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THE COUNCIL MEETING.

When the Central Council meet on Tuesday week they intend to honour the ringers who made the trip to Australia and New Zealand last autumn, and by the official reception which will be given will formally mark the recognition by the Exercise of a great and successful undertaking of outstanding historical interest. We feel quite sure that the gesture of the Council will meet with the approval of ringers generally, for nothing in connection with ringing has stirred the imagination so greatly as did this tour to the other side of the globe. It had a two-fold object—the fraternisation of ringers from the homeland with those of Australia in celebrating the centenary of Melbourne and the State of Victoria, and the revival of interest in bells and bellringing in the Commonwealth. In both these things the visit proved a highly successful venture, and, just as the expedition set off with the good wishes of the Council, so the welcome to be extended at its conclusion is a fitting culmination to a remarkable tour.

Apart from this special event in connection with the proceedings, the meeting at Shrewsbury promises to be not only interesting to the members of the Council, but of importance to ringers generally and, judging by the agenda, the debates are not likely to be without liveliness. There is, at any rate, material for animated discussion, and the subject of separating the categories of spliced peals is not unlikely to show up a sharp division of opinion. There is unquestionably, among those who have had anything to do with the ringing of peals with constant changes of method, a decided opinion that these compositions should be provided with a distinctive term to define them. There certainly can be no two views that these peals are in a totally different class to those in which just two or three methods are joined up in long lengths, and to such extreme and inelegant examples as joining half a peal of Grandsire Caters and half a peal of Bob Royal. The difficulty in this matter is, however, where shall the dividing line be drawn? In any case, it has got to be an arbitrary line, and it will be for the Council to settle where this division of the classes shall come.

There is one other point about the forthcoming Council meeting that is worth noting. It will be the last under the old constitution. The new rules adopted two years ago come into full force and effect after the Shrewsbury meeting, and the various associations and guilds will henceforth stand on a different footing in relation to the Council. The tie between the Council will be made definite by an act of affiliation, and the Council will be-

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come an organisation of which the associations are themselves an integral part. For the first time the actual basis of calculating the representation will be laid down for territorial organisations, and all affiliated societies will be required to subscribe an affiliation fee for the full number of members they are entitled to elect, as well as to undertake loyally to abide by the rules and decisions of the Council. After Shrewsbury the Council will no longer represent a body of individual opinion but will be officially the voice of organised ringing throughout the British Isles.

ROYAL JUBILEE PEALS.

In honour of the Silver Jubilee of His Majesty King George V., the following peals have been rung:—

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, May 23, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5006 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. 18 lb.

JAMES S. EASTWOOD Treble	HOWARD HOWELL 7
JOHN C. ADAMS 2	ARTHUR T. DUTTON 8
GEORGE W. HUGHES 3	WALTER R. HUGHES 9
EDGAR T. SMITH 4	GILBERT HARDING 10
ALFRED ADAMS 5	THOMAS J. ELTON 11
HARRY T. HIGGINS 6	HENRY E. GREEN Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

Rung on the eve of Empire Day as a Jubilee peal, an attempt on May 6th having come to grief in the last half. All are members of the local band.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Barnabas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 15½ cwt.

FRANCIS V. JEPHCOCK Treble	JOHNATHAN PRESTON 5
WILLIAM C. RHODES 2	*ERIC G. EVANS 6
GEORGE F. SWANN 3	WILLIAM DAVIES 7
WILLIAM J. MEERS 4	JOHN E. PYWELL Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. MEERS.

* First peal.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 9, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART, No. 6.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*GEORGE GUNNELL Treble	FRANK LAWRENCE 5
FRED HAWKES 2	WILLIAM HALFORD 6
†EDWARD MAUND 3	CHARLES CAMM 7
JOSEPH LAWRENCE 4	HENRY BISHOP Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal on eight bells 'inside.'

RATBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 11, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Philip and James,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

*GEORGE BALL Treble	HARRY L. SMITH 5
HORACE MOULT 2	†WILLIAM BALL 6
†GEORGE E. PRIESTNALL 3	ERNEST MORRIS 7
†J. HAROLD SPENCER 4	FRANK MASON Tenor

Transposed by M. J. MORRIS.

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal. † First in method. First in this method on the bells.

CAERPHILLY, GLAM.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 11, 1935, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 lb.

CYRIL DAVIES Treble	PERCY JONES 5
NORMAN PORTER 2	HARRY BROUGHTON 6
*CLIFFORD JONES 3	GEORGE COOKE 7
WILLIAM PIKE 4	*EDWARD JONES Tenor

Conducted by G. COOKE.

* First peal.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 11, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of the Saviour,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAYS' SIX-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

*WILLIAM CROSS Treble	WALTER GORTON 5
*ROBERT EASTHAM 2	WILLIAM BAXENDALE 6
HAROLD GORTON 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. 7
EDWARD BENTLEY WEBSTER 4	RICHARD WM. MOSLEY Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD GORTON.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 11, 1935, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*EDWARD MILLINGTON Treble	WILLIAM CATHERALL 5
JOHN USHER 2	GEORGE R. JONES 6
WILLIAM SHORT 3	THOMAS R. GRIFFITHS 7
†FRED HARTMAN 4	*O. DOWNHAM Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. JONES.

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. The towers represented by the ringers were Llangollen, Wrexham, Mold, Chester, Gresford, Hawarden and Buckley.

NEWHURCH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 12, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM GOULD Treble	JOHN J. YATES 5
ERNEST LEATHERBARROW 2	THOMAS GRIMSHAW 6
*SYDNEY LEATHERBARROW 3	JAMES ORME 7
WILLIAM HAMPSON 4	JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by J. LEATHERBARROW.

* First peal in the method.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 12, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

H. JONES Treble	WILLIAM C. JONES 5
THOMAS WORRALL 2	ERNEST J. MATTHEWS 6
GEORGE CONDICK 3	HENRY NEWMAN 7
JOHN AUSTIN 4	ALBERT MARTIN Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

Rung for the Jubilee service attended by the British Legion.

FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 12, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

ROBERT W. COOKE Treble	†EDWARD C. COOKE 5
*MISS JESSIE COOKE 2	NOLAN GOLDEN 6
†A. MAURICE LOVELL 3	GEORGE A. COOKE 7
†VINCENT R. OWENS 4	Cecil V. EBERSON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Oxford Treble Bob. The ringers of the treble and tenor rang their first peal together 21 years ago.

BRADWELL, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 11, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 7½ cwt.
 ARCHIE LATEBALL... ..Treble *ARTHUR G. MAY ... 4
 J. EDWARD WHITLOCK ... 2 WILLIAM F. FRENCH... .. 5
 CHARLES G. ALDERMAN ... 3 *REGINALD H. HOWSON ...Tenor
 Conducted by J. E. WHITLOCK.

* First peal and first attempt.

CORSCOMBE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 11, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Reverse Canterbury, 1,800 of Bob Doubles in four callings and 2,520 of Grandsire in 10 callings. Tenor 16 cwt.
 L. J. HAWKINSTreble F. J. MARSH... .. 4
 MRS. G. W. RENDELL ... 2 G. W. RENDELL 5
 D. W. RANSOM 3 W. G. DELAMONT... ..Tenor
 Conducted by G. W. RENDELL.

First peal in three methods by all the band, and the first peal on the bells since they were rehung.

MILTON REGIS-NEXT-SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 12, 1935, in Three Hours,

At the Parish Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being six six-scores of Stedman and 18 six-scores each of Bob Doubles and Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr.
 ARTHUR S. BOAR... ..Treble ERNEST J. DOBBIE ... 4
 WALTER H. DOBBIE ... 2 STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... 5
 DORIS G. DOBBIE 3 LESLIE B. DOBBIE ...Tenor
 Conducted by ARTHUR S. BOAR.

First peal of Doubles on the bells and by all except the conductor.

BENTLEY, HANTS.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 13, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 30 six-scores of Grandsire and 12 of Plain Bob., 14 callings. Tenor 12½ cwt.
 *ALFRED E. RAGGETT ...Treble REGINALD J. WHITFORD ... 4
 †CHARLES W. DENYER ... 2 †EDWARD J. BRAGG ... 5
 HERBERT H. ALEXANDER... 3 *CHARLES RAGGETT ...Tenor
 Conducted by EDWARD J. BRAGG.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 18, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Mary and All Saints,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.
 MANSFIELD GINN... ..Treble FRED C. GINN ... 4
 FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... 2 ROBERT SMITH ... 5
 STANLEY SHIPP 3 FRANK WARRINGTON ...Tenor
 Composed by Rev. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by F. WARRINGTON
 The bells were 'fired' at the conclusion of the peal.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 18, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 changes each of Old Doubles, April Day and Canterbury Doubles, and two 720's each of Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles. Tenor 10 cwt.
 FREDERICK C. LAMBERT ...Treble ROBERT J. GARDINER ... 4
 *JACK PILGRIM 2 †NORMAN R. BAILEY ... 5
 HERBERT G. JILLINGS ... 3 JAMES NUNN ...Tenor
 Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

* First peal on tower bells. † First peal of Doubles. N. R. Bailey has now rung peals from Doubles to Maximus.

FELKIRK, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Sunday, May 12, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of each of the following: Felkirk Delight, College Exercise, Kingston, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 10 cwt.
 *CYRIL COOKTreble †HAROLD CHANT ... 4
 †JOHN COPLEY 2 ERNEST CUIT ... 5
 MOSES PERRY 3 DANIEL SMITH ...Tenor
 Conducted by D. SMITH.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. ‡ 50th peal. Ring immediately before the national thanksgiving service.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 16, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of nine methods, in seven extents, viz.: (1) Charlwood and Neasden Delight; (2) St. Albans and Wragby Delight; and one extent each of Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.
 WILLIAM ATKINSONTreble KENNETH C. LEWIS ... 4
 STANLEY ARDERN... .. 2 ERNEST BENNETT ... 5
 ADAM T. MARSLAND ... 3 JAMES A. MILNER... ..Tenor
 Conducted by JAMES A. MILNER.

BARNBY-IN-WILLOWS, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 18, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of one 720 of Oxford and Kent Spliced, and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.
 MISS K. BURCHNALL... ..Treble C. RONALD SMITH ... 4
 *ARTHUR MULVEY 2 HAROLD DENMAN ... 5
 MISS G. BURCHNALL... .. 3 ROBERT W. STOCKDALE ...Tenor
 Conducted by R. W. STOCKDALE.
 * First peal on an 'inside' bell. First peal on the bells.

MANACON, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 22, 1935, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten callings. Tenor 8 cwt.
 *O. LOVESEYTreble *J. NINNES ... 4
 *E. COSENTINE 2 LT. COL. C. F. JERRAM ... 5
 *H. NINNES 3 *J. VAGGE ...Tenor
 Conducted by C. F. JERRAM.
 * First peal and first attempt. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells and rung by the local band. This peal was unavoidably postponed from Jubilee Day.

CORFE MULLEN, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 25, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Hubert,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob, all different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.
 WILLIAM G. YOUNGTreble WILLIAM HOULTON ... 4
 F. FRANKLAND RIGBY... .. 2 ANTHONY V. DENT ... 5
 EDWARD T. GRIFFIN ... 3 WILLIAM E. CHEATER... ..Tenor
 Conducted by WILLIAM E. CHEATER.

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HANDBELL PEALS.

SUTTON HULL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Five Minutes.

At HOLLY BANK, THE RESIDENCE OF A. E. WEST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores.

*COLIN A. HOPPER ... 1-2 | †DEREK M. SHARP ... 3-4

*ALAN J. HOPPER ... 5-6

Conducted by DEREK M. SHARP.

Witness—A. E. West.

* First peal. † First peal on 34 and first peal as conductor.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 7, 1935, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes.

At THE ROYAL MASONIC JUNIOR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor size 15 in C.

WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... 1-2 | HENRY HODGETTS ... 5-6

CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 3-4 | JOHN E. ROOTES ... 7-8

Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

OTHER PEALS.**TWELVE BELL PEAL.**

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 18, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

No. 57 J. CARTER'S BROADSHEET.

Tenor 32 cwt.

PHYLLIS E. TILLET ... Treble | CHARLES CLARKE ... 7

ROBERT H. BRUNDLE ... 2 | GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 8

WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... 3 | WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 9

CHARLES MEE ... 4 | CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 10

HARRY R. ROBER ... 5 | GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 11

FREDERICK J. SMITH ... 6 | ERNEST FITCH ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to E. Fitch.

TEN BELL PEALS.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, May 18, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

ERNEST T. ALLAWAY ... Treble | *HERBERT KNIGHT ... 6

FRANK E. PERVIN ... 2 | THOMAS H. REEVES ... 7

HENRY H. FEARN ... 3 | P.S. HAROLD G. JENNEY ... 8

GEORGE E. FEARN ... 4 | FRANK E. HAYNES ... 9

ALBERT WALKER ... 5 | FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by F. E. PERVIN.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal. A birthday compliment to Mr. Percy Thomas, of Claines, Worcestershire.

APPLETON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 18, 1935, in Three Hours.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6075 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALBERT E. LOCK ... Treble | ARTHUR H. WHITE ... 6

FRANCES E. TAYLOR ... 2 | GORDON CAUDWELL ... 7

Mrs. A. E. LOCK ... 3 | GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. ... 8

*Miss MARIE R. CROSS ... 4 | RICHARD A. POST ... 9

Rev. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... 5 | RICHARD WHITE ... Tenor

Composed by G. HOLIFIELD, SEN. Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, JUN.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 27, 1935, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM WATHEN ... Treble | *EDWIN A. CRACKNELL ... 5

KEITH W. WHITTALL ... 2 | SHELFORD SPARROW ... 6

HARRY D. LISTER ... 3 | GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 7

CHARLES SHERMING ... 4 | ARTHUR GRIMWOOD ... Tenor

Composed by J. A. GOFTON. Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL

* First peal in the method 'inside.' This was the conductor's 200th peal.

GRESTFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 1, 1935, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.

ALFRED STRIN ... Treble | JOHN E. RANDLES ... 5

SIDNEY RANDLES ... 2 | GEORGE R. JONES ... 6

ARTHUR PRINCE ... 3 | THOMAS R. GRIFFITHS ... 7

GEORGE WILLIAMS ... 4 | ARTHUR TILSTON ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. JONES.

Rung with half-muffled bells as a last token of respect to Mr. A. Bagot, Vicar's warden, who was interred the previous day.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 11, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

At THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... Treble | ROLAND BIGGS ... 5

FREDERICK G. BIGGS ... 2 | *WILFRED EDWARDS ... 6

KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... 3 | GEORGE MARTIN ... 7

WILLIAM HENLEY ... 4 | HARRY WINGROVE ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First peal in the method. The 100th peal Roland Biggs has rung with his father. Rung on the 72nd birthday of Mr. J. W. Wilkins, of High Wycombe.

PONTEFRAC, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 14, 1935, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN H. LENTON ... Treble | WILLIAM PEARSON ... 5

HORACE FOX ... 2 | EDWARD ATKINSON ... 6

ARTHUR WALKER ... 3 | FRED NEWTON ... 7

HARRY C. WALTERS ... 4 | CHARLES BROWN ... Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON. Conducted by JOHN H. LENTON.

LEWISHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

HARRY WARNETT, SEN. ... Treble | JAMES BENNETT ... 5

WILLIAM G. GRACE ... 3 | WALTER F. TYLER ... 6

JACK DAFTERS ... 2 | EDMUND MOUNTER ... 7

*HARRY WARNETT, JUN. ... 4 | ALFRED J. HOUSE ... Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD. Conducted by J. BENNETT.

* First peal in the method.

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GREAT FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 9, 1935, in Three Hours,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob.

S. SPARROW... ..	Treble	A. GRIMWOOD	4
E. CRACKNELL	2	*F. BORLEY	5
*J. STEED	3	*F. ROPER	Tenor

Conducted by F. ROPER.

* First peal and first attempt.

TEYNHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 21, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;Being four 720's of Oxford Single Bob and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt.

VERNON PAGE	Treble	ALFRED BAKER	4
*HAROLD BOORMAN	2	EDWARD TUMBER... ..	5
CHARLES TUMBER	3	WILLIAM NYE	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM NYE.

* First peal.

COLNE ENGAINE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(St. Andrew's Guild, Earls Colne.)

On Monday, April 22, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob.

GEORGE R. TOWNES	Treble	REGINALD G. SIMMONDS	4
GEORGE A. TRENDALL	2	ROBERT C. LYON	5
GEORGE W. LARKIN	3	ALEC M. GENERY	Tenor

Conducted by G. R. TOWNES.

PEBMARSH.

On Sunday, May 12, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*FREDERICK TOWNES	Treble	*VICTOR BUTTLE	4
GEORGE TRENDALL	2	ROBERT LYON	5
ALEC GENERY	3	GEORGE TOWNES	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE TOWNES.

* First peal.

PIRBRIGHT, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 18, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in G.

JOHN H. B. HESSE	Treble	EDWARD J. BRAGG	4
CHARLES W. DENYER... ..	2	C. ERNEST SMITH	5
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON... ..	3	ALFRED H. PULLING	Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

First peal on the bells since they were recast and rehung by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. in January, 1934.

FRAMPTON, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 18, 1935, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Single Oxford Bob, Single Court, Childwall Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt.

MISS L. NEAL	Treble	VERNON TAYLOR	4
*HARRY JOHNSON... ..	2	JACK KEMP	5
*ARTHUR YOUNG	3	JACK YOUNG	Tenor

Conducted by J. YOUNG.

* First peal in seven methods 'inside.'

Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

STILL WITHOUT A TREASURER.

A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held at Ossett on Saturday, May 18th, when the fine new peal of ten bells were available for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Excellent arrangements had been made by the local company, and this, in no small measure, contributed to the success of the meeting.

A meeting of the General Committee was held during the afternoon.

An excellent tea was served in the schools, during which the Bishop of Wakefield very kindly looked in on his way to Leeds to offer a welcome to the association to that part of his diocese.—The Vicar of Ossett, the Rev. G. H. Marshall, D.S.O., the Mayor of Ossett and various other churchworkers were also present, a company of 60 in all sitting down.

The president, Canon C. O. Marshall, presided over the meeting, supported by the Vicar and Mayor of Ossett. Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. F. W. Dale, S. F. Palmer, G. Halksworth, W. Ambler and G. Scarth.

Arising out of the minutes, the President stated that he had approached two members regarding the post of hon. treasurer made vacant by the death of Mr. J. Cotterell, but neither had felt able to accept. Another member had been suggested, but at the moment the association was still without a treasurer.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens was proposed by Canon Marshall, who said that he understood various other members of the church were present. The association, said Canon Marshall, was highly favoured by and appreciated their presence at that meeting. He thanked them for the opportunity of holding a meeting at Ossett, and hoped that as a result of that meeting a more cordial relationship would exist between the association and the local company and that in the future it would be maintained to the fullest measure.—This was seconded by Mr. P. J. Johnson.

ASSOCIATION WELCOMED TO OSSETT.

The Mayor of Ossett replied first. They were, he said, proud of their church in Ossett and proud also of their new peal of ten bells, and they were glad to welcome the association to Ossett. He hoped to be among them many times. He was not a ringer himself, but the local company kept him as a full member. The reason, he explained, was that they occasionally had an outing, and on these occasions they made full use of his membership and his car (laughter and applause).

The Vicar of Ossett said they felt honoured by the visit of the association, the first, he believed, they had paid them. Since they had had their new bells there had been a new spirit among their ringers, and he was anxious for that spirit to spread throughout the country. Although that was the association's first visit, he hoped very much it would not be the last. He gave them a most hearty welcome and hoped they had enjoyed their visit.

A vote of thanks to the local company for their excellent arrangements was proposed by Mr. H. Lofthouse and supported by the president, who expressed his thanks for the welcome given to him not only on that occasion, but on other occasions when he has visited them for ten-bell practice. He was particularly grateful to Mr. G. Bennett for all he had done to make their visit such a success.—In reply, Mr. Bennett said it had given him much pleasure to make the arrangements, and he hoped it would not be so long again before they paid another visit.

Subject to the necessary permission being granted, Birstwith was chosen for the September meeting, to be held on the 21st of the month.

The following new members were elected: Mr. J. B. Hutchinson (Stillington), hon. member; Messrs. R. H. Vigor and E. Bradley (Sherburn-in-Elmet), D. Ludley, J. Cloughton and J. D. Armitage (Guiseley) and W. Johnson (St. Giles', Pontefract).

NOTICES OF MOTION.

The following notices of motion were given for the September meeting:—

1. In view of the fact that the revenue (yearly) account of the association continues to show a substantial credit balance, the cost of providing the teas at the annual general meeting be met annually out of the aforesaid account, to all those members who give due notice of their intention to be present, provided that the liability thereby involved does not exceed the sum of £7 in any one year, in which case a small charge per head be made to cover the cost over and above the said amount.—To be moved by Mr. G. Robinson and seconded by Mr. C. E. Lawson.
2. That life membership of the association be extended after this year to all who joined the association between 1895 and 1900.—To be moved by the president (Canon C. O. Marshall) and seconded by Mr. P. J. Johnson.

The vacancy on the Central Council caused by the death of Mr. J. Cotterell was left open, as no member present felt able to accept it.

Mr. P. J. Johnson very kindly expressed the pleasure of those present to have the general secretary (Mr. J. E. Cawser) with them again after his operation, and Canon Marshall supported his remarks.—The secretary acknowledged this, and assured the members that the letter of good wishes he received from the president on their behalf whilst he was in hospital was much appreciated.

This concluded the business.

JUBILEE MEETING AT MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND.**KENT RINGERS ENTERTAINED.**

A representative gathering of members of the Rochester District of the Kent County Association, together with visitors outside the district assembled at Milton on Saturday, May 11th, for the quarterly meeting. The ringers, accompanied by their wives and friends, had come from Tunstall, Rainham, Chatham, Rochester, Frindsbury, Gravesend, Swauscombe, Northfleet, Halstow, Dartford, Erith, Barnehurst, Bromley and Chelmsford, and a most encouraging sign was the presence of a good number of younger members.

The bells were available during the afternoon, and the Rector of Milton conducted the ringers' form of service, at which the organist had very kindly made it his business to be in attendance. During the closing hymn a collection was made in aid of the County Benevolent Fund.

At the conclusion of the service the assembled company, numbering about 80, were entertained to tea, by the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Mitchell, the gathering being also honoured by the presence of the Rector and Mrs. Powell. The tea was served by the wives and daughters of the local band, under the able guidance of Mrs. Mitchell, and the guests manifested their great appreciation of the home-produced delicacies in no uncertain manner.

Previous to the business meeting a course of Double Norwich Major on the handbells was performed by Messrs. Audsley, Beer, Butcher and Cross, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The business meeting was conducted by the Rector. Several new members were elected, and a comprehensive account of the General Committee meeting, held at Rochester on Easter Monday, was rendered by Mr. E. J. Beer, one of the district representatives.—Borden was chosen for the next quarterly meeting, and the secretary was also instructed to arrange a bye-meeting at Meopham.

Mr. Spice, the veteran representative on the District Committee, proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Mitchell for their great kindness in entertaining the company. He congratulated Mr. Mitchell (who is hon. secretary of the Kent County Association) on celebrating his 25 years of office as leader of the band at Milton, and said he hoped he (Mr. Spice, who has already celebrated his golden wedding) would be present when Mr. Mitchell celebrated his next jubilee as leader of the Milton band.—The district secretary seconded the vote, which was very enthusiastically carried with musical honours.

The Rector of Milton also spoke in highly appreciative terms of Mr. Mitchell's services, and said it was a matter of great satisfaction

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LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

Another happy and successful meeting was held by the 'Leads' Society at Batley on Saturday last, when ringers from Armley, Birstall, Batley, Brighouse, Burley, Drighlington, Elland, Earlsheaton, Holbeck, Leeds Parish Church, Liversedge, Lindley, Northowram, Ossett, Pudsey, Rothwell, Shipley and Sherburn-in-Elmet were able to take their choice in ringing from Grandsire to Surprise methods.

The business meeting was held in the tower, at which the following were elected new members, Miss Mary Stitson and Edwin Hallas, of Drighlington, Edward Bradley, of Sherburn, and Ewart William Holroyd, of Brighouse.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar, churchwardens and local company of Batley.

The next meeting is due to be held at Idle on Saturday, June 29th.

'ONE OF THE WORST' IN KENT.

On Saturday, May 18th, after meeting one short for a peal of Minor at Pluckley, Kent, a quarter-peal of Doubles (five of Plain Bob and 54 Grandsire, 1,260 changes), tenor 16 cwt. in F: W. Gorringer 1, F. Relf 2, L. W. Jarvis 3, J. G. Powell 4, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 5. This is the first quarter-peal ever rung on the bells, and was rung on the back five. They are considered one of the worst-going peals of six in the county, but the band found them quite pealable.

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to him to be associated with and have for a leader of such a loyal body of workers, Mr. Mitchell.

Mr. Mitchell thanked everyone for their expression of feelings towards him and his wife, and said, so far as his services as leader of the ringers were concerned, this was only possible by the loyalty and goodwill of the rest of the band. He would specially like to thank Messrs. Ambrose and Burles, who had been with him during the whole of this period.

Mrs. Mitchell also thanked the members and incidentally remarked that she was glad to see that resentment of the male to the female ringers was now practically extinct.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for granting permission for the use of the bells and for conducting the service and the meeting, to the organist, and also the ladies who attended to their wants at the tea.

The tower bells were kept in use in touches of Grandsire Triples for the beginners, interspersed with Stedman Triples, Double Norwich Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Superlative, Cambridge, London and Bristol Surprise Major, and one of the best meetings of the district terminated all too soon at 9.15 p.m.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The hon. secretary of the Central Council issued his 'final' notice a fortnight ago to societies who have not paid the fees for their representatives.

It would be an unhappy position for any member of the Council to make the journey to Shrewsbury and find he can neither speak nor vote in the Council meeting.

It has happened at other Council meetings and will happen again at Shrewsbury unless certain association and guild treasurers get busy.

They grumble when their own members get behind with their subscriptions. The Central Council subscriptions were due, like the income tax, on January 1st. Those treasurers who have not sent on the fees have, of course, been too busy, or else forgetful, so we are just jogging their memory—unofficially.

But, perhaps, since last we heard of the position of affairs, all defaulters have paid up. If so, well and good, and there is no need for anyone to don the cap, if it doesn't fit. The address of the hon. secretary and treasurer of the Central Council can be found in several of our recent issues.

Who is the youngest lady to call a peal? Miss Rene Redpath has conducted a peal of Grandsire Triples at the age of 15.

We understand that a move is being made towards the formation of a London University Guild of Bellringers, and an application has been made to the authorities for permission to use the title.

A peal of Grandsire Caters was rung at Macclesfield last week in celebration of the ringing jubilee of Mr. J. Norbury. Mr. Norbury has put in all his 50 years of service at St. Michael and All Angels' Church, and for the greater portion of the time has been leader of the tower.

The Cathedral Chapter of Truro have been pleased to accept a patent balanced clapper for the tenor bell at the Cathedral as a personal gift from Mr. E. Denison Taylor, principal of the well-known Loughborough Foundry, to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the dedication of the ring of ten, which comes round on June 21st. The Sub-Dean, Canon H. W. Sedgwick, made the news public by reporting it to the Friends of Truro Cathedral, who held their annual meeting at the Masonic Hall, Truro, on May 13th. Viscount Falmouth is the president of this body.

The proposed attempt for a record peal of Superlative has been postponed. Only four ringers were available for the date chosen, which clashes with the Central Council meeting at Shrewsbury.

The ring of ten bells of Leighton Buzzard Church, Beds, are shortly to undergo retuning and rehangings by John Taylor and Co.

'SMASH' ON CLERICAL RINGING TOUR. FORTUNATE ESCAPE IN MOTOR ACCIDENT.

Four of the party who were with the clerical ringers during their week in Berkshire had a narrow escape from serious injury. The Rev. E. S. and Mrs. Powell, the Rev. F. L. Edwards and the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow were motoring to Hinton Waldrist, and, on entering the village, were involved in a collision with a butcher's van coming out of a by-road. The clerical car skidded for a distance and then fell over on its off-side. Fortunately none of the passengers were injured beyond a severe shaking and bruising. The near-side passengers climbed out through the upturned doors and the other two through the sliding roof. Although the bodywork of the car was badly battered, the 'works' were unharmed, and, after some delay, the party were able to proceed to the church tower and continue their activities.

SURPRISE MAJOR METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I shall be glad if the conductors who called the first peal in the following methods will forward the figures of a lead either to me or to Mr. E. C. S. Turner, 65, Kingsley Avenue, Ealing: Whitminster, Huntingdon, Lincoln, Belvedere, Wicken and Buckingham.

I should also be glad of particulars of any new method when it is rung so that the new book on Surprise methods may be accurate and up to date.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

For the Methods Committee.

52, Lammas Park Road, Ealing.

IF YOU HAVE NOT SENT

a notification that you will subscribe to the publication of the proposed book on the Australian and New Zealand ringing tour, send a postcard TO-DAY to 'The Ringing World' Office, Woking. The price of the book, if published, will be 2s. post free.

BELLS FOR THE 'MAY QUEEN.'

At Hayes, Kent, Parish Church on Saturday, May 4th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor by the following: A. Purdom 1, *H. Mackinder 2, Miss H. Oakshett 3, J. Liddiard 4, *M. F. Oakshett 5, A. S. Richards (first in the method as conductor) 6. * First 720 in the method. Rung on the occasion of the annual festival of crowning the 'May Queen of London,' on Hayes Common.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION'S JUBILEE.

FIFTY YEARS OF USEFUL WORK.

Celebration at Brighton.

Last Saturday, the Sussex County Association celebrated its jubilee with a gathering at Brighton, where, in January, 1885, it was founded. The auspicious event brought together a large and representative company, and included young and old. There were present at least four out of the dozen or so surviving foundation members. One was Mr. F. B. Tompkins, of Chichester, whose father was the first treasurer of the association and who succeeded him in that office, later to become Master of the association, a position he held for many years. Another was Mr. Charles Tyler, of Henfield, who was also in the first peal rung by the association, and, years after, conducted the only peal of Stedman Cinques ever rung in the county and by the association. This was on handbells, for there is yet no ring of twelve bells in Sussex. Despite his advancing years, Mr. Tyler is training a company of boys at Henfield, and three of them, scarcely in their teens, were present with him on Saturday and took part in some round ringing. The two other foundation members present were Mr. B. Hobbs, who, elected with the Waldron band, has been at Eastbourne now for many years, and Mr. W. E. Mitchell, of Cuckfield, who began as a ringer, but is now an honorary member.

There were many present whose connection with the association had extended over 40 years, and who have served it faithfully and well in a variety of ways. The reunion of these old friends, several of whom came from outside the county, was not the least happy part of the successful proceedings. Ringing took place in the afternoon at three churches, St. Peter's (10), St. Nicholas' (10) and the Good Shepherd (8).

The annual meeting was held in St. Peter's Parish Room, a large attendance of members being presided over by the Lord Bishop of Chichester, who is president of the association, supported by the principal officers, Mr. J. T. Rickman (Master), Mr. H. R. Butcher (hon. treasurer), Mr. A. D. Stone (hon. secretary) and Mr. S. E. Armstrong (Southern Divisional secretary).

After the election of three new members attached to Billingshurst tower, Mr. F. B. Tompkins (a former Master of the association) proposed the adoption of the report and balance sheet. The receipts in the general account, including £60 16s. from ringing members and £1 15s. from honorary annual members, amounted to £66 8s. 9d., and the expenditure to £61 15s. 1d., which included £23 9s. 5d., the expenses of the divisional meetings. The balance at the end of the year was £140 8s. 9d., an increase of £4 13s. 8d. The association also has an invested reserve fund of £50, a balance of £79 12s. in the Benevolent Fund and £2 8s. 9d. in the Certificate Fund.

TOWERS AND MEMBERS CONTINUE TO INCREASE.

The report for the year 1934 was as follows: Founded in 1885 with the threefold object of promoting scientific change ringing, the due care and use of bells and belfries, and the recognition of ringers as church officials, the Sussex County Association of Change Ringers celebrates its Jubilee this year. During this first stage of its history it has amply justified its existence by its activities in each of these departments, taking a leading part in the development of Surprise Major ringing, which was an outstanding feature of the nineties, and later in the case of Surprise Royal, while the record of ringing in the standard methods has been one of continued progress. As regards the care and use of bells and belfries, the towers are there to speak for themselves; and for those who can trace the stages of the transformation that has been effected between 1885 and 1935, no comment is necessary. No less remarkable is the change that has taken place in the recognition of ringers as church officials, of which the interest in and goodwill shown towards them by the clergy are a striking proof. In spite of the numerous counter-attractions of the present day, the number of affiliated towers and members continues to increase, and we welcome those younger members who are coming forward as ringers, conductors and office bearers, and on whom the future of the association will depend.

Mr. Tompkins congratulated the officers on the healthy state of the association's finances, and referred to the satisfactory balance in the Benevolent Fund. He however, asked the meaning of an item of 13s. 'photos for Australian albums.'—Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, who seconded, explained that the association, in common with the rest of the associations and guilds throughout the country, contributed pictures to the albums which the English tourists to Australia took with them for presentation to Melbourne Cathedral and Hobart Societies. Sussex contributed pictures of Chichester Cathedral, St. Peter's, Brighton, and Southover, Lewes.—The motion was adopted.

Mr. Tompkins, as one of the original members of the association, then proposed the re-election of the Bishop of Chichester as president, and, the motion having been carried, the Bishop said he was very grateful to the association for the honour they had done him. That was the first opportunity he had had of meeting the association face to face, and it was an especial pleasure on the occasion of their Jubilee. He had been connected as Dean with a famous Cathedral—Canterbury—with the bells of which was associated one who was well known by name to many of them, and to some of them in person. He referred to Minor Canon Helmore (applause). The Bishop added

that he hoped to become acquainted with the Sussex belfries before long. He congratulated the association upon celebrating its Jubilee.

The vice-presidents were re-elected, with the addition of the Rev. Canon J. C. H. How, the new Vicar of St. Peter's, Brighton.

THE MASTER'S RESIGNATION.

The Master said those who were present at the annual meeting last year would remember that he foreshadowed a position which he was now compelled to arrive at, in deference to advice he could not ignore. He could not offer himself for re-election as Master. He was more grateful than he could express for the kindness which the association had shown to him during the years he had held office, and he would always cherish that memory in his heart. Mr. H. R. Butcher had been approached by the committee and had kindly consented to fill the office, and he (Mr. Rickman) had pleasure in proposing him as Master.—Mr. A. C. Pankhurst seconded, and the motion was carried.

The President, in the name of the members, expressed gratitude to Mr. Rickman for his devoted services to the association, and Mr. F. B. Tompkins proposed that their appreciation should be recorded on the minutes and that Mr. Rickman be elected a vice-president of the association (applause).—Mr. Butcher seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried and briefly acknowledged by Mr. Rickman.

In succession to Mr. Butcher, Mr. F. W. Stokes, of Eastbourne, was elected hon. treasurer, Mr. A. D. Stone was re-elected hon. secretary, and, at his request, Mr. S. E. Armstrong was elected assistant hon. secretary. Mr. F. I. Hairs was re-elected peals secretary and Messrs. N. Elliott and W. C. Hart hon. auditors. The trustees were also re-elected.

When it was proposed to re-elect Mr. Oliver Sippetts as the Central Council representative, Mr. Goldsmith pointed out that this was unnecessary, as under the rules of the Council a member was elected for the triennial period of the Council, or such portion of the period as remained after his election. The present triennial period did not expire until next year.—The President said that under these circumstances no election was necessary.

Brighton was selected for the next annual general meeting, receiving 38 votes, against 30 given for Chichester.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. Rickman, to the Bishop for presiding and for the address which he was later to give, the Bishop briefly replying.

A WORK OF NOBILITY AND MYSTERY.

At the service subsequently held in St. Peter's Church, the singing was led by the choir and organ, and the Bishop gave an interesting address based on the words, 'Thou shalt use them for the calling of the congregation.' He pointed out that from the earliest times musical instruments had been used for summoning the people to worship, and almost from the dawn of Christianity in England bells had been used for the purpose. For hundreds of years in Sussex the bells had rung from the church towers, and the jubilee which they were celebrating that day, while it marked an epoch in the history of their County Association, also formed a landmark in the much longer history of change ringing in the belfries of the Sussex churches in village and in town. It was a very happy thing that they, who represented so many belfries in the county, should assemble at that service on their jubilee day and give thanks to God, not only as individuals, but as a great society of those who rang the church bells throughout the county. He would like to think that there in that service all the belfries of Sussex were invisibly present, and that those not represented by their own ringers were with them in spirit, so that on that day that service was a common act of jubilee of praise and thanksgiving from the innumerable belfries of Sussex.

Having referred to the many public uses of bells, the Bishop went on to say that he knew from his experience at Canterbury how ringers regarded their work as possessing a nobility and a mystery all its own. They looked upon ringing not only as a physical or athletic exercise, but as a mental experience, so to speak, which expressed something which they found in their own hearts. The ringer of to-day had a sense of strong responsibility about him, and the true ringer, who had grown for many years accustomed to the belfry, who valued the mystery of his art, did feel there was something sacred and something really religious about the work he did. No ringer, who remembered what he was doing and where he was, could fail to recollect the main purpose of his calling and that he, too, should play his part in the offering of worship to God. That day they thanked God for preserving the association through its 50 years. They would thank God, many of them, for calling them as individuals to the work of ringing, and they would go back from that service, from their meeting and from their social gathering that night with a new determination to be loyal to the great tradition of the change ringers of Sussex and with a new determination to perform their work as worshipping servants of Almighty God.

During the concluding hymn a collection was taken for the association's benevolent fund.

A dinner in celebration of the jubilee was held in the evening at the Old Ship Hotel, when Mr. J. T. Rickman presided over a company of nearly 120 and an interesting programme was carried out. A report of the speeches will appear in our next issue.

JUBILEE JOY BELLS.

MR. JAMES GEORGE'S PROUD RECORD.

We give below further items of interesting ringing news concerning the Jubilee Joy Bells, including a report from distant Vancouver.

Mr. James George is the oldest ringer to ring a full peal for the Royal Jubilee. He took part in a peal of Stedman Triples at Oakham, Rutland, in 3 hours 15 minutes, on May 11th, and last Monday he was 81½ years old! Mr. George has shared in many records, but this will be a highly cherished one that he can add to those which are his very own, such as turning in Bow tenor (53 cwt.) to a peal of Treble Bob Maximus the day after he was 72—an unheard of feat for a man of that age. That peal was rung for the funeral of the late Queen Alexandra and occupied 4 hours 7 minutes.

After the peal of Cambridge Minor at Willingham, Mr. and Mrs. Gleaves kindly entertained the ringers to tea.

Mr. Norman R. Bailey has now rung peals from Doubles to Maximus, and he completed this performance with the Doubles at Wissett, Suffolk, in celebration of the Jubilee.

The Jubilee celebrations in the village of Disley, Cheshire, included a peal of Minor in nine methods.

On Jubilee Day, Mr. W. Male, his son, Mr. J. Male, and his nine-year-old grandson, Master W. H. Male, assisted in ringing at St. Mary's Church, Warwick.

At Tunstall, Kent, on May 6th, the local band rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples previous to the broadcast service from St. Paul's Cathedral: F. Boorman 1, G. Kenward 2, G. H. Spice 3, Mrs. G. H. Spice 4, W. J. Webb 5, G. Webb 6, W. Spice, sen. (conductor) 7, W. Gorman 8.

At Holy Trinity, Barrow-on-Humber, Lincs, the ringers opened the day at 9 a.m., and there was an hour's ringing for the Jubilee service at 11.15. In the afternoon the ringers journeyed some eight miles to the village of Elsham, nestling among trees in the valley, where the new peal of six bells at All Saints' Church by Taylor and Co. were rung, and were greatly appreciated by the villagers. The ringers then returned to Barrow, where at the home church in the evening they 'fired' the bells 25 times. Those taking part were E. Dannatt, J. W. Crowder, sen., A. Crowder, jun., E. Stainton, F. Elliott and E. Fowler.

VANCOUVER BELLS JOIN IN CELEBRATION.

On Monday, May 6th, on the bells of the Cathedral of the Holy Rosary, Vancouver, B.C., the King's Jubilee was celebrated with a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. C. Limpus 1, R. J. Carrier 2, F. M. Bressey 3, George Roberts (conductor) 4, W. Sampson 5, Mathew Bennett 6, A. B. Lomas 7, T. Greenaway 8. Several touches of Bob Major and Grandsire were rung, in which Mr. Tapper, Mr. Fred Hird and Mr. Bond took part. Messrs. Limpus, Carrier, Bressey and Bennett took part in the first peal rung in Canada on July 1st, 1911, which is recorded on the walls of the tower as a coronation peal by command of His Majesty the King.

At St. Mary's, Putney, on Jubilee Day, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. Bolton 1, C. Collis 2, W. T. Elson 3, J. Herbert 4, A. Williams 5, C. Moody 6, W. Malins (conductor) 7, W. Foster 8. Followed by 21 'shots.' This was rung previous to an open-air thanksgiving service, conducted by the Vicar.

At St. Mary's, Gressenhall, Norfolk, a date touch of Bob Minor (1,935 changes, arranged and conducted by J. A. Godfrey) was rung for Jubilee celebrations: G. Chambers (longest length) 1, S. Marshall 2, R. Bunning 3, G. Bunning 4, F. Rallison 5, J. A. Godfrey 6. The royal salute was 'fired' after the bells came into rounds.

The peal at Woolwich, rung as part of the Jubilee celebrations at Woolwich on the occasion of their Majesties' visit to South London, was also a birthday peal for Mr. Ben S. Thompson, of Norwich.

The Jubilee peal at Halesowen, Worcestershire, was rung on May 18th, the attempt on May 6th having come to grief.

At Weston-by-Welland, Leicestershire, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, the first attempt by H. R. Cory and J. Faulkner, were rung: Miss F. Hart (conductor) 1, H. R. Cory 2, J. Faulkner 3, Miss B. Hart 4, W. R. Hart 5.

At All Saints' Church, Thrumpton, Nottingham, for the Jubilee service on May 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: W. Dakin 1, C. Towers (first quarter-peal) 2, L. Shaw (first quarter-peal) 3, S. Adams 4, J. Booth (conductor) 5.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

CHANGE RINGING PROGRESS IN SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

Despite the inclement weather and the difficulty of access, the meeting of the South-Western Division at Fobbing on Saturday, May 18th, was an unqualified success, upwards of 60 members putting in an appearance. The afternoon, which had been looked forward to for a long time, proved to be one of the worst on record, but wind, rain, hail and snow in turn did not damp the spirits of those present.

The village of Fobbing is situated some three miles from Stanford-le-Hope, just off the main Southend road, and its 10th century church and charming surroundings are well worth a visit. Situated on a hill, a splendid view of the Thames Estuary is obtained, and, despite the weather on this occasion, a good view of the Fleet in the Thames could be obtained, together with that of the surrounding country. Before 3 o'clock the early arrivals had the bells going, and, with numbers increasing, were kept well in use till 4.30 p.m., when a service, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Gardiner), was held. Afterwards an adjournment was made to The Lion for tea. The district secretary looked a bit perturbed, and no wonder, with over 60 present and rather limited accommodation, but 'all's well that ends well.' The difficulty was solved and eventually all partook of a splendid tea.

At the business meeting four new members were elected and Bentley chosen as the place for the next meeting, to be held on July 27th.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for kindly allowing use of the tower and bells, for conducting the service and providing the tea, to the organist, the organ blower; also Mr. Smith and the members of the local band for having everything in readiness.

Before the meeting news had been received of the death of Mrs. Duffield, wife of the respected Master, and also of Col. Landon, of Brentwood, a life member of long standing. Those present extended their sympathy and stood in silence for a minute or two.

After the meeting another move was made to the tower, and touches in various methods were rung from Grandsire Doubles to Spiced Surprise Minor, several members of the local band, assisted by the Surprise experts, ringing their first 120.

Thanks to co-ordination between the towers in this district, change ringing is now the order of the day, and, it is hoped, has come to stay. During the afternoon members were present from Leytonstone, Dagenham, Leigh-on-Sea, Prittlewell, Hornchurch, Barking, Bentley, Springfield, Chelmsford, Romford, Great Bentley, Orsett, Sible Hedingham, Woodford and Walthamstow St. Mary, together with the local men, and all agreed a most enjoyable afternoon had been spent.

JUBILEE JOY BELLS—Continued.

At Heston, Middlesex, on Jubilee Sunday, May 12th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major: W. H. Stevens 1, W. F. Ellingham 2, H. C. Chandler 3, F. J. Cattermoul 4, A. Jones 5, C. S. Bird (conductor) 6, W. Lewis 7, E. R. Gladman 8. Also for evening service, a quarter-peal of Plain Bob Major: W. F. Ellingham 1, H. W. Cooper 2, W. H. Stevens 3, F. J. Cattermoul 4, D. F. May (first quarter-peal of Major) 5, W. Lewis 6, C. S. Bird (conductor) 7, H. C. Chandler 8.

For the special Jubilee thanksgiving service on Sunday, May 12th, at Burley, Leeds, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans): G. W. Slack 1, W. Whitaker 2, *F. Armitage 3, *J. W. Scholefield 4, *F. Scholefield 5, *A. Armitage 6, L. Drake (conductor) 7, *W. J. Bradley 8. * First quarter-peal in the method.

For the thanksgiving service at Rainham, Kent, 840 Grandsire Triples: W. Hollands 1, G. Naylor 2, F. Cheal 3, W. Walker 4, W. A. Cooke (conductor) 5, C. Belsey 6, W. G. Seager 7, F. Stevens 8.

On Sunday, May 12th, for the Jubilee thanksgiving service at St. Ebbe's Church, Oxford, the last quarter of Holt's Original: W. H. B. Wilkins 1, G. Horwood 2, F. E. Taylor (conductor) 3, F. May 4, W. G. E. Collett 5, J. A. Briggs 6, F. A. H. Wilkins 7, C. R. Willis (first quarter-peal) 8. The ringers of sixth and tenor are members of the University, the rest are members of St. Ebbe's band.

We are still without the date of the peal at Eccleston and the name of the conductor of the peal at Cradley, rung for the Jubilee. The want of this information is holding up publication.

Here are corrections to published peal reports: The peal of Stedman Triples at Milton-on-Sea was conducted by George Williams and not D. Cecil Williams. The ringer of the 3rd in the peal of Cambridge at Erith on May 22nd was Leonard Mannering, not Manning.

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AUGMENTATION COMPLETED.

Ringers Take Part in Opening Celebrations.

Kidderminster is now in proud possession of a ring of twelve bells at St. Mary's Church, and on Saturday, May 18th, ringers from five counties took part in celebrations for the completion of the project, which has included the tuning and rehanging of the old eight bells. The work, which has been carried out in a highly successful manner by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, forms part of a big restoration scheme, costing £3,000, and including renovation of the stonework of the church and improvements to the organ.

The towers represented at the gathering included Stourbridge, Wollaston, Clent, St. Martin's Parish Church, Birmingham, Bromsgrove, Coventry, Derby, Walsall, Claverley, Blakenhall, Wolverhampton, King's Norton, Selly Oak, Worcester, Evesham, Upton-on-Severn, Highley and elsewhere.

Among the chief officers of the Worcestershire Association were the Rev. J. F. Hastings (Rector of Martley), clerical secretary; Mr. J. D. Johnson (Evesham), lay secretary; Mr. W. B. Cartwright, secretary of the Northern Branch; Mr. William Short (Clent), Master; Mr. John Woodberry, chairman of St. Mary's Society; with Mr. Charles H. Woodberry, Ringing Master, and Mr. Keith Salter. A number of lady ringers were present.



ST. MARY'S CHURCH, KIDDERMINSTER.

Canon L. B. Sladen (Rector of Kidderminster and Rural Dean) welcomed the visitors, all of whom had opportunity of ringing during the afternoon and evening. Various touches of Stedman Cinques, Grandsire Cinques, Stedman Caters and Grandsire Caters and Kent Treble Bob Maximus were brought round.

A short service was held in the Parish Church, and the address was given by the Rev. J. F. Hastings.

Canon Sladen took the service, and Mr. Alfred Chatfield, Mus.Bac. (Parish Church organist), accompanied on the main organ.

THE REV. J. F. HASTINGS' SERMON.

The Rev. J. F. Hastings spoke from Ps. 150, vv. 3-5, and in the course of his address said churches and their ornaments were a sign of the state of religion in the land. Each generation must bring increased invention and art into God's service. During the last 50 years there had been a great advance; more reverence, better singing, organs improved, and church bells had received greater attention. That revival of church forces was in itself a bulwark, and had been making headway since the Oxford Movement in the '40's of the last century. It was a privilege to come to St. Mary's Parish Church, Kidderminster, to see the improvements recently completed. The peal had been increased from eight to twelve bells, and the work represented an enormous improvement. The tower and bells of a parish church like St. Mary's were a great institution. The old stone tower pointed upward telling them of that higher life for which this

was a preparation. The bells were the outward voice of the church, appealing to the ear, as the tower appealed to the eye. Church towers and bells preached a sermon which reached all—of warning, thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter and messages of national rejoicings.

Having briefly traced the development and use of church bells, the preacher proceeded: 'Change ringing is an art of great fascination: it requires the accurate use of eye, ear, mind and muscle. It requires arms, muscles and intellect,' said the preacher. 'A ringer must exercise most of the Christian virtues if he is to be a useful member of the belfry. He must have perseverance, self-denial, clarity and loving kindness.' He learnt to become a ringer at Areley Kings, Stourport, when nine years old, and, speaking for himself, he knew of nothing that was bound to teach those moral qualities better than belonging to a band of ringers, for they had to practise those things which could only be learnt by practice. It required team work just the same as in the rowing crews of Oxford and Cambridge, which is regarded as the most strenuous form of team work, and be even more mechanical. But the reward was great. There could be no greater pleasure than taking part in good ringing—in exercising all the faculties at the same time, swinging a mass of metal rhythmically and making music with others, music that was perhaps peculiar, but a most satisfying form of musical melody.

HOW THE PEAL HAS GROWN.

Speaking from an experience of nearly 60 years, Mr. Hastings said he strongly recommended any young man who was willing to learn to join a band of ringers, and if he persevered he would not only be helping the church, but would provide himself with an engrossing pastime and art that he could follow to extreme old age.

The preacher paid tribute to the recent work of completing a peal of 12 in St. Mary's Church tower, and said 'it is perfectly splendid.' He remembered what Tom Salter used to tell him about having a peal of 12 at Kidderminster. Tom Salter would have loved to have been present to see what had been done in that tower. Those who came to take part in that ceremony were also honouring the memory of their departed friend, Tom Salter, who loved that work.

Mr. Hastings passed on to speak of the additions made from time to time, from two or three bells until he believed that in 1754 they had a peal of eight bells. Change ringing had now spread to other countries. He rejoiced that at St. Mary's they now had 12 instead of the old octave of eight bells. The work was finished in the tower, and, so far as the bells were concerned, he thought it would last for generations. He trusted the bells would be rung as they had been for a thousand years, calling people to church, reminding them of the Christian virtues of perseverance, self-denial and charity which should be the fruits and test of their Christian calling.

The service closed with the hymn, 'Praise my soul,' and the blessing.

The company afterwards had tea with Canon Sladen in St. Mary's Parish Hall.

Mr. C. H. Woodberry expressed thanks to the Vicar for his hospitality, which was seconded by Mr. Keith Salter, son of the late Mr. J. T. Salter. Mr. Salter gave a statement on the response to St. Mary's own ringers' appeal for £100 to complete the work, which included improvements at their own request. So far they had raised £58, and were pressing the matter.

Canon L. B. Sladen, replying, said he was glad to see such a representative gathering, and to hear the reassuring statement by the Rev. J. F. Hastings that everything was now quite satisfactory. Even the new electric clock had taken part in an unrehearsed incident during the night in anticipation, as it were, of such a gathering. The old chimes, which had proved a failure, were now removed and in their place they had four additional bells to make a peal of twelve, and thus give Kidderminster the distinction of being the only Parish Church in Worcestershire with such a peal. Canon Sladen said the striking apparatus went off 'on its own account' and kept on striking for 1½ hours without stopping during the night. It must have felt it would not be outdone by anything which might transpire at their meeting that day. Things were now in proper working order. The firm of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston had done good work and they were well satisfied with it. The Vicar announced for the information of distant associations of change ringers who wished to have the use of St. Mary's bells that they should make application direct to him or to Mr. Keith Salter, and for the first Saturday in any month. Applications would be passed on to the local ringers for recommendation, but, generally speaking, he would be pleased to put the belfry at their disposal.

Mr. S. R. Roper, of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., thanked the Vicar and the people of Kidderminster for the way in which he and his firm had been treated. He had handled the job personally from start to finish and kept touch with Messrs. Woodberry and Salter, who had been most helpful. The bells in St. Mary's tower were cast by three different founders. In the course of the present scheme Messrs. Gillett and Johnston used two 'dead' bells in the tower and recast them into three treble bells. On other 'dead' bell, the present No. 4, was retained in the new peal of twelve. All had been retuned and restored before rehanging. Mr. Roper, thanking speakers for their appreciations, said he was glad to see Mrs. J. T. Salter there. It was 15 or 16 years since he last came to Kidderminster and met the late Mr. Tom Salter, who told him how much he would like to see a peal of twelve bells at St. Mary's.

A collection in aid of the fund amounted to £2 15s. 6d.

FOR BEGINNERS.

IN AND OUT OF COURSE.

A recent argument with regard to bringing Stedman Triples into rounds is a reminder of one of the principles of change ringing.

It has to do with certain mathematical laws as applied to the construction of methods, and we will try to put it into simple language for the beginner.

There are, in ringing, two kinds of changes—changes which keep the bells 'in course' and changes which put the bells 'out-of-course.'

The bells are 'in-course' when the given 'change' has been produced by the changing of an even number of pairs of bells—as, in Doubles, changing 1 and 2; and 3 and 4, producing 21435; and changing 1 and 4, and 3 and 5, producing 24153.

The bells are 'out-of-course' when the given change has been produced by changing an odd number of pairs of bells—as, in Triples, changing 1 and 2, 3 and 4, and 5 and 6, producing 2143657.

But while in Doubles (or Caters) every row of figures thus set down is 'in-course,' until a Single is made, in Triples the rows of figures are alternately one 'out-of-course' and one 'in-course.'

The reason is that all Doubles changes are even changes, and all Triples changes are odd changes, and two even numbers, as we know, produce an even number, and two odd numbers also produce an even number.

Thus, in pure Triples, ALL handstrokes are out-of-course and ALL backstrokes are in-course.

A 'Single,' which in Triples is generally the change of two pairs of bells only, changes the nature of the rows, and all handstrokes become 'in-course' and all backstrokes 'out-of-course.'

Rounds is an 'in-course' or 'even' row, and can only be produced when the bells are in-course.

Unless a single has been made, therefore, rounds cannot occur at a handstroke, or 'odd' row.

Further, if a single has been made, the bells cannot be got round at backstroke by any combination of bobs.

DO YOU KNOW

- (1) The difference between a plain hunt and a Treble Bob hunt?
- (2) The oldest existing ringing society?
- (3) Who was Benjamin Annable?

IF YOU DON'T, THEN—

(1) The plain hunt (already described in these beginner's queries) is the passage of a bell, one step at a time, straight from front to back and from back to front. A Treble Bob hunt causes the bell to dodge in each pair of places, as 1,2, 3,4, 5,6, etc., both from front to back and back to front, with a whole pull between the dodges behind and a whole pull at lead between the dodges in front. The process is like taking three steps forward and one back, instead of, as in plain hunting, walking steadily in one direction.

(2) The Ancient Society of College Youths, established in 1637.

(3) Benjamin Annable lived in the first half of the 18th century. He was a baker by trade. He joined the College Youths in 1721, was Master in 1746 and died in 1756. Of him it was said, 'Till his time ringing was only called an Art, but from the strength of his great Genius he married it to the Mathematics, and 'tis now a Science. This man of Figures and Ringing was like a Newton in Philosophy, a Rattcliffe in Physic, a Hardwick in Wisdom and Law, a Handel in Music, a Shakespeare in Writing, a Garrick in Acting. O rare Ben.' Needless to say, a man of such reputation was a great leader in ringing thought in those early days. In fact, like other great pioneers in science, he was in advance of his times.

WISBECH BELLS REOPENED.

On Easter Eve the bells of St. Peter's, Wisbech, were heard again after a long silence. The bells have been recast and relunged by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and the 'go' is all that can be desired. Ringers attended from large distances. Amongst them were the Rev. E. Bankes James (Fareham), Mr. and Mrs. R. Richardson (Surfleet), Messrs. A. A. Hughes (London), C. T. Coles (Walthamstow), F. C. Cleaves (Over), J. Newtonington (Doddington), B. D. Buttress (Fulbourne), F. and B. Hurry (Sawston), A. Chenny (Cambridge), J. Thomas (Ponder's End), W. J. Eldred (King's Lynn), R. and T. Greenacre (Gaywood), the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, Walsoken (general secretary of the Ely Diocesan Association) and many others.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, and the general secretary gave an address to a large congregation.

The bells were dedicated by the Rev. Dovey-Grump, R.D., Rector of Newton.

After tea the Vicar made a presentation to the Deputy Mayor for his good work in getting the bells restored.

The Deputy Mayor suitably responded and thanked all who had come to Wisbech that day.

Afterwards the bells were set going to various methods, including Bob Royal, Kent Treble Bob, Stedman Caters, Superlative, London and Cambridge Surprise, Double Norwich Major and Grandsire Triples.

NOTICES.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Aldershot on Saturday, June 1st. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Gentlemen heartily invited.—H. F. Mills, Maiden Combe, Northbrook Road, Aldershot.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A by-meeting will be held at St. Vincent's, Littlebourne, on Saturday, June 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m.—Percy W. Smith, Fair View, Littlebourne.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Newdigate on Saturday, June 1st. The usual arrangements for ringing, service and tea.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec., Tudor House, Howard Road, Great Bookham, Surrey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Whalley on Saturday, June 1st. Bells (8) available from 8 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, June 1st, at St. Cuthbert's, Halsall. Bells available at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m. Please remember that this date is set apart for your convenience and enjoyment. Business important.—William O. Farrimond, Branch Sec.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cockington, Torquay, on Saturday, June 1st, 1935. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m.; also St. Saviour's, Torre (6), from 6.30 p.m. Service Cockington Church 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting at Orient Cafe, Union Street, Torquay, at 5.15 p.m.—A. L. Bennett, Branch Sec. (pro tem), Cornerways, Elliott Plain, Buckfastleigh.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Long Sutton on Saturday, June 1st. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Sharnford on Saturday, June 1st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.45, followed by tea (8d. each) and meeting. A good meeting hoped for.—A. E. Rowlev Hon. Sec.

BEARSTED, KENT.—Maidstone District.—A practice meeting will be held on June 1st at 6.30 p.m. Methods for special practice, Stedman and Kent Treble Bob. Every ringer welcome.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Malthouse Farm, Egerton.

BICENTENARY OF THOMAS HEARNE.—A tablet to the memory of Thomas Hearne, the diarist, who died in 1735, will be unveiled in White Waltham Church, Berks, on Saturday, June 1st, at 3 p.m. The five bells will be available, and the Berkshire Archaeological Society will welcome any ringers.—F. M. Underhill, Loxley, Grenfell Road, Maidenhead, Berks.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A quarterly meeting at Sawston on Saturday, June 1st. Bells (8) available any time after 2.30 p.m. Time of service to be arranged later. Tea in the Institute, price 1s. each, proceeds to be given to the Church Hall Fund. Please look up Sawston Imperial.—K. Willers, Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A meeting will be held at Fordham on Saturday, June 1st. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—S. G. Shipp, Branch Sec., Wilburton, Cambs.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Wincanton on Saturday, June 1st. Bells 6. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. F. Creed, Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Kirby-le-Soken on Saturday, June 1st. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30, and tea at 5.15 p.m. Bus service from station, also from Colchester. Will all those intending to be present please notify me as soon as possible.—James R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Wivenhoe.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Stanton-by-Dale on Saturday, June 1st. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. A. Barton's bus leaves Ilkeston quarter past the hour, and also from Sandiacre Square quarter to the hour. Will those who intend coming kindly notify me early, as the Rector has kindly promised to provide tea and would like to know how many are coming. He is also very interested in the ringing. Please come.—E. C. Gobey, 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—The annual festival will be held at Newport Pagnell on Saturday, June 1st. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify in good time. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ropley on Saturday, June 1st. Service in the Parish Church at 4 p.m., followed by tea in the Parish Hall. The splendid peal of six bells available at 2 o'clock. Please let us know if you are coming.—G. and Miss Noice, Hon. Dis. Secs., 6, Cathedral View, Highcliffe, Winchester.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Bolsover (8 bells) on Saturday, June 1st. For tea notify Mr. J. Saxton, Moorfield Lane, Bolsover. Please send in.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield, 3.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—On Saturday, June 1st, by kind permission of the Dean, a meeting is being held at the Cathedral (St. Albans) to open the newly augmented peal of twelve. Ringing from 2.30 until 4 p.m., when the usual service is held, and then from 6 until 8.30 p.m. Tea at Bugler's Rooms, Market Place, at 5 p.m. Come and have a ring on this grand peal, the only peal of 12 in the county.—H. Goodenough, 31, Oster Street, St. Albans; W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—There will be a practice meeting at Tonbridge on Saturday, June 1st, for the purpose of practising Court Triples. Tower open at 2.30. Diagrams of this simple method will be sent on application to me.—Alec Richardson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Fenstanton on Saturday, June 1st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Church Hall at 5 o'clock.—H. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Pre-Whitsun meeting at Allendale, Saturday, June 1st. Bells (8, tenor 10 cwt.) available at 3. Committee meeting at 4.30. Tea in Parish Hall at 5. Even-song in St. Cuthbert's Church after tea.—Geo. S. Taylor, Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next quarterly ringing meeting will be take place at Kirkby-in-Furness on Saturday, June 1st. Bells (6) ready at 2.30 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on June 6th, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 11th, St. Magnus' on the 13th and 27th, St. Andrew's on the 20th, *St. Michael's on the 25th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting at Highclere on Saturday, June 8th. Bells from 2.30. Service in Parish Church 4.30. Tea 5. Business meeting follows. Please notify Mr. Knapp, Highclere Farm, for tea.—F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

THROWLEIGH, DEVON.—New treble added to complete ring of six (tenor 9½ cwt.); two bells recast, and the six bells hung in a new frame with new fittings by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon. Dedication by the Rural Dean on Saturday, June 8th, at 12 noon. Tea provided for those who notify the captain, Mr. Richard Hill, The Forge, Throwleigh. All ringers welcome.

SALISBURY GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Shaftesbury on Saturday, June 8th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at Holy Trinity Church 4.30, followed by tea and short business meeting. St. Peter's and Motcombe also available. All ringers welcome.—J. Ralph, Kington Magna, Gillingham, Dorset.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Norton Cuckney on Saturday, June 8th. Bells open from 2 p.m. Those who require tea please notify the hon. sec. by June 5th. Good attendance requested.—R. W. Stockdale, c/o W. J. Bowman, East Markham, Newark.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Aston Abbots on Saturday, June 8th. Bells (6) available from 2.45 p.m. Guild service at 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Please send numbers for tea by June 4th. All ringers welcome.—F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 92, High Street, Winslow, Bucks.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford City and District Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Horspath on Saturday, June 8th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Names for tea (6d. per head) to Mr. W. G. Collett, 45, Latimer Road, Headington, by Tuesday, June 4th. Bus leaves Oxford (Castle Street) at 3 p.m.—Richard A. Post, Hon. Sec., 21, Old Road, Headington.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Rochdale Branch will be held at St. Mark's, Glodwick, on Saturday, June 8th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited. Meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m. The business will be the revision of branch boundaries and the formation of an Oldham Branch.—H. Hamer, Hon. Branch Sec., 3, Nail Street, Milnrow, Rochdale.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Halewood on Saturday, June 8th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea (9d. each) 6 p.m. For tea, notify Mr. J. Gardner, 5, Church Road, Halewood, without fail. Important discussions expected, so turn up prepared in large numbers.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

HIGHWEEK, DEVON.—(Ring of eight, tenor 13 cwt.) Nos. 1, 2 and 3 bells recast and the eight bells rehung in a new metal frame with new fittings by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon. Re-dedication by the Ven. the Archdeacon of Totnes on June 8th at 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Combined practice at Gwennap (on Redruth-Falmouth Road) (6 bells), commencing 3 p.m., Saturday, June 8th. Ringers visiting Cornwall in the summer are asked to communicate with the Master, Lt.-Col. Jerram, Helford, Helston, who will advise them as to any change ringing in the district.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Northampton on Whit-Monday, June 10th. The Central Committee meet in All Saints' Upper Vestry at 10.45. Service in All Saints' Church at 12 noon, conducted by the Rev. J. P. de Putron, R.D. Lunch at the Angel Hotel at 1 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Will those requiring lunch tickets please apply (with remittance, 2s. 3d. each) by June 3rd to Mr. J. C. Dean, 16, St. Peter's Street, Northampton, or the general secretary? Towers open for ringing: St. Giles' 10 to 11.30 and 3 to 5.45; All Saints' 10 to 12; Holy Sepulchre 10 to 11.30; St. Edmund's and St. Peter's 3 to 7; Kingsthorpe and Old Duston 3 to 6.—R. G. Black, Gen. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Thirsk on Whit Monday, June 10th. Bells (8, tenor 17 cwt.) will be available for ringing all day. Dinner will be provided at the Golden Lion Hotel to those who notify the secretary not later than Wednesday, June 5th. Members 2s., non-members 2s. 6d. Special service in church at 12 noon.—E. Brown, 11, Ingram Road, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Bangor on Whit Monday, June 10th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service in St. David's Church at 3 p.m. Tea (1s. each) 4.30 p.m. Will those who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, June 4th? All ringers welcome.—W. Catherall, Hon. Sec., 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival at Hereford on Whit Monday. Service in Cathedral 12.15 p.m.; preacher, the Rev. C. P. Lee. Hot dinner, Booth Hall Hotel, 1 p.m., 2s. 6d. (1s. 6d. to members who apply for tickets beforehand). Business meeting afterwards. Ringing at All Saints' (8) and S. Nicholas' (6), 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon, and 3 to 5.30 p.m., Cathedral (10) from 5 p.m.—Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Hon. Sec., S. Nicholas' Rectory, Hereford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The 56th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, June 10th. 11.30 a.m., service at the Cathedral, with address by the Rev. Reginald B. Bertin, Vicar of St. Peter's, Colchester. 12.30 p.m., lunch (members 1s. 6d.), to be followed by the annual meeting at the Golden Fleece Hotel, Duke Street. It is most important that notice of intention to be present should be sent to the hon. secretary not later than first post previous Tuesday, June 4th, in order that proper provision for lunch can be made.—Edward P. Duffield, Master; F. J. Pitstow, Gen. Sec. and Treas., 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—A joint meeting of the Ladies' Guild and Lincoln District will be held at Nocton on Saturday, June 15th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Names for tea to Lincoln District Secretaries (no names, no tea), Mrs. Rupert Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet; H. Marcon, 269, Wragby Road, St. Giles, Lincoln.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The annual ringing festival will be held at Dunmow on Saturday, June 15th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Tea will be provided for those who send their names to H. W. Smith, 11, The Causeway, Dunmow, on or before Wednesday, the 12th. All ringers are welcome.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leyland St. James on Saturday, June 15th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec., Carwood Lane, Whittle-le-Woods, Chorley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Silverdale on Saturday, June 15th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m., price 1s. 3d. All are welcome.—E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—A open ringing day will be held on Saturday, June 15th at Aughton Parish Church. The new peal (6 bells) by Gillett and Johnston will be open to visitors from 3 p.m. Everybody welcome.—Wm. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec., 293, Ormskirk Road, Wigan.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The quarterly meeting and ringers' day will be held on Saturday, June 15th, at Mirfield. Bells (10), recently overhauled, available from 1 p.m. Tea will be provided free to all who apply to Mr. A. Robinson, 56, Shill Bank Lane, Mirfield, not later than Tuesday, June 11th.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Romney Marsh Guild.—The next meeting will be held at Lydd on Saturday, June 15th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Will all those who intend to come kindly notify me by June 12th, so that tea arrangements may be made? Half travelling expenses (maximum 2s.) will be paid. I would like to receive all unpaid subscriptions before or at this meeting.—F. Conley, Hon. Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Tutbury on Saturday, June 15th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by June 12th. North Staffs and Derby District friends will be welcomed.—Joseph Wm. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Coronation Street, Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Lingfield on Saturday, June 15th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.30 at Lingfield Institute. All ringers heartily welcome. Please send me numbers for tea not later than Tuesday, June 11th.—W. Clayton, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at Clent on Saturday, June 15th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.15 p.m. Tea will be provided for all who send me their names by Wednesday, June 12th.—William B. Cartwright, Branch Sec., 81, Quinton Road, Harborne, Birmingham, 17. Phone, Selly Oak 1246.

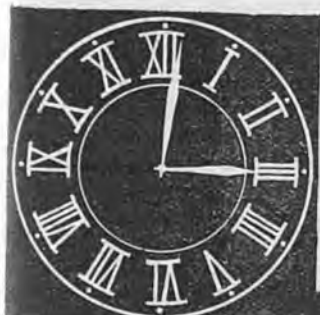
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