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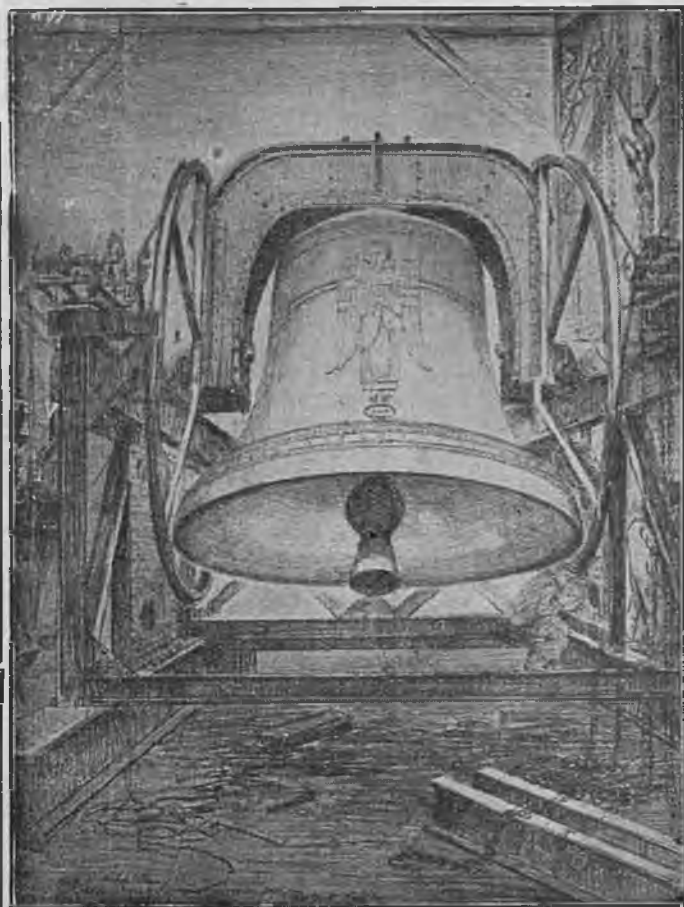
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### BELFRY LIBRARIES.

In every belfry there ought to be a small library of ringing books and books about bells. In some there is, but in how few is it possible to find even a scantily stocked bookshelf. We believe that the value of a belfry library is being increasingly recognised, and that in more and more towers ringers are beginning to appreciate the advantage of having at hand books that will help in their work in the art. The ideal state of things would be a shelf of ringing books in every ringer's home, which is the place where his study of the art, in every phase, can best be done. But comparatively few ringers seem to think it necessary to provide themselves with text books, beyond perhaps the first elementary one which their tutor may have recommended them to buy. After that their interest in ringing books seems to cease. We doubt, for instance, if one ringer in twenty, perhaps not one in fifty, can say that he possesses a copy of the whole of the Snowdon series—the most valuable aids to advancement in ringing that money can buy. There must be five thousand ringers whose ringing interest is mainly confined to five and six bells, yet it is doubtful if more than one in a score of them possesses a copy of the new edition of the Central Council's Collection of Doubles and Minor, which is a key to a vast field of interest. The provision of text books for ringers is one of the least profitable tasks, viewed from a financial standpoint, that anyone can undertake, and it is fortunate for the Exercise that it has a body like the Council able to produce and finance the publication of works for the benefit of ringers.

But if individual ringers cannot be induced to purchase books, or if they cannot afford to buy all that they would like to possess, it ought to be possible for bands to acquire the books collectively, and a belfry library would be the place to keep them. The elementary books would then be always available for the beginners as they came along, while the more advanced need never be without material to enable them to carry their practice a stage further. It is possible that in some cases the Parochial Church Council would help to get the tower library established, if the matter were properly put before them. Afterwards the occasional additions would not fall very heavily upon the pockets of the ringers, even if no further outside help were forthcoming. At the last meeting of the Central Council the Literature and Press Committee were requested to draw up a list of suitable books on ringing which could form the foundation of a tower library, and their report, when available, should prove helpful to those who wish to make a beginning. There

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is one volume, however, which ought to be in every tower, but which cannot be obtained through ordinary channels, and that is a history of the bells themselves and of the principal performances on them. In many cases, this would be difficult to compile, in some, perhaps, impossible; but wherever there is any chance of rescuing from complete oblivion even scraps of past history it ought to be done. In many a parish there is a movement to compile and record a history of the church; a similar story of the bells and ringing would be a valuable and interesting possession in years to come. It might, indeed almost certainly would, mean a good deal of time and effort, but it would be well worth while, even if the information collected were incomplete. But whatever can, or cannot, be done with regard to the past, there is nothing to prevent accurate belfry records being kept for the future. What would we not give now for reliable information of happenings a hundred, or even less, years ago! Future generations may say the same thing of our days; why not, therefore, begin a belfry record in every tower to-day?

## TWELVE BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH  
 SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 5, 1932, in Four Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK, S.E.,  
 A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 52 cwt.

FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ... Treble	JOHN WAUGH ... .. 7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	WILLIAM D. GRAINGER ... 8
ERNEST J. KING ... .. 3	† JAMES G. A. PRIOR ... .. 9
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 4	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 10
THOMAS NEWMAN ... .. 5	CECIL W. PIPE ... .. 11
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... 6	EDWARD D. SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal of Maximus.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 12, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANCES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... Treble	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... 2	* EDWIN R. GOATE ... .. 8
GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 9
HARRY R. ROPER ... .. 4	JOHN W. WARD ... .. 10
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE ... 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 11
* WILLIAM CLOVER ... .. 6	FREDERICK J. TILLET ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

\* First peal of Cambridge Maximus.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 12, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SEPULCHRE, SNOW HILL, E.C.,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

* CHARLES W. GRIMWOOD ... Treble	RONALD BULLEN ... .. 6
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 2	* MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 7
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 3	* HORACE BELCHER ... .. 8
* FREDERICK DIGBY ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 9
EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 5	ROBERT SANDERS ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by W. H. HEWETT.

\* First peal in the method. First in the method by the society and in the city of London. F. Digby's 50th peal. Bung as a 77th birthday peal to Mr. Alfred Linstead, the worthy towerkeeper.

## LEEDS, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5030 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

TOM SAUNDERS ... .. Treble	LOTHER V. HONESS ... .. 6
*GEORGE KENWARD ... .. 2	HARRY BAKER ... .. 7
MRS. H. BAKER ... .. 3	THOMAS E. SONE ... .. 8
CHARLES H. SONE ... .. 4	CHARLES W. PLAYER ... .. 9
KENNETH PATIENDEN ... .. 5	† WILLIAM H. GORMAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

\* First peal of Caters. † First peal on ten.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

## SALFORD, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 9, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*NORMAN HEAPS ... .. Treble	*THOMAS JONES ... .. 5
WILLIAM HORAN ... .. 2	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... .. 6
F. FRANKLAND RIGBY ... .. 3	FREDERIC PAGE ... .. 7
WILFRED J. MOSS ... .. 4	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by T. B. WORSLEY.

\* First peal in the method. This composition is now rung for the first time.

## BATLEY, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 5, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*HAZEL HOLMES ... .. Treble	ARNOLD BLACKBURN ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. SENIOR ... .. 2	*GILBERT JONES ... .. 6
†MAURICE HODGSON ... .. 3	FRED HODGSON ... .. 7
*JAMES HODGSON ... .. 4	HARRY MARSDEN ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER.

Conducted by FRED HODGSON.

\* First peal and first attempt and proposed members before the peal. † First peal of Plain Bob. First peal of Plain Bob on the bells. A seventeenth birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

## NEWCHURCH-IN-ROSSENDALE, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 5, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*ALLAN LORD ... .. Treble	*HARRY LORD ... .. 5
STANLEY PICKUP ... .. 2	ERNEST PARKINSON ... .. 6
THOMAS ROLLERSON ... .. 3	*MILTON ACROYD ... .. 7
*CECIL ROTHWELL ... .. 4	*ROBERT HIDES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by S. PICKUP.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor.

## ERITH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 6, 1932, in Three Hours.

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

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHEROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

HERBERT E. AODSLEY ... .. Treble	HARRY HOVERD ... .. 5
FREDERICK A. COLEY ... .. 2	JOHN S. MORTON ... .. 6
E. CHARLES PATTEN ... .. 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... .. 7
ALFRED G. HILL ... .. 4	WILLIAM C. DARKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of Canon E. L. Gedge, M.A. (Rector of Crayford), who was interred at Crayford the previous day.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.—On Wednesday, February 24th, 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob: B. Gillatt 1. A. Thornton 2. P. Peacock 3. E. Brittain 4. J. Coles 5. J. Bray (conductor) 6. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. M. Hadley, who was inducted to the living the previous week. A peal attempt had been unavoidably cancelled.

## BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 5, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

PHILIP POCKETT ... .. Treble	GEORGE CONDICK ... .. 5
THOMAS BALDWIN ... .. 2	WILLIAM HARRIS ... .. 6
SYDNEY G. ROMANS ... .. 3	JOHN AUSTIN ... .. 7
JESSE GILLET ... .. 4	ERNEST E. DAVIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS BALDWIN.

## CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 6, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes.

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

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE OLLIVER ... .. Treble	ROBERT SWIFT ... .. 5
WILFRED WILLIAMS ... .. 2	ALFRED J. BULL ... .. 6
GEORGE ELLIS ... .. 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. 7
KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 4	NELSON ELLIOTT ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITTSQW. Conducted by NELSON ELLIOTT.

First peal of Surprise as conductor.

## DEANE, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 7, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*MAJOR CROOK ... .. Treble	TITUS BARLOW ... .. 5
WILLIAM HORAN ... .. 2	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... .. 6
WILFRED J. MOSS ... .. 3	*HAROLD WALMSLEY ... .. 7
*WILFRED HALLIWELL ... .. 4	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

\* First peal in the method. First touch in the method as conductor.

## LONDON.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, March 7, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. Treble	JOHN T. KENTISH ... .. 5
FREDERICK DIGBY ... .. 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... .. 6
JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. ... .. 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 7
ERNEST BRETT ... .. 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by E. P. DUFFIELD.

## MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 8, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

JOHN FITTON ... .. Treble	JAMES B. SHAW ... .. 5
*STEPHEN PARRY ... .. 2	GEORGE STAFFS ... .. 6
HAROLD HAMAR ... .. 3	ALBERT BUCKLEY ... .. 7
WALTER STAFFS ... .. 4	JOHN H. C. MASSEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN THORP.

Conducted by GEORGE STAFFS.

\* First peal in the method away from the treble. Rung with the bells fully muffled as a token of respect to Mr. T. Platt, a ringer at this church since 1869, who was interred earlier in the day.

## BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, March 9, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM T. POSTON ... .. Treble	ROBERT E. SUMMERS ... .. 5
ALFRED T. POULTON ... .. 2	EDWIN H. FOSTER ... .. 6
*JOHN J. WEBB ... .. 3	WILLIAM POSTON ... .. 7
*GLYN SHAW ... .. 4	*REGINALD POSTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 8, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5068 CHANGES;  
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 20 cwt.

ALBERT PRYKE ... .. Treble	HARRY TURNER ... .. 5
FRANK G. RINGE ... .. 2	JOHN G. NASH ... .. 6
*ALBERT RAINBIRD ... .. 3	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 4	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

\* First peal in the method.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFS.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, March 10, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;  
Tenor 14½ cwt.

SIDNEY THOMPSON ... .. Treble	JOHN BASS ... .. 5
THOMAS HEMMING ... .. 2	ERNEST PERKINS ... .. 6
WILLIAM POTTER ... .. 3	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... .. 7
*SAMUEL THOMPSON ... .. 4	HAROLD V. COOPER ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by C. SKIDMORE.

\* First peal in the method away from the treble.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.  
(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Thursday, March 10, 1932, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

GEORGE THOMPSON ... .. Treble	THOMAS W. WRIGHT ... .. 5
ALFRED BALLARD ... .. 2	JOSEPH BEALE ... .. 6
C. HENRY WEBB ... .. 3	PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM ... .. 7
REV. R. P. FARROW (RECTOR) 4	FRED COTTON ... .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM WILSON. Conducted by F. COTTON.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Miriam Baum, niece of the ringer of the 5th, and formerly connected with the band of ringers at this church, who was laid to rest earlier in the afternoon, the service being conducted by the Rector, the Rev. R. P. Farrow.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Friday, March 11, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

JAMES WILLIAM KAY ... .. Treble	PETER CROOK, JUN. ... .. 5
ALBERT EDWARD SANDIFORD 2	EDWARD IDDON ... .. 6
EVEREST FORD ... .. 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... .. 7
JACK KAY ... .. 4	RICHARD WILLIAM MOSLEY Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the Vicar, the Rev. Arthur P. Bradshaw, M.A., and Sylvester Worthington, a member of the local band, both of whom were interred at St. Mary's, Deane, on March 5th.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.  
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, March 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

CHARLES DAVIS ... .. Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS ... .. 5
GEORGE T. MITCHISON ... .. 2	RICHARD C. INGRAM ... .. 6
JONATHAN PRESTON ... .. 3	GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. 7
FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH 4	HARRY COOK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE T. MITCHISON.

This peal was rung to celebrate the 84th birthday of William Cooper, also to record his 60 years' service as a ringer at this church. Ringers of 1st, 2nd, 4th, 6th and tenor are members of the local band.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5162 CHANGES;  
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 15 cwt.

FREDERICK A. COLEY ... .. Treble	FREDERICK J. COLLUM ... .. 5
MRS. GEO. H. CROSS ... .. 2	HARRY HOVERD ... .. 6
JOHN H. CHERSMAN ... .. 3	HERBERT E. ADDSLEY ... .. 7
RICHARD SMITH ... .. 4	GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

DORCHESTER, OXON.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 12, 1932, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. (approx.).

WILLIAM SIMMONDS ... .. Treble	C. ELLIOT WIGG ... .. 5
SYDNEY TAYLOR ... .. 2	RICHARD A. POST ... .. 6
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR ... .. 3	WILLIAM STONE ... .. 7
FREDERICK SHARPE ... .. 4	WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE

BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

*LEONARD W. JOHNSON ... .. Treble	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... .. 5
J. GEOFFREY GEARY ... .. 2	JOSIAH MORRIS ... .. 6
ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 3	*EDWIN CATTELL ... .. 7
ERNEST H. BAGWORTH ... .. 4	GEORGE A. NEWTON ... .. Tenor

Composed by MORRIS J. MORRIS (No. 4). Conducted by E. MORRIS

\* First peal of Major.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.  
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S TWENTY-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ERNEST STITCH ... .. Treble	GEORGE POPNELL ... .. 5
JOHN W. JONES ... .. 2	JOHN PHILLIPS ... .. 6
*GWYN I. LEWIS ... .. 3	ALBERT J. PITMAN ... .. 7
CHARLES H. PERRY ... .. 4	*EDWIN M. SMITH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples. The ringer of the treble has now completed the circle three times in this tower.

CRAYFORD, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... .. Treble	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 5
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... .. 2	CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 6
JOHN G. NASH ... .. 3	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

SHIFNAL, SALOP.  
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, March 12, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THEURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ALBERT D. COLLINS ... .. Treble	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... .. 5
HERBERT KNIGHT ... .. 2	FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... .. 6
EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... .. 3	HARRY BOSWELL ... .. 7
HERBERT T. PIPER ... .. 4	JAMES SHAW ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. KNIGHT.

PARINGDON, BERKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 12, 1932, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17 cwt. (approx.).

*ERNEST WALKER ... .. Treble	COTHEBERT I. J. PEARCE ... 5
FRANK WHEELER ... .. 2	WILLIAM B. KYNASTON ... 6
CHARLES J. GARDINER ... 3	THOMAS CLARKE ... .. 7
HAROLD A. EDWARDS ... 4	JOHN BEESLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES J. GARDINER.

\* First peal. † First peal of Triples on an 'inside' bell. It is interesting to note that this is the tenor man's second peal, his first having been rung at Wantage 45 years ago.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 12, 1932, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF SURREY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20½ cwt.

ALFRED KEEBLE ... .. Treble	JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. 5
CHARLES F. BAILEY ... .. 2	*ROY A. WOODARD ... .. 6
LEONARD P. BAILEY ... .. 3	ERNEST S. BAILEY ... .. 7
FREDERICK J. SMITH ... 4	JAMES G. ROMSEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

\* First peal in the method.

ROWLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15½ cwt.

SYDNEY G. THOMPSON ... Treble	HECTOR G. BIRD ... .. 5
HAROLD V. COOPER ... .. 2	THOMAS HEMMING ... .. 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... .. 3	SAMUEL GROVE ... .. 7
WILLIAM BROWN ... .. 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

First peal in a Surprise method on the bells.

LYE, STOURBRIDGE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 3½ cwt.

JOHN BASS ... .. Treble	RALPH PARTON ... .. 5
CHAS. W. COOPER ... .. 2	JOSEPH H. COX ... .. 6
JOHN GOODMAN ... .. 3	WALTER FARLEY ... .. 7
HARRY PRICE ... .. 4	HAROLD HART ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER FARLEY.

J. Bass has now completed the circle at this tower. W. Farley has now conducted a peal of Triples on what is believed to be the heaviest (viz., Wells Cathedral) and lightest peals of eight.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

LEIGH, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
(EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, January 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

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

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

Seven different 720's. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*PERCY G. DENTON ... .. Treble	PHILIP S. THOMPSON ... 4
GEORGE LAMBERT ... .. 2	ERNEST J. LADD ... .. 5
*GEORGE EDWARDS ... .. 3	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

\* First peal of Bob Minor.

WILLINGTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.  
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

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

Being 720 each of College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

EDWARD FROSSELL ... .. Treble	ERNEST FREEMAN ... .. 4
LEONARD H. HARLOW ... .. 2	REGINALD WEST ... .. 5
LOUIS BYWATERS ... .. 3	PEARL INSKIP ... .. Tenor

Conducted by PEARL INSKIP.

EAST SUTTON, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 5, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Being forty-two six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

CHARLES H. SONE ... .. Treble	MRS. H. BAKER ... .. 4
*MISS MARGARET PACK ... 2	†THOMAS E. SONE ... .. 5
DERRICK HOMEWOOD ... .. 3	†HARRY BAKER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

\* First peal. † 100th peal together and 100th peal as conductor. First peal of Doubles for all the band. The conductor has now called peals from Doubles to Cinques. The ringers of both 2nd and 3rd are 15 years of age. Miss M. Pack is from Egerton.

FELKIRK, YORKS.

On Saturday, March 5, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Being 720 of each of the following methods: Capel, College Exercise, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, Norbury, Sandai and Kingston.

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN MAJOR ... .. Treble	JOHN THOMAS WHITE ... 4
GEORGE ARTHUR KELSALL ... 2	MOSES PERRY ... .. 5
HAROLD CHANT ... .. 3	DANIEL SMITH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by D. SMITH.

First peal as conductor.

BAGLAN, GLAMORGANSHIRE.  
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, March 8, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

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

Twenty-one of A. J. Pitman's 240's. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

BERT JOHN ... .. Treble	*CYRIL MATHERS ... .. 4
FREDERICK E. STONE ... .. 2	ERNEST STITCH ... .. 5
MISS LUCY THOMAS ... .. 3	ALBERT E. PITMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. STITCH.

\* First peal of Doubles. Rung to celebrate the jubilee of the church.

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 10, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

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

Seven 720's each called differently.

*GEORGE H. BISHOP ... .. Treble	TOM SAUNDERS ... .. 4
*CHARLES SAUNDERS ... .. 2	*HARRY BISHOP ... .. 5
*THOMAS WARNER ... .. 3	LUTHER J. HONESS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by LUTHER J. HONESS.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells by a local band for nearly 50 years, and rung at the first attempt. The above are all Sunday service ringers at the church.

STANDON, HERTS.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM K. NORTH ... .. Treble	BARNARD PATMORE ... .. 4
SYDNEY CARTER ... .. 2	JOHN WELCH ... .. 5
JEFFREY WILLIAMS ... .. 3	*REGINALD T. NEWMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by B. PATMORE.

\* First peal in seven methods.

GOOSNARGH, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Seven different 720's. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*WILLIAM TAYLOR ... .. Treble	*E. ROGER MARTIN ... .. 4
*JAMES MILLER ... .. 2	WILLIAM SHARPLES ... .. 5
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... .. 3	*JOHN T. MILLER... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. SHARPLES.

First peal of Cambridge Minor. The first peal on the bells, which were restored by Messrs. Taylor in 1931. They were originally cast by Rudhall, and the first three are dated 1715.

HORSHAM ST. FAITH'S, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH SS. MARY AND ANDREW.

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

GEORGE HOWCHIN ... .. Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 4
WILLIAM E. BASON ... .. 2	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN... .. 5
GEORGE MAYERS... .. 3	GEORGE BAILEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal of Surprise Minor on the bells and by all the band. This is the 50th peal Messrs. Bason and Duncan have rung together.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

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

FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ... Treble	CHARLES H. PAGE ... .. 4
*JOHN BRASSINGTON ... .. 2	*ARTHUR ALLMAN ... .. 5
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY ... .. 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

First peal in three methods. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. Crawley. Mr. A. Allman's 70th peal and Messrs. A. and F. H. Crawley's 70th peal together.

ELSTON, NOTTS.  
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being two 720's each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and one 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*MISS CONSTANCE B. ELING Treble	MISS KATHARINE BORNHALL 4
MISS GRACE BORNHALL ... .. 2	ERNEST A. MIDWINTER ... .. 5
HAROLD DENMAN ... .. 3	LEONARD PIERREPONT ... Tenor

Conducted by MISS KATHARINE BORNHALL.

First peal. First peal as conductor.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Double Court and Plain Bob, and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

PALMER WHITTELL ... .. Treble	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 4
SHELFORD SPARROW ... .. 2	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD ... .. 5
KEITH W. WHITTELL... .. 3	HARRY D. LISTER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

SUCKLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

Forty-two different six-scores. Tenor 14 cwt.

DENIS R. MORRIS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 4
*SYDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 2	*CYRIL TANSELL... .. 5
THOMAS W. LEWIS ... .. 3	*FREDERICK MERRICK... .. Tenor

Conducted by SYDNEY T. HOLT.

\* First peal of Grandsire Doubles.

MISTLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Seven extents each called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES HONEYWOOD ... Treble	WALTER HONEYWOOD... .. 4
GEORGE W. MOSS ... .. 2	WILLIAM STIFF ... .. 5
*FREDERICK SOUTER ... .. 3	STANLEY G. MOSS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY G. MOSS.

\* First peal of Minor. Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of the late Mr. James Souther, 34 years a member of St. Mary's belfry.

KINGSLEY, STAFFS.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 13, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WENBOROUGH,

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

In seven methods: Cambridge Surprise, Killamarsh, College Exercise, Duke of York, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM EDWARDS ... .. Treble	FRANK EDWARDS ... .. 4
GEORGE HULME ... .. 2	EDWARD WOOD ... .. 5
HENRY CARNWELL ... .. 3	WILLIAM CARNWELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HENRY CARNWELL.

First peal in seven methods by all except the conductor. All the band are local.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

ARMLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 9, 1932, in Two Hours.

AT 28, ARMLEY GRANGE VIEW,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

MALCOLM MOORHOUSE ... 1-2	*WILLIAM BARTON ... .. 5-5
JOHN W. MOORHOUSE ... 3-4	†JOSEPH THACKRAY ... .. 7-8

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN W. MOORHOUSE.

\* First peal of Oxford 'in hand.' † First peal of Oxford Major 'in hand.' Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Mars.

**'BIG MEN' BLAMED.**

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I think Mr. Gilbert is to be highly congratulated upon his very open letter in your issue of February 26th, and, as one who has experienced most of the troubles that he makes mention of, I would like to take this opportunity of endorsing every one of his remarks. Both he and Mr. Braven have no doubt let out words that will not prove very pleasing to some of these 'big men,' but which are, nevertheless, perfectly true, and quite refreshing to the recruit or 'would-be ringer.' It is all very well to talk about making progress. If these 'so called' experts are not prepared to assist in helping one over the first steps of the art, how can they expect one to make progress and get to ringing the higher methods? I have no hesitation in saying that in the bulk of cases it is nothing more than sheer pride. They are afraid of lowering their dignity if they are seen by their fellow 'Surprise men' standing in a touch of Grandsire or Plain Bob, and in the case of a peal it is the same. Somewhat of a fine 'brotherly' spirit, and a way of getting a recruit to stick to it (?). Yet these men wonder why they can never get anyone to stop and take an interest in the art! All that some of them want is notoriety: to sit at the top of the ladder, expecting everyone else to bow to their decisions. Let them come down and help a little more, instead of thinking so much of self-importance. We might then soon find a few less depleted bands up and down the country.—Yours faithfully,

Wellingtonborough.

PERCY AMOS.

**A YOUNG BAND.**

At Egerton, Kent, on Sunday, March 13th, for evening service, 720 of Bob Minor: W. Missing 1, Miss M. Pack 2, Miss G. Pack 3, D. Homewood 4, J. Pack 5, A. Waddington (conductor) 6. This was the first 720 on the bells by a local band, and the first 720 by all except the conductor, the average age of the band being under 17 years.

At St. John's, Stamford, for evensong, on Sunday, March 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. H. J. Goodship (first quarter-peal) 1, G. R. Goodship 2, G. A. Hughes, jun., 3, C. Dyke 4, M. Kent 5, E. Leversuch 6, G. A. Hughes, sen., 7, E. Hazell 8. Rung as a compliment to G. A. Hughes, sen., Ringing Master of the tower, on his 57th birthday. The ringer of the treble is not yet 14 years of age.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.****WESTERN DIVISION SECRETARY RETIRES.**

The annual meeting of the Western Division of the Yorkshire Association was held at Northowram on Saturday last, when members were present from Pudsey, Armley, Queensbury, Headingley, Far Headingley, Guiseley, Bramley, Brighouse, Batley, Bradford, Lightcliffe, Denholme, Lindley, Keighley, Idle, Halifax and the local company. During the afternoon the bells of St. Matthew's Church were rung in various methods, and a short service was held, the address being given by the Rev. H. L. Taylor, Vicar of Lightcliffe, in the absence of the Vicar owing to ill-health.

Tea was served in the schools, and at the business meeting which followed, Mr. J. Cottrell, vice-president of the association, presided, supported by the Rev. C. C. Marshall (president) and Mr. P. J. Johnson.

The following were re-elected on the committee for a further three years: Messrs. J. Lawson (Lightcliffe), H. Peel (Birstall) and C. E. Lawson.

Mr. W. Ambler (Queensbury) was elected secretary in the place of Mr. F. Hutchinson, who expressed a wish to retire.

In moving a vote of thanks to the retiring officers, the Chairman said there did not seem enough work for the committee to do and would welcome more suggestions.—Mr. Bairstow seconded, and the Rev. C. C. Marshall, in supporting the vote of thanks, suggested that the attendances of the retiring officers should be given on the circulars. He said they were very grateful to the committee for all their work. Mr. Hutchinson had found it necessary to resign, and, while thanking him for all that he had done, they would welcome Mr. Ambler as his successor.

Four new members were elected, viz.: Messrs. J. Mellor (Lindley), W. Noble (Northowram), N. Davison (Queensbury) and J. Ingham (Mytholmroyd).

An invitation to hold the June meeting at Idle was accepted.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for use of the bells, to the Rev. H. L. Taylor for the address, and to the organist for his services at the organ, was proposed by the Rev. C. C. Marshall, seconded by Mr. J. Lawson and carried. A vote of thanks was also accorded to the ladies for presiding at the tea tables, and to the local company for the arrangements made, on the motion of Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by the chairman.—Mr. Mouncey, in responding, said it was a pleasure to them to have the association at Northowram, and they would always be welcomed whenever they liked to come.

This concluded the meeting, and the tower was again visited for further ringing.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT UXBRIDGE.**

The South and West District of the Middlesex County Association held the March meeting at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon West, on Saturday last. Favoured with fine weather, the assembly included representatives from the majority of affiliated towers, and a hearty welcome was extended to visitors from Hammersmith, Hounslow, Pinner, etc. Good use was made of the bells in the afternoon and evening, methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to Surprise Major being rung, the Ringing Master (Mr. H. C. Chandler) endeavouring to cater for everybody present. The beams supporting the clock case proved a trap for the unwary, causing the ropes occasionally to jump about as if bewitched!

A short service as held in the church and a spirited address given by the Vicar (the Rev. R. Home). The company then adjourned to the Church Hall, where an enjoyable tea was disposed of, those present being the guests of the Vicar and Mrs. Home.

The business meeting was preceded by an excellent touch of Stedman Triples on handbells by Mr. and Mrs. Mayne and Messrs. G. Kilby and E. Turner.

Reference was made to the forthcoming meeting of ringers at Croydon on April 2nd and also to the annual general meeting of the association on April 9th at Twickenham. In connection with the latter, will members note that Isleworth and Hampton bells will be available during the afternoon.

It was decided to hold the next district meeting at Norwood Green on May 7th.

The vice-president (Mr. J. A. Trollope), in thanking the Vicar for the service, the use of the bells and for the sincere welcome accorded to the association, traced the position of ringers through the centuries and observed that the reforming element that had sprung up during the last 50 years was chiefly due to influences inside the Exercise rather than from outside sources. In his opinion, he did not think that ringers could be expected to attend every service for which they had rung.

The hon. secretary (Mr. F. W. Goodfellow) briefly endorsed Mr. Trollope's remarks, and congratulated the local ringers on having a Vicar who was taking a keen interest in their activities.

The Vicar, in acknowledgment, expressed his pleasure at meeting the association, and regretted that his health prevented him from joining in with his ringers.

The hon. secretary thanked the ladies who prepared and served the tea, and some amusement was caused by his infant daughter endeavouring to 'shoot him down'!

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Notification has been received from Mr. Albert Wright that on Easter Monday the Ancient Society of Painswick Youths will attempt a peal of 17,195 Grandsire Cinques, starting at 7 a.m.

We understand that as far as possible the same band will make the attempt that took part in the false peal about 18 months ago, but this time, of course, there will be no doubt as to the truth of the composition.

It has now been revealed that the generous donor behind the offer to provide the money necessary for the restoration of Bow Bells is Mr. Gordon Selfridge.

The many friends of Mr. William C. ('Charlie') Jones, the well-known Worcester ringer, will regret to learn that he passed away on Monday after a short illness.

Mr. W. E. Jelley, 36, Markenfield Road, Guildford, has been appointed hon. secretary of the Guildford Cathedral Society.

The report of the peal of Treble Ten at Rochester on February 5th was bound to cause comment. Instead of giving the conductor's name it was stated that the bobs were called by two persons. What happened was that, at the last moment, the method was changed, and the conductor was left with the task of calling the peal without time for preparation. Because two bobs were called by another member of the band, however, the conductor, who supplied us with the report, did not apparently feel justified in saying he conducted it.

But how many peals have been saved by someone other than the conductor calling a bob! It is better that this should be done than the peal lost, and in the special circumstances of the Rochester peal it was no reflection on the conductor. A member of the band asks us to make the explanation in justice to the conductor.

How many ringers, after ringing their first peal, wait 45 years for their second? Mr. John Beesley scored his second peal last Saturday. He rang his first at Wantage in 1887!

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at Stockport on February 13th contained exactly 5,000 changes, and not 5,040 as stated in the report.

## IMPORTANT TO SECRETARIES & CORRESPONDENTS

Owing to Good Friday, 'The Ringing World' will be published on Thursday next week. It is essential, therefore, that all matter intended for insertion should reach this office not later than **Monday next**.

## THE BACHELORS' PEAL.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I rather think that your correspondent who wrote about the above (it wasn't you, surely?) could not have known the band. One of them, it is true, is a handsome intellectual looking person such as any woman would be proud to own, but for the rest! Oh my gosh! No wonder they are bachelors!—Yours truly, KATE.

## WOODBINE TREBLE BOB.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—Since the Central Council first published their 'Collection of Minor Methods,' the ringing of irregular, or, as they were then called, 'illegitimate,' methods has almost disappeared, but it is curious how one of these still survives. Nearly every week a peal of Minor is rung in which 'Woodbine' is included, and in your last issue all five of the reported peals of Minor in more than one method contained one or more 720's in this method. What is there about Woodbine, more than about some of those other old methods, with irregular lead-ends, which keeps it alive? It would be interesting to know.—Yours truly, L. D. SMITH.

## NATIONAL POLICE GUILD.

MANCHESTER COULD HAVE A RING OF TWELVE.

On Saturday last, a number of the northern members of the National Police Guild met at Manchester Town Hall for practice, and the heavy ring of ten were kept going from 4 to 6.30 p.m. with touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters.

These are municipal bells, with a tenor 52 cwt., but the 'go' is not quite as good as the tone, although there were suggestions of attempting a peal on them. In the tower are 24 other bells for carillon purposes, the heaviest being a little over 5 tons. With the use of one of the smaller bells and the addition of a new one, a fine peal of 12 would be available.

After the ringing an adjournment was made to temporary headquarters, where ringing matters and peals were discussed.

Members attended from Manchester, Liverpool and Bolton, and keen interest is being shown in the work of the new Guild.

## EARLY LONDON RINGING HISTORY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your 'Belfry Gossip' you say that the first peal at St. Martin-in-the-Fields was 6,006 Grandsire Cinques by the London Scholars on March 14th, 1727. This statement has often been made (by Snowden, Morris and others), but it is not correct. The church was consecrated on October 20th, 1726, and three days previously the Colloge Youths rang 5,076 Grandsire Caters, 'the first that was done in that steeple.' Annable called the peal and Laughlin, Matthew East and Catlin were in the band. It seems that the founders had some difficulty in casting the two trebles, and possibly they were not ready when the first peal was rung, hence it was Caters and not Cinques. The trebles eventually were replaced and were sent to All Saints', Fulham, where one of them still is. It was not till 17 months after the first peal that the London Scholars scored their peal, for, according to present style, it was rung in 1728, not in 1727.

This disposes of the legend (also given by Snowden and Morris) that the London Scholars had possession of the tower, but generously allowed their rivals the use of the bells when once they had scored the first peal.

Mr. Daniell quoted 'The School of Recreation,' by R.H. As historical evidence, that book is utterly worthless. R.H. was a man named Howlett, about whom I have not been able to find any information, except that he was not a ringer. When he wrote his chapter on ringing he simply copied Stedman's 'Campanologia,' altering the wording as much as possible to make it appear original. He knew nothing about his subject, and whenever he dealt with anything technical he had to stick close to his original. The sermon about ringers going to church is a piece of humbug put in to camouflage the fact that he was stealing the work of another man's brains. In the later editions it was omitted.

Mr. Daniell is not quite correct in saying that there is no hope of finding out if there were ringing peals in London towers before the fire. Most of the parish accounts have survived. The peals which escaped the fire were St. Peter-le-Pore 5, St. Bartholomew-the-Great 5, St. Bartholomew-the-less 3, St. Katherine Cree 5, St. Martin Outwich 5, St. Andrew Undershaft 6, St. Botolph Aldersgate 5, All Hallows Staining 6, and All Hallows Barking 6. I am not quite sure whether the last two were cast just after the fire or whether they were older. Some bells remained at St. Andrew's and St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, and outside the city there were old rings at St. Margaret's (6), The Abbey (6), St. Martin-in-the-Fields (5), Shoreditch (5), Holy Trinity Minories (3) and other places. Before the fire there were ringing peals at St. Mary-le-Bow, St. Sepulchre's and Cornhill. There is no evidence that there was a peal at St. Michael's, Paternoster Royal.—Yours truly,  
J. A. TROLLOPE.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

## DEVIZES BRANCH.

The monthly meeting of the Devizes branch was held at St. Mary's, Potterne, on Saturday, March 5th, when 35 members attended, representing Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's) and St. James', Southbrook, Market Lavington, Holt, Trowbridge, Warminster, Bratton, Bishop's Cannings, Melksham, Bradford-on-Avon, North Bradley, Westbury and Potterne. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Canon W. H. Kewley), who also gave a short address. Mrs. Kewley ably presided at the organ. Tea followed in the Parish Room, provided by Mrs. J. Wells, the excellent fare being greatly appreciated.

A short business meeting followed. Mr. C. D. Heginbottom, branch chairman, who presided, mentioned the death of Mr. W. J. Tyler, who was a member of the Guild for 20 years, being attached to the Melksham hand. The meeting stood in silence for a few moments in honour of his memory.

The Chairman went on to say how the branch appreciated the lecture delivered by Mr. C. F. Andrews at Westbury, and hinted that it would be to the advantage of members if more heed was taken of some of the points mentioned.

The question was raised regarding the suggested revision of branch rules, which the Guild committee meeting at Salisbury had decided should be put back to the various branches for discussion. It was decided to discuss Rule 1 at the next meeting. Another point raised was the length of touches at branch meetings, and was agreed that, if left in the hands of the Ringing Master, this would turn out satisfactorily to all.

Owing to the all England meeting at Craydon on April 2nd, it was decided to put forward the next meeting (quarterly), due for Westbury, to April 9th.

Eight members were re-elected and three new members were made. The chairman proposed the usual votes of thanks, to which the Vicar (Canon Kewley) replied.

The following methods were rung during the afternoon and evening: Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, with rounds for those who wished.

## MUFFLED BELLS.

At Heckington, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, half-muffled, in memory of the Rev. E. G. Allison, who was Vicar of the parish for 25 years: P. Brown 1, H. Connell 2, F. Mason 3, J. H. Clark (conductor) 4, N. Brown 5, W. Asher 6, A. Dixon 7, N. Asher 8.

## DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

## ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL GATHERING AT DUDLEY.

The annual meeting of Dudley and District Guild was held at Dudley on Saturday week in beautiful spring-like weather. The bells were placed at the disposal of the members from 3 o'clock, and they kept merrily going until the service, which was held in the Parish Church. The beautiful form of service used by the Guild at its meetings was conducted by the Rev. K. F. Morris (assistant priest), and the address was given by the Rev. H. H. Williams (Rector of Oldswinford). After the service an adjournment was made to the Parish Hall, where a substantial tea was in readiness, provided by funds collected by the secretary (Mr. Herbert Sheppard) from prominent members of St. Thomas' congregation and other friends, and was admirably served by a contingent of ladies, the following kindly presiding at the tables: Mrs. Winbow, Mrs. J. Goodman, sen., Miss Bessie Sheppard, Miss Mildred Sheppard, Miss E. M. Marks and Miss A. R. Cooper. Upwards of one hundred and thirty members and friends availed themselves of the glorious afternoon to be present.

At the business meeting which followed, Mr. H. Mason (vice-president) occupied the chair during the temporary absence of the president (the Rev. Canon A. H. Phelps, M.A., R.D., Vicar of Dudley).

After business of a routine character had been disposed of, the treasurer read the balance sheet for the past year. At this stage the president arrived at the meeting and took the chair. He was supported by Mr. H. Mason, Mr. A. Winbow (people's warden), the secretary and treasurer, also the Ringing Master.

The President congratulated the officials and members on their favourable balance sheet, and it was unanimously adopted.

The membership, both honorary and performing, had increased, and financially the Guild was in a prosperous condition.

The election of officers for the ensuing year then took place. Canon Phelps was again unanimously elected president, and was also thanked for his kindness and support to the Guild during the past year. He was received with loud cheers on rising to thank the members for the honour that they had again conferred on him.

The following were again elected vice-presidents: The Rev. H. E. Kemp (Vicar of Netherlton), Dr. P. S. Blaker, Messrs. W. Shuttleworth, A. Winbow, Harry Mason, J. W. Naylor, C. E. Lloyd, Arthur Spittle, with the addition of the Rev. K. F. Morris, assistant priest of the Parish Church.

Mr. John Goodman was re-elected Ringing Master and Mr. Herbert Sheppard hon. secretary, with a special vote of thanks for his valuable services to the Guild during the past year. Mr. S. J. Hughes was once more re-elected hon. treasurer, and the hon. auditors (Mr. T. Justice and Mr. T. A. Townsend) were also re-elected and thanked for their services.

It was proposed to hold the next quarterly meeting at Oldswinford, subject to the usual permission being given. Dudley was chosen as the place to attempt the annual peal, the necessary arrangements being left with the Ringing Master.

The secretary acknowledged the continued confidence which the members placed in him, and promised to do all that he could for the benefit of the Guild during the coming year.

The business meeting ended with a proposition by Mr. Mason that sincere thanks be given to the Rev. Canon Phelps for presiding at the meeting, for the use of the tower and bells, to the Rev. K. F. Morris for conducting the service, and the Rev. H. H. Williams for his instructive address. Special thanks were also given to the donors to the tea fund, to the ladies who presided at the tables, and to those ladies who had been responsible for preparing and serving the tea. Mr. Fred Cox was also thanked for the part he took in the musical portion of the service at the organ.—The President briefly replied on behalf of all concerned, and closed the meeting with prayer.

Afterwards the bells were again kept merrily going until nearly 9 o'clock, when another happy and enjoyable afternoon at Dudley was concluded.

## AXIOMS OF ANOTHER SORT.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—There appears to be one very tight-fitting cap worn in public, as personalities are being indulged in.

(1) Truth is stranger than fiction.

(2) Unadvertised useful work is more useful than the advertised variety.

(3) A fort that has decayed needs no holding.

(4) The blind cannot lead the blind.—Thanking you for finding space for this, yours faithfully,

GEORGE GILBERT.

South Bucks.

## BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION'S JUBILEE.

To celebrate the jubilee of the Bedfordshire Association, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung at the Priory Church, Dunstable, for evensong, on March 13th: A. E. Sharman (conductor) 1, R. F. Calcott 2, G. H. Sentance 3, A. J. Smith 4, G. W. Heley 5, C. Rollings 6, A. G. Matthews 7, H. Burrows 8.

The Bedfordshire Association was founded on March 13th, 1882, and the jubilee meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

### OFFICIAL MINUTES.

Minutes of the Second Session of the Fourteenth Council (39th annual meeting), held at the Town Hall, Liverpool, on Whitsun Tuesday, May 26th, 1931, at 11 o'clock.

Prior to the meeting, the Lord Mayor of Liverpool (Alderman Edwin Thompson), in the chair, supported by the Lord Bishop of Liverpool (Dr. David), welcomed the Council to Liverpool, and the Lord Bishop, on behalf of all church people, expressed his gratitude for the work undertaken by the Council.

The President returned thanks, and on the invitation of the Lord Mayor, took the chair. Prayers were offered by the Lord Bishop.

#### Present:—

Ancient Society of College Youths: Mr. T. Faulkner.  
Bath and Wells Diocesan Association: Mr. J. Hunt.  
Bedfordshire Association: Messrs. A. E. Sharman and A. King.  
Cambridge University Guild: Messrs. F. H. Lewis and E. M. Atkins.  
Chester Diocesan Guild: Rev. C. A. Clements, Messrs. G. A. Taylor and H. S. Brocklebank.  
Devon Guild: Rev. E. S. Powell.  
Dudley and District Guild: Mr. S. J. Hughes.  
Ely Diocesan Association: Rev. B. H. Tyrerwhitt Drake and Mr. T. R. Dennis.  
Essex County Association: Messrs. G. R. Pye and E. J. Butler.  
Guildford Diocesan Guild: Messrs. A. C. Hazleden, G. Grover and A. H. Pulling.  
Hertford County Association: Mr. W. Ayre.  
Kent County Association: Mr. T. Groombridge, E. Barnett, sen., and F. M. Mitchell.  
Ladies' Guild: Mrs. E. K. Fletcher.  
Lancashire Association: Canon H. J. Elsee, Messrs. W. H. Shaker, G. R. Newton and A. Tomlinson.  
Lincolnshire Diocesan Guild: Rev. H. Law James, Rev. H. T. Parry, Messrs. G. Chester and R. Richardson.  
Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association: Messrs. J. W. Jones and J. Phillips.  
London County Association: Messrs. F. E. Dawe and A. D. Barker.  
Middlesex County Association: Messrs. C. T. Coles, W. H. Hollier, W. Pickworth and G. W. Fletcher.  
Midland Counties Association: Rev. R. P. Farrow, Messrs. E. Denison Taylor, J. W. Swinfield and W. Willson.  
Norwich Diocesan Association: Mr. A. L. Coleman.  
Oxford Diocesan Guild: Canon G. F. Coleridge, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Messrs. F. Hopgood and J. Evans.  
Oxford Society: Mr. W. G. E. Collett.  
Oxford University Society: Mr. H. Miles.  
Peterborough Diocesan Guild: Messrs. F. Law, T. Tebbutt and F. Wilford.  
St. Clement's Youths: Mr. G. H. Cross.  
St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham: Mr. A. Paddon Smith.  
Salisbury Diocesan Guild: Rev. F. L. Edwards and Mr. C. H. Jennings.  
Stafford Archdeaconry Society: Messrs. H. Knight and T. J. Elton.  
Society of Royal Cumberland Youths: Mr. J. Parker.  
Suffolk Guild: Rev. H. Drake and Mr. C. Mee.  
Surrey Association: Messrs. C. Dean and C. H. Kippin.  
Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Association: Mr. A. J. Pitman.  
Warwickshire Guild: Messrs. F. W. Perrens and H. Argyle.  
Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild: Mr. G. Williams.  
Worcestershire and Districts Association: Mr. R. G. Knowles.  
Yorkshire Association: Rev. C. C. Marshall and Mr. P. J. Johnson.  
Hon. members: Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Messrs. C. F. Johnston, H. W. Wilde, W. A. Cave, J. A. Trollope, E. W. Elwell, J. S. Goldsmith, A. A. Hughes and E. A. Young (hon. secretary).

Thus thirty-six associations were represented by 71 members, and ten hon. members were present, making a total attendance of 81.

#### APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Major J. H. B. Hesse, Rev. W. P. Wright, Messrs. T. Metcalfe, R. G. Black, W. J. Nevard, C. H. Howard, H. G. Bird, W. Storey, W. T. Cockerill, J. Clark, J. D. Matthews, H. Barton, C. E. Borrett, N. Golden, S. F. Palmer and S. Hillier.

#### LOSS OF MEMBERS THROUGH DEATH.

The President referred to the death of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Canon W. W. C. Baker and Mr. T. Hervey Boams, and as a mark of respect the members stood in silence.

New members presented to the president were Mr. A. King (Bedfordshire Association) and Mr. Taylor (Chester Association).

#### RETIREMENT OF HON. SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

Mr. Young, who was persuaded to remain in office last year, intimated that he wished to retire. The president tendered thanks for the efficient way he had served the Council and the work he had done. Mr. Young responded, and offered his assistance to his successor in office.

#### ELECTION OF HON. SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

The only nomination received was that of Mr. G. W. Fletcher (Middlesex Association), and on the president's motion, his election was agreed to. The secretary tendered thanks and invited the co-operation of the members.

#### MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.

It was proposed by Mr. C. T. Coles, seconded by Mr. W. H. Hollier and carried, that the minutes as published be taken as read, and approved.

#### ACCOUNTS.

The secretary reported the withdrawal of the Doncaster and District Society.

The receipts for the year included £14 3s. 6d. contributed by honorary members towards cost of the book on the preservation of bells, and £2 8s. 1d. from sale of publications. Total receipts were £55 1s. 7d.

Expenditure, including £52 10s. for printing and £2 14s. 6d. for repairs to Carter ringing machine, was £61 15s. 9d. Balance in hand £27 14s. 9d.

The expenditure on the Carter machine was authorised on the proposal of Mr. J. Hunt, seconded by Mr. F. E. Dawe.

The accounts were adopted on the motion of the president.

#### LIBRARY.

The hon. librarian acknowledged receipt of historical records relating to the College Youths, 1756-1788, prepared by Mr. J. A. Trollope, and put into typewritten form by Mr. W. G. Wilson.

New stock consisted of a revised book on the preservation of bells, the cost of printing being defrayed by the honorary members—the report on the law affecting church bells, prepared by the Legal Committee and printed through the generosity of the Rev. H. Drake—and method sheets in large type.

The method sheets of Grandsire, Stedman and Cambridge had been sold, and, with the permission of the president, more had been printed.

The Guildford Diocesan Guild had purchased certain books for resale to its members.

Application had been made for method sheets on Double Norwich, and as two methods could be printed at practically the same cost as one, the Standing Committee recommended the inclusion of Cambridge Court.

The Council had been asked to advertise in the rule book of the London County Association.

Sales were the best since 1926-27 and showed a profit of £2 8s. 1d.

To encourage associations to make purchases of books, it was proposed by Mr. Goldsmith, seconded by Mr. Cave and carried, that a discount of one penny in the shilling be allowed to associations on the purchase at one time of not less than one dozen copies of the Council's publications.

The action of the president in authorising the printing of method sheets was confirmed.

It was decided not to advertise in affiliated societies' rule books and reports, as it was thought that societies should advertise the Council's publications free of cost.

Instructions were given to print method sheets of Double Norwich and Cambridge Court.

On the president's motion, the hon. librarian's report was adopted. Permission was given to the Rev. H. Drake to print certain notes regarding the liability of church authorities to obtain facilities for the moving of bells, and the hon. librarian agreed to insert a copy in each book on the law affecting church bells.

Thanks were accorded to Mr. Drake.

#### HONORARY MEMBERS.

Members retiring according to rule were the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson and Mr. J. W. Parker.

One vacancy occurred through the death of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, and the Rev. E. W. Carpenter had tendered his resignation. Mr. J. W. Parker did not seek re-election.

The Standing Committee recommended the re-election of the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson and the election of Messrs. E. W. Elwell, A. A. Hughes and S. H. Wood.

On the proposal of Canon Elsee, seconded by Mr. A. E. Sharman, this was carried.

The Rev. E. W. Carpenter's resignation was not accepted.

#### REPORTS.

*Standing Committee.*—The hon. secretary (Mr. Young) reported that in accordance with the authority given at the last meeting, the committee had considered the revision of the rules.

No success had attended the efforts to obtain cheaper travelling facilities for members of the Council.

The committee recommended that as a mark of appreciation the Council recognise by some small gift the work of Mr. Fardon and Mr. Sharman, who had overhauled the Carter ringing machine, and suggested they be appointed as demonstrators and allowed to charge a fee of 10s. 6d. for demonstrating the machine.

On the president's motion it was agreed to present to Mr. Fardon and Mr. Sharman a copy each of Mr. Morris' 'History and Art of Change Ringing,' or a book of similar value, and to appoint them officially as demonstrators of the machine.

The committee recommended the appointment of Mr. A. A. Hughes as trustee of the Carter ringing machine in the place of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies.

On the President's motion this was agreed.

*Alteration of Rules.*—On behalf of the committee it was proposed by Mr. Young, seconded by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, that the following be substituted for Rules 1 and 2:—

1. That the Council be known as the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.
- 1a. That any recognised society, association or guild (hereinafter referred to under the general term societies) numbering not less than seventy-five members should be eligible for affiliation to the Council.
2. That the Council consist of representative members from all affiliated societies. The representation to be in the following proportion (as set out in the original rule).

Amendments were proposed by Mr. W. W. Willson and Alderman Pritchett.

Alternative proposals were made by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, seconded by Mr. G. Grover, supported by Mr. W. A. Cave.

Mr. E. W. Elwell proposed and the Rev. C. A. Clements seconded that the Council proceed to the next business, as the propositions now brought before them were not in accordance with the rules because notice had not been given. This was carried.

The Standing Committee's report omitting the proposed alterations of rules was adopted on the proposal of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, seconded by Mr. W. A. Cave.

Later it was decided on the President's motion, seconded by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, that the following special committee be appointed to consider the revision of the rules and give due notice in time for next year's meeting. Committee: Messrs. J. S. Goldsmith, W. A. Cave, C. T. Coles, E. W. Elwell and G. W. Fletcher.

**Peal Collection Committee.**—The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson reported that peals of Major with the tenors parted had been dealt with, and these would be typed as soon as the peals of Royal and Maximus had been completed.

On the President's motion the report was adopted.

**Literature and Press.**—The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards reported that the outstanding literary event of the year was Mr. E. Morris' book, 'The History and Art of Change Ringing,' which had been extensively reviewed in a large number of journals.

Another book was the work of Mr. H. C. Andrews, of the East Herts Archaeological Society, on John Briant, the celebrated Hertfordshire bell founder.

Mr. Morris and Mr. J. R. Nicholls had also contributed numerous articles to religious and secular press, including trade journals.

Favourable reports of bells and bellringing had appeared in several periodicals, whilst complaints against bells in the 'Daily Mirror' had been answered.

A report of the Central Council for the Care of Churches had been issued advising the employment of a skilled architect in the first instance in all cases of alterations to bells, etc., before any bellfounder was asked to visit the church.

Agitation to discontinue the tolling of a bell on the death of a parishioner in a Surrey village had, with the advice of the committee, been satisfactorily settled.

The attention of the B.B.C. had been called to the omission of broadcasts of bells in their Christmas programmes, and a favourable reply had been received.

The president, in proposing the acceptance of the report, voiced a suggestion that had been made to prepare a short bibliography of ringing books to assist towers which contemplated starting a library, and invited the committee to undertake this work.

The proposal was seconded by Alderman Pritchett with the suggestion that the bibliography should relate only to ringing books and only include books on bells that would be used for the purpose of ringing.

The President's suggestion was accepted and the report adopted.

**Peals Analysis Committee.**—Mrs. G. W. Fletcher proposed and Mr. C. T. Coles seconded the adoption of the committee's report which had been published, subject to two small alterations in the details concerning the Middlesex Association.

After considerable discussion regarding the deletion of a peal rung at Isham, it was agreed that there was no rule of the Council which justified the committee leaving it out of the records.

Mr. Barnett drew attention to another small error regarding the 'Edwin' peal of Bob Major, which was stated as Grand sire. He also objected to a peal included as Double Little Bob, which was the same as a method rung previously and named Evil Little Bob. The Rev. H. Law James and Messrs. G. Cross and P. Johnson also spoke as to this objection, but no action was taken.

The report was adopted with five members dissenting.

**Methods Committee.**—The Rev. H. Law James proposed the adoption of the Methods Committee's report, which had been published.

He referred to the Minor Method Collection, which had been left over pending a decision concerning the title page, and, in response to an inquiry by Mr. Hunt, said an amicable settlement had been reached between his committee and the Standing Committee.

He asked for directions as to whether the committee should next proceed with the Triples section, and after that a book on Surprise methods or plain methods of Royal, Cinques and Maximus.

Mr. A. Paddon Smith proposed and Mr. C. T. Coles seconded that the Minor Methods Collection be printed and that the names of the Council and its officers, together with the names of the committee, be printed on the cover and title page. Agreement had been reached on this matter.

Mr. J. A. Trollope disagreed with the proposal, which was a departure from the practice of the last 35 years. The committee should be given full recognition for its work, and no other names should

appear. Mr. W. W. Willson, and Mr. C. T. Coles supported Mr. Trollope.

An amendment to leave out officers' names was proposed by Mr. E. M. Atkins, seconded by Mr. W. W. Willson, but was not carried.

Mr. E. A. Young referred to the need of advertising the Council, and Mr. Paddon Smith voiced the opinion that all publications should bear the names of the Council and its officers.

The motion was then put and declared carried *nem con*.

On the proposal of the Rev. H. Drake, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre, it was agreed to proceed with the Triples methods section, Mr. J. A. Trollope explaining what the book would contain.

A discussion was then initiated by the president as to whether the committee should undertake a collection of Surprise methods or a collection of plain Royal, Cinques and Maximus methods.

Mr. J. A. Trollope was of opinion that a book on Major Surprise methods was wanted, but some time must elapse before it could be produced. The time was not ripe for a book on plain Royal, Cinques and Maximus.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith suggested a selection of Treble Bob methods as being of more practical use.

The Rev. H. Law James wished to finish the plain methods by publishing a small collection of plain Royal, Cinques and Maximus.

The discussion closed on the President suggesting that Mr. J. A. Trollope and the Rev. H. Law James each undertook the work suggested by them.

Mr. J. A. Trollope reported that nothing had yet been done regarding the revision of the report on regular methods, which was referred to the committee last year. After the Rev. E. S. Powell had explained the difficulty created by the multiplication of methods in one peal, it was decided to leave the matter over to next year.

**Tower and Belfries Committee.**—The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn reported on the work in his diocese, and the hon. secretary read the report of Major J. H. B. Hesse, which referred to work at Solihull, Haslemere and Wroughton. Mr. E. A. Young reported giving advice respecting the tower at Howden Church, which had been damaged by fire.

The President reported on the proposed restoration of the bells at St. Benedict's Church, Cambridge, and referred to the inspection made by him with Mr. Powys, secretary to the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, and Mr. Goldsmith.

Particulars of the scheme to commemorate the Tercentenary of Fabian Stedman by restoring these bells had already been published.

With the full approval of the instigator of the scheme, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, the Standing Committee thought it desirable that the Council should give sanction for the appeal to the ringers of the country. A committee should be appointed to co-operate with the Parochial Church Council and a grant of £10 10s. be made to the Commemoration Fund.

The president proposed and the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards seconded that the verbal reports of the members of the committee be adopted, including the recommendations that the Council make a grant of £10 10s. towards the Stedman Commemoration Fund, and that the committee be appointed by the Tower and Belfries Committee. The motion was carried.

Mr. A. Paddon Smith proposed and Mr. E. A. Young seconded the appointment of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn as treasurer of the fund. Agreed.

**Records Committee.**—No report was submitted by this committee as the papers had been mislaid.

Mr. G. L. Grover offered to prepare a report covering two years, and the hon. secretary was instructed to search for the missing papers.

#### MOTIONS.

**Muffled Ringing.**—It was proposed by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, seconded by Mr. W. A. Cave and carried, that when any peal, practice or ringers' meeting previously arranged happens through unforeseen circumstances to coincide with an occasion of public mourning, whether national or local, it should be the normal procedure to make emergency arrangements with the proper authorities for the muffling of bells before use, care being taken, unless otherwise directed, to have the muffles removed at the conclusion of the ringing.

**Register of Compositions.**—Mr. G. R. Newton proposed and Mr. A. E. Sharman seconded that in the interests of the Exercise this Council takes such steps as they deem necessary for the registration of compositions.

The Rev. H. Law James reminded the Council that a collection of Plain Major and Treble Bob Major peals had been compiled, and suggested that a collection of Surprise compositions be prepared.

Mr. J. A. Trollope was of opinion that it was impossible to get a register of compositions to decide what should be called original. The Rev. E. S. Powell agreed with this view.

The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson suggested the preparation of a pamphlet on variations, and after various opinions had been expressed, it was agreed to form a small committee for the purpose of considering the question of a register and preparing the suggested pamphlet, consisting of the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Mr. H. W. Wilde and Mrs. Fletcher, with power to add to their number. The committee to give itself its own name and appoint its own convenor. Mr. Newton agreed to this action.

**Covering Bells.**—Mr. J. S. Goldsmith proposed and Mr. A. H. Pulling seconded that this Council deprecates the ringing of peals of

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**NEW TOWER CLOCKS.**

A new tower clock is now being fixed at Old Milverton Church, Warwick, to strike the hours and show time upon one external dial. The work is being carried out by Messrs. J. B. Joyce and Co., Ltd., Whitechurch, Salop, who have also new tower clocks in hand for Burbage Church, Buxton; Kingstone Church, Uttoxeter; Wesleyan Church, Obuasi, Ashanti; Marchwiel Hall, Wrexham; and H.M. Borstal Institution, Lowdham Grange, Notts.

**THE LADIES' GUILD.  
CENTRAL DISTRICT.**

The quarterly meeting of the Central District was held on Saturday week at SS. Peter and Paul, Milton-next-Gravesend, when about 50 members and friends were present from Camberwell, Chislehurst, Crayford, Chatham, Darford, Enfield, Gravesend, Ermsbury, Harrow Weald, Stoke Poges, Beckenham, Hayes, Rochester, Northfleet, Bromley, Milton-next-Gravesend, Aldershot and Handsworth (Sheffield).

The ringing commenced at 2 o'clock, and a variety of methods were rung from Grandsire to Bristol and London Surprise.

The service was conducted by the Rev. G. Mennie, who gave a very hearty welcome to the Guild. After the service tea was partaken of at Johnston's Institute, and kindly provided by Mrs. Mitchell, supported by Mrs. E. Beer and other local ladies, the Rector presiding.

Mrs. G. W. Fletcher proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector, organist, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell and others who had given the Guild such an encouraging welcome. Tea being over, courses of Grandsire and Stedman Caters were rung on the handbells by Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, Miss Wheeler, Mr. Groombridge, sen., Mr. A. D. Barker and Mr. G. H. Cross.

Then followed the business meeting, the gentlemen having adjourned to the tower for further ringing. Mrs. F. M. Mitchell was voted to the chair.

Two new members were elected, i.e., Miss L. Fooks, Gillingham, and Miss Andrews (hon. member), of Milton-next-Gravesend.

The next meeting being the annual one, St. Giles', Camberwell, was proposed, and the secretary was instructed to endeavour to obtain permission for the use of the bells, the date to be, if possible, June 4th.

Mrs. F. M. Mitchell proposed a vote of thanks to Miss Andrews for the help she had given her in making the arrangements. This concluded the meeting and further ringing afterwards took place. A collection, taken at the service in aid of the organ fund, amounted to 16s 9d.

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Minor with a covering bell or bells, and peals of Doubles with more than one covering bell, and recommends guilds and associations to discourage the practice. The motion was carried.

**Use of Terms.**—The Rev. H. Drake proposed and Mr. C. Mee seconded that (a) the words Reverse, Double, Little or Bob be not used as names of methods, and (b) that the terms 'shunt' or 'hunting backwards' are not approved. The motion was lost.

**PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.**

The Standing Committee recommended that the next meeting be held at Wells.

Other proposals were—

Bath.—Proposed by Mr. J. Hunt on behalf of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.

Bournemouth.—Proposed by Mr. C. H. Jennings, seconded by Mr. E. A. Young.

Plymouth.—Proposed by the Rev. E. S. Powell, seconded by Mr. C. T. Coles.

The voting was: Plymouth 36, Bath 31, Bournemouth 6.

**NOTICES TO MEMBERS.**

Mr. T. Faulkner proposed and Mr. C. H. Kippin seconded that a notice of meeting, together with a copy of the agenda, be sent to all members at least ten days before such meeting.

The motion was lost.

**DEFENCE OF RIGHTS.**

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards reminded the Council that the Literature Committee was charged with the defence of ringers' rights, and urged that the help of the committee should be invited when rights were threatened.

**VOTES OF THANKS.**

The thanks of the Council, proposed by the president, were accorded to—

The Lord Mayor for the use of the Council Chamber, his welcome and hospitality,

The Lord Bishop of Liverpool for his presence and words of encouragement,

Archdeacon Howson for conducting parties over the Cathedral,

The Lancashire Association for entertaining members to lunch, and the local committee of the Lancashire Association, particularly to Canon Elser, Mr. G. R. Newton and Mr. Claude I. Davies for excellent arrangements,

Mr. Lowndes, churchwarden of St. Nicholas', for entertaining members to tea,

Members of the various churches for the use of the bells.

Canon Elsee responded.

A vote of thanks to the president, proposed by Canon Elsee, concluded the meeting at about 5 o'clock.

**BATH AND WELLS OLDEST MEMBER.****DEATH OF MR. F. PRESCOTT.**

The oldest member of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association has passed away in the person of Mr. F. Prescott, of Buckland Dinham, Somerset, who had been an invalid for about four years, and died at the age of 84 years. Mr. Prescott, in years gone by, did a great deal to foster change ringing in the district in which he lived. He had an intense love of bells and was one of the real enthusiasts. As a young man he used to walk seven miles each way to practise at Bath Abbey in order to find out how to make a bob. He knew the plain course of Grandsire, but the old ringers at the Abbey would not 'let on' about the bob. The late Squire Palairat eventually got the information for him. Mr. Prescott was a stickler for good striking; indeed, almost a martinet. Although physically small, he could ring the 5th at Buckland Dinham in a way that could be emulated by few.

The funeral service took place at the Parish Church of Norton St. Philip, and was conducted by the Rev. J. E. S. Harrison, Vicar of Yeovil. The service was choral, and after the committal a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by T. F. King (Twerton), J. T. Dyke (Chilcompton), G. H. Harding (Bath) and W. A. Cave (Bristol). Before and after the service the bells were rung half-muffled to touches in various methods, and also the 'whole pull and stand' 84 times. Among those who took part in addition to the above were Capt. Linter, C.A., and Mr. H. B. Brown (Bath), while in the evening Buckland bells were rung half-muffled by all Mr. Prescott's old pupils, for whom he retained a great affection.

**RINGER FOR OVER SIXTY YEARS.**

The death has occurred at Milnrow, Lancs., of Mr. T. Platt, who had been a ringer for over 60 years. He was one of the first band of ringers at St. James' Church in 1869, and used to walk to Leesfield, Oldham, a distance of several miles, to learn to ring. He conducted the first peal by the local band. He was sexton and clerk of St. James' for 39 years, from which office he retired ten years ago.

On Tuesday of last week, after the funeral, a muffled peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung as a last token of respect at Milnrow Church. Mr. John Pitton, who rang the treble, is 77 years of age, is one of Mr. Platt's early colleagues, and still rings regularly.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

A meeting of the Ashford District was held at Wye on Saturday, March 5th, when 33 members and friends, including five lady ringers, were present. The Vicar (the Rev. Medcalf) gave the association a hearty welcome. Tea was served at King's Head Hotel, and at the business meeting which followed, Mr. C. W. Player took the chair. The venue of the September meeting was changed from Tenterden to Ashford. Twelve new members were elected and Saltwood chosen for April meeting.

Mr. E. S. Ruck gave a lengthy report of the committee meeting held in November. A discussion took place as to benevolent fund collections at meetings. Visitors from Sevenoaks, Tunstall, Sturry and Charing made a most welcome addition to the meeting, and Cambridge, Double Norwich, Stedman, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire were the methods practised during the day.

**A PENDLEBURY VETERAN.**

Pendlebury, Lancashire, has lost a veteran ringer in Mr. John Edge, who passed away on February 27th. He had been a ringer at Christ Church, Pendlebury, for over 50 years. He always rang the tenor and in his younger days was looked upon as being the best tenor man in Lancashire.

His fellow-ringers rang a course of Doubles on handbells over the grave at the interment on Wednesday, March 2nd, and on Saturday, March 5th, a muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Christ Church by W. Wallwork 1, A. Wallwork (conductor) 2, G. H. Morris 3, D. Howard 4, R. T. Lambert 5, J. Kenshaw 6, T. Lingard 7, L. Bryan 8. First quarter-peal for ringers of 1st, 6th and 8th.

**BRISTOL AT BRAINTREE**

On Sunday, for evensong, at Braintree Parish Church, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: S. Warne 1, Miss E. E. Pettitt 2, C. H. Howard 3, G. Wiffen 4, B. Redgwell 5, A. Wiffen 6, L. W. Wiffen (conductor) 7, H. C. Reason 8. This was the first quarter-peal in the method by all except the conductor, and was rung at first attempt. It was the first quarter-peal of Bristol ever rung for divine service on the bells. All the band are regular service ringers.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on March 31st at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A special invitation meeting in connection with the re-opening of the bells will be held at Finchley on Saturday, March 19th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5, followed by tea. Please advise me if you are coming. All members and friends welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech.—The next meeting will be held at Chatteris, Cambs, on Saturday, March 19th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—E. Barker, Dis. Sec.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Morriston on Saturday, March 19th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., with tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—E. Stutch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

OXFORD SOCIETY.—The annual dinner will be held at the City Restaurant, Cornmarket Street, Oxford, on Saturday, March 19th, at 7.30 p.m. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Eastbourne, on Saturday, March 19th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 and tea at 5 o'clock, at the Pitman Institute, 1s. 3d. per head. Business meeting to follow. The bells of St. Saviour's, South Street, will also be available from 6.45 to 8 p.m.—Geo. W. Stokes, 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District Meeting at Cranleigh, Saturday, March 19th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., Merrow Cottage, East Clandon, near Guildford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next ringing meeting of the above branch will be held at St. James' Church, Birch-in-Rusholme (8 bells), on Saturday, March 19th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Poolstock on Saturday, March 19th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due.—James Wm. Grounds, Hon. Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The nomination meeting will be held at Christ Church, Armley, on Saturday, March 19th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting in the tower at 7 p.m. All towers are requested to be represented.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

SEELY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.—The peal of 8 bells, which has been recast and rehung in a new iron frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be dedicated by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Birmingham on Saturday, March 19th, at 3 p.m. All ringers will be welcome. A social evening is being arranged at The Oak Inn, from approximately 7.30 p.m. until 10 p.m.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Sapcote on Saturday, March 19th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea (6d.) and meeting at 5 p.m. Subscriptions for 1932 (1s. 6d., including report) are now due. All ringers cordially invited.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Monks Risborough on Saturday, March 19th, at 4 p.m. Tea will be arranged.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The March meeting will be held at Newbold-on-Avon, near Rugby, on Saturday, March 19th. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. Tea, 5 o'clock, 1s. per head.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Next meeting at Youghreave on Saturday, March 19th. Church of All Saints (8 bells, tenor 27 cwt.) available afternoon and evening. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Tickets for jubilee dinner on sale. Subscriptions due. Visitors welcome.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leamwood, Dore.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, March 19th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Reigate on Saturday, March 19th. Reigate bells (10) available 3-5 p.m. and during the evening. St. John's, Redhill, bells (8) available 3-4.30 p.m. Service at St. Mary's, Reigate, at 5 o'clock, followed by tea and meeting at the Tudor Café, Bell Street.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec., 18, Guy Road, Beddington.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The first quarterly meeting will be held at Ratby on Saturday, March 19th. Bells, recently augmented from 6 to 8, ready at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea. Please roll up, and make it a very successful meeting. Subscriptions for 1932 are now due.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Hon. Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at South Cadbury on Saturday, March 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, tea and meeting to follow.—E. F. Creed, Castle Cary.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at Sonning, near Reading, Saturday, March 19th, 6 till 9 p.m. All welcome.—W. J. Paice, Branch Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Colyton on Easter Monday. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Bells available: Colyton (6), Seaton (6), Axminster (8). All ringers welcome. Arrangements made by G. C. Woodley, Woolbrook, Sidmouth.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Banstead on Easter Monday, March 28th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting following at The Victoria. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, March 22nd. All ringers heartily welcome.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The jubilee meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday, March 28th. The bells of St. Paul's (10) will be available from 10.30 a.m. onwards, St. Peter de Merton (6) afternoon and evening. Luncheon at the Silver Grill at 1 p.m., followed by the business meeting.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The 52nd annual general meeting will be held at Tenterden on Easter Monday, March 28th. Tower open at 10 a.m. Committee meeting in St. Mildred's Church Vestry at 11 a.m. Association service at 12 noon, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. M. L. Man; Preacher, the Right Rev. the Bishop of Dover. Luncheon in the Drill Hall at 1.15, presided over by the Worshipful the Mayor of Tenterden (Col. W. A. V. Findlater), followed by annual meeting. The following towers will also be available for ringing before the service and after the meeting: Rolvenden (8), Benenden (8), Biddenden (8), Appledore (8), Cranbrook (8). Application for luncheon tickets (free for practising members only, 3s. others) **must** be made to the undersigned by first post Tuesday, March 22nd, after that date **too late**.—Fred M. Mitchell, General Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting (Jubilee) will be at Derby Easter Monday. Bells of Cathedral (10), St. Andrew's (10), St. Luke's (8), St. Peter's (8) open from 10 a.m. to 2.30, 4 to 5.15; Alveston (6), 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; committee meet 11 a.m.; general meeting 12 noon; both in St. Andrew's School. Service at Cathedral 3 p.m.; preacher, Lord Bishop of Derby. Dinner 6 p.m., followed by social in King's Café, St. Peter's Street. Tickets for dinner 1s. 6d. to members, 3s. 6d. to all others, to be obtained from local hon. secs. No tickets sold after March 21st. Admission to dinner by ticket only, and seats reserved not later than 5.45 p.m.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held in Cambridge on Easter Monday. Plenty of ringing. Short service and meeting. Tea. Full details by circular.—B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake, Sec.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Sudbury District.—A meeting will be held at Assington on Easter Monday, March 28th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea 6 p.m. at the Rectory (free) by the kind invitation of Dr. Banham.—H. G. Herbert, 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday. Towers open at 2 p.m. Service in Cathedral at

4.30 p.m., with address by Canon Belcher, Diocesan Missioner. Tea and business meeting in Abbey Institute at 5.30. Sumptuous meat tea (and other delicacies) by Slaters, 1s. 6d. per head. Notification of attendance would be a great help. Please send a card.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, St. Albans.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, March 28th. Business meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House at 2.15 p.m. prompt. Chairman: The Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., President. Service, with address by the Dean, in the Cathedral at 4.15 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5.30 p.m. for all those who notify me before Wednesday, March 23rd. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 1 to 2; St. John-in-Bedwardine (8), All Saints (10), St. Nicholas (6) and St. Swithin (6). Subscriptions should be paid and reports obtained in St. Helen's Church House between 11.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m.—J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec., Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held on Easter Monday, March 28th, at Dursley, Glos. Ringers' service at 2.15 p.m. Meeting in Town Hall at 3 p.m. Tea afterwards. Cam (6), Stinchcombe (6), and Dursley (8) bells will be available at all times except during service and meeting. Those requiring tea please notify me before March 24th.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 48, Jamaica Street, Stokes Croft, Bristol.

**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Richmond on Easter Monday, March 28th. Bells (8, tenor 13 cwt.) will be available for ringing during the day. Dinner will be provided at the Bishop Blaize Hotel at 1 p.m., members 2s. 6d., non-members 3s. It is hoped that members and friends will make a special effort to attend this meeting. Those intending to be at tea please notify the secretary not later than Wednesday, March 23rd.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Norwich on Easter Monday, March 28th. The bells of St. Peter Mancroft (12), St. Michael-at-Coslany (8), and All Saints (5) will be at the disposal of the members from 10 a.m. Divine service will be held in the Church of St. Peter Mancroft at 12.30 p.m., when the address will be given by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Norwich. Luncheon will be served at the Bell Hotel, Orford Hill, at 1.30 p.m. Tickets, 2s. 6d. per head. The annual business meeting will follow immediately after the luncheon.—Arthur L. Coleman, Gen. Sec. and Treasurer, High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual committee meeting will be held in the Chapter House, Christchurch, Oxford, at 3.15 p.m., on Saturday, April 2nd.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

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**LADIES' GUILD.**—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, April 2nd, at the Priory Church, Worksop. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Arrangements for tea and service will be made.—L. Noel Cawthorne, Dis. Sec., 394, Handsworth Road, Sheffield.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at King's Norton Parish Church on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (10) available from 3.30 p.m., tea at 5 o'clock, business meeting to follow.—Please notify regarding tea to T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION** will hold a quarterly meeting and eight-bell contest at Halifax Parish Church on April 2nd. Draw 2.45 p.m. in the Ring o' Bells. Will those who require tea please send not later than March 28th, to L. Hargreaves, 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Houghton-le-Spring on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells available 3 p.m., and tea at 5 p.m. in the Kepier School. Please advise Mr. C. Humphrey, 13, Glebe Terrace, Houghton-le-Spring, by March 31st. If Croydon is too far, do the next best thing and come to this meeting. We hope for a bumper meeting.—F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Water Street, West Hartlepool.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Preliminary Notice. — The JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS of the Worcestershire and Districts Association will be held at Bromsgrove on Saturday, April 9th. Further particulars later.—J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Harrietsham on Saturday, April 9th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea (free) and business meeting. A good muster is requested. Please notify me early.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

**SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, April 9th, at St. Gwendoline's Church, Talgarth. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec., Belle Vue, Brecon.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Twickenham on Saturday, April 9th. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of Willesden. Full particulars later.—C. T. Coles and W. H. Hollier, Joint Hon. Secs.

**DEVON GUILD.**—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Washfield on April 16th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Monday, April 11th.—R. Harris, Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—Mr. Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., Dudley and District Guild, has removed to 49, Hellier Street, Dudley, Worcs.

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION PROPOSE TO REAFFILIATE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Subject to the adoption of the special committee's report, the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association is reaffiliating to the Central Council of Church Bellringers on Easter Monday.

May we ask you, through your valuable columns, to make it known that the report is recommended for adoption by the Executive and Management Committee, and that, subject to the resolution of May, 1930, and the adoption of the report, members attending the general meeting will elect four representatives upon the Central Council.—Yours faithfully,

EDGAR GUISE,

Hon. Sec.

#### SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**OVER, CAMBS.**—For matins, Sunday, March 13th, 576 Kent Major: Wm. Bavin 1, D. Adams 2, M. Ginn 3, G. Whybrow 4, F. Warrington (conductor) 5, R. Smith 6, A. J. Ginn 7, C. Robinson 8. For evensong, 672 Double Norwich Major: W. Bavin 1, F. Warrington (conductor) 2, M. Ginn 3, F. Ginn 4, B. Wayman 5, F. G. Gleaves 6, A. J. Ginn 7, C. Robinson 8. All are members of the local company.

**TUNSTALL, KENT.**—On Sunday, March 13th, for divine service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Mrs. E. H. Spice 1, George Kenward 2, W. Spice, jun., 3, E. H. Spice 4, G. Webb (first quarter-peal in the method) 5, G. H. Spice 6, W. Spice, sen. (conductor) 7, W. Gorman 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Spice, jun.

**HIGH WYCOMBE.**—For evensong, February 21st, at All Saints' Church, 1,320 Bob Maximus: F. West 1, F. Hayes (conductor) 2, G. W. Wilkins 3, G. F. Hinton 4, R. Coles 5, S. T. Goodchild 6, E. Markham 7, G. Twitche 8, G. White 9, C. A. Smith 10, E. R. Coles 11, F. D. Boreham 12. Rung by regular Sunday service ringers, and first attempt.

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