudor tower a peal of bells rung in changes was pouring out its music to the village and fields around and the wide expanse of surging sea.

The ninety visiting ringers, representing thirty-nine parishes, were entertained to tea in the Parish Hall. The Bishop and Rector were present and expressed their pleasure and thanks to all who had come, some from very long distances, to make the day a success.

Mr. A. W. Eldred, a trustee of the Barron Bell Trust, was also present, and expressed his appreciation of the Essex Association and its work in the diocese.

Mr. C. H. Howard (Master) thanked the Bishop for his encouraging references to the ringers in his sermon, and to the Rector for his invitation and warm welcome to the ringers, and for the gentlemen who so kindly provided the tea.

The new bells are a very musical ring, with a tenor of 15 cwt. hung in an iron frame, with ball bearings and the latest improved fittings. The tone and 'go' were considered by all to be perfect, and reflect great credit on the firm of Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. Mr. Denison Taylor, the head of the firm, was present, and not a few took the opportunity of congratulating him on his success in producing such an excellent peal.

The name of the founders appears on each bell, with the following lettering on the tenor:—

Glory to God in the Highest. The peal of eight bells is placed in the Tower of Great Holland Church by the Barron Bell Trust in memory of the Founder of this Trust, Miss Emma Barron, of Great Holland, who died March 1st, 1930, aged 93 years.

F. HOPKINS	} Trustees of the Barron Bell Trust.
C. WALDRON	
H. W. ELDRED	

1930.

The two mediæval bells which hung in the old frame are being retained. One is still used as the five-minute bell. It is hoped that a band of ringers will shortly be formed in the parish, several ringers in the adjoining parishes having expressed their willingness to help.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

## NEWBURY BRANCH.

The spring meeting of the Newbury Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Kintbury on Saturday, April 18th, when, despite the weather, about twenty members attended during the afternoon and evening from Bucklebury, Brightwalton, Highclere, Newbury, Oxford, Thatcham and Kintbury. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. R. G. Hughes), who gave a very interesting address, Mrs. Hughes presiding at the organ.

Tea was served at the Dundas Arms by Mr. Godson, and the business meeting followed, over which the Rev. C. R. G. Hughes presided in the absence of the chairman of the branch (the Rev. H. Bonsey). The summer meeting was fixed for East Isley on Saturday, June 20th, a combined practice to be held at Thatcham on Saturday, May 2nd.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. Hughes for his address and welcome to the ringers, to Mrs. Hughes for presiding at the organ, and to Mr. Godson for providing the tea, on the motion of the hon. secretary (Mr. H. W. Curtis), seconded by Mr. W. Mathews. The tower was again visited, and the following methods rung: Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor.

## ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

## THE RESTORATION OF STEDMAN'S BELLS.

The annual meeting of the Ely Diocesan Association took place at Cambridge on Easter Monday, when the bells of Great St. Mary's (12), the Church of Our Lady (8), Great St. Andrew's (8) and the Church of St. Benedict (Stedman's tower) (6), were kindly placed at the disposal of the members. Divine service, which was well attended, was held in Great St. Mary's Church, and conducted by the Vicar, Rev. E. C. Essex, who gave an excellent address.

The annual meeting was held prior to the service in the vestry of Great St. Mary's, and presided over by the Vicar. Although poorly attended, a good deal of useful business was transacted in the limited time allowed for the meeting. A letter of apology was read from Rev. A. H. F. Boughey regretting his inability to attend, and expressing his best wishes for a successful meeting.

The secretary's annual report and balance sheet, which showed a balance in hand of £22 10s. 7d., was adopted. Among the items mentioned in the report were the recasting and rehanging of the old peal at All Saints', St. Ives, Hunts, and the rehanging and augmentation of the peal at St. Andrew's, Whittlesey. There were 29 peals rung during the year, 4 in Major methods and 25 in Minor methods.

Special reference was also made to the proposed scheme to restore St. Benet's bells in connection with Fabian Stedman's tercentenary.

The following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year: General secretary and treasurer, Rev. B. H. T. Drake; district secretaries, Archdeaconry of Wisbech and Marshland Branch E. Barker, Archdeaconry of Ely Miss K. Willers, Archdeaconry of Huntingdon Miss D. Clarke; and auditor, Mr. T. R. Dennis.

Certain rules were amended, and in future the district branches will elect their officers prior to the annual meeting.

A proposal to erect a memorial to the late Rev. H. B. Woolley, for many years district secretary of the Hunts Archdeaconry, in Longstanton Church, was discussed, and it was agreed to act jointly with the Cambridge University Guild. A small sub-committee was appointed to report at a later date, when the fund was complete. Mr. C. W. Woolley expressed his thanks to the association, and generously offered on behalf of his family to defray the cost of the necessary faculty.

Rev. E. C. Essex was elected as an hon. member of the association.

A letter from the Editor of 'The Ringing World' was read concerning the proposed restoration of the bells of St. Benedict's, Cambridge, and the sum of £10 was voted from the association funds for this purpose when the scheme is launched.

Special reference was made to the serious illness of Mr. John Taylor, who has served on the Diocesan Committee for over thirty years, and has seen service in Great St. Mary's choir for over forty years, and the chairman promised to convey the meeting's good wishes for his recovery when he next visited him in Addenbrooke's Hospital.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the incumbents for the use of the bells, the chairman, steeplekeeper, and officers of the association. During the morning, afternoon and evening the bells were kept going to Stedman Triples and Caters and Major methods at the 8 and 12 bell towers, and Stedman Doubles and Cambridge Minor at St. Benet's.

The next annual meeting will be held at Cambridge on Easter Monday, 1932.

## LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

## BELL RESTORATIONS IN GRIMSBY DISTRICT.

A summer-like day brought together a very good gathering of the Grimsby District at Winterton on Saturday, April 11th. Towers represented were Bigby, Barrow-on-Humber, Thornton-Curtis, Scunthorpe, Burton-on-Stather, Elsham, Uleby, and St. Andrew's, Grimsby, the Rev. J. H. Park, of Thornton-Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. Bramwell, of Grimsby, and the local ringers being also present. Rev. H. Malkinson, the Vicar, conducted the service, and gave a hearty welcome to the members.

The peal of six bells in Winterton tower badly needs restoration, and an effort is to be made during the year to carry this into effect.

Twenty-six members and friends sat down to tea at a local hotel. Owing to the unfortunate illness of the president (the Rev. H. T. Parry), the Vicar of Winterton presided over the business meeting. A collection for the Grimsby District bell fund amounted to 9s.

If the next meeting, which should be held at Caistor on Saturday, May 16th, cannot be arranged, it was decided to hold it at Burton-on-Stather on that date.

A proposal was carried that the district meetings should be advertised in 'The Ringing World.'

The Rev. J. H. Park, of Thornton-Curtis, spoke of the great help the members had given him in starting the fund for the restoration of Thornton-Curtis bells, which work is to be put in hand at once.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, and for his very welcome and instructive address: to Mr. H. Hall for presiding at the organ; to Mr. H. Rushby, of Grimsby, for reading the lesson; to the caterers and to those who had made arrangements, concluded the meeting, after which members returned to the belfry, when members from Lincoln Cathedral joined them.

### KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. GRATIFYING FINANCIAL POSITION.

There was a large gathering of ringers at Tonbridge on Easter Monday, on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Kent County Association. The service, held at noon, was conducted by the Vicar of Tonbridge (Rev. Canon Stuart H. Clark), and the lesson was read by the Rev. J. Cropper (Penshurst). The preacher was the Lord Bishop of Rochester, whose address was based on the words, 'Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together' (Hebrews x. 25).

After the service a company numbering about 200 sat down to luncheon at the Carlton Cafe, the Bishop presiding, supported by Canon Clark, the Rev. J. Cropper and the Rev. F. L. Schreiber (Shipbourne).

Mr. F. White (Cranbrook) proposed 'The health of the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Bishops and clergy of the county.' They were, Mr. White said, very glad to have the Bishop of Rochester present with them, and hoped that the hearty reception he had received would encourage his Lordship to visit them again. They also welcomed the Vicar of Tonbridge, Mr. Cropper and Mr. Schreiber. The clergy, continued Mr. White, took a keen interest in the association. They never neglected bellfries. The relationships between the clergy and the bellringers were invariably happy.

The Bishop of Rochester, replying, said he could not speak to them as a bellringer, for he had never had the opportunity of learning that art. He was, however, keenly interested in campanology. The Archbishop of Canterbury had expressed his gratification at being able to be present with them at their last annual gathering, which showed he was interested in the association. Mr. White had referred to the excellent relationship which existed between the clergy and the bellringers. He (the speaker) was sure that this was so. The clergy knew what great work the bellringers were performing. The Church owed a very great debt of gratitude to her bellringers. Whenever it was possible, he made a point of visiting the belfry to speak to the ringers (applause). He wanted the people of the Church to realise what good the bellringers were doing. They wanted to do all they could to further the cause of bellringing. He thanked them for the fine reception they had given him, and wished the association every success (loud applause).

The Rev. J. Cropper, responding for the clergy, said he had one advantage over the Bishop, for he (the speaker) had been a bellringer. He was quite certain that he was expressing the wish of all the clergy when he said the bellringers were welcome to visit all the towers in the county (hear, hear).

#### THE BUSINESS MEETING.

Following the luncheon, the business meeting was held, the Rev. J. Cropper presiding. The Bishop of Rochester was compelled to leave early, and made his exit amid musical honours.

Mr. F. M. Mitchell, honorary secretary, read a list of apologies for absence, which included one from the late hon. secretary, the Rev. Canon Helmore.

In submitting the annual report, Mr. Mitchell said the jubilee gathering, held at Canterbury last year, was a red-letter day in the history of the association. They had lost several prominent members through death. Their membership was being well maintained, there being two life members, fourteen honorary members and twenty honorary life members added during the year. The number of peals rung in 1930 on six, eight and ten bells was 134—a big increase on last year's total. The association was in a satisfactory financial position. The statement of accounts showed a credit balance of £47 6s. The belfry repairs account showed a balance of £117 17s. 8d., and £25 had been paid to five churches during the year. Out of the Benevolent Fund £16 was paid for distressed cases during the year, and there was a credit balance of £158 2s. 6d. The invested funds amounted to £547 3s. 8d.

The report and accounts were adopted.

The Rev. F. L. Schreiber said that the Bishop was very much interested in the Twelve Churches Fund. As the association was in such a flourishing financial condition, he thought they could make a grant towards the Twelve Churches Fund.

It was decided to refer the matter to a future meeting.

On the proposition of Mr. W. Stead (Tonbridge) all the officers were unanimously re-elected.

Mr. J. Steddy (Edenbridge) proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Mitchell, who, he said, had put in a great amount of work for the association during the past year. The large gathering they had present was proof of some of his activities. Their thanks were also due to the other officials (applause).

The motion was carried with enthusiasm, the secretary briefly replying. It was resolved that the secretary should write to Canon Helmore expressing regret at his absence.

Mr. E. H. Lewis, president of the Central Council, spoke of the proposed memorial to Fabian Stedman. The committee earlier in the day had voted £5 5s. provisionally to the Memorial Fund.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the clergy who had placed their towers at the disposal of members for ringing that day. These churches were SS. Peter and Paul's, Tonbridge, St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, St. Mary's, Chiddingstone, St. John-the-Baptist's, Penshurst, St. Nicholas', Sevenoaks, St. Mary's, Speldhurst, and St. Giles', Shipbourne.

### A FRIENDLY INVASION.

#### CLEVELAND ASSOCIATION'S SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT TADCASTER.

The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association held their Easter Monday meeting at Tadcaster, and a very successful gathering it proved to be. Tadcaster is rather a long way from the Cleveland area, but the excursion from the usual haunts proved to be a very fortunate innovation. The Middlesbrough ringers attended in force, the occasion being their annual outing. Members and friends also attended from Sharrow, Ripon, Thirsk, Headingley (Leeds), Armley (Leeds), Bradford, Pontefract, York Minster and Huntingdon. The local band were, of course, in full attendance.

The Middlesbrough band had the pleasure of a tour through John Smith's breweries (and, incidentally, of sampling the brews) before lunch.

The bells were raised in peal at 2.30, and were kept going to touches of Superlative, Double Norwich, Stedman Triples, Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Grandfire Triples.

A short meeting was held in the belfry with the president (Mr. J. C. Pollard) in the chair, supported by the secretary (Mr. T. Metcalfe). The president welcomed Mr. Percy Johnson (secretary), Mr. Cotterill (treasurer), Mrs. Cotterill, and the numerous other friends from the Yorkshire Association who attended. A letter was read from the Rev. C. C. Marshall, president of the Yorkshire Association, welcoming the meeting to Tadcaster, and it was resolved that the president write thanking Mr. Marshall for his letter. The President explained that one reason for the Cleveland Association holding their meeting at Tadcaster was that the Yorkshire Association and the Cleveland Association officials and members could meet each other with a view to a better understanding being reached as to the aims of the two associations, and it is felt that this object has been achieved.

The Vicar and churchwardens were thanked for the use of the bells, and the local band were accorded the applause of the meeting for their success in making the day such a happy one.

Several ringers (including Mr. Johnson) were elected members of the Cleveland Association.

The weather was fine, the meals excellent, the company good, the ringing and striking grand, and the bells went 'a treat.' The Cleveland Association tradition that every ringer present be asked and urged to ring, and any ringer who desired to practise another method be encouraged, was kept up.

It is certain that this departure from the usual haunts of the Cleveland Association was such a huge success that it will not be the last of its kind.

J. C. P.

### BRAUGHING'S INTERESTING TOWER.

A very enjoyable meeting of the Herts County Association was held at Braughing on Saturday last, when thirty members and friends paid a visit to this interesting and historical tower, made noteworthy not only by the long peal of Bob Major rung there, but also by its long connection with change ringing and by the fact that the Benington band, famous at that time for their Surprise ringing, visited Braughing on May 10th for forty years without a break. Very little change has taken place in the village, for the old cottages nestle round the church in their simple rustic style, as they have for centuries past.

A service was held in the church, the Vicar giving the address and offering a very hearty welcome to those present. The singing of the hymns was remarkably hearty, and was accompanied by the organ, at which the schoolmaster, Mr. Ruckland, kindly presided. Old Braughing is well worth a visit by anyone at any time.

### ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.

#### PROPOSED ALTERATION OF RULES.

The attendance at the quarterly meeting held at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, on Saturday last was not up to the customary strength, partly due to the fact that Burton is situated at the extreme north of the archdeaconry, away from the more thickly studded towers of the Black Country, and partly on account of the inclement weather, but those who did attend had the pleasure of listening to and having a pull on the fine ring of ten during the afternoon and evening.

At the service, the Rev. John Goodacre (Vicar) gave an inspiring address, and prefaced his remarks by giving the members a hearty welcome. An adjournment was then made to the Institute, where a capital tea was laid, arranged by Miss Irwell and lady friends, to whom, later, a vote of thanks was accorded. In her reply, Miss Irwell said it was a pleasure to do anything for ringers.

A summary of the business transacted at the committee meeting was given, including that a resolution will be moved at the annual meeting to alter Rule 6, also one to the effect of abiding by the rules and decisions of the Central Council. A vote of thanks to the Vicar, the organist and the local band was carried with applause.

The next meeting (annual) is arranged to take place at Lichfield on June 20th.

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**SUFFOLK GUILD.****BELL RESTORATIONS DESIRED IN THE DIOCESE.**

The annual meeting of the Suffolk Guild was held at Ipswich on Saturday, April 11th. This was a departure from the usual date of the meeting on Easter Monday, and was evidently appreciated by the numbers present, as over 60 sat down to tea in the Co-operative Hall, and there were a number of other ringers in the towers for the day. There had been a service in St. Mary-le-Tower, with a sermon by the Rev. C. S. Scott, incumbent of the new Church of All Hallows, Ipswich. This was of a very practical character, for, being a ringer himself, he could tell his hearers of the work that ringers are doing for the Church, and that which they could do.

At the meeting which followed, the chair was taken by the Rev. R. Sinker, Rector of St. Matthew's, Ipswich. There was a balance in the accounts of £23, which, the report stated, was not enough to carry on with, as the income remained £5 less than the expenses. Mr. Mee and several others promised to raise some funds in the autumn.

Canon Goldsmith was elected president, the Rev. Robert Sinker was added to the vice-presidents; all the other officers and committee were re-elected. The secretary referred to the 'History of Change Ringing' by Mr. E. Morris, which had just been published, saying it would be called the 'Ringers' Bible.' The secretary also read a letter from the Editor of 'The Ringing World,' outlining a scheme for restoring the bells in the Saxon tower of St. Benet's, Cambridge, on which Stedman rang, as a memorial of the tercentenary of the birth of Fabian Stedman.

Mr. George Symonds said that he was convinced that every ringer would wish to be connected with such a memorial, and the secretary was empowered to take the necessary steps to collect for this memorial from each member when the time came.

There was much discussion on the repairs necessary to bells, and the additions to rings which were desired in the diocese. The bells at St. Matthew's, St. Peter's and St. Mary at Quay in Ipswich were especially referred to, and the Chairman made an especial appeal for a sixth bell for St. Matthew's, which would cost £55. Great sympathy was expressed with this, and a collection amounting to £22 was made among those present.

At the request of the Central Council, it was unanimously decided to add to the rules words which showed that they would loyally abide by the rules and decisions of that Council.

The meeting also unanimously supported the proposal that associations should be allowed to send in notices of motion after their Easter meetings.

Halesworth, Coddanham and Hissett were chosen as places for future meetings, and the meeting closed with votes of thanks. The members then returned to the towers for the ringing of many and difficult methods.

**DEWSBURY RINGER MARRIED.**

The wedding took place on April 4th of a well-known West Riding ringer, Mr. Walter Idle, who was married to Mrs. Margaret Birch at Dewsbury Parish Church. Many of Mr. Idle's old ringing friends turned up to witness the ceremony and to ring the bridal couple out of church. Owing to the bells at Dewsbury being in bad order, only a short touch was rung. In the afternoon a peal was attempted at Earlsheaton, but unfortunately came to grief.

Afterwards ringers and friends assembled at the Park Hotel for tea. Later in the evening Mr. and Mrs. Idle visited the function and were the recipients of many good wishes. Mr. Idle was presented with a ringer's gold badge, the presentation being made by Mr. J. Broadley, Mr. G. H. Hardy being in the chair. Mr. Idle suitably replied, and at his request a good touch of Grandsire was rung on the handbells by the 'old uns': G. H. Hardy 1-2, J. Ruddleaden 3-4, W. Idle 5-6, J. Broadley 7-8. The party broke up later after having spent a very pleasant evening.

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**NOTICES.**

**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.—F. W. Stokes, Hon. Sec.

**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. 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.—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.—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.—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.—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.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

**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.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

**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. 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.

**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.

**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.

**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. Business meeting 6.15 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**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.—Walter Yeend, Branch Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

**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.—Perce 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.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The bells of South Anston will be open for ringing in the afternoon and evening of Saturday, April 25th. A church bazaar is being held in the village in aid of the Bell Fund. It will be opened by the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, of Ordsall. Teas can be obtained. Good attendance requested.—R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Sec.

**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, Cambs.

**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.—L. Hargreaves, 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

**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.—Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

**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.

**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.—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.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 30th, at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.** — The annual meeting will be held at Retford on Saturday, May 2nd. The bells of East Retford (10), West Retford (6) and Ordsall (6) will be open from 2 p.m. Service at East Retford Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. D. A. Piercy, 60, Wharfedale Street, Retford, by April 29th. Will all members make a special effort to attend. Visitors heartily welcomed. Good train and bus services from all directions. — H. Revill and R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Sec.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.** — Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at West Monkton (6 bells) on Saturday, May 2nd. Service 4.30. Tea and business after in the Schoolroom. Those wanting tea please notify by the previous Tuesday.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Portsmouth District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Petersfield on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (8) and Steep (5) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in St. Peter's Hall 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea please inform me by April 28th. All ringers welcome. — A. T. Greenwood, Dis. Sec., 14, Cobourg Street, Portsmouth.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Thrapston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Great Addington on Saturday, May 2nd. Service 4.30. Address by the Rev. C. V. de L. Surtees, Rector of Thurning. Tea and meeting to follow. Rectory gardens open to members.—J. Nickerson, Branch Sec., Halford Street, Thrapston.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Western District will be held at Chester-le-Street, St. Cuthbert's, on May 2nd, to commence at 2.30. Hoping to have a good gathering. Tea at 5.—H. Tyson, Sec.

**NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.** —A meeting will be held at Leek (10 bells) on Saturday, May 2nd. Tea will be provided for all who notify Mr. E. A. Ridgway, 11, Shirley Street, Leek, before April 30th.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Liverpool and Wigan Branches.—A joint meeting of the two branches will be held at Aughton on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Preacher, the Rev. Lindsay James Coursey, Vicar of Christ Church, Southport. Tea, at 6 p.m., at a small charge to all who notify Mr. James Marsh, 27, Knowsley Road, Ormskirk, not later than Wednesday, April 29th. Ormskirk bells will be available in the evening. All ringers and friends welcome, especially the members of the two branches, to make the meeting a success. — James Wm. Grounds, Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Huntingdon. — A meeting will be held at Hartford on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, April 28th.—D. Clarke, 36, Cromwell Gardens, St. Neots.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Christchurch District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's, Surrey Road, Bournemouth, on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 4.30. Service at 5.30. Those requiring tea please inform me by Thursday, April 30th.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.** — Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Measham on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. It is most important that those requiring tea (9d. each) should notify me by 30th inst. at very latest. Will members also note that there is no train service available, but there are frequent buses from Ashby. Subscriptions can be paid and reports obtained at this meeting. Please see that it is well attended.—John Leach, Dis. Sec., 4, Vernon Terrace, Burton-on-Trent.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch. —The monthly meeting will be held at Steeple Ashton on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea. All ringers welcome.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Mildenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Newmarket on Saturday, May 2nd. All Saints' (8), St. Mary's (6), Exning (5) will be available from 2.30. Service 4.15, All Saints'. Tea 5, at Lake-man's, 1s. each. Meeting follows. All ringers welcome.—R. C. Sharpe, 2, Barton's Place, Newmarket.

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**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Guild-borough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Thornby on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (5) at 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify me?—R. Adams, East Hadden, Northants.

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**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Ewell on Saturday, May 2nd. Tower open at 3. Service at 5, with tea and business meeting afterwards in the Church Room. Will those requiring tea please let me know by April 29th?—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec., 37, Church Walk, Leatherhead.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.** — Derby District. — The first quarterly meeting will be held at Ockbrook on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting will be held in room near to church at 4.30 p.m., when a presentation will be made to the members of the district. Visitors welcome. Reports can be obtained and subscriptions paid. Method for special attention: Cambridge Surprise Minor. Tea arranged for those who will let me know by April 30th.—Geo. Freebrey, Hon. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.** — Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Cotgrave on Saturday, May 2nd. Six bells, ready from 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Tea can be arranged for. Company's bus leaves the Black Boy Yard, Nottingham, every hour.—E. C. Gobey, 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Rishton Parish Church on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — V.W.H. Branch.—The annual general meeting will be held at Faringdon on Saturday, May 9th. Tower open 2.30. Service 3.30. Will those requiring tea please notify the secretary, G. A. Webley, Faringdon?

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.** — A ringing meeting will be held at Worth on Saturday, May 9th. Tower open 3 p.m. Will all those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, May 6th? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Wellingborough Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Great Doddington on Saturday, May 9th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30, and the address will be given by the Rev. Canon A. I. Greaves, Venerable Archdeacon of Oakham. Will those who hope to be present for tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, May 5th? —F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Chiddington on Saturday, May 9th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Castle Inn (1s. per head) after service, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, May 5th. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. each will be paid to members attending.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.** — South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Woodford on Saturday, May 9th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. In order that adequate arrangements can be made, will all those intending to be present and requiring tea, please notify me by Wednesday, May 6th, certain?—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath, Essex.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — By permission of the Vicar, the half-yearly meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Lancaster, on Saturday, May 16th.—W. H. Shaker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.** — The Festival will be held at Sherborne on Saturday, May 16th. Service in the Abbey at 12.15. Preacher, Rev. Canon Coleridge. Luncheon in Church Hall at 1.15, price 1s. 6d.—F. Llewellyn Edwards, Hon. Sec.

**OPEN CHANGE RINGING CONTEST**, six bells, at Shelley, on Whit Monday, May 25th, for a cup and prizes if sufficient entries. Entrance fee 7s. 6d. per company. Entries close May 9th. Further particulars from Albert Goldthorpe, Hon. Sec., Red Hill, Shelley, near Huddersfield.

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