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**A TRIUMPH OF YOUTH.**

This is an age of youth, and youth has created another record in bellringing. Last Saturday a peal was rung by a band whose average age was fifteen years. The previous record for an eight-bell peal was lowered by at least an average of three years, while a new record was set up for a peal of any kind. Never before had a peal on any number of bells been rung by a band so young. It is another striking example of the fact that bellringing is a pursuit for people of all ages, for this youthful performance comes only six months after a band of veterans, whose average age was 76½, rang a peal, which showed that there is practically no limit to the age up to which a man may hope to continue peal ringing. These young people will certainly receive the congratulations of the Exercise upon their historic achievement, for not only did they ring the peal, but they rang it supremely well. That the band included ringers who have already made a name for themselves—youthful though they are—is a gratifying feature of the event, because it indicates that in these days when new ringers are hard to find, there are nevertheless some young people who promise to assume the leadership as the older ones fall by the wayside.

Up to twenty years ago the youngest recorded peal band had an aggregate age, without reckoning odd months, of 148 years. In 1926 three years was knocked off this total by a band at Beddington, who had the added merit of being a local company. By how much these excellent records have been broken readers may appreciate when it is pointed out that the youngsters at Crayford aggregated between them, including the odd months, only 120 years. A peal of Minor in 1912 by a young band, whose average age was 15, is eclipsed by this record, which will probably stand for a long time. These young people hardly need an incentive to retain their interest in the art, but their achievement should be an encouragement to other young ringers to strive to make themselves efficient and not to be afraid to tackle some of the higher things in ringing.

But if this peal was a striking achievement—a test of skill and confidence out of which these young people came triumphantly—let it also be remembered that it was not easily accomplished, for the band had to be brought together from distant places, and much of the success was due to the efforts of Mr. F. E. Dawe—one of the veterans' record band—who not only interested himself but largely made the peal possible. History is constantly being made in ringing, although much of what is done is quickly forgotten, for performances which only a genera-

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tion ago would have startled our fathers are to-day commonplace. There are, however, events which live in the annals of the Exercise, and last Saturday's peal at Crayford is one of them.

## TWELVE BELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, April 17, 1934, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

FRANK E. PERVIN ... .. 2	DANIEL T. MATKIN ... .. 7
FRANK E. HAYNES ... .. 2	*ALAN SHORT ... .. 8
GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. 3	HECTOR G. BIRD ... .. 9
JAMES GEORGE ... .. 4	JOHN NEAL ... .. 10
WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... .. 5	ALBERT WALKER ... .. 11
*ROGER W. DANIELS ... .. 6	WILLIAM DAVIES ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

\* First peal on 12 bells. First peal on 12 bells as conductor.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1934, in Four Hours,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

HERBERT LANGDON ... .. 2	*HARRY HOVERD ... .. 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 2	ERNEST BRETT ... .. 8
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 3	*FREDERICK J. COLLUM ... .. 9
*EDWARD J. BEER ... .. 4	*HARRY PARKES ... .. 10
†JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 5	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... 11
*THOMAS E. SONE ... .. 6	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

\* First peal of Treble Twelve. † First peal on twelve. First peal of Treble Twelve as conductor.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(St. Mary-le-Tower Society.)

On Saturday, April 21, 1934, in Three Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF ROCHESTER SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

*ROBERT H. BRUNDLE ... .. 2	*LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... .. 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... .. 8
GEORGE A. FLEMING ... .. 3	CHARLES A. CATCHEPOLE ... .. 9
HOBART E. SMITH ... .. 4	WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... .. 10
HARRY R. ROPER ... .. 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... .. 11
HAROLD E. SYMONDS ... .. 6	*EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY

\* First peal in the method. Messrs. Duffield and Wiffen had not rung this method prior to the above date.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

CARDIFF.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 18, 1934, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5063 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

EVAN COLES ... .. 2	ERNEST STITCH ... .. 6
FREDERICK HANNINGTON ... .. 2	FRANK ROWSELL ... .. 7
JOHN PHILLIPS ... .. 3	ERNEST COOMBS ... .. 8
CHARLES H. PERRY ... .. 4	FRED CHAMBERLAIN ... .. 9
JOHN W. JONES ... .. 5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FRED CHAMBERLAIN

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Lord Robert Crichton Stuart, second son of the Marquis and Marchioness of Bute, of Cardiff Castle, and Lady Janet Montgomerie, daughter of Beatrice Countess of Eglinton and Winton and the Earl of Eglinton and Winton, which took place the same day at Windsor.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.  
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 21, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 8091 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F.

JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. Treble	SIDNEY ELTON ... .. 6
C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 2	RAYMOND PHILPOTT ... .. 7
EDWIN H. LEWIS ... .. 3	WILLIAM T. BRERSON ... .. 8
ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. 4	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... .. 9
WILLIAM M. STONE ... .. 5	* WILFRED BARTLETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by EDGAR BENNETT. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING

\* First peal on ten bells. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Lewis.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

RHYL.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 2, 1934, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17 cwt.

* JAMES FULLER ... .. Treble	HARRY PARKER ... .. 5
JAMES MIDWINTER ... .. 2	JACK EVANS ... .. 6
ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 3	ROLAND PARK ... .. 7
PERCY SWINDLEY ... .. 4	ARTHUR E. PEGLER ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

\* First peal in the method.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 12, 1934, 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.

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

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 14, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

* ARTHUR HUBBARDS ... .. Treble	GEORGE WARRINGTON ... .. 5
CHARLES DRAPER ... .. 2	GEORGE TANDY ... .. 6
* WILLIAM BAKER ... .. 3	HENRY LEITS ... .. 7
FREDERICK W. STONE ... .. 4	CHARLES BRADLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. TAYLOR. Conducted by G. TANDY.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells since they were recast by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 14, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES**

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 16 cwt.

MRS. RUPERT RICHARDSON Treble	ARTHUR I. HOLMES ... .. 5
JOHN W. LAKE ... .. 2	RONALD H. DOVE ... .. 6
THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ... .. 3	WILLIAM A. HOLMES ... .. 7
JAMES OSBORNE ... .. 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

Arranged for Mr. R. H. Dove, of Thornton Heath, who was on a visit to Lincolnshire.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 14, 1934, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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

Tenor 21½ cwt.

ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN ... Treble	WILLIAM R. MADGEWICK ... 5
KEITH W. WHITTELL ... .. 2	GEORGE W. ABLITT ... .. 6
GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... .. 3	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL ... .. 7
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... .. 4	HARRY D. LISTER ... .. Tenor

Composed by WM. WIGHTMAN. Conducted by H. D. LISTER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to G. W. Ablitt.

DITCHEAT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 16, 1934, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).

Tenor 24 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... Treble	† ERNEST J. TAYLOR ... .. 5
* JACK LINTERN ... .. 2	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 6
JOHN E. METCALF ... .. 3	HARRY J. SANGER ... .. 7
CHARLES LINTERN ... .. 4	WALTER CRABBE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY J. SANGER.

\* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Grandsire Triples.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 16, 1934, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. Treble	HARRY HOSKINS ... .. 5
BERNARD H. SWINSON ... .. 2	ALBERT LAWRENCE ... .. 6
JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 3	JOSEPH MARKS ... .. 7
ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, April 16, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

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

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by L. C. WIGHTMAN.

A birthday peal for the tenor ringer. The ringer of the 7th bell has now circled this tower.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 18, 1934, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY,

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

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

F. HORACE E. STUBBS ... Treble	CHARLES ALLSOP ... .. 5
JAMES S. HUTCHBY ... .. 2	JOSEPH PACK ... .. 6
JOHN GRUNDY ... .. 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 7
JOHN SADDINGTON ... .. 4	COLIN HARRISON ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.

First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major by all the band except the ringers of the 7th and tenor.

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## GODALMING, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 18, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN P. FELLOE ... .. Treble	RONALD J. C. HAGLEY ... 5
* WILLIAM M. STONE ... .. 2	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... .. 6
† CLIFFORD J. PUGSLEY ... 3	C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 7
JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. 4	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... Tenor

Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.

\* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal. First peal of Triples as conductor.

## LONDON.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 19, 1934, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Bloomsbury,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM LINTER ... .. Treble	ALBERT LAWRENCE ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. RUSSELL ... .. 2	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 6
MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... .. 3	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... .. 7
CHARLES SHARPLES ... .. 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. EARLE BULWER. Conducted by F. BENNETT

The above band met to discuss the proposed visit to Melbourne, Australia, in the autumn. They greatly appreciate the opportunity of attempting a peal together.

## ERITH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, April 19, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At Christ Church,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. Treble	E. CHARLES PATTON ... .. 5
FREDERICK A. COLBY ... .. 2	BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE ... .. 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 3	GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 7
ALFRED G. HILLS ... .. 4	JOHN S. MORTON ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by J. S. MORTON.

First peal as conductor in method.

## MITCHAM, SURREY.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES POTHECARY ... .. Treble	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 5
WILLIAM H. JOINER ... .. 2	EDGAR HANCOX ... .. 6
LAWRENCE GREENBOW ... 3	WILLIAM S. SMITH ... .. 7
ALAN R. MACDONALD ... .. 4	* WHITTET SPARKES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR HANCOX.

\* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to William S. Smith, ringer of the 7th.

## RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 21, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 8 lb. in E flat.

* WILLIAM NUNLEY ... .. Treble	BURLEY P. MORRIS ... .. 5
GEORGE W. JEFFS ... .. 2	CHARLES M. WHITNEY ... 6
CYRIL WILSON ... .. 3	STANLEY G. ROBINSON ... 7
† GEORGE H. ROBERTS ... 4	WALTER COPPERWHEAT ... Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by W. COPPERWHEAT

\* First peal on a working bell. † First peal of Major 'inside.' First peal of Major as conductor. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor and to Mr. E. E. Whitmore, of Ireland.

BOSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On Easter Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Royal (1,260 changes): R. Brown 1, A. Appleby 2, S. Jessop 3, F. Dewey 4, J. Gilbert 5, F. Leggott 6, H. Burrell 7, H. Barsley 8, C. Burrell 9, W. E. Clarke (conductor) 10.

## CRAYFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

PERCY STONE ... .. Treble	MARGARET PACK ... .. 5
ARTHUR W. JONES ... .. 2	JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... .. 6
PHYLLIS E. TILLET ... .. 3	JOSEPH T. PACK ... .. 7
WALTER H. DOBBIE ... .. 4	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by JOHN J. L. GILBERT  
The average age of this band is 15 years, and it is the youngest to ring a peal.

## OAKHAM, RUTLAND.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1934, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 28 cwt.

RICHARD H. BARTRAM ... Treble	CHARLES PRINCE ... .. 5
J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 2	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... 6
ALBERT L. WARD ... .. 3	JOSEPH A. FENTON ... .. 7
SIDNEY TOWELL ... .. 4	JOHN T. SCOTT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. A. FENTON.

First peal of Stedman Triples by ringers of 3, 4, 5 and tenor, who are local men.

## BARROW-IN-FURNESS.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

* JOHN BAGNALL ... .. Treble	J. GORDON WHITTHAM ... 6
† EDWIN JENNINGS ... .. 2	* J. EDWARD GARNETT ... 6
JAMES E. BURLS ... .. 3	NICHOLAS NEWBY ... .. 7
ARTHUR STEDMAN ... .. 4	WILLIAM LANGHORNE ... Tenor

Conducted by E. JENNINGS.

\* First peal. † 125th peal. Ringers of 2nd and 6th belong to Kendal, 5th and tenor to Dalton, 7th to Ulverston, the rest to Barrow.

## FRINDSBURY, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

* FRANK E. SMITH ... .. Treble	* GEORGE NAYLOR ... .. 5
† ARTHUR H. FISHER ... .. 2	FRANK BELSEY ... .. 6
* RONALD HUMPHREY ... .. 3	EDWARD A. G. ALLEN ... 7
JOHN KIDD ... .. 4	ALFRED HAYLOR ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. BELSEY.

\* First peal. † First peal of Triples. Rung in honour of St George's Day. First attempt for a peal by the treble man.

## DRIGHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1934, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

SIDNEY BARRON ... .. Treble	GEOFFREY CROSSLEY ... .. 5
JOSEPH THACKRAY ... .. 2	EDWARD CRABTREE ... .. 6
* GEORGE LAMBERT ... .. 3	JACK STITSON ... .. 7
† MISS OLIVE REATON ... 4	HERBERT PEEL ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by JACK STITSON.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. Harry S. Clapham, who has been a member of the local band for 54 years, and is still a regular Sunday service ringer.

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## NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOSEPH W. COTTON ... .. Treble	ALFRED BALLARD ... .. 5
J. H. DEAN ... .. 2	*WILLIAM H. CURSON ... .. 6
ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ... .. 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 7
ERNEST W. BRADSMORE ... .. 4	GEOFFREY W. CLAYFIELD Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First of Stedman on a working bell.

## CLAVERTLEY, SHROPSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 21, 1934, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

*WILLIAM G. HEAD ... .. Treble	BERTRAM HEAD ... .. 5
BERTRAM H. HEAD ... .. 2	C. FRANK COTTRELL ... .. 6
GEORGE E. OLIVER ... .. 3	WILFRED OVERTON ... .. 7
JOHN ELCOCK ... .. 4	HORACE W. OVERTON ... Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOP. Conducted by WILFRED OVERTON.

\* First peal of Major. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Alderman James Thompson, churchwarden at the above church, who was buried at sea on April 16th. It was through his generosity that the bells were augmented to eight.

## SIX BELL PEALS.

## CHALFONT ST. GILES, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS &amp; SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 9, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

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

Being four 720's of Kent and three of Oxford, each called differently.

*FRANK BEALE ... .. Treble	*ERIC GOODMAN ... .. 4
†WILLIAM ELCOMB ... .. 2	HENRY EDWARDS ... .. 5
†GEORGE OLNEY ... .. 3	GEORGE AYRES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE AYRES.

\* First peal. † First peal away from treble. ‡ First peal of Treble Bob. Rung as a compliment to the Rector, Rev. H. O. F. Whittingstall, for his 75th birthday. The first 'local' peal on the bells. First peal as conductor.

## ACLE, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 12, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Olave,

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

Comprising seven variations of extents with all the 5-6's at back stroke. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in G.

ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS ... Treble	GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 4
*ERIC A. S. EVENSON ... .. 2	HERBERT C. READ ... .. 5
NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 3	GEORGE BAILEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal of Cambridge. First peal on the bells, which were rededicated on September 6th, 1933. The Rev. J. E. N. Williams entertained the ringers and the local company after the peal.

## WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 13, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints,

## A PEAL OF NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

MANSFIELD GINN ... .. Treble	FRED C. GINN ... .. 4
BERRY WAYMAN ... .. 2	FRANCIS G. GLAVES ... .. 5
FRANK WARRINGTON ... .. 3	ROBERT SMITH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

The conductor has now called a peal from each bell in this tower. In the above peal the fourth bell was observation in first 720, second in second 720, third, fourth and fifth 720's were rung in one round block, 5th the observation in 6th 720, and tenor in the 7th. There were no 6-5's at back stroke. The tenorman had not previously rung any Norwich.

## ROCK FERRY, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Thursday, April 12, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge, Canterbury, Carlisle, Chester, London, York and Beverley. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN COOKE ... .. Treble	JOSEPH LESLIE ... .. 4
*MISS DORIS I. LEATHAM ... 2	†ALFRED K. LEATHAM ... 5
†MISS MARJORIE COOKE ... 3	WILLIAM DEAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. DEAN.

\* First peal away from treble. † First peal in seven methods. First peal of Surprise by the ringers of 2, 3 and 4. First peal as conductor and first peal on the bells by the local band. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. Canon F. E. Hicks on his recent appointment to an honorary canonry. Also a birthday compliment to Miss Elsie M. Cooke on attaining her majority.

## CLEWER, WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, April 13, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being a 720 each of Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

WALTER D. JOLLEY ... .. Treble	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 4
MISS K. M. BRADFORD ... .. 2	LEONARD STYLWELL ... .. 5
EDWARD S. T. FARR ... .. 3	ALAN R. PINK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

Rung on the occasion of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. G. Cripps. They were married at this church, and Mr. Cripps was for many years a churchwarden here.

## HILLFARANCE, SOMERSET.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 14, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Cross,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores, five callings.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*CLIFFORD S. WILLIAMS ... Treble	S. PERCY MESON ... .. 4
S. GEORGE COLES ... .. 2	WILLIAM A. SIVIER ... .. 5
*MICHAEL G. WHEAT ... .. 3	ALFRED J. WYATT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. A. SIVIER.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor.

## KELYEDON, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 14, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of London Surprise and two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

*REGINALD GRAINGER ... Treble	JOSEPH ELLIOT ... .. 4
CHARLES BURTON ... .. 2	AMBROSE MASON ... .. 5
WILLIAM T. ELLIOTT ... .. 3	WALTER ARNOLD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by AMBROSE MASON.

\* First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor and his brother, also to the ringer of the 4th. The band wish to thank Mr. W. T. Elliot for his kind hospitality at the conclusion of the peal.

## EXHALL, NEAR COVENTRY.

## THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, April 16, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, six callings.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

GORDON L. F. MELVILLE Treble	MALCOLM C. C. MELVILLE 4
*PERCY STONE ... .. 2	†ERNEST YORKE ... .. 5
†W. H. BUCKLER ... .. 3	†W. RICHARD BRESLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by W. H. BUCKLER.

\* First attempt for a peal 'inside' and of Doubles (aged 13). † First attempt for a peal of Doubles. First attempt for a peal as conductor. ‡ First attempt for a peal. The tenor ringer is only thirteen years old and deserves great credit for the way he handled his bell throughout the peal. The average age of the band is sixteen, and the ringers are drawn from a radius of two miles.

## BIGBY, Lincs.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 14, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

*RONALD BOWNESS ... .. 1 rebble	*MISS MARJORIE HOLDSTOCK ... 4
GEORGE FEIRN ... .. 2	GEORGE BLANCHARD ... .. 5
ELVIN HOSAM ... .. 3	FRED HOLDSTOCK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. BLANCHARD.

\* First peal. The conductor has now 'completed the circle' in this tower.

## SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 14, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;  
Being seven true extents, called differently. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

JOHN MYHILL ... .. 1 rebble	OLIVER J. LONGLEY ... .. 4
*MISS ANNIE WHITE ... .. 2	*EDWARD KEMP ... .. 5
WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 3	*ERNEST J. RUNTER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

\* First peal of Surprise Minor. Rung to celebrate the marriage of Mr. A. R. Jarrett and Miss E. M. Holden, which took place on the same day at this church.

## WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(HALESWORTH DISTRICT).

On Saturday, April 21, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of ten six-scores each of Plain Bob, Old Doubles and April Day, and twelve six-scores of Grandsire Doubles. Tenor 14 cwt.

SAMUEL ELLIS ... .. 1 rebble	*REGINALD PEARCE ... .. 4
FREDERICK C. LAMBERT ... .. 2	*C. JACK GIBSON ... .. 5
ROBERT J. GARDINER ... .. 3	*ROBERT ROBERTS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

\* First peal

## HANDBELL PEALS.

## LEICESTER.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 14, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFREY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 1-2	PERCY L. HARRISON ... .. 5-6
G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... .. 3-4	*JOHN P. PELLOE ... .. 7-8
JOSIAH MORRIS ... .. 9-10	

Composed by W. WILLSON. Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

\* First peal of Caters 'in hand.' Arranged for J. P. Pelloe while on a visit from Chiddingfold, Surrey.

## BARNEHURST, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 15, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT 9, BEVERLEY ROAD,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

EDWARD J. BEER ... .. 1-2	*GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... .. 5-6
GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 3-4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 7-8
HARRY HOVERD ... .. 9-10	

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS  
Umpire—Cyril W. Hammond.

\* First peal of Caters. First peal of Stedman Caters 'in hand' by all except the conductor. First peal of Caters 'in hand' as conductor.

## COLCHESTER, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 18, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT 29, BELLE Vue ROAD,

## A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

*GEORGE M. RASHBROOK ... .. 1-2	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 5-6
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... .. 3-4	*WILLIAM CHALK ... .. 7-8
WILLIAM DENT ... .. 9-10	

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

\* First peal on ten bells. First peal of Royal in the district. First peal of Royal on handbells by all except the conductor.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

## SALISBURY BRANCH MEETING AT EAST KNOYLE.

A quarterly meeting of the Salisbury Branch was held at East Knoyle on Saturday, April 21st, there being a very good attendance, including visitors from the Dorchester Branch, the North Dorset Branch and the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. Ringers present represented towers at Mere, Buckland Newton, Sherborne, Kingston Magna, Zeals, Cucklington, Berwick St. John, Britford, Winterslow, Wilton, East Knoyle, Semley, Tisbury, Broadchalke, St. Martin's, St. Thomas' and St. Paul's, Salisbury, etc.

Ringings commenced shortly after 3 p.m., at East Knoyle. The bells there, having recently been rehung and renovated by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel Foundry, were all that could be desired.

The Guild service which followed was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. E. Cross. After tea in the Parish Room a short business meeting was held, at which the branch chairman (Mr. E. G. Caple) presided, supported by the branch hon. secretary (Mr. F. W. Romaine) and the Rector. One new member, Mr. A. Trimby (Wilton) was elected. The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and conducting the service, also to the organist for her good offices. Appreciation was also expressed at the number of visitors present from neighbouring branches.—The Rector, replying, assured the Guild of a warm welcome at any time, and voiced the honour the local band felt at being favoured with a visit from the Guild, to which they were newcomers.

Later a visit was paid to St. Leonard's Church, Semley, where great advantage was taken of the exceptionally fine ring of six in that tower. The bells were kept busy throughout the evening, the various touches including Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Minor, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford, Cambridge and London.

The next meeting of the Salisbury Branch will be at Wilton in June.

## SOCIETY FOR STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY.

## MEETING AT HISTORIC BREWOOD.

A quarterly meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford was held at Brewood on Saturday, April 14th. A lovely spring afternoon resulted in a good meeting at this historical, old-world town. It is the nearest town or village of any size to the place where King Charles hid from his pursuers in the famous oak tree at Boscombe. Nearer than that is 'Giffard's Cross,' which, tradition has it, was erected to commemorate the shooting of a leopard, about to attack a child, by a then head of the Giffard family of Chillington, who used a bow and arrow. In olden times the sports of the then important town were held quite close to the church, and the archers have left their marks on the stonework of the building where they used to sharpen their arrows.

Although off the track of the railway, the nearest station being 2½ miles away, the meeting was very well attended. Ringing commenced at three o'clock, and continued till service time.

The Vicar (Rev. L. Knights Smith) gave the members a hearty welcome, and, taking for his text the words, 'We have piped unto you and ye have not danced; we have mourned unto you and ye have not lamented,' said how glad the clergy were of the services of the ringers.—Mr. York (organist) helped to make the service bright and enjoyable.

Tea was served in the old school, and a company of 46 sat down. The Rev. C. H. Barker (clerical secretary of the society) voiced the thanks of the meeting to the Vicar, organist and the ladies who provided the tea and waited on the visitors.

A vote of sympathy was passed to Mr. H. Knight (whose absence was greatly regretted) in his bereavement by the death of his mother.

After tea, ringing again took place, for the belfry is one of the best for comfort and hearing, and the visitors had a good time. Twelve methods from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise were practised. Parting time came all too soon, everyone voting it one of the best quarterly meetings they had attended.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The attendance at the Eastern District meeting, at South Shields on Saturday, April 14th, was not large, but those who came—from Chester-le-Street, Newcastle, Gateshead, Sunderland, Blaydon, Wickham, etc.—had a very happy time.

The president (Mr. J. Anderson) took the chair at a short meeting after tea, and a vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells.

It was reported that the Rector of Bishopwearmouth, the Rev. Preb. A. B. Wynne-Willson, was retiring, owing to ill-health and the secretary was instructed to convey to him the best thanks of the members for his interest and support during the 10 years he had been amongst them, and express the hope that rest and change may restore him to health again.

The next meeting is to be held at Chester-le-Street on May 26th, in conjunction with the Western District.

The two additional bells at Allendale are to be dedicated on May 5th, and it is hoped there will be a good attendance.

**LINCOLN AND LADIES' GUILDS.****A JOINT MEETING.**

A combined meeting of the Grimsby District of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild and the Lincoln Ladies' Guild was held at Elsham on Saturday, April 7th. The towers represented were Bigby, Barton-on-Humber, Burton-on-Stather, Ulceby, Grimsby, Scunthorpe, Barrow-on-Humber, Killingholme and the local ringers, together with Mr. and Mrs. R. Richardson, Guild Ringing Master and Lincoln Ladies' Guild secretary respectively, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Walden, of Lincoln.

The bells, a handy ring of six, were made good use of. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. H. J. Allin), who gave an interesting address from the words, 'Holy unto the Lord.' The Ladies' Guild office was used, and Mr. H. Rushby presided at the organ.

Unfortunately the meeting clashed with a meeting of the Gainsborough District which kept a few ladies away and depleted their number. Thirty-one members sat down to tea, including the Vicar and Mrs. Allin.

The president (Archdeacon Parry) presided over the meeting, at which the election of two members prior to a peal attempt at Mablethorpe was confirmed.

A collection for the district bell fund amounted to 7s. 9d. The secretary was asked to convey the sympathy of the members to Mr. and Mrs. G. Atkinson, of Thornton Curtis, upon the serious illness of their son, who is also a member of the district.

The usual votes of thanks were given to the Vicar and organist.—The President, supporting the motion, thanked the Vicar for his welcome to Elsham, and said he hoped that they would see more of him at other district meetings.—In reply, the Vicar said he was glad to welcome the visitors to Elsham, and he was greatly impressed by the unity of the ringers.

Mr. Richardson proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the president for presiding over the meeting, and this having been carried some of the members indulged in handbell ringing and some in further ringing on the tower bells.

The ladies held their meeting prior to the tea.

**DEAN, PRESIDENT AND FREEMAN.**

On Tuesday, April 17th, at the Cathedral, Worcester, a quarter-peal of Stedman Cinques (1,237 changes): R. G. Knowles 1, F. W. Neate 2, G. E. Large 3, F. Lawrence 4, S. T. Holt (conductor) 5, G. Hinton 6, D. R. Morris 7, G. Lewis 8, T. W. Lewis 9, J. J. Jefferies 10, C. Camm 11, W. Lewis 12. Rung in honour of the presentation of the Freedom of the City to the Dean of Worcester, Dr. W. Moire Ede, president of the Worcestershire Association.

**ESSEX RINGER'S DEATH.****MR. LEWIS WISEMAN.**

A well-known Essex ringer has passed away in the person of Mr. Lewis Wiseman, of Sible Hedingham, who died on April 7th at the age of 65 years. He had been a ringer for 41 years, and had rung 63 peals, his first being on March 4th, 1905, and his last on December 31st, 1932. Since then he had only once been able to get up to the ringing chamber. His peals consisted of: London Surprise Major 1, Superlative Major 2, Cambridge Major 2, Double Norwich Major 2, Oxford Treble Bob Major 3, Kent Treble Bob Major 11, Bob Major 6, Grandsire Triples 8, Minor (from two to seven methods) 10. On handbells 18, viz: Bob Major 4, Minor (from one to seven methods and one in 14 different methods) 14.

The deceased was laid to rest in Sible Hedingham Churchyard on Thursday, April 12th, three of the bearers being his fellow-ringers, Messrs. O. Broyd, A. Catterwell and B. W. Pettitt, and the other Bandsman E. Chatten, to represent the band of which Mr. Wiseman was the first bandmaster, for he was a keen musician as well as a keen change ringer. After the burial a course of Grandsire Triples, his favourite method, was rung over the grave by: B. Cock 1-2, A. Catterwell 3-4, O. Broyd 5-6, B. W. Pettitt 7-8. Deceased leaves eight daughters and one son to mourn their loss.

**FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.**

**STREATLEY, BERKS.**—On Sunday, April 15th, for evensong at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): T. Holland 1, Miss D. R. E. Hughes 2, Miss D. E. Buckwell 3, D. D. Rollings 4, W. H. Perry (conductor) 5, W. Pratley 6. First quarter-peal by all the band. All the above are members of the local band and regular Sunday service ringers.

**DOVER, KENT.**—On Thursday, April 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: G. Eagles 1, S. A. Wells 2, H. Whitehead 3, C. George 4, H. J. Saunders 5, C. Turner 6, R. T. Clark (first quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples as conductor) 7, C. Hardeman 8.

**FAIRFORD, GLOS.**—On Sunday, April 8th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Miss F. M. Hope 1, B. Guy (first in the method) 2, L. Smith 3, W. A. Law 4, S. J. Worsfold 5, H. R. Acok 6, J. Hope (conductor) 7, S. R. Stevens 8.

**SALISBURY, WILTS.**—At St. Martin's Church, on Sunday, February 25th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples: R. Jewell 1, J. S. Fulford 2, J. Daniell 3, A. Fry 4, W. A. Romaine 5, F. C. Smith 6, F. W. Romaine (conductor) 7, W. Chalk 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all the band, who are regular service ringers, and rung at the first attempt.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The record of Bow bells, which is now so familiar to wireless listeners, was made as long ago as 1926. For that reason it has a special interest in that it preserves the tones of a ring of bells, the majority of which have since passed through the melting pot.

We regret that pressure on our space compels us again to hold over various letters to the Editor on the Minor controversy. An article on Bristol Surprise Royal by the Rev. E. B. James will also appear as soon as space permits.

In connection with the dedication of the National ringers' memorial to the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies at Tewkesbury Abbey on Saturday, May 19th, a special train will be run from Bristol and intermediate stations, leaving Bristol, it is expected, at 1 p.m., and reaching Tewkesbury at 3.7 p.m.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association are leaving no stone unturned to secure the success of the occasion and to give all ringers facilities to attend the ceremony and ring on the twelve bells. It is important that those who intend to travel by the special train, who wish to be present at tea, or who desire to ring, should communicate with the hon. secretary, Mr. E. Guise, 46, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol, before May 12th.

An accident happened on Tuesday last week to Mr. Morris J. Morris, a well-known Birmingham ringer. He was visiting Plymouth on business and slipped on a footpath and severely injured his knee, fracturing the kneecap. He is now lying in No. 6, Bewes Ward, South Devon Hospital, Plymouth, where the injured member was operated on on Tuesday.

An 'Arthur' peal is in contemplation. Any Arthur who wishes to take part should communicate with Mr. Arthur Harding, 29, Ash Grove, South Ealing, W.5.

The need for correcting a footnote to a peal at Dartford, which appeared in our last issue, makes it necessary once more to ask correspondents to be explicit. It is not sufficient to say 'first peal' if it is the first peal 'in the method,' or 'first as conductor' if it is first peal as conductor 'in the method.' It may seem obvious to the sender but not to others, and leads to confusion.

In the Dartford peal it was J. E. Bailey's 'first attempt for a peal in the method,' and the conductor's 'first peal as conductor in the method, and first attempt.' The band wore all Sunday service ringers.

Mr. F. W. Perrens, who has in hand the arrangements for the peal ringing during the Central Council's visit to Warwick, will reply in due course to all who have written. Any others who would like a peal attempt should communicate with him immediately at 45, Engleton Road, Coventry.

The first peal by the Bedfordshire Association was seven 720's of Bob Minor rung at Biddenham on April 26th, 1884, conducted by Charles W. Clarke. It was commemorated on Saturday at the same tower, when Mr. Clarke called a peal in seven Treble Bob methods. Four of the band of 1884 have passed away, and one is no longer able to ring, so that Mr. Clarke is the only active ringer left of the 1884 company.

## 'ST. MICHAEL'S CHIMES.'

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In answer to your correspondent's query as to St. Michael's Church, these chimes vary considerably as to the notes played, being merely ringers' changes on eight bells. Often they are exactly the same as those used for 'Whittington Chimes.' Both are in strains of 8, 16, 24 and 32 notes, at the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th quarters respectively.

It would be interesting to know the origin of the name of these chimes.

Sheffield.

S. L. MARSHALL.

## THE LATE MASTER OF THE OXFORD GUILD.

**MEMORIAL TOUCH AT EAST GARSTON.**

On Saturday, April 21st, the anniversary of the funeral of the late Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, six members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, who had each had many happy hours with their late Master, journeyed to East Garston and rang a very fine 720 of Bob Minor: J. Hands 1, Miss P. Holloway 2, Miss S. Davis 3, A. D. Cullum 4, R. T. Hibbert (conductor) 5, G. Essex 6. The ringing was much appreciated by Mrs. Jenkyn and the Misses Jenkyn, who were present.

## ANOTHER YOUTHFUL BAND'S PERFORMANCE.

A peal of Grandsire Doubles by a band of six lads, who average 16 years, and who all live within a radius of two miles, was rung at Exhall near Coventry on Monday week. Three of the ringers belong to Exhall and three to Nuneaton. The youngest were only 13, and the oldest, who called the peal, 20. Anyone who has rung on Exhall bells will appreciate the nature of the feat, as the bells, though light (the tenor is only 6½ cwt.), are difficult to ring on account of a long draught of rope without any guides.

The peal, we are told, was never in danger, and a nice steady heat was maintained throughout. The thirteen-year-old boy on the tenor rang remarkably well considering it was his first peal, and he had never previously rung for longer than twenty minutes.

Is this the youngest band to ring a peal on six tower bells?



# YOUTHFUL PEAL RECORD BROKEN

## BOYS' AND GIRLS' GREAT ACHIEVEMENT.

A new record in youthful achievement was set up at Crayford on Saturday, when a mixed band of boys and girls, whose total ages aggregated only 120 years 2 months, rang a peal of Bob Major. The youngest of the party was 13 years 3 months, and the oldest 17 years 6 months, and the conductor was only 15½. The peal was splendidly rung, and is one which should be a pleasant memory to these young people for the rest of their lives.

It was the second time that the band had met. On the previous occasion, on February 10th, they were strangers to one another, and there was a considerable amount of natural nervousness and anxiety among them at the importance of the occasion. The result was that the peal failed to come to fruition, but it provided an opportunity for some valuable practice, and when they met again last Saturday they met with a full confidence which was completely justified by their performance. They rang an almost perfect peal, one which not only would have done credit to a company of more experienced ringers, but which could hardly have been beaten.

young people a few words of good advice. Then amid general wishes for success, the 'outsiders' withdrew and the youngsters launched out upon the task before them—but not before one of them, in simple words, had offered a short prayer, asking for Divine blessing upon the undertaking.

Then away went the bells into rounds and, a smart and accurate beat having been established, 'go' was called at 3.10 p.m. Any suggestion of nervousness in the ringing was entirely absent. The pace and the striking were those of a confident band, and were continued to the end, with hardly a 'clip' from start to finish. The bells ran round merrily at exactly six o'clock, and the band at once received the hearty congratulations of all those who had been waiting for the finish.

Afterwards, Mr. Dawe generously entertained the young ringers to tea, and among those present were Mr. Russell and Mr. and Mrs. E. Barnett. A bountiful meat meal was provided at the Bear and Staff Hotel, and afterwards Mr. Dawe, in congratulating the band upon their success, referred to some of the obstacles which had been met with in the first efforts to raise a children's band. There were many children from ten years of age upwards who could be relied upon to



E. A. Barnett.

W. H. Dobbie.  
Margaret Pack.

J. J. L. Gilbert.  
Percy Stone.

A. W. Jones.  
Phyllis E. Tillett.

J. Pack.

Once again Mr. F. E. Dawe took a generous active interest in the arrangements, and Mr. E. Barnett did much to secure the success of the event. The band was gathered together from a wide area, Edwin A. Barnett, whose achievement in ringing a hundred peals up to Spliced Surprise while still only 15 years of age, being the only purely local ringer. John Gilbert, the brilliant Handsworth youngster, came all the way from Sheffield. Joseph Pack travelled from Loughborough, and Percy Stone, only 13 years old, came all the way from Nuneaton. Arthur Jones, of Croydon, also only 13, and scarcely as tall, with Walter Dobbie, only a month over 14, who journeyed from Sittingbourne, made up the lads' section. The band was completed by two young ladies, mentioned last, not because of any disrespect to their sex, but because they deserve a special word. One, Miss Phyllis Tillett, is the fifth generation of a family of Ipswich ringers. Although one of the youngest members of the band, she has rung peals of Cinques and Maximus, and has had the distinction of taking part in peals with her father and grandfather—a distinction shared, of course, by 'Teddy' Barnett. The other young lady was Miss Margaret Pack, whose talent for ringing, as shown recently by taking part in a peal of London Surprise, is only equalled by her ability as an organiser, for she rendered invaluable assistance in making the arrangements. One other lady must be mentioned, and that is Miss Frances Humphrey, who very kindly acted as 'reserve,' and was present to fill any gap should it occur.

There were a number of well-known ringers present when the band assembled in the ringing chamber, and after a few preliminary rounds, a welcome was given by Mr. P. C. Russell, churchwarden, in the unavoidable absence of the Rector, and Mr. Dawe offered the

ring a peal with a good band, but when it came to getting a band of eight together to ring a peal by themselves it was a very different matter, not only in regard to the responsibility which it put upon their shoulders, but because parents naturally would not let children travel alone for long distances. Mr. Dawe referred to the act of courtesy on the part of Edwin Barnett in handing over the calling of the peal to a visitor, John Gilbert, and he congratulated the latter on the way he conducted the peal. Several of the young people, Mr. Dawe went on, were still at school, but would soon be going out into the world. He advised them when that time came to give their whole attention to the business they had in hand and, when set a task, to do it to the best of their ability, and as young churchmen also always to 'remember thy Creator in the days of thy youth.' He referred to the abilities of the many ladies he had rung with, and thanked Miss Pack for the great assistance she had given.

Thanks were returned to Mr. Dawe on behalf of the band by Edwin A. Barnett, who said that without Mr. Dawe the peal could never have taken place. He also thanked Miss Pack for her share in the arrangements.—John Gilbert seconded the vote of thanks, and the time remaining before the gathering broke up was spent in hand-bell ringing and recitations. Our photo is by Mr. Dawe.

That these youngsters should have rung a peal of Major on bells with a tenor of over 12 cwt. says something for the good going of the bells. Very few bells get more use than the ring at Crayford. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank rehung them in 1921, and there has not been the slightest thing done to them since. They have not even been greased. A peal such as this, after 13 years of heavy wear, testifies to the excellence of the founders' work.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

### THE ANNUAL MEETING.

#### Discussion on Council Topics.

About 80 members attended the annual meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, held at St. Mary's, Ealing, on Saturday. Many towers were represented, and the ringing which took place during the afternoon and evening was much enjoyed. There was a very hearty service conducted by the new Vicar of St. Mary's, and the preacher was the Lord Bishop of Willesden, whose homely address from the chancel steps was greatly appreciated. Speaking from the text, 'Their sound has gone out into all lands and their words unto the ends of the earth' (Ps. xix. 4), he referred to the ringing of the bells of Jerusalem, broadcast at Christmas, which must, he said, have stirred the imagination as nothing else could. He went on to speak of the influence of the bells of our own churches. That influence on the hearts and minds of men was for the most part unseen, and the ringers in the belfry could not tell how far they might be influencing the lives of others. There was a tendency in these days, he continued, to have carillons rung by artificial means, but he hoped every tower would be strengthened by the living hands of living men, who would join the guilds of ringers. He spoke of the great fellowship in which ringers were joined, and said he had often regretted that in his student days, when he had the chance, he did not learn to ring. There were three things in ringing of which he reminded his hearers: Love, Labour and God, unseen, influencing both all the time. Bellringing was not only a hobby, it was also a ministry; it was not merely a recreation, it was a vocation. He asked God's blessing on the belfry and the friendships in it, on the spirit in which the work was done, and on the sound of the bells in the hearts of the people.

Tea in the Good Shepherd Hall was served by the wives of local ringers and was presided over by Mr. J. A. Trollope (district vice-president), who was supported by the Bishop of Willesden, the Vicar of St. Mary's, Ealing, Mr. W. Pickworth (vice-president of the North and East District), Mr. W. H. Hollier (hon. treasurer), Mr. W. Pye (Master), and Messrs. C. T. Coles and F. W. Goodfellow (joint hon. secretaries).

Mr. J. A. Trollope, who temporarily occupied the chair pending the arrival of the president, proposed a vote of thanks to the Bishop of Willesden and the Vicar of St. Mary's, Ealing. He thanked them for the kindness extended to the association and for coming among them. Forty years ago, said Mr. Trollope, a Bishop would as soon have thought of coming to a gathering of that kind as a duke would of visiting a meeting of coalheavers (laughter).

The Bishop: Would the ringers have asked him?

Mr. Trollope: They dare not, sir (laughter).

The vote of thanks was carried with applause, and later the Bishop, in reply, said how grateful he was for the kind welcome given him. Speaking for the other Bishops as well as himself, he was perfectly certain they appreciated tremendously the work done in the belfries. He was particularly glad to see a number of young men present, who were therefore beginning to take over some of the responsibilities which had to be passed on from one generation to another. They had always to be building up from below. At Hackney, where he was at one time Rector, it was the object of one of the clergy to try to build up a young band to take their turn in the belfry—independently of the older men, if necessary—and gradually to take over larger responsibilities in the management of the belfry and the work of the ringers. Bellringing was a healthy exercise—he was told that people went on ringing until they were ninety years old and over, and that showed that they did not want to give it up, because they found in it such fellowship and interest and true recreation. Having mentioned the good fortune of Ealing in having received a great 'gift' from East London in the person of the new Vicar, the Bishop went on to refer to the new London which was growing up in Middlesex, and to the problems which faced the Church in this vast new city. At Kingsbury they were rebuilding stone by stone the Church of St. Andrew, Wells Street. It would be completed in October, and its influence would be strengthened by the bells which were to be replaced in the tower, and which would sound out over an area where church bells were few, because there was no money for the erection of belfries. In conclusion, the Bishop wished the members of the association every happiness in their work.

#### WENT UP WITH THE ROPE.

The Vicar, who also replied, paid tribute to the ladies, and he did so, he said, with tremendous shame, because he saw in the ladies present a courage and endurance which he, as a mere man, failed to have. Not many years ago his ringers were in poor condition, and he tried to set an example to others. He did not know what mistake he made, but he went up with the rope and had never tried since (laughter). He commended the ladies on their courage and their diligent perseverance in carrying on. The Vicar recalled the fact that on one occasion long ago one of the bells of St. Mary's, Ealing, was used as a punch bowl. They could not, happily, use it for such a purpose that day, but he assured those present that out of the cups they had used there flowed a sincere welcome to Ealing and a desire that the association would come back again some day (applause).

Mr. C. T. Coles referred to the death of Mrs. J. Thomas, of the Edmonton band, who was buried on Thursday. She was a member of that association and for many years a member of the Ladies' Guild, as well as being the wife of a well-known ringer.

As a token of respect and of sympathy with the bereaved husband the meeting stood in silence.

The business meeting was then proceeded with, with the president in the chair, and arising out of the minutes it was reported that the association had shared in the entertainment of the Central Council when it met in London last year. The association had entertained the Council and friends to tea, and the cost of this and the share of other entertainment amounted to £4 14s. 4d.

Another matter which arose out of a resolution passed last year was with regard to the association's title. Mr. Trollope said it was discussed by the districts, and had come before the Central Committee. They recommended that, in view of the fact that there was no great enthusiasm for any change, no action be taken in the matter.

#### THE REPORT.

The annual report recorded the success of a long programme of district meetings in the two districts, with an average attendance of 42 in the North and East District and 35 in the South and West District, while a greatly improved standard of ringing had been noticed at the meetings. Joint meetings with other associations were now a popular feature of the programme, and two such gatherings had been held on Wednesdays for the benefit of those ringers whose work precluded them from attending Saturday meetings. The attendances at these meetings was ample proof of their popularity, although in the case of the mid-week meetings it was obvious that joint effort alone ensured success. The band at Harlington had joined the association, and it was hoped that what had long been a stronghold of call change ringing would be converted. An attempt was also being made to restart a band at Acton, with the full support of the Rector.

Two honorary and 62 ringing members were elected during the year, but there were again a considerable number of lapses through non-payment of subscriptions. The loss by death of nine members was recorded with regret. The membership now reached a total of 882, but the position at some towers was far from satisfactory, and local officials were urged to keep their bands up to full strength. Delay in recruiting young ringers was dangerous, and at least one new member should be added to each band annually. Only by continuous effort could an efficient and full complement of ringers be maintained.

Compared with 1932 there was a decrease of three in the number of peals rung, the total being 80. Seeing, however, that no less than 31 of these peals were rung at St. Botolph's Church, Bishopsgate, it was evident that a considerable falling-off in peal ringing took place elsewhere. It was noticeable that only one six-bell peal was in the list. While peal ringing was by no means the only object of the association's existence, this activity did a great deal to keep alive the interest of many ringers, and the more experienced members were urged to keep this part of the work going. An analysis of the peals showed that two were rung on handbells and 78 on tower bells at 28 different churches. Some 160 members took part in them, and there were 17 conductors. Three members rang their first peal and 49 their firsts in a new method.

The report reviewed the various activities of the association during the year, referred to the restoration of Bow bells and the removal of the bells at St. Andrew's, Wells Street, to be replaced in the same tower where it is re-erected at Kingsbury, and concluded with thanks to the clergy and an appeal to them to help further by becoming members. The list of hon. members was far too small, and it was hoped this appeal would enable the association to add considerably to it.

#### NEW RULES FOR SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT.

In presenting the report, Mr. Coles drew attention to two new rules added to the rules for the district societies. These rules, he said, would operate only in the South and West District, which desired to have them. The other district was not inclined to work under them. These rules were that the meeting under Rule 1 (the annual district meeting) should, if possible, be held at different towers in succession; and that no member should hold the post of Ringing Master for two consecutive years unless all efforts to find a successor had failed.

The report was adopted.

The hon. treasurer (Mr. W. H. Hollier) presented the balance sheet, which showed receipts from the districts amounting to £21 2s. 8d., the percentage of contributions from ringing members, £1 4s., the percentage of contributions from hon. members, 6s. from sale of certificates and 6s. 10d. interest. The expenditure, including a donation of £2 2s. to the Rev. H. Law James' memorial and £4 14s. 4d. in connection with the entertainment of the Central Council, amounted to £29 0s. 10d., the balance of £33 5s. from 1932 being thus reduced to £27 3s. 8d. at the end of 1933.

The balance sheet was adopted.

Four belfry elections were confirmed, and two new members (Mr. A. Smithson, North Acton, and Mr. E. H. Preston, St. Andrew's, Hillingdon) were elected.

The president, Rev. W. P. Cole Sheane (Vicar of Twickenham) was unanimously re-elected and renominated as active vice-presidents: Mr. W. Pickworth (North and East District) and Mr. J. A. Trollope (South and West District). The other officers were re-elected as follows: Master, Mr. William Pye; hon. treasurer, Mr. W. H. Hollier; joint hon. secretaries, Mr. C. T. Coles and Mr. F. W. Goodfellow; auditors, Messrs. J. E. Miller and W. Pickworth.

It was decided that the association's peal books and the complete set of 'Bell News' should remain for another year at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Mr. Coles remarking that he hoped they would some day also be able to have a complete set of volumes of 'The Ringing World.'

#### CONGRATULATIONS.

Mr. Coles moved a hearty vote of congratulation to Mr. E. C. S. Turner, one of the younger members of the association, who two weeks earlier had conducted a peal of four spliced Surprise methods from a non-observation bell (applause). Moreover, the peal was his own composition. In this he had created a record. While it had been the ambition of a number of composers to find a true composition in four or more methods, only two composers had previously succeeded in doing so, viz., the late Rev. H. L. James and Mr. A. J. Pitman, of South Wales. Neither of these, however, had conducted one of their own 'spliced' Surprise compositions. Those who had conducted peals of this kind from a non-observation bell knew full well what the task meant, and would join heartily in congratulating Mr. Turner (applause). Mr. Coles also congratulated the three other members of the band who rang their first Spliced Surprise peal on the same occasion.—The motion was carried with acclamation.

Mr. Coles welcomed the presence at the meeting of the Editor of 'The Ringing World,' who, he mentioned, had recently obtained a concession from the railway companies for ringers who wished to travel. The concession was that ringers travelling in parties of four or more could get cheap fares for any distance where no cheap fares were already in operation, provided they were going ringing and applied beforehand for a voucher. The fare was single fare for the journey for one day, and single fare and a third for a long week-end. The latter, of course, was largely covered by the 'summer' tickets which were issued to the public, but the former was quite a valuable concession (applause).

#### CENTRAL COUNCIL BUSINESS.

The Central Council agenda was next brought to the notice of the meeting. Mr. Coles said most of the work of the Council was done by the committees, and two-thirds of the time of the meeting was taken up in discussing the committees' reports. With regard to the motions on the agenda, he said if it were not for the Minor question there would be nothing for the Council to discuss. With regard to the proposal that no decision of the Council relating to the ringing of peals shall be binding unless passed by a two-thirds majority of the meeting, Mr. Coles said he thought that was a matter for the Council alone.

Mr. Trollope said with regard to the motion on the Minor question, that peals on the Bankes James' plan should be permissible, it would probably be of interest to the members to know that it came about partly through the action which he took, and with which Mr. Goldsmith disagreed, about the Minor Collection that was being published. It had been raised again in its present acute form by a peal composed by Mr. Turner and rung there in Ealing. Mr. Turner took the plan which the Rev. E. Bankes James had used for his Cambridge Minor and carried the idea a little bit further, and in carrying it a little further had fallen foul of the pontifical authority of the Editor, who said that whereas they might go as far as Bankes James went, Mr. Turner, Mr. Wilson and he (Mr. Trollope), by ringing this peal on handbells, were doing something which inevitably lowered the standard of peal ringing and tampered with truth. However, they did it, and the worst thing about it was that they were entirely unrepentant. Ever since then some of the stick-in-the-muds and die-hards had been doing all they could to prevent such things being done in the future. Incidentally it had done no harm to the intellectual side of ringing, and had given a few people the opportunity of using their brains about one or two things. In this motion which was to come forward before the Council at Whitsun they would give the old-fashioned people the opportunity of saying the same things again, but they were concentrating on only one thing. They were leaving Turner's composition apart and trying to get the Council to agree, at least, that if they rang the Bankes James Arrangement they were not guilty of anything very terrible. Mr. Trollope said he and some of his friends had had two or three attempts for the Cambridge Minor. 'We can ring the spliced Surprise stuff,' he added amid laughter, 'but hanged if we can ring the Cambridge.'

#### REPRESENTATIVES NOT BOUND.

Mr. Coles said he admired the courage of the proposer and seconder to try again this year to get the Council to agree to the ringing of that peal. Although the Council had passed it in the Peals Analysis and had thus accepted it, they would never say it was anything but false—which, of course, was rather inconsistent. After the rebuff which Mr. Wood and Mr. Goldsmith, and, later, Mr. Atkins and himself—who wanted to go still further—got, he admired the courage of Mr. Goldsmith and Mr. Trollope in bringing the matter

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### KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

#### CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

A by-meeting of the Canterbury District was held on Saturday at Northbourne by kind permission of Rev. Canon W. G. Thomas. The inclement weather was mainly responsible for a rather smaller attendance than usual, but a very enjoyable afternoon and evening were spent with the church bells.

After tea at the Hare and Hounds a vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells, and also to Mr. Fenney, captain of the local company, for making all the necessary arrangements for a successful meeting.

A beautifully struck 720 of Kent Treble Bob was rung by the following members as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. Slingsby, of Sturry, who were celebrating the 34th anniversary of their wedding day: E. Slingsby 1, J. Walter 2, S. Walter 3, P. W. Smith 4, R. French 5, E. Spice (conductor) 6. Among the other methods rung were Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Stedman, Grandsire, Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise.

### NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

#### VETERANS AT SOUTH NORFOLK BRANCH MEETING.

A successful meeting of the South Norfolk Branch was held at Diss on Saturday, when over 35 members turned up to try the famous Dobson peal. The association was pleased to welcome Messrs. Butress (Fulbourne, Cambs), Brown (Exning, Suffolk) and Beale (Newmarket). There were representatives from Dickleburgh, Garboldisham, Norwich, Palgrave, Pulham, Redenhall, Saxmundham (the 'Crimean veteran'), Shelfanger, Stove Ash, Saxlingham, Starston, St. Margaret's, Thornham Magna, North Walsham, Winfarthing, Worham and the local band. Among those who sat down to tea were Mr. William Ireland, one of the three surviving original members of the association, and Mr. Churchwarden Johnson, who spoke of his connection with bells 40 years ago, and his pleasure at hearing them.

At the business meeting which followed the tea five new members were elected, and the next meeting was fixed for July 7th at Alburgh and Redenhall.

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up again, but he did not understand why they proposed to deal with the Bankes James Minor only and not with the Pitman Doubles, which was on the same plan.

Mr. Trollope: Do you want an answer? If you cannot get the whole loaf you have sometimes got to be satisfied with a half (laughter).

Mr. Mayne asked whether the representatives of that association would put their own or that meeting's views before the Council?

Mr. Coles said it was to get the views of the meeting that the matters were raised.

Mr. Mayne: Will you accept the views of the meeting as binding on the representatives?

Mr. Coles: Speaking personally, I do not think it is quite fair to bind your representatives down. If you do, you get down to the position of delegates, which Canon Coleridge objected to a few years ago. It is only after the pros and cons had been heard that representatives are able to use their judgment. To get the views of this meeting may be useful to the representatives so that they may know what you require, but to send your representatives to vote in a particular way is not what I, as a representative, can agree to.

Mr. Mayne said there were customs which the Exercise had observed for years. One was that a touch or a peal or a 720 being a true cycle had to come back to rounds. The Bankes James Arrangement departed from that, and the point to decide was whether a 720 should be a true cycle, and also whether a peal should be seven true cycles of changes and not rows. If they took the Bankes James and divided it between rounds and rounds it was not a true peal.

Mr. E. M. Atkins said it was correct to say the cycles between the rounds were not true blocks, but the peal as a whole was true. A peal of Minor and a 720 were two different things. As a 5,040 of Minor the Bankes James Arrangement was a complete round block.

With regard to the motion 'that this Council views with concern the comparatively small number of ringers ringing their first peal, and suggests that all ringers, mindful of their high calling, should do all in their power to encourage their less proficient brethren,' Mr. Coles said he thought it was one they would not quarrel about. The arguments in favour of it had been well set out in the leading article in 'The Ringing World' that week, and they could trust their representatives to vote for it. Possibly Mr. Atkins, who was to propose the motion, might like to say something about it.

Mr. Atkins: I should like to hear other people's views.

No comments were, however, offered.

It was resolved to hold the next annual general meeting at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, and the meeting then concluded with votes of thanks, proposed by the president, to the incumbents who had permitted ringing at their towers, the towerkeepers, the organist and the ladies who had arranged the tea.

Further ringing at the three Ealing churches took place afterwards, the methods soaring from Plain Bob to four Spliced Surprise.



### NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION. ANNUAL MEETING.

Members of the North Notts Association met on Saturday, April 14th, at East Retford Church for the annual gathering. There was a large and representative attendance from the towers in the area of the association. The Rev. L. E. Harris, assistant curate, conducted the service. The address was given by the Rev. T. H. J. Eling, Vicar of Sutton-on-Trent, a vice-president of the association, on 'The bell you are accustomed to ring.'

Tea was served in the Ebsworth Hall. The Vicar and Rural Dean (Rev. Canon A. Parkinson) extended a cordial welcome to the members of the association. He said he had read with interest the report of the secretary, and was particularly struck with one sentence in it. 'One subject that rather stood out in "The Ringing World" during the past year was the clergy and ringers, but, after weighing up all that has been written on this matter, there is only one remedy, and that is, Let us all go on in the fellowship of God.' He (Canon Parkinson) supported the secretary in what he had written. If members carried out their ringing in that spirit they were fine men. North Notts had a reputation in the matter of bellringing, and members of that association were the ones to do it.

Canon Parkinson took the opportunity of expressing appreciation of the kindness of the 'Retford, Gainsborough and Worksop Times' in publishing each week an interesting article on change ringing over the signature of 'Campanologist.'

The Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, Rector of Ordsall, associated himself with the remarks of Canon Parkinson. He added that he had found the article was widely read every week, and they wished to thank the editor of the paper for the space he devoted to the art of bellringing. He (the speaker) had achieved undeserved glory as being the writer of the article, but he wished to disclaim it. The writer was an expert ringer of the association.

#### NEEDED BELL RESTORATIONS.

The Rev. R. F. Wilkinson presided over the business meeting. He remarked that they were glad to have the presence of visitors from Sheffield, and also the Rev. H. M. Corlett, Vicar of Misterton and Rural Dean of Bawtry. He hoped that the interest Mr. Corlett showed in the association was such that he would keep things alive in the matter of change ringing in the Bawtry Deanery.

Mr. Wilkinson referred to the matter of bell restoration, and said the committee recommended that a grant of £2 be voted to the fund for a new tenor bell to the existing five at North Muskham Church. The outlay, including a new steel frame, is estimated at £139. He went on to say that he would like to see the bells restored and ringing in the belfries of Blyth, Bawtry and North Wheatley. A sixth bell was needed at Dunham Church; the bells had not been rung for 30 years. A movement was on foot to restore the bells at Laneham Church. There were only five bells at Sturton tower, and a sixth bell in that tower would be an acquisition. There were several churches that would be welcomed in the circle of the association, including Laxton. Ossington has six bells, but they are not safe to ring.

The following are extracts from the report of the secretary (Mr. R. W. Stockdale):—

The past year has been a success in the matter of finance. The number of peals (seven) rung during the year were fewer than in 1932, but of a higher standard. The membership has not increased by many, and I am sorry to state that some towers seem to have completely fallen away.

During the past year, continued the secretary, a pile of letters must have reached the editor of 'The Ringing World,' and I am very pleased to say that none of the letters which have been published have been signed by any of our performing members, because I am afraid that some of these letters are only indifferent literature, having the same meaning time and time again. I think a lot of the subjects on which these letters are written could be left to the Central Council to decide. Their meeting every Whit Tuesday is the time to discuss these matters.

#### A HARD TASK.

The association has this year commenced bi-monthly ringing practices on eight bells. The two which have been held were well attended, and very good progress was made. These will be continued in the course of a month or so. I think that joint practice should be held at nights. I am sorry to say that North Notts is not yet overflowing with good change ringers. We are having a hard task to face in trying to improve this matter, but let one and all, clergy and ringers, put their backs into it and make 1934 a record year.

The membership roll up to the end of the year contains four hon. life members, 21 vice-presidents, 78 non-resident life-members, 100 performing members, three unattached members—206 in all.

The Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, in commenting on the report, remarked that there was a financial gain on the year's working of £1 17s. 10d. There was a balance in the Worksop Savings Bank of £44 5s. 5d., and £2 10s. 11d. in the hands of the treasurer. It was a good thing to have money in hand so that they were able to assist towers in the restoration of bells.

He congratulated the secretary upon the report. He always had something interesting to say every year, and he expressed matters in a nice way. He referred to Mr. Stockdale's zeal and keenness in the

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### DEVON GUILD. SIGNS OF PROGRESS.

The Aylesbeare Deanery Branch of the Devon Guild held a well-attended meeting at Broadclyst on Saturday, April 14th, over 50 members, including visitors from neighbouring branches, being present. The Rev. K. C. Nichole, curate-in-charge during the Vicar's absence, conducted a service in the church and gave a short address. He said the ringers should be considered the most important of all churchworkers, the bells in this country being pre-eminent in their influence. The ringers were a privileged people in being the exponents of God's messages.

The Rev. E. A. Jullian presided at the tea and meeting in the Victory Hall, and offered a welcome to visitors from Exeter, Tiverton, Thorverton, Sidmouth, Buckfastleigh, etc., also congratulations to the Vicar and curate, the one on his honeymoon and the other with the prospect of matrimony.

Eight certificates were presented by the Rev. F. V. Cox, president of the Guild, each recipient being applauded on his success.

Three new members were elected, and it was resolved to hold a meeting at East Budleigh on Saturday, September 1st.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for his permission, the Rev. R. C. Nichole for his stimulating address, Mr. Hamlyn, who had acted as organist, and Mr. Lawrence, captain of the local band. The President said he was glad to see such a good meeting and signs that progress was being made.

Returning to the tower, bands were made up indiscriminately for touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Doubles.

### GRANDSIRE CINQUES FOR GRANDCHILD.

At St. Martin's Church, Birmingham, for evensong, on Sunday, April 15th, 1,363 Grandsire Cinques: W. E. Dowding 1, A. Walker (conductor) 2, H. E. Fearn 3, R. Daniel 4, G. E. Learn 5, J. Neal 6, D. Matkin 7, M. J. Morris 8, E. Mansell 9, G. F. Yenwall 10, A. E. Norman 11, W. T. Froggatt 12. Just previous to the ringing the conductor's grandchild, Mary Reynolds, was baptised at St. Martin's by the Rector of Birmingham (Canon T. Guy Rogers).

### PRESENTATION TO MARLBOROUGH RINGER.

To mark their appreciation of the valuable services he rendered the branch during the two years he was secretary, members of the Marlborough Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild presented Mr. A. W. Deane with a pair of hairbrushes in a leather case and a shaving set. The presentation took place in the ringing chamber of St. Mary's Church, Marlborough, on Tuesday week. Touches of Grandsire Doubles were rung on the bells as a farewell to Mr. Deane, who is shortly leaving England to take up an appointment at the Trinity College, Kandy, Ceylon.

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welfare of the association, and said they could not have a better secretary and treasurer. It was wonderful the work he got through. Mr. Stockdale travelled thousands of miles on his motor-bicycle visiting clergy and ringers in the villages of North Notts for the benefit of the association, and they owed him a deep debt of gratitude (applause).—The report was adopted.

Mr. Stockdale was re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer, and Mr. R. Smith, Ordsall, was appointed assistant, in place of Mr. H. Revill, who retired owing to other duties.

The Rev. R. F. Wilkinson was reappointed representative of the association on the Central Council, and he was heartily thanked for the way he carried out his duties.

The contest for the Crawford Challenge Cup was fixed to take place on Saturday, September 29th, at Gamston. The holders of the cup are Shireoaks.

Mr. J. S. Hakes, Cuckney, was elected a member of the association.

It was decided that the first subscription of a vice-president should be 2s. 6d. and then 1s. annually.

The next meeting was fixed to take place at Marlborough on Saturday, June 2nd.

The meeting closed with a general expression of thanks—to the incumbents of East and West Retford and Ordsall, to the Rev. T. H. J. Eling, and the caterer (Mr. G. Cooke, Carlgate).

The Secretary expressed thanks to the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson for presiding, and for 'all he does for the benefit of the association and for doing many things which were not published in the report.'

Change ringing took place in the afternoon and evening in the church towers of East and West Retford and Ordsall.

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## NOTICES.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Easebourne, near Midhurst, on Saturday, April 28th. Bells available from 3 o'clock.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—The next meeting will be held at Hoo, St. Werberg, on Saturday, April 28th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.**—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, April 28th. Bells (13) ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m.—S. Thompson, Hon. Sec.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, April 28th. Bells, Cathedral (8) and S. Nicolas' (10), available from 3 p.m. Service in Cathedral 4.30 p.m. Tea (free to members, non-members 1s.) in Holy Trinity Hall 5.15, followed by business meeting.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Woking.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Thomas' Church, Helmshore, on Saturday, April 28th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Horwich Parish Church on Saturday, April 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual meeting at Lincoln, April 28th. Service in the Morning Chapel of the Cathedral at 3.15 p.m. Tea at 4.30 at the Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, at 1s. 8d. per head, followed by business meeting. Ringing at the Cathedral, St. Peter-at-Gowts and St. Botolph's from 2 p.m.—F. W. Stokes, Hon. Sec.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Thurleigh on Saturday, April 28th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea at Vicarage 5 p.m. A good attendance is hoped for. All ringers are very welcome. Buses by church every hour. Number for tea, please.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Lane, Bromham, Beds.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Sapcote on Saturday, April 28th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea (6d.) at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting.—A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Great Paxton on Saturday, April 28th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at the Sacred Heart R.C. Church, Blackpool (eight bells), on Saturday, April 28th. Meeting 3.30. Ringing from 4 to 6 p.m. only. Members please come forward with current subscriptions.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool.

**ELY ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leverington, near Wisbech, on Saturday, April 28th. Method, Double Court. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—Edward Barker, Branch Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn.

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**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—On Saturday, April 28th, a meeting will be held at Barley. The bells (6) will be available at 2.30 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Waggon and Horses 5 p.m. Please support this meeting.—Donald C. Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hitchin.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at All Saints', Boyne Hill, Maidenhead (eight bells), on Saturday, April 28th, at 2.45 p.m. Tea at 1s. per head.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Brading on Saturday, April 28th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. All ringers welcomed.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., Collingwood, 23, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Alton and Petersfield District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Blackmoor on Saturday, April 28th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4.30 p.m.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, April 28th, at Woolton Hill. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service in Parish Church 4.30. Tea in Church Room 5. Business meeting follows.—Rev. F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at \*St. Paul's Cathedral on May 1st and 29th, St. Magnus on the 3rd, 17th and 31st, Southwark Cathedral on the 10th, \*St. Mary-le-Bow on the 15th, and St. Andrew's on the 24th at 7.30 p.m. \* Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Trumpington on Saturday, May 5th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Please come and make the meeting a success. Everybody welcome.—K. Willers, Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Wormingford on May 5th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. and tea and meeting at 5.30. Buses leave Colchester at 2 o'clock and 4 o'clock, also Sudbury 2 o'clock and 4 o'clock. All members from Essex and Suffolk Guild are invited. Will all those intending to be present to tea please notify me as soon as possible?—J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Wivenhoe.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A general meeting will be held at Eastwood, Rotherham, on Saturday, May 5th. Bells (8) available from 3 to 9 p.m. Meeting of the general committee in the Vestry at 4 p.m. Tea (1s.) in the Church Room at 5 p.m. for all who notify Mr. H. Chaddock, 33, Brecklands, Wickersley Road, Rotherham, by Wednesday, May 2nd. General meeting afterwards. A cordial invitation is extended to members of neighbouring associations.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, Rotherham.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at East Peckham on Saturday, May 5th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea (by kind invitation of the Vicar) after service, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, May 1st.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.**—Special meeting at Allendale, on Saturday, May 5th. Dedication by the Bishop of Newcastle of two bells to complete the octave at St. Cuthbert's. Service at 3 o'clock. The Rector invites members to tea in the Parish Hall at 5, after which the bells will be available. Members intending to be present kindly advise me at once.—George S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Farnborough on Saturday, May 5th. Bells (six) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Notification for tea by May 2nd.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bicester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Middleton Stoney on Saturday, May 5th. Tower open afternoon and evening. Service 3.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Those requiring tea please notify F. Sharpe, Launton, Bicester, Oxfordshire.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Thaxted on Saturday, May 5th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 73, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford, Herts.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Fownhope (six bells, recently rehung and retuned by Gillett and Johnston), May 5th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea, Parish Hall 5.45. Please notify C. Edwards, New Inn, Fownhope, Hereford, or A. Gwynne, Castle Street, Hereford, not later than May 3rd.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Southport, on Saturday, May 5th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting in the Schoolroom. All requiring tea please send their names to Mr. J. Ridyard, 16, Vaughan Road, Birkdale, Southport, not later than Wednesday, May 2nd. All ringers welcome.—William O. Farrimond, Branch Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at New Romney on Saturday, May 5th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation of the Vicar) at 5.15 p.m. Business meeting after. Please notify me early so that tea arrangements may be made.—F. Conley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Witney and Woodstock Deaneries Branch.—The branch annual meeting will be held at Wootton, Oxon, on Saturday, May 5th. 3 p.m., service in the Parish Church. 4 p.m., tea at the School, at 1s. per head. Business meeting to follow. The following bells will be available during Saturday afternoon and evening, by kind permission of the incumbents: Woodstock (8), Bladen (6), and Tackley (6). Members who intend to be present must let me know by Thursday, May 3rd, 1st post. Subscriptions for 1934 should be in my hands on or before spring meeting.—W. Evetts, jun., Hon. Sec., Hill Court, Tackley, Oxon.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A general meeting will be held at Fressingfield on May 5th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Tea 4.30 p.m. Meeting follows.—Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Rishton on Saturday, May 5th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guilborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stanford-on-Avon (five bells) on Saturday, May 5th, not Clipston as previously arranged. Usual arrangements. Please notify me for tea by Wednesday previous as catering is difficult.—Geo. A. Hollick, West Street, Welford, Rugby.

**NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Rocester on Saturday, May 5th. Tea will be provided for all who notify Mr. J. Bullock, 3, West View, Rocester, before May 3rd.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton District.—A meeting will be held at Barton-under-Needwood on Saturday, May 5th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Curson, Local Hon. Sec., Netherseale, Burton-on-Trent.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District. The next meeting will be held at Alvaston on Saturday, May 5th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Business meeting in belfry at 4.30 p.m. Reports can be obtained and subscriptions paid. All ringers welcome.—Geo. Freebrey, Dis. Hon. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Peak District.—The next meeting will be held at Fairfield, Buxton, on May 5th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Burbage bells will also be available after tea. Those requiring tea please notify E. Ellison, 70, King's Road, Fairfield, Buxton, not later than May 3rd.—A. G. Wallace, Hon. Sec. Monyash Road, Bakewell.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Shore on Saturday, May 5th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—H. Hamer, Hon. Sec., 3, Nall Street, Milnrow.

**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—A ringing meeting will be held at Heanor on Saturday, May 5th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea may be obtained at cafe near the church.—J. W. England.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Longbridge Deverill on Saturday, May 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea at 5. All ringing friends welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—East Norfolk Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Acle on Saturday, May 5th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Everybody welcome. Bells recently rehung. Names for tea, please.—J. Harwood, 4, Cobden Terrace, Northgate Street, Great Yarmouth.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—Mid-Devon Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, May 5th, at Collaton St. Mary (Paignton). Bells (5) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, etc., 5 p.m. at Parish Room. Paignton bells (8) also available after 6.30. Those who intend coming please notify me by previous Wednesday. All welcome.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Kendal on May 5th. Bells (10) at 2 p.m. Tea, 1s., to all who notify Mr. E. Jennings, 15, Castle Oval, Kendal, by Friday, May 4th. Will Furness District members come and help to make a joint meeting?—E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Battle on Saturday, May 12th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, 1s. 3d. per head. Will all those intending to be present kindly let me know not later than Wednesday previous to meeting?—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Dis. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brookfield Unitarian, Gorton, on Saturday, May 12th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. and meeting to follow. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Tea 6d. each to all who notify Mr. A. S. Fearnhead, 256, Hyde Road, Gorton, not later than Wednesday, May 9th.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The festival will be held at Bradford-on-Avon on Saturday, May 12th. Service in the Parish Church at 12.30. Preacher, Rev. Canon Clarke. Luncheon and annual meeting in the Town Hall at 1.30 p.m., price 1s. 6d. Towers open: Holy Trinity and Christchurch, Bradford, Melksham, Westbury, Warminster (8), Holt, Hilberton, Keevil, Steeple Ashton, Heytesbury, Longbridge Deverill (6). Those requiring lunch please inform the secretary by Monday, May 7th. All ringers welcome.—F. Llewellyn Edwards, Hon. Sec., Kington Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.

**SILEBY, LEICS.**—The ring of five bells, restored and augmented to six by John Taylor and Co., will be dedicated by the Bishop of Leicester on Saturday, May 12th, at 3 p.m.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Lytham on Saturday, May 12th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. A short service will be held, with tea to follow.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—Next meeting, Northaw, May 12th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea (1s. each) at 5.30. Please advise me by May 9th. Bus service, No. 629 Victoria, Hornsey, Southgate, etc., to Potters Bar Garage, one mile. Train, L. and N.E. Railway to Cuffley from King's Cross, Finsbury Park, etc.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Great Crosby, on Saturday, May 12th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. For tea, please notify the Vicar. Special method, Double Court. A good muster is desired and will be heartily welcomed by the Vicar.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Preliminary Notice.—The 55th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, May 21st.—F. N. Pitstow, Gen. Sec. and Treas., 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

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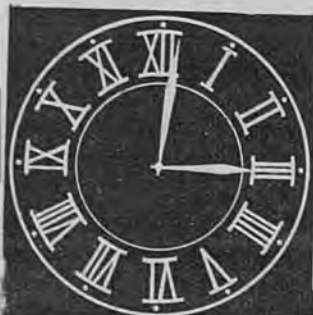
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