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'CANNED' BELLS: THE COUNCIL'S OPPORTUNITY.

The Central Council is to have the opportunity, if it wishes, of considering the question of the broadcasting of records of bells from churches, at the meeting to be held on Whitsun Tuesday at Leeds. It is a matter of far-reaching importance, and the motion which has been tabled by the Rev. Herbert Drake should be welcome for the opportunity it will give of considering the subject in all its bearings—and these are many. It should be welcomed, in view of the fact that the agenda is not a long one, and that the matter is really one of some urgency if the tendency to install apparatus for broadcasting is to be resisted. The more the practice grows the more difficult will it be to make effective protest.

Ringers are, of course, whole-heartedly against the introduction of 'canned' bells, and the greatest danger which they can foresee is the threat that in future church builders will be content to provide only flimsy towers and install amplifiers, in order to save cost, instead of doing as their forefathers have done, erect towers of sufficient strength to carry a peal of bells hung for ringing as they should be. In the instance which has brought this subject specially under public notice, the use of bell records at a church in Weymouth, it has been urged that the tower could not possibly stand the strain of ringing bells, and, that being the case, it is better to reproduce by mechanical device the sounds of other bells rather than submit the public to the monotonous chiming of a single bell. Maybe there is something to be said for that point of view, but only in so far as it is a relief to the public ear, but the real fault is an earlier one, that when the builders planned the church they planned cheaply and without a full realisation of what is due to God in such an undertaking. What is needed is that those responsible for the building of churches should realise that they are planning not only for the present, but for the centuries, and that if the best cannot be provided all at once, it is better to do the work piecemeal, so that the completed structure may be worthy of the high cause for which it is brought into existence.

That is one aspect of the question, but the Rev. H. Drake's motion brings out another and no less important—the fact that the ringing of the bells is in itself an act of worship; that ringing is a personal service to the Church; and that therefore the substitution of 'synthetic' bells is a trickery to which the Church should be no party, inasmuch as it publishes a pretence to the world that men are in the church performing an act of worship. In addition, the motion points out the absurdities which may be produced by the use of records. These are grounds

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which church authorities should seriously take into account when considering such installations, and if the Council can do anything to influence those who are responsible for authorising these innovations they will be doing good service in the maintenance of the historic use of bells, the contribution which thousands of men and women are making Sunday by Sunday to worship and the art of ringing. The motions will allow the subject to be discussed from every angle, and it is to be hoped some effective action may be the outcome.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, May 17, 1938, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5018 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

DANIEL T. MATKIN Treble	JAMES F. MILNER 7
SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY ... 2	GEORGE E. FEARN 8
FRANK E. PERVIN 3	ERNEST MANSSELL 9
WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 4	JOHN S. MASON 10
PERCY N. G. RAINEY 5	FRANK E. HAYNES 11
MORRIS J. MORRIS 6	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

A birthday compliment to D. T. Matkin.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 21, 1938, in Four Hours and Ten Minutes,

At THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5018 CHANGES;

Tenor 62 cwt.

ERNEST G. FENN Treble	JACK A. WADGH 7
HERBERT LANGDON 2	A. PADDON SMITH 8
RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 9
HENRY G. MILES 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS 10
HENRY R. NEWTON 5	ALFRED B. PECK 11
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 6	WILLIAM H. PASMORE } ... Tenor
	THOMAS LANGDON }

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.
Rung with the bells half-muffled in affectionate memory of the late secretary of the society, Mr. William T. Cockerill.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1938, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

*MRS. F. E. COLLINS Treble	ERNEST J. LADD 6
DANIEL D. COOPER 2	CHARLES H. KIPPIN 7
ROYDON DAVIES 3	HARRY W. SIMMONS 8
THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... 4	FRANK E. DARBY 9
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN ... 5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... Tenor

Composed by EDGAR BENNETT.

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

* First peal and first attempt.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND
THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS

On Saturday, May 14, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

FREDERICK A. SALTER Treble	J. ALFRED BARRATT 6
FRANK BRADLEY 2	TOM CLARKE 7
ALEX HUTCHISON 3	† WALTER NICHOLS 8
*GEORGE W. CREASEY 4	RALPH NARBOROUGH 9
R. ALLEN HICKTON 5	ARTHUR DEBENHAM ... Tenor

Composed by A. J. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by F. A. SALTER.

* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Bob Royal.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 14, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, WEST HAM, E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5025 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

MISS OLIVE L. ASHBROOK ... Treble	THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	GEORGE DAWSON ... 7
CHARLES A. HUGHES ... 3	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 8
ERNEST J. KING ... 4	EDWARD D. SMITH ... 9
FRANK C. NEWMAN ... 5	FREDERICK W. WICKS... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCE. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

ROCHESTER, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1938, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST AND THE BLESSED VIRGIN

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5077 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

WILLIAM T. GRICE ... Treble	LOUIS HEAD ... 6
EDWARD A. G. ALLEN... 2	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT ... 7
GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... 3	BENJAMIN BAKER... 8
HARRY SPRINGATE ... 4	FRANK BELSEY ... 9
THOMAS BEAUMONT ... 5	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

Arranged as a birthday peal for Mr. F. Belsey.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 14, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHOUT-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*WILLIAM E. FLETCHER ... Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY ... 5
*FRED HARTMAN ... 2	LESTER L. GRAY ... 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 7
FRANK VARTY ... 4	PERCY SWINDLEY ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

* First peal in the method.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

ERNEST J. DOBBIE ... Treble	HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 2	*WALTER H. DOBBIE ... 6
STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 7
HARRY HOVERD ... 4	HARRY PARKES ... Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

* First peal in the method. Rung on the occasion of the laying of the foundation stone for the new Church of St. Mary, Gravesend.

TURNER'S HILL, SUSSEX.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 14, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD-THE-CONFESSOR,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... Treble	GEORGE W. FOGDEN ... 5
NORMAN H. MANNING ... 2	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 6
FRANCIS C. SHORTER ... 3	DEREK M. SHARP ... 7
FRANCIS D. BISHOP ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 395). Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

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THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALAN D. STEEL ... Treble	P.C. WILLIAM PYE ... 5
ANDREW THOMPSON ... 2	P.C. RICHARD BENSON ... 6
*P.C. ALBERT FORD ... 3	CHARLES H. PAGE ... 7
WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 4	SIDNEY THOMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung in honour of the presentation at Court of Miss Hall, of Broughton Hall.

DUNSTABLE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1938, in Three Hours and Three 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. PLUMMER ... 5
BERT F. CALCOTT ... 2	ALBERT FLBET ... 6
JAMES G. NEWMAN ... 3	HORACE H. SMITH ... 7
MISS EVELYN STEEL ... 4	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. BARKER. Conducted by A. E. SHARMAN.

GREAT BARDFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

ARTHUR H. EVERETT ... Treble	*DOUGLAS JENNINGS ... 5
*DONALD JENNINGS ... 2	*GEORGE SAUNDERS ... 6
*HOWARD SAMS ... 3	RONALD SUCKLING ... 7
NORMAN F. GRINHAM ... 4	*JOSEPH C. JENNINGS ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by JOSEPH C. JENNINGS.

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

DORCHESTER, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 14, 1938, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt. (approx.).

MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK ... Treble	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR ... 5
ALEX GAMMON ... 2	WILLIAM G. COLLETT... 6
*WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 3	HERBERT H. ALEXANDER ... 7
ALBERT E. LOCK ... 4	WALTER F. JUDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to W. C. Porter.

GREAT WALTHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt.

GEORGE GREEN ... Treble	FREDERICK RIDGWELL... 5
MISS HILDA SNOWDEN ... 2	ALBERT WIFFEN ... 6
PERCY GREEN ... 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... 7
FRANK CLAYDON ... 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

First peal in the method on the bells.

BISHOPWEARMOUTH, SUNDERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1938, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

*ANTHONY WRIGHTSON ... Treble	ERNEST WALLACE ... 5
CHARLES E. LAWSON... 2	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 6
*JOHN PICKERING... 3	*DONALD F. MAY... 7
*ROBERT BELL ... 4	ROBERT L. PATTERSON ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by DONALD F. MAY.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. John Pickering, who celebrate the silver jubilee of their wedding this year.

EASTWOOD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, May 16, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

SIDNEY F. PALMER Treble	G. GORDON GRAHAM 5
*GEORGE S. LEE 2	JOHN J. L. GILBERT 6
*JOHN E. TURLEY 3	ERNEST THORPE 7
SIDNEY BRIGGS 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

* First peal in the method.

Conducted by J. J. L. GILBERT.

TENTERDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
AND ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Monday, May 16, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MILDRED,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 30 cwt. in D flat.

ROBERT EDWARDS Treble	PERCY PAGE 5
WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD 2	CRCIL H. BALLARD 6
HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHREY 3	CHARLES W. EVERETT 7
WILLIAM BIDNELL 4	*FRANK CAREY Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. EVERETT.

* First peal. Rung to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Mr. Robert Edwards' first peal.

DITCHEAT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 18, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 24 cwt.

ALEC MUNDY Treble	JOHN THOMAS 5
NORAH G. WILLIAMS 2	HARRY J. SANGER 6
AMY THOMAS 3	KENNETH FORD 7
RONALD G. BECK 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, May 19, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAVIES' VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROBERT MATTHEWS Treble	WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 2	†DONALD J. MARSH 6
THOMAS HEMMING 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 7
*THOMAS WILLIAMS 4	DANIEL T. MATKIN Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal on eight bells and in the method. Specially arranged and rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Williams on the occasion of their silver wedding.

HALFWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 19, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' REVERSED.

Tenor 11 cwt.

JAMES ROBINSON Treble	HERBERT LUDKIN 5
JOHN W. GARDNER 2	JOHN ROBINSON 6
THOMAS ROBINSON 3	WILLIAM ROBINSON 7
PERCIVAL A. CAVE 4	WILLIAM MADDOCK Tenor

Conducted by P. A. CAVE.

Rung to welcome their Majesties the King and Queen to Lancashire.

SIX BELL PEALS.

THURLEIGH, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 21 extents each of Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

REGINALD T. SOLESBURY ... Treble	DONALD L. COCKINGS ... 4
GEORGE SETH 2	BRIAN F. SIMS 5
J. HAROLD SWEPSTON 3	*JOHN H. SWEPSTON ... Tenor

Conducted by DONALD L. COCKINGS.

* First peal.

MIDDLETON CHENEY, NORTHANTS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 7, 1938, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in D.

GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY 4
WILLIAM WELLING 2	CLAUDE COUSINS 5
WALLACE COUSINS 3	TONY PRICE Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

The conductor's 200th peal.

BISHAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 7, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal, Overton, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*HARRY MIDDLETON ... Treble	RALPH HARRIS 4
*JAMES HEMMING 2	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN 5
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 3	JOHN HALL Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

* First peal in seven Treble Bob methods. The first peal on the bells.

COALPIT HEATH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 7, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thirty six-scores and six 240's.

CLAUDE GIFFORD ... Treble	DOUGLAS LUTON 4
*HORACE BENSON 2	DONALD MARSH 5
†MRS. V. J. SMITH 3	†ALFRED WILLS Tenor

Conducted by CLAUDE GIFFORD.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. First peal of Doubles on the bells.

SOUTH KIRKBY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 7, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Surfleet, Beverley, London, Wells, Kelso, Coldstream and Lincoln.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F.

ROLAND HILL ... Treble	ERNEST BROOKES 4
HAROLD CHANT 2	ARTHUR GILL 5
CLIFFORD ROBINSON 3	DANIEL SMITH Tenor

Conducted by D. SMITH.

First Surprise peal on the bells. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. F. Clarke, secretary of the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association.

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THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 7, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each a different composition, all 5-6's at back.
Tenor 9 cwt. in A flat.

*CHARLES BALL Treble	WILFRED ANDREWS 4
WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 2	*PETER BULLEN 5
GEORGE NOICE 3	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Conducted by A. P. CANNON.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. Rung as an 81st birthday compliment to Mr. George Williams, Master of the Guild.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 7, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

REGINALD W. COLLIS ... Treble	JOHN H. BAILESS 4
FRANK T. LONG 2	FRANK BAILEY 5
*RONALD F. COLLIS 3	*FREDERICK C. WRIGHT ... Tenor

Conducted by J. H. BAILESS.

* First peal. Rung to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the bells.

HINTLESHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, May 9, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven 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 of Plain Bob, with different callings. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

RONALD W. STEWARD ... Treble	MISS SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER 4
*RONALD G. BUGG 2	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 5
MISS DAISY M. ANDREWS 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY Tenor

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

* First peal in three methods. Specially arranged as a thanksgiving peal on the recovery of the Rector (the Rev. S. P. R. Mouldsdales) from a long illness.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 9, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob, and 720 each of Kent, Oxford and Woodbine Treble Bob, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

JOHN MYHILL Treble	OLIVER J. LONGLEY 4
MISS ANNIE WHITE 2	ERNEST J. RUNTER 5
HENRY W. SHADRACK 3	EDWARD A. KEMP Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD A. KEMP.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. W. A. Murrell, for 42 years churchwarden at the above church.

BARNBY-IN-THE-WILLOWS, NOTTS.
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 10, 1938, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Single Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob and St. Clement's. Tenor 6½ cwt.

MISS KATHLEEN M. VESSEY Treble	JACK C. VESSEY 4
MISS DOROTHY VESSEY 2	KENNETH W. MAYER 5
R. THOMAS VESSEY 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

MAULDEN, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 11, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Exercise Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

C. EDWARD JEFFERIES ... Treble	ANDREW C. SINFIELD 4
RONALD J. SHARP 2	C. HENRY HARDING 5
LEWIS H. BYWATERS 3	REGINALD HOUGHTON Tenor

Conducted by L. H. BYWATERS.

ELING, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 11, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

EDWARD T. GRIFFIN ... Treble	†ARTHUR V. DAVIS 4
*MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 2	A. PATRICK CANNON 5
ALAN R. PINK 3	REGINALD A. REED Tenor

Conducted by A. P. CANNON.

* First peal 'inside' in more than one method. † First peal on six bells and first 720 of Minor. The first peal on the bells.

HORSHAM ST. FAITH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven extents: (1) Hereward Bob; (2) Double Court and College Single Reverse; (3) Double Oxford and St. Clement's; (4) Childwall and Thelwall; (5) Oxford Bob and Plain Bob; (6) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; (7) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

SYDNEY FLINT Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN 4
GEORGE MAYERS 2	HERBERT C. READ 5
CECIL V. EBBERSON 3	GEORGE BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, May 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SPLICED MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents in 14 methods: (1) Double and Reverse Bob; (2) Fulbeck and Canterbury Pleasure; (3) Oxford Bob and Court Bob; (4) Double Oxford and London Bob; (5) Thelwall and Lytham; (6) St. Clement's and College; (7) Childwall and Wavertree. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*HAROLD JUDD Treble	*GEORGE DOBBS 4
MRS. J. BRAY 2	FRANK LORD 5
JACK BRAY 3	GEORGE E. FEIRN Tenor

Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

* First peal in 14 methods. There were 170 changes of method.

ARLESEY, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Rev. E. B. James' Arrangement. Tenor 10½ cwt.

HERBERT L. HARLOW ... Treble	JOHN CHURCH 4
HENRY W. GAYTON 2	HERBERT SHERMAN 5
FRANK WARRINGTON 3	LEWIS H. BYWATERS Tenor

Conducted by L. H. BYWATERS.

STAVERTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 14, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

JAMES HANCOCK ... Treble	REV. W. P. WRIGHT 4
MRS. POWELL 2	REV. E. S. POWELL 5
*JOHN DUNKLEY 3	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG Tenor

Conducted by REV. E. S. POWELL.

* First peal in two methods. First peal on the bells.

HALVERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

In 42 extents, 10 callings. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*DEREK E. RUGG ... Treble	DENIS A. BAYLES 4
R. WILLIAM BARBER 2	HENRY TOOKE 5
MRS. R. WILLIAM BARBER 3	STANLEY W. GALL Tenor

Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.

* First peal at first attempt.

STURMINSTER MARSHALL, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 14, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 18 cwt. (approx.).

PHILIP H. TOCOCK Treble	FRANCIS S. BEAUMONT ... 4
EDWARD T. GRIFFIN 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... 5
ROBERT WAKE 3	*WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods on the bells.

SHELSLEY BEAUCHAMP, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven differently called extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

FREDERICK FLUCK Treble	*WILLIAM H. TURNER, JUN. 4
GEORGE E. LARGE 2	ALLEN MORGAN 5
*ALFRED W. GLAZZARD ... 3	REGINALD WOODYATT ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

* First peal of Minor at first attempt.

COOKHAM, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 14, 1938, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Reverse College, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in E.

THOMAS J. FOWLER Treble	CYRIL A. BURGESS 4
*RONALD C. FOWLER 2	JOHN E. TAYLOR 5
MARTIN A. BLAMEY 3	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

* First peal in seven methods. First seven method peal on the bells.

CHATTERIS, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

C.O. No. 167. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

PERCY SMITH Treble	*RUSSELL PAUL 4
ARTHUR ABRAMS 2	DUDLEY PAUL 5
WILFRED YOUNG 3	WILLIAM SEEKINGS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SEEKINGS.

* First peal 'inside.'

(Many other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

PEAL NOTES.

MEMORIAL PEAL AT ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL.

The Ancient Society of College Youths paid a tribute to their late hon. secretary, Mr. W. T. Cockerill, by ringing a half-muffled peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Paul's Cathedral on Saturday.

Mr. A. E. Sharman, of Dunstable, hon. secretary of the Bedfordshire Association, rang his one hundredth peal for the association and his fiftieth peal with Miss Evelyn Steel, on May 14th, at Dunstable, when he called a peal of Double Norwich Major, composed by a former well-known Bedford ringer, John W. Barker.

The Bristol Rural Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Guild has as its chairman (Mr. H. Benson) and its secretary (Mr. C. Gifford) members of Coalpit Heath tower, and this belfry also supplies this year's chairman of the Bristol United Ringing Guilds. To commemorate this 'record,' a peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung at Coalpit Heath on May 7th, in which these three ringers took part. The peal was also a wedding compliment to Mr. Benson.

To celebrate the laying of the foundation stone of the new Church of St. Mary, Gravesend, a peal of Superlative Surprise Major was rung at St. George's in this ancient Thames-side borough on May 14th. Walter H. Dobbie scored his first Surprise peal. He is the son of Mr. Stanley B. Dobbie, who was also in the peal.

We have not had long to wait for the first peal on the new bells at Staverton, Northants. It was rung on May 14th, and three clergy took part. We wonder if this is the first time that a Vicar and his wife have rung a peal together in their own tower? The Rev. E. S. and Mrs. Powell rang in this one.

Mr. Tony Price, of Feltham, Middlesex, rang his 200th peal when he called seven extents in different Minor methods at Middleton Cheney, Northants. The bells there are a six with a tenor of nearly 23 cwt. in D.

The bells of Croft, Leicestershire, were dedicated in May, 1928, and to commemorate the tenth anniversary a peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung on them on May 7th.

Mr. Pat Cannon takes a delight in hunting out towers where he can ring the first peal on the bells. He has netted two recently in Hampshire.

On Saturday, May 7th, he called the first peal on the bells at Barton Stacey, which was rung as a compliment to Mr. George Williams on his 81st birthday. Five of the bells date from 1725, the treble having been added in 1934 by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

Eling, near Southampton, has had a ring of six bells since 1775, when they were installed by Messrs. Pack and Chapman. The first peal on them was called by Mr. Cannon on May 11th.

We do not know if there is any official connection between St. Mary's, Eling, and St. Mary's, Ealing, Middlesex, but there was a connecting link in the peal, for one of the ringers was Mr. Alan Pink, of Ealing. It was Reginald Reed's 50th peal.

The half-muffled peal of Surprise Minor rung at South Kirkby, Yorks, on May 7th, in memory of the late Mr. F. Clarke, hon. secretary of the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association, had the bells open at backstroke, so that the part-ends could be heard distinctly. It was the first peal of Surprise Minor on the bells.

Miss Hall, of Broughton Hall, Staffs, was among the debutantes presented at the first Court of the season this year at Buckingham Palace. A peal of Stedman Triples in honour of the event was rung at Broughton Church on May 14th by members of the North Staffordshire Association.

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AN AGRICULTURAL BAND'S NEED.

(Continued from previous column.)

The first peal on the bells at Bishampton, Worcestershire, since they were recently rehung in a new frame by Messrs. Taylor and Co. was rung by a visiting band on May 7th. It enabled that veteran, Mr. Harry Middleton, of Norton, Evesham, to fulfil an almost life-long ambition—to ring a peal in the village where he had so many youthful associations. Previous attempts, over a long period, were always frustrated by the state of the tower and bells. Harry Middleton is now happy.

It was his first peal in seven Treble Bob methods, as, also, it was by Mr. James Hemming, who, incidentally, completed his second century.

The local ringers at Bishampton are agricultural workers and are badly in need of a set of handbells to facilitate learning change ringing. If anyone has a set to spare it would be an act of considerable kindness if they would make a gift of them to Bishampton tower. The Vicar (the Rev. Thomas Wilkinson) will be grateful to receive any correspondence on the matter.

Mr. and Mrs. John Pickering, of Bishopwearmouth, Sunderland, celebrate their silver wedding this year, and on May 14th at Bishopwearmouth Church, where Mr. Pickering has been a ringer for 35 years, a peal of Bob Major was rung in honour of the event.

Derek Rugg, of Halvergate, Norfolk, has rung his first peal at the age of 13 years. He is a service ringer at his Parish Church, and he rang the treble to 42 extents of Grandsire Doubles. Mr. Henry Tooke, who called the peal, has now rung peals of Grandsire from Doubles to Cinques.

A peal in 12 Minor methods was rung at Horsham St. Faith, Norfolk, on May 12th, the first time a peal in more than three methods has been rung there.

Four members of the Vessey family—two brothers and two sisters—rang in a peal in seven Minor methods at Barnby-in-the-Willows, Notts, on May 10th. Miss Dorothy Vessey and Mr. Jack L. Millhouse rang their 25th peal together.

Mr. Dan Cooper rang the 2nd to a peal of Grandsire Caters at Beddington, Surrey, on May 14th, and thus completed circling the tower twice to peals.

This peal was Mrs. Fred Collins' first and Mr. E. J. Ladd's 75th. Mrs. Collins has learned to ring since her marriage. Her husband was formerly a bellhanger for the Croydon Foundry, but now that he has 'settled down' he has found his wife an apt pupil in the belfry.

The first peal on the ring of six at Cookham, Berks, for eight years was rung on May 14th, and it was the first peal in seven methods on the bells, two of which were cast in 1638. Two of the local band, Mr. T. J. Fowler and his son, Ronald, took part, and the remainder came from St. Peter's Society, Burnham.

Another peal of St. Clement's College Bob has been rung. It is one of the interesting plain Major methods in the Central Council's 'Collection.' This time it has been rung at Great Bardfield, and five of the band rang their first peal in the method.

The first peal of London Surprise Major at Great Waltham, Essex, was a birthday compliment to Mr. George Green.

There were 170 changes of method in the fourteen-method peal of Minor rung at Elsham, Lincs, on May 12th.

In the peal of Stedman Caters rung at St. Magnus', London Bridge, on April 16th, the number of changes should have been given as 5,031, not 5,021 as published.

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BOB MINOR 'ALL THE WAY.'

(Continued from previous column.)

Ringling Bob Minor all the way has its compensations when it is the means of giving others a 'lift.' At Shelsley Beauchamp on Saturday, May 14th, two of the Hartlebury ringers, A. W. Glazzard and W. H. Turner, jun., rang their first peal of Minor at the first attempt, and, judging by the way they acquitted themselves, it will not be long before they take another 'step up the ladder.'

Shelsley Beauchamp is a village outside active ringing circles in Worcestershire, and possesses a newly-formed 'stone' band. If wishes count for anything they will soon be members of the association, and their desire to learn 'method' ringing will then be catered for by the facilities offered. Visiting such outlying places gives ringers a change of scenery, and is often the means whereby a little missionary work is done.

Mr. R. J. Houghton has now 'circled' Tempsford tower (Bedfordshire) in peals of Minor.

Mr. George Creasey has just rung his first peal of Royal, and thus completed peals of Plain Bob from Doubles to Maximus. This last peal, rung at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on May 14th, was the first peal of Royal on the bells since they were recast and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The tenor is 37 cwt.

The fiftieth peal on the bells at Eastwood, Yorks, was also the quickest. It was a 5,152 of Little Bob Major and was rung in 2 hours 46 minutes on May 16th. It was a birthday compliment to Mrs. J. E. Turley, whose husband took part in the peal.

Mr. Robert Edwards, of Tenterden, Kent, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his first peal by taking part in a peal of Stedman Triples in his own tower on May 16th. The peal was also a birthday compliment to the grandson of Mr. H. S. Humphrey.

Mr. Thomas Williams, of Brierley Hill, Staffs, rang his first peal of Stedman on May 19th in celebration of his silver wedding. The peal was rung by the Worcestershire Association at his own church.

A peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on May 17th, was a birthday compliment to Mr. D. T. Matkin. Mr. Bill Thomas, of Bristol, in Birmingham on business, heard part of the peal, in company with Mr. Albert Walker, from a spot not far from the church. Afterwards it transpired that it was also Bill's birthday, and the 'double event' was duly celebrated by the majority of the band.

The royal visit to Lancashire last week was marked by the ringing of church bells in many places. At Halewood a peal of Stedman Triples was rung on the Thursday. Mr. J. W. Gardner, who rang the 2nd, has now circled this tower in peals.

The peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Hilgay, Norfolk, on April 19th, was rung for the Ely Diocesan Association.

VETERAN YORKSHIRE RINGER'S DEATH.

MEMBER OF FORMER PRIZE RINGING BAND.

A well-known personality of former prize ringing contests has passed away in the person of Mr. Sam Hemmingfield, of Ecclesfield, Yorkshire.

His father being a ringer, it was only natural that Sam should follow him, which he did, both as ringer and as host of the White Bear Inn, in front of which the feast, or fair, used to be held in the village square.

Sam also took part in various sports, amongst them the annual football match between Ecclesfield and Pitsmoor, the respective goals being the tollbars at Ecclesfield Common and Pitsmoor—a distance of about three miles. In those days the traffic question had not appeared and there was plenty of 'rough and tumble' in the game.

Mr. Hemmingfield joined the Yorkshire Association in 1885 and was a 'starred' life member. Though only taking part in four peals, he was a member of the Ecclesfield company that took part in many contests in those early days, when it took two and three days to attend a competition. Of a genial disposition, he could relate many amusing anecdotes about ringing, etc.

Unfortunately, he was stricken with partial blindness about 20 years ago, and this gradually increased until total blindness ensued, but under this terrible affliction he was patient, resigned and uncomplaining. The end came to a long life at the age of 87.

The interment took place on Saturday, May 14th, and was attended by numerous relatives and friends and there were many floral tributes.

A 720 of Oxford Treble Bob was rung in the tower with muffled bells by the following of his colleagues: D. Greaves 1, Gordon Wild 2, Oliver Coward (conductor) 3, W. Kitson 4, J. Myers 5, J. Greaves 6.

A course of Grandsire Triples on handbells by the graveside was rung by Yorkshire Association members as a last token of respect.

CHIDDINGFOLD VETERAN'S BIRTHDAY.

On Monday, May 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Chiddingfold, Surrey, for the 80th birthday of Mr. Thomas Attwell: A. E. Brown (first quarter-peal) 1, M. Smither 2, G. Wootton 3, G. Arrowsmith (first 'inside') 4, ex-P.S. F. C. Hagley 5, H. Mullah 6, A. J. Bartlett (conductor) 7, E. Worsdell (first quarter-peal) 8.

Mr. Attwell, although now unable to hear well enough to ring, never misses a practice despite the rather high stone steps and somewhat difficult climb to the tower.

The ringers drank 'the health of Mr. and Mrs. Attwell' at their home after the ringing, and, of course, wished the veteran many 'happy returns of the day.'

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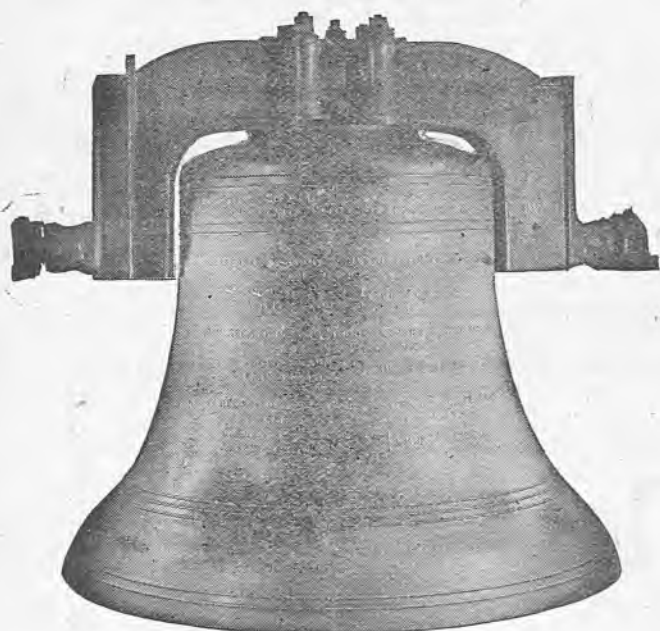
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BELFRY GOSSIP.

We are glad to say that Mr. Albert Walker is making excellent recovery from his illness and has been able to join in service ringing at St. Martin's Church, Birmingham. After having demonstrated that he could ring Stedman Cinques, he was 'duly elected' a member of St. Martin's Guild—not for the first time.

'Special ringing, £1 10s. Ale for ringers, 9s.' That is not an extract from some ancient churchwarden's accounts, but an extract from a balance sheet for the year 1937, hanging in a church porch in the Midlands. There are only three bells at this church, but, perhaps, there was more than one ringing occasion.

The quarterly meeting of the Winchester District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, which was to have been held on June 11th at Ropley, has been postponed to June 25th, owing to the absence from home of the Vicar.

A NEW 'STEDMAN.'

In a few days a new 'Stedman' will be on sale in the popular Snowdon series. The original work, published in 1903, served a great purpose, but it was rather 'heavy going' for the ordinary ringer. Mr. J. A. Trollope has entirely rewritten the book, but his fluency of style and his gift of simple explanation have enabled him to reduce the size (in number of words) to about half that of the first edition. Readers will find that nothing material has been sacrificed for the saving of space—indeed, as a work of practical value, the reduction is more than justified by its clarity.

It covers all the ground from instruction for ringing and conducting the method on five bells and upwards to an explanation of the proof and composition. Numerous touches and peals are given, and Jasper Snowdon's history of the method has been edited and brought up to date.

The new book will be on sale on June 1st and may be obtained, post free, for 2s. 10d., from Miss M. E. Snowdon, Cartmel, Lancs.

THE MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MR. J. J. PARKER.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The proposed memorial to the late Mr. Joseph J. Parker is progressing. The eight bells of St. Mary's, Farnham Royal, are to be retuned, the frame strengthened and ball bearings fitted throughout. The peal of eight were completed at the Diamond Jubilee in 1893, when Mr. Parker himself was almost entirely responsible for hanging the two extra bells.

The estimated cost of the memorial is £217, but since that estimate a crack has been located in the fourth bell, which entails an extra cost of about £21 for recasting.

Up to date the amount subscribed towards the memorial is about half the required sum. This has been raised almost entirely by local subscriptions and the Easter offering, which was kindly given to us.

The local branch of the Diocesan Guild have voted a substantial sum towards the memorial, and there is a further recommendation to the General Fund.

But we need help from other guilds and associations, and from all the individual bellringers who knew Mr. Parker or appreciate the work he did. If all those who had rung in a peal composed by J. J. Parker (Oxford Bob Triples or Parker's twelve-part Grandsire Triples) would contribute one or two shillings, the money would be raised, and at the same time make the memorial a truly 'national' memorial, which we are so anxious to do.

I have already received a generous donation from the Scottish Association, which shows that Parker's name was not confined to England. I would like to thank the members of that association for their support.

I hope no bellringer or society of bellringers throughout the country will miss this opportunity of expressing their appreciation of the tremendous work the late Mr. J. J. Parker has done. If we never show our appreciation, the bond of unity and friendship will weaken, but if for a friend we make some sacrifice, the bond will be strengthened and will last for ever.

Donations towards the memorial may be sent to A. D. Barker (hon. treasurer, Oxford Diocesan Guild), 'Cambridge,' Wexham, Slough, Bucks, or to

R. A. CRAWLEY-BOVEY

(Hon. Treasurer, J. J. Parker Memorial Fund).

Farnham Royal Rectory, Slough, Bucks.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I was sorry to see that, in reporting the annual meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, you omitted to mention my suggestion that in arranging next year's annual meeting an endeavour should be made to hold at least the service in St. Paul's Cathedral. The suggestion was made in all sincerity and in view of the fact that some of us churchmen in London do feel a sense of loyalty to the great diocese to which we belong. This is also the chief reason for the affiliation of the belfry in which I ring to the recognised Diocesan Guild. I should be glad, therefore, if you would publish this brief letter so that those members who were absent from the meeting may know the feelings of those present, who seemed to be in favour of the proposal.

E. M. ATKINS.

LEADING CONDUCTORS—20.

EDITH K. FLETCHER.

Foremost among the lady members of the Exercise is Mrs. Edith Kate Fletcher, who combines with her extraordinary skill as a ringer remarkable ability as a conductor. In this latter capacity particularly she is outstanding among her sex. Ringing, with her, is an hereditary gift. Born at Crawley, Sussex, on November 12th, 1891, she is the daughter of Mr. James Parker, at that time conductor of the famous Crawley band. Mr. Parker was unable to induce either of his sons to take up the art, but he found an apt pupil in his daughter, and, in some directions, as he will be the first to admit, she has easily outstripped her parent.

Mrs. Fletcher was taught to ring at Edmonton in 1908—at a time when ladies were only just beginning to take an interest in the art, and her first peal was one of Superlative Surprise Major on May 1st, 1909, while a year later, on June 11th, 1910, she conducted her first peal—Stedman Triples from a non-observation bell. Shortly afterwards she called Superlative Surprise Major and London Surprise Major, the former at her old home, Crawley, where her father had done so much in pioneering Surprise ringing.

Before the war, Edith K. Parker, as she then was, had conducted 46 peals, including in 1912 her first peal 'in hand,' when she rang 5-6 to Grandsire Triples, and the first peal by a band of eight ladies, rung at Cubitt Town, London, also in 1912. It was this achievement that led to the formation of the Ladies' Guild later in the same year, and Miss Parker was the obvious choice for the post of secretary, an office which she has filled with unflagging zeal and, if possible, growing enthusiasm ever since.

Mrs. Fletcher has now rung 314 peals in 41 different methods, or in a method on different numbers of bells, while the number which she has conducted is 119, in seventeen different methods, ranging from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Surprise Maximus, for seventeen associations. Before she was 21 she called a peal of Stedman Cinques at Birmingham. She has conducted six peals on handbells, including Stedman Cinques from 3-4, while for the Ladies' Guild she has called the first peals of Stedman Triples, Stedman Caters, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major and Double Norwich Court Bob Major. Among her other achievements have been to ring Lincoln Cathedral tenor (24 cwt.) to a peal of Stedman Cinques, and the 30 cwt. tenor at Wedmore, Somerset, to a peal of Stedman Triples.

Her services to ringing in other directions have been extensive. She has been a member of the Central Council as the representative of the Ladies' Guild since 1915, and has served on a number of committees. She is convener of the Analysis and Records Committee, whose task goes on week by week throughout the year, and in connection with this committee's work she is typing the details of all the early compositions. As a member of the Peals Collection Committee it has been her labour that has enabled typed volumes of all the compositions of Treble Bob to be placed in the Council's library, while since her husband, Mr. George W. Fletcher, has been hon. secretary of the Council, she has been the unofficial, but highly efficient, assistant secretary. The work which Mrs. Fletcher is doing behind the scenes for the Exercise is as prodigious as it is valuable.

Next week: Mr. Robert Matthews.

DIFFICULTIES OF BEGINNERS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Will you kindly allow me a little of your valuable space to ask a question? I have been a ringer for just over eight months now, but have great difficulty in picking up 'rope-sight.'

We have a very fine ring of eight here, tenor 20 cwt., which we are endeavouring to keep going for all services. We are a band of learners with only the one instructor. I may say in appreciation of him that we could not wish for a better, but, owing to the fact that we have unavoidably had to start on Triples the 'rope-sight' seems a thing of the far distant future. I feel sure that there must be many other beginners in the same position as myself. Is there anything that you can do for us in the way of help?

E. F. M. SAMSON.



MRS. E. K. FLETCHER.

'SYNTHETIC' BELLS.

RESOLUTIONS FOR THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.
To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reference to Mr. Frampton's letter, it may be of interest that I have sent the accompanying resolutions to be added to the report to the Central Council of the Towers and Belfries Committee.

H. DRAKE.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. The ringing of church bells before divine service has never been considered a mere mechanical device, similar or in addition to a clock. It is an act of worship by a certain number of churchworkers, solemnly preparatory to further worship, and proportionate in value to the number of workers and to the care employed. It may be compared to the voluntary on the organ, and more than the latter requires thorough practice at least once a week.

2. Records of change ringing are useful for instruction or for broadcasting. But as they do not fulfil any of the conditions of personal ringing, they ought not to be used to commence a service of divine worship. Furthermore they publish to the world a pretence that eight men or more are in that church making an act of worship. Also they lend themselves to tricks, which to those who know something of ringing (and they are many) sound absurdly impossible. To prevent a church making itself ridiculous, records should only be manipulated by a skilled ringer. But if a man is really skilful enough to know what is possible, he will be wanting to ring a real bell elsewhere.

3. These objections do not apply to records of carillon music. Moreover, a musician sufficiently experienced to handle such records satisfactorily can often be found. Therefore, when permission is given for instruments using records to be installed, it should be stipulated that records of change ringing should never be heard from a church.

4. The above shall be sent to every diocesan bishop, archdeacon and chancellor.

THE CANON ELSEE MEMORIAL.

The quarterly meeting of the Manchester Branch of the Lancashire Association was held at Stretford on Saturday, May 21st. Service was conducted by the Rev. Canon Horrocks, assisted by the Rev. F. Bonner. Memories were awakened of the dedication of St. Matthew's bells when the ringers had in their midst the late Canon Elsee, and the members recalled his untiring devotion to the Lancashire Association.

At the tea and business meeting the chair was taken by the Rev. F. Bonner, who welcomed the ringers to Stretford.

Mr. F. Reynolds was elected as branch president, and the chairman made reference to the appeal for the late Canon Elsee's memorial. He said he was pleased to note the way in which other associations and guilds had responded. As the closing date was very close at hand, it would be most unfortunate if anyone found that they had overlooked the opportunity of playing their part. It was their privilege and they owed it to the memory of their late president.

Votes of thanks were passed to Canon Horrocks, the organist and local ringers, to the chairman, who responded on behalf of all concerned.

About 30 members kept the bells going to Cambridge, Double Norwich and all standard methods until 9.30 p.m.

WARWICKSHIRE VETERANS

DEATHS OF TWO FORMER CHILVERS COTON RINGERS.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Henry Reader, a former churchwarden, of Chilvers Coton, who was also head ringer for a number of years, and was among those instrumental in augmenting the bells from three to eight in 1908. He was 85 years of age and had taken no active part in ringing for a number of years. During the war period he taught a band of ladies to ring, the only active member now left being Mrs. D. E. Beamish, hon. secretary of the Warwickshire Guild.

The bells were rung half-muffled on the Sunday following the interment. Included in the touches was 1,008 Grandsire Triples for evening service. Prior to raising the bells, the band stood in silence for a few moments.

Only a short time after Mr. Reader's death his wife (who had been too ill to attend the funeral of her husband) also passed away.

The death of Mr. 'Ted' Moreton occurred last week after a long and painful illness. He was associated with Mr. Reader in the early struggles to raise a band at Coton. His son, Mr. J. E. Moreton, is the present head ringer at Coton. The ringers stood for a few moments in silence before raising the bells, which were again half-muffled, and as a last token of respect a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung for evening service by E. Askill 1, H. Harris 2, C. E. Rayson 3, Mrs. D. E. Beamish 4, A. H. Beamish 5, J. Gibbons 6, J. Draycott (conductor) 7, P. Yates 8.

Following the interment of Mrs. Reader on Monday, May 23rd, 1,120 changes of Cambridge Surprise Major were rung with the bells half-muffled by Mrs. M. Billington 1, *J. E. Moreton 2, *C. E. Rayson 3, Mrs. D. E. Beamish 4, J. Draycott 5, *J. Gibbons 6, *H. Harris 7, A. H. Beamish (conductor) 8. *Longest touch of Surprise.

A JOINT MEETING BY THAMES-SIDE. MIDDLESEX AND LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS AT CHISWICK.

A pleasant and successful joint meeting of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association and the Southern District of the London County Association was held at St. Nicholas' Church, Chiswick, on Saturday, May 21st. This beautiful church, by the side of the Thames, close to the famous Chiswick Mall with its associations with Thackeray and Vanity Fair, and the burial place of Hogarth and other famous people, made an ideal setting for a meeting on a beautiful May afternoon, and proved a great attraction.

About 40 members and friends were present from Barnes, Battersea (St. Mary's), Bishopsgate (St. Botolph's), Chelsea (St. Luke's), Chiswick, Duffield, Derby, Ealing (Christ Church, St. Mary's and St. Stephen's), Egham, Erdington, Birmingham, Fulmer, Heston, Hillingdon (St. John's), Hollingbourne, Isleworth, Kensington (St. Mary Abbott's), Kingston-on-Thames, Putney, Ruislip, Uxbridge, Westminster (St. Stephen's) and Twickenham. Methods rung ranged from Grandsire and Stedman Triples to Cambridge and Superlative Surprise, some good touches being brought round under the supervision of Mr. J. Herbert, Ringing Master.

A short service was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. R. Rich, M.A.), who gave an address of welcome to those present, and commented upon the improvement in the ringing and attendances at his own church, which gave him much satisfaction.

Tea was held in the Church Hall, presided over by the Vicar, supported by the vice-president (Mr. J. A. Trollope). There was no official business meeting, but during the proceedings the Vicar, who had been handed a report, upon which he made favourable comment, mentioned that he would like to give his support to the association by becoming an honorary member, and was duly elected with acclamation.

Some correspondence was read by the secretary, who also announced that the next meeting was fixed for Sunbury-on-Thames on June 25th.

A vote of sympathy with Mr. J. S. Goldsmith in his sad bereavement was passed, those present standing in silence.

A welcome to the London County Association was expressed by Mr. J. Herbert.

The usual votes of thanks to the Vicar, the local company and the ladies who had provided tea, were passed with acclamation.

Handbell ringing followed the tea, and afterwards further ringing took place at the church until 8 p.m.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

CHANGE OF PRESIDENT.

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society entered upon its jubilee year on April 30th, when the 49th annual general meeting was held at Leeds Parish Church. The start of ringing was delayed owing to the funeral of Dr. Maxwell Telling, a prominent citizen of Leeds, and time for ringing was further curtailed because of a special meeting in the Church Rooms.

The business meeting was held in the tower at 8 p.m. after ringing had ceased. The retiring president (Mr. W. H. Senior) occupied the chair, and members were present from Armley, Batley, Bradford Cathedral, Burley, Birstall, Bramley, Drighlington, Guiseley, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Hemingbrough, Holbeck, Idle, Pudsey, Rothwell, Sherburn, Selby, Shipley, Elland, Hunslet and the local company.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and the local company was proposed by Mr. W. Barton, seconded by Mr. H. Jones and acknowledged by Mr. H. Smith.

The balance sheet showed a net total of £20 14s. 6d. carried forward.

The report of the hon. secretary (Mr. H. Lofthouse) gave the membership as 249. Eleven ringing meetings had been held during the year and all were fairly well attended. The secretary, adapting the words of one of Yorkshire's and England's cricketers, added, 'It is harder to keep on top than it is to get on top, and as our society is one of the leading district societies, every endeavour should be made by the members to keep the society in the highest class. We are now approaching our 50th birthday, and it is our earnest desire that we make this year a year to be remembered.'

Mr. Senior, in proposing that the balance sheet and report be accepted, said the details pointing to the excellent state of their society were due to the work of the secretary during the past 14 years. Considering the small area covered by the society and that the subscription is only 6d. per member, the results showed very efficient management. Their thanks were due to the secretary for his work.—This was seconded by Mr. F. Rayment and agreed to.

On the proposal of Mr. H. Barton, and seconded by Mr. Helliwell, the following officers were elected: President, the Rev. J. H. B. Andrews, M.A.; three vice-presidents, Messrs. W. H. Senior, T. W. Strangeway and S. Barron; Ringing Master, Mr. L. Drake; secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. Lofthouse.

Mr. F. Rayment proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring president and other officers, and spoke of the good work and regular attendance at meetings of Mr. Senior during the past eight years.—Mr. Barton seconded.

A vote of thanks was also accorded to the auditors.

Methods rung during the day were Bob Major and Royal, Stedman Triples and Caters, Grandsire Caters, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major and Superlative Surprise.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

A SPLENDID RECORD.

The annual meeting of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at Lincoln on 'Fair Saturday,' April 30th, when the twelve bells of the Cathedral and the two six-bell towers of St. Peter-at-Gowts' and St. Botolph's were open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. A special service was held in the Morning Chapel of the Cathedral, conducted by the Sub-Dean (Canon H. Larken). Close on a hundred members and friends gathered at the Co-operative Hall for tea, after which the business meeting was held, the Dean of Lincoln being in the chair.

The officers were all re-elected, namely, the Very Rev. R. A. Mitchell (Dean of Lincoln), president; Mr. Rupert Richardson, Master; Mr. F. W. Stokes, hon. secretary and treasurer.

The report and balance sheet were unanimously adopted. Commenting on the report, the Master congratulated the Guild on their splendid record for the year 1937. Although slightly fewer peals had been rung than in the previous year (105 as against 115), he thought that the quality of the performances had been more than maintained. No less than 14 peals of Surprise Major had been rung, including four of London, one of Bristol, one of Superlative, four of Cambridge, one each of Yorkshire, Lincolnshire and Norfolk, and one of spliced London, Bristol, Superlative and Cambridge. The four last named were the first in each case by the Guild. Other new Major methods rung were Wymondham Bob and Spliced St. Clement's and Crayford Bob. During the year the spliced Minor record had been lost to the Chester Diocesan Guild, who rang a peal in 74 methods, but the record was regained in December by the Eastern Branch with a peal in no less than 80 methods. Seventeen ringers rang their first peal.

Mention was made by the chairman of the illness of Archdeacon Parry, president of the Northern Branch, and the secretary was asked to convey to him the sympathy of the meeting, with all good wishes for a complete recovery.

After tea the towers were again visited, the Cathedral belfry in particular being 'full up' until the bells were finally set up at nine o'clock.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

THE 'NOISE' PROBLEM AT ASHTEAD.

A good meeting was enjoyed at Ashted on Saturday, May 7th, when nearly 40, including the Master, hon. secretary and the hon. treasurer of the Guild, with other visitors from Chertsey, Guildford, Haslemere and different parts of London, and members from six district towers, assembled at what was once a favourite 'peal tower.' But times changed and complaints from new residents near the church made the bells difficult to get, until just recently, when the louvers were boarded up. This proved too effective, and complaints were then received from the older inhabitants that they could not hear the bells ringing. Now the boarding has been made adjustable, and it is hoped that everybody's wishes will be met.

The Rector (the Rev. E. J. Austin) conducted the Guild's service and gave a short talk, in which he welcomed the ringers to Ashted, saying how he loved to hear the bells, and hoped the meeting would perhaps stir up more local interest.

Tea was served at the Brewery Inn, where Miss Sayers, of an old ringing family, amply catered for the excess of notifications.

For the short business meeting the chair was taken by the Master (Major J. H. B. Hesse). A suggestion by Mr. James, that a printed circular would be of help in approaching likely honorary members, met with approval, and it was left to the officers to draft a suitable one for printing.

Apart from that there was no other important business, and the proceedings closed with a hearty vote of thanks to all who had helped to make a successful meeting, the Rector, the organist and Mr. G. Cook, who made the arrangements.

Ringing then continued until 9 o'clock, the methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to Bristol Surprise Major.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

STOCKPORT BRANCH AT MOSSLEY.

A meeting of the Stockport Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held at St. George's Church, Mossley, on April 30th. The bells were busily employed from early in the afternoon. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. F. Southworth), who also gave a striking address, basing his remarks on the quotation, 'A threefold cord is not easily broken.' If, he said, we were to base our lives on the three commandments of Jesus Christ, viz., to love God, to love our neighbour, and to love our enemies, we would find that this threefold cord of religion would not easily be broken.

After service some time was spent examining the church, which is a very beautiful building and well kept. Tea was served in the adjoining schools, and some 32 members and friends enjoyed an excellent meal.

The business meeting followed under the chairmanship of the Vicar, who very heartily welcomed the branch to Mossley. The business was mostly of a routine nature and was quickly disposed of, and the meeting closed with hearty votes of thanks to the Vicar, the local ringers, the ladies who prepared tea, the organist and all who had in any way assisted in making the meeting a success.—The Vicar and Mr. Garside suitably responded, and the members then adjourned to the tower for further ringing.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**MASTER INTERPRETS M.B.W.H.**

The East Berks and South Bucks Branch annual meeting was held at Slough, but some of the usual faces were absent owing to other attractions (wedding peals). Methods to suit all were rung, including the 'big four'—Superlative, Cambridge, London and Bristol.

The Deputy Master of the Guild (the Rev. O. E. Wigg) conducted the service, and the address was given by another ringer, the Rector of Beaconsfield, the Rev. R. F. R. Routh.

After tea it was discovered that the bill was settled, by 'someone.' It is remarkable in this branch how these bills are a law unto themselves. In the absence of the chairman, Sir Charles A. Bennett, the position was occupied by Mr. W. H. Fussell, vice-chairman.

Several new members were elected, including one of the N.U.T.S. (and he paid his 'sub.').

All the officers were re-elected, an especial vote being passed to re-elect the chairman, who wished to resign because he thought that he was 'not so useful now.'

A sum of seven guineas was voted towards the restoration of Farnham Royal bells, with the hope that every tower in the branch would contribute something.

Canon Coleridge, the Rev. C. E. Wigg and Mr. R. T. Hibbert all contributed towards the business. The Master, having noted certain mystic letters (M.B.W.H.) on the back of the branch secretary's report, translated them as 'Master be welcome here,' but, on noticing the time, thought of 'Master be walking home,' and straightway 'made tracks' for his taxi, followed by Tom, who was anxious to catch the same train.

Votes of thanks concluded a lengthy meeting, and, while some stayed to ring again at Slough, the majority made for Stoke Poges, where one touch came to grief through a bat in the belfry (a real one) enjoying itself dodging amongst the ropes until the light was put out to show him the door. (He went.)

The secretary was also concerned with another not too welcome visitor, but, like the bat, he was disposed of. What secretaries have to put up with might be published by the Secretaries' Association. Gae's Elegy was written in Stoke Poges Churchyard; here is a modernised version of the first stanza:—

'The curfew tolls the hour of nine p.m.,
The Lizzies (tin) fly swiftly o'er the lea,
The cyclists homeward potter after them,
And leave the bells and bats to A. D. B.'

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AT SOUTHPORT.

The half-yearly meeting of the Lancashire Association was held at Southport on Saturday, May 7th. The bells at Christ Church were rung shortly after 2 p.m. and kept going by different hands until 4.30 p.m., when a special service, with an address of welcome, was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. L. G. Brewster). Tea was afterwards taken in the Schools at the invitation of the churchwardens, and about 70 sat down. After tea the Vicar again welcomed the ringers and friends and hoped there would be no speech-making. He set the example by being brief.

Mr. G. R. Newton expressed the thanks of all present for the way in which the visitors had been treated, then, as there was no business to transact, most of the ringers went over to Emmanuel Church to have a pull there, leaving the Parish Church short-handed. There were, however, no complaints, as Emmanuel bells, being in a residential district, are hard to get, and all, therefore, wanted to ring there. Others went to look for the sea, but the sea had gone to look for the Isle of Man, and was only coming back when the trains were calling the visitors home, 'stronger and more fit to render their service on the morrow, after their short service together,' as the Vicar said in his address.

NEW BELLS WELL 'SAMPLED.'**A FINE SOMERSET EIGHT.**

The bells at Banwell, Somerset, which were recently augmented to eight and rehung in a new frame, were well 'sampled' on May 7th at the quarterly meeting of the Axbridge Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, there being upwards of 60 ringers present, including some from Bristol, Bath and Birmingham. Mr. T. Dyke (general secretary of the association) and Mr. G. Taylor (hon. auditor) also joined the company. Service was conducted by the Rev. Powys David, the president of the branch, in the absence of the Vicar of Banwell (the Rev. Amos), who, unfortunately, was ill.

Later the tea and business meeting were held in the Old Schoolroom, the president being in the chair.

The hon. secretary (Mr. H. Minifie) announced that Shipham and Rowherrow towers wished to become members of, and affiliated to, the association, whilst Bleadon tower and members desired to be re-elected. In addition several members were admitted from Banwell and Weston-super-Mare.

It was decided that the next quarterly meeting should be held at Wedmore, Somerset, on July 30th.

Subsequently ringing was continued, the methods indulged in being mostly Cambridge, Grandsire Triples and Stedman. Banwell is fortunate in now possessing one of the finest peals in the county, and this meeting was one of the most successful ever held in the Deanery.

LINCOLN'S ANCIENT GUILD.**CLAIM TO BE THE OLDEST RINGING ASSOCIATION.**

At a meeting of the Company of Ringers of Lincoln Cathedral on May 5th, the ancient origin of the society was discussed. The Dean (the Very Rev. R. A. Mitchell) congratulated the Master Ringer, Mr. J. Freeman, on entering upon his 25th year as a member of the company, and observed that the company had been in existence for 325 years. He had reason to believe that it was now the oldest association of its kind in the country. Ordinances of 'the Company of Ringers of the St. Hugh Bells in the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Lincoln,' still preserved in the muniment room of the Cathedral, were first made in the year 1612, and two years later, on September 23rd, 1614, these ordinances were confirmed and sealed by letter-patent of the Dean and Chapter. On the east wall of the Ringers' Chapel some names of the early Masters of the Company were inscribed, and the first was that of Robert Sandie, Master 1614.

'It would be interesting to know whether any other company of ringers can trace their records behind that date,' said the Dean.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**CHANGE IN NORTH AND EAST DISTRICT SECRETARYSHIP.**

A well-attended meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild took place on Saturday, May 14th, at Monken Hadley. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., and continued, with the exception of the interval for service, tea and business meeting, under the supervision of the District Master, Mr. T. J. Lock, up to 9 p.m.

The Chairman (Mr. G. W. Fletcher), in opening the business meeting, remarked that the members would have noticed that there was a change, and he voiced the feeling of the meeting by remarking that it would not be possible to let the occasion pass without reference being made to the work that had been done for the district by the retiring hon. secretary, Mr. C. T. Coles, who had been, as they all knew, elected to the position of hon. secretary to the association, a position created under the new rules. The matter had been mentioned before, but he was sure that all present would again like to give expression to the gratitude they felt for the untiring efforts that Mr. Coles had put in for the welfare of the association during the years since taking up the work of district hon. secretary. Continuing, Mr. Fletcher said he felt sure that all present would like to give a welcome to the new secretary, Mr. G. R. Goodship, on taking up the work which naturally fell to him, having been assistant hon. secretary for several years, and to which position they had duly elected him.

These remarks of the chairman were approved with acclamation.

Mr. Coles, in replying, said that he had been hon. secretary for the past 28 years, having taken up the office in 1910. He had had many weary and anxious moments during that time, but through the help and support he had received from the members, things had smoothed themselves out to the benefit and success of the association. He had taken up the work before quite a number of those present were born, and the future of the association was in their hands. He had always found that it was not what you got out of the association that counted, but what you put into it that gave satisfaction and pleasure, and it was impossible to take out more than was put in. He hoped that they would continue to give their loyal support and encouragement to the new secretary.

Mr. Goodship said he hoped that he would receive support and consideration from the members, and that Mr. Coles would have the satisfaction of seeing the district continue to flourish and expand.

It was arranged for the next meeting to be held on June 11th at Stanmore.

There being no other business, the Chairman moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. G. Richardson for conducting the service and for the use of the bells, to the organist, Miss Chambers, and to Mr. Arbin for having everything in readiness.

At the conclusion of the meeting handbells were brought into use after which the tower was again occupied.

During the afternoon the ability of all those who attended was considered, the bells being rung in rounds and in methods up to Spiced Surprise, with special facilities for the practice of Double Norwich.

BEDFORDSHIRE RINGER'S DEATH.**MR. NOEL WILES, OF KEMPSTON.**

The death occurred early on Saturday, April 30th, of Mr. Emmanuel Noel Wiles, of Kempston, Bedfordshire, at the age of 54 years.

For many years Mr. Wiles was a valued and highly respected member of the Bedfordshire Association, and was, until recently, always regular in Sunday service ringing at All Saints' Church, Kempston, where he learned to ring. Being caretaker at the cemetery, he could not often attend the meetings or stand in a peal, but whenever possible he did his best for the welfare of ringing in the county and was especially good with learners.

It was with very real regret that his colleagues learned the news of his death at this comparatively early age, and he will be sadly missed.

The funeral took place in Kempston Cemetery on Tuesday afternoon (May 2nd), and was attended by many of his fellow-ringers of Kempston and Mr. Frank C. Tysoe (hon. secretary, Bedford District), Mr. H. L. Harlow, Mr. D. C. Bonnett and others. The bells of the Parish Church were rung half-muffled in the evening.

DEATH OF MRS. E. L. GOLDSMITH.**MANY RINGING FRIENDS GATHER AT FUNERAL.**

After a long illness, courageously borne, the death took place on May 18th of Mrs. Emma Louise Goldsmith, wife of Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, editor of 'The Ringing World,' at their residence, Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Surrey.

In addition to the widower, a son and daughter are left in bereavement.

Although not herself a ringer, Mrs. Goldsmith was known to many ringers, for before the insidious disease from which she suffered completely incapacitated her, she had travelled the country widely and attended many meetings and other functions with her husband. She was an honorary member of the Ladies' Guild and of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, and her death causes a break in an interesting circle. In 1928 a party of ringers, all of whom had celebrated their silver wedding that year, was got together for a peal in joint celebration of the auspicious occasion, and this was rung at Ewell. Five years later the same eight ringers, who included, in one case, husband and wife, met again at Woking and rang a peal in celebration of their 30 years of married life. This year it had been hoped it would be possible to have another similar gathering, but it has been otherwise ordained—the circle has been broken, only a few short months before the celebration could take place.

The funeral took place at Pyrford on Saturday afternoon, when the little twelfth century church was filled with a congregation of friends from many places, come to pay a last tribute of respect. The service was conducted by the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, an old friend of Mrs. Goldsmith, assisted by the Vicar of Pyrford (the Rev. C. A. Hamilton). The service included the hymns, 'Now the labourer's task is o'er' and 'On the resurrection morning.'

In addition to the family mourners, there were present Mr. Rupert Richardson (Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild) and Mrs. Richardson, Mr. James George (vice-president, St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham), Mr. G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary of the Central Council), Mr. J. S. Hawkins (London), Mr. F. E. Dawe (Woking), Mr. S. R. Roper (Croydon), and the following representatives of the Guildford Diocesan Guild: Mr. J. Corbett (hon. treasurer) and Mrs. Corbett, Mr. G. L. Grover (hon. secretary), Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hazelden and Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Pulling (Guildford), Mr. and Mrs. A. Harman (Leatherhead), Mr. F. Nye and Mrs. Welton (Bagshot), Mr. W. Denyer and Mr. C. W. Denyer (hon. secretary, Farnham District) (Aldershot), Mr. J. Brackley, Mr. D. Cole and Mr. G. Cole (Woking), Mr. R. Whittington (Cranleigh), etc.

The many beautiful floral tributes included wreaths from Guildford Diocesan Guild; Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild; St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham; Major J. H. B. Hesse (Master of Guildford Diocesan Guild); Mr. A. Paddon Smith (Birmingham); Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hughes (London); Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher (Enfield); Mr. G. Dent (Harlow); Mr. and Mrs. Tom White (Guildford); Mr. and Mrs. J. Parker (Edmonton); Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Coles (Walthamstow); Mrs. C. D. P. Davies (Tewkesbury); Mr. and Mrs. R. Richardson and Enid (Surfleet); Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Savage (Melbourne, Australia); Mr. and Mrs. J. Corbett; Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Grover; Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Pulling; Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hazelden (Guildford); Mr. and Mrs. J. Preston (Erdington); Mr. F. E. Dawe (Woking); Mr. C. W. Denyer and Miss B. Stewart (Aldershot); Mr. and Mrs. F. Nye and Mr. and Mrs. Welton (Bagshot); Mr. L. Jenkins (Guildford); Mr. and Mrs. A. Harman (Leatherhead); Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Smith (Great Bookham); Miss I. L. Hastie; and many others.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith and family tender their sincere thanks to all who have sent them expressions of sympathy in their bereavement, and they desire to convey their deep appreciation of the many floral tributes sent.

BECKENHAM CONDUCTOR'S DEATH.**THIRTY-FIVE YEARS STEEPLEKEEPER AT ST. GEORGE'S.**

A well-known member of the Lewisham District of the Kent County Association, Mr. F. Walter Smith, for 35 years steeplekeeper and conductor of St. George's Parish Church, Beckenham, passed away on May 13th after quite a short illness. Although he had been in indifferent health for some long time, Mr. Smith was in the belfry as recently as May 1st. He had been district representative on the Association Committee for many years, and held this position at the time of his death. The record of his peals is not available, but the local peal boards bear witness of his many successes as conductor.

At the funeral on Thursday of last week the following towers were represented: Bromley, Bromley Common, Chislehurst, Lewisham, Deptford (St. John's), St. Margaret's, Westminster, and Mr. Manse represented the London County Association.

The 'whole pull and stand,' together with a course of Grandsire Triples, was rung on the handbells at the graveside by T. Groombridge, sen., I. Emery, F. Groombridge and W. J. Rawlings. On the half-muffled tower bells, the 'whole pull and stand' for the deceased's age of 64 years was rung, whilst in the evening, after an unsuccessful peal attempt, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters was rung by W. J. Rawlings, P. A. Corby (conductor), J. Lyddiard, H. Hoskins, D. Sharp, F. Shorter, G. V. Murphy, G. Fogden, A. S. Richards and C. Onley.

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District—A meeting will be held at Dunsfold on Saturday, May 28th (postponed from May 21st). Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting at Vicarage.—W. F. J. Cope, Hon. Sec., Kingsway, Old Palace Road, Guildford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Clavering on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 69, Rye Street, Bishops Stortford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Colne Parish Church on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Time of meeting to be arranged. Members and non-members cordially invited. Subscriptions due.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Hatfield, on Saturday, May 28th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea can be arranged for near the church. A good attendance is hoped for at this meeting.—E. Cooper, Hon. Sec., 1, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, Doncaster.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The next meeting will be held at Lyminge on Saturday, May 28th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Please send your names for tea to Mr. A. Webb, The Croft, Lyminge, near Folkestone, not later than Friday, May 27th.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available 3 o'clock.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The pre-Whitsun meeting will be held in Darlington on Saturday, May 28th, when the bells of St. Cuthbert's and Holy Trinity will be available. Committee meeting in Holy Trinity Vestry at 4.15 p.m., followed by tea at Mason's Cafe in the Market Place at 5.30 p.m.—Roland Park, Hon. Sec., 23, Oaklands Terrace, Darlington.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Carshalton on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30. Tea, followed by business meeting, at 6.15 p.m. All ringers heartily welcomed.—F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The spring meeting will be held at Benington on May 28th. The bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Tea given by the Rector, Rev. W. E. Mills. Business after.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Faringdon on Saturday, May 28th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service 4.30.—R. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bromyard District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stoke Lacy on Saturday, May 28th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30.—A. S. Tomkins, Post Office, Bredenbury, Hereford.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Wilden on Saturday, May 28th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Hon. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Saviour's Church, Bacup, on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available from 6 p.m. A meeting will be held in the tower during the evening.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Bray (6 bells) on Saturday, May 28th, at 3.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

STOKE POGES CHURCH, BUCKS.—Two trebles to complete the ring of 8, tenor 13½ cwt., by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon. Dedication by the Bishop of Buckingham on Sunday, May 29th, at 11 o'clock. Bells available for ringing for a short time after the service.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Practice at Southwark Cathedral, Tuesday, May 31st; St. Mary-le-Bow, June 7th, at 7.30 p.m.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—WEDNESDAY meeting of Burton District.—An experimental mid-week meeting will be held at Netherseale on June 1st. Bells (8) available at 5 p.m. Victoria buses leave Burton 4.10 and 6.10. Hearty invitation to all ringers.—J. W. Cotton, Dis. Sec., Overseale.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at West Hoathly (6 bells recently augmented) on Saturday, June 4th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation, followed by meeting. All welcome, but those requiring tea must notify by Wednesday prior to meeting.—O. Sippetts, 10, Albany Road, Crawley.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Tempsford on Saturday, June 4th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Albans on Saturday, June 4th. St. Michael's bells (6) will be available at 3 p.m. and St. Stephen's (6) after tea. All welcome, especially those who come prepared to ring or call a new method.—Harold V. Frost, Dis. Sec., 4, Kimberley Road, St. Albans.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Eckington (8 bells) on Saturday, June 4th. For tea please notify Mr. G. Graham, 5, Pipworth Lane, Eckington, near Sheffield. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield 7.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting to be held at St. James', East Crompton, Saturday, June 4th. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Please come along and make this meeting a success.—Stephen Lloyd Parry, Branch Sec., 24, St. James' Street, Milnrow, Rochdale.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The next meeting will be held at North Bradley on Saturday, June 4th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Other arrangements as usual. A card for tea would oblige.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., 584, Semington Road, Melksham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Sandhurst (6 bells) on Saturday, June 4th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea (at small charge) 5.30. Please inform Mr. J. Moth, Willow Cottage, Little Sandhurst, Camberley, by June 1st. All welcome.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Lincoln District will be held at Walesby (8 bells) instead of Washingborough, as arranged, on Saturday, June 4th. Bring your own tea and picnic on the hilltop. Market Rasen (8 bells) will be available after tea.—F. W. Mayer, Dis. Sec., 31, Vine Street, Lincoln.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Biddulph on Saturday, June 4th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea will be provided to all who notify Mr. J. Cottrell, 38, Congleton Road, Biddulph, Staffs, not later than June 1st.—Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—The annual festival of above branch will be held at Bletchley on Saturday, June 4th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea please send along.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

CENTRAL COUNCIL AT LEEDS.—Week-end visitors will be welcome for service ringing on Whit Sunday at Christ Church, Armley (9.30 to 10.30 a.m. and 5.30 to 6.30 p.m.). Tramway cars No. 14, from Leeds City Square, fare 2d., alight Moorfield Road.—H. Loft-house, Tower Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Wellingborough on Whit Monday, June 6th. Central committee meeting at 10.45 a.m. at the Church Hall. Service in All Hallows' Church at 12 noon, when the address will be given by the Bishop of Peterborough, Dr. C. M. Blagden. Lunch at 1 p.m. at the Gloucester Hall, Church Street, followed by the

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DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Cullompton, Devon, on Whit Monday, June 6th. Service in St. Mary's Church at 12 noon. Luncheon at the Half Moon Hotel at 12.45 p.m., followed by the business meeting, non-members 2s. 6d. each. Bells available: St. Mary's (10) throughout the day. All tickets to be applied for by May 30th.—T. Laver, Gen. Sec., 21, Cross Park, Heavitree, Exeter.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held on Whit Monday (June 6th) at Hereford. 3 p.m. service in Cathedral, with address by Rev. Preb. Winnington-Ingram. 4.15 p.m. tea at Booth Hall, followed by annual general meeting. Following bells available: All Saints' (8) and St. Nicholas' (6) from 12 noon, Cathedral (10) from 1 p.m., Holmer (6) 12 to 2.30. Tea (2s. 6d.) 1s. 6d. to members if application for tickets (without sending money) be made before June 1st to Rev. E. G. Benson, Hon. Sec., Burghill Vicarage, Hereford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The 59th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, June 6th. Service in the Cathedral 11.30 a.m., followed by meeting in the Chapter House at 12.15 p.m. Lunch will be arranged at the Golden Fleece at 1.15 p.m. (approx.) for those who notify me by Friday, June 3rd. Members 1s. 6d. Non-members 2s. 6d. Towers open for ringing: Cathedral (12), Boreham (8), Great Baddow (8), Galleywood (8), Great Waltham (8), Widford (8), Writtle (8), Broomfield (6), Danbury (6), Springfield (8), Little Waltham (6). No ringing permitted during service and meeting.—L. J. Clark, 36, Lynmouth Avenue, Chelmsford.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting June 11th. Ringing at Great Ness (6 bells) 3 to 5 p.m., Bicton (6 bells) 6 to 8.30 p.m. Tea and transport between towers arranged. Please notify W. A. Farmer, 70, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury.

CHAWLEIGH, NR. CHUMLEIGH, DEVON.—Re-opening of the bells on Saturday, June 11th, at 2.30 p.m. Special preacher, the Right Rev. the Bishop of Crediton. A ring of 6 rehung by John Taylor and Co.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Stebbing on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Will all those intending to be present please notify me not later than Wednesday, June 8th?—Hilda G. Snowden, Hon. Sec., 3, Belle Vue, Hedingham Road, Halstead, Essex.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Prittlewell on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. The presentation to the late District Master will be made at this meeting, and it is hoped as many members as possible will be present. Will those intending to be present please advise me by Wednesday, June 8th, without fail.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawney's Road, Romford.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bilston, Staffs, on Saturday, June 11th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in Church at 4.30. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, June 7th. Business meeting afterwards. Please let us have a gathering at this meeting. — Herbert Sheppard, 49, Hellier Street, Dudley.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Summer meeting at Ripple ('twixt Upton and Tewkesbury) on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Short service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by the business. Glos. ringers very welcome. Tea is being kindly provided gratis so be sure to send word by June 7th please.—George E. Large, 1, Windwill Cottages, Lower Town, Claines, Worcester.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St John's, Stanmore, on Sat., June 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Special method, Double Oxford Bob Major. Please advise me by June 9th.—G. R. Goodship, Hon. Sec., 14, Lorne Road, Wealdstone, Middlesex.

SATURDAY, June 18th, at Rickmansworth, 3.30 till 8.30. Herts Association.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—July 2nd is the date of the summer meeting at Reading. Will all members please book this date? There will be ringing on various peals of bells in the vicinity to suit all tastes. Full details will be published shortly.—Norman Summerhayes, 28, Bean Road, Bexleyheath.

LADIES' GUILD.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, London, N.W., on Saturday, July 9th. Fuller particulars later.—Edith K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec.

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LEIGHTON BUZZARD.—At All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major on Sunday, March 27th, for evening service: *K. Gilbert 1, *Doris E. Lidbetter 2, H. W. Lidbetter 3, H. B. Whitney 4, W. Botsford 5, F. J. Plummer 6, J. Nicholls 7, J. E. Arnold (conductor) 8 * First quarter-peal in the method. Specially arranged for the ringer of the 3rd.

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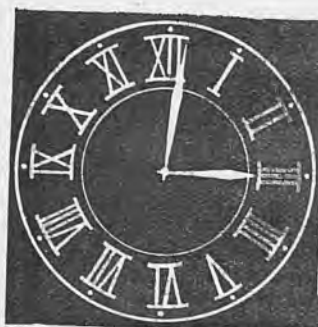
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