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DUBLIN DEFERRED

THE Central Council will not this year have to consider the question of accepting an invitation to visit Dublin at Whitsun, 1949. Mr. Geo. W. Fletcher has received the following letter from Mr. F. W. Dukes, the hon. secretary of the Irish Association:—

‘The question of issuing an official invitation to the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers to hold its meeting in Dublin in 1949 was considered at our annual meeting in Dublin yesterday. The general opinion was that we would very much like to have you, and we can assure you that a real Irish welcome awaits the Council should it ever decide to come here.

‘Consideration, however, was given to the views expressed in your letter and “Ringing World,” also to the present economical state, and information which has come to hand within the past few weeks about hotel accommodation and bell facilities. None of the reasonable and suitable hotels to which enquiries were sent could accommodate your party at Whitsun, 1949, or provide the use of rooms for committees and social intercourse, which would therefore necessitate reserving accommodation in the more expensive hotels, thus making your expenses excessive. It has also now been ascertained that only three rings of bells would probably be available in Dublin vicinity. The other three would be either under general repairs or out of action.

‘We therefore decided to take the initiative and to ask the Council to defer consideration of the proposed visit to Dublin for economic reasons until such time as conditions are more favourable. It is with regret that we decided this course, but felt that in view of the doubts it would be better to be “sure than sorry”!’

The wisdom of the Irish Association is to be commended. To function successfully meetings of the Central Council must be fully representative of the Guilds and Associations, and the factor of cost is very real with most members of the Exercise. From what we have heard there was not unanimity for crossing the Irish Sea. The Council will have before it another choice. The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association at their meeting on Easter Monday decided to send an invitation to visit Cheltenham, which, as we pointed out last week, has good ringing facilities and the amenities for a successful conference.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Mar. 20, 1948, in 3 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

HENRY H. FEARN Treble	SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY ... 7
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 2	JOHN PINFOLD 8
WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 3	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 9
ALBERT WALKER 4	FRANK E. HAYNES ... 10
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 5	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 11
HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 6	JOHN S. MASON Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Mar. 20, 1948, in 3 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;

*J. DENNIS HOLDEN ... Treble	†HERBERT KNIGHT ... 7
ALBERT D. COLLINS ... 2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 8
HOWARD HOWELL ... 3	†ERIC E. SPEAKE ... 9
FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 4	†ALAN F. THIRST ... 10
BARNABAS G. KEY ... 5	HARRY BOSWELL ... 11
GEORGE E. OLIVER ... 6	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

* First peal on 12 bells. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal of Maximus. First peal of Little Bob Maximus in the county, by all the band and for the Society.

Tenor 33 cwt.

TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 13, 1948, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5112 CHANGES;

Tenor 31½ cwt.

*SYDNEY HOPPER ... Treble	PAUL LEA TAYLOR ... 6
JOHN P. FIDLER ... 2	†LEONARD HALL ... 7
JOHN GRUNDY ... 3	HORACE E. STUBBS ... 8
ERNEST CARTWRIGHT ... 4	COLIN HARRISON ... 9
LESLIE W. STEVENS ... 5	WILLIAM HICKMAN ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by LESLIE W. STEVENS.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal. First peal on ten as conductor.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 13, 1948, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

EDWARD J. HOLLOWAY Treble	THOMAS W. LAMB ... 6
HARRY F. HOLDING ... 2	†EDWARD J. BOFFEY ... 7
*HERBERT EDGE ... 3	RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... 8
WILFRED KERR ... 4	GEORGE A. PACKER ... 9
RICHARD T. HOLDING ... 5	J. WILLIAM EDGE ... Tenor

Composed by G. HAYWARD. Conducted by GEORGE A. PACKER.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal on ten bells. First on ten as conductor.

EVEESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 13, 1948, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE BELL TOWER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5065 CHANGES;

Tenor 31½ cwt.

MISS M. ROWLAND ... Treble	ERIC A. DENCH ... 6
JOHN THOMAS ... 2	PATRICK HARRIS ... 7
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 3	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN ... 8
MRS. J. THOMAS ... 4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... 9
RALPH HARRIS ... 5	ROBERT A. GEDEN ... Tenor

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by J. D. JOHNSON.

A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Margaret Rowland.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 13, 1948, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Pitstow's Transposition.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

ALFRED H. PULLING ... Treble	*GEORGE CURTIS ... 5
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 2	†JAMES BRENT ... 6
WILLIAM SIMMONDS ... 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 4	JOHN GILL Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 13, 1948, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE DEANERY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

FREDK. RIDGWELL ... Treble	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... 5
CLAUDE SNOWDEN ... 2	RONALD SUCKLING ... 6
FRANK CLAYDON ... 3	MISS H. G. SNOWDEN ... 7
*JOHN A. WARNER ... 4	WALTER ARNOLD ... Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by LEWIS W. WIFFEN.

* First peal.

ROYSTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 13, 1948, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

ALAN WHITE ... Treble	ROY WEBB ... 5
*ALAN CULL ... 2	EDGAR W. WINTERS ... 6
CHARLES F. SAYER ... 3	FRANK W. CROFT ... 7
DONALD C. MEARS ... 4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by GEO. W. DEBENHAM.

* First peal in the method.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

HUNTINGDON.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 13, 1948, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Shipway's Variation.

Tenor 17 cwt.

*ERIC SMITH ... Treble	FRANK WARRINGTON ... 5
CHRISTINE DUNNINGTON ... 2	FRANK W. LACK ... 6
WILFRED YOUNG ... 3	WILLIAM SEEKINGS ... 7
†STANLEY GILBERT ... 4	HERBERT FIELDS ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal of Major. † First of Major 'inside.'

BICESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 13, 1948, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURG,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Vicars'.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*HAROLD E. CLIFTON ... Treble	WILLIAM J. CROSS ... 5
*JAMES W. BARBER ... 2	HERBERT H. ALEXANDER ... 6
EDGAR J. SMITH ... 3	†GEORGE F. BURTON ... 7
EDMUND E. PEARSON ... 4	*LESLIE G. WARD ... Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT H. ALEXANDER.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal of Triples as conductor.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 13, 1948, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JAMES W. EDEN ... Treble	CYRIL BRETT-SMITH ... 5
JAMES BENNETT ... 2	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 6
†WALTER J. LEMON ... 3	FREDERICK A. COLEY ... 7
JOHN WHEADON ... 4	HARRY HOVERD ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by HARRY HOVERD.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major 'inside.'



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HASTINGS, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 13, 1948, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SPLICED OXFORD BOB, GRANDSIRE, ST. CLEMENT'S BOB AND DOUBLE COURT TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE PIPERTreble	JOHN E. PENNELLS5
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... 2	JOHN A. DOWNING6
ALBERT A. EASTON3	C. ALFRED LEVETT7
SYDNEY C. DRIVER... ..4	WILLIAM LEVETTTenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by C. ALFRED LEVETT.

The first peal in four Spliced Triples methods.

BURLEY, LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 13, 1948, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in B flat.

ERNEST H. SIMPSON ...Treble	*GORDON BENFIELD5
WILLIAM H. SENIOR2	HARRY DAVISON6
FREDERICK SEAGER3	ALFRED SMITH7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 4	EDWARD JENKINSTenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

* First peal in the method.

WYE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 13, 1948, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. GREGORY AND MARTIN,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD...Treble	*MARK W. MARSHALL5
WILFRED W. RING2	*RICHARD J. LANCEFIELD ... 6
PERCY PAGE3	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD... ..7
*WILLIAM C. MARSHALL... 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD.

* First peal of Little Bob.

EWHURST, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 13, 1948, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANCES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

ERNEST J. MUNDAY ...Treble	HAROLD A. MAY5
C. ERNEST SMITH2	*T. MARK WHITE6
*EDGAR R. RALEY3	*FREDERICK A. MUNDAY ... 7
*ERIC T. LEE4	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN COX. Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.

* First peal of Superlative. † First peal of Superlative 'inside.'

† First peal of Surprise.

BOREHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 13, 1948, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

*PETER CHILDSTreble	*ARTHUR EDWARDS5
ARTHUR HUBBLE2	HARRY W. SHADRACK6
HERBERT DEVENISH3	CHRISTOPHER JAGGARD... ..7
REGINALD C. THRIFT ... 4	ARTHUR H. EVERETT ... Tenor

Composed by H. ROSTRON. Conducted by ARTHUR H. EVERETT.

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

ALVERSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 13, 1948, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

JOSEPH MERRITTTreble	AUBREY MILLS5
*JOHN W. MEADE2	HAROLD A. NOBES6
HAZEL DALE3	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ... 7
*FREDERICK BISHOP4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT Tenor

Composed by FRANK WARRINGTON. Conducted by W. A. THEOBALD.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 13, 1948, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

ERNEST J. GOWERTreble	ERIC BRUNTON5
ROGER LEIGH2	CHARLES CLEGG6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON3	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS... 7
CHARLES BLAKEY4	*JACK CLEGGTenor

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by JACK CLEGG.

* 25th peal. First peal in the method as conductor.

URCHFONT, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 13, 1948, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 21 cwt. (approx.).

JACK MUSSELLTreble	LESLIE A. PAGE5
FRANK L. HARRIS2	E. PETER ROCK6
JOHN HARTLESS3	LEONARD HARRIS7
RONALD MARLOW4	EDWARD J. DOELTenor

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 13, 1948, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb.

SYDNEY SLOUGH, JUN. ...Treble	JAMES A. MILNER5
WILFRED STEVENSON2	JOHN WORTH6
ALAN A. POTTS3	PETER LAFLIN7
JAMES FERNLEY4	JOSEPH WHITTAKER ... Tenor

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

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 13, 1948, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 30½ cwt.

*MRS. NORA WALL ...Treble	F. ARTHUR STAVELEY5
THOMAS D. LEASKE2	ERNEST THORLEY6
JAMES THORLEY3	†W. ERIC CRITCHLEY7
J. MARTIN THORLEY4	ERNEST J. PADGETT ... Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by ERNEST J. PADGETT.

* First lady to ring a peal in this tower. † 50th peal for the Yorkshire Association. First peal of Major as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells.

CHARD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 13, 1948, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANCES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

*NEIL ADAMSTreble	*JACK W. DREW5
ARTHUR H. REED2	HENRY G. KEELEY6
G. STEDMAN MORRIS3	WILLIAM GIGG7
CUTHBERT W. H. POWELL ... 4	STAFFORD GREENTenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by C. W. H. POWELL.

* First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor. A birthday compliment to ringers of tenor and 4th.

GRIMSBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 13, 1948, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 18 cwt.

*MISS GWEN RUSBY ...Treble	FRED JEFFERY5
STEPHEN BROMFIELD2	GEORGE W. MOODY6
*JACK PARKER3	ARTHUR PASHLEY7
JACK BRAY4	PHILIP BARNESTenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 13, 1948, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

PALMER WHITTALL ...Treble	CHARLES WOODCOCK5
JAMES ROSE2	KEITH WHITTALL6
R. JOHN MUNNINGS3	CLAUD WOODWARD7
ERNEST BLOMFIELD4	SIDNEY ARBONTenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by ERNEST BLOMFIELD.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 13, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

GILBERT E. PLATER ...Treble	WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS... ..5
JOHN E. LYDDIARD2	SYDNEY J. HUMPHREY... ..6
*MISS HILDA OAKSHETT ... 3	MAXWELL F. OAKSHETT ... 7
WILLIAM H. HEWETT4	*JOHN PHILLIPSTenor

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN. Conducted by WM. H. HEWETT.

* First peal of Double Norwich.

SHIRLEY, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Mar. 15, 1948, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
 Tenor 64 cwt.
 VINCENT A. HEMMING ... *Treble* *ARTHUR D. COOK ... 5
 JOHN PINFOLD ... 2 *EDWARD T. LLOYD ... 6
 R. THOMAS NEWMAN ... 3 EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 7
 ALBERT WALKER ... 4 GEORGE E. FEARN ... *Tenor*
 Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
 * First peal in the method.

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Mar. 15, 1948, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
 Johnson's Variation. Tenor 16 cwt.
 OSWALD CLAYBROOK ... *Treble* REGINALD W. WORRAL ... 5
 *HARRY W. HOWARD ... 2 HARRY PARKER ... 6
 CYRIL VALENTINE ... 3 WALTER ALLMAN ... 7
 JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4 CECIL RADDON ... *Tenor*
 Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.
 * First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thurs., Mar. 18, 1948, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 26 cwt. in D.
 *ARTHUR T. DUTTON ... *Treble* *AUBREY M. PICKERING ... 5
 †ALLAN ELLSMORE ... 2 ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 6
 JAMES S. EASTWOOD ... 3 HOWARD HOWELL ... 7
 GEO. F. SWANN ... 4 *HENRY E. GREEN ... *Tenor*
 Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.
 * First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal. The conductor's 400th peal of Stedman.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Mar. 18, 1948, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
 AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
 Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.
 EDWARD T. LLOYD ... *Treble* THOMAS HEMMING ... 5
 HENRY H. FEARN ... 2 *ARTHUR D. COOK ... 6
 JOHN PINFOLD ... 3 PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 7
 CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 4 GEORGE E. FEARN ... *Tenor*
 Composed by GEORGE BAKER. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
 * First peal in the method.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Mar. 19, 1948, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
 Tenor 15 cwt.
 HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... *Treble* *FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 5
 *EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 2 HARRY HOVERD ... 6
 JAMES BENNETT ... 3 FREDK. J. CULLUM ... 7
 EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 4 PHILIP A. CORBY ... *Tenor*
 Composed by G. BENNETT. Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM.
 * First peal in the method.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 20, 1948, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
 Tenor 13 cwt.
 OLIVER SIPPETTS ... *Treble* WALTER CLAYDON ... 5
 ALFRED H. PULLING ... 2 HAROLD A. MAY ... 6
 WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 3 ALFRED J. BULL ... 7
 KENNETH SNELLING ... 4 WILLIAM T. BEESON ... *Tenor*
 Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

WILLESDEN, LONDON.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Mar. 20, 1948, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
 Tenor 10 cwt.
 JOHN E. ROOTES ... *Treble* FREDK. W. BRINKLOW ... 5
 ALICK CUTLER ... 2 †PETER N. BOND ... 6
 *MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 3 ERIC B. HARTLEY ... 7
 PATRICIA HOLMES ... 4 HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... *Tenor*
 Composed and Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.
 * 350th peal, also 200th Surprise peal. † First Surprise peal.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 20, 1948, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 *CHARLES J. HART ... *Treble* *ARTHUR F. RICHARDSON ... 5
 ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... 2 FREDERICK MILES ... 6
 ALBERT RELFE ... 3 WM. A. KITCHENSIDE ... 7
 †PETER J. OSTLEY ... 4 ERNEST J. LADD ... *Tenor*
 Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR F. LEWRY.
 * First peal of Major. † First peal, aged 15 years. The conductor's 100th peal. Tenor 12 cwt.

DOUGLAS-IN-PARBOLD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 20, 1948, in 3 Hours,
 AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
 Tenor 12 cwt.
 *JOHN LUNHAM ... *Treble* *TOM MARSHALL ... 5
 JOHN BOOTH ... 2 *RONALD KENRICK ... 6
 NORMAN HEAPS ... 3 *ARTHUR MAWDESLEY ... 7
 *THOMAS HORRIDGE ... 4 JOSEPH RIDYARD ... *Tenor*
 Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
 * First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

BIRSTALL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 20, 1948, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
 Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.
 ERNEST H. SIMPSON ... *Treble* WILLIAM BARTON ... 5
 WILLIAM H. SENIOR ... 2 ALFRED SMITH ... 6
 LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 3 WILLIAM AMBLER ... 7
 FREDERICK SEAGER ... 4 EDWARD JENKINS ... *Tenor*
 Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.
 First peal of Superlative on the bells. Composition contains the 30 course ends with the maximum number of bobs before (17).

WEST HARTLEPOOL, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 20, 1948, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AIDAN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 14 cwt.
 *HAROLD NUNN ... *Treble* EDWARD HUDSON ... 5
 MRS. LAURA WARRIOR ... 2 THOMAS COOKE ... 6
 ELIZABETH LONGSTAFF ... 3 THOMAS WM. DOBSON ... 7
 †GEOFFREY DALTON ... 4 LUCIAN VENUS ... *Tenor*
 Conducted by THOMAS WM. DOBSON.
 * First peal. † First peal for the Association. A tribute to the treble ringer on attaining his majority.

DRONFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 20, 1948, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
 Tenor 15 cwt.
 JOSEPH SAXTON ... *Treble* GORDON C. BRIGGS ... 5
 HAROLD JACKSON ... 2 CYRIL WRIGHT ... 6
 JOHN W. SYKES ... 3 FREDERICK A. ADAMS ... 7
 *DENNIS A. SMEDLEY ... 4 GEORGE L. CHAMBERS ... *Tenor*
 Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by GORDON C. BRIGGS.
 * First peal.

PULHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 20, 1948, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
 Tenor 13 cwt. 50 lb. in F.
 GEORGE W. HOWLETT ... *Treble* HENRY TOOKE ... 5
 W. ARCHIE LOCK ... 2 ERIC G. BENNETT ... 6
 NOLAN GOLDEN ... 3 GEORGE SAYER ... 7
 FREDERICK J. ROOPE ... 4 ERNEST WHITING ... *Tenor*
 Composed by JAMES TOPP. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 20, 1948, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 Parker's Six-part. Tenor 18 cwt.
 *KATHLEEN STEVENS ... *Treble* AUBREY D. MILLS ... 5
 STANLEY E. BENNETT ... 2 *ALBERT H. BENNETT ... 6
 *WILLIAM A. RICHARDSON ... 3 JOHN G. AMES ... 7
 †FRANK TAYLOR ... 4 *THOS. H. CHARLTON ... *Tenor*
 Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.
 * First peal of Triples. † First peal in the method 'inside.'

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

MEARS ASHBY, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 13, 1948, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Rev. E. Banks James' Arrangement.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*WILLIAM G. COLLIS ... Treble	*RONALD C. NOON ... 4
JOHN KING ... 2	*GEOFFREY E. WATSON ... 5
*MISS ENID WALKLATE ... 3	*GEORGE CARE ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE CARE.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Surprise Minor.

NORTHAM, SUSSEX.

THE HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 13, 1948, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

LAWRENCE POPE ... Treble	MALCOLM CLOKE ... 4
*RUTH LENEY ... 2	WILLIAM GORRINGE ... 5
HELEN GORRINGE ... 3	GEOFFREY WATERS ... Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY WATERS.

* First peal of Minor. First of Minor as conductor.

BROUGHTON ASTLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 13, 1948, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

Tenor 18 cwt. 7 lb.

*MISS M. A. PAWLEY ... Treble	*CECIL E. CARR ... 4
*JOHN R. FLINT ... 2	WILLIAM R. DRURY ... 5
*J. ANTHONY FLINT ... 3	FRANK K. MEASURES ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.

* First peal of Minor.

BOOTLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Mar. 15, 1948, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 2,520 Grandsire and 2,520 Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt.

SIDNEY FLINT ... Treble	*CYRIL BYARD ... 3
ERIC EDMONDSON ... 2	THOMAS S. HORRIDGE ... 4

WILLIAM H. DEACON ... Tenor

* First peal. Conducted by WILLIAM H. DEACON.

CADOXTON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 13, 1948, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATWG,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Alnwick, Chester, Carlisle, Beverley, York, London and Cambridge.

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

ALFRED HANNINGTON ... Treble	ARTHUR HOARE ... 4
HARRY BOYCE ... 2	TREVOR M. RODERICK ... 5
ERNEST STITCH ... 3	GWYN I. LEWIS ... Tenor

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

First peal in seven methods of Surprise by all the band, on the bells and for the Association. Also the first in seven Treble Bob methods by the Association.

NEW BUCKENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 13, 1948, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

CEDRIC F. W. PHILIPPO Treble	JOHN R. SMITH ... 4
CHARLES F. GOODMAN ... 2	W. ARCHIE LOCK ... 5
WILFRED G. SAUNDERS ... 3	ERIC G. BENNETT ... Tenor

Conducted by ERIC G. BENNETT.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Mar. 16, 1948, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 8½ cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE ... Treble	*MAVIS A. WHITEHEAD ... 4
*JOHN BRAMLEY ... 2	*ALAN CATTELL ... 5
*JOHN B. BENNETT ... 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.

* First peal in more than one Minor method.

(More peals on page 149)

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SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER.

Quarterly subscribers are reminded that remittances should be sent without delay to Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, The White House, Caister-on-Sea, Norfolk.

Mr. Francis Brotherton has completed the circle of St. Peter's, Wolverhampton. The peal on March 20th was a compliment to Mr. Herbert Knight, who has completed 50 years as conductor in this tower. The peal of Little Bob at Wye was a farewell to Mr. R. J. Lancefield, who is leaving for service in the R.A.F.

Miss Hilda G. Snowden has now 'circled' the Deanery Church of St. Mary, Bocking, and Mr. H. W. Barrett Holy Trinity Cathedral, Guildford.

There were five firsts of Superlative in the peal at Douglas-in-Parbold, Lancs, on March 20th. The peal was a 71st birthday compliment to Mr. H. Marshall, donor of the second bell.

Comment in a Sussex weekly on a peal of Cambridge: 'Chain ringing at Crawley Parish Church on Saturday afternoons does not appeal to everyone.' We suppose Oliver had with him his chain gang!

A gallant attempt for a peal of Bob Major at Sherborne Abbey on Easter Monday came to grief 3½ courses from home due to the tenorman having to give in. This was a second start, 'Stand' being called in the fifth course due to the tenor rope starting to pull out at the tuck. The band was J. Mussel, H. Abrahams, H. Keely, W. A. Theobald (conductor), L. Harris, C. W. Powell, F. W. Burnett and F. Harris.

Born at Ewhurst, Surrey, where he rang his first 720 of Bob Minor on his 10th birthday, Mr. R. Whittington on his 80th birthday rang the same bell to 1,260 Grandsire Triples on March 18th. The company was W. Denver 1, Miss B. Moore 2, R. Whittington 3, A. Tidy 4, L. Warner 5, C. Stephens 6, H. Charman (cond.) 7, J. Bourrel 8. First 'inside' for 2 and 4. Few others can claim 70 years of active ringing.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Maurice F. R. Hibbert completed his 350th peal at Willesden.

The list contains the greatest number of methods, or extensions of methods (81), yet rung on tower bells. Congratulations!

At Loughborough a local band has rung a peal of Grandsire Caters. The last was more than 20 years ago.

Ashton, Northamptonshire, where a peal has been scored at the third attempt, has a 'saddle back' (house top) tower with a ring of nine hung in an anti-clockwise circle. Is it unique?

The peal of Double Norwich at Bromley on March 13th was for the golden wedding of the parents of Mr. S. J. Humphrey, who were married at that church.

To the memory of Mr. Walter Franks, a ringer at St. Mary's, Battle, for 50 years, a tree was planted in the churchyard on March 21st. An in memoriam peal was rung the previous day.

Two weddings were commemorated by the peal at Poulton-le-Fylde, Lancs, on March 18th. Mr. R. Tyler, a ringer in the local tower, and Miss Ann Hall, and Mr. J. W. Todd and Miss Ivy Foster, both ringers at St. John's, Blackpool.

The Editor was intrigued to receive one Guild meeting report written in shorthand. It has been duly transcribed. For the guidance of would-be imitators, we are asked to state that he only dabbles in Pitman's.

A Birmingham band, conducted by Mr. Albert Walker, rang a fine peal of Stedman Cinques at Southwark Cathedral on March 20th, which was listened to by a large crowd of ringers attending the College Youths meeting. Mr. Tom Reeves was absent through a chill, and Mr. J. Frank Smallwood, who is Birmingham born, deputised for him.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

FIRST ANNUAL AT DARTFORD ONE THOUSAND MEMBERS OBJECTIVE PEAL RINGING REVIEW
..... CENTRAL COUNCIL CHANGE

FOR the first time the Kent County Association held their annual meeting—the 63rd—at Dartford on Easter Monday. The visit was the outcome of the pressing invitation and work of Mr. James E. Bailey. Unfortunately he is on a bed of sickness. A resolution expressing the good wishes of the meeting was passed, and this was conveyed to him personally by two of the members, who left to visit him immediately after the business terminated.

An attendance of about 200 was noted at the Association service in Dartford Parish Church, conducted by Canon Elliott Mitchell, Vicar of Dartford. In his welcome he congratulated the ringers on their singing—the best congregational effort he had heard for many years. Lunch was served from two halls, the Vicar attending.

Mr. John Willis was voted to the chair for the business meeting and expeditiously handled the long agenda.

The list of apologies read by the hon. secretary (Mr. George H. Spice) included Mr. J. E. Bailey and Mr. E. S. Ruck, the sole surviving founder member of the Association, who in his letter recalled the first dinner in 1882 (when beer was 2d. a pint and a big lump of bread and cheese cost 2d.); Mr. E. H. Lewis, a vice-president, and Mr. Fred White.

The hon. secretary presented the committee's report, which stated that in the midst of all the confusion, austerity and uncertainty of the present time, the Association plodded along in quiet confidence, making progress, not very rapid, perhaps, but nevertheless very real and true.

* Conditions in almost all walks of life are fast changing. Be that as it may, we are proud of our calling and shall keep the bells of our churches pealing out their message Sunday by Sunday; and those who get joy from peal ringing, let them carry on with the good work, for good work it is if the striking is such as to give joy to the listening public, who, it must always be borne in mind, are quite justified in passing such comments as the performance deserves.

An increase in practising membership was reported with a total of 903, including 75 juveniles, compared with 747 in 1946. New practising members enrolled during the year totalled 173, being 129 adults and 44 juveniles, made up as follows: Ashford district, 12 adults; Canterbury, 58 adults, 21 juveniles; Lewisham, 19 and 12; Maidstone, 14 and 7; Rochester, 12 and 4; Tonbridge, 14.

DEATHS.

The meeting stood in remembrance of the following: Canon G. C. E. Ryles, F. Woolway (captain of the Ightham band), W. Cullen (former captain of the Wrotham band); C. Tumber (captain of the Teynham band), E. Leigh (Edenbridge), Mrs. Beer (Gravesend) and Mrs. Farnsworth (Faversham).

Non-resident life members mentioned were the Rev. E. Banks James, F. S. Bayley, Keith Hart, George W. Foster, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Rupert Richardson and J. Armiger Trollope.

CHANGES IN OFFICERS.

In the Ashford district, Mr. Tom Cullingworth had taken over the secretaryship in place of Mr. Percy Page, now one of the representatives for that district. In the Maidstone district, Mr. Waddington had succeeded Mr. C. Sone as co-representative with Mr. Cantrill. Mr. Ted Ruck, of Willesborough, and Mr. Charles Sone, of Linton, had been elected vice-presidents of the Association in recognition of their long and faithful service.

The Committee of Management had decided to meet the cost, not exceeding 10 gns., for renovating the Barham tombstone in Leeds Churchyard; to grant £10 towards the cost of retuning Watlington bells; £10 towards renovating the bells of St. John's, Sidcup; to

create a new office of peal secretary; to appoint a sub-committee to deal with the proposed war record of Kent towers, bells and ringers, 1939-45; in future to record in the annual report the figures of all first performances on all numbers of bells.

Regarding the war record, a London firm of printers had offered to undertake the production of 750 booklets, which would enable them being sold at about 3s. 6d. per copy. At this figure expenses of production would be met.

The report concluded with the offer of congratulations to Mr. E. Barnett on completing 50 years' membership of the Association; he was still an active ringer and committeeman.

The report was adopted and the chairman extended a special welcome to Mr. T. Groombridge, sen.

Mr. F. M. Mitchell presented the treasurer's statement. The general account showed a balance of £81 19s. 2d., against £109 16s. 6d. at the beginning of the year, which, he said, was due to the expenses of the annual meeting of £92 6s. 7d., against members' subscriptions of £87 0s. 6d. The Benevolent Fund had a balance of £426 0s. 4d., including £31 15s. 7d. on the Helmore Memorial Fund. Eight grants had been made, totalling £34 9s. The balance on the Belfry Repair Fund was £226 17s. 1d. From this fund grants had been made of £5 to St. George's, Beckenham, and £25 to Canterbury Cathedral. Total assets were £1,214 9s. 9d.

PEAL RINGING.

The acting peal secretary (Mr. P. A. Corby) reported 136 peals during 1947, an increase of 11 on 1946. This improvement was attained in spite of the boost of a peal ringing tour in the county in the earlier year. This was only 15 short of the 1938 figure. The peals fell into 43 categories, against 30 categories in 1938. Fresh performances included the first peal ever rung of Eardley Surprise Major and the first for the Association of Belgrave and Belvedere Surprise Major.

There were 41 first peals, a highly gratifying increase, both on the rather poor total of 16 in 1946 and 24 of 1938.

Two peals, both of Grandshire Triples, called for special comment. At Aylesford on January 11th the Maidstone district secretary, Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, called the first peal there by a local band since 1891. Not only was this Dr. Hatcher's first peal as conductor, but there were no fewer than five first peals and one first on a working bell. At Birchington on the Royal Wedding Day there were six first peals, including the conductor, Mr. Jack Russell. This was the more remarkable as the composition was Davies' five-part, which is not particularly easy for a first effort.

There were 40 conductors in 1947 against only 35 in 1946, but they were still short of the 1938 figure of 50. This was disappointing, they hoped that many more would be conductors would take the plunge in 1948. Mr. E. A. Barnett was to be congratulated on heading the list for the first time with a handsome total of 16, scored in a notable variety of methods from Bob Major to Spliced Surprise Major in four methods. Mr. A. J. Lancefield had proved a worthy runner-up with 14.

Of the 219 towers with five or more bells, peals were rung in 65 as follows: Ashford district, 27 in 18 towers; Canterbury, 11 in 10; Lewisham, 46 in 8; Maidstone, 17 in 10; Rochester, 18 in 10; Tonbridge, 8 in 8. One peal was rung in Sussex and eight were rung 'in hand.'

In addition to the peals rung by the Association, the following were rung in the county by other associations: Royal Society of Cumberland Youths 4, Universities' Association 2, University of London Society 2, Ancient Society of College Youths, East Grinstead and District

Guild and Hawkhurst and District Guild 1 each. They had once more secured their premier position on the Central Council's list, which they lost in 1939.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The officers were re-elected. Mr. George H. Spice, in acknowledging his re-election, thanked the district secretaries for their assistance and said it was pleasing to know that some towers had come back into union with the Association. They hoped to pass the 1,000 membership mark during the coming year. The next report would be a combined report for two years. They hoped to bring the 1947 portion up to date regarding tower practice nights and other details for which he asked for the co-operation of tower secretaries.

Mr. Spice also referred to the services of Mr. Alfred Hill, district secretary of the Lewisham district, in making arrangements for the meeting, and Mr. R. Jenkins for his work. He also extended the good wishes of the meeting to Mr. Jack Weedon, who celebrated his golden wedding in February to Mr. Charles Belsey, of Rainham, who had been captain for 52 years, and celebrated his diamond wedding on Wednesday, and Mr. Tom Jull, of Rochester, on his 75th birthday.

Mr. P. A. Corby was elected peal secretary. Voting by show of hands for the election of four representatives on the Central Council resulted as follows: Mr. F. Mitchell 90, Mr. George Spice 87, Dr. Hatcher 60, Mr. T. Sone 56, Mr. E. A. Barnett 50. (Dr. Hatcher replaces Mr. E. A. Barnett, a former member of the Council.)

The following non-resident members were elected: Miss E. K. Fulton (Stanmore), Messrs. P. D. Beedie, H. G. Hart, W. Wenban and Ralph E. W. Wenban (Harrow Weald), T. J. Clark (Bushey).

Mr. Brett-Smith raised the question of increasing the annual subscription from 2s. to 3s.

Mr. George Cross thought that with assets amounting to £1,200 there was no need for such a step.

Mr. E. Barnett suggested that the matter should be deferred until next November.

The Chairman advised that the matter be left to the committee. Any change in subscription would mean an alteration in the rules and due notice would have to be given.

A vote of thanks was passed to the chairman for the expeditious manner he tackled a long agenda.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

An unusual procedure took place at the service in connection with the quarterly meeting of the Guild at St. Mary's, Haverfordwest, on March 13th. The organist, Mr. Rogers, opened the service by playing the first lead of Treble Bob Major on the organ. The Vicar (the Rev. Hugh Rees) officiated at the service and afterwards conducted the ringers round the church and explained the carvings and effigies.

Tea was followed by the business meeting, at which the Vicar presided. Forthcoming events announced were the annual competition of the Guild at Llandovery on May 1st; annual festival at St. Peter's, Carmarthen, on June 12th, at which the Archbishop of Wales, who is president of the Guild, will officiate; and the next quarterly meeting at St. Mary's, Tenby, on September 11th.

Five new ringing members and two honorary members were elected. The question of badges for members was discussed, and the chairman announced that he would raise the necessary sum required. This promise was greatly appreciated by the members.

Mr. D. H. Betts, who is compiling the year book of the Guild, hoped to have the books ready by the annual festival. A collection taken for the Bell Restoration Fund realised £1 13s. 4d.

LETTERS

Three Questions

AND A HOMILY ON SARCASM.

Dear Sir,—I always think it a very great pity when sarcasm creeps into criticism of the happenings of, not only our Exercise, but of anything else for that matter. Criticise, certainly, if we don't agree with it, but let it be constructive not just destructive, which is all that being sarcastic amounts to. It is especially sad when one finds this weapon being used by those who are among the accepted leaders of our art against their lesser brethren. Is that the way to help and encourage? Most certainly not, for nothing is more calculated to put the other person's back up and to make him persist in his error (if error it be). However, as one who is honestly trying to keep an open mind about things in general since I have so much to learn, may I ask the following questions, which I hope will be answered in the same honest spirit by someone?

(a) What is the objection to a 4ths place bob in Double Norwich if it is allowed in other methods?

(b) What is the objection to a Single in Treble Bob hunt methods, when it is allowed (but is not always necessary) in plain hunt methods? (It is interesting to note that at one time the greatest length of Kent Major, 9,120 changes, was brought round with a single!)

(c) What would be the objection to a 6ths place bob in Cambridge Major, especially as 6,400 changes are possible without parting the tenors if this is done? (Mr. B. Price has composed such a peal.)

As I have had previous occasion to emphasise, surely the first consideration is the truth of the changes. In ringing any method, the bells have to be placed in a different position by the use of bobs and singles to prevent repetition. Does it matter whether this is done by making 4ths or 6ths or any other place for that matter? I don't think so. However, as I said above, I am open to be convinced that it does matter. If it does, I hope someone will kindly give me the reason. — Yours sincerely,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Southampton.

PEALS AT CHOBHAM

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Collins regarding peals at Chobham, I can assure him that several peals have been rung on the bells since they were made an octave in 1892. On October 22nd, 1910, I called a peal of Stedman Triples there to oblige the late Mr. Henry White, of Basingstoke, and all the band, excepting myself, have passed on. Another peal, Grand-sire Triples, was on November 29th, 1919, when my brother, Ferris J. Shepherd, called Holt's Original.

Mr. Collins will forgive me if I point out that the bells were increased from five to six in 1880, and from six to eight in 1892.

Addlestone.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

NOTE.—We also thank Mr. G. R. Newton and other readers for replies.—Editor.

EATON-SOCON PEAL

Dear Sir,—Please do not record the peal of Minor rung at Eaton-Socon on Saturday, Feb. 21st, 1948, labelled the Ely and Bedfordshire Associations as a Bedfordshire peal as only three of the ringers belong to this Association. The three other ringers are members of the Ely Diocesan Guild.—Yours sincerely,

F. J. PLUMMER, Hon. Sec.,
Bedfordshire Association.

Mr. P. Amos writes to rebut the claim of Mr. Eric Nobles to have rung the first peal at Alderton, Northamptonshire. The claim is 46 years late, he writes. 'I have records of a peal rung there in 1902, in which the late William Rogers, of St. Giles', Northampton, took part. And who is to prove that even the 1902 peal was the first? Before 1935 these five went anti-clockwise.'

BANSTEAD, SURREY.

—On March 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples:—G. Smerdon (first quarter) 1, Elizabeth Layton 2, M. Layton 3, H. N. Pitstow 4, H. Smerdon 5, A. E. Cheesman 6, A. J. Adams (cond.) 7, E. T. Woolloff 8.

BISHOP'S LYDEARD, SOMERSET.—On March 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7.6.8 covering): B. Cavill 1, R. Winter 2, B. Holt 3, C. Thomas 4, C. W. J. Tarr (cond.) 5, R. Stone 6, F. Phillips 7, Reg. Stone 8. First quarter by 1, 4, 6 and 7. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7.6.8 covering): F. Phillips 1, H. Commings 2, R. Winter (first as conductor, age 16) 3, S. Bye 4, C. W. J. Tarr 5, A. Knight 6, J. Vilis 7, R. Stone 8. First quarter by 1, 6 and 7.

BLEWBURY, BERKS. — On March 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Walker 1, C. Gregory 2, R. H. Corderoy (first quarter) 3, A. R. Greenough 4, F. James (cond.) 5, C. Aldridge 6, H. Aldridge 7, C. Corderoy 8.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—On March 14th, at St. Nicholas', 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss K. Newman (first quarter) 1, G. Wiggins 2, A. M. Humphrey 3, J. Whitehead 4, F. Bennett (cond.) 5, G. Ades 6, H. Stallham 7, F. Pullman 8.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Peter's on March 17th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. W. Woolven (first of Major) 1, J. A. Smith 2, A. W. Gravett 3, G. Ades 4, M. J. Frewer 5, A. W. Bond 6, R. G. Cross (cond.) 7, W. C. Hart 8.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. James, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. J. Rawlings 1, C. Rawlings 2, Mary P. Hilliar 3, A. Pearce 4, G. Pearce 5, L. Pearce (cond.) 6, A. A. Hilliar 7, A. Bennett 8. First in method for 2, 6 and 7.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On March 16th, at Holy Trinity Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Tribbles (first quarter) 1, F. J. Lewis (cond.) 2, F. J. Lewis, jun. 3, J. Hope 4, H. L. Cooke 5, V. R. Williams 6, W. H. Hayward 7, R. R. Wallis 8. In memoriam J. T. Tyrrell.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On March 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. Elliott 1, Miss E. Fletcher 2, J. Halls 3, E. T. Allaway 4, J. E. Eaton 5, H. Withers (cond.) 6, J. E. Lindon 7, E. Fletcher 8. First of Stedman 1 and 2.

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.—On March 21st, 1,248 Kent Treble Bob Major: Tony Price (cond.) 1, Miss Beryl J. Denton (first 'inside') 2, W. Sparrow 3, H. J. Eldred 4, F. Blondell 5, G. W. Morris 6, G. Dadds 7, R. E. Price 8.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX. — On March 22nd, 1,264 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: L. Ainger 1, G. Green 2, I. D. Halls 3, P. J. Eves (first in method) 4, Dr. P. J. Spencer-Phillips 5, H. Carter 6, P. Green (cond.) 7, Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips 8.

HAWKHURST, KENT. — On March 12th, 1,260 Grandsire and Bob Doubles (1 and 3 in front): R. Green 1, Miss A. Woods 2, G. Ealding 3, Miss H. Gorringe 4, W. Gorringe 5, A. Kemp 6, L. Pope (cond.) 7, M. Cloke 8. First quarter by 1, 2 and 3.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX. — On March 14th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: C. John Piper (first quarter, age 13) 1, Michael G. Collins (13) 2, Wm. M. Stepney (13) 3, E. Gavan D. Tonkin (14) (first as cond.) 4, F. H. Hicks 5, A. Ellis 6.

HEMPSTED, GLOUCESTER. — On March 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Boulton (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Webster 2, Ivor Goulter 3, Miss P. Boulton (first 'inside') 4, I. M. Taylor (cond.) 5, A. E. Taylor 6.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—On March 20th, at St. Mary Magdalene's, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: R. Charge 1, J. G. Nash 2, C. W. Otley 3, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 4, N. G. Hollingworth 5, R. H. Begrie (first in the method) 6, T. W. Taffender 7, J. Bullock 8.

ILKESTON, DERBYS.—At St. Mary's on March 14th, 1,344 Bob Major: T. Needham 1, Miss D. Templeman (first of Major) 2, C. J. Baker 3, F. Tarlton 4, E. C. Gobey (cond.) 5, F. Shaw 6, F. George 7, D. Anstey 8. First quarter for 1 and 4.

QUARTER PEALS

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

—On March 12th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Eileen D. Farrell 1, Mrs. K. Parr 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, Sheila E. Harris 4, Squire Croft 5, T. E. Davies 6, D. J. Charnley 7, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 8. First of Kent Treble Bob by 4 and 7.

KILMERSDON, SOMERSET. — On March 20th, 1,440 Minor (720 Oxford Bob and 720 Plain Bob): E. J. Fry 1, A. G. Williams 2, H. L. Parfrey 3, E. Connock 4, G. Pomeroy 5, R. O. Fry (cond.) 6. First of Minor in two methods by all the band.

LAMBETH, LONDON.—On March 21st, at St. Mary's, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: S. Croft 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, C. Sharples 3, C. H. Hughes 4, N. G. Hollingworth 5, C. W. Otley 6, H. W. Rogers 7, J. Bullock 8. First in method 4 and 7.

LEICESTER.—On March 7th at St. Margaret's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (on heavy 8): Margaret L. Morris 1, J. Morris 2, E. Norman 3, E. Morris 4, Mavis A. Whitehead 5, J. Bramley 6, G. A. Olliffe (cond.) 7, C. Walker 8.

LEICESTER.—On March 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples at St. John-the-Divine's: J. Hill 1, S. Harrison 2, W. H. Clarke 3, J. Ward 4, T. Bennett 5, J. Bramley 6, G. Olliffe (cond.) 7, E. Pulley (first quarter) 8. A farewell to E. Pulley, a German P.O.W.

LEIGH, GLOS.—On March 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. E. Poulton 1, T. C. Arkell 2, I. Goulter (cond.) 3, S. J. Hughes 4, W. H. Poulton 5, F. Palfrey 6.

LONDON.—At St. George's-in-the-Borough on March 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss B. Harris (first of Stedman) 1, Mrs. Rawlings 2, Mrs. Bagworth 3, Mrs. Matthews 4, Mrs. Deal 5, Mrs. Davis 6, Miss D. E. Lidbeter (cond.) 7, Miss M. Lidbeter 8. For the Ladies' Guild (Central District).

LYNEHAM, WILTS.—On March 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Hacker 1, Miss Maundrell 2, Ernest Brooks 3, L. A. Wilson (cond.) 4, H. L. Parsons 5, F. Godwin 6. First quarter 3 and 6. A 72nd birthday compliment to the conductor.

LAMBETH, LONDON. — On March 14th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Helen Y. Gardner 1, E. T. Chapman 2, Frances Edgar 3, P. R. Layton 4, W. Hardy 5, P. G. Parrott 6, P. R. Blackman (cond.) 7, V. J. Benning 8.

OXFORD.—At St. Thomas' Church on March 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Tutt 1, J. Brierley 2, C. Trist 3, D. Gallop 4, M. Barrow 5, K. Higgins (cond.) 6. First quarter for 2, 3 and 5.

PATISHALL, NORTHANTS.—On March 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Newcombe (first quarter) 1, A. Paul 2, L. Baillon (first 'inside') 3, E. G. Bennett 4, W. R. Hammons (cond.) 5.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On March 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. S. Rew (first of Triples) 1, G. W. Sayers 2, C. C. Wright 3, A. J. Garrett 4, A. H. Fisher 5, N. A. Oner 6, E. S. Smith (cond.) 7, R. A. Budd 8.

PRESTON CAPES, NORTHANTS. — On March 11th, 1,260 Doubles (660 Grandsire, 600 Plain Bob): R. Fennel 1, F. Hutt (first in two methods) 2, V. Perry 3, S. Ruddlesden 4, S. Osborne (cond.) 5.

SWINDON, WILTS. — On March 7th, at Christ Church, 1,275 Stedman Caters: C. J. Gardiner 1, Miss M. E. Richards 2, W. Carter 3, F. J. Daniell 4, H. Bishop (cond.) 5, G. Wells 6, T. Townsend 7, J. Berry 8, W. W. Daniell 9, E. Vincent 10.

WOBURN, BEDS.—On March 8th, 1,856 Pudsey Surprise Major: D. Harris 1, A. C. Sinfield 2, R. J. Sharp 3, H. Burton 4, C. H. Harding 5, A. Rushton 6, B. Sims 7, C. F. Jeffries (cond.) 8. First in method 1, 6 and 8. First in method by Beds Association.

WOLLASTON, WORCS. — On March 14th, 1,440 (720 each of Beverley and London) Surprise Minor: J. Bass 1, S. G. Thompson 2, C. Richards 3, F. Handley 4, H. V. Cooper (cond.) 5, S. Thompson 6. Also by same company on March 21st, 1,440 (720 each York and Cambridge) Surprise Minor:

POULTON-LE-FYLDE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Mar. 19, 1948, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt.
ROBERT E. SMITHTreble | JOHN H. FOSTER 4
STEPHEN LAWRENSON 2 | ARTHUR TOMLINSON... .. 5
RUFUS COWELL 3 | RALPH TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

HILLFARRANCE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Mar. 19, 1948, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores. Tenor 10 cwt.
*DAVID NORTHTreble | HARRY COMMINS 4
DOUGLAS BELLAMY 2 | CLAUDE W. J. TARR 5
RAYMOND WINTER 3 | *STANLEY LOVELL Tenor

Conducted by RAYMOND WINTER.

* First peal. First peal as conductor, age 16.

BEENHAM, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 20, 1948, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*RAYMOND G. BURTON ...Treble | GEOFFREY E. FOWLER... 4
*ALBERT DISERENS 2 | *REGINALD F. CROOK 5
*NOEL J. DISERENS 3 | REGINALD W. REX Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD W. REX.

* First peal of Minor in seven methods.

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 20, 1948, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, each differently called. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

STANLEY GILBERTTreble | WILLIAM SEEKINGS 4
*ERIO SMITH 2 | WILFRED C. YOUNG 5
†CHRISTINE DUNNINGTON 3 | FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal in seven methods 'inside.' † First in seven methods.

SHARNBROOK, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 20, 1948, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Double Court, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

ANDREW C. SINFIELD...Treble | †KENNETH G. SPAVINS... 4
LEONARD A. WILLIAMS... 2 | *C. HENRY HARDING ... 5
*RONALD J. SHARP 3 | †REGINALD WEST Tenor

Conducted by C. HENRY HARDING.

* 50th peal together. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ 50th peal.

HORTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 20, 1948, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of a 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

MISS GWEN MURKITT...Treble | GEORGE GILBERT 4
MISS MARY R. JAYCOCK 2 | H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 5
*DAVID PEARCE 3 | FRANK H. HICKS Tenor

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

* First peal of Minor. First peal in six methods as conductor.

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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 20, 1948, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge, York, Durham, London and Wells. Tenor 7½ cwt.

RICHARD BUSBYTreble | †RICHARD F. B. SPEED... 4
*HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS 2 | GEORGE W. PARK... .. 5
GEORGE F. NEWTON 3 | W. NORMAN PARK Tenor

Conducted by W. NORMAN PARK.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in seven Surprise methods.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Feb. 29, 1948, in 1 Hour and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Double Bob and five extents of Plain Bob. *THOS. J. SOUTHAM 1-2 | WILFRID H. J. HOOTON... 3-4

WALTER AYRE 5-6

Conducted by WILFRID H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal of Minor 'in hand.'

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Mar. 12, 1948, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

At 47, HAYWARD ROAD, REDFIELD, BRISTOL, 5,
Tenor size 12 in E.

MISS ANNIE BROWN 1-2 | ROYSTON G. BRYANT 5-6
EDWIN J. BROWN 3-4 | *RAYMOND C. SEAGER 7-8

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE. Conducted by E. J. BROWN.

* First peal on handbells.

WOOD DITTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Mar. 14, 1948, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

IN THE GARDEN OF SUNNY VIEW, WOOD DITTON ROAD,

NEWMARKET,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

At 21, THE CHINE,
Tenor size 19 in F.

*MAURICE J. THURMOTT ... 1-2 | JOHN A. ACRES 5-6
ALBERT E. AUSTIN 3-4 | EDWIN J. LINDLEY 7-8

Composed by E. J. LINDLEY. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.

* First peal.

STAPLETON, BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Mar. 16, 1948, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

At 21, THE CHINE,
Tenor size 17 in A.

ROYSTON G. BRYANT 1-2 | ALBERT M. TYLER 5-6
JOHN THOMAS 3-4 | DONALD G. CLIFT 7-8

Composed by H. HOWLETT. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

COVENTRY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Mar. 17, 1948, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,

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

At 68, NEWFIELD ROAD,
Tenor size 14 in D.

FRANK W. PERRENS 1-2 | THOMAS W. SHEPPARD ... 5-6
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 3-4 | FRANK E. PERVIN 7-8

Composed by W. P. WHITEHEAD. Conducted by FRANK E. PERVIN.

First peal in the method as conductor 'in hand.'

BELFAST.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Mar. 19, 1948, in 1 Hour and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two extents of Reading, four each of Plain Bob, Old, St. Dunstan's, St. Simon's, April Day, R. Canterbury Pleasure, six of Stedman and ten of Grandsire. Tenor size 14 in D.

FREDERICK E. DUKES 1-2 | JOHN T. DUNWOODY ... 3-4
A. ERNEST MCGRATH 5-6

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INVITATION TO CENTRAL COUNCIL.

A proposal that the Central Council be asked to arrange a meeting of the Council at Cheltenham in the near future was passed at the annual meeting of the Association at Cirencester on Easter Monday. About 100 members attended.

The Master, the Rev. Marwood Paterson, presided, and spoke of his association with ringers over the last 25 years. His only wish was that clergy would take more interest in their ringers, as they were part of the church and should be classified as church workers. He had been very pleased to have been elected Master for the past year, but wished to tender his resignation for a more competent man.

The hon. secretary, reporting on a successful year, said membership stood at 861, an increase of 48. The number of affiliated towers was 80, against 46 last year. Forty-two peals had been rung for the Association during the past year and 25 members had scored their first peal.

The hon. treasurer gave his report. The general account showed a slight decrease, chiefly owing to the cost of the annual report.

Elected to serve on the Central Council were Messrs. Kynaston (Swindon), Price (Stonehouse), Skidmore (Bristol) and Williams (Cheltenham). Mr. W. B. Kynaston was unanimously elected Master and Mr. C. R. Harding (Bristol) hon. secretary. Other officers were re-elected. New vice-presidents are Messrs. Dyer (Cheltenham), J. Jefferies (Mangotsfield), P. C. Williams (Portishead) and Oakhill (Wotton-under-Edge).

The next annual meeting was proposed for Easter Monday, 1949, at St. Ambrose's, Bristol.

The service at the Parish Church was conducted by Canon Such, the Bishop of Gloucester giving the address. Speaking of the ringers as privileged persons doing a special job in calling people to worship, the Bishop hoped that after the ringers had called other people to church they would set an example and go themselves.

The Parish Church bells, also Watermoor bells, were again set going after tea, and the opinion of all who attended was that this meeting had been one of the best ever held by the Association.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

NORTH DORSET BRANCH.

The branch's quarterly meeting at Durweston on March 13th attracted an attendance of 54. Introduced into the Guild service, conducted by the Rev. R. M. Taylor, were touches on handbells by a team conducted by Mr. E. Coward. The Rector (the Rev. H. L. Bowen) gave the address.

Following tea, the Rev. R. M. Taylor presided at the business meeting. The secretary submitted the balance sheet, which showed a credit balance of £9 9s. 8d. The appointment of the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards as Central Council representative was approved. New members elected were Misses B. Lambert and P. Cox, Messrs. A. Gray, H. Fryer, J. Puplett, J. Loder, R. Helliar and B. Helliar (Thornford), D. Coward, C. Phillips, D. Milne and J. Tasker (Mere).

The sum of one guinea was voted towards renewing Thornford bell ropes. The meeting held with regret of the illness of Mr. H. G. Rickett, leader of Durweston ringers. Votes of thanks included one to the ladies who had provided the tea.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

Placings in the six-bell contest at Kirkburton on March 20th were: 1 Liversedge, 86 faults; 2 Huddersfield, 108; 3 Shelleys, 131; 4 Meltham, 236 (including penalties); 5 Friezland, 53 (rang out). The test was 600 changes.

The next contest will be on July 3rd, either at Marsden or Brighouse. Mixed bands, provided they are financial members of the Association, will be eligible to compete.

Leeds & District Society

NOMINATIONS DEFERRED.

The March meeting was held at Christ Church, Armley, on March 20th. The bells were rung up in peal and various methods were rung before the break for tea. Owing to a recital in the nearby Church Hall, ringing had to cease at 7.30 p.m., when the business meeting was held.

Mr. S. H. Barron (vice-president) deputised as chairman for the president, who was unable to be present.

Mr. H. Whitehouse (Armley) was elected a new member. The usual vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and local company was proposed by Mr. F. Hutchinson and seconded by Mr. T. Hill.

Owing to the small attendance, nominations for next year's officials were left over until the general meeting at Leeds Parish Church on May 1st. The auditors for this year's accounts, Mr. F. Hutchinson and Mr. J. W. Benten, were elected on the proposition of Mr. S. H. Barron, seconded by Mr. Parkinson.

THE C. T. COLES' MEMORIAL

The C. T. Coles Memorial Committee have decided that the memorial to the late general secretary of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild will take the form of a bell to be installed at St. Mary's, Finchley. The existing six bells are to be augmented to eight and appeal is now made for further donations to meet this obligation to defray half of the cost. A further £100 is required, and now that a definite object has been decided upon, it is hoped that Mr. Coles' many friends and admirers throughout the country will wish to be associated with his memorial. St. Mary's, Finchley, was badly damaged by enemy action during the war, and has since raised a large sum of money required to install a new organ. One-half of the amount required for the proposed two new bells has also been raised. Donations should be sent to E. C. S. Turner, 41, Windsor Road, Ealing, W.5.

THE LADIES' GUILD

The annual meeting of the Western District was held at Corston on March 13th. There were over forty present at the service, and the Rev. J. W. Tunwell, Rector of Corston, gave an excellent address.

At a business meeting after tea, Mrs. H. Knight, vice-chairman, and Miss N. G. Williams, secretary, were re-elected. Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Bennett and Miss Emm were elected as the committee, and Mrs. Evans as representative to the Central Committee. Three new members were elected.

Votes of thanks were proposed to the Rector, organist, steeplekeeper, vice-chairman and secretary. Ringing afterwards continued until 7.30.

On holiday during the past week have been the Guild of Clerical Ringers with headquarters at Leicester. The party consisted of the Revs. A. D. H. Allan, J. F. Amies, J. H. B. Andrews, E. G. Benson, H. Benson, P. J. Boulsover, C. Carew Cox (president), Prebendary E. V. Cox, F. Ll. Edwards, R. F. Farrow, K. W. H. Felstead, N. E. Hope, R. H. Palmer, D. P. Roberts, B. F. Sheppard, R. D. St. J. Smith, A. G. G. Thurlow, W. H. R. Trehwella, W. M. K. Warren, C. Elliot Wigg, Canon R. F. Wilkinson.

LATE NOTICES

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—First quarterly meeting at Coalbrookdale (10), April 17th. Ringing 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by meeting. Those requiring tea please notify H. G. Thomas, 104, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth. 3345

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly, April 17th, Sherborne St. John, 2.30. Tea, The Swan. Names to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke, by 13th. Bus, Basingstoke, No. 37. 3346

NOTICES

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MARRIAGES

CHEESMAN-ADAMS.—On March 27th, 1948, at All Saints', Banstead, by the Rev. Canon F. N. Skene, Vicar, Harry Cheesman and Winifred Mary Adams. Both bride and groom are ringers at Banstead. 3340

CROFT-LYON.—On Saturday, April 3rd, 1948, at the Church of All Saints, Bracebridge, near Lincoln, Kenneth S. B. Croft to Madeline M. Lyon, both of Lincoln. 3341

LEWIS-ELKINS.—On April 3rd, at St. Mary's Church, Bowdon, by the Rev. Frank Bonner, Cyril Kenneth, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Lewis, of Marple, to Mary, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Elkins and granddaughter of Mr. Charles Edwards, of Altrincham.—69, Stockport Road, Altrincham. 3337

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

The marriage will take place on Saturday, April 24th, at St. Mary's, Sundridge, between Anthony Harry Alder, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Alder, of Whitby, Cheshire, and Brenda Mary Richardson, eldest daughter of Mrs. Harold Richardson, of Sundridge, Kent. 3303

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MISCELLANEOUS

ST. EDWARD'S, ROMFORD, ESSEX.—Will all ringers please note all communications to this tower should be addressed to Mr. G. W. Gayfer, 19, Cotleigh Road, Romford, Essex. 3308

CORNWALL-TRURO GUILD.—Gen. Sec., Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella, Crantock Vicarage, Newquay; Master, Mr. W. H. Southard, Penheard, Bodmin Road, Truro; Peal Sec., Mr. C. E. Lanxon, 7, Tresawls Road, Truro; Penzance Branch Sec., Rev. A. S. Roberts, The Parsonage, Carbis Bay; Truro Branch Sec., Mr. R. G. Clemens, Carnsiddia, Stithians, Truro; S.E. Cornwall Branch Sec., Mr. H. J. Clark, Cargreen, Saltash. General welcome to all visitors, and peals arranged as heretofore. 3330

PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittance must be sent with peal report.

MEETINGS

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—Meeting, St. Osyth (6) on Saturday, April 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business.—H. J. Millatt, Hon. Sec., Wood View, Thorington, Colchester. 3225

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Saturday, April 10th, St. Mary's, Battersea. Ringing 3 to 4.30 and 6 to 7.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business 7.30. Names for tea, please.—H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 3271

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Billingborough, April 10th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at The George and Dragon. Horbling bells available during evening.—B. H. Dalton, Hon. Sec., Billingborough, Sleaford, Lincs. 3259

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Chelford (6), April 10th. Bells available 3 p.m. Teas by own arrangement.—C. Lawton, Hon. Branch Sec. 3314

LINCOLN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Meeting at Caythorpe (8), April 10th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4.15.—John Freeman, Hon. Sec., 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln. 3268

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Great Shefford (6), Saturday, April 10th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 3273

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meeting, Chislehurst, April 10th. Bells available Eltham Parish Church 1.15 to 2.30; Chislehurst, Annunciation, 2.30 to 4.15; St. Nicholas', 6.30 to 8 p.m.; and Sidcup, 7.30 to 8.45. Service at Annunciation 4.15, followed by tea and business.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec. 3245

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Wenden (6), Saturday, April 10th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.20 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—G. Blake, Hon. Sec., 96, Burford Street, Hoddeston, Herts. 3239

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—St. Neots, Saturday, April 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—S. Gilbert, District Sec. 3269

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Bushey Heath (8), Saturday, April 10th, 3. Service 5. Tea 5.30.—S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 3275

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Turner's Hill, Saturday, April 10th, 3 p.m. Tea. Names for tea to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 3280

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Melbourn (6), Saturday, April 10th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 at the Rose. Meldreth (5) after tea.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 3287

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Buxted, Saturday, April 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5. 3294

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Haddenham (6), Saturday, April 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 3300

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Withyham (8), April 10th, 3. Tea, Dorset Arms, 5. Names to Mr. H. Vaughan, 3, Balls Green, Withyham.—C. A. Bassett. 3097

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S and W. District.—Next meeting, Harlington, April 10th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—F. A. Finch. 3290

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Induction of the Rev. K. Davis as Vicar of Hawley (8) on Saturday, April 10th, at 3 p.m. Service ringing at 2 p.m. and reception at 4 p.m. by invitation. All are welcome at the ringing from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. 3339

BARWELL, LEICESTER.—Meeting, Saturday, April 10th. Programme as follows: Ringing 2.30 to 4.30 (8 bells). Service 4.30. Tea (Church Institute) 5 p.m. Short concert by the Earl Shilton Male Voice Prize Choir and artistes, 5.30. Business meeting 6 p.m., followed by further ringing until 9 p.m. Fine peal of handbells available. Last chance for a good tea, ring Earl Shilton 2114 between 8.30 a.m. and 11 a.m., Saturday. Regular buses to Leicester, Nuneaton, Coventry, Birmingham. Nearest station, Hinckley.—A. A. Lucas, Tower Secretary. 3319

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Annual general, East Retford, Saturday, April 17th. Bells (10) 2.30. West Retford (6) and Ordsall (6) also available. Committee 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea in Elsworth Hall. Names to Mr. K. Beardsall, 48, Trent Street, Retford, by April 14th.—T. Groombridge, jun. 3301

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Ash, Saturday, April 17th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and business meeting to follow. Those who require tea must inform Miss D. M. Jenner, c/o Vye and Son, High Street, Ash, Canterbury, not later than Saturday, April 10th.—B. J. Luck, Hon. District Sec. 3274

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, April 17th. Clerkenwell, Holloway and St. Giles-in-the-Fields bells from 2.30. Clerkenwell also after meeting. Service, Clerkenwell, 4.30. Names for tea before April 14th to E. Turner, 41, Windsor Road, Ealing. 3261

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Ipswich District.—Meeting, Tuddenham, April 17th. Bells 2.45. Buses from Ipswich 2.20-3.45. Tea 5. Bring own food to be pooled. Cups of tea at small charge. Rushmere bells 7 to 9.—Edward G. Ellenger, District Sec. 3261

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Standon, April 17th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, April 13th, please, to H. Groom, 1, Broken Green Cottages, Standon, Ware, Herts. 3267

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Downham (6), Saturday, April 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham. 3019

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Leatherhead, April 17th. Bells 3 p.m. and after meeting. Service 4.15. Tea (limited to 60), Duke's Head, 4.45. Meeting, Poplar Road School, 5.45. Names for tea to Mr. George Marnier, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead, by April 14th.—C. de Ste C. Parks, Hon. Sec. 3295

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Kimpton (6), Saturday, April 17th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea, please, by April 15th to T. J. Southern, Dis. Sec., 17, Upper Heath Road, St. Albans, Herts. 3292

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Rothersthorpe, April 17th (please note change). Special bus (Webster's) leave Bull and Butcher, Northampton, 2.20 p.m. Names for tea to Eric Nobles, 48, Millway, Duston. 3336

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Meeting, Fairford, April 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Usual arrangement. Cards for tea by April 12th to Mr. H. R. Acock, Hazelwood, Fairford, Glos. 3335

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, April 17th, SS. James' and Basil's, Newcastle. Bells (8) 2.30. Names for tea to Kenneth Arthur, 29, Cherryburn Gardens, Newcastle, by the 12th.—W. E. Robinson, District Secretary. 3334

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, April 17th, 3 p.m. Ringing, St. Dunstan's, Stepney, 4.30 p.m.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 3329

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—Meeting, St. Andrew's, Clevedon, April 17th, 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5, Pullin's Restaurant, Hill Road.—Percy Yeo. 3326

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Deanery.—Quarterly, St. Benedict's (6), Glastonbury, April 17th. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea and meeting. Notify by Tuesday, 13th, for tea. St. John's (8) available after.—W. H. Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street. 3325

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsev District.—Meeting at Egham (8), April 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, followed by business meeting, 5.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify R. I. Shepherd, The Forge, Limes Road, Egham, Surrey, by Wednesday, 14th.—F. E. Hawthorne, Sec., 'phone Emberbrook 4681. 3324

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Woburn (8), Saturday, April 17th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—H. C. Hilliard. 3322

WORCESTERSHIRE (Northern).—Meeting, Cookley, near Kidderminster, Saturday, April 17th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 3321

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting, Chilvers Coton (10 bells), Saturday, April 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Committee meet 4 p.m. in vestry. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Names must be sent in by Thursday, 15th.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. 'Phone Nuneaton 3296. 3311

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon District.—Quarterly meeting, Wheatley, Oxon (6 bells), April 17th, 3 p.m. Service 4. Names for tea by April 13th to H. Badger, 1, Chiltern Grove, Thame. 3286

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be at St. Matthew's, Stretford, on Saturday, April 17th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea at cafe nearby. Names for tea to H. Birchall, 243, Barton Road.—Frank Reynolds, Branch Sec. 3333

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—The monthly practice for Saturday, April 17th, is cancelled.—P. Newton. 3320

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION and EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting at Matlock (8), April 17th, 2.30 p.m. No tea arranged. Business meeting in belfry 5. 3279

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gainsborough District.—Meeting at Haxey on Saturday, April 17th. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 623. 3344

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at Prescott, Saturday, April 17th. Bells (8) at 2.30. Service at 5. Those intending being present kindly notify Mr. W. C. Finney, jun., 89, Derby Street, Prescott.—G. R. Newton, Branch Sec. 3343

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice, Walberton (6), April 17th, 3 p.m. Names for tea (by 14th) to E. Treagus, 78, Kvoto Court, Bognor Regis. 3313

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Holmes Chapel (6 bells), April 17th, 2.30. Names by 13th for tea.—Richard D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 3315

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting, Bury, April 17th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at nearby cafe.—J. Porter, Branch Secretary. 3317

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting at Abbotsbury, April 17th. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting to follow. Please notify by April 13th J. H. Hayne, West Street, Abbotsbury, Weymouth. 3304

LADIES' GUILD.—North-Western District.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Bowdon (Altrincham), on April 17th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (2s. 6d.). Names to Mr. A. R. Elkins, 44, Beeston Avenue, Altrincham, Cheshire, by April 14th.—Mary Elkins. 3306

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Bebington (8), April 17th. Tea provided for those who notify by 14th.—A. J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 3307

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting, Farnham Royal, Slough, April 24th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. W. Henley, Oaklands, Farnham Royal, Slough, Bucks, by the 19th. Non-members welcomed. Gentlemen cordially invited.—E. E. Davis, District Sec. 3291

BOURNEMOUTH RINGERS' RALLY.—Saturday, April 24th. Dinner in Gervis Hall, The Arcade, Bournemouth, 6.45. Tickets 8s. 6d. Coach tours to district towers, leave St. Peter's Hall 12 noon. Tickets 6s. Please apply at once to Arthur V. Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 3310

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting, Lincoln, Saturday, April 24th. Cathedral bells 2 p.m. Other towers as usual. Cathedral Evensong 4 p.m., followed by dedication of the Rupert Richardson Memorial Bell. Tea at Wesley Schoolroom, Clasketgate, 5.15 p.m., followed by business. Tea only for those who send their names to Mr. J. A. Freeman, 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln, by Tuesday previous.—F. W. Stokes, Hon. Sec. 3342

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Guildford, Saturday, April 24th. Bells, Cathedral Church and St. Nicolas', from 3 to 4.30. Service, Cathedral Church, 5.30. Meeting, Holy Trinity Hall, 6.30. Tea interval 4.30 to 5.15. Make own arrangements.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon. 3318

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Freckenham, April 24th, 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. to those who notify by Tuesday, Apr. 20.—Miss Reeve, Hockwold, Norfolk. 3309

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting, Marlow, Saturday, April 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting. Names for tea not later than April 19th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 3323

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Ecton (6), April 24th. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Tuesday previous.—A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough. 3327

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Next meeting, Hessele (6), on Saturday, April 24th. Bells from 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (3s. each) 5 p.m. for all who notify Mr. J. Pool, 6, Oaklands Drive, Hessele, East Yorks, by Tuesday, April 20th.—H. S. Morley, 28, Church Hill, Selby. 3328

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Swanscombe (8) on Saturday, April 24th. Details next week.—B. W. May, Hon. District Sec. 3332

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting, Cheadle, April 24th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Bring own food.—C. K. Lewis. 3338

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Clare College, 9 p.m., Wednesday, April 28th, members and associates only. Ringing, St. Benet's, 8 p.m. Items for agenda to secretary by Monday, 26th.—E. J. Lindley, Trinity College.

At this meeting we shall propose alteration of the rules as follows: That the words 'gentlemen who are' be inserted before 'members' in rule 2 and 'non-resident graduates' in rule 6; that the words 'otherwise eligible' be substituted for 'members of the University' in rule 8 and a similar alteration in rule 11.—S. E. Darmon (Master), E. J. Lindley. 3316

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