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## THE CASE FOR JUDGMENT.

There is a remarkable divergence of opinion among ringers on the topic which has become known as 'the Minor controversy' and to which the Central Council will be called upon to devote some of its time at the meeting on Whitsun Tuesday. The divergence is two-fold. First, there is the difference of view on the technical side. There are those, on the one hand, who hold strongly that nothing but the pure, unadulterated, conventional 'true and complete 720 changes' shall be admitted in the constitution of a peal of Minor and those who, on the other, contend that a peal of Minor can be equally true and complete if, in practice, far wider limits are given to its conditions. That is the case upon which judgment has to be given. If the Council find in favour of those who ask that the old conventions shall be broken down and fresh standards erected, then they have to decide further how far beyond the old barriers they recommend ringers to draw the new line.

The points at issue are not easy to settle, but that would be no reason for dismissing the question by blindly refusing to admit anything except the ancient definition merely because it may appear to be the simplest way out. The issue has now resolved itself into this: The Council is asked to decide whether a peal of 5040 of Minor shall consist of

- (1) Seven true and complete round blocks of 720 changes and that alone; or
- (2) These same 720's; or, as a special exception, compositions on the Bankes' James Cambridge Minor plan, because of their unusual merits and qualities; or
- (3) These same 720's, or, for exceptional reasons, any compositions which produces the 720 changes not more or less than seven times.

There is a fourth alternative, viz., to leave the definition of a peal of Minor in the terms in which it now stands on the Council's minute book at this moment: 'That peals of Minor consist of at least seven true and complete 720's rung without interval and without "rounds" or any other row being included or rung more than once in any 720.' This, in our opinion, is in substance, if not in theory, what is asked for by (2) above.

The second divergence of view among ringers, to which we referred, is not a technical one, but as to whether the Minor controversy is worth the time and ink spent upon it. Those who think the discussion of the question is just a waste of effort, are, we are afraid, mostly those who have no interest in Minor ringing. They seldom, if ever, ring a six-bell peal, and therefore do not fully realise that the men who rarely ring on any higher number are just as anxious to have their peals defined as eight-bell

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ringers would be, if, for instance, there was any question as to what should constitute a peal of Major. The practice of a couple of hundred years has settled this for the eight-bell ringers, but what is now proposed with regard to a six-bell peal is an upheaval of the conceptions of generations. To the six-bell ringers, therefore, it is a matter of importance, and while the old argument still stands that you cannot compel anyone to obey a ruling on this or any other subject connected with ringing, it is nevertheless a fact that the decisions of the Council do permeate among the rank and file, who look to the Council for a lead and who more and more in the future may be expected to accept these rulings, which their own associations, in the majority of cases, have undertaken loyally to recognise.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 6, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

JOHN WALDEN ... ..	Treble	JAMES BENNETT ... ..	7
RUPERT RICHARDSON ... ..	2	JAMES E. DAVIS ... ..	8
GEORGE R. PYE ... ..	3	FREDERICK W. STOKES ... ..	9
CHARLES T. COLES ... ..	4	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... ..	10
MRS. RUPERT RICHARDSON ... ..	5	EDWARD P. DOFFIELD ... ..	11
ALBERT W. COLES ... ..	6	WILLIAM PYE ... ..	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES. First peal of Maximus on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. R. Richardson; also in honour of the birth of Sylvia Margaret Hurle, granddaughter of the conductor.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, May 6, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes.

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb.

JOHN C. ADAMS ... ..	Treble	WILLIAM A. STOTE ... ..	6
THOMAS HILL ... ..	2	THOMAS J. ELTON ... ..	7
DENNIS HOLDEN ... ..	3	GILBERT HARDING ... ..	8
GEORGE E. OLIVER ... ..	4	WILLIAM FISHER ... ..	9
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... ..	5	BERT HORTON ... ..	Tenor

Composed by C. WALLATER. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN. \* First peal of Royal away from the treble. † First peal on 10 bells. ‡ First peal of Royal. First attempt as conductor on 10 bells. Messrs. Fisher and Horton have now completed the circle at this tower. Mr. Wm. A. Stote, who hails from Coventry, was elected a life member prior to the peal.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 6, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5147 CHANGES;

EDWARD JEFFERIES ... ..	Treble	HENRY NEWMAN ... ..	6
THOMAS BALDWIN ... ..	2	THOMAS PRICE ... ..	7
WILLIAM IRELAND ... ..	3	TRAVERS PRICHARD ... ..	8
ALBERT WRIGHT ... ..	4	JOHN F. BALLINGER ... ..	9
GEORGE ORCHARD ... ..	5	LESLIE BARRY ... ..	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT. Rung on the 23rd anniversary of the accession of King George V.

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**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

PRESTWICK, MANCHESTER.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 24, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 16 cwt.

THOMAS JONES ... .. Treble	STEPHAN L. PARRY ... .. 5
FRED DUNKERLEY ... .. 2	NORMAN HEAPS ... .. 6
CHARLES OLLIER ... .. 3	DONALD BROWN ... .. 7
WILFRED MOSS ... .. 4	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

A birthday compliment to the son of the ringer of the 2nd, who has attained his first birthday.

GODSTONE, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 26, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 6024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

ALFRED J. BULL ... .. Treble	GEORGE OLLIVER ... .. 5
ROBERT SWIFT ... .. 2	JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 6
REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... .. 3	NELSON ELLIOTT ... .. 7
KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by FRED. DENCH.

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

EAST ARDSLEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 27, 1933, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Michael,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;**  
Vicars' Six-part. Tenor 20½ cwt.

JOHN H. LENTON ... .. Treble	WILLIAM PEARSON ... .. 5
HAROLD S. DYSON ... .. 2	WILLIAM TATE ... .. 6
WALTER SWALLOW ... .. 3	ALBERT T. STRANGWARD ... 7
GEORGE DYSON ... .. 4	WILLIAM WADDINGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM TATE.

\* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. First peal as conductor. All service ringers at Pontefract Parish Church. Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. J. H. D. Young, elder son of Canon John Young (Vicar of East Ardsley and Rural Dean of Wakefield) and Mrs. Young, and until recently Vicar and Rural Dean of Pontefract, to Miss Mary Noreen Underwood, which was solemnised at the Parish Church of St. Mary, Finchley, London, on Saturday, April 29th. After the peal the ringers were entertained by Canon and Mrs. Young.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 29, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
At the Parish Church of All Saints,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;**  
Groves' Transposition of Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 12 cwt.

RONALD RUSSELL ... .. Treble	GEORGE A. HOLLICK ... .. 5
A. STANLEY BOLTON ... .. 2	NIGEL W. BOLTON ... .. 6
ERNEST A. MARSH ... .. 3	ARTHUR MANNING ... .. 7
ERNEST TIPLER ... .. 4	PERCY W. BENNETT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR MANNING.

\* First peal. † First peal on eight.

EDINBURGH.

THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.

(St. Cuthbert's Society.)

On Saturday, April 29, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
At the Parish Church of St. Cuthbert,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;**  
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation).

Tenor 21 cwt.

*REV. THOS. RITCHIE ... .. Treble	*MISS F. E. HOGG ... .. 5
MISS M. S. TAYLOR ... .. 2	†MISS A. I. WHITSON ... .. 6
MISS M. I. HOLLAND ... .. 3	H. MANN ... .. 7
W. C. G. JINKINS ... .. 4	D. G. HOLLAND ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. MANN.

\* First peal. † First peal in method 'inside.' First peal as conductor. First peal by a Scottish minister. The peal was rung as a compliment to the president of the association, W. B. Sampson, on the occasion of his birthday, and also to its first Master, Stephen H. Wood, on his marriage to Miss Margaret Mary Lennon.

SWINDON, WILTS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 29, 1933, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Mark,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*REGINALD ARGENT ... .. Treble	CHARLES J. GARDINER ... .. 5
HENRY HATTON ... .. 2	†NEIL ALLNATT ... .. 6
GEORGE LANCASTER ... .. 3	WILLIAM B. KYNASTON ... .. 7
*CHARLES J. HATHAWAY ... .. 4	*ELI VINCENT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by NEIL ALLNATT.

\* First peal. † First peal of Triples and first peal as conductor. Rung to mark the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Hathaway.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 29, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 6024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.

*FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... Treble	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 5
FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 2	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 6
GEORGE WIFFEN ... .. 3	WALTER ARNOLD ... .. 7
*REGINALD MARTIN ... .. 4	ALBERT WIFFEN ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

\* First peal in the method. Albert Wiffen has now 'circled' this tower.

OLDHAM.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 29, 1933, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 34 cwt.

JOSEPH OGDEN ... .. Treble	NORMAN HEAPS ... .. 5
CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... .. 2	WILFRED MOSS ... .. 6
STEPHAN L. PARRY ... .. 3	VERNON SYKES ... .. 7
FRED DUNKERLEY ... .. 4	HARRY MELLOR ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

First peal of Stedman ever rung on back eight and first on the bells. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor.

BROWNEDGE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 29, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the R.C. Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN T. BIMSON ... .. Treble	E. ROGER MARTIN ... .. 5
JOHN CHARNOCK ... .. 2	WILLIAM TAYLOR ... .. 6
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... .. 3	JAMES W. GROUNDS ... .. 7
FREDERICK HARWOOD ... .. 4	WILLIAM SHARPLES ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 41).

Conducted by WM. SHARPLES

First peal in method as conductor. First Surprise peal on the bells.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 29, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

Thurstans' Ten-part, No. 2.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

WILLIAM SEELEY ... .. Treble	JOHN E. ROTES ... .. 5
STEPHEN H. HOARE ... .. 2	FRANCIS KIRK ... .. 6
HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... .. 3	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 7
CHARLES N. LEMAN ... .. 4	GEORGE HUGHES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

Rung to celebrate the coming-of-age of Mr. Anthony Blackwell, patron of this living.

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## TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
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On Saturday, April 29, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
Tenor 18½ cwt.

KATHLEEN M. BRADFORD ... Treble	WALTER S. JOLLEY ... 5
THOMAS COLLINS ... 2	WILFRED G. WILSON ... 6
HARRY PENDRY ... 3	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 7
*GEORGE WATERS ... 4	JOSEPH LOVELL ... Tenor

Composed by Rev. E. R. JAMES.

\* First peal.

## TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 29, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
At the Church of St. James,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Dexter's Variation of THURSTANS'. Tenor 20 cwt.	
WALTER H. POOLE ... Treble	ALFRED J. WYATT ... 5
JAMES HUNT ... 2	JACK ROY ... 6
*ROBERT SIVIER ... 3	WILLIAM G. GIGG ... 7
ARTHUR H. REED ... 4	*WALTER E. PRIDDLE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM G. GIGG.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Stedman Triples.

## CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 29, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;  
Tenor 13½ cwt.

ROBERT SWIFT ... Treble	KENNETH SNELLING ... 5
GEORGE OLLIVER ... 2	CECIL NICE ... 6
A. WINGFIELD DURHAM ... 3	ALFRED J. BULL ... 7
REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS

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

## BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 1, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas-the-Martyr,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;  
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 19½ cwt.

CHARLES E. PRYKE ... Treble	HARRY TURNER ... 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... 2	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 6
FRANK G. RINGE ... 3	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 7
ALBERT PRYKE ... 4	JAMES BENNETT ... Tenor

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

## BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 1, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of the Saviour,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICAR'S. Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.	
HAROLD GORTON ... Treble	PETER CROOK, JUN. ... 5
HAROLD RUSHTON ... 2	EDWARD IUDON ... 6
EVEREST FORD ... 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... 7
NORMAN BROWN ... 4	RICHARD WM. MOSLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the 4th ringer, also to commemorate the birth of a daughter of the ringer of the treble.

## LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 1, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
Tenor 20 cwt.

ALBERT LAWRENCE ... Treble	ERNEST BRETT ... 5
JOHN T. KENTISH ... 2	R. THOMAS NEWMAN ... 6
JOSEPH MARKS ... 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
JOSEPH WAGBORN, JUN. ... 4	JAMES E. DAVIS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. E. DAVIS.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

## LONDON.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 29, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Dunstan, Stepney,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 32 cwt.	
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... Treble	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS ... 5
ROBERT W. GREEN ... 2	THOMAS LANGDON ... 6
WILLIAM S. LANGDON ... 3	CHARLES S. BURDEN ... 7
PERCY E. CLARK ... 4	ALFRED JOYCE ... Tenor

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

Rung as a farewell to A. Joyce, who is leaving for Peterborough, and to celebrate the coming of age of William Arthur Hughes, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hughes. It was also a birthday compliment to Mr. P. E. Clark.

## HARTLEBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, April 30, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 20 cwt.	
WILLIAM H. TURNER ... Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 5
JAMES HEMMING ... 2	HECTOR G. BIRD ... 6
WILLIAM SHORT ... 3	CHARLES CAMM ... 7
ROBERT MATTHEWS ... 4	REGINALD CHANCE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

Rung after meeting short for Cambridge Major. Great credit is due to the local treble man, who made up the band and scored his first peal. Arranged for Alderman J. Hemming, of Evesham.

## NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 1, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;  
Tenor 14½ cwt.

DAVID GOSLING ... Treble	JAMES A. MILNER ... 5
JAMES FERNLEY, SEN. ... 2	WILLIAM FERNLEY ... 6
WILFRID STEVENSON ... 3	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 7
JAMES FERNLEY, JUN. ... 4	JOHN WORTH ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Jack Fletcher and Miss Annie Langley, daughter of Mr. Harry Langley, one of the local band.

## NORWICH.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 1, 1933, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. John-de-Sepulchre,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*ARTHUR J. SMALLS ... Treble	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 5
GEORGE MAYERS ... 2	ARTHUR G. BASON ... 6
GEORGE HOWCHIN ... 3	WILLIAM E. BASON ... 7
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 4	WILLIAM G. MAYERS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal of Double Norwich. Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Nolan Golden.

## MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 2, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
Tenor 12 cwt.

OSWALD J. HUNT ... Treble	SAMUEL HOLT ... 5
ALFRED FROST ... 2	DAVID VINCENT ... 6
ROBERT DAVIES ... 3	FREDERICK PAGE ... 7
WILLIAM EDWARDS ... 4	WILLIAM H. SEUKER ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by FREDK PAGE.

Arranged and rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. D. Vincent, and also of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. F. Page.

TRING, HERTS.—On Palm Sunday for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Cherry (first quarter-peal) 1, F. J. Reeve 2, H. Brackley 3, C. Badrick 4, F. W. Leach 5, F. C. Reeve 6, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 7, H. Bull 8. The conductor hails from London, the rest are the local band.



WEST HALLAM, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 3, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

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

J. CARTER'S ODD AND EVEN BOB TWENTY-PART, No. 2.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

MATRICE SWINFELD ... .. Treble	J. ALFRED BARRATT ... .. 5
JOHN H. SWINFELD ... .. 2	W. RICHARDSON DRAGE ... .. 6
JOSEPH BAILEY ... .. 3	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 7
J. CHARLES DICKEN ... .. 4	CHARLES DRAPER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time. The peal was a birthday compliment to C. Draper.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

FRANK BROWN ... .. Treble	SAM PINDER ... .. 5
WILLIAM THORNLEY ... .. 2	JOHN E. HOBBS ... .. 6
J. FREDERICK MILNER ... .. 3	J. ALFRED BARRATT ... .. 7
J. CHARLES DICKEN ... .. 4	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN H. WOOD. Conducted by F. A. SALTER.

Rung in honour of the composer's wedding. J. C. Dicken's 260th peal. J. E. Hobbs has now 'completed the circle' in this tower.

SCUNTHORPE, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, May 4, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

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

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

BROOKS' VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

* BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. ... Treble	† ERNEST BRITAIN ... .. 5
MRS. J. BRAY ... .. 2	† FRANK LORD ... .. 6
GEORGE W. MOODY ... .. 3	JACK BRAY ... .. 7
GEORGE W. CREASEY ... .. 4	† CECIL PYE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

\* First in the method 'inside.' † First peal in method. First in the method as conductor and on the bells.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

BADBY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 20, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being 720 each of Surfleet, Beverley, London, Wells, York, Durham, and Cambridge. Tenor 14½ cwt.

SIDNEY FOSKETT ... .. Treble	WALTER PERKINS ... .. 4
AMOS SMART ... .. 2	CHARLES WM. CLARKE ... .. 5
MISS EVELYN STEEL ... .. 3	WILLIAM STAPLETON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

HITCHAM, Bucks.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 20, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qr. 9 lb.

* D. JAYCOCK ... .. Treble	* P. JAYCOCK ... .. 4
* W. WOODLEY ... .. 2	† E. BARRETT ... .. 5
G. J. BERRY ... .. 3	* R. WALKER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. J. BERRY.

\* First peal. † First peal away from treble. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells by an entirely local band, who are all Sunday service ringers at the above church. First attempt made by the band. Rung with half-muffled clappers as a token of respect to the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, late Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

BILLESDON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, April 22, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

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

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

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb.

JOSEPH NORTON ... .. Treble	A. NORMAN GEARY ... .. 4
J. GEOFFREY GEARY ... .. 2	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 5
RONALD RUSSELL ... .. 3	* ERNEST H. BAGWORTH ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Rung on the eve of St. George's Day. First peal of Minor on these bells. \* 50th peal.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 22, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Seven extents.

Tenor 12 cwt.

EDWARD S. RUCK ... .. Treble	LRSIE C. SMITH ... .. 4
EDWARD J. DIXON ... .. 2	* WILLIAM LANCEFIELD ... .. 5
HENRY C. CASTLE ... .. 3	PERCY PAGE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD S. RUCK.

\* First peal of Minor.

FREISTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 22, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Being 720 Single Court and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

HARVEY E. BURRELL ... Treble	† HAROLD BARSLEY ... .. 4
FRANK DEWEY ... .. 2	† CYRIL E. BURRELL ... .. 5
* JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... .. 3	WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. CLARKE.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal in four methods. Arranged for John J. L. Gilbert, of Handsworth, Yorks, who was on a visit to the district.

HADDENHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(CENTRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 22, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Seven extents, varied callings.

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE WHYBROW ... .. Treble	WILLIAM SEEKINGS ... .. 4
MANSFIELD GINN ... .. 2	ARTHUR J. GINN ... .. 5
* STANLEY SHIPP ... .. 3	FRANK WARRINGTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

\* First Surprise peal. First peal on the bells and by the new-formed district. The conductor's 140th peal.

HARROLD, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 22, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Being 720 each of College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

LEWIS CHAPMAN ... .. Treble	HERBERT L. HARLOW ... .. 4
CHARLES W. CLARKE ... .. 2	HENRY W. GAYTON ... .. 5
PEARL INSKIP ... .. 3	HENRY STAPLETON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON.

Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of the conductor, and in honour of the 70th birthday of Mr. T. G. Crouch, the esteemed leader of the local band.

KENT RINGERS' EXCURSION.

On Easter Monday a party of ringers from Egerton, Charing, and other towers, spent a most enjoyable half-day visiting the towers at Ospringe, Teynham, Sittingbourne and Tunstall. At all places the local ringers were most kind, and had everything ready for the visitors. The ringing on six and eight bells was in the following methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent, Oxford and Cambridge Surprise. An attempt for a course of Cambridge Major unfortunately came to grief in the last lead.

EASTNOR, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(LEDBURY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, April 22, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

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

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

T. PRATT ... ..	1	Treble	C. BOWERS ... ..	4
R. LEWIS ... ..	2		D. HORNE ... ..	5
*W. NUT ... ..	3		G. JORDON ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by D. HORNE.

\* First peal.

GRIMSTON, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 23, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.

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

720's of Kent and Oxford, rung alternately.

FRED RIX ... ..	1	Treble	JOHN A. GODFREY ... ..	4
ALBERT W. BOGG ... ..	2		ARTHUR J. HAYNES ... ..	5
JOHN H. PITCHER ... ..	3		Cecil V. EBBERSON ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by Cecil V. EBBERSON.

Rung for the festival of St. George.

CAMBRIDGE.  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 24, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT.

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

Being 42 six-scores with 12 different callings. Tenor 14 cwt.

Mrs K. WILLERS ... ..	1	Treble	T. REGINALD DENNIS ... ..	4
ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... ..	2		WILFRID H. J. HOOTON ... ..	5
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... ..	3		REV. E. BANKES JAMES ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

This peal, the first of Stedman on the bells, was rung fully muffled in memory of Cyril W. O. Jenkyn, priest.

LECHLADE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 25, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST. DUNSTONS' DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*ARTHUR R. MILSOM ... ..	1	Treble	ERNEST TELLING ... ..	4
*THOMAS LAPPINGTON ... ..	2		ALFRED J. KING ... ..	5
JOHN HOPE ... ..	3		*WILLIAM PEACHEY ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by J. HOPE.

\* First peal. Especially rung to commemorate Mr. and Mrs. E. Telling's silver wedding.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.  
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 27, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

WALTER G. BROCKHURST ... ..	1-2	ALFRED H. PULLING ... ..	5-6
MAURICE SMITHER ... ..	3-4	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... ..	7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Rung at the residence of Mr. W. G. Brockhurst who, through illness, has not been able to ring tower bells for the last few years.

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**SPLICED GRANDSIRE DOUBLES.**

HUNDREDS OF CALLINGS.

BY GABRIEL LINDOFF.

As the Central Council at their next meeting are going into the question of what shall constitute a peal of Minor and Doubles, I have been investigating, with the idea of seeing if any advantage is to be gained from splicing the various callings of Doubles. I place the results, so far as I have gone, before the Exercise so that they may judge for themselves.

I may say I was surprised that such a mass of material was opened up, and if I was able to be present at the meeting should wholeheartedly support the resolution.

**GRANDSIRE DOUBLES.**

Prick out the old ten extents with 3rd and 5th half-hunt bells. Then prick out the same in the reverse, i.e., starting from 13254. These latter have the 2nd and 4th as half-hunt bells.

Upon examination it will be found that four leads in each of the forward extents are similar to four in each of the reverse. These mark A, B, C and D, thus:—

Forward.		Reverse.
2345		3254
A 2534		B 3425
B 3425 —		5234 S
3542		3452 —
4235 —		A 2534 S
4523		2453
3245 S		C 3524 S
C 3524		D 2435 —
D 2435 —		5324 S
2543		5432
4325 —		2354 S
4532		5423 —
2345 S		3254 S

Start the forward extent, and when we come to A cross over to the reverse extent at A, ring the whole of that extent, and when we return to A switch over to A in the forward extent and complete that extent.

Next treat B, C and D in like manner. We have the following results:—

A	B	C	D
240	240	240	240
2345	2345	2345	2345
A 2534	2534	2534	2534
2453	B 3425 B	3425 B	3425 B
3524 S	5234 S	3542	3542
2435 B	3452 B	4235 B	4235 B
5324 S	2534 S	4523	4523
5432	2453	3245 S	3245 S
2354 S	3524 S	C 3524	3524
5423 B	2435 B	2435 B	D 2435 B
3254 S	5324 S	5324 S	5324 S
3425	5432	5432	5432
5234 S	2354 S	2354 S	2354 S
3452 B	5423 B	5423 B	5423 B
A 2534 S	3254 S	3254 S	3254 S
3425 B	B 3425	3425	3425
3542	3542	5235 S	5234 S
4235 B	4235 B	3452 B	3452 B
4523	4523	2534 S	2534 S
3245 S	3245 S	2453	2453
3524	3524	C 3524 S	3524 S
2435 B	2435 B	2435 B	D 2435 B
2543	2543	2543	2543
4325 B	4325 B	4325 B	4325 B
4532	4532	4532	4532
2345 S	2345 S	2345 S	2345 S

Each of the ten forward extents, if spliced in like manner to each of the ten reverse, gives us three hundred and sixty-eight 240's, equalling 88,320 changes without a repetition of calling.

I might add that in the majority of cases four double extents will be obtained.

**DEVON GUILD.**

The Aylesbeare Deanery Branch held a very pleasant meeting at Honiton Clyst on Saturday, May 6th, when there was an attendance of about 45. A service was held in the church, at which the Rector (the Rev. Dr. Keane) gave a most helpful address and offered a warm welcome to the branch. An excellent tea was served in the Church Hall, and the subsequent business meeting was presided over by the chairman of the branch, the Rev. E. A. Jullian, Rector of Whimpe. Guild certificates were presented to Messrs. D. and B. Fidgeon, of East Bridleigh, and the next meeting arranged for September 9th at Colaton Raleigh. Some good ringing took place on the very nice ring of eight bells during the afternoon and evening.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****SOUTHERN DIVISION'S FIRST MEETING.**

Splendid weather favoured the twice postponed meeting of the newly-formed Southern Division on Saturday, April 22nd, at South-over, Lewes, about 30 members attending. Ringing commenced soon after 2.30 p.m., and continued until 5.15 p.m., when an excellent tea was served in the Church Hall. Owing to the Rector being called away, no service was held.

At the business meeting the Master, Mr. J. Thornton Rickman, referred to the death of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, whom he had known for nearly 40 years, and the members stood in silence as a token of respect.

Four new members were elected, viz., W. Murrell and F. Hicks (Rotherfield), F. Shepherd (Shoreham), and G. Berkshire (of the Good Shepherd, Brighton). Messrs. S. E. Armstrong, F. W. Cripps and K. Hart were elected on the Association Committee and the Committee of Advice.

The Hon. General Secretary, Mr. A. D. Sione, reminded members that the annual meeting would be held on Whit Monday, June 5th, at Brighton.

The towers represented were St. Peter's, St. Nicholas' and the Good Shepherd, Brighton; Crawley, Cuckfield, Hurstpierpoint, Lindfield, Ringmer, Rotherfield, Seaford, Shoreham, Southover, Lewes, Turner's Hill and Uckfield. After the meeting a further visit was made to the tower, touches in methods being successfully rung.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

A quarterly meeting of the Alton District was held at Froyle on April 22nd. This annual fixture was favoured with beautiful weather, and a large number of ringers attended to accept the hospitality of Sir Hubert Miller. Ringing began in good time and continued till 4.30, when the Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. C. H. Sangster), with Mr. Stroud (Frensham) at the organ. Tea was served at the Shrubbery House, when Sir Hubert personally entertained the ringers, and expressed his pleasure at seeing so many present. The party numbered 33, representing, in addition to the local band, the towers of Alton, Blackmoor, Bramshott, Frensham, Liss, Privett, Steep and Winchester Cathedral.

In the regrettable absence of Rev. F. G. Eyres (chairman of the district), Mr. Wilfred Andrews proposed a vote of thanks to Sir Hubert Miller, which was seconded by Mr. Read, and carried with applause.

A stroll round the grounds, in the full perfection of their spring beauty, was much enjoyed by all before ringing was resumed.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.****SECRETARY COMPLETES TEN YEARS IN OFFICE.**

On Saturday week the Leeds and District Society's annual general meeting was held at Batley Church. The president for the past three years is a service ringer here. At this quaint old church the belfry is down stairs from the outside level of the churchyard, and in the belfry is an ancient ringers' notice board which is printed in very old English style.

The bells were rung up at 3.15 p.m., and ringing continued until 9 o'clock. Close on 40 members were present during the day from Almondbury, Armley, Bramley, Burley, Calverley, Drighlington, Headingley St. Michael's, Earlsheaton, Elland, Dewsbury, Birstall, Liversedge, Pudsey, Northowram, Queensbury, Wakefield and the local company.

The business meeting was held in the tower. The president took the chair, and one new member, Mr. J. Moorhouse, of Wakefield, was elected.

The balance sheet for the past year was adopted, on the motion of the president.

The secretary read his report, which showed the total membership of the society to be 178. One outside appeal had been supported—the Davies Memorial Fund—and the financial side again showed an increase.

The retiring officials were re-elected for the coming year.

The best thanks of the society were accorded the Vicar of Batley and the local company. A special vote of thanks was passed to the secretary on the completion of 10 years of office.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.****NEW CENTRAL DISTRICT APPROVED.**

The annual meeting was held at Cambridge on Easter Monday and attracted a fair number of ringers. The towers of St. Mary, St. Andrew, St. Bene't and the R.C. Church were open for ringing at intervals during the day and were made good use of. The business meeting was held in the vestry of St. Mary's Church at 4 p.m. under the Rev. R. Copeman as chairman.

The report and balance sheet were not of any sensational character. Officers were almost all re-elected, but Mr. T. R. Dennis retired from being representative on the Central Council in favour of Miss K. Willers.

The next annual meeting was arranged to be held at St. Neots.

The formation of a Central District, around Ely, provoked an animated discussion, but was approved by the meeting, with the necessary change in the rules.

Votes of thanks terminated the proceedings. A short service in St. Mary's Church followed the meeting.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. Rupert Richardson has lost no time in 'completing the circle' at Surfleet. By ringing the second to a peal of Cambridge Maximus he has now rung a peal on every bell in the tower.

We are very pleased to state that after eight weeks in a nursing home at Southampton Mrs. George Williams is home again at Eastleigh and is making improvement. Mr. and Mrs. Williams wish to thank the many ringing friends who have written to them during Mrs. Williams' illness. They hope to reply to each individually as soon as possible.

Bands who desire to compete in the open six-bell ringing contest at Hoylandswaine, Yorks, on June 24th, should write for copy of rules to Mr. E. Brookes, Hall Lane, Hoylandswaine.

A few seats at 11s. are available in a private motor coach to Christchurch on Saturday, July 8th, in connection with the annual meeting of the Ladies' Guild. It is rumoured that Kate may be present, so roll up, bachelors! Any ringer wishing to join the party should send to Mrs. Fletcher, 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

Short notice of a meeting of the Liverpool Branch of the Lancashire Association appears to-day. The meeting is at Hale to-morrow afternoon.

It had been hoped to attempt an 'Empire' peal at St. Clement Danes', London, on May 24th (Empire Day), but we are informed that it has had to be postponed. The band was to have consisted of ringers who have sojourned at some time or other in distant parts of the Empire.

The band who rang the peal of Double Oxford Bob Triples at Upton-on-Severn, April 22nd, would like to know if a peal in that method had been rung before.

The peal rung at Bocking on April 29th was the first of Bristol by all resident members of that division of the Essex Association. The correct time for the peal of Treble Bob at Feering on April 22nd was 3 hours 9 mins.

The report of a peal of Minor, rung at Upchurch, Kent, on April 1st, has been sent without the name of the conductor.

The peal of Superlative at Handbridge, Cheshire, on April 1st, contained 5,083 changes, and not 5,184 as reported.

Fifty peals of Stedman Triples, forty peals of Stedman Caters and twenty peals of Stedman Cinques are the totals which J. S. Goldsmith can now claim after a peal of Triples at Godalming, Surrey, on Saturday.

Pressure on our space compels us to hold over a number of reports of meetings and peals and an article on the Minor controversy by Mr. Stephen H. Wood.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

Nineteen societies have so far failed to pay the subscription, which became due on January 1st.

Members of the Council are requested to advise me as soon as possible if they are coming to the meeting, in order that adequate arrangements can be made at the Skinners Hall.

The members of the Council and their friends are invited to tea by the members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, at Slater's Restaurant, 50, Cannon Street, E.C., after the Council meeting. To enable a correct estimate to be arrived at, tickets will be issued, and applications for these should be made to Mr. C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, Highams Park, London, E.4.

Any member desiring to take part in peals on Saturday, June 3rd, or Whit Monday in West Middlesex should write without delay to Mr. W. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, Chiswick, W.4.

GEORGE W. FLETCHER,

Hon. Secretary.

## METHODS AND PROGRESS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It is the ambition of every tower leader worthy of the name to see his ringers make progress. He knows the weak points which may retard progress, but as long as his band improves on the 1½ hours' practice a week (which, incidentally, is not enough to learn to play a tin whistle), he is a happy man. I can hardly see how one can say whether ringing generally is improving or not by how many methods are rung in a peal of Minor. You may have six men from as many towers who can ring almost any method, all anxious to add to their peal number. Let them enjoy themselves by all means, but the words 'Rung by the local band' after the peal carries a great deal more in some cases than 'Seven Surprise methods' in others.

There are hundreds of towers where change ringing proper is done to-day, where it was not even heard of in Jasper Snowden's time. Galhampton.

P.S.—When are we to get the pamphlet on 'How to hold the rope'? I saw a man nearly hanged last week.

W. A. OSBORN.

## COMING-OF-AGE CELEBRATION.

To celebrate the 'coming of age' of Mr. W. A. (Billy) Hughes, of the Whitechapel Foundry, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Lawrence Jewry on Sunday week. Father and grandfather (Mr. W. D. Smith) rang in the touch: W. D. Smith 1, A. A. Hughes 2, E. Murrell 3, A. Bacchus 4, S. Stonad 5, F. Shorter (conductor) 6, G. Moody 7, E. Owen 8.



## SURREY ASSOCIATION.

## MARKED ADVANCEMENT IN HIGHER METHODS.

One of the most successful meetings ever held by the Surrey Association took place last Saturday, when over a hundred members and friends attended the annual general meeting at Southwark Cathedral. The Cathedral bells were kept going from three o'clock, and at five o'clock choral evensong was held. A most interesting address was given by the Rev. Canon A. H. Phelps, Vicar of Wimbeldon, who spoke of his long connection with bellringing at Worcester, Pershore and Dudley. He appreciated the good work of the various associations to further the art of bellringing, and emphasised the need of towers being affiliated to the county or diocesan associations.

Tea was served in the Chapter House (the overflow had tea in a neighbouring cafe), and was followed by the business meeting. Mr. D. K. C. Birt (Master) presided, supported by Mr. C. Dean (hon. treasurer), Mr. C. H. Kippin (hon. secretary), Mr. F. E. Darby (assistant secretary), etc. Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. A. A. Hughes, C. F. Johnston, R. White and H. E. Wills. The association expressed the hope of a speedy recovery to Mr. Wills, who is at present in hospital.

## NINE SURPRISE METHODS BUT ONLY ONE OF GRANDSIRE

The committee's report was as follows:

The year 1932 shows a marked advancement in the ringing of higher methods, peals of no less than nine different Surprise Major methods having been rung during the year, and a peal of Spliced Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major. At the same time only one peal of Grandsire Triples was rung, and the committee hope that this does not show a lack of enthusiasm upon the part of fresh ringers but is due to progression towards more advanced methods. Fifty peals have been rung, 26 in the North-Western District and 24 in the Southern District, being an increase of 15 upon the previous years. This is probably due to the remission of the peal booking fee. Set against this, however, is the increase in number of towers where peal ringing has been stopped or severely curtailed through complaints by parishioners, and it is hoped that, in these cases, the work of boarding up the louvres, thus modifying the sound in the near vicinity of the towers, will be carried out, thus enabling the association to have the same facilities for ringing as in the past. The conductors of the peals numbered 16. Mr. C. H. Kippin conducted 21 peals, Mr. L. A. Tidy 10, Messrs. A. R. Pink and G. F. Hoad three each, Mr. H. R. Thorpe two, Messrs. F. E. Collins, A. H. Winch, T. Price, H. B. Wells, W. S. Smith, W. Claydon, W. H. Hewett, W. Williams, O. Sippetts, A. Harman and F. E. Darby one each.

The peals were rung in 28 towers, four of which were outside the county. Four peals of Cambridge Royal were rung, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Royal one each, Stedman Caters two, Grandsire Caters two, London Surprise Major three, Bristol, Londonthorpe, New Cambridge two each, Superlative Surprise Major six, Cambridge, Ashtead, Beddington, Cambridge and Superlative (Spliced), Ipswich Surprise Major one each, Plain Bob Major two, Stedman Triples one, Grandsire Triples one, London Surprise Minor two, Cambridge Surprise Minor 3, Minor in seven methods three, in six methods two, in five methods two, in four methods three, Plain Bob Minor one, and Doubles in three methods one. The peals of Beddington and Londonthorpe were the first ever rung, and Ashtead and Ipswich first peals in the method for the association. The peal of Doubles was rung at Coulsdon Old Church, and although the bells represent the oldest complete peal in the county this was the first peal rung upon them.

## FINANCIAL PROGRESS.

In accordance with the resolution passed at the last annual general meeting, another peal book has been purchased at a cost of £6 15s., and next year the committee hope to report that the number of peals that require writing up will be considerably reduced. The association still progresses financially. The balance in hand on December 31st, 1932, was £41 13s. 3d., compared with £46 8s. 8d. at the beginning of the year. There would have been a substantial increase in the balance upon the year's working, but, in addition to the usual expenses, arrangements for the special meeting at Croydon entailed an expenditure of £7 5s. 2d. It should be remembered that there will be a loss in revenue to the association caused by the remission of the peal booking fee. The committee regret to report that three members have passed away during the year. Mr. John Wyatt (Ashtead), who had been a member of the association for the greatest consecutive number of years, Mr. H. J. Rumble, who had been also a member for many years, and Admiral T. P. Walker, who was hon. treasurer of the Guildford Diocesan Guild. Our neighbours sustained a great loss by his death, and have the association's sympathy. The North-Western District has had a most successful year from all standpoints, meetings have been well attended, progress has been made in most towers in the district, new and higher methods have been practised to a greater extent, more peals have been rung than in 1931, and also the membership has slightly increased. In conclusion the officers and committee thank all members for their support during the past year.

Six new members were elected to the association—Messrs. G. Briggs and L. Greenbow (SS. Peter and Paul's, Mitcham), C. S. Broadbridge (Christ Church, Mitcham), Messrs. G. Welch and R. Pocock (Merstham) and A. J. Harding (Clapham Common).

Seven towers were proposed for the next annual meeting, including Southwark Cathedral again. After a vote, Beddington was chosen, with Leatherhead as second choice.

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## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A most successful joint meeting of the Eastern and Western Districts of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held at Chester-le-Street on Saturday week. Ringers were present from Blaydon, Consett, Whickham, Tamfield, Willington, Houghton-le-Spring, Durham, Kirkby Stephen, Sunderland, Newcastle, West Hartlepool, Gateshead, and the local men.

The beautiful bells of St. Mary's and St. Cuthbert's were kept going during the afternoon, and afterwards a happy party sat down to a bountiful tea. A short meeting took place immediately after, Mr. R. L. Patterson, vice-president of the Eastern District, being in the chair.

After the loyal toast, the chairman welcomed the Rector, Canon F. H. Jackson, to the meeting, and made sympathetic reference to the deaths of Mr. Gofton and Mr. Siddle. The members present stood in silence as a token of respect.

Canon Jackson, in replying to the welcome extended to him, said that while he had not often attended ringers' meetings they could be assured that his thoughts were always with them, and although he could not ring a bell he had tried once, when there was no ringer present to toll for an evening service. His wife was present, and as he pulled the rope it went flying all over the belfry, and he said to his wife, 'Run, run for your life.' Of course he had never touched them since (laughter). However, his interest was with the bells. It was, he added, a great pleasure to see a good number of ringers present, and he thanked them for their work for the church. Bellringing was a noble art and science, and he hoped they would all be spared many years to give their services. The Canon went on to refer to the fact that King Athelstan gave the sanctus bell in the year A.D. 900, and in doing so had said, 'If any person take any article away that I have given to this church, let him be condemned in the Day of Judgment with Judas the traitor.'

Mr. Anderson, president of the association, proposed a vote of thanks to the Canon for the use of the bells, and the Rector suitably replied.

Mr. W. Storey proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies for providing such a splendid tea, and said the ringers were grateful to them in that, by the kindly spirit which they showed, they helped the district meetings to be a success. Mr. Storey also gave some happy reminiscences of his part in bellringing during the last 50 years. The vice-president also remarked on the good comradeship of the ringers, and mentioned the fact that one of the ringers had made the long journey from Kirkby Stephen to ring with his old friends again. That, said Mr. Storey, was the spirit that helped the fine art of ringing.

Mr. J. W. Parker proposed that a joint meeting be held at Gateshead on Saturday, June 10th, and this was carried.

The meeting then closed, and the ringers went back to the belfry, where ringing took place until 8.30 p.m. All the ringers had their turn on the bells, and the methods rung were Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise. It was a pleasing feature to see some young ringers have their first touch at a meeting. It was one of the most successful district meetings held in Durham for a long while.

## CHURCH'S 873rd ANNIVERSARY.

At Waltham Abbey, for matins on May 7th, to celebrate the 873rd anniversary of the consecration of the church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Mrs. Berry 1, C. House (first quarter 'inside') 2, Miss G. Church 3, G. Thurgood 4, W. Newnham 5, F. Perrin 6, A. House (conductor) 7, W. Perry 8.

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As no other nominations were received, all the retiring officers were declared elected for the ensuing 12 months. Three nominations were received for Central Council representatives, but as the membership of the association was six short of the number required for three representatives, Mr. C. Dean withdrew his nomination, and Mr. C. H. Kippin and Mr. D. Cooper were elected.

The Secretary reported upon the Davies Memorial scheme, details of which have appeared in 'The Ringing World.' In accordance with the committee's recommendation, the association voted a sum of £2 2s. to the fund.

It was reported that one of the old members of the association had been very ill for a long time, and sympathy was shown in a practical way by a whip round at the meeting, which brought a generous response.

A vote of thanks to the chairman, and to all those who had contributed in making the meeting such a success, concluded the business.

Good use was made of the Cathedral bells during the afternoon and evening. Rounds on twelve to Treble Twelve and also a course of London Royal were rung.

At the Church of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, good use of the bells was made in Triples and Major during the afternoon and evening. Members attended from Ashtead, Beddington, Benilton, Buckland, Croydon, Camberwell, Esher, Ewell, Guildford, Kingswood, Leatherhead, Mitcham, Reigate and Streatham, with visitors from London, Loughton (Essex), Tiverton (Devon), Dartford and Rochester (Kent), Feltham (Middlesex), Henfield (Sussex) and Sheffield.

It was the first time the association had met at Southwark Cathedral, and in view of its great success, it is hoped that this will not be the last to be held at this historic place.

## CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

## TRIBUTES TO THE LATE REV. C. W. O. JENKYN.

The second meeting of the year of the Stockport and Bowdon Branch was held at Reddish on Saturday, April 29th. Ringing commenced soon after three o'clock, and the service which followed at 4.30 was conducted by the Rector. The organist and choirboys were present. The organ here is a very fine one, and in the hands of such a splendid organist was heard to great advantage, especially in the voluntary at the conclusion of the service. The church, a brick structure, was built and endowed by the late Sir William Houldsworth in the latter part of the last century, and the tower contains a merry ring of eight bells with a tenor of 12½ cwt. from the famous Loughborough Foundry. Needless to say, these were made full use of during the afternoon and evening. After full justice had been done to a bountiful tea provided in the schools by the local ringers' wives, the business meeting followed. In the absence of the branch chairman, Mr. W. Gordon presided. Three new members were elected, viz., Albert Andrew Fildes, of Hyde, Edward Jackson, of Stockport St. Mary, and Horace Whittaker, of Disley.

The Chairman stated that the suggestion made by the hon. secretary at the last meeting, that members should make the annual Guild Festival at Chester the occasion of their annual outing, had been acted upon, four bands having so far notified their intention of doing so. He also appealed to others to do likewise, and the hon. secretary promised to give full particulars of the arrangements at the next meeting.

Mr. Wolstencroft congratulated the band who had rung the peal of Treble Bob Minor in 35 methods on the previous Saturday, and hoped they would go on and ring a peal in 42 methods, which he believed was possible.—Mr. Barnes and the chairman also voiced their congratulations, and the members present gave audible acknowledgment. Mr. Ernest Bennett, the conductor of the peal, returned the thanks of the band, and said they would attempt a peal in 42 methods when they could get an arrangement of the methods to comprise the peal in seven true 720's.

The Chairman moved a vote of condolence on the death of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, and that copies be sent to his widow and to the Oxford Diocesan Guild. He said that not only the Oxford Guild, but the whole ringing Exercise had lost a good ringer and a true friend. He also read the appreciation by 'W. W.' from 'The Ringing World'.—Mr. Wolstencroft also spoke of the good work that the deceased had done to uplift ringers and ringing, and said that the tower at Caversham reflected his work.—Mr. Barnes also spoke of the thoroughness of Mr. Jenkyn's labours, and the members stood for some moments in silence.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector, the organist and choirboys, and also to the local ringers and tea servers for all they had done to make the day so enjoyable.

This concluding the business, a return was made to the tower, where methods ranging from Bob Minor to London and Bristol Surprise Major were rung to give all present—over fifty ringers—an opportunity of having a pull, the bells being finally lowered about 9.20 p.m.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

## SUCCESSFUL MEETING OF FYLDE BRANCH.

A meeting of the Fylde Branch was held at Kirkham on Saturday, May 6th, and, with the kindly help of several members of the Preston Branch, was a great success. Shortly after 3 p.m. the bells were rolling along in Grandsire Triples and, despite the very long draught of rope, the striking was good. Bob Major and Double Norwich followed, and some of the local team were steered through 120 Bob Doubles and 180 Bob Minor. Tea was provided at short notice in the school nearby, and was much appreciated by all. After tea the secretary, in a slightly reminiscent mood, referred to the fact that the Fylde Branch was formed after a meeting held at Lytham in June, 1891, and the Preston Branch in February, 1892.

It was decided to hold the June meeting at Singleton.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells, to the local team for having everything ready, and to the lady for arranging the tea, also to Mr. R. Taylor for his services as chairman. Previous to going back to the tower for more ringing, a member of the branch, who has been instructing the local team, tapped a course of Bob Minor and Bob Major on handbells he had bought at a nominal price through one of the local ringers, the member remarking that he got the instructions from 'The Ringing World' of September 3rd, 1926, written by Mr. J. A. Trollope.

Touches of Stedman, Kent and Little Bob brought the meeting to a close.

## FATHERS AND DAUGHTERS.

Five fathers and their five daughters attempted a peal at Manchester Cathedral on Saturday, but were unfortunate in losing it through a broken rope. The attempt was made to celebrate the anniversary of the accession of H.M. the King and the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Crook. Afterwards a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters was rung in 53 mins.: Miss Ethel Collier 1, Miss Norah M. Bibby 2, Miss G. Annie Crook 3, Miss Annie Potter 4, Mrs. Mary A. Tonge 5, James H. Hollier 6, William Bibby 7, Donald Brown 8, Peter Crook, sen. (conductor) 9, John Potter 10. D. Brown substituted for William H. Shaker after the peal failure.

## NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

## GREATER ENTHUSIASM FOR TEACHING NEEDED.

Preaching at the annual meeting of the North Notts Association at East Retford Church on April 22nd, the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, Rector of Ordsall, and the representative of the association on the Central Council, asked, 'What is it that the North Notts Association needs so much to-day?' He thought the answer was that men who could teach should be willing to teach others this particular form of art. The preacher's text was taken from 2 Timothy ii. 2, 'And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.'

Mr. Wilkinson went on to suggest that a series of meetings should be arranged to be held in this part of Notts for the benefit of those who were willing to become instructors. The officials worked hard in carrying on the association, but they could not go into towers and make good bands of ringers. Such ringers needed an instructor to give them proper training.

There were glorious peals of bells in England which were practically not rung because there did not appear to be men who were apt to teach. He feared that the day would come when there would not be the men to ring the bells. It was marvellous to think of the many restorations which had been carried out in church belfries since 1919 and the amazing amount of money which had been raised, but what was needed was enthusiasm among men in the towers who were able to teach the art of change ringing.

Mr. Wilkinson urged upon his hearers not to be content with anything but the best in bell ringing.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Parkinson), and Mr. H. Blagg was at the harmonium.

Tea was partaken of in the Ebsworth Hall, and the Vicar presided over the business meeting. He was supported by the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, the hon. treasurer and hon. secretary (Mr. R. W. Stockdale), hon. assistant secretary (Mr. H. Revill), and the auditor (Mr. D. A. Piety).

Among others present were Mrs. A. E. Rowsell, Lancham (hon. life member), Mr. J. H. Brothwell (Treeton), Mr. J. Flint (Bolsover), Mr. C. Harrison and Mr. J. P. Fidler (Taylor and Co., Loughborough), and Mr. F. E. Collins (Gillett and Johnston, Croydon).

The Vicar extended a welcome to the association, and said he was always pleased for the members to meet at East Retford for the annual meeting. They had a responsibility to every tower in the area of the association inasmuch as Retford was a great centre for bell-ringers, and he expressed his high appreciation of the work that was being done by all the ringers.

## BELL RESTORATION.

The following are extracts from the report of the secretary:—

The past year has again been a success in the matter of finance; peal ringing has been an even greater success; the membership has increased by 20; but Sunday service ringing, I doubt, is not so good as it might be in many parts. Ten peals on tower bells were rung and one on handbells. The meeting at Newark was successful as regards attendance, but the 'go' of the bells was not so good as was expected. I was very sorry about this, because ringing in Newark is at a very low ebb, and I thought if we could get a successful day there we should get the art extended in this district. Bell restoration seems to be out of the question in North Notts. We have had a disappointment at Barnby, near Newark, where £300 was left to restore a peal of four bells, and a fifth was given. The Rev. R. F. Wilkinson has tried to persuade them to get a sixth, but the answer was always 'No, we cannot raise the money.' Friends in North Notts should remember that six bells are more musical than five, and eight more than six. When ringing bells we are calling people together to worship in the church, and I think the more music we can produce from the tower the more effect it will have outside.

The association, I think, is not making progress, but we are not declining. May I ask young ringers, and persons willing to ring, what is more pleasant and enjoyable than to be ringing bells for Sunday service, and at the same time having an interesting pastime? A good Sunday service band are mostly good change ringers, and good change ringers are generally good churchmen. So please try to improve both in the service to God and in the art of change ringing.

The membership roll up to the end of the year contains four hon. life members, 20 vice-presidents, 75 non-resident life members, 121 performing members, and three unattached members—223 in all.

The Rev. R. F. Wilkinson said he should like to add to the report that the Vicar of Barnby was trying to get a sixth bell, and there was a very good chance of him succeeding.

The report was adopted, and thanks were expressed to Mr. Stockdale for his excellent services during the past year.

The officers and committee were re-elected.

The Rev. B. Hughes (Ordsall) was elected a vice-president.

Messrs. O. Streets (Retford), A. Nash (Rotherham), L. Rollinson, B. Parsons and F. Priesley (Sutton-on-Trent) were elected unattached members.

It was decided to hold the annual contest for the Crawford Challenge Cup at Shireoaks on Saturday, September 30th.

The next meeting of the association was fixed to be held on Saturday, May 27th, at Edwinstowe and Perlethorpe.

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### MARRIAGE OF MR. STEPHEN WOOD. HANDBELLS AT THE WEDDING SERVICE.

The pretty little Church of Holy Trinity, Cold Ashton, was filled to overflowing on Saturday, April 29th, for the marriage of Mr. Stephen Henry Wood and Miss Margaret Mary Lennon, only daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Lennon, of Kilkenny, Ireland. Mr. Wood is the second son of Canon G. R. Wood, Rector of Cold Ashton, and Mrs. Wood, and is actively interested in ringing. While at Cambridge he practised with the University Guild, and rang many peals with them. Afterwards, while resident in Scotland, he got together a band in Glasgow and was largely instrumental in founding the Scottish Association. He has been elected an honorary member of the Central Council.

The wedding ceremony was performed by Canon Wood, who was assisted by Canon W. A. Robins, Vicar of St. Paul's, Bedford, who was a fellow-curate of the bridegroom's father at St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol. The bridal party made a charming group in the flower-decked chancel. The bride, who was given in marriage by Dr. Basil Price, wore a dress of soft cream satin cut on Empire lines, and an old lace train, lent by the bridegroom's mother. The veil of old Honiton lace was held in place by orange blossom. Her bouquet was of lilies of the valley and pink carnations, and she wore a string of pearls and a diamond brooch, the gift of the bridegroom's parents. The bridesmaids were Miss Rosemary Harris, Miss Margaret Wood (sister of the bridegroom) and Miss Hilary Webb (cousin of the bride), who were attired in dresses of rose pink chiffon, with wreaths to match. They carried bouquets of pink carnations and vanity bags,

the gifts of the bridegroom. The best man was Mr. C. F. Bull, and the ushers Mr. R. W. Wood and Mr. J. P. Wood.

The hymns sung were 'Lead us, Heavenly Father, lead us,' 'O Perfect Love,' and 'May the Grace of Christ our Saviour,' and a feature of the service was the introduction of handbells, there being no ringable tower bells at Cold Ashton. Before the Psalm a course of Stedman Triples was rung in the church by Messrs. F. H. Haynes, E. H. Lewis, W. H. J. Hooton (members of Cambridge University Guild), and G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary of the Central Council).

The organist was Mr. R. T. Morgan, of St. Mary Redcliffe, who amongst other music played an improvisation on the theme of Mr. Stephen Wood's hymn tune, 'Hogmanay,' while the bridal party were in the vestry. 'Hogmanay' is a new setting for the words of Tennyson's poem, 'Ring out the old, ring in the new.'

After the service the bridal party and the guests walked to the Rectory grounds, where photographs were taken while the sun shone brightly upon an animated scene. As the bride and bridegroom passed into the Rectory house the handbells were rung on the lawn, Mrs. Fletcher joining the other ringers in a course of Grandsire Caters, which much interested the uninitiated.

In the evening a peal of Stedman Caters, in honour of the event, was rung by members of the Gloucester and Bristol Association at St. Stephen's Church, Bristol, the composition being one by the bridegroom, which is on new lines and introduces a much greater variety of music than the customary tittums and handstroke positions.

The bride and bridegroom heard part of the peal on their way to Devonshire for their honeymoon.



### THE BRIDAL PARTY LISTENING TO A COURSE OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

The ringers are E. H. Lewis, F. E. Haynes, Mrs. Fletcher, W. H. J. Hooton and G. W. Fletcher.

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### SUFFOLK GUILD. SUBSCRIPTION RAISED.

The annual meeting of the Suffolk Guild, held on April 22nd, was probably the largest yet arranged, for while there were 60 who sat down to tea in St. Andrew's Hall (as against 64, the largest previous record, at Bury) there were a number who had to leave for distant parts of the county before then, while others, from nearer towers, did not arrive till later. St. Matthew's was chosen for the service and meeting this year with some hesitation, as, although the ring there has just been augmented, it was feared that the distance from the Tower Church and St. Margaret's would reduce the attendance. These fears, however, proved to be groundless, and a good congregation attended to hear the Rector, Rev. R. Sinker, give a most interesting and instructive sermon.

At the meeting afterwards, it was reported that the Guild had during the past year for the first time rung over 100 peals in the twelve months. The secretary said that they might well be proud of the fact that they had over 1,000 members on their books, and had got into three figures with their peals. They were, therefore, among the select band of Guilds who had done this—a small number almost to be counted on the fingers of one hand. Moreover, the others covered either more than one diocese or more than one county, while they in Suffolk were confined to one diocese and part only of one county.

The officers and committee were all re-elected with the addition of Rev. R. Sinker as vice-president and Mr. Laurence Poulson, of Lavenham, on the committee.

The accounts showed that the receipts each year were five pounds less than was needed to carry on the work of the Guild, and that the balance in hand was now down to five pounds. The Ringing Master, Mr. Ch. Sedgley, therefore proposed that the subscription be raised from 1s. to 1s. 6d. This was strongly opposed, especially by the secretary, but after a number of amendments had been lost, it was carried by a very large majority.

The chairman was heartily congratulated on the success of the appeal for the additional bell in St. Matthew's tower, and a hope was expressed, and much applauded, that he would not cease his efforts until the octave was complete.

The Secretary said that this was the second tower in Ipswich which the Guild had helped to improve, and he hoped they would not rest until all the towers were in proper order. He detailed the efforts he had made to get three other rings of bells in the town put into proper repair, but in each case it was in vain, owing to the un-instructed prejudices of some laymen in the respective parishes. All present agreed that it was a disgraceful thing that bells should be allowed to hang in a church tower and not be kept in order. It was clear that the members of the Guild intended to make the laymen connected with such churches feel ashamed of such a condition of things, so unfitting to a house of God.



**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.****ALTERATIONS TO RULES.**

The 26th annual meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held at Rugby on Saturday, April 22nd. There was a splendid attendance of members and friends from Allesley, Chilvers Coton, Clifton, Husband's Bosworth, King's Norton, Lillington, Nuneaton, South Kilworth, Stanford-on-Avon, Stoke-in-Coventry, Warwick, Welford and Wolvey, together with the local band. St. Andrew's Church, Rugby, is the proud possessor of two peals of bells, a ring of eight (tenor 25 cwt.) in the new tower, and a light ring of five in the old tower. The two peals were made good use of during the afternoon and evening, being rung alternately.

A committee meeting was held in the vestry, followed by service in the choir of the church, conducted by the Archdeacon of Coventry (Rev. J. W. Hunkin, M.A.), who is also Rector of Rugby. The hymn, 'We love the place, O God,' was sung, and the Guild's form of service was followed.

The address by the Archdeacon was based on the words, 'Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.' He stressed the point that ringing was a service to the community, and therefore a service to God. He read a poem by Rev. Hawker, 'Come to thy God in time,' which related the story of the loss of a peal of bells cast abroad and intended for Roscastle, Cornwall. The ship, with the bells on board, sank when in sight of the Cornish coast, 'owing to the impiety of the captain, who, taking upon himself all credit for a prosperous voyage, reviled the pilot for giving thanks to God.'

Tea at the White Heather Cafe followed the service, and then the members adjourned to the larger helfry, where the business meeting was held. Mr. J. H. W. White taking the chair. Apologies were read from Canon J. L. White (Vicar of Nuneaton), Rev. J. A. B. Davies (Vicar of Chilvers Coton), Mr. G. E. Over (Rugby), Mr. W. C. Rhodes (Birmingham) and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hinde and son (Bulkington).

At the commencement of the meeting those present stood for a short time in silence as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn.

Arising out of the minutes, the alteration of certain rules was again brought up. It was decided to alter them as follows: Rule 6: Delete the words 'hon. district secretaries.' Rule 7: That the annual meeting shall be held on the third Saturday in April at the following places in rotation, viz.: Warwick, Coventry, Nuneaton and Rugby. Rule 14 to be deleted.

The balance sheet for 1932 was read and passed, a balance of £25 19s. 8d. being shown.

The report of the general hon. secretary was adopted. It gave the membership as 257, made up of seven hon. life members, four hon. members, 137 non-resident members, and 119 ringing members. Thirty-two new members joined. Peals rung during 1932 numbered 14, Warwickshire Surprise Major on March 5th, at Nuneaton, and Spliced Treble Bob Major at Stoke, on December 31st, being the first rung in those methods by the Guild.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Rev. J. A. B. Davies; vice-presidents re-elected en bloc; Master of the Guild, Mr. J. H. W. White; hon. general secretary and treasurer, Mrs. D. E. Beamish; hon. auditor, Mr. A. H. Beamish; Central Council representatives, Messrs. F. W. Perrens and J. H. W. White.

The selected meeting places were: May, Grendon; June, Solihull; and July, Monk's Kirby.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the Rector and the organist, and ringing continued in both towers until about 8.30, the majority of the standard methods being rung. D. E. B.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.****CENTRAL DISTRICT'S FIRST OFFICIAL MEETING.**

A good practice meeting, the first 'official' gathering of the new Central District, took place at Willingham, Cambs, on Saturday, April 29th. Very stormy weather kept several away, but about 25 were present during the evening. Service was held in the south chapel of the Parish Church, and the Rector, Canon A. C. Hair, M.A., gave a very interesting address, his theme being the brotherly feeling between ringers. Tea was taken at the Three Tuns, among the visitors being Mr. and Mrs. Percy Webb, of Ickleton. Methods rung included Plain Bob and Treble Bob and Spliced Treble Bob, with several Surprise methods, including London. It is hoped to hold the next meeting at Littleport on about May 27th.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION**

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A letter from the Vicar of Harworth, asking for the appointment of an instructor, to enable young men to ring at the Church of All Saints, was referred to the committee.

Mr. Collins, referring to the remarks of Mr. Wilkinson on the training of instructors, suggested that a syllabus should be prepared, and said it would be found very useful in imparting knowledge to learners of ringing.

Afterwards various touches were rung in the towers of East and West Retford and Ordsall Churches.

**NOTICES.**

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at \*St. Paul's Cathedral on May 30th, St. Magnus' on the 18th, \*St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 16th; all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Ashford District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Rolvenden on Saturday, May 13th. Tower open at 2 o'clock. Tea at 5. A good attendance is hoped for. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wellingborough Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Earls Barton on Saturday, May 13th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—Next meeting at Hendon on Saturday, May 13th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 5, followed by business. All members and friends invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch. —The next quarterly meeting will be held at Edenham on Saturday, May 13th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting at Five Bells Inn. All welcome. Come and try this fine peal.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Lincs.

**DEVON GUILD.**—Mid-Devon Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, May 13th, at St. Michael's, Teignmouth. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5, at Gervis' Cafe. St. James' bells (8) also available. All welcome.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Witney and Woodstock Deaneries Branch. — The branch annual meeting will be held at Cassington on Saturday, May 13th, 3.30 p.m., service in the Parish Church. Preacher: Rev. F. R. Marriott (Wootton). 4.30 p.m., tea at the School, at 1s. per head. The following bells will be available during Saturday afternoon and evening, by kind permission of the incumbents: Cassington, Kidlington (8), Bladon (6).—W. Evetts, jun., Hon. Sec., Hill Court, Tackley, Oxon.

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—A ringing meeting will be held at Chiddingstone on Saturday, May 13th. Tower opened 3 p.m. — G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, E. Grinstead.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The recently recast and rehung bells of St. Mary's, Portsmouth (8), by Taylor and Co., will be available for general ringing on Saturday, May 13th, at 2.30 p.m. Guild service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in the Parish Hall. Bells available again after tea. — A. T. Greenwood, 14, Cobourg Street, Portsmouth.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Hemel Hempstead on Saturday, May 13th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Short service, followed by tea in St. Mary's Hall. A cordial reception given to all. Visitors are very welcome.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.



**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Feering on Saturday, May 13th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Jurisdiction of Glaston Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Street on Saturday, May 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. D. Rickards, 1, Prince's Road, Wells, Somerset.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Tarleton Parish Church on Saturday, May 13th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Branch Sec.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Henlow on Saturday, May 13th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Milverton on Saturday, May 13th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business after. Visitors welcome.—P. Merson, Bishops Hull, Taunton.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at West Hallam on Saturday, May 13th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Business meeting in belfry at 4.30 p.m.—George Freebrey, Local Hon. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, May 13th, at Newton-in-the-Isle, near Wisbech. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., in Parish Room. All welcome.—E. Barker, Dis. Sec.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Catherine's, Feltham, tomorrow (Saturday). Ringing (8) from 3.30 p.m. and after tea. Service at 5 p.m. Tea in Railway Hotel at 5.30 p.m. Current subscriptions thankfully received.—F. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath, Uxbridge, Middlesex.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hale to-morrow (Saturday), May 13th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. A p.c. to the Vicar would be appreciated.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD FESTIVAL** will be held at Dorchester on Tuesday, May 16th. Guild service in St. Peter's Church at 12.15. Luncheon (1/6) in Corn Exchange at 1.15. Annual meeting to follow. Towers open: St Peter's, Dorchester; Cattistock, Wyke Regis (8); Abbotsbury; Bere Regis; Buckland Newton; Fordington; Frampton; Maiden Newton; Puddletown; Upwey; West Lulworth; Wool (6); Bradford Peverell; Stratton; Sydling (5).—F. Llewellyn Edwards, Hon. Sec., Kingston Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guilborough Branch.—A joint meeting with the Leicester District, M.C.A., will be held at Husbands Bosworth on Saturday, May 20th. Bells (5) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. for all who notify E. A. Marsh, Husbands Bosworth, Rugby, or the local secretaries not later than Thursday previous. Theddingworth bells (5) available during evening.—Geo. A. Hollick, Branch Sec., Welford, Rugby.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District meeting at Witley on Saturday, May 20th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Please send numbers for tea to me by May 16th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Worsley, on Saturday, May 20th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Business meeting to follow tea. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Tea, 1s. each, to all who notify Mr. P. H. Derbyshire, Beasley Green, Worsley, not later than Wednesday, May 17th.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, May 20th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The next meeting is to be at Grendon, near Atherstone, on Saturday, May 20th. Bells (6) available during afternoon and evening. Tea provided.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

**SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.**—Meeting at Bottesford, 2.30 p.m., Saturday, May 20th. Ladies invited.—I. B. Thompson, 52, Lace Street, Dunkirk, Nottingham.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—South Forest Branch.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, May 20th, at Ruardean. Bells (8) open at 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting at 5 p.m. in Church Schools. All ringers who require tea must let me know certain by May 17th.—Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Bletchingley on Saturday, May 20th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.45 p.m. Please notify for tea by Tuesday, May 16th.—G. F. Hoad, Dis. Sec., 20, Warren Road, Reigate.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The postponed quarterly meeting will be held at Dartford on Saturday, May 20th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 10d. per head to those who notify me not later than Monday, May 15th.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—A quarterly meeting of the Western Division will be held at Pulborough on Saturday, May 20th. Bells available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 o'clock, at the Chequers Tea Rooms, 1s. 3d. per head. All those intending to be present kindly advise me early.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Crewe Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Barthomley (8 bells) on Saturday, May 20th. Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me know by the 17th inst.—Rich. D. Langford, Hon. Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Wootton on Saturday, May 20th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Will those who will require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, May 16th.—F. Browning, 10, Butts Hill, Bugbrooke, Northampton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. George's, Tyldesley, on Saturday, May 20th, instead of May 27th, per calendar. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. — Peter Crook, 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District. — A meeting, in conjunction with the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, Guilsborough Branch, will be held at Husbands Bosworth (5 bells) on Saturday, May 20th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 o'clock, for all those notifying Ernest A. Marsh, Church Street, Husbands Bosworth, near Rugby, by Thursday previous. A good meeting is requested. — E. H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.** — Swindon Branch.—A monthly meeting will be held at Rodbourne Cheney on Saturday, May 20th. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. Frequent bus service from Swindon (Town Hall). St. Mark's bells (8) available 7.30 to 9 p.m. Names for tea, please, by May 17th. — W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.** —Crewkerne Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Puckington on Saturday, May 20th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and business after. Visitors welcome. Those requiring tea please write me by Tuesday, May 16th. — D. G. Taylor, Cornhill, Ilminster.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Tydd St. Mary on Saturday, May 20th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by May 15th?—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.** — Loughborough District. — The next meeting will be held at Whitwick on Saturday, May 20th. Bells (8) will be available from 3.30 p.m.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—A meeting will be held at Ospringe on Saturday, May 20th. Please notify me as early as possible.—Percy W. Smith, Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Woolpit on May 20th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Also at Drinkstone (6) and Wetherden (6). Tea (1s. each) at the Swan Hotel at 4.30 p.m. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The postponed quarterly meeting will be held at Dartford on Saturday, May 20th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea will be provided free of charge to those who notify me not later than Monday, May 15th. A good attendance is requested.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, May 20th. Service 4.15. Tea at the Sun Hotel 5 p.m. (resident members free, non-members 1s. 6d.) for those who notify me by the Wednesday previous. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. and after the meeting. All welcome.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 43, Etherington Street, Gainsborough.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Slimbridge on May 20th. Bells (6) open at 4.30 p.m. No arrangement for tea. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Fussell, Fort Fields, Dursley.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A quarterly meeting at Sawston on Saturday, May 20th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Please look up Sawston Imperial. Tea at White Lion Inn at 5 p.m. price 1s. each. Service 7 p.m.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec. Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambs

**FAR HEADINGLEY, LEEDS.**—St. Chad's bells, recast by Messrs Taylor & Co., will be re-opened on May 20th. Service 3 p.m. Tea, 6d. each. Please advise if you are coming. Bells open until 9 p.m.—Canon Marshall, St. Chad's Vicarage, Leeds, 6.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The annual spring meeting will be held at Hook Norton on Saturday, May 20th. Those requiring tea please notify me by May 16th.—J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Charlbury, Oxon.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Turvey on Saturday, May 20th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. It is hoped there will be a better attendance at this meeting. All welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Stagsden, Beds.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, May 20th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow at White Cot Dairy. Will those requiring tea please let me know by May 17th.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Bath.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — The half-yearly meeting will be held at Ashton-under-Lyne (12) on May 27th. Tea at the George Café at 5.30 p.m. — W. H. Shuker, 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester, A. Tomlinson, 188, Whalley Old Road, Blackburn, Hon. Secs.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Lincolnshire Branch.—A meeting will be held at Bardney (6) on Saturday, May 27th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, May 24th? — A. Richardson, Hon. Sec., Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.** — North-Western District.—**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—The next meetings of the above will be held jointly at Egham on Saturday, May 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting following in Church Hall. Those requiring tea please

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**ALDENHAM**, Saturday, May 27th.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—A joint meeting will be held at Leeds Parish Church on Saturday, May 27th. Bells (13) will be available from 8.30 a.m. to 8 p.m. A meeting of the General Committee of the Yorkshire Association will be held at St. Peter's Hall at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at 1s. 4d. per head for all who notify Mr. F. Renton, 143, Stratford Street, Beeston Hill, Leeds, by May 23rd. Meeting afterwards.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., Leeds and District Society, 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds, J. E. Cawser, Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, Rotherham.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The pre-Whitsun meeting will be held at Morpeth on Saturday, May 27th. The bells of the Watch Tower (8, tenor 14½ cwt.) will be available from 2.30. Committee meeting at 4.30, and tea at 5 o'clock, at the George and Dragon Hotel, 1s. 6d. each. Members intending to be present please advise me not later than the 24th.—George S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Preliminary Notice.—The 54th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, June 5th.—F. W. Pitstow, 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

**ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, HOYLANDSWAINE.**—The annual open ringing contest for six bells will be held on Saturday, June 24th. Rules will be sent to any band on receipt of stamped addressed envelope. Teas not guaranteed unless applied for.—E. Brookes, Hon. Sec., Hall Lane, Hoylandswaine, Sheffield.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—W. H. Harris, secretary of the Gloucester Branch, has removed from No. 15, Painswick Road, Gloucester, to No. 4, Railway Terrace, Lydney, to whom all communications should be addressed until further notice.

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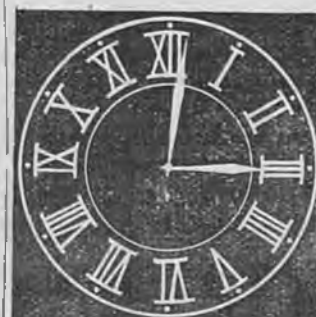
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