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THE INFLUENCE OF CLERICAL RINGERS

By the passing of Canon H. J. Elsee, the revered president of the Lancashire Association, the ringing Exercise has suffered a severe blow, which, coming so soon upon the tragic death of the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake, is a painful reminder that within the last few years the ranks of clerical ringers have been sadly depleted by the loss of men who, in their respective spheres, stood out as leaders among their fellows. The passing of the years is bound to take its toll, but we are not sure that the losses have been fully made up by the influx of new members of the cloth. It may be that this feeling arises from the fact that the names of most of those who have been taken from us in recent years had been 'household words' among ringers for a generation or more, and that the majority of the young clergy who have been recruited to our ranks have yet to make their name, but certain it is that among the older ringers there seem to be growing gaps which there is no one ready to fill. In due time, perhaps, we shall have among the clerical leaders of the Exercise more men like Henry Law James, Charles D. P. Davies, Cyril Jenkyn, Henry J. Elsee, and others who are happily still occupying honoured and responsible places among us. But we must look to the Universities to keep up the supply, and we hope that the good work being done at Cuddesdon, in interesting students in the art of ringing, will extend to other theological colleges.

The clergy whom we have mentioned spent almost a lifetime in the furtherance of the art and the uplifting of the status of ringers. They realised not only the dignity and importance of the ringers' office, but the value which attached to close co-operation between ringers and the Church. We need in the Exercise to-day more clergy who will not only make themselves good ringers but who will take a hand in maintaining and increasing this co-operation. In these days ringers welcome the clergy in the belfries; it is one of the surest ways of maintaining a company. Too often the ringers are left to their own devices to keep up the personnel of the band. The task would be simplified if the clergy were more actively identified with the work carried on in the tower, and if the incumbent is himself a ringer so much the better. But the influence of a clerical ringer extends far outside his own tower. It goes out into the diocese, and where a guild or association is fortunate enough to have, as Lancashire had, at its head, a cleric occupying so honoured a place among his fellows as Canon Elsee, the organisation must be immensely the gainer. Canon Elsee has gone to his rest full of years, and beloved by all who knew him. His influence in the Lancashire Association, so gently yet so certainly exercised for the long period of 45 years, will live on.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 13, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE Treble	CHARLES T. COLES 7
GEORGE E. FEARN 2	JAMES BENNETT 8
MRS. R. RICHARDSON 3	ROBERT RICHARDSON 9
FRANK W. PERRENS 4	FRANK E. PERVIN 10
ALBERT H. WARD 5	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 11
ALBERT WALKER 6	JAMES H. SHEPHERD Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

TEN BELL PEALS.

ST. HELENS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 13, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5111 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 6
*JOHN BOOTH 2	*JAMES W. GROUNDS 7
*CECIL RADDOON 3	JOSEPH KIDYARD 8
†STANLEY J. HARRISON ... 4	*JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 9
†CHARLES BLACKBURN ... 5	LESTER L. GRAY Tenor

Composed by W. WILLSON. Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First ten-bell peal. First peal of Grandsire Caters in this tower.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 15, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*HAROLD G. F. REYNOLDS Treble	ALFRED W. GROVES 6
ROBERT J. DAWE 2	FREDERICK H. DALLAWAY ... 7
†WILLIAM J. COPPARD ... 3	EDWARD J. CHARMAN 8
HAROLD S. HOBDEN 4	FREDERICK PAGE 9
FRANK BENNETT 5	ALFRED J. TURNER Tenor

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

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BIRSTALL, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 11, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

STANLEY BRITTON Treble	THOMAS WM. STRANGEWAY ... 5
WILLIAM H. SENIOR 2	JOSEPH THACKRAY 6
WILLIAM CLARK 3	GEORGE WM. STEEL 7
ALBERT WORMALD 4	HERBERT PEEL Tenor

Composed by C. SEVERN. Conducted by T. W. STRANGEWAY.

MALVERN LINK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 12, 1936, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
ROBERT G. KNOWLES 2	THOMAS W. LEWIS 6
GEORGE POPNELL 3	CHARLES CAMM 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT 4	HENRY BISHOP Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

Specially arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to ringers of treble, 2nd and 3rd, whose birthdays fall on April 12th. Mr. R. G. Knowles has now completed three score years and ten.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 13, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

PERCY E. JONES Treble	JESSE W. HARRISON 5
HARRY WINGROVE 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 6
GEORGE MARTIN 3	REV. C. E. WIGG 7
WILLIAM L. GUTTERIDGE ... 4	FRANK CORKE Tenor

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

HILLINGDON WEST, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 13, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

PERCY E. JONES Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY 5
MISS D. R. FLETCHER 2	*JESSE W. HARRISON 6
MISS K. E. FLETCHER 3	*FRANK CORKE 7
GEORGE MARTIN 4	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Composed by REV. H. L. JAMES. Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

* First peal in the method.

HEREFORD.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 13, 1936, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... Treble	ALFRED T. POULTON 5
ROBERT E. SUMMERS 2	CHARLES L. SADLER 6
JOHN J. WREB 3	WILLIAM POSTON 7
WILLIAM T. POSTON 4	H. ERNEST COX Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by W. POSTON.

Arranged and rung for the Easter festival. First peal of Union Triples by the Guild.

BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 13, 1936, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... Treble	ALEXANDER EVANS 5
DAVID MACKAY 2	*HARRY J. SANGER 6
NORAH G. WILLIAMS 3	RONALD G. BECK 7
KENNETH FORD 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by NORAH G. WILLIAMS.

* 50th peal. First peal of Major as conductor.

BURNHAM-ON-SEA, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 13, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... Treble	ARTHUR H. REED 5
DAVID MACKAY 2	JAMES HUNT 6
FREDERICK A. TARGETT ... 3	*RONALD G. BECK 7
KENNETH FORD 4	*JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by DAVID MACKAY.

* 150th peal together. First touch in the method as conductor.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 13, 1936, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALBERT E. SCOTT Treble	ERNEST C. S. TURNER 5
HORACE M. DAY 2	CUMBERT T. H. BRADLEY ... 6
ARTHUR J. HOLMES 3	WILLIAM A. HOLMES 7
*WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... 4	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER

* First peal in the method.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 13, 1936, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

PETER WOOD Treble	*ERNEST TREAGUS 5
RAYMOND WOOD, JUN. 2	CECIL H. WOOD 6
ALBERT FIRST 3	RAYMOND WOOD 7
THOMAS ADAMS 4	ERNEST HOWELL Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by RAYMOND WOOD, JUN.

* First peal. First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the 3rd.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 13, 1936, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

*JACK GREEN Treble	GEORGE LADD 5
†ALBERT APPLEBY 2	HARRY NICHOLS 6
GEORGE SEWELL 3	ALBERT E. FLATTERS 7
*STEPHEN H. WRIGHT ... 4	WILLIAM E. CLARKE Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by WILLIAM E. CLARKE.

* First peal. † First peal of Bob Major on an 'inside' bell.

DARESURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 13, 1936, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.

*HARRY PYE Treble	RICHARD T. HOLDING 5
REGINALD W. WORRALL ... 2	HARRY PARKER 6
HARRY W. HOWARD 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY 7
JOSEPH LITTLER 4	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 13, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

*ARTHUR J. HART Treble	WILLIAM KITCHENSIDE 5
HERBERT MARKWELL 2	ALFRED J. TURNER 6
*ARTHUR J. LEWRY 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	A. WINGFIELD DURHAM Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 13, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM THORNLEY, SEN. Treble	FRANK BRADLEY 5
*FREDERICK A. SALTER ... 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER 6
GEORGE E. FOSTER 3	EDWARD FOSTER 7
FREDERICK PICKARD 4	JOHN E. HOBBS Tenor

Conducted by J. F. MILNER.

* 100th peal for M.C.A. A birthday compliment to Mr. F. Bradley.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 13, 1936, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 24 cwt.

WALTER PERKINS Treble	*CYRIL D. NICHOLS 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 2	CHARLES W. BIRD 6
*ARCHIE HENMAN 3	ROBERT G. BLACK 7
FRANCIS KIRK 4	G. DENNIS DRIGTON Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

RAINFORD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, April 13, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;
DAVIES' TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY Treble	† JAMES W. HALL 5
STANLEY J. HARRISON 2	Cecil Raddon 6
* GEORGE R. NEWTON 3	* CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON 7
THOMAS W. HAMMOND 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON.

* 50th peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal of Stedman. First peal in the method on the bells.

HENBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, April 13, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

JOHN W. JONES Treble	CHARLES H. PERRY 5
ALFRED W. HEATH 2	ALBERT J. PITMAN 6
GEORGE POPELLE 3	JOHN PHILLIPS 7
ERNEST STITCH 4	WILLIAM J. PRING Tenor

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by CHARLES H. PERRY.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. Joseph Gould on his completing 54 years as a ringer at this church and 50 years as leader and conductor.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Monday, April 13, 1936, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE MEMORIAL TOWER, AT THE CHURCH OF SS. ANDREW
AND PATRICK,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

SHELFORD SPARROW Treble	GEORGE W. ABLITT 5
* FRANK BORLEY 2	KEITH W. WHITTELL 6
* ARTHUR R. WOODARD 3	HARRY D. LISTER 7
EDWIN A. CRACKNELL 4	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by H. D. LISTER.

* First peal of Oxford. Rung as a birthday compliment to G. W. Ablitt.

LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, April 14, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

* FRANK VARTY Treble	ARNOLD BORTON 5
* EDWIN C. BIRKETT 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON 6
THOMAS W. HAMMOND 3	LESTER L. GRAY 7
ARTHUR LINTOTT 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of esteem and affection to the late Canon H. J. Elsee, the beloved president of the Lancashire Association.

SALFORD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, April 14, 1936, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED TRINITY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

JOHN HUXSTEP Treble	FRANK REYNOLDS 5
ALBERT LEES 2	WILLIAM PYE 6
HAROLD HOLLINGWORTH 3	RICHARD LONGDEN 7
HAROLD LONGDEN 4	* EDWARD LATCHFORD Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD LONGDEN.

* First peal. Rung with bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Canon Elsee, president of the Lancashire Association.

DOVER, KENT.—On Sunday afternoon, March 29th, for the Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins.: C. Hardiman 1, R. T. Clark 2, H. J. Saunders 3, H. Whitehead 4, E. J. Walker 5, L. Leach 6, C. Turner (conductor) 7, E. J. Ellender 8.

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

On Wednesday, April 15, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAY'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

RICHARD M. YOUNG Treble	JOSEPH E. OWEN 5
CLIFFORD HORROCKS 2	HAROLD RUSHTON 6
EVEREST FORD 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. 7
CYRIL R. BROWN 4	RICHARD W. MOSLEY Tenor

Conducted by EVEREST FORD.

First peal as conductor. Rung with the bells fully muffled, except the tenor at back stroke, as a token of respect to Canon Elsee, president of the Lancashire Association, and Vicar of the above church for 40 years. The peal began immediately the cortege left the church for the interment at Clynog, Wales.

CHURCH, LANCS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, April 15, 1936, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAMES PARR Treble	LESLIE L. WILLIAMS 5
LEONARD SCHOLES 2	JACK CLEGG 6
ISAAC WHALLEY 3	RICHARD BALDERSTONE 7
HERBERT HOLDEN 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

Rung with bells muffled at back stroke as a tribute of respect to the late president of the association, Canon H. J. Elsee, who was interred on the above date.

GORTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 15, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT BROOKFIELD CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

* HERBERT MCKINNELL Treble	* ALAN J. BROWN 5
WILLIAM BRAMMER 2	ERNEST SEDDON 6
ARNOLD S. FEARNHEAD 3	DAVID VINCENT 7
JOHN FEARNHEAD 4	JAMES CHAMBERLAIN Tenor

Conducted by E. SEDDON.

* First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to George Rushton, a ringer at the above church, and Canon Elsee, of Bolton, president of the Lancashire Association.

LISCARD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 16, 1936, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F.

ALIC EGGINGTON Treble	* HUGH ROBERTS 5
GEORGE LEDSHAM 2	LESTER L. GRAY 6
FRANK VARTY 3	J. NORMAN BENSON 7
DAVID HUGHES 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by A. P. KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 17, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ERNEST H. OXENHAM Treble	HERBERT E. ADSLEY 5
* GEOFFREY V. MURPHY 2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	EDWIN BARNETT 7
EDWIN A. BARNETT 4	HARRY HOVERD Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a 51st birthday compliment to Mr. E. Barnett.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF KILLMARSH SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM GREEN 2	ARTHUR PANTHER 5
TOM BROTHWELL 2	REGINALD PAYNE 6
ARTHUR FIRTH 3	ARTHUR GILL 7
HAROLD CHANT 4	ALBERT NASH Tenor

Composed by CHARLES SEVERN. Conducted by A. NASH.

This method is now rung for the first time.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 18, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF HUGHENDEN SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

*PERCY NEWTON 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 5
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER 2	*ROLAND BIGGS 6
GEORGE MARTIN 3	CECIL C. MAYNE 7
FREDERICK G. BIGGS 4	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by H. WINGROVE.

* 50th peal together. This method (Lindoff's 102) is now rung for the first time. Rung as a wedding compliment to the youngest daughter of the Rev. Herbert Jones, who was married in South Africa on the above date, also for the occasion of the annual pilgrimage to Hughenden, where the late Earl Beaconsfield is buried, for Primrose Day.

BREWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Saturday, April 18, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CHAD,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
JOHNSON'S VARIATION. Tenor 22 cwt.

ROBERT PICKERING 2	BERT HORTON 5
JOHN PERRY 2	HERBERT KNIGHT 6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 3	*CYRIL WINWOOD 7
WILLIAM FISHER 4	THOMAS J. ELTON Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

* First Surprise peal. First Surprise peal as conductor. The band represent eight different towers.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN GRUNDY 2	ERNEST MORRIS 5
*COLIN HARRISON 2	†EDWARD F. GOBEY 6
J. FREDERICK MILNER 3	*ALEX HUTCHISON 7
FRED W. HILL 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by FREDERICK H. DEXTER

* First peal in the method. † First Surprise peal. First peal in the method as conductor.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 15½ cwt.

ALFRED BARNES 2	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 5
CHARLES SHARPLES 2	PETER CROOK, SEN. 6
WILLIAM H. SHOKER 3	HERBERT DAVENPORT 7
JOHN POTTER 4	THOMAS B. WORSLEY Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

Rung half-muffled for the late Canon Elsee, president of the association. All the ringers are officers of the association.

FIRST BY ALL

On March 2nd, at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Bergh-Apton, Norfolk, 720 Plain Bob Minor: W. Loyd 1, H. Boggis (conductor) 2, G. Taylor 3, R. Ellis 4, R. Drane 5, L. Lester 6. All are regular Sunday service ringers at the above church. First 720 by all, and first by a Bergh-Apton band for a great number of years.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BIDSTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 11, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. O-WALD.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

*DOUGLAS WATSON, SEN. ... Treble	ERIC GILBERT 4
†JOSEPH SMITH 2	GEORGE LEDSHAM 5
DOUGLAS WATSON, JUN. ... 3	FRANK VARTY Tenor

Conducted by F. VARTY.

* First peal. † First peal in four methods and first 'inside.' A birthday peal for D. Watson, jun.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 12, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob (360 each combined), Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

JOHN BUCKENHAM Treble	FRED WIGMORE 4
*WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... 2	CLAUDR COUSINS 5
WALLACE COUSINS 3	TONY PRICE Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

* First peal in eight methods. Quickest peal on the bells.

FREISTON, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 13, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's in 38 methods, viz.: (1) Elston, Clarence, Old Oxford, Willesden, Newdigate, College Bob IV., Marple, Braintree, Neasden, Wragby, Charlwood and St. Albans Delight; (2) Sandal, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Chapel and Oxford Treble Bob and Wath and Carisbrooke Delight; (3) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise; (4) Plain Bob, Fulbeck, Double Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Reverse Bob; (5) Algarth Alliance and Bastow Little Court; (6) London Bob, Lytham, Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall, College Single and Waverbree; (7) Double and Single Court. Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE W. BURRELL Treble	HAROLD BARSLEY 4
ARTHUR YOUNG 2	CYRIL R. BURRELL 5
HARVEY E. BURRELL 3	VERNON TAYLOR Tenor

Arranged by A. G. DRIVER.

Conducted by V. TAYLOR.

First peal in 38 methods for all and by the Guild. There were 147 changes of method.

BUTTERWICK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 13, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and four 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*ALBERT PEARSON Treble	JAMES SHARPE 4
*CYRIL HARNES 2	MADRICE MILLARD 5
*HORACE PEARSON 3	WILLIAM E. CLARKE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. CLARKE.

* First peal and first attempt. The ringers of treble, 2nd, 3rd and 5th are Sunday service ringers at this church. First peal of Minor on the bells in which four local ringers have taken part.

COLNE ENGAIN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 13, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Double Court and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

FRANK CLAYDON Treble	HARRY CARTER 4
*SAMUEL POTTER 2	THOMAS BIRD 5
GEORGE TRENDALL 3	ALBERT L. DIXEY Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT L. DIXEY.

* First peal away from treble.

MARKET DEEPIING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 13, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GUTHLAC.

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven spliced extents as follows: (1) Hexham and Berwick; (2) Norfolk and Ipswich; (3) Surfleet and Beverley; (4) Northumberland and Carlisle; (5) Cambridge and Primrose; (6) London and Wells; (7) York and Durham. Tenor 16 cwt.

ALBERT E. SCOTT Treble	THOMAS A. COOPER 4
CHARLES W. WOOD 2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER 5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON 3	HORACE M. DAY Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

First peal of Surprise Minor as conductor.

STRETTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 13, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

RICHARD T. HOLDING Treble	ALBERT CRAWLEY 4
DAVID SMITH 2	HARRY W. HOWARD 5
JOHN H. DAVENPORT 3	HARRY PARKER Tenor

Conducted by H. PARKER.

The conductor's 100th peal for the Guild.

CAPENHURST, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 13, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Oxford Treble Bob and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

DOUGLAS WATSON, SEN. Treble	ERIC GILBERT 4
JOSEPH SMITH 2	*J. NORMAN BENSON 5
DOUGLAS WATSON, JUN. 3	FRANK VARTY Tenor

Conducted by F. VARTY.

* First peal of Minor.

SWAVESEY, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 15, 1936, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being five 720's and one 1,440. Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.).

JACK PARISH Treble	MANSFIELD GINN 4
BERRY WAYMAN 2	ARTHUR J. GINN 5
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 3	FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

First peal in the method on the bells.

ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(WIGAN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, April 15, 1936, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5940 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Oxford and three 720's of Kent. Tenor 25 cwt.

JAMES MARSH Treble	JOHN GARDEN 4
*JOHN ROXBWELL 2	*WILLIAM PILKINGTON 5
JAMES TAYLOR 3	JOHN BROWN 6

JAMES DRAPER Tenor

Conducted by JOHN BROWN.

* First peal of Minor. Rung after meeting short for Triples. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect for the beloved president of the association, Canon Elsee, and also for the Rev. E. D. Jordan, formerly of this parish, both of whom passed away on Good Friday.

WAINFLEET ST. MARY, LINGS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 18, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's in 42 methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge, Ipswich, Norfolk, Primrose, Hull and Bourne Surprise; (2) Elston, Clarence, Old Oxford, Willesden, Newdigate, College Bob IV., Marple, Braintree, Neasden, Wragby, Charlwood and St. Albans Delight; (3) Sandal, Capel, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure and Oxford Treble Bob, and Wath and Carisbrooke Delight; (4) Plain Bob, Fulbeck, Double Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Reverse Bob; (5) Algnarkirk Alliance and Bastow Little Court; (6) London Bob, Lytham, Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall, College Single and Wavertree; (7) Double and Single Court. Tenor 11½ cwt. (approx.).

GEORGE W. BURRELL Treble	HAROLD BARSLEY 4
ARTHUR YOUNG 2	CYRIL R. BURRELL 5
HARVEY E. BURRELL 3	VERNON TAYLOR Tenor

Arranged by A. G. DRIVER.

Conducted by VERNON TAYLOR.

First peal in 42 methods for all. First peal in 42 methods for the Guild. There were 167 changes of method.

HANDBELL PEAL.

UPPER TOOTING.

THE ST. MARY ABBOT'S, KENSINGTON, GUILD.

On Friday, April 17, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT 17, MANDRAKE ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 5021 CHANGES;

CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 1-2	JAMES R. MACKMAN 5-6
WILLIAM E. JUDD 3-4	ERNEST C. S. TURNER 7-8

HOWARD MACKMAN 9-10

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by J. R. MACKMAN.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

NEW MILL WIN CONTEST AT BATLEY.

The quarterly meeting and six-bell contest of the Halifax and District Association was held at Batley on Saturday, April 4th. Six sets had entered to ring 600 changes, with a plain course for practice. The following companies entered: Sandal, Liversedge, Holmfirth, Meltham, New Mill and Freizeland. All the teams rang Oxford, except Liversedge, who rang Cambridge Surprise.

Tea was served in the school and about 50 sat down. After ringing had ceased, the meeting was held in the school, the president (Mr. E. Earnshaw) being in the chair.

It was proposed by Mr. Burgess, seconded by Mr. H. Nutt, that the next contest be held at Saddleworth on July 18th, providing the necessary arrangements could be made.

The Rev. E. A. Winter, curate of Batley, in reply to the vote of thanks to the local clergy, ringers, etc., said that as he came into the Schoolroom he was met by one of the local ringers, who told him that he was not to get up and start to talk about ringers leaving the belfry and going for a drink, but whether they did or not he noticed they never invited him to go with them (laughter).

The judges, Mr. W. Idle and Mr. C. Hardy, gave their decision as follows:—

- No. 1 Company, Sandal, 84 faults.
- No. 2 Company, Liversedge, 96 faults.
- No. 3 Company, Holmfirth, 88 faults.
- No. 4 Company, Meltham, 44 faults.
- No. 5 Company, New Mill, 38 faults.
- No. 6 Company, Freizeland, 79 faults.

New Mill were, therefore, declared winners.

The Rev. E. W. Winter presented the cup to Mr. Biltcliffe, conductor of New Mill.

A vote of thanks to the judges brought the meeting to a close.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

STRONG FINANCIAL POSITION.
Adoption of Amended Rules Deferred.

The 56th annual general meeting of the Kent County Association was held at Westerham on Easter Monday, when over 180 attended, 51 of the towers in union being represented. Various towers in the neighbourhood were open for ringing before the association service, which was held in St. Mary's Church, Westerham, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. A. Castle, the address being given by the Very Rev. the Dean of Rochester (Dr. Underhill), who spoke of the beauty of the bells of England compared with those of France, Belgium and Italy.

A collection at the close for the Association's Benevolent Fund realised £3.

Luncheon followed in St. Mary's Hall, Mr. F. White (Cranbrook) being in the chair, owing to the unavoidable absence of Mr. E. H. Lewis. He was supported by the Dean of Rochester, the Rev. J. A. Castle, the Rev. E. L. Allen (Vicar of Edenbridge), the Rev. F. L. Schrieber (Vicar of Shipbourne) and the principal officers of the association.

After the loyal toast had been duly honoured, the Chairman proposed the toast of 'The Archbishop and Clergy of the County.' He said the association was greatly indebted to the clergy for the encouragement and hospitality which had been extended to it during the past year.

The Dean of Rochester, in responding, said the members showed their enthusiasm by their attendance, considering the meeting was held in the farthest corner of the county. He said he never remembered such hearty singing at a service before, and congratulated them on their vocal powers. He thanked them all for their great assistance to the Church by ringing the bells for the Sunday services.

The Vicar of Westerham also replied, and said how pleased he was to welcome them to Westerham after a lapse of 24 years.

Apologies for absence were read from the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, Mr. E. H. Lewis, Canon G. C. E. Ryley, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith and others.

At the business meeting which followed, the hon. secretary (Mr. F. M. Mitchell) read the annual report and balance sheets.

CONTINUED PROGRESS.

In the annual report reference was made to the part the members took in celebrating the Silver Jubilee of King George V. on May 6th, when 12 peals were rung in the county and a message of congratulation sent to His Majesty and duly acknowledged. It seemed safe to say that where bells were ringable, every tower in the county rang out its joyful message, which, alas, was to be saddened before many months had passed by the death of His Majesty.

The association continued to show progress in the quality of peals rung, and the hope was expressed that none of the peal ringers were absent from duty on Sundays. 'We must realise,' said the report, 'that the primary object of the bells is that they are to be rung for Sunday service, and we do appeal to all ringers in the county to attach themselves to some tower for Sunday ringing and to be punctual in their attendance. Unanimity among members cannot always be expected, but we do appeal to all to realise that our efforts are for the same goal. Let us have more "give and take" in our midst, and then we shall have a happier and even more prosperous association of which we shall continue to be proud.'

The report continued that there were 116 towers in union, comprising one of 12 bells, five of 10 bells, 62 of eight bells, 44 of six bells, and four of five bells. Life members total 31, hon. members 71, adult practising members 916 and 45 juniors (an increase of 23 practising members over the previous year). Seventeen non-resident life members joined to make a total of over 350, and giving a grand total membership of approximately 1,410.

The report regretted the resignation, through business reasons, of Mr. P. W. Smith as hon. secretary of the Canterbury District, a post he had held with distinction for eleven years. The committee recorded their appreciation of his services, and offered a hearty welcome to his successor, Mr. B. J. Luck. Since the last annual meeting a new peal of eight had been installed at the Church of the Annunciation, Chislehurst, by Messrs. Taylor and Co., the peal of eight at Boughton-under-Blean had been rehung and the tower restored, and the peal of five at Chelsfield had been rehung, both by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The peals rung during 1935 numbered 155, three less than in the previous year. Of these 149 had been on tower bells in 77 towers (four outside the county). Thirty-eight members rang their first peal (one at the early age of 13). The number of conductors was 64, four conducted their first peal and 12 first as conductor in the method. Three members rang their first peal on handbells. Congratulations were offered to Mr. F. H. Cheesman on completing his 1,000 peals.

FLOURISHING FINANCES.

The financial position of the association continued to be satisfactory, the balance in hand on the general account being £45 18s. 1½d. The Benevolent Fund again showed an increase, the total of £253 5s. 2d. being £10 18s. 4d. over last year. During the year grants were made in five instances totalling £20 5s. 9d. The support given by members at district meetings was again encouraging, £7 0s. 4d. having been collected. The Belfry Repair Fund also showed an increased balance of £2 13s. 9d., the amount in hand being £121 7s. 10d., £8 3s. having

been paid out to Stouting and Bobbing for additions and restoration work during the year. The total funds of the association in investments (at cost) and the balances in the accounts amount to £966 14s. 3½d., an increase on the past year of £6 14s. 1½d.

The report and balance sheets were unanimously adopted. Arising out of the report, Mr. W. Spice (Tunstall) said it was only fitting that they should offer their hearty congratulations to Mr. J. H. Cheesman, who had completed his 1,000th peal. By his quiet and unassuming manner he had endeared himself to them all, and had done much to promote the art in the county. To commemorate this event Mr. Spice proposed that Mr. Cheesman be elected a life member. —This was seconded by Mr. Barnett (Crayford) and carried with loud applause and musical honours. Unfortunately, Mr. Cheesman was not present.

All the officers were re-elected, viz.: Messrs. F. White and W. J. Jeffries (trustees), G. H. Cross (hon. auditor) and F. M. Mitchell (hon. secretary and treasurer), the last named being accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his services.

Mr. Mitchell, in returning thanks, said he had now served them for seven years, and, as an appreciation of his services, the committee had that morning elected him a life member. During the seven years he had tried to serve them to the best of his ability, and had avoided, or tried to avoid, 'taking sides.'

PROTEST AGAINST PRESS CRITICISM.

He was sorry, he continued, that their association's affairs had been dragged through the Press recently, and he was also sorry that Mr. Goldsmith, the Editor of 'The Ringing World,' was unfortunately absent through illness. In the issue of 'The Ringing World' of February 28th a letter appeared over the signature of one of their members in which was a sentence to which he took exception, and as that was the proper place to discuss the association's affairs, he publicly challenged the accuracy of the statement which referred to the secretary, and which, to his mind, inferred that he was either 'taking sides' or was incapable. He said, in his own mind, the statement was incorrect, and that it was proved to be so, a show of hands of the sub-committee revealed. He was sure the writer would withdraw the sentence in fairness to himself.

Mr. Mitchell next proceeded to deal with the editorial in the issue of March 20th under the heading of 'Two questions for Kent.' He had carefully gone through the amended rules, a copy of which had been sent to every tower in union, and he could find no mention in the amended rules of the suggestions which prompted such a criticism. There was no mention of 'unattached members,' nor the proviso mentioned re the Ringing Master. Where the Editor got his information from he was at a loss to understand; and, as their hon. secretary, he must protest against the association's affairs being publicly criticised and wrongly expressed.

Many members spoke in support of Mr. Mitchell's remarks, and, after lengthy arguments, it was eventually decided to defer the confirmation of the amended rules until the next annual general meeting, to enable each district to call a special meeting of representatives of each tower to discuss them.

Five candidates were nominated as representatives on the Central Council, the result of the ballot revealing 'no change,' Messrs. Mitchell, Sone, Groombridge and Cheesman being re-elected.

Hearty thanks were accorded to the various incumbents of the towers placed at their disposal for ringing during the day, and to Mr. White for his able and tactful conduct in the chair.

EASTER RINGING.

BOURNEMOUTH.—On Easter Sunday, for morning service, at St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Waylen 1, H. R. Bennett 2, H. Frampton 3, Miss M. White 4, P. Witham 5, A. F. Marlin Stewart 6, H. A. Mitchell (conductor) 7, F. Longman 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Miss F. Child 1, H. R. Bennett 2, A. S. Richards (West Wickham) 3, W. C. Shute 4, A. G. Rose 5, E. J. Griffin 6, H. A. Mitchell (conductor) 7, Miss M. White 8. Miss M. White has now rung a quarter-peal on all the bells in the tower.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Easter Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Edwards 1, H. T. Hughes 2, J. Hughes 3, W. B. Kynaston 4, R. Kynaston 5, E. H. Kynaston 6, R. T. Evans (conductor) 7, T. Marshall 8.

WOODBIDGE.—At St. Mary's Church, for Easter morning services, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Willis 1, A. Grayston (first quarter 'inside') 2, F. Woodruffe 3, F. Fisher (conductor) 4, J. Sawyer 5, S. Woodard 6, G. Blake 7, R. Malster 8.

LITTLE WALTHAM, ESSEX.—On Easter Sunday, for 8 a.m. Holy Communion service, 1,200 of Bob Minor: H. Warr 1, R. Parker 2, J. Gayford 3, E. Clark 4, C. S. Smith 5, H. Devonish (conductor) 6. First quarter-peal for ringers of 3rd and 5th.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Saturday, April 4th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: Miss P. Toller (longest length) 1, F. Ruffles 2, W. J. Groom 3, W. C. Runsey 4, W. Martin 5, W. Ruffles 6, T. H. Chappell 7, J. Ford (first quarter-peal as conductor) 8.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL. AGENDA FOR THE LONDON MEETING.

The first session of the sixteenth Council (44th annual meeting) will be held in the Council Chamber of the Guildhall in the City of London on Whitsun Tuesday, June 2nd, 1936, at 11 a.m. precisely.

The morning session will be adjourned at 1.30 p.m., and the afternoon session will commence at 2.30 p.m., or as may be decided.

AGENDA.

Report of the secretary as to representation of societies and as to unpaid subscriptions.

Address to His Majesty the King.

1. Election of president for 1936-1939.
Mr. E. H. Lewis retires and is nominated by Mr. F. M. Mitchell and Mr. T. Groombridge.
2. Election of hon. secretary and treasurer for 1936-1939.
Mr. G. W. Fletcher retires and is nominated by the President.
3. Election of hon. librarian for 1936-1939.
4. Election of hon. auditors (two) for 1936-1939.
Mr. C. T. Coles and Mr. A. A. Hughes retire and are eligible for re-election.
5. Election of honorary members.
The following retire and are eligible for re-election: Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Messrs. C. Dean, J. S. Goldsmith, J. Griffin, C. F. Johnston, C. W. Roberts, J. A. Trollope and E. Alex. Young.
6. Presentation of new members to the president. (Rule 11).
7. Apologies for absence.
8. Loss of members through death.
9. Minutes of the last meeting.
10. Report of the hon. librarian.
11. Statement of accounts.
12. Report of the trustees of the Carter Ringing Machine. Trustees, Messrs. E. Alex. Young and A. A. Hughes.
13. To receive, discuss and, if thought fit, adopt the reports of the following committees.
To pass such resolutions as may be necessary on matters arising out of the reports.
To reappoint or alter the constitution of the committees as may be considered desirable, and to appoint conveners of such committees:—
 - (a) Standing Committee.
The following retire and are eligible for reappointment: Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Messrs. W. T. Cockerill, W. A. Cave, C. T. Coles, J. Griffin, A. A. Hughes, C. F. Johnston, A. Paddon Smith, E. Denison Taylor and E. Alex. Young. Ex-officio: President, hon. librarian, hon. secretary and conveners of committees.
 - (b) Peal Collection.
Members eligible for reappointment: Rev. E. S. Powell, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, Messrs. G. Lindoff, G. R. Newton, G. R. Pye, C. W. Roberts and J. A. Trollope.
 - (c) Methods.
Members eligible for reappointment: Messrs. J. A. Trollope, E. C. S. Turner and Stephen H. Wood.
 - (d) Peal Analysis and Records.
Members eligible for reappointment: Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, Messrs. C. Dean, G. L. Grover and G. R. Pye.
 - (e) Towers and Belfries.
Members eligible for reappointment: Mr. E. H. Lewis, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Mr. E. Alex. Young and Mr. J. Hunt.
 - (f) Literature, Press and Broadcasting.
Members eligible for reappointment: Rev. F. L. Edwards, Messrs. J. S. Goldsmith, A. Paddon Smith and A. Walker.
 - (g) Peal Boards.
Members eligible for reappointment: Rev. C. E. Wigg, Messrs. W. Ayre and W. H. Hollier.
 - (h) Biographies.
Members eligible for reappointment: Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, Messrs. W. A. Cave and J. S. Goldsmith.

MOTIONS.

14. The following motion and amendment were adjourned from the last meeting:—

Motion: 'That in view of the extension of the practice of splicing methods this Council resolves that the term "Spliced" shall be applied only to those peals in which there are at least as many changes of method as there are courses in the peal, subject to the following stipulations:—

(a) In peals in even-bell methods in which singles are used, the number of changes of method before a single shall be at least equal to the number of courses preceding the single, and, similarly, after a single, equal to the number of courses which follow it.

(b) In peals in odd-bell methods, the number of changes of method shall be at least equal to the number of changes of the bell in the hunt, or of the courses in the peal. Subject only, in peals in which less than six methods of Triples are rung, to any reduction of the number necessitated by two or more hunt bells, relating to the same method, being consecutively called into the hunt.

(c) The conditions relating to even-bell methods shall apply in peals of Minor to each 720 individually, and for the purposes of this rule each 720 with a Treble Bob hunt shall be considered to have six courses, and each 720 with a Plain hunt or with an Alliance and Little hunt, twelve courses.

(d) Peals of Doubles shall be deemed to comply with this rule if there is at least one change of method within a 120 and not more than half a six-score is rung without changing into a different method.

'Peals which contain more than one method, but which do not conform to the foregoing, shall be called "Combined" peals.

'That as splicing involves changes of methods at plained, bobbed and singled leads alike, it is further resolved that peals in which the change of method is not made at the lead-end, such as certain peals of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, shall not be termed "spliced peals."

'These decisions shall apply to peals on all numbers of bells.'

Proposed by Mr. C. T. Coles; seconded by Mr. E. C. S. Turner.

Amendment: 'That a spliced or laminated peal shall contain a full course of each method rung.'

Proposed by Mr. J. Hunt; seconded by Mr. J. Parker.

15. That all peals which contain more than one method shall be called 'Spliced Peals.' That reports of all Spliced Peals shall include a reference to the number of methods rung, and the number of changes from one method to another during the peal.

Proposed by Mr. S. H. Wood; seconded by Mr. J. T. Dyke.

(The above was passed as an amendment last year to motion 14 above.)

16. To call attention to the present very inadequate support given to 'The Ringing World,' and to consider what steps (if any) can be taken to increase the circulation.

Proposed by Mr. F. E. Dawe; seconded by Mr. E. Alex. Young.

17. That, with a view to providing future guidance, the officers of this Council be requested to consider the question of the correct method of muffling and ringing church bells on occasions of national and local mourning, and, after consulting at discretion those who may be able to give information, draw up a recommendation on the subject, which, if possible, shall be submitted to the Archbishop of Canterbury for his approval, and laid before the Council at the next meeting.

Proposed by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith; seconded by Mr. G. W. Fletcher.

18. In the opinion of this Council, the morning session of Council meetings should, where possible, commence at 10 a.m.

Proposed by Mr. G. Pullinger; seconded by Mr. F. W. Rogers.

19. That all persons having collections of books on ringing matters be invited to supply particulars to the hon. librarian and to indicate whether they are willing to give access to their collections.

Proposed by Mr. E. H. Lewis; seconded by Mr. G. W. Fletcher.

20. To fix the place of next meeting.

21. Other business, if any.

GEORGE W. FLETCHER,

Hon. Secretary.

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

A very happy annual meeting was held at Wisbech on Easter Monday. 'It is the effort of every blade of grass that keeps the meadow green,' and it was quite obvious that everyone was filled with a determination to make the meeting a success.

Service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. H. K. Stallard, at 3.30 p.m. Mr. Covey-Crump kindly presided at the organ.

Business followed tea. The Vicar apologised for his unavoidable absence. It was a great joy to have Canon Covey-Crump, a former general secretary, in the chair. At the beginning of the meeting the Chairman voiced the feelings of the members in his reference to the late Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, a much loved officer of the association, and the company stood in silence.

Miss K. Willers was re-elected general secretary and treasurer. Mr. T. R. Dennis was reappointed auditor. The committee were elected as follows: Messrs. A. J. Abrams, R. W. Croft, H. Fields, F. Gleaves, E. G. Hibbins, P. Hurry, F. W. Lack and F. Wigmore. Messrs. C. W. Cook, F. Warrington and Miss K. Willers were elected representatives on the Central Council.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at St. Neots. The sum of £22s. each was voted towards the restoration work at Horningsey and at Winwick, and £1 ls. towards the William Pye Memorial Fund.

Members expressed sympathy with the Rev. R. Copeman on the death of Mrs. Copeman.

The meeting concluded with hearty votes of thanks to the clergy for the use of their bells and to Canon Crump for taking the chair.

During the day ringing ranged from rounds to London Surprise Major and Stedman Caters.

FOR BEGINNERS.**CALLING STEDMAN TRIPLES.**

We have been asked to give a few hints on calling Stedman Triples. Usually when a ringer begins to take up the calling of Stedman Triples he has got past the stage when he comes into the category of a 'Beginner,' but as there may be some towers where there is a desire to take up the method where there is, however, no one to call the hobs, we hope a little help in this direction may be of service.

The Stedman method is divided into 'sixes,' in which the three bells in front ring the 'extent' of their changes. A course of Triples consists of fourteen sixes, but the first change 2135476 is not the first change of the first six. Actually it is the fifth change of the 14th six, but it would make no difference to the truth of the method if you began anywhere else. In practice, however, we always begin Stedman Triples with 2135476, followed by 2314567, and from this we start the first complete 'six.' A bob, if there is one, is made at the first row of a six, and can be made in any six. These sixes are numbered, for identification, consecutively 1 to 14, and when a bob at, say, 3 occurs it has to be made at the first change of the third six. Similarly a bob at 12 is made at the first change of the twelfth six.

Usually one bell is retained as the 'observation' bell, and in Stedman it is generally the seventh, a choice which has certain advantages. Usually, too, the hobs are inserted at those sixes in which they will not disturb the observation bell. Actually you can use any bell as the 'observation' and your touch can be equally as true (or as false) as if you called it from the seventh, but for the purpose of these notes we propose to use the 7th.

As the hobs affect only the back bells, that is those which are dodging in 6-7 and continue dodging for another six in the same direction (up or down), and the bell dodging in 4-5 (up), any bob called when the observation bell is in either of these positions would disturb its regular progress. The only sixes at which calls can be made without 'upsetting' the observation bell are the 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th (during which it is doing its 'slow' work), and 12th and 13th (when it is a 'quick' bell).

Another thing about Stedman composition is that hobs generally go in pairs, so that if you have a bob at 3 it is usually followed by one at 4, if you have a bob at 5 it is followed by one at 6; a bob at 7 is followed by one at 8, and a bob at 12 by one at 13. Bobs at 3, 4 are when the observation bell is going in Slow, 5-6 when it is doing its Half-turns, 7-8 when it is doing its Last whole-turn and coming out, and 12, 13 when it is going in and out Quick. The pairs of hobs are, therefore, sometimes indicated by the letters S. H. L. or Q. Bobs should be called at the handstroke before they are to be made, and the would-be conductor should write out a plain course of the method.

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MORE BELLS FOR SOUTH WALES.**MAESTEG TOWER TO BE COMPLETED.**

A quarterly meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association was held at Bridgend on Saturday, April 18th. A good muster was present, and the bells, a beautiful ring of eight by Taylor and Co., were kept going in various methods.

The Vicar (Canon D. Phillips) conducted the service and gave a typical ringers' address. Tea was partaken of in the Church Room and had been very kindly provided by the Canon's wife and daughter.

The business meeting followed, presided over by the Vicar. Augmentations and restorations were dealt with, it being reported that it was decided to complete the octave at Llanfrehfa by adding two more bells, the work to be done in time for the Coronation. There is also a proposal to complete the tower at Maesteg, which is now built up to the eaves and instal a ring of bells. The hon. secretary was instructed to write the Vicar congratulating him on his effort and wishing him every success.

The visitors included Mr. Claude I. Davies, of Liverpool, and Mr. S. Roper, of Croydon, and both were elected life members.

The whole of the ringers of Llangynwyd Church and of Newton Nottage, Porthcawl, were elected, and also Mr. J. C. Howell, of Huil.

It was decided to hold the next Glamorgan meeting at Newton Nottage, Porthcawl, and the Monmouth meeting at Usk.

Votes of thanks were accorded Mrs. Phillips and her daughter for their hospitality and to the Canon for his kindness in granting the use of the bells, the service and for presiding at the meeting.

The Vicar, responding, said it was his delight to welcome the association to Bridgend, and was mindful of and grateful for the work done by the ringers. It would be always his pleasure to give his permission for a peal by any visiting ringers.

The bells were afterwards rung in various methods, and this concluded a pleasant, enjoyable and successful meeting.

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dividing the sixes by a line for convenience and examine carefully the exact position where he has to make his calls.

Many simple touches can be got for practice, because any of the pairs of hobs, repeated, will produce two courses (168 changes), and you can increase your length by adding to one duplicated pair, two other pairs. A simple thing to begin with is to call S. twice, H. twice, L. twice, Q. twice. The first H. immediately follows the second S., the first L. the second H., and so on. In full, it is 420, but the bells will come round at the end of the course after any of the pairs, if you do not begin to call the succeeding pair.

All of the following produce two courses, if repeated, and there are many ways in which they can be intermingled to lengthen your touch:

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

In our reference last week to Canon Elsee's connection with the Central Council we said that the only two other members remaining who were elected to the first Council were Canon Coleridge and Mr. George Williams. There are others living who were members of the first Council, but these two are the only survivors who have been members without a break throughout the life of the Council. Canon Coleridge, we believe, has attended every meeting.

Mr. J. Gould, a well-known member of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, has completed 54 years as a ringer and 50 years leader and conductor at Henbury tower, near Bristol. May he carry on the good work for many years to come. A peal in his honour was rung there on Easter Monday by a band from South Wales, who were afterwards hospitably entertained by Mr. Gould. The ringers desire to thank him for his kindness.

A peal of Stedman Triples was rung on Easter Day at Malvern Link to celebrate the birthdays of Messrs. W. Short, R. G. Knowles and G. Popnell, April 12th being the anniversary of the natal day of them all. Easter Day was Mr. Knowles' 70th birthday. Mr. W. Short, who is Master of the Worcestershire Association, was born on Easter Sunday, and this was the third time the anniversary has fallen on this festival. Mr. G. Popnell was born on Good Friday, and the anniversary has never fallen on that day since.

We are asked to state that the composition of peal No. 3,864, in the current Yorkshire Association report, was composed by Arthur Knights and not Amburn Wilson, as stated.

Mr. T. E. Sone withdraws the claim to the first peal of Kent Treble Bob Major on the bells at Birling, Kent, rung on April 11th. He has been informed by Mr. C. B. Lucas, of Walthamstow, that he conducted a peal there in this method on May 19th, 1891, for the Middlesex Association and the All Hallows (Tottenham) Society.

In the peal of Minor at Freiston, Lincs, on Easter Monday, there were 38 methods and 147 changes from one to another. No fewer than twelve methods were incorporated in the first 720, and on Saturday at Wainfleet the same band rang a peal in 42 methods with 167 changes of method.

The ring of eight bells, tenor 1 ton, of Lindley Parish Church, near Huddersfield, is to be rehung with new fittings in new framework by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

A clock has been placed in the ringing chamber at the Church of St. John the Divine, Leicester, to commemorate the completion of 34 years as Master and steeplekeeper by Mr. William Willson. It was presented by the St. John the Divine Society of Ringers.

One of the largest number of ringers' meetings ever held on one day will take place to-morrow. No fewer than 44 have been advertised in our columns.

It was stated at the annual meeting of the Herts County Association that Mr. Walter Ayre, the retiring president, was absent on account of a family bereavement. Happily he had not suffered a bereavement, but was visiting his mother who was seriously ill. We are pleased to say she has now rallied considerably.

Mr. Harry Chapman, so well known formerly as one of the leading spirits for many years in Lancashire ringing, has been elected for the fourth time people's churchwarden at Keyston, Huntingdonshire, where he is now living in retirement.

In the very interesting broadcast from Lavenham on Sunday evening, the church and its bells found an important place. Many ringers all over the country heard for the first time the voice of the famous tenor, and they must all have appreciated the brief talk on Lavenham bells and ringers by a member of the Symonds family, three generations of which ring regularly in this old Suffolk village.

Ringers who have copies of old peal records to send to the Central Council should forward them without delay to the Convenor of the 'Peal Boards' Committee, Mr. W. Ayre, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead.

BELLS FOR VICTORIA, B.C.

A NAMING CEREMONY AT WHITECHAPEL FOUNDRY.

A ring of eight bells, with tenor 29½ cwt. in C sharp, has been cast at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry for Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, British Columbia.

A naming ceremony is to be performed on Monday week by the Lord Bishop of London. The tenor will be named 'King George V.,' the seventh 'Queen Mary,' and the others after various people.

THE STEDMAN CINQUES RECORD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I wish to apologise for the false long peal of Stedman Cinques, to the Exercise generally, to your readers for depriving them of one of your entertaining and instructive articles, but most of all to the unfortunate band which put up such a magnificent performance at Southwark 13 years ago. I can only say how very much I regret not having taken that extra care which would have made so much difference.

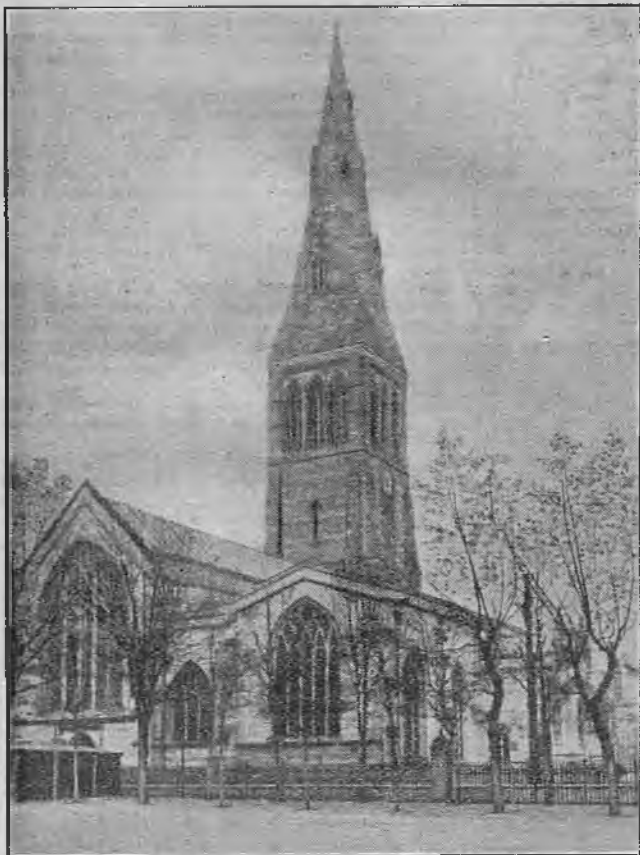
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HENRY G. MILES.

ST. MARTIN'S CATHEDRAL, LEICESTER

THE SCHEME FOR THE NEW BELLS.

The recent announcement in our columns that the Cathedral of St. Martin, Leicester, is to have a new peal of twelve bells has aroused a great deal of interest, partly because of an unexpectedly early development of the scheme. The cost of the recasting of the old peal of ten and the addition of the new bells, as we have already recorded, has been assured by generous donors, but the incidental belfry improvements which complete the scheme have yet to be provided for. A letter from Mr. Ernest Morris, printed below, gives information upon this matter.



ST. MARTIN'S CATHEDRAL, LEICESTER.

The old peal of ten are based upon bells cast by Edwin Arnold, of Leicester, in 1781, which have been added to at various times since. North's 'Church Bells of Leicestershire,' published in 1876, gives the tenor as 52½ inches diameter, the four back bells each bearing the inscription:—

'A. Watchorne, Esq., Mayor; J. Nichols and W. Capp, Churchwardens; Edwin Arnold. Fecit. 1781.

Of the other bells, the treble, 2nd and 4th bear the inscription, 'J. Taylor and Son, Founders. Oxford and Loughborough, 1854.'

The 3rd records: 'J. Taylor and Son, Bellfounders, Loughborough, late of Oxford, Buckland Brewer, Devon, and St. Neots, Hunts. Successors to the old and celebrated founders, Newcombe, Watts, Eyre and Arnold, of Leicester, names of high repute dating as early as 1560.'

The 5th is inscribed: 'Let everything that hath breath, Praise the Lord,' and the 6th: 'Praise Him upon the well-tuned cymbals; Praise Him upon the loud cymbals.'

Now the Loughborough foundry is to put the seal on its ancestral connection with these bells, by recasting them and making them into twelve

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WEATHER AFFECTS ATTENDANCE AT ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Newnham-on-Severn on Easter Monday. Weather conditions were against the interests of the meeting, and only about 40 braved the snow, hail and wind, mixed with continuous rain and sleet. The proceedings commenced with a service, at which the Rev. Dodds gave an inspiring address. Mrs. Dodds officiated at the organ.

At the business meeting, held in the Club Room, reports from the officials were unanimously adopted and the financial statements approved. There was an increased balance of about £10 on the year's work.

All the officers were re-elected, and Mr. J. Austin (Gloucester), Mr. E. Guise (Bristol), Mr. W. B. Kyaston (Swindon) and Mr. J. K. Armstrong (Cheltenham) were elected representatives to the Central Council.

It was decided to ask the Rules Revision Committee to prepare a recommendation that nominations for Central Council representatives shall be made beforehand.

Rule 8 was altered, as from January 1st, 1936, to the effect that members may be readmitted by paying one year's arrears and the current subscription then due.

After the meeting an excellent tea was partaken of, and then further ringing took place on the Parish Church bells, a ring of eight with tenor 21 cwt. Among those present was a much welcomed visitor, Mr. Arthur Pegler, of Bangor. It is many years since Mr. Pegler left the district, but he still has many friends to recall old times.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

STOCKPORT BRANCH MEETING AT TAXAL.

On Saturday, April 18th, a meeting of the Stockport Branch was held at the ancient church of Taxal, situated at the commencement of the beautiful Goyt Valley now in process of being turned into a reservoir for the town of Stockport. The six bells were requisitioned early in the afternoon and a variety of methods were rung until the short service, held in church at 4.15. This was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. H. N. C. Renner, who gave a forceful address on the responsibilities of ringers and their ministry. He observed that the bells hung in Taxal tower contained metal from two of a ring of three bells which were listed in Thomas Cromwell's inventory of Reformation times, and there still hangs in the tower one of the three, although it is now no longer hung for ringing. Thus they had in these bells a link with the church of over three centuries ago.

After service some 30 members and friends enjoyed an excellent tea, following which a short business meeting was held under the chairmanship of the Rector, who extended a very warm welcome to Taxal.

It was decided to send a letter of congratulation to the Editor of 'The Ringing World' on his attainment of 25 years' service to the Exercise, and a request was made that this should be backed up in practical manner by all endeavouring to increase the circulation of the paper.

The Rev. F. Bonner, of St. Mary's, Stockport, was elected a ringing member of the Guild.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector for his services in church and the use of the bells, to the local ringers, to the organist and the caterers, and to all who in any way had assisted to make the meeting a success.

The bells were rung until a late hour, the ringing ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Spliced Treble Bob Minor.

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AN APPEAL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The restoration and augmentation of Leicester (St. Martin's) Cathedral bells, as announced in last week's issue, will be welcomed by all ringers, especially members of the Midland Counties Association, and in particular those of the Leicester Diocese. I am now in a position to state definitely that the ring of 12 bells suggested is assured by the generosity of a number of donors, but there will be much work in the belfry and ringers' chamber needed, entailing considerable expense.

It is desired that all ringers of the diocese should contribute in making its Cathedral Church belfry a worthy one, and to this end Mr. Wm. Willson (vice-president, M.C.A.), 3, Winchester Avenue, Leicester, and myself, as consultant to the Diocesan Advisory Committee, have been asked by the Provost and Cathedral authorities to undertake this part of the scheme.

All ringers who have had the pleasure(?) of ringing at St. Martin's, Leicester, will know this work has been sadly needed for many years, and it is hoped that everyone—outside the diocese as well as within—will contribute to this worthy cause. We, therefore, appeal to all friends to send contributions, however small, either to Mr. Willson, Mr. Fred Dexter, or any of the Cathedral ringers, or to me. After the dedication there will be a 'Ringers' Day,' when all contributors will be invited to a service of thanksgiving and to have a ring on the new twelve bells.

Thanking all friends in anticipation,

ERNEST MORRIS.

24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

THE ROLL OF HONOUR. LIST OF 'LIFE-LONG' SUPPORTERS STILL GROWING.

The 'Roll of Honour' is still growing. We print below another long list of ringers who have subscribed to 'The Ringing World' from No. 1 to the present day. It is delightful to know we have so many 'lifelong' friends still giving us their support. Pressure on our space prevents us publishing this week further extracts from the many interesting letters which have come to us, but we hope to be able to quote from some of them in our next issue.

Mr. A. Allman, Barthomley, Crewe.
Mr. J. E. Ashcroft, Grappenhall, Warrington.
Mr. A. B. Bennett, Kensington, London.
Mr. T. Bettison, Mansfield Woodhouse, Notts.
Mr. W. Bibby, Frodsham, Cheshire.
Mr. C. W. Bird, Kettering, Northants.
Mr. G. A. Black, Woodford Green, Essex.
Mr. C. E. Borrett, Norwich.
Mr. W. Bottrill, Ealing, Middlesex.
Mr. C. P. Bradley, Beverley, Yorks.
Mr. W. G. J. Brown, Ipswich, Suffolk.
Mr. R. H. Brundle, Ipswich, Suffolk.
Mr. C. Camm, Upton-on-Severn.
Mr. H. C. Castle, Ashford, Kent.
Mr. H. Chapman, Keyston, Huntingdon.
Mr. T. W. Chapman, Nuneaton, Warwickshire.
Mr. G. Charge, Upper Holloway, London.
Mr. R. Charge, Upper Holloway, London.
Mr. G. Chester, Lincoln.
Mr. H. R. Cobbin, Nottingham.
Mr. W. J. Cope, Lichfield, Staffs.
Mr. A. Coppock, Nottingham.
Mr. P. Crook, Bolton, Lancashire.
Mr. F. W. Dale, Hull.
Mr. G. Dawson, Leytonstone, Essex.
Mr. C. Dean, Croydon, Surrey.
Mr. P. Dench, Saffron Walden, Essex.
Mr. G. Edwards, Penshurst, Kent.
Mr. H. C. Edwards, Stony Stratford, Bucks.
Mr. C. J. Ellis, Parkeston, Essex.
Mr. J. Evans, High Wycombe, Bucks.
Mr. F. Farrant, Martock, Somerset.
Mr. G. W. Faulkner, Barking, Essex.
Mr. C. Fenn, Barking, Essex.
Mr. E. G. Fenn, Barking, Essex.
Mr. R. Fenn, Barking, Essex.
Mr. A. C. Fearnley, York.
Mr. H. Ferguson, Scarborough, Yorks.
Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, Enfield, Middlesex.
Mr. W. G. Fowler, Christchurch, Hants.
Mr. J. A. Freeman, Lincoln.
Mr. J. H. Gartside, Chorley, Lancs.
Mr. W. P. Garrett, Ipswich, Suffolk.
Mr. H. W. Gayton, Harrold, Beds.
Mr. J. Gillett, Gloucester.
Mr. C. Glenn, Dieppe, France.
Mr. S. Grove, Selly Oak, Birmingham.
Mr. W. Hale, Cheltenham, Glos.
Mr. A. Harding, South Ealing, Middlesex.
Mr. A. C. Hardy, Barking, Essex.
Mr. J. Hensman, Edenbridge, Kent.
Mr. J. Hemming, J.P., Hampton Evesham.
Major J. H. B. Hesse, Haslemere, Surrey.
Mr. M. F. R. Hibbert, Bushey, Herts.
Mr. R. A. Hickston, Long Eaton.
Mr. G. Horner, York.
Mr. G. H. Hughes, Great Stanmore, Middlesex.
Mr. H. S. Humphrey, New Romney, Kent.
Mr. O. J. Hunt, Levenshulme, Manchester.
Mr. H. Ineson, York.
Mr. W. Ingham, Parkstone, Dorset.
Mr. W. Ireland, Diss, Norfolk.
Mr. H. W. Kirton, Writtle, Essex.
Mr. R. K. Knight (deceased), Leytonstone, Essex.
Mr. J. E. Lamb, Blackheath, London.
Mr. R. D. Langford, Crewe, Cheshire.
Mr. C. R. Lilley, Newton Abbot, Devon.
Mr. T. Maude, Pudsey, Yorks.
Mr. R. Maynard, sen., Walthamstow, Essex.
Mr. J. Molton, Ilford, Essex.
Mr. C. J. More, Palgrave, Norfolk.
Mr. J. Moule, Forest Gate, London.

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NEW BELLS AT STAFFORDSHIRE CHURCH. MEMORIAL TO FORMER CODSALL RINGER.

Probably the largest congregation which for some time has attended the Parish Church at Codsall was present at the evening service on Sunday, April 5th, when the Venerable R. L. Hodson, Archdeacon of Stafford, dedicated various gifts to the church, which included a credence table, in memory of Helen Walker; churchwardens' staves, in memory of Thomas Harley and Thomas Harley, jun.; churchyard gates, in memory of Harry Wilkes; and, last but not least, the new peal of eight bells and a memorial tablet.

The six old bells have been recast and two trebles added to make a ring of eight, given by the Misses Moreton in memory of their father, Edwin Moreton, who for over 50 years was a ringer at this church. The cost of the memorial tablet was also defrayed by the Misses Moreton.

After the dedication the bells were rung in rounds for a few minutes by a representative band belonging to the Archdeaconry.

The Archdeacon delivered a stirring and outspoken address which will be remembered by many for a long time.

After service, a short touch of Grandsire Triples was rung by the band who rang at the dedication ceremony.

Ringing continued until 9 p.m., touches in all the standard methods being rung, also a course of Cambridge Surprise Major and some rounds for the local ringers.

There were upwards of 50 ringers present, who came from Coventry, Swindon, Claverly, Stockton, Wolverhampton, Tettenhall, Blakenhall, Willenhall, Walsall, Darlaston, Coseley, Brewood, etc.

Previously the church had six bells, a very mixed lot—treble by Blews, 1867, second by Mears, 1875, third, fourth and fifth dated 1637, and tenor 1638. The last four do not appear to have had the maker's name on them.

The ringers had to stand in a somewhat awkward position to ring, and as far as the writer knows no peal had been rung on the bells, and no wonder either.

The death watch beetle is very much abused, but it is owing to its ravages that a clean sweep has been made in Codsall tower.

The work was entrusted to Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and the work they have done is work they can be proud of. The firm was represented at the dedication by Mr. J. P. Fidler, and he was the recipient of many congratulations.

Codsall now possesses a splendid peal of bells, tenor a few pounds under ten cwt., hung on ball bearings in a steel frame. The tone and go are all that can be desired.

Further, the ringers have now a splendid little ringing chamber to ring in, open to the church, in place of the old awkward position among pews on the ground floor. This handy ring should also prove very valuable to the society for propaganda work.

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Mr. W. J. Moss, Stretford, Manchester.
Mr. J. Parker, Enfield, Middlesex.
Mr. W. T. Pegler, Bangor, North Wales.
Mr. W. Perkins, Irthlingborough, Northants.
Mr. F. W. Perrens, Radford, Coventry.
Mr. John Perry, Brewood, Stafford.
Mr. A. Piper, Eastbourne, Sussex.
Mr. A. Prior, Leyton, Essex.
Mr. G. R. Pye, Chadwell Heath, Essex.
Mr. E. Rickett, York.
Mr. F. Rigby, Chorley, Lancs.
Mr. A. Roberts, Stoke Coventry, Warwickshire.
Mr. R. Sanders, Balham, London.
Mr. T. Saunders, East Peckham, Kent.
Mr. F. Seager, Shipley, Yorks.
Mr. J. Segar, jun., Retford, Notts.
Mr. C. J. Sedgley, Ipswich, Suffolk.
Mr. T. E. Slater, Glemsford, Suffolk.
Mr. A. Paddon Smith, Birmingham.
Mr. J. Smith, Long Sutton, Lincs.
Mr. C. H. Sone, Linton, Kent.
Mr. R. Sperring, Chester.
Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart, Ferndown, Dorset.
Mr. F. W. Stokes, Blankney, Lincoln.
Mr. S. H. Symonds, Lavenham, Suffolk.
Mr. J. J. Taylor, Northampton.
Mr. G. W. Temby, Cleator Moor, Cumberland.
Mr. W. H. Theobald, West Ham, Essex.
Mr. B. S. Thompson, Norwich.
Mr. A. D. Tompkins, Bredenbury, Hereford.
Mr. J. W. Unwin, Canterbury, Kent.
Mr. A. Weaver, Penarth, Cardiff.
Mr. W. Welling, Old Windsor, Berks.
Mr. L. W. Wiffen, Braintree, Essex.
Mr. F. Willford, Chapel Brampton, Northampton.
Mr. H. E. Wills, Croydon, Surrey.
Mrs. R. J. Wilkins, Bristol.
Mr. W. Wenham, Staplehurst, Kent.
Mr. G. Worth, York.

WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING.

Presentation to Late Hon. Secretary.

The annual meeting of the Worcestershire and Districts Association was held at Worcester on Easter Monday, when, in spite of the inclement weather, 130 members and friends were present. Among the visitors were the Rev. C. Holroyd Barker, L.Th., secretary of the North Staffordshire Association, and others from Oxford and Sheffield.

Through the kindness of the headmaster of the King's School, the business meeting was held in the College Hall, the president, the Very Rev. Arthur Davies, D.Litt., Dean of Worcester, being in the chair, supported by Mr. W. Short (Master), the Rev. J. F. Hastings (clerical secretary), the Rev. G. W. Webb (vice-president), and Mr. J. D. Johnson (lay secretary).

The Chairman reminded the members that it was the first meeting since the death of their late president, Dr. W. Moore Ede, and the members thereupon stood in silence for a few moments. The president, on behalf of the Dean and Chapter, extended a hearty welcome to the association to Worcester.

The secretary reported that the Central Committee had met in the morning and had considered applications for grants from the Belfry Repairs Fund. The committee had decided to make grants of £5 each towards the rehanging of the bells of Upton-on-Severn and Norton.

As recommended by the committee, it was decided to give donations of a guinea each to the Dean Moore Ede and William Pye Memorial Funds.

It was also decided to hold the annual dinner again in Worcester on the last Saturday in September.

The 51st annual report called attention to the loss which the association had sustained in the death of the late Dean of Worcester, to the number of changes in the officers, and to the activity in bell restorations in the northern part of the county, the local church authorities being congratulated on the completion of these schemes. The balance sheet showed a credit balance for the year in the general fund of just over £4 and also recorded a welcome increase of 27 in the number of performing members.—Both report and balance sheet were considered satisfactory and were adopted.

The following officers for 1936 were elected: President, Very Rev. Arthur Davies; Master, Mr. W. Short; clerical secretary, the Rev. J. F. Hastings; lay secretary, Mr. J. D. Johnson; treasurer, Mr. W. H. Johnson; auditors, Messrs. E. E. Barber and S. T. Holt; Central Council representatives, Messrs. C. H. Woodberry, S. T. Holt and J. D. Johnson; whilst the clerical and lay vice-presidents were all re-elected.

It was decided to leave the arrangements for the annual peal to the Master, and to hold the next annual meeting at Worcester.

One life member, one honorary member and 21 performing members were elected.

The Rev. J. F. Hastings and Mr. S. T. Holt spoke of the bells of St. Helen's Church, Worcester. These bells were of historic interest, as they all bore inscriptions commemorative of Marlborough and his victories. They were not rung at the moment owing to the tenor being cracked, but there is a possibility of the church being closed or even pulled down at some time in the future. In such an event every effort should be made to preserve the peal intact.—The Dean said he thought it very wise of the association to be alive to this question, and to record the facts on the minutes, especially as it had been brought forward in the presence of the Press.

MR. J. R. NEWMAN'S 30 YEARS' WORK.

A presentation was then made from the members to the late general secretary, Mr. J. R. Newman, of Severn Stoke, who had been in office for a period of 30 years, 1905-35. The Rev. J. F. Hastings, in making the presentation, said they felt they could not let the occasion pass without some practical recognition of that wonderful secretaryship which had now come to an end. Under Mr. Newman's wise guidance the membership had more than doubled, their funds had grown from practically nothing to over £80, and it was all done with a modesty which held their admiration.

Similar tributes to the tact and consistent courtesy of Mr. Newman were paid by Messrs. R. G. Knowles, W. Short, J. Hemming, E. E. Barber and J. D. Johnson.

The presentation took the form of a wireless receiving set, suitably inscribed, and a cheque, whilst for their sympathetic help Mrs. Newman was presented with a silver tea tray.

In thanking the members, Mr. Newman said they had given him the most difficult job of all in 30 years. The work was a pleasure, he enjoyed it and did it very willingly, but he could do nothing alone, and all that had been done was due to the co-operation of other officers and members. The hall brought back memories; his earliest were of sitting on his hands to stop the tingling (laughter and applause). Then, 22 years ago, the association had presented him with a clock on the occasion of his marriage. It also brought back other memories—memories of other officers who had helped in the early days. Some of them had passed on, but he was glad to say that many were still with them, and were present that day.—Mrs. Newman also suitably replied.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Dean and Chapter, to the headmaster of the King's School, and to the incumbents of the various churches where bells were used that day.

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MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT DERBY.

In spite of the inclement weather, cold, rain, sleet and hail-storms, a good muster of members attended the annual meeting at Derby, and good practice was done at St. Alkmund's (8), St. Peter's (8) and St. Andrew's (10) during the day, when all the standard and several Surprise methods were brought round. In the evening the Cathedral bells (10) were available. The committee met in St. Andrew's Schools in the afternoon, and, arising out of their deliberations, grants were made from the Bell Repair Fund to Staveley, Derbyshire, where the eight bells are being rehung; and to Cotgrave, Notts, where the six bells are undergoing repair. St. Martin's Cathedral, Leicester, appeal was left for the time being, it being understood that the committee will give every consideration to this at a later date.

A letter from the president of the Central Council was read in connection with the suggested reopening of Chesterfield tower, and it is sincerely hoped that the Council's Advisory Committee will continue to press the matter, and that their efforts will have the desired effect.

Suggestions for the next three quarterly meetings were put forward to lay before the general meeting.

Tea was served at the Pierpont Restaurant at 5 p.m., and just over 60 members and friends sat down. This is one of the smallest numbers for an annual meeting, but the weather doubtless accounted for the absence of many who would otherwise have come. All districts of the association were represented, viz., Burton, Chesterfield, Derby, Hinckley, Leicester, Loughborough, Nottingham, and visitors were welcomed from as far afield as London, Leeds, Nuneaton, Norbury (Cheshire) and other places. At the meeting which followed tea, Mr. E. Denison Taylor occupied the chair and gave a review of the past quarter's work. He stated that 25 peals had been rung. It was with the deepest regret that he had to record the deaths of two eminent members of the Exercise, both of whom were life members of the association—the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake and the Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee. He called upon the members to stand in silence for a few moments to their respected memory. The president also noted the recent activities of bellringing in B.B.C. programmes, and stressed that it should be of the very best to be appreciated by all. He also referred to the silver jubilee of 'The Ringing World,' and congratulated its talented editor, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, for the excellent way he had served the Exercise during this period of 25 years, expressing also the appreciation of all members of the Midland Counties Association.

The report and balance sheet were formally adopted on the proposition of Mr. Colin Harrison (auditor), seconded by Mr. J. H. Swinfield.

Election of general officers followed, and as there were no other nominations, the following were re-elected en bloc: President, Mr. E. Denison Taylor; vice-president, Mr. William Willson; hon. treasurer, Mr. W. E. White; general hon. secretary, Mr. Ernest Morris. These officers thanked the members for their confidence in them, and promised to serve the interests of the association to the best of their abilities.

New members proposed since the last meeting were eight honorary, 11 ringing, one rejoined, one life, and these were duly elected. The association was also pleased to have as patron the new Lord Bishop of Derby, the Right Rev. A. E. J. Rawlinson, D.D.

Voting for four members to serve as representatives on the Central Council took place. Six names were put forward, and the following were duly elected, viz., Messrs. E. D. Taylor, J. H. Swinfield, A. J. Harris and W. H. J. Hooton.

The places chosen for the next three quarterly meetings were Norton, near Chesterfield, June; Ashby-de-la-Zouch, September; and Loughborough, January, 1937.

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The members attended service in the Cathedral, the special preacher being the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Rector of St. Nicholas', Hereford, and hon. secretary of the Hereford Guild. Taking for his text the last verse of I. Corinthians xv., 'Always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord,' the preacher said it was a happy thing for any body of churchworkers to meet on the day following Easter, for this festival set God's approval on the life of Jesus. In international affairs the Church had a vital part to play, and any nation remaining loyal to Christian principles was sure of its ultimate triumph. Ringers had a share in advancing the Kingdom of God—they had one definite branch of church work. The guilds and associations enabled services to be rendered which otherwise would be lost. They had a double function—first to promote and cultivate the art of change ringing to the attractiveness of perfection, and by raising the standard of service ringing. The country would be much poorer for the lack of the witness of the bells. Secondly, to promote the recognition of ringers as church officers and workers. If this meant recognition by the Church, then in that alone had the guilds or associations justified their existence. If it meant recognition by themselves, the same again most emphatically was true. He personally valued the work of the guilds, and repeated that he felt quite sure that they were the means of encouraging and rendering service to the Church which otherwise would be lost.

During the day good use was made of the magnificent peal of twelve at the Cathedral, and the bells of All Saints', St. John-in-Bedwardine, St. Swithin and St. Nicholas'.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A BROADCAST TRAVESTY.

Vicar of St. Peter Mancroft Criticises B.B.C. Action.

The Norwich Diocesan Association held its annual general meeting at Norwich on Easter Monday. By kind permission of the incumbents, the bells of St. Peter Mancroft, St. Michael-at-Coslany, St. Giles' and All Saints' were at the disposal of the members from 10.30 in the morning until the evening, and the ringing included touches in many of the standard methods. Service was held at 12.30 p.m. in St. Peter Mancroft, conducted by the Rev. Hugh McMullan (Vicar). The Rev. T. B. Singleton, Rector of Swaffield, gave an impressive address, based on the text, 'Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might,' which was listened to by a congregation of about 70 members and friends.

Luncheon followed at the Bell Hotel, at which 40 were present. The president, the Archdeacon of Norwich (the Ven. J. M. MacDermott), was in the chair. Supporting him were the Rev. H. McMullan, the Rev. T. B. Singleton, Mr. P. W. J. Fryer, J.P., Mr. C. E. Borrett (vice-president), Mr. A. L. Coleman (general secretary and treasurer), Messrs. W. L. Duffield and W. J. Lee (chairmen of the East and South Norfolk Branches), J. G. W. Harwood and W. J. Eldred (branch secretaries for East and West Norfolk), G. Bailey, E. G. Bennett, R. W. Cooke, R. J. Davey, A. G. Harrison, A. G. King (members of the committee), and members from all parts of the diocese and from the county of Suffolk.

The President proposed the toast of 'The King,' which was duly honoured.

GRATITUDE EXPRESSED TO HON. SECRETARY.

The business agenda was transacted under the chairmanship of the Rev. H. McMullan, who was supported by the president and officers of the association. Letters of apology for absence were received from the Rev. W. C. Pearson, the Rev. J. M. McNally, Messrs. G. P. Burton, H. F. Carter, W. C. Duffield, F. Nolan Golden and R. T. Woodley. The hon. secretary presented the annual report and balance sheet for the year ended December 31st, 1935, which were adopted on a motion moved by Mr. B. S. Thompson, seconded by Mr. J. G. W. Harwood.

A donation of £2 from the association was voted to the Scham Toney Bell Fund.

The Archdeacon of Norwich was unanimously re-elected president. The vice-presidents were also re-elected. Mr. B. S. Thompson proposed and Mr. W. J. Eldred seconded the re-election of Mr. A. L. Coleman as general secretary and treasurer and the motion was carried unanimously.

The Chairman moved: 'That this association wishes to record on the minutes its gratitude and thanks to Mr. Coleman for the many years of active service rendered towards the welfare of the association.'

The motion of thanks was heartily accorded. Mr. G. P. Burton was re-elected hon. auditor, and, on the motion of the general secretary and treasurer, the nominations received from the branches for election on the elected committee were accepted, viz.: Messrs. George Bailey and William C. Duffield, North Norfolk Branch; Arthur G. King and Reginald J. Davey, East Norfolk Branch; William E. Bason and Eric G. Bennett, South Norfolk Branch; Robert W. Cooke and John A. Godfrey, West Norfolk Branch. Messrs. Charles E. Borrett, Arthur L. Coleman and F. Nolan Golden were elected representatives on the Central Council.

The general secretary proposed the election of the following new members: Messrs. Eric S. Gooch, William H. French, Arthur Howes, Frederick W. Lawson, Henry E. Woodhouse and the ratification of the belfry election prior to a peal of Mr. Frederick C. Gunton.

BROADCAST OF ST. PETER MANCROFT BELLS.

The Rev. Hugh McMullan (Vicar of St. Peter Mancroft), on behalf of the members of the Norwich Diocesan Association, protested (as briefly recorded in our last issue) against a recent broadcast by the B.B.C. of the ringing of the bells of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich. The broadcast was linked up with Mr. R. H. Mottram's talks on East Anglia. Mr. McMullan referred to it as 'a travesty—an extraordinarily poor idea of what the bells are capable.'

'I heard the broadcast,' said Mr. McMullan, 'and was as nearly disgusted as I could be. It was, of course, a record of the bells, and I wondered how it was taken. From inquiries I made I found that some months before the B.B.C. van had appeared outside St. Peter Mancroft Church, and that it was on this occasion that the record was taken. No intimation had been sent to me, as Vicar, or to our Ringing Master, Mr. B. S. Thompson, that it was intended to take a record of the bell ringing, and it so happened that on that occasion we had a very weak team in the belfry. If we had known what was intended by the B.B.C. we could have had our best ringers and the full number of bells rung.'

The speaker went on to say that a very interesting correspondence on the matter had followed with the B.B.C. It started with a letter written by Mr. Thompson to the Broadcasting Corporation. He described the record broadcast as 'a terrible thing,' a record taken without the knowledge of the Vicar or the ringers, 'which in itself was not exactly courteous.' The letter added: 'The full peal was not being rung and the band ringing them was not a strong one. The best position for taking the record could not possibly have been made use of; in fact, the record is a travesty of St. Peter's bells, which are

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DEATH OF MR. J. W. ROWBOTHAM.

SENIOR PAST MASTER OF THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

One of the oldest members of the Ancient Society of College Youths passed away at Upper Norwood, London, S.E., on Sunday week, in the person of Mr. John W. Rowbotham. He was 77 years of age, had been a member of the society for 60 years and twice Master.

Mr. Rowbotham had been a sufferer from bronchitis and asthma for a good many years, and his death occurred from heart trouble brought on from this cause.

Born in Sheffield on July 12th, 1858, Mr. Rowbotham began ringing at Sheffield Parish Church (now the Cathedral) in 1874, and rang his first peal there in 1876. This was a 5,021 Grandsire Caters.

Shortly afterwards he came to London to follow his trade of cabinet maker, woodcarver, modeller and architectural period joiner, in which he was highly skilled. On arriving in the Metropolis, he at once associated himself with the Ancient Society of College Youths, and although not a member of St. Paul's Cathedral Society, rang there with a fair amount of regularity from 1881 to 1886. He was first elected Master of the Ancient Society in 1884, and was thus at the time of his death the oldest surviving ex-Master. He was again elected to the office in 1908. The senior past Master is now Mr. F. E. Dawe, who was elected in 1888, and, in all, served five times.

Mr. Rowbotham was one of the representatives of the College Youths on the Central Council during the periods 1903-5 and 1909-11.

Mr. Rowbotham had kept no accurate record of his peals, but they totalled about 100 and included the 11,111 Stedman Caters, rung at All Saints', Fulham, in December, 1882 (then the longest length in the method), and the 'John' peal of London Surprise Major at Rochester Row, London, in 1904.

In addition to his membership of the College Youths, Mr. Rowbotham was one of the oldest members of the Yorkshire Association, and he frequently attended the Snowden Memorial Dinner. He was also a member of the Devon Guild, and of the old St. James' Society, now the London County Association.

The funeral took place in Sheffield last Friday.

PAID RINGERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Payment for ringing is a sore point—especially with ringing bands whose services are given voluntarily.

They aver that neighbouring churches which are able to pay their own ringing bands a fee are thus able to attract the non-paid members of the poorer towers.

The faithful servitors of these poorer churches take the trouble to teach ringing to beginners, only to find that as soon as the beginner has become proficient, he is lured away to the wealthier tower.

Naturally, the faithful ones object to their tower being made a training school for the benefit of the more affluent towers.

I should very much like to see readers' letters on this subject, which, I am sure, is of no little importance to the tranquillity, as well as the efficiency, of neighbouring towers where such a thing exists.

Rotherham.

JAMES McCORMICK.

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one of the glories of Norwich, and of world-wide reputation. The commonsense thing to do would have been to get in touch with the Vicar and have arrangements made for the record to have been one worth taking. If this had been done every assistance would have been given, not by the actual ringing alone, but with advice as to the best place for the actual recording and so on.'

B.B.C.'s EXPLANATION.

To this letter a B.B.C. official (for the Recorded Programmes Executive) replied: 'I am afraid that, as you say, the course that was adopted was certainly calculated to appear discourteous, and we hope you will accept our apologies on this account. It appears that our representative did make some attempt to get in touch with the Vicar, and I understand that he spoke to one of the clergy. But as it was just before the morning service he felt some diffidence in making any further approach and came to the conclusion that as he had to choose between recording the bells then rung and going away without recording at all (he had another appointment elsewhere), he thought it best to make a recording and write subsequently to the Vicar for permission to use it. I do not put this forward as excusing the procedure adopted, but had subsequent application been made to the Vicar all might have been well, as it would then have been pointed out that the recording was not such as to do credit to the bells. Unfortunately, however, owing to a mistake here, no letter was sent to the Vicar, with the results described in your letter. In the circumstances we can only express our regret for what has occurred.'

The President moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar of St. Peter Mancroft and to the incumbents of St. Michael-at-Coslany, St. Giles' and All Saints' for the use of their bells.

The Rev. H. McMullan moved a vote of thanks to the Rev. T. B. Singleton for his address to the members.

The Archdeacon of Norwich expressed appreciation of his re-election as president, and appealed for younger men to give their services to the church as bellringers. Their number, he said, should be two or three times the total it was at present in the county. The meeting then closed, and the members adjourned to the various belfries for further ringing until the evening.

THE LATE CANON H. J. ELSEE.

IMPRESSIVE FUNERAL.

Large Mourning Crowds at Bolton and Clynnog.

All classes in Bolton united to pay tribute to the late Canon H. J. Elsee, Vicar of St. George's and president of the Lancashire Association, on the occasion of the funeral on Wednesday week. Hundreds failed to gain admission to the church, and a supplementary service was held in St. George's Road Congregational Church.

The body had been placed in St. George's Church on the preceding evening and the funeral service was deeply impressive in its simple dignity. Many clergy of the Manchester Diocese were present, and representatives of the very many organisations of Bolton attended. Mr. E. H. Lewis (president) represented the Central Council and also the Ancient Society of College Youths, and other ringers present were the Rev. Canon C. C. Marshall, president of the Yorkshire Association; Messrs. W. H. Shaker, hon. secretary, Lancashire Association; W. J. Moss, Stretford; J. Blackburn, Coppull; F. Bradley, Whittle; William Sharples, Brindle; E. Jennings, Broughton; J. T. Bimson, Preston; J. Charnock, Chorley; J. R. Taylor, Penwortham; B. Thorpe, Ashton-under-Lyne; A. Barnes, Reddish; Sergt. Peter Crook and P.C. Donald Brown, of the National Guild of Police Ringers; and members from the local towers.

The opening sentences of the service were read by the Rev. J. F. Southworth, B.D., the present curate, and the Archdeacon of Manchester (Ven. A. Selwyn Bean, M.A.) read the lesson (Rev. 21, v. 1-7). The prayers were said by the Vicar of Bolton (the Rev. W. J. Havlock Davidson, M.A.).

A short appreciation of Canon Elsee was given by the Bishop of Hullme (Dr. Sherwood Jones), who spoke from the chancel step. That was not an occasion for eulogy, he said, and the presence of so many at the service spoke more loudly than any words of the place the Canon held in their hearts.

'At whatever point he touched our lives, and whatever his relationship to us, he was always our friend,' said the Bishop.

Mr. Thomas Booth, Mus.Bac., and Mr. Frank Rushton were at the organ, and they played 'O rest in the Lord' (Mendelssohn's 'Elijah'), 'I know that my Redeemer liveth' (Handel's 'Messiah'), Prelude in E Minor (Chopin), 'Canto Funebre' (J. L. Roedel), 'Then shall the righteous shine' (Mendelssohn), Prelude—Requiescat (West) and 'Blest are the departed' (Spohr).

The principal mourners were Canon Charles Elsee (brother), Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Elsee (brother and sister-in-law), Misses G. Elsee and E. Elsee (sisters), Miss M. Smith (housekeeper), Miss M. Hetherington (maid), Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Boud, and the Rev. J. F. Southworth.

Great crowds of sympathisers lined the streets as the cortege left the church to the sound of muffled bells, which had also been rung before the service. The interment took place later in the day at the little village of Clynnog in North Wales.

THE SCENE AT OLYNNOG.

In this little Welsh hamlet, half-way between Caernarvon and Pwllheli, a little crowd of people gathered at the old Church of St. Beuno to pay their last respects to Canon H. J. Elsee. 'Whilst we waited at the gates,' writes a correspondent, 'the bell which the Canon gave to the church in 1924 "in remembrance of Charles and Mary Anne Elsee" was tolled every minute. About 6.45 p.m. the cortege arrived and went straight to the graveside, the coffin borne by relays of parishioners. A short service was held, the Rev. W. G. Jones, Rector of Llanaelhaearn, and the Rev. J. Davies, Rector of Clynnog, officiating. A hymn was sung in Welsh by the congregation, which numbered upwards of 200. After the Blessing, two courses of Grandsire Doubles were rung with 6-7-8 covering by J. H. Midwinter 1-2, C. Gudgeon 3-4, A. E. Pegler, sen. 5-6, A. E. Pegler, jun. 7-8.

While the mourners were still lingering at the graveside the three bells in the tower were rung by the same ringers. Strange as the music sounded, to us it seemed to fit in with the simplicity of the whole ceremony.

'During the interment the sun, just about to set below the sea, was shining brilliantly, and turning the waves, not 100 yards away, into shimmering gold, whilst behind us were the Welsh mountains with the sharp peaks of Bwlch Mawr and the Rivals capped with snow. Surely nowhere could there be a more lovely resting place for such a man.

'The esteem in which Canon Elsee was held by the people of Clynnog was only too clearly shown. Men and women alike wept unrestrainedly during the service. Their hearts had been won by the kindly acts and the friendliness of this saintly man. C. G.'

TRIBUTE OF THE BELLS.

After Canon Elsee's death on Good Friday, St. George's bells were fully muffled, with exception of the tenor, which was open at the back stroke, for Sunday services, and again Monday and Tuesday evenings. They were rung for the funeral service on Wednesday by mixed bands of visitors, and as the cortege was leaving the church the 'whole pull and staud' was rung by the local company. A few more touches by the visitors followed and then a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by six of the local band, assisted by one from Holy Trinity, Bolton, and another from the Saviour's Church, Bolton.

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RECOGNITION OF RINGER'S LONG SERVICE.

PRESENTATION AT TALGARTH.

Dr. J. Gwyn Davies, M.A., J.L.D. (Vicar), recently presented Mr. W. D. Griffiths, captain of the Talgarth, Breconshire, ringers, with a gold watch and chain, subscribed for by members of the church, in recognition of the services he has rendered to the church. Mr. Griffiths has been captain of the ringers for over 30 years and a chorister for about 40 years. He has also been responsible for the upkeep and the repairs of the ropes, bells, etc., and also teaching scores of ringers from time to time.

Mr. Griffiths was the means of getting the bells recast and rehung in 1904. He has not been a great peal ringer, having rung about 50 peals, but he has been a regular Sunday service ringer, attending twice every Sunday, and always taking his place on a practice night for over 40 years.

A STAFFORDSHIRE RESTORATION.

STONE BELLS PUT IN ORDER.

Palm Sunday saw the culmination of a very spirited effort by the Stone Church authorities to 'put their house in order.' For a year or two minor defects have made themselves known amongst the bells and, as it was over 40 years since they were last rehung, it was decided to make good the ravages of time and wear and place the matter in the hands of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., who have fully justified the confidence placed in them.

A short service was held in the ringing chamber at 10 a.m. on Sunday, April 5th, to hallow the completed work. The Vicar, the Rev. H. Lee, officiated, and was supported by the Rev. J. B. Frith, Rector of Swynnerton. A distinguished gathering, headed by the chairman of the Stone Urban District Council, wearing his chain of office, was present. The service was short but impressive, and on its conclusion the bells were rung for 10.45 matins, those taking part in addition to the local company being the Rev. J. B. Frith, Mr. Thompson (hon. secretary of the North Staffs Association) and Mr. J. P. Fidler (representative of the bellhangers).

It was a happy thought which prompted the authorities to invite Mr. Frith to deliver the sermon on this special occasion. He is a typical 'Ringers' Parson,' and it was gratifying to note that he appears to have recovered from his long and painful illness.

The bells at Stone are a handy ring, even though they run the wrong way round. The tenor is about 12 cwt., and was cast, with five of its companions, by Rudhall in 1710. The peal remained a ring of six until 1890, when Messrs. Taylor and Co. added two trebles to complete the octave.

SPLICED SURPRISE IN MIDDLESEX.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. C. T. Coles, in his letter of thanks and sarcasm, says we live and learn. I agree. He, for one, would be better if he didn't propose such ridiculous notions. He has condemned all Spliced peals of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob except two, and he will have a long way to go to carry his motion if I know anything of the Central Council. In answer to Mr. E. C. S. Turner, I would say, 'Please read my first letter again and digest it.'

Taunton.

J. HUNT.

LATE NOTICE.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Kirtlington (8 bells) on Saturday, May 2nd. Service 3.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Tower open 2.30. If requiring tea, please notify F. Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxfordshire.

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The Lancashire Association, Horwich Parish Church, Liverpool Branch and St. George's Church ringers sent floral tributes, all in the form of bells, the one from Horwich being made to swing.

At St. George's Church, Mossley, Lancashire, on Friday, April 17th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes) was rung with the bells fully muffled as a mark of respect to the late president of the Lancashire Association: R. Taylor (conductor) 1, H. Taylor 2, F. Welham 3, H. Pickles 4, J. Radcliffe 5, R. Walker 6, E. Garside 7, J. Clayton 8.

At Preston, Lancs., on Tuesday, April 14th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung with half-muffled clappers as a tribute to the late Canon Elsee: C. Crosthwaite 1, E. Timbrell 2, H. Davies 3, F. Harwood 4, J. T. Bimson 5, E. Jennings 6, E. R. Martin (conductor) 7, P. Dunderdale 8.

A memorial service was held on Sunday evening in St. George's Church, Bolton. The following Sunday service ringers at St. George's rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. M. Young 1, W. Rushton 2, C. Horrocks 3, E. Ford (conductor) 4, C. R. Brown 5, J. E. Owen 6, H. Rushton 7, J. E. Thornton 8.

NOTICES.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Special Meeting, April 25th, meeting at St. Andrew's, Bishop Auckland, by invitation of the Vicar and wardens. Bells available at 2.30, unveiling of peal board at 4.15, service at 4.30. Tea in Schoolroom at 5 o'clock. Will members intending to be present please advise me at once?—George S. Taylor, 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, April 25th. Ringing: Cathedral (8), 4 to 5 p.m.; S. Nicolas' (10), 3 to 4.45. Tea 5 p.m. (1s. each), in Holy Trinity Hall. Service in the Cathedral 6 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Woking.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Lambeth, on Saturday, April 25th. Ringing to commence 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Gentlemen cordially invited.—M. L. Cross, Hon. Sec., 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, Kent.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Felstead on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business Meeting to follow.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The annual meeting will be held at the Parish Church of St. Michael, Ashton, on April 25th. Bells at 3 o'clock.—T. Jackson, Hon. Sec., 100, Blandford Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting at Lincoln, April 25th. 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.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Ealing, on Saturday, April 25th. Service at 4.45 p.m. Preacher, Rev. W. Paton, Vicar of St. Lawrence, Brentford. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.15. Business meeting to follow. Ringing at St. Mary's, Ealing, 3 to 4.45 and 7.15 to 8.30; St. Lawrence, Brentford, 3 to 4; and Christ Church, Ealing, 8 to 9.—C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4, F. W. Goodfellow, 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath, Hon. Secs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Rainham on Saturday, April 25th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea, by kind invitation of the local ringers and friends. Half rail fares allowed.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham, Kent.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Keysoe on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (5) ready from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Little Staughton bells available after tea. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Staplegrove on Saturday, April 25th. Ringing 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, etc., in the schools after.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Braughing on Saturday, April 25th. Bells during afternoon and evening. Service at 5. Tea after, at the Ringers' Home from Home. All heartily welcome. A visit to this old-world village in spring is well worth while.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral, Dundee, on Saturday, April 25th. Service at 4. Tea, by invitation of St. Paul's Cathedral ringers, at 4.30. Business meeting to follow. The Old Steeple (8) will also be available. All ringers welcome.—Wm. F. M. Stenhouse, Hon. Sec., 7, Brantwood Avenue, Dundee.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—A meeting will be held at Elkstone on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation of the Rector, at 5.30. Business meeting to follow.—Walter Yeend, Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Kewstoke on Saturday, April 25th. Bells open 2.30. Divine service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m.—L. G. Tanner, 4, Hopkins Street, Weston-super-Mare.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern and Eastern Districts.—A joint meeting will be held at Helmsley on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (8) available during the afternoon and evening. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 at the Feversham Arms (1s. 6d. per head). Business meeting immediately after tea. A hearty invitation is extended to all interested.—Edward Hudson, 4, Keldale Terrace, Sharow, Ripon; Horace S. Morley, 5, Ebor Street, Selby, Dis. Secs.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Potton on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come. Let us have a good meeting.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Horwich Parish on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Doulting on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea and meeting to follow.—G. M. Hasell, Branch Sec., 11, Council Houses, Timsbury, Bath.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Charing on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Half fares up to 2s. will be paid to members attending this meeting. A hearty welcome is extended to all ringers. Minor enthusiasts should 'brush up' those half-forgotten methods. Please send a p.c. for tea.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Eger-ton, Kent.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The spring meeting of the above branch will be held at Peasemore on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., at 6d. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ryde on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service in All Saints' Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in the Welby Institute, followed by business meeting.—H. P. James, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Portland Street, Newport, Isle of Wight.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Eastmeon on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 at the George Inn. Business meeting follows.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A special meeting will be held at Leckford to-morrow, Saturday, April 25th. The bells available at 2.30. Service at 4. Tea by kind invitation at 4.30. If coming, send card to-night, Friday.—G. and Miss Noice, Hon. Dis. Secretaries, 6, Cathedral View, Winchester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Mortimer on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m.: St. Mary's (8), St. John's (6). Service, 4.30, at St. John's, followed by tea for ringers at St. John's Hall.—E. G. Foster, Hon. Sec., 401, London Road, Reading.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Chilvers Coton on Saturday, April 25th. Service in church at 4.30. Tea at 5 in the Church Hall, followed by the general annual business meeting. Coton bells available during afternoon and evening. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.—M. Melville, Gen. Hon. Sec., Exhall, Coventry.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Bentley on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. A good attendance is hoped for at this meeting. Both tower and handbells available.—Ernest Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—A meeting will be held at Walpole St. Andrew on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Visitors welcome.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Ogbourne St. George (5 bells) on April 25th. All ringing friends welcome.—Walter J. Jennings, 16, Lainey's Close, Marlborough, Wilts.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Eccleston on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available from 3. Service 4.30.—J. W. Clarke, Wayside, Circular Drive, Chester.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bathford on Saturday, April 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15.—Theo Grant, Swainswick, Bath.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton and Daventry Branches.—A special joint meeting will be held at Weedon (6) on Saturday, April 25th. Usual arrangements.—J. C. Dean, 16, St. Peter's Street, Northampton; W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The Bright Young People's Annual, Saturday, April 25th, at Wooburn, Bucks. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m., at 1s. per head. Business meeting 6.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—The monthly meeting of the Bristol Rural Branch will be held at Westerleigh on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—R. C. Gifford, Gifford House, Frampton Cotterell, near Bristol.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wrington on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at the Golden Lion at 5 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

SHORT NOTICE.—**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Crewe Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held to-morrow, April 25th, at Market Drayton. Ringing (8 bells) commences 3 p.m. A good attendance is desired.—R. D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on April 30th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 28th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, SOUTHWARK, S.E.—The re-dedication of the bells will take place during the evening service on Sunday, April 26th, not after the service. Ringing from 7.45 p.m. to 9 p.m. Annual meeting of Metropolitan Police Guild, Saturday, May 2nd. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting in vestry at 6 p.m. Ringing until 8.30 p.m.—P.C. Norman S. Bagworth, Hon. Sec., Veranda Lodge, Hyde Park, W.2.

SOUTHWARK, ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR.—The re-opening of the bells is included in the bi-centenary celebrations, and will take place during evensong on Sunday, April 26th. Ring of eight, tuned and rehung by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Combined Practices.—In accordance with the wishes of the members of the Northern District, the following arrangements for combined practices have been made: Hitchin, Monday, April 27th, 7.30-9; Baldock, Wednesday, May 6th, 7.45-9; Royston, Friday, May 15th, 7.30-9; Knebworth, Friday, May 22nd, 7.30-9. These have been arranged for you, so please support them. Please cut this out, as it will not appear again.—Don. Mears, Hon. Sec.

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LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—A meeting will be held at Wellingore on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea notify me not later than Wednesday, April 29th. Gentlemen cordially invited. — Mrs. R. Richardson, Hon. Sec., Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Southport, on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Emmanuel bells after tea. Ringers who intend to be present send names to Mr. J. Ridyard, 16, Vaughan Road, Birkdale, Southport.—W. O. Farrimond, Hon. Sec.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch. — A meeting has been arranged at Scottow on May 2nd, when the recently rehung and augmented peal (6) will be at members' disposal from 2.30. Service at 4.15, tea at 4.45. It is hoped all members will make an effort to visit this tower on May 2nd and notify their intention of supporting the meeting.—Nolan Golden, 35, Harlington Avenue, Reepham Road, Norwich.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Bromley Common, on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea (at 1s. 3d. per head) to those notifying me not later than Tuesday, April 28th. Please see that your tower is represented.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting, Pinner, Saturday, May 2nd. Bells from 2.30 to 9 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. Advise me by April 30th, please. Business meeting to follow. All welcome.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The festival will be held at Marlborough on Saturday, May 2nd. Service in St. Mary's Church at 12.30. Preacher, Rev. J. Jones, Rector. Luncheon and annual meeting in Town Hall at 1.30 p.m. Price 1s. 6d. Towers open: St. Peter's, Marlborough, and Aldbourne (8 bells), St. Mary's, Marlborough, Collingbourne Ducis, Collingbourne Kingston, Milton, Pewsey, Presbury (6), Chiseldon, Chilton, Saverlake St. Katherine's (5). Ringers intending to be present please inform the secretary by Monday, April 27th.—F. Llewellyn Edwards, Hon. Sec., Kington Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Accrington on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited. Subscriptions due.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, May 2nd, at Great Tey. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Buses run from Colchester. Will all those intending to be present at the meeting please notify me as soon as possible?—J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Wivenhoe.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch. —A meeting will be held at Longstanton on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Those who want tea must notify the Rev. J. Goodchild, The Vicarage, All Saints', Longstanton, by April 29th, latest. Don't forget, a 'Taylor's' eight. 'Nuff said.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northampton District.—A meeting will be held at Rothwell (8 bells) on Saturday, May 2nd. Service 4.15. Numbers for tea by previous Tuesday, please.—S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—A meeting will be held at Cowlinge on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (5) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Three Tons Inn. Those who require tea please send card to H. Stubbings, Park Cottages.—R. Sharpe, Dis. Sec., 2, Barton's Place, Newmarket.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bozeat on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (5) ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Please notify me for tea by Wednesday previous.—Arthur Bigley, Branch Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough.

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Leek on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Those requiring tea please advise Mr. E. A. Ridgway, 11, Shirley Street, Leek, Staffs, not later than April 29th.—Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at Heswall (5 bells) on Saturday, May 2nd. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5.30. Tea and meeting afterwards at the kind invitation of Rev. Canon D. W. Hobson. A good attendance is requested.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 30, South Hill Road, Birkenhead.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —The next meeting will take place on Saturday, May 2nd, at St. Paul's, Cross Stones, Todmorden. Bells will be available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m. Friends, old and new, will be given a cordial welcome.—H. Hamer, Hon. Branch Sec., 3, Nall Street, Milnrow.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Newington, near Folkestone, on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea (free) 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Somerton on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. For tea please notify early.—F. Farrant, Martock, Somerset.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Knebworth, May 2nd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea 5, at Lytton Arms. Important business at this meeting is the election of District Committee, therefore a good representative meeting is essential. Just put your backs to the wheel and do your bit for our association.—Don. Mears, Hon. Sec., Fritton, Moormeade Close, Hitchin.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Hugglescote on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Subscriptions now overdue.—H. Kirby, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Galleywood on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday morning, April 29th?—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., Brooklea, Danbury, Chelmsford.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ludborough on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea to follow. All ringers welcome.—W. J. Whitmore, 13, Marshall's Road, Raunds.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Shipbourne.—One of the prettiest spots in Kent. The spring meeting of the Tonbridge District will be held here on Saturday, May 9th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea by kind invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. F. L. Schreiber. Please do not disappoint him. Important announcement at business meeting. Don't forget, the K.C.A. rely on you. Please notify me for tea by May 5th.—Alec E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at the Old Priory Church, Tutbury, on Saturday, May 9th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m., followed by meeting. All ringers cordially invited, especially North Staffs and Derby District members. Those wanting tea please notify me by Wednesday, May 6th.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Coronation Street, Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Banstead on Saturday, May 9th. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea at the Victoria. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. F. G. Woodiss, 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, by May 7th.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec., Drakelowe, Howard Road, Great Bookham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Silverdale on May 9th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m.—E. Swain, Hon. Sec., 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual shield contest will be held at Felkirk on Saturday, July 11th. Entrance fee 6s. per band, closing date June 13th. Tower open for practice until June 27th, for which please notify Mr. D. Smith, Rock Cottages, Shapton, near Barnsley. Draw takes place at 2.45 p.m. Voluntary subscriptions to prize fund will be accepted up to June 27th, by Mr. A. Panther, Hon. Sec., 29, Avenue Road, Wath-on-Dearne, near Rotherham.

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