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CRITICISM.

The leading article which appeared in our issue of March 20th seems to have created some feeling of resentment among members of the Kent County Association, according to the report of the annual meeting which appeared in our last issue. When the article was written it was farthest from our desire to say anything to which exception could be taken, but that it should have resulted otherwise is just one of the risks which writers run if they are ever to express opinions. But from the report of the meeting, 'The Ringing World' was somewhat severely taken to task; not only for the opinions it expressed, but also for having even publicly 'criticised' the affairs of the Kent Association. Our readers will probably recollect that the points raised in our article were, first, the proposal to appoint a ringing master in each district, and questioning the advisability of making the operation of his office conditional upon there being no competent member of the local band present, and secondly, the suggestion that no ringer should be allowed to be an unattached member of the association if he resided in a parish where there is a band which he could join.

The Honorary Secretary of the association told the meeting he could not understand where the Editor got his information. These matters were openly discussed by members of the association in the Lewisham District, therefore they became of public interest both to other members of the Kent Association, and, from the principles involved, to ringers generally. And being matters of public interest, they were open to criticism in the press, although, in our view, our comments were extremely mild criticism, and were directed to questions of principle more than anything else. There was no attack on the association, but we were justified in commenting upon the suggestions if only in order that all the members of the association might know that such proposals had been under discussion. We did not say that the committee had approved of them. We were not concerned with who made them; only with the fact that they had been made, and that it was open to those to whom the proposals appealed to bring them up at the annual meeting. Therefore, there was no breach of etiquette in commenting on the matter.

We were accused of misrepresenting the facts, but it cannot be denied that the proposals were made—although turned down by the committee—and despite the fact that what we said appears to be resented in some quarters, the truth remains that the rules in the final form submitted to the members support our contentions. The

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castigation of 'The Ringing World' therefore seems hardly to have been called for, but we cannot pass over the suggestion that the affairs of the Kent Association should not be publicly criticised. The affairs of a ringing association having been discussed in public are no more exempt from fair comment than the affairs of any other organisation.

TEN BELL PEALS.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, April 18, 1936, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;
Tenor 17½ cwt.

FRANK B. YATES Treble	WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 6
CHARLES WEBB 2	ALBERT WALKER 7
ROGER W. DANIELS 3	H. JAMES TURNER 8
GEORGE E. FEARN 4	C. HOWARD STANLEY 9
HENRY H. FEARN 5	JAMES BETTERTON Tenor

Composed by E. C. SHEPHERD.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. The ringer of the fourth has now 'circled' the tower.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, April 18, 1936, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;
Tenor 20½ cwt.

* F. BOOTE Treble	WILLIAM GOODMAN 6
JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. 2	WILLIAM GREEN 7
HERBERT SHEPPARD 3	RONALD GOODMAN 8
NORMAN G. LEECH 4	WALTER FARLEY 9
CHAS. WM. COOPER 5	THOMAS H. JUSTICE Tenor

Composed by W. MICKLEWRIGHT.

Conducted by J. GOODMAN, JUN.

* First peal at first attempt. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. David C. Shepherd, son of the Ven. A. P. Shepherd, M.A., D.D., Vicar of St. Thomas' and Archdeacon of Dudley.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.On Saturday, April 18, 1936, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt.

E. RALPH MACKRILL Treble	† REGINALD W. DARVILL ... 6
* MRS. PHYLLIS HUMPHREY ... 2	WILLIAM BOTTRILL 7
* FREDERICK DIGBY 3	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 8
* WILLIAM H. COLES 4	ERNEST BRENT 9
MISS FRANCES HUMPHREY ... 5	ARTHUR HARDING Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by W. BOTTRILL.

* First peal of Kent Royal. † First peal of Royal. First peal of Kent Royal in which mother and daughter have taken part together. First peal on ten bells as conductor.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1936, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY Treble	ARNOLD BRUNTON 6
JAMES W. GROUNDS 2	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD 7
ARTHUR LINTOTT 3	THOMAS B. WORSLEY 8
GEORGE R. NEWTON 4	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... 9
JOHN ROTTER 5	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON

First peal of Stedman Caters on the bells.

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ORAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 3, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEOFFREY V. MORPHY ... Treble	HERBERT E. ADDSLEY ... 5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 2	ALFRED G. HILL ... 6
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 3	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 7
*MISS M. REDPATH ... 4	HARRY HOVERD ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

* First peal in the method.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, April 4, 1936, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 24 cwt, 18 lb.

*WILLIAM PARKER ... Treble	HAROLD SMITH ... 5
BARNABAS G. KEY ... 2	HOWARD HOWELL ... 6
ALBERT HUBBALL ... 3	ARTHUR HINGLEY ... 7
DAVID HINGLEY ... 4	NORMAN BERRY ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR HINGLEY.

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

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 15, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

HERBERT E. ADDSLEY ... Treble	STANLEY SHELLOCK ... 5
JOHN H. CHEPSMAN ... 2	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 6
HARRY HOSKINS ... 3	FREDERICK MITCHELL ... 7
JAMES BENNETT ... 4	JAMES E. DAVIS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

At the Church of St. Mark,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

MISS A. POTTER ... Treble	*BENJ. T. ALLRED ... 5
*ROBERT ALLRED ... 2	FRED GRUNDY ... 6
*KEITH WELSBY ... 3	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD ... 7
*ERIC YATES ... 4	*HARRY ALLRED ... Tenor

Conducted by J. H. RIDYARD.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman to be rung on the bells. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of great respect to the late Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee, Vicar of St. George's, Bolton, and president of the association.

DARLSTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, April 16, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Lawrence.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM PARKER ... Treble	JACK GIBBONS ... 5
HORACE HINGLEY ... 2	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 6
DAVID HINGLEY ... 3	BERT HORTON ... 7
ALBERT J. HUBBLE ... 4	NORMAN BERRY ... Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER.

Conducted by BERT HORTON.

DUNSTABLE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

At the Priory Church of St. Peter,

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

Tenor 24 cwt.

GEORGE H. SENTANCE ... Treble	FREDERICK J. PLUMBER ... 5
HENRY W. GAYTON ... 2	FRANK H. RAMSAY ... 6
JAMES G. NEWMAN ... 3	HARRY TYSOE ... 7
MISS EVELYN STEEL ... 4	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by A. E. SHARMAN

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 14, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*FRED LACEY ... Treble	FRANK LORD ... 5
MRS. J. BRAY ... 2	ERNEST W. BRITAIN ... 6
GEORGE L. A. LUNN ... 3	JACK BRAY ... 7
GEORGE E. FEIRN ... 4	WALTER AYRE ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † 100th peal. First peal in the method by all except the conductor. First peal in the method on the bells.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 18, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of SS. Werburgh and Oswald,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 29½ cwt, in C.

LESTER L. GRAY ... Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 5
WILFRED STEVENSON ... 2	SAMUEL JONES ... 6
*THOMAS W. HAMMOND ... 3	JOHN WORTH ... 7
ARNOLD BRUNTON ... 4	*JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

* 50th peal together.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

AND THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

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

At the Church of St. Matthew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING ... Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY ... 5
GEO. SPERRING ... 2	PERCY SWINDLEY ... 6
GEO. R. JONES ... 3	ARTHUR E. PEGLER ... 7
RONALD JONES ... 4	ARTHUR E. PEGLER, JUN. ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

This is the first 'Father and Son' peal to be rung in Wales. The total number of peals rung by the members of this band is 2,000.

REPTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Wystan,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S NO. 1.

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD ... Treble	ARTHUR BRAINES ... 5
SIDNEY F. PALMER ... 2	PERCIVAL W. CAVE ... 6
ALBERT H. WARD ... 3	JAMES GEORGE ... 7
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 4	ALBERT G. F. WARD ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

This is the first peal on the bells since they were augmented into eight. The ringers wish to convey their heartiest thanks to the Vicar for granting permission to ring and also for his splendid hospitality after the peal.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES ... Treble	GEORGE A. PARSONS ... 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... 2	JOHN G. NASH ... 6
*MISS MABEL A. PROCKSON ... 3	JAMES BENNETT ... 7
ERNEST J. BUTLER ... 4	*WILLIAM D. PROCKSON ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

* First peal in the method.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Friday, April 3rd, for the Confirmation Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: C. H. Stanley 1, H. H. Fearn 2, C. Webb 3, J. George 4, J. Eaton 5, H. J. Turner 6, G. E. Fearn (conductor) 7, J. Betterton 8.

LEWISHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 18, 1936, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.	
CHARLES H. WALKER ... Treble	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... 5
HARRY WARNETT, SEN. ... 2	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 6
JIM HURRELL ... 3	EDMUND MOUNTER ... 7
*WALTER F. TYLER ... 4	JACK DAFTERS ... Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by W. F. TYLER.
* First peal as conductor and first attempt. The conductor had not made a call in Bob Major previous to this peal.

BETCHWORTH, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 18, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. in G sharp.	
RONALD A. TOFFIN ... Treble	RICHARD V. FULLER ... 5
WILFRID WILLIAMS ... 2	DANIEL COOPER ... 6
THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... 3	FRANK E. DARBY ... 7
*FRANK E. MITCHELL ... 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.
* First peal of London. First peal in the method on the bells. The conductor's 300th peal.

ELLAND, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, April 19, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.	
*ALBERT SLATER ... Treble	RONALD SQUIRES ... 5
FRANK POPPLEWELL ... 2	HENRY H. SMITH ... 6
FRANK LINFOOT ... 3	JOE C. MELLOR ... 7
WILLIAM HARGREAVES ... 4	FRANK RHODES ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK RHODES.
* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung as a tribute of respect to the late Miss Wilson, of Cote Hill, Warley, who, when resident in Elland, was closely associated with St. Mary's.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, April 21, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb.	
JOHN LLOYD ... Treble	*STANLEY PRESTIDGE ... 5
THOMAS HEMMING ... 2	HENRY HUBBALL ... 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 3	ALFRED DAVIES ... 7
HAROLD SHUCK ... 4	JOSEPH H. DAVIES ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED DAVIES.
* First peal of Stedman. First peal on the bells after being recast and rehung by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Harry Hill, a member of the local band.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, April 21, 1936, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.	
JOHN CHARNOCK ... Treble	ADAM BLOGG ... 5
CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE ... 2	EDWIN JENNINGS ... 6
WILLIAM SHARPLES ... 3	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 7
FREDERICK G. BRADLEY ... 4	ALFRED BLOGG ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALFRED BLOGG.
Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late president of the association, Canon H. J. Elsee.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On April 5th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Boote 1, S. Prestidge 2, A. Prestidge, sen., 3, H. Shuck 4, Wm. Green 5, Wm. Davies 6, J. Round (conductor) 7, J. Davies 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, April 22, 1936, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.	
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... Treble	†JAMES A. GLASS ... 5
*NORMAN V. HARDING ... 2	GEORGE GILBERT ... 6
WILLIAM WELLING ... 3	CECIL W. PIPE ... 7
GORDON W. LIMMER ... 4	ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCE. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal of Major in the method. † First peal in the method.

SWINDON, WILTS.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 25, 1936, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5055 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 11 cwt.	
*CHARLES J. HATHAWAY ... Treble	SIDNEY PALMER ... 5
*JACK S. ROBERTS ... 2	*E. JOHN BERRY ... 6
NEIL ALLNATT ... 3	HERBERT W. BISHOP ... 7
W. BERTRAM KYNASTON ... 4	CHARLES J. GARDINER ... Tenor

Conducted by C. J. GARDINER.
* First peal of Major. First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band except Messrs. Kynaston and Gardiner. Rung for St. Mark's Day and as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. Hatten.

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

On Saturday, April 25, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.	
WILLIAM C. HEDGES ... Treble	WILLIAM G. COLLETT ... 5
*MARGARET E. REYNOLDS ... 2	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR ... 6
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK ... 3	RICHARD A. POST ... 7
ALBERT E. LOCK ... 4	WALTER F. JUDGE ... Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
* First peal in the method.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 25, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb.

ARTHUR J. HART ... Treble	ERNEST J. LADD ... 5
*ARTHUR T. LEWRY ... 2	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ... 6
†FRANK H. HICKS ... 3	CHARLES BRASIER ... 7
WILFRED BOOTH ... 4	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS

* Twenty-fifth peal. † First peal in the method.

CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, April 25, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

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

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT. Conducted by H. D. LISTER.
Rung as a birthday compliment to A. R. Woodard. This was his first peal of Kent Major.

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NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.
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(DEVIZES BRANCH.)

On Monday, March 30, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

FRED WELLS Treble	DENNIS GUMM 4
JACK GIDDINGS 2	PERCIVAL HARDING 5
*STANLEY WILTSHIRE 3	FRANK SLATFORD Tenor

Conducted by P. HARDING.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung by past and present members of the local band.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 11, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WALTER BELCHER Treble	JAMES HAYNES 4
JAMES W. ATKINS 2	FREDERICK G. BAILEY 5
REGINALD PRICE 3	*WILLIAM TALBOT Tenor

Conducted by F. G. BAILEY.

BIGBY, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 13, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Single Court, Childwall, Wavertree and College Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

RONALD BOWNESS Treble	MRS. J. BRAY 4
WALTER AYRE 2	ERNEST W. BRITAIN 5
JACK BRAY 3	GEORGE E. FEIRN Tenor

Conducted by GEO. E. FEIRN.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

PURTON, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 13, 1936, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

R. SHAILES Treble	*A. C. EDEN 4
REV. N. S. WILLIS 2	†A. MABBUTT 5
E. J. WEBBER 3	*L. BOND Tenor

Conducted by R. SHAILES.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor. The first peal on the bells by a band of Purton ringers only. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. W. J. Dunn, a Purton ringer.

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

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

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Cambridge Surprise, two 720's Kent Treble Bob, three 720's Oxford Treble Bob and 720 Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*GORDON ELEY Treble	ERNEST CLARK 4
*RUSSELL PARKER 2	HENRY WAIN 5
HARRY BRADLEY 3	HERBERT DEVENISH Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT DEVENISH.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

COTTESMORE, RUTLAND.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 15, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, with five callings. Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.).

H. WALKER Treble	A. CRAMP 4
G. STUBBS 2	W. STOKES 5
J. W. WALKER 3	F. WALKER Tenor

Conducted by W. STOKES.

First attempt for a peal by all the band. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. G. Gibson and Miss Joan M. Bradley.

BRINDLE, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, April 15, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

J. POWER Treble	C. R. POWER 4
H. NELSON 2	F. BLACKLIDGE 5
H. BLACKLIDGE 3	W. FOWLER Tenor

Conducted by H. BLACKLIDGE.

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

RUSHALL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, April 16, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's called differently. Tenor 7 cwt.

*HARRY PARDOW Treble	HAROLD SMITH 4
ARTHUR H. HINGLEY 2	HOWARD HOWELL 5
HENRY L. LANGLEY 3	BARNABAS G. KEY Tenor

Conducted by B. G. KEY.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Minor by all the band.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(BORTON DISTRICT.)

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

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

HORACE HILLMAN Treble	CECIL GEORGE 4
*OLIVER HINES 2	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD 5
†FRANK SHARP 3	*SIDNEY S. SCATTERGOOD Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM F. WOODWARD.

* First peal. † First peal on a working bell. All the above are Sunday service ringers at this church.

SHENFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

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

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

*ANTHONY A. BRACKLEY Treble	ALBERT E. BRACKLEY 4
JOHN STICH 2	BESTRAM C. HINES 5
EDWARD W. PALMER 3	HARRY TURNER Tenor

Conducted by H. TURNER.

* First peal.

LEA, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

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

At the Church of St. Helen,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

One extent each of St. Clement's, Double Court, Single Court, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

MISS ADELINE A. STOKES Treble	WALKER TOMLINSON 4
*MISS ESME A. STOKES 2	FREDERICK W. STOKES 5
MOSES BILLINGS 3	JOHN WALDEN Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. STOKES.

* First peal of Minor, and first 720 of Minor in any method. First peal in seven methods on the bells. Rung as a wedding peal for Mr. Harry Carter, of Branston, and Miss A. S. Aaron, who were married at Knottingley on April 11th.

WOODSTON, PETERBOROUGH.—On Monday, April 13th, a quarter-peal of Doubles (480 Plain, 480 St. Simon's, 300 Grandsire): P. Banyard 1, S. W. Hoare 2, S. H. Hoare 3, E. K. Hoare 4, H. Hoare (conductor) 5, H. H. Hoare 6.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

CHARLES BAILEY Treble	ALFRED H. WATSON 4
ARTHUR W. BIRD 2	FREDERICK WADE 5
EDGAR BAILEY 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

Arranged and rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Raymond J. S. Crisp, son of the late Mr. R. S. Crisp, of Kirby Cane Hall, Bungay, to Miss Barbara A. Gooch, daughter of Sir T. V. S. Gooch, Bart., Benacre Hall, Wrentham, which took place at the above church that afternoon.

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BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 15, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,
At TRENTWOOD,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY 1-2	*JACK BRAY 5-6
*FRANK LORD 3-4	GEORGE E. FEIRN 7-8
WALTER AYRE 9-10	

Arranged and Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* 100th peal together. First peal of Royal in the method by all the band and the Guild.

BRASTED, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 19, 1936, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
At MOORCOCKS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*FREDERICK W. BODGEN ... 1-2	GEORGE W. FLEICHER ... 5-6
MRS. E. K. FLETCHER ... 3-4	EDWIN H. LEWIS ... 7-8

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by EDWIN H. LEWIS.

* First attempt for a peal 'in hand.' The conductor's 200th peal. For composition, see C.C. Collection, No. 14.

WALLINGTON, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, April 19, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At 5, BANDON RISE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

RAYMOND PHILPOTT 1-2	JOHN SPARROW 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3-4	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 7-8
CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 9-10	

Composed by G. T. DALTRY. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Pulling.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

PREPARING FOR JUBILEE CELEBRATION.

The annual meeting of East Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Association was held at Sutton-in-Ashfield on Easter Monday and was attended by 50 members from Ault Hucknall, Orich, Heath, Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Mansfield, Mansfield Woodhouse, Morton, Pleasley, Ripley, Selston, Sutton-in-Ashfield, South Normanton, Tibshelf and Langwith.

The bells were rung from 2.30 to 4.15, when a service was held in church, an address being given by the Vicar (the Rev. R. P. Tinsley). After tea in the Parish Room, Mr. Wilson Dobb presided over the business meeting.

The officers were re-elected as follows: President, Mr. W. Dobb (Selston); vice-president, Mr. W. Allin (Sutton-in-Ashfield); Ringing Master, Mr. T. Clarke (East Kirkby); hon. treasurer, Mr. T. Stimpson (Swanwick); hon. secretary, Mr. J. W. England (South Normanton); auditors, Messrs. J. Machin and T. Hand; Executive Committee, Messrs. E. Ashman, C. Rogers, C. J. Partridge and A. Elliott.

In addition to the routine business, it was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Heanor, and also meetings during the year at Clay Cross, Heath, Horsley, Selston, Ripley and Mansfield Woodhouse.

Seven new members were elected.

The association will celebrate its jubilee next year, and the committee were instructed to prepare a programme for the occasion.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar and helpers concluded the meeting, and further ringing took place until 9 p.m., the methods rung varying from Grandsire Doubles to London Surprise.

FOR BEGINNERS.

STEDMAN TRIPLES FOR THE YOUNG CONDUCTOR.

Stedman Triples, from the conductor's point of view, is in a category of its own. The principal reason for this is that the coursing order of the bells is being constantly split up by the alternate quick and slow work. This makes it difficult for the beginner to keep track of what all the bells should be doing.

Unless he is specially gifted, he will only be able to acquire the necessary knowledge by practice and observation, and he must not expect to be able to see everything all at once.

If you are ringing a method like Grandsire, you can memorise the coursing orders and transpose them as they change. In Stedman the coursing order only remains among the dodging bells while they are dodging; but one of the first steps you can take towards knowing what others are doing is to follow, in addition to your own bell, the work of what, for want of a better term, we will call your 'opposite number' both in front and behind you. By 'opposite number' we mean not your 'course bell' or 'after bell' as you come through the dodging, but the bells that are going in and out, the same way that you are going. These are the bells that you do not dodge with, except in 4-5 when one is coming out quick and the other going in quick.

The chief advantage of knowing which bells are your 'opposite numbers' comes when you are in 'slow.' If you are going in slow, there is a 'quick' bell between you. The opposite number in front of you, when you get into the slow, does the last half turn with your first whole turn, and you do your first half turn with his last whole turn. Then the 'opposite number' after you takes him out of the slow; that is, begins his first whole turn at back stroke from the other's last whole turn, and you do your last half turn with him, followed by your own last whole turn for which he provides the first half turn.

Thus you have the 'slow' work covered by definite knowledge all the while you are there; the other bells coming in while you are in front, being, of course, always 'quick.' When you dodge in 4-5 (up) the opposite number in front of you is in 7-6 (down); when you are in 6-7 (up) he is in 5-4 (down). Then you change to 7-6 (down) and the opposite number after you appears in 4-5 (up), and you cross him to 5-4 (down) when he goes to 6-7 (up). One further advantage of knowing your 'opposite numbers' is that they do not change their relation with you until they are disturbed by a bob.

Here is another 'tip' which may help you. Every bell you dodge with on your way up—and this applies to all numbers of bells—will go in the same way that you came out, whether it was quick or slow. It, therefore, follows that the bells you pass and do not dodge with will go in the opposite way to which you came out, or, put in another form, will go in the same way that you will go in next time you reach the front.

When bobs are called in pairs in Stedman Triples, such as in the short touches which we gave last week, it should be remembered that if the bobs are at 3-4, 5-6 or 7-8, the bell which has to continue dodging down will go in quick and the bell dodging up will go in slow. That means, too, that the bell that makes the first bob of the pair has to go in quick and the one that makes the second bob has to go in slow. At bobs at 12-13 exactly the reverse is the case. If you have a four-bob set, that is 3-4-5-6 or 5-6-7-8, the bell that makes the first bob also makes the last, having been a 'quick' bell in between.

The beginner may usefully spend time with pencil and paper studying the details of the front work, which, although in 'sixes,' really consists of blocks of twelve changes. By following this suggestion he can, for instance, learn exactly which bell, in relation to the work, should lead at each of the twelve changes, and, as failure to lead is the most prolific cause of trips in Stedman, such knowledge will be of the utmost use when the conductor can speak with certainty.

There are other little points which experience will teach, but we have said enough to show that there are guides which help a bob caller to become a useful if not a brilliant conductor.

All bob callers cannot rise to the same level, but study and industry will do a lot. Stedman, despite what some people may say, is an interesting method, especially for the conductor, and our contention has always been that a well-struck peal of Stedman Triples is worth three hours of anybody's time.

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CLEVELAND ASSOCIATION REAWAKENING.**MEETING AT THORNABY.**

The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association has not had a meeting for a long time, but that held at Thornaby on Easter Monday proved that the association was not dead, but only sleeping. It awoke fresh and with new vigour when members gathered together from Middlesbrough, Ripon, Ormesby, Richmond, Guisborough, Darlington and Thirsk to enjoy the nice peal of eight at Thornaby. The ringing was good, ranging from Grandsire to Superlative, and several members rang touches in methods new to them.

The meeting which followed dinner was a long and useful one, and showed that all the members present were anxious that the association should resume its good work amongst the towers of the district. A large amount of business was transacted, and from the number of recommendations sent forward for discussion it would appear that the annual meeting to be held at Thirsk on Whit Monday will be a very important one. It is hoped that every tower will send its representative to that meeting.

The bells (kindly placed at the disposal of the association by the Vicar and churchwardens of Thornaby) were kept going throughout the day, and when the members parted to wend their several ways home, they all felt that the Cleveland was once more well in its stride to useful and happy meetings.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On the invitation of the Vicar of South Church (the Rev. Canon A. B. Parry-Evans), a special meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held at Bishop Auckland on Saturday last.

During the afternoon a peal board, recording a memorial peal to the late King George, which was rung on February 1st, was unveiled by the vice-president of the Eastern District, Mr. R. L. Patterson.

The Vicar welcomed the members to South Church, and, on behalf of the association, Mr. G. S. Taylor and Mr. W. N. Park congratulated the band on their performance, and hoped that the peal would inspire the local men to take more interest in ringing, with a view to ringing a peal without outside assistance, 'First peal by service ringers of this church.'

The company then attended shortened evensong, in this beautiful old church, conducted by the Vicar, and, after an excellent tea in the Parish Rooms, several touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob and Bob Major were brought round, and a very pleasant meeting came to a close.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**PRESENTATION TO FORMER SOUTHERN BRANCH SECRETARY.**

A quarterly meeting of the Southern Branch was held on Saturday at Pershore, when about 60 members were present, including visitors from the Western and Northern Branches. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. at the Abbey and St. Andrew's Church, and a short service was held in the Abbey at 5 o'clock, at which the address was given by the Rev. Canon Murray.

Tea, provided by Mrs. Murray, was partaken of at the Women's Institute Hall, and was followed by the business meeting, the Rev. Canon Murray presiding. It was decided that the next quarterly meeting should be held at Bretforton, subject to the approval of the Vicar.

Messrs. J. Hall and G. King were elected members of the Annual Dinner Committee. Several performing members were elected to the association.

At the conclusion of the meeting a presentation was made to Mr. J. Hemming, late secretary of the Southern Branch, who had held that office for 25 years. The presentation, which took the form of a grandmother clock with Westminster chimes, was made by the late general secretary, Mr. J. R. Newman, who referred to the good work which Mr. Hemming had done for the branch.

Mr. Binyon also said a few words in praise of the late secretary's work.

In replying, Mr. Hemming thanked the members and said what a lot of friends he had made while he had been in office.

After the meeting the members returned to the towers, and ringing continued until 9 p.m., the methods ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Major.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Cheltenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association was held at Elkstone on Saturday, April 25th. The bad weather did not deter a fair number from turning up at this five-fell tower on the top of the Cotswolds.

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. T. S. Tonkinson), and the Vicar of Chedworth (the Rev. Noel Hope) gave a very fine address. Tea was partaken of at the Rectory, after which the business meeting was presided over by the Rev. N. Hope, supported by some 20 members.

Several items of interest were discussed, notably the annual outing of the branch to the Cheddar Valley on June 13th.—Ringing was indulged in till about 8 o'clock.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The two treble bells which will form the principal part of the William Pye Memorial are to be cast at Croydon this afternoon. Will Mr. O. H. Saul, last heard of in Sheffield in August, 1926, or anyone knowing his whereabouts, kindly communicate with Mr. Sidney F. Palmer, Hazelwood, 4, Quarry Road, Totley, near Sheffield.

Messrs. John Taylor and Co. will shortly be removing to their foundry at Loughborough the ring of eight from the very fine tower of Holbeach Parish Church, Lincs. One of the bells is cracked and this is to be recast; the others are to be tuned and the whole peal rehung with new fittings in new frame.

The performance of the local band at Cottesmore, Rutland, in ringing a peal of Grandsire Doubles, the first peal by all, at the first attempt, is a meritorious achievement, especially as they are self-taught. They gained their knowledge from books and the Beginners' Column of 'The Ringing World,' and we are very pleased to learn that the latter has been of such practical use to them. Mr. H. Walker, who rang the treble to the peal, is 64 years of age. The whole performance is an example to many other bands up and down the country.

The many friends of Mr. E. J. Rowe ('Uncle'), of Stourton, Wilts, will be very sorry to learn that he is laid up with a broken leg, the result of a motor accident which occurred just as he was leaving home on Saturday night. We are told that he looked quite comfortable on Sunday and his smile was reminiscent of the completion of a well-struck touch.

Councillor Arthur Payne, M.B.E., J.P., president of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, was elected a member of the Ancient Four-and-Twenty of the parish of St. Mary's Church, Gateshead, at the vestry meeting held on April 21st, in place of the late Sir John Maccay.

BELL CLAPPERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The recent statement in your columns that the iron supplied in these days is unequal to the strain imposed on clappers of bells suggests to my mind a great opportunity for a progressive and important step on the part of the bellfounding industry.

I have for a long time held the view that the real solution of the problem of objection to bells on the part of residents in the neighbourhood of churches lies in the discovery of a more elastic and less aggressive material than iron for the clappers. It is a matter of common knowledge that the blow struck by the iron clapper on bell metal always produces a comparatively harsh sound close at hand, and that to hear bell music at its best one has to listen at some distance from the tower.

It seems to me that what is wanted in order to do full justice to the musical tone of a bell is an amalgam of metals that will strike a modified and more resilient blow on the bell, which will produce a note both of agreeable quality in the immediate vicinity and of at least equal carrying power at a distance.

With all the resources of modern chemistry at their disposal, I suggest that our worthy bellfounders devote their attention seriously to the solution of this problem.

F. LL. EDWARDS.

ACCIDENT TO MR. JAMES GEORGE.

On Thursday of last week, Mr. James George met with an unfortunate accident in his home at 44, Cuckoo Road, Nechells, Birmingham. When coming downstairs in the morning, Mr. George, who is 82 years of age and lives alone, slipped from the middle to the bottom of the staircase, and badly injured the bottom of his back on the lowest step. It was some time before he could summon help, as he was at first unconscious. He was badly bruised and shaken, and it will probably be some time before he will be able to ring again. His friends throughout the country will wish him a speedy recovery.

BELL BROADCASTS.

On Sunday next, May 3rd, the bells of St. Ambrose's Church, Bristol, will be heard on the air at 7.55 p.m. The band taking part in the broadcast are all regular Sunday service ringers at this church.

The bells (eight) are a modern peal, by Mears and Stainbank in 1928. The tenor is 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

The ringers will be pleased to hear what the reception is like and any other criticism, which should be sent to Mr. F. Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol, 5.

Last Sunday evening, listeners on the Regional wave-length heard the bells of St. Laurence's Church, Reading, in Stedman Cinques. There was a commendably brief introduction overlaid by the Announcer.

PILGRIMAGE OF REMEMBRANCE.

Members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild made their annual pilgrimage of remembrance to the little village of East Garston, Berks, where the late Master, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, lies buried, on Wednesday evening, April 22nd. On the Parish Church bells 720 of Bob Minor was rung by R. T. Hibbert 1, Miss S. Davis 2, R. Warwick 3, O. J. Hibbert 4, E. J. Taylor 5, W. Hibbert (conductor) 6. Afterwards 360 of Stedman Doubles, with Miss M. Field and G. Woodley taking part.

VICTORIA'S GRAND PEAL.

NEW BELLS RECEIVE THEIR NAMES.

Unique Ceremony at Whitechapel Foundry.

A ceremony, unique in bell founding history, took place at Whitechapel on Monday, when a ring of eight bells, modelled upon the peal of Westminster Abbey and destined for Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, British

with the most modern type of fittings. They are a peal which will add lustre to the name of Mears and Stainbank.

There was a distinguished gathering for the ceremony, which had been arranged by the British Columbia and Yukon Church Aid Society, of which the Bishop of London is president and Dr. Perkins, of Westminster Abbey, the secretary. The service took place in the erecting shop of the foundry, where the bells hung in their massive frame, complete from braced foundation girders to their stays. A temporary platform had been erected and seats provided on the floor of the shop to accommodate the many visitors who came at the invitation of the society. While the guests were assembling there came from the distance and above the noise of London traffic, the sound of the bells at Whitechapel Parish Church, well rung by a band of employees of the foundry.

SCENE IN THE FOUNDRY.

The clergy and others officially associated with the ceremony assembled at the Parish Church of St. Mary Matfelon, and passed in procession along the Whitechapel Road to the foundry. Headed by the vergier and cross-bearer, there came the choir of St. Margaret's, Westminster, followed by the Master Bell Founder (Mr. A. A. Hughes), the chairman of the Executive Committee of the British Columbia and Yukon Church Aid Society, acting as Commissary of the Bishop of Columbia, Canon Perkins, general secretary of the society, the Rev. E. P. Laycock, formerly Archdeacon of Columbia, and the Rector of Whitechapel. The Bishop of Colchester followed next, and then came the Bishop of London, preceded by his chaplain bearing the crozier, walking in front of those who were to name the bells. The little procession was watched with curious interest as it moved along the busy street to the foundry.

In the erecting shop the principal clergy took their places on the platform, and the ceremony opened with the invocation of the Holy Spirit, pronounced by the chairman of the committee.

Then the sweet voices of the choir were heard in Webb's setting of the hymn, 'Come, thou Holy Spirit, come.' Followed intercessions, recited by Canon Perkins, for worshippers, for the ringers, for those who shall be married, for the sick, for the dying, and for the donors and artificers. Next the 150th Psalm was sung.

A formal statement as to the provision of the bells for the Cathedral was made by the chairman of the committee in the following terms:— 'These bells for which we have now sought the Divine blessing will hang in the north-west tower of the Cathedral Church of Christ in Victoria, British Columbia, which tower will bear in perpetuity the honoured name of the president of our society. The six larger bells, offered in the year of the Silver Jubilee of their Majesties King George V. and Queen Mary, are the gift of Mary Geraldine Mozley, in loving memory of her brother, Charles Raymond Nutt, late Captain in the Royal Field Artillery, whose body lies at Somenos, in the Diocese of Columbia. The two smaller bells record the life and work of two honoured inhabitants in the City of Victoria. Before we proceed to the ceremony of naming the bells, let us remember before God those whose names they will bear, and with them our late beloved Sovereign, King George V., and three Bishops of Columbia now at rest, by whose devoted labours the foundations of the Church's work in this distant western land have been well and truly laid.'

There followed then a prayer for the departed who are commemorated by the bells, including George V., King and Emperor, George Hills, William Willcox Perrin and Augustine Scriven, Bishop of Columbia, Charles Raymond Nutt, John Samuel Henry Matson and John Robert Merideth Matson, and a few moments of silence were then observed.

THE NAMING CEREMONY.

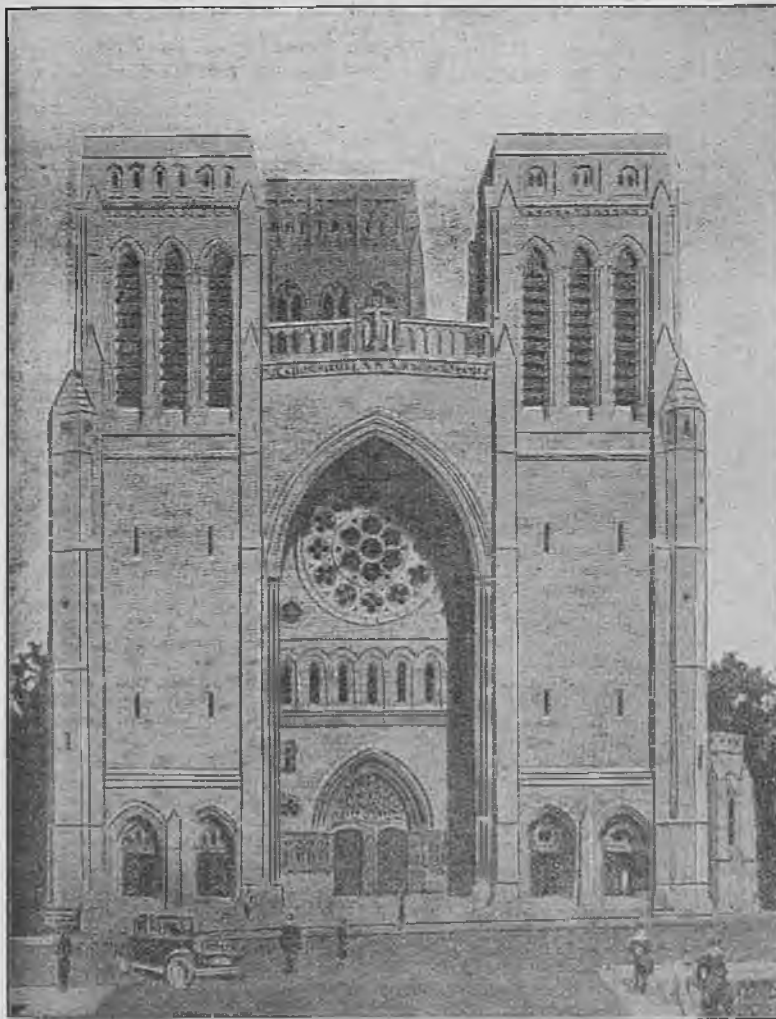
The chairman of the committee afterwards called in turn upon those who were to name the bells, and each, as they stepped forward, received a rope from the

Master Bell Founder. First of all the tenor was named, by the High Commissioner:—

'I, Vincent Massey, High Commissioner for the Dominion of Canada, give to this, the tenor bell, by gracious permission of Her Majesty Queen Mary, the name of "King George V." Christ, Heaven's King, be pleased with this ring.'

The High Commissioner then struck three blows on the bell by pulling on the rope of the chiming hammer.

The seventh bell, by the same permission, was given the name of 'Queen Mary,' by Mr. W. A. McAdam; the sixth was named 'Charles Raymond,' by Mrs. Mary Geraldine Mozley; the fifth, 'Edward of Westminster,' by Archdeacon Storr; the fourth, 'Paul, of London, England,' by Canon Mozley; the third, 'Our Lady, St. Mary,' by Mrs. N. K. Woods, Central President of the Mothers' Union; the second, 'John Samuel Henry Matson,' by Mrs. I. H. Perrin; and the treble,



WEST FRONT OF VICTORIA CATHEDRAL.
As it will appear when completed.

The bells will hang in the north-west tower, which bears the name of the president of the British Columbia and Yukon Church Aid Society. The funds for the building of the tower, which is not quite finished, have been entirely raised by the society's friends in England. The south-west tower (that on the right of the picture) is not yet built.

Columbia, were named in the course of a religious service held in the famous old foundry, and attended by the Lord Bishop of London and other Church dignitaries, the Rt. Hon. Vincent Massey, the High Commissioner for the Dominion of Canada, and Mr. W. A. McAdam, Acting Agent General for the Province of British Columbia.

The history of the Cathedral of the Far West was told by the Bishop of London in his address. His Lordship laid the foundation stone on a visit some years ago, and the building is still in progress. The tower in which the bells are to hang is the most recently completed portion of the building and is named after him, while the bells are the gift of generous donors. The bells are a magnificent ring, worthy of the noble building which they are to adorn, and are hung for ringing

'John Robert Merideth Matson,' by Miss E. M. Tien. Each struck three blows upon the bell named.

The Rev. E. P. Laycock then requested the Bishop of London to bestow his blessing on the bells, and his lordship, having offered prayer, placed his crozier upon one of the bells and recited this benediction: 'In the faith of Jesus Christ, amen. I, Arthur Foley, by Divine permission Bishop of London, and President of the British Columbia and Yukon Church Aid Society, hereby bless these bells and this work to the glory of God and to the honour of His Holy Name.'

Then the beautiful tones of the new bells were heard chimed, in rounds and queens, by Mr. J. Thomas.

The hymn, 'Ring forth, holy bells,' preceded a short and homely address by the Bishop, who recalled the occasion when he laid the foundation stone of the Cathedral in Victoria, and again when he visited it five years ago and found it a living centre of church activity. Up to that time, he said, £80,000 had been spent on the building, and then came a little misunderstanding. He was asked if he would like to have the tower built in his name, and he said, 'Yes,' but when he found they imagined he was going to build it himself, that was quite another story, especially as he had 45 churches to build in London. But, as usual, added the Bishop, it was a woman who found the way out, and Miss Tien and her friends set out to raise the money. Thanks to their efforts the tower was built, and then came the question, where were the bells to come from? Again it was a woman who came to their aid. Mrs. Mozley, with wonderful generosity, had given the six biggest bells, and other donors had completed the peal.

What is the object of this tremendous trouble and expense? asked the Bishop. As he said on that very hot day when he laid the foundation stone, this Cathedral in Victoria was calling back to Liverpool, six thousand miles away. It called back, 'We, too, believe in God, we, too, believe in Christ, we, too, love the Church.' And now that Cathedral would have a tongue with which to say it, the beautiful tongue of the bells which they had just heard; their sound was going out into all lands and the words unto the ends of the world. There was no more beautiful message than that of the bells. The bells they had named that day came from one of the most historic foundries in England, a foundry in which bells now over three hundred years old had been cast. What he loved to think of was that long after we had passed away, these bells they had now heard would still be sending out the message of the Gospel on the shore of the Pacific, across the Continent and the Atlantic to Liverpool Cathedral on the one hand, uniting them in the faith of Jesus Christ, and to Japan, six thousand miles away, in the other direction, telling out to the heathen of that land that the Lord is King. The spot where this Cathedral stood was one of the pivots of the world; they could not place a peal of bells in a more beautiful position. The message that would go out to Japan would say, 'Here is the Christian faith; this is what you want in order to be happy.' And to this country would come the message, 'Here is the Christian faith, we hold it here as you do in the old country.' My prayer to-day, concluded the Bishop, is that the countries on both sides of the Pacific and Atlantic may hear and believe the message of the bells.

The hymn, 'Set them nobly in the steeple,' was then sung, and the impressive little service, in unusual surroundings, with the age-blackened beams of the building above and all around the implements of the bell founder's craft, came to a close with the Bishop's Blessing and the National Anthem.

THE BELLS.

The bells themselves form a glorious peal, well balanced and perfectly tuned. In size and weight they are a reproduction of the bells of Westminster Abbey, which it was intended they should, as far as possible, copy.

The following is the specification of the bells and the inscriptions:—

- Tenor: H.M. KING GEORGE V.
GOD SAVE THE KING.
Christ, Heaven's King, be pleased with this ring.
Diameter: 4ft. 7in. Weight: 29 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. Note: D flat.
- Seventh: H.M. QUEEN MARY.
GOD BLESS QUEEN MARY.
I hail the festal day.
Diameter: 4ft. 1in. Weight: 20 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. Note: E flat.
- Sixth: CHARLES RAYMOND.
To the Glory of God and in loving remembrance of Charles Raymond Nutt, late Captain, R.F.A., died June 12th, 1914; buried at Somonos, Vancouver Island, these six larger bells were given by his sister, Mary Geraldine Mozley, in the Silver Jubilee year of H.M. King George V., 1935.

- I summon all to pray.
Diameter: 3ft. 8in. Weight: 15 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. Note: F.
- Fifth: EDWARD OF WESTMINSTER.
Praise the Almighty Father with the sounding bells.
Diameter: 3ft. 5in. Weight: 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. Note: G flat.
- Fourth: PAUL, OF LONDON, ENGLAND.
Woe is me if I preach not the Gospel.
Diameter: 3ft. 1in. Weight: 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. Note: A flat.
- Third: OUR LADY, ST. MARY.
(Beneath this bell is depicted the figure of the Sistine Madonna.)
Glory to God in the Highest.

- M.U.
Diameter: 2ft. 10in. Weight: 7 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. Note: B flat.
- Second: IN MEMORIAM, JOHN SAMUEL HENRY MATSON.
Jubilate Deo.
Diameter: 2ft. 8in. Weight: 6 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. Note: C.
- Treble: IN MEMORIAM, JOHN ROBERT MERIDETH MATSON.
Cantate Domino.

Diameter: 2ft. 7in. Weight: 6 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. Note: D flat.

The inscription on 'Paul of London' is a translation of that on 'Great Paul of London,' which was cast for St. Paul's Cathedral on November 23rd, 1881. The words were chosen by the Rev. Dr. Liddon. The inscription on 'Edward of Westminster' is a translation of that which appears in Latin on the two Elizabethan bells in Westminster Abbey.

The Abbey bells, as most of our readers are aware, have all of them been founded and maintained by the same firm, though the latter did not always bear the well-known title of 'Mears and Stainbank.' Thus the connection between the Abbey and the great Whitechapel Foundry covers not far short of four centuries, if not longer.

As the company left the shop, Mr. J. Thomas chimed a course of Grandsire Triples on the bells, and this provided for critical ears some idea of the beauty of the tones that the ring possessors. But to everyone their sounds were a source of delight.

After the ceremony the visitors were entertained to tea in St. Mary's Parish Hall, and during the proceedings the Bishop of London, on behalf of the founders, presented to Mrs. Mozley a model of the sixth bell, cast by herself from the same metal as that from which the original was cast. It was suitably mounted and made a very happy memento of the occasion.

The bells will be despatched to Victoria in about three weeks' time. The north-western tower of the Cathedral, in which they will hang, will eventually be about 120ft. high, and there will be a long draught of rope between the bells and the ringers. In Victoria there are two or three ringers eagerly anticipating the arrival of the bells, and it is hoped they will at once be able to form a company to ring them and eventually to practise change ringing. They could not have better bells for the purpose.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

WEST DORSET BRANCH.

The quarterly meeting of the West Dorset Branch was held last Saturday at Evershot, and, notwithstanding most unpleasant weather conditions, was quite well attended. Members were present from Beaminster, Rampisham, Lyme Regis, Bradpole, Poole, Wimborne and Evershot.

The Rector, the Rev. W. Gulliford, conducted the service, and in his address emphasised the message of the bells as one of 'Peace, goodwill toward men.' Afterwards he very kindly entertained all to tea in the Village Hall.

The chairman of the branch (the Rev. C. C. Cox) presided over the business meeting. Saturday, July 18th, was selected as the date for the next meeting, at Netherbury. It was also agreed that in the meantime one combined practice should be held at an eight-bell tower and one at a six-bell tower. Mr. S. J. Philbrick was elected as a non-resident life ringing member.

Mention was made that the order had been given for the restoration of the ring of five at Thorncombe, and it was hoped that the ringers there would come back to the Guild after the work was completed.

The Chairman moved a vote of thanks to the Rector for his kind welcome and interest, to the organist, and the ladies who were responsible for the catering. He also congratulated the youthful Evershot band on their progress.

Good practice was obtained on the bells during the afternoon and evening, and the variety of methods was noteworthy: Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge and London Surprise Minor being rung very creditably.

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

GREATER ENCOURAGEMENT BY CHURCH AUTHORITIES
WANTED.

Beginning of a Benevolent Fund.

About 90 members attended the annual meeting of the Guildford Diocesan Guild on Saturday at Guildford. It had been hoped that the Bishop of the Diocese would attend, but owing to his illness his place was taken by the Ven. Archdeacon Blackburne, who thus made his last public appearance in the diocese as Archdeacon of Surrey. This week he has left to be installed as Dean of Ely.

The Guild service in the Cathedral was conducted by the Provost (the Very Rev. E. C. Kirwan), and the Archdeacon, in his address, said that such a service as that ought to serve two purposes—separate consecration and encouragement. It was so easy to become engrossed in a piece of church work and do it quite well, and yet to forget what was the real end and purpose of that enterprise. And there was a particular danger in any form of artistic work in the Church. He thought he would not be far wrong when he said that the more one was awake and alive and appreciative of the beautiful in church work, the greater was the danger that one's whole self would end with that particular form of work. It was because the art they practised was so beautiful that he ventured to call their attention to that particular danger.

A GREAT TRADITION.

There was no need for him to remind them of the history of the art they practised. It was one of the very few surviving typically English village arts. In Surrey they were seeing their beautiful villages more or less scrapped by newcomers who were not of the ordinary village type. He was going to a part of East Anglia where he hoped he would find the typically old English village with its craftsmen who work in iron and wood. Their art was among those surviving craftsmen, and it was in a very honourable company. He hoped they would do all in their power to see that their art was continued. 'You have received the great tradition of change ringing from the past,' added the Archdeacon, 'and I am glad to see in your ranks many young men who are capable of handing that tradition on, and it is good.'

There were many disappointments—of keeping a company together and getting recruits. They might meet with discouragement from people who did not like the sound of bells, and they were not backward in complaining. Don't be disappointed; let this service be a service of encouragement. They had inherited a great past and would carry on.

He thanked the ringers, on behalf of the Church and the diocese, for the work they were doing. Some of them came from villages where it was not possible to ring a peal. To those ringers he would say, 'Take heart.' They were members of a very large and important company and throughout the length and breadth of England there were 34,000 men and women engaged in similar work.

The collection, amounting to £1 12s., was for the Guild Benevolent Fund.

At the business meeting, Mr. Walter Harrison (vice-president) was in the chair, supported by the Provost (the Very Rev. E. C. Kirwan), Major J. H. B. Hesse (Master), Mr. J. Corbett (hon. treasurer) and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (hon. secretary). Welcome visitors included the hon. secretaries of the adjoining associations, Mr. F. W. Rogers (Winchester and Portsmouth) and Mr. C. H. Kippin (Surrey).

THE REPORT.

In their annual report the committee said the Guild had steadily maintained its work during the past year, but while in its main objects it had shown no falling-off in carrying out the purposes for which it was founded, the committee could not refrain from once more urging upon Church authorities the diocesan character of the Guild and asking that it shall receive from them the backing which that status demands. There were still a number of towers which remained outside the Guild; the committee felt that a warmer encouragement of its objects by incumbents and parochial church councils would lead to a strengthening of the membership. It was hoped that in future this support might be given to the Guild.

The membership of the Guild showed a slight decline on the year, accounted for by a number of minor causes. The ringing members numbered 396, compared with 413 at the end of 1934; and the honorary members 81, compared with 82 in the preceding year. Unlike a number of other ringing associations, which allow their members to be one and, in some cases, two years in arrears before their membership lapses, this Guild adheres strictly to the rule that only those who have paid their subscription by the end of the year under review shall be counted on the roll. The figures which the committee presented were, therefore, an accurate record of the members whose subscriptions were actually paid for last year. The balance in the central fund had been reduced by £8 12s. 9d. owing to special calls upon it. The cash balances in the district funds amount to £42 11s. 8d., compared with £48 2s. 2d. at the end of 1934. The reduction was due principally to the grants made to the Library Fund and to grants made for bell and tower restorations.

A Benevolent Fund was set up during the year, and, thanks to generous donations, stood, at the end of the year, at £10 0s. 9d., which is on deposit at the bank. It is hoped that during the year this amount may be considerably added to by contributions from

ringers themselves. There was now a sum of £4 0s. 6d. in the New Cathedral Bells Fund.

The committee were again glad to report the carrying out of bell restorations at various churches in the diocese. The bells at Ewell, Dorking, Witley and Ockham had been put in order, while at Shalford a scheme is being carried out to recast the existing ring of bells from six to eight. Chiddingfold bells were also to be recast, and restoration was contemplated at Ash. In the carrying out of most of this work the services of the Master of the Guild (Major J. H. B. Hesse) had been invaluable to the Church authorities, who had consulted him, and the diocese is fortunate in having at its disposal such independent expert and practical advice as Major Hesse was able to offer.

TWENTY-TWO 'FIRST PEALS.'

During the year, 29 peals were rung, 27 of them on tower bells and two on handbells. The number of tower bell peals was the same as in the previous year, and the number of handbell peals one more than in 1934. A gratifying feature of the tower bell peals is that they were distributed over 18 towers in the diocese, whereas in the previous year the peals were rung in only 11 towers in the diocese and three outside. No fewer than twelve of the peals were rung in celebration of the Silver Jubilee of H.M. King George V. The committee hope that this extension of occasional peals to other towers may be maintained, so that, at least, one peal, with as many local ringers in it as possible, may be rung in each tower in the Guild every year.

Another very satisfactory feature of the performances was the number of ringers who rang their first peal. No fewer than 22 members took part in a peal for the first time. This again was largely the result of the Silver Jubilee enthusiasm, for 19 first peals were rung in connection with that occasion. Congratulation must be extended to all these ringers and to Mr. C. W. Denyer for the part he played in assisting eleven ringers through their first peals in the Farnham District, and also the Womersley band, who rang a peal entirely with their own members, which provided five first peals and a first as conductor. Another peal of note was a peal of Stedman Triples rung at the Cathedral by officers of the Guild, which has been duly recorded by a tablet in the ringing chamber.

The committee again placed on record their appreciation of the work of the officers, and especially of the district officials, upon whom so much of the success of the Guild depends.

In moving the adoption of the annual report, the Chairman referred to the deaths of Mr. W. J. Viggers (Aldershot), Mr. W. T. Waller (Dorking), who were hon. members, and Mr. P. J. Percy (Chertsey) and Mr. J. Spooner (Shere), ringing members, and the meeting stood in silence for a few moments. He was requested by the Archdeacon to say how extremely sorry their diocesan was that he was unable to be with them; they shared that regret and hoped that he would be speedily restored to health. The Chairman did not regard the support to the Benevolent Fund as satisfactory. They had only four individual donations and two collections were taken at district meetings. He hoped they would work the fund up a little more.

The hon. secretary explained that collecting boxes were being distributed that day to the towers, and he hoped that when the members saw the boxes in the towers they would contribute. The sum of one penny a month from each member would amount to about £20 a year.

The report was adopted, as was also the treasurer's balance sheet, which showed a balance in hand of £23 12s. 9d., compared with £32 1s. 6d. at the beginning of the year.

FOUR REPRESENTATIVES FOR CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The following officers were elected: Vice-presidents, Mr. Walter Harrison and the Provost; Master, Major J. H. B. Hesse; hon. treasurer, Mr. J. Corbett; hon. secretary, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith; hon. auditor, Mr. R. Hasted. Mr. C. Hazelden was re-elected hon. librarian, the Library Committee was also re-elected, and the following were elected after a ballot as representatives on the Central Council: Messrs. A. H. Pulling, A. C. Hazelden, G. L. Grover and A. Harman.

The meeting decided to hold the summer festival at Weybridge, and that the next annual meeting should be held at Guildford.

A motion, proposed by Mr. C. Denyer (Farnham District secretary), that members of the district committees may apply for their expenses when attending committee meetings was carried.

The hon. secretary said he had received a letter from the Vicar of Camberley asking the Guild to give a grant towards the cost of the restoration of the Yorktown bells. The cost of the restoration would be not less than £360.

The Master reported that the bells were being rehung in a new iron frame, and the work was being undertaken by Messrs. Taylors, of Loughborough. The bells at Shalford were also to be recast, augmented to eight and hung on an iron frame by Messrs. Taylors, the work having been started. The work of recasting Chiddingfold bells by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank would begin in the middle of next month.

On the proposition of Mr. A. H. Pulling, it was decided to send a subscription of two guineas to Yorktown.

Mr. G. Grover asked what the Guild had contributed to the Pye Memorial.—The hon. secretary replied that so far £1 12s. had been collected. It was decided to make the amount up to £2 2s.

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THE ROLL OF HONOUR.

Appended are further names of ringers who have been 'lifelong' supporters of 'The Ringing World':—

Mr. F. Belsey, Chatham, Kent.
 Mr. G. Bennett, Osselt, Yorks.
 Mr. J. Brassington, Barthomley, Cheshire.
 Mr. A. J. Chamberlain, Southwell, Notts.
 Mr. E. H. Clarke, Derby.
 Mr. V. Cooper, Elstow, Bedfordshire.
 Mr. C. V. Ebberson, Snettisham, Norfolk.
 Mr. H. Franks, Holloway, London.
 Mr. B. Fullwood, Sedgley, Dudley.
 Mr. G. Freebrey, Derby.
 Mr. C. Freeman, Foleshill, Coventry.
 Mr. W. G. Hiscott, Plymouth.
 Mr. E. C. Lamber, Cosgrave, Bucks.
 Mr. R. G. Lewis, Uttoxeter, Staffs.
 Mr. E. Lindoff, Dublin.
 Mr. E. W. Marsh, Plymouth.
 Mr. A. R. Miles, Mayfield, Sussex.
 Mr. J. Norbury, Macclesfield, Cheshire.
 Mr. F. Nye, Bagshot, Surrey.
 Mr. J. Pugett, Derby.
 Mr. A. J. Pitman, Port Talbot, Glam.
 Mr. C. Prath, Calverley, Yorkshire.
 Mr. G. Preston, Christchurch, Hants.
 Mr. E. S. Ruck, Willersborough, Kent.
 Mr. C. W. Smith, Simpson, Bucks.
 Mr. W. Stenning, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex.
 Mr. J. Thackray, Armley, Leeds.
 Mr. F. Tingle, Ripon, Yorks.
 Mr. F. W. Woodward, Chalgrove, Oxfordshire.

OLDEST COLLEGE YOUTH PASSES ON.

DEATH OF MR. TOM BENNEY.

The Ancient Society of College Youths have lost another of their old members. On Thursday of last week Mr. Tom Benney died at the age of 84 years.

Mr. Benney was elected to the society on January 21st, 1873, and was thus the senior member, a title which now descends to Mr. J. Martin Routh, of Reading, who was elected on April 1st in the same year.

All through his ringing career Mr. Benney had been connected with St. Dunstan's, Stepney, but for a time, up to about 15 years ago when he returned, he practically dropped out of ringing. In his younger days he rang many peals, including one, the anniversary of which occurred this week, at Edmonton as long ago as the year 1875. Mr. Benney rang a peal to celebrate his 80th birthday. In addition to his long connection with Stepney, Mr. Benney was also an old member of St. Andrew's Guild, Holborn.

The funeral took place at Nunhead Cemetery yesterday afternoon.

FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

HEAVITREE, DEVON.—On Sunday, April 24th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: T. Lavers 1, R. Roberts (first quarter in the method) 2, J. E. Lilley 3, C. R. Walker 4, C. G. Glass 5, A. Mitchell 6, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 7, W. Bedford 8.

WATFORD, HERTS.—For evening service at the Parish Church on Easter Day, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: A. Dawes (first quarter of Stedman) 1, A. W. Dix 2, H. L. Long 3, A. Brunton 4, H. G. Oashmore 5, F. H. Crook 6, R. G. Bell (conductor) 7, J. Horton 8.

ST. ALBANS.—On Easter Sunday, for evening service at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes): C. Doherty (first quarter in method) 1, G. W. Debenham 2, H. Goodyear 3, H. Mason 4, F. Spicer 5, R. Kerr 6, G. E. Debenham 7, H. V. Frost (composer and conductor) 8.

LATE NOTICE.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch (Newport Pagnell Deanery).—A meeting will be held on Saturday, May 9th, at Chicheley, at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30. Please send notice for tea to the Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

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A vote of thanks to the Archdeacon for his address, and to the Provost, the organist and choir of Holy Trinity Cathedral Church, and to the Rector of St. Nicolas' for the use of his bells, was proposed by the chairman.

The Provost thanked Mr. Harrison for presiding, and this concluded the business.

During the afternoon there had been ringing on the eight bells of the Cathedral and on the ten at St. Nicolas' Church.

A LITTLE-KNOWN BELL FOUNDRY.

THE CHANDLERS OF DRAYTON PARSLOW.

On Saturday, April 4th, a meeting of 25 ringers in the North Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild celebrated an occasion which was worthy of greater attention than is sometimes given to men of the past, who practised a trade of art and skill under many difficulties. There seem also at different times to have been some very hard circumstances which had to be overcome, and we in our time are benefited by the determination and skill of a family whose name is not publicly recorded. Except for one gravestone in the churchyard of their native village, and for the notes of careful research made by historians of campanology, and the name embossed on many bells, 'Chandler,' of Drayton Parslow, is mentioned with small measure of praise which the family deserved. Many of its bells are 'richly sounding of music.'

In 1634 Richard Chandler, who had acquired the trade of bell-founding with the firm of Atton in Buckingham Town, returned to his native village of Drayton Parslow, where he began bell-founding in connection with the smithy which he had inherited from his father. He cast six bells in the four years before his death at the age of 37 years; his son, Anthony, took up his father's trade in 1650, and in 12 years cast 29 bells; his second son, Richard, followed and cast 40 bells in 10 years. Richard, the son of Anthony, cast 21 bells in six years; and after him his brother, George, with others of the family cast 80 bells in 39 years. Another brother, Thomas, succeeded George as head of the 'firm' for three years. The last bell bearing the name Chandler is dated 1726, in which year Edward Hall, who had married a granddaughter of the first founder in this family and had already for some years been one of the firm, took it over in his own name. Between 1726-1755 he cast 13 bells, but for two periods, of three and five years respectively, he cast no bells; from a note of the Rector in the register it may be judged that he met with hard times. His son, William Hall, cast the last bell of this foundry in 1756, after which this business was 'doubtless killed by the competition of the great London foundries.'

Until November, 1935, there were three bells only in Drayton Parslow tower. The Saunce, in addition, was the single one from the local foundry. Now Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, have made up an excellent light ring of six. At the dedication a touch of Stedman Doubles was rung, such as the Chandler's would have often heard at the first ringing of their own bells.

The company on April 4th, most of whom came from bellfries in the district, were pleased at hearing some of this history recounted. Even some of the local ringers were surprised to hear that Drayton Parslow had taken such a great part in the ringing world. The bells were hung in six counties, Bucks, Herts, Beds, Northants, Oxford, Cambridge; and two bells in Gloucestershire were no doubt cast by this family.

The village consists of little more than two streets, built on the slope of a hill, running down from the church and rectory, which stand on the edge of the higher ground at the south-western extremity. About the middle of the village is a small smithy, having for its next neighbour the Three Horse Shoes, a hostelry of the humblest description, built soon after 1850. At the back of these tenements is a bit of garden ground and a paddock, the surface much broken by old foundations, which mark the site of the former foundry, worked, together with the smithy, by several generations of the Chandler family. (A. H. Cox: 'The Church Bells of Buckinghamshire'.)

Quoted also by A. H. Cox: 'Rev. T. A. Turner, in a paper published in the Records of Bucks, 1872, page 125, "Bellfoundries in the County of Buckingham," says: "One, John Baldwin, a bedridden village worthy, tells me that he, in early life, succeeded one William Hall, probably a grandson of Edward Hall, above, in the village smithy business, which at that time was, and still is, carried on on the site of the old bell foundry. Baldwin bears testimony, moreover, to having found, whilst digging clay, etc., in the paddock and garden, sundry bits of bell-metal (not preserved); also to having taken over with the business sundry metal castings, also small metal and other moulds (not preserved), and a quantity of sand, all of which William Hall said his grandfather used in the bell foundry business.'"

The site of the foundry is now a green bank, at the end of a garden. A private house and shop stand on the site of the smithy. One visitor, on asking, was kindly allowed by the present owner to stand on the site of the foundry.

And so April 4th, 1936, was the date of the first meeting of ringers in Drayton Parslow, a village which gave much in the history of bells for 220 years, 1635-1756.

At the instigation of the present Rector, the rehanging and addition of four bells was undertaken, and under his encouragement the local company is learning the art of change ringing, assisted with instruction from the Oxford Diocesan Guild in the North Bucks Branch. Here it should be said that among the ringers of this district are several whose ancestors' names are recorded in their church registers as ringers during all the time that the 'Chandler' family were founding bells in Drayton Parslow.

The ringers received hospitality in the Rectory, and many scenes of the past were conjured up in imagination—the Parson teaching the Chandler children their Catechism in the very room where we were, for that part of the Rectory was built about 1680.

John Lord, D.D., the Rector in 1755, regretted that the local foundry had decayed. The present Rector holds a lively interest in the belfry, and in the future we shall hope to hear of Drayton Parslow change ringers as famous as their foundry of the past.

J. F. A.

NOTICES.

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.

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. 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.

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. 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. 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, Presute (6), Chiseldon, Chilton, Saverlake St. Katherine's (5).—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.

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.—Arthur Bigley, Branch Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough.

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. Don't forget, a 'Taylor's' eight. 'Nuff said.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

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.

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.

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.

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, Moormead 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.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., Brooklea, Danbury, Chelmsford.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The next meeting will be held at Ottershaw tomorrow (Saturday), May 2nd. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting following. Also committee meeting to consider outing. Towers are asked to send representative as per Rule 10.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec., 4, Temperance Cottages, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

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LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meetings for May: Service Ringing, St. Clement Danes', May 3rd, 10 a.m.; St. Giles', Cripplegate, May 10th, 5.30 p.m.; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, May 24th, 5.30 p.m. Practices: St. Clement Danes', 11th and 25th, at 7.30 p.m., and St. Mary, Lambeth, 26th, 8 p.m.—T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on May 7th, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 12th, St. Magnus' on the 14th and 28th, St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 21st, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 26th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

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., Drakelow, Howard Road, Great Bookham.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Dartmouth on Saturday, May 9th. Bells available: Townstal (6) from 2.30 p.m., St. Petrock's (6) from 6.30 to 7.30 p.m. Service at Townstal at 4.15. Tea and meeting at Dawe's Café, The Quay, at 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea to reach me not later than first post Tuesday morning, May 5th.—A. L. Bennett, Branch Sec., Cornerways, Buckfastleigh.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Forest Branch.—Meeting to be held at Tidenham on Saturday, May 9th, at 3 p.m. Bells (6) open at 3 p.m. No service. Tea and business meeting at 5 p.m. Ringers who require tea must let me know by Wednesday, May 6th, for arrangement. — Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec., 11, Victoria Road, Lydney, Glos.

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.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cradley on Saturday, May 9th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea provided for those who let me know not later than Tuesday, 5th.—A. Jones, jun., Hon. Dis. Sec., The Reddings, Colwall, near Malvern.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Branch meeting will be held at Runcorn on Saturday, May 9th, commencing at 3 p.m. Members requiring tea please advise me by May 6th.—Jno. E. Ashcroft, P.O., Grappenhall, Warrington.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Bratton on Saturday, May 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Other arrangements as usual. For tea please advise W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Bi-quarterly meeting will be held at Bishop Ryder's Church, Birmingham, on Saturday, May 9th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. All welcome.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham 11.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Gedney Hill on Saturday, May 9th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by May 5th?—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch. — The annual spring meeting will be held at Chipping Norton on Saturday, May 9th. — J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Charlbury, Oxon.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District. — Next meeting, Saturday, May 9th, Isleworth. Bells (10) from 3.30. Service at 5. Tea, in Church Hall, South Street, at 5.30. Quarterly business meeting afterwards. Postcards re tea and subscriptions thankfully received.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Lindfield on Saturday, May 9th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., by kind invitation. Everybody welcome. — G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Sheffield on Saturday, May 9th. Ringing at the Cathedral (12 bells) 2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m., 4.30 p.m. to 7 p.m. St. Marie's 3.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Numerous cafés close at hand for tea. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield 3.

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BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Meeting will be held at Silkstone on Saturday, May 9th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. For tea (1s.) please notify Mr. H. Mann, Fox and Hounds Yard, Silkstone, near Barnsley, by Wednesday, May 6th. All are welcome.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Empingham on May 9th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Anyone wishing to attend this meeting will be assured of a good ring on this fine peal of 6. Please notify for tea to S. H. Towell, 17, King's Road, Oakham.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—A meeting will be held at Coin St. Aldwyn's on Saturday, May 9th. Bells (8) available 3 o'clock. Tea 5 o'clock. Service 6 o'clock. Please advise for tea by May 5th.—W. H. Hayward, Glemsford, Bowling Green Road, Cirencester.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Gainsborough District will be held at Stow (6 bells) on Saturday, May 9th. Service, followed by tea, at Cross Keys. Visitors kindly advise me by the Wednesday previous.—H. Morgan, Dis. Sec., 22, Grey Street, Gainsborough.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Fobbing on Saturday, May 16th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present please advise me *without fail* by Tuesday, May 12th. Nearest railway station Stanford-le-Hope. Buses from Grays to Southend pass within easy reach of the church.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford, Essex.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The South Norfolk Branch meets at Diss on Saturday, May 16th. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. —Nolan Golden, 35, Harlington Avenue, Reepham Road, Norwich.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Worsley on Saturday, May 16th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. in the Mill Brow Café. Tea, 1s. each, to all who notify Mr. P. H. Derbyshire, Beesley Green, Worsley, not later than May 14th. Please notify.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting will be held at Thirsk on May 16th. Bells (8) available from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. A meeting of the General Committee will be held at the Golden Lion Hotel at 4 p.m. Tea, 1s. 6d., at the same hotel at 5 p.m., and will all who require tea please inform Mr. J. Stott, 36, Kirkgate, Thirsk, by May 14th? General meeting immediately after tea. We have been assured of a most hearty welcome to Thirsk, so please come and help to make the meeting a success.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Sec., Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, Rotherham.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Brampford Speke on May 16th. Service 4.30. Tea at 5.

Bands and visitors attending please notify me by May 10th. —W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, Exeter.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Mayfield on Saturday, May 16th. Tower open from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock (1s. 3d. per head). Will those intending to be present notify me not later than Wednesday previous to meeting?—A. C. Pankhurst, Div. Hon. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

LANDULPH, near Saltash, Cornwall.—The bells will be re-dedicated by the Bishop of Truro at 3.30 p.m. on Thursday, May 21st. Ring of 6 bells rehung in new framework by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

BARNSELY 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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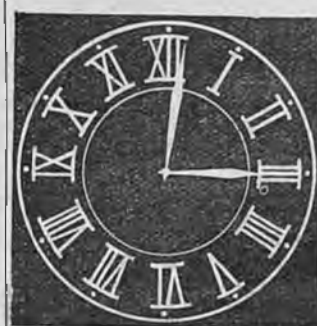
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