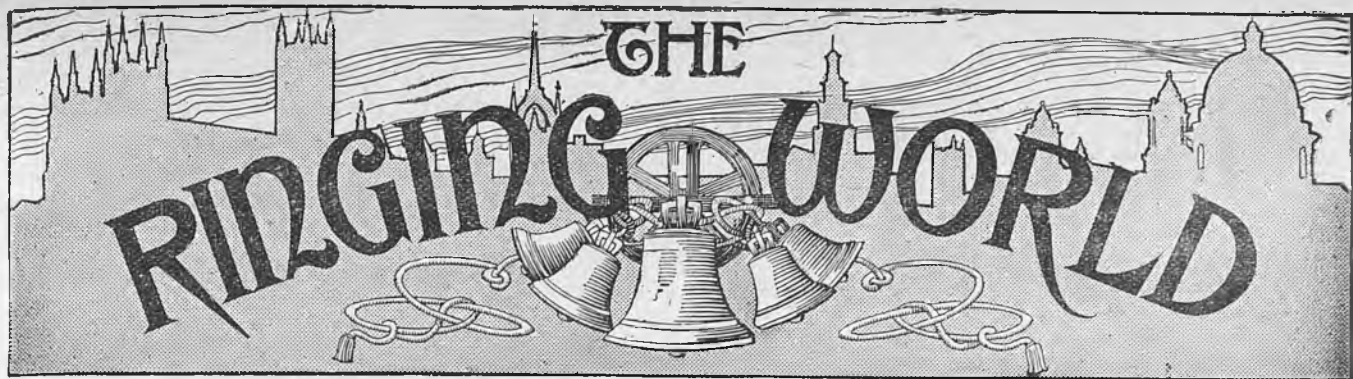




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WULFRUN CHAMBERS, WOLVERHAMPTON,
MESSRS. GILLETT and JOHNSTON, CROYDON. 4th March, 1912.
Gentlemen,

The re-casting of the peal of ten bells with the addition of two new ones in the tower of St Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, recently carried out by you has proved most successful, and given general satisfaction.

I am authorised by the Rector and Wardens to say how pleased they are with the result. In the opinion of those well qualified to judge, we have now, undoubtedly, one of the best peals in the Kingdom.

Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,

Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

The arrangements made for the meeting of the Central Council at Newcastle are published in this issue, and it is obvious that the Durham and Newcastle Association intend to make the visit a social success. It cannot be expected that there will be so large a gathering as that which assembled in London last year, for this journey "farthest north" is a rather formidable one for the members from the south. Nevertheless, we expect to find the meeting a representative one.

The agenda is not a heavy one, on paper, although the subjects may well lead to considerable and interesting debate. We are not surprised to see put down for discussion: "The possibility of an unfavourable change in the attitude of the general public towards bell-ringing as a result of the increasing number of peals annually rung." This is a matter which, despite all that may be said to the contrary, is of increasing importance to us as church bell-ringers. The motion, which has been placed on the agenda, is in very general terms, and will afford the fullest opportunity for the ventilation of every point of view, and, because from a multitude of counsellors we may expect wisdom, as the outcome of this discussion we hope to find some practical advice given. The step necessary to avoid a growth of hostile public opinion need not necessarily be confined to a reduction of peal ringing. There is the important alternative of the structural arrangements in the tower, which, with comparatively small expenditure, can be made very effectually to reduce the cause of annoyance which a sensitive public may experience. If the influence of the Council can be brought to bear successfully in this direction it will accomplish a great and valuable work in strengthening the position of our Art.

In another resolution which is to be proposed, the Council are to be asked to say that Superlative Surprise Royal, as published by Shipway, is the same method as Superlative Surprise Major. This is a question for the theoretical experts, and while it is necessary that these disputed questions should be definitely and authoritatively settled, it is a matter in which the merely practical men of the Exercise can take little interest, particularly as Superlative Royal is a method which is not rung.

The proposal to admit the Ladies' Guild to representation is only the natural sequel to the establishment of an organisation among the fair sex, and although they do not at present possess a membership (75) which would entitle them to representation, it will not be long before that position will be reached, so rapidly are their ranks increasing. The only other resolution on the agenda is that calling renewed attention to a previous decision of the Council that seven days' notice of any attempt for a peal record should be given.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Monday, April 21, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF St. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

GILBERT GUEST	Treble	JOHN GOODMAN, Junr. ...	6
WILLIAM GOODMAN	2	HARRY GOODMAN	7
SAMUEL SPITTLE	3	HORACE BELCHER	8
WILLIAM MILLS	4	BENJAMIN GOUGH	9
JOHN GOODMAN, Senr. ...	5	CHARLES FAULTS	Tenor

Composed by the late W. MICKLEWRIGHT, and
Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, Junr.

This peal was rung as a farewell to Harry Goodman, a much respected member of the Dudley band, who set sail for Canada on April 26th. At the conclusion of the peal the ringers expressed their regret in losing such a capable ringer and wished him God-speed and every success in his new sphere of labour.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, April 23, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF St. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER HICK	Treble	*EDWIN J. TYLER	6
*EDGAR MARLOW	2	*EDGAR T. SMITH	7
THOMAS HUGHES	3	*THOMAS HILL	8
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ...	4	BENJAMIN GOUGH	9
*THOMAS BLOORE	5	THOMAS J. ELTON	Tenor

Composed by CHRISTOPHER WALLATER, and
Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

* First peal of Royal. Rung in honour of St. George's Day.

CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 26, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5107 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

†JAMES TULETT	Treble	REV. F. J. O. HELMORE ...	6
*REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY ...	2	CHARLES W. BRETT	7
WILLIAM HAIGH	3	ARTHUR A. ANDREWS ...	8
EDWIN G. BUESDEN	4	†EDWARD A. G. ALLEN ...	9
FREDERICK G. BRETT	5	WILLIAM J. WALKER ...	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

* First peal of Stedman Caters on tower bells. † First peal of Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

EYE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 23, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

HENRY TURNER	Treble	JAMES MOTTS	5
RICHARD LAST	2	CHARLES CATCHPOLE ...	6
WILLIAM CLOVER	3	FREDERICK DAY	7
EDGAR PEMBERTON	4	GEORGE W. MOSS	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by J. MOTTS.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 12, 1913, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES ;

Tenor 17 cwt., in F.

LEONARD P. BAILEY Treble	FREDERICK R. BORRETT... .. 5
JAMES M. BAILEY 2	ERNEST S. BAILEY 6
CHARLES BAKER 3	WILLIAM STEELE 7
EDGAR H. BAILEY 4	CHARLES F. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

BRAINTREE.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 21, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES ;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs., in F sharp.

WALTER SADLER... .. Treble	ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM .. 5
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS 2	EDWARD CLAYDON 6
HARRY P. EMERY 3	WILLIAM GRIMWADE 7
GEORGE MELBOURNE... .. 4	ERNEST NEWMAN Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and
Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

TODMORDEN.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 21, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE UNITARIAN CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

ERNEST SUTCLIFFE Treble	*JOHN NASH... .. 5
†JAMES WHITEHEAD 2	HARRY WHITEHEAD... .. 6
HARRY GREENWOOD 3	HERBERT DEVONPORT 7
*GILL SUTCLIFFE 4	FRANK FIELDEN Tenor

Conducted by JAMES WHITEHEAD.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 23, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES ;

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lbs.

WILLIAM OSTLER... .. Treble	JOHN C. SELF 5
STANLEY BONNEY 2	HOBART E. SMITH 6
ROBERT H. HAYWARD 3	*A. WATSON 7
WILLIAM FLORY 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS Tenor

Composed by J. J. BRIERLEY, and
Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

* First peal. Rung in honour of St. George's Day.

BECKINGTON.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 23, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

*WILLIAM TYLER... .. Treble	ARTHUR W. ANGEL 5
HORACE TAYLOR 2	†ARTHUR J. WEST 6
GEORGE H. ARCHARD 3	WALTER S. BURBIDGE 7
ROBERT H. LEGG 4	ERNEST C. RODFORD Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR J. WEST.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor. First peal by the Melksham band.

ROMSEY, HANTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 23, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ETHELFLEDA,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 25 cwt. 0 qr. 8 lbs., in D.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	HENRY W. WILKES 5
JAMES ELCOMBE 2	FREDERICK PRECEY 6
JOHN S. RUMMING 3	ROBERT P. KNIGHT... .. 7
LEONARD HARRIS 4	GIDEON WEBB Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung in honour of St. George's Day.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 24, 1913, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES ;

Tenor 17 cwt.

ARTHUR CHAPLIN Treble	REUBEN SANDERS 5
GEORGE H. JAYE 2	HARRY F. DAWKINS 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	WILLIAM PYE 7
WILLIAM MILLER 4	ERNEST PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by ERNEST PYE.

This was the conductor's gooth peal.

MARGATE.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST'S COMPANY.)

On Thursday, April 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lbs.

*GEORGE ENDERBY Treble	FRANK REEVES 5
ARCHIBALD C. KAY... .. 2	ARTHUR H. SAXBY 6
EDWARD E. FOREMAN 3	CHARLES W. PLAYER 7
ERNEST L. BURGESS 4	HERBERT LADE Tenor

Conducted by C. W. PLAYER.

* First peal away from tenor. Rung as a wedding peal for Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Saxby.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES ;

Tenor 21 cwt.

†FRANK JOHNSON... .. Treble	FREDERICK S. PRICE 5
*ALBERT COPPOCK 2	J. CHARLES DICKEN... .. 6
WILLIAM CLIFFORD, Senr. 3	†WALTER AYRE 7
ARTHUR LOWE 4	PERCIVAL PRICE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by ALBERT COPPOCK.

* 50th peal. † First peal in the method. First Surprise peal on the bells and the first ever rung in Nottingham by a local band. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 8th, and also to William Clifford, Junr., all the birthdays occurring in April.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, BLACKFRIARS,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

ERNEST E. GRIMES Treble	ARTHUR N. HARDY 5
ALFRED W. GRIMES 2	EDWIN F. PIKE... .. 6
HAROLD BURTON... .. 3	JAMES HUNT 7
FRANK BENNETT... .. 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by W. WILLSON, and

Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES ;

GEORGE GATLAND Treble	ALBERT HARMAN 5
JOHN CAPP 2	OLIVER SIPPETTS 6
RICHARD STREDWICK 3	WILLIAM C. HART 7
ERNEST GOWER 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by NATHAN PITSTOW, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

FARNHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, April 25, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES ;

Tenor 21 cwt.

ALFRED J. LECLERCQ ... Treble	FREDRICK A. BARNETT ... 5
*HUBERT CHAFFEY 2	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 6
CHARLES EDWARDS 3	GEORGE UPSHALL 7
†ALFRED J. CROUCHER ... 4	THOMAS UPSHALL Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

* First peal of Major. † First peal on eight bells. Rung as a
welcome home to the Rector and Mrs. Campbell Crum.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 26, 1913, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES ;

Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qr. 3 lbs., in A flat.

GEORGE WHITING Treble	*EDWARD JENKINS 5
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON ... 2	GEORGE ABLITT 6
ERNEST E. LANHAM 3	THOMAS W. LAST 7
DAVID LEGGETT 4	SYDNEY W. PILGRIM ... Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM SOTTANSTALL, and
Conducted by THOMAS W. LAST.

* First peal and first attempt.

SOUTHLEIGH, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

ALFRED H. PULLING ... Treble	JOHN MONK 5
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN ... 2	THOMAS BULL 6
ALBERT BROOKS 3	REV. CYRIL JENKYN ... 7
EDGAR HUMFRY 4	GEORGE BROOKS Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Rung on the occasion of the meeting of the Witney and Woodstock
Deaneries Branch at Woodstock.

BENHILTON, SUTTON.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 26, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANCES ;

JOSEPH A. LAMBERT ... Treble	ALBERT CALVER 5
JAMES D. DREWETT 2	THOMAS STEERS 6
FRANK HOLDER 3	ROBERT GRIMWOOD ... 7
BENJAMIN MORRIS 4	WILLIAM S. SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by DR. A. B. CARPENTER, and
Conducted by JOSEPH A. LAMBERT.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

FRANK MORRIS Treble	JOHN NUTTAL 5
JOHN DAVIES 2	GEORGE PINCOTT 6
THOMAS WORSLEY 3	RICHARD P. HEALD ... 7
*THOMAS BRATBY 4	*ARTHUR SEWART Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by THOMAS WORSLEY.

* First peal.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSEPH FAULKNER ... Treble	WALTER PRESTIDGE ... 5
ALBERT PRESTIDGE 2	ALFRED DAVIES 6
RICHARD ROUND 3	*EDWARD J. GARRATT ... 7
†HARRY HUBLE 4	JOHN MASSEY Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED DAVIES.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire on an inside bell. Rung on
the occasion of a successful bazaar to raise funds for the restoration of
the tower, etc.

WEST TOFTS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 26, 1913, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES ;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lbs.

CHARLES CARTER ... Treble	FREDERICK SALTER ... 5
ALFRED MARES 2	ALFRED NEWSON 6
FREDERICK BOULSON 3	WILLIAM MEARS 7
THOMAS FITZJOHN 4	FREDERICK C. BURROWS Tenor

Composed by GEORGE CROSS, and
Conducted F. C. BURROWS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 26, 1913, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. James, Clerkenwell,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES ;

Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... Treble	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Junr. 5
ALFRED W. GRIMES 2	JAMES HUNT 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	ERNEST PYE 7
REUBEN SANDERS 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

The above is I. G. Shade's rooth peal. The composition, now
rung for the first time, is the author's No. 69.

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Evangelist,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

ALBERT D. STONE ... Treble	WILLIAM C. HART ... 5
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT 2	BERT CHALLEN 6
FREDERICK PROTHEROUGH ... 3	KEITH HART 7
ALBERT HARMAN 4	TRAYTON JEFFREY ... Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

EWELL, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 26, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES ;

WILLIAM MESSAM Treble	WILLIAM H. CORBETT ... 5
ALFRED H. WINCH 2	CHARLES E. READ 6
JOHN WYATT 3	*RICHARD KENDALL 7
*EDWARD T. GROVE 4	ARTHUR DEAN Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by A. DEAN.

* First peal of Major.

BRISTOL.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE ST. NICHOLAS GUILD.

On Saturday, April 26, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

Tenor 18 cwt.

ALBERT STOWELL Treble	WILLIAM WHITE 5
FREDERICK W. WADE 2	GILBERT WILTSHIRE 6
JOHN H. B. HESSE 3	FRED G. MAY 7
ALFRED E. REEVES 4	URIAH BRAVEN Tenor

Composed by SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD, BART., and
Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor, whose 50th peal it was; also to the ringer of the 5th's little son, Eric, aged 5 years.

ORMESBY.
THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 26, 1913, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES ;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*WILLIAM HOLMES Treble	JOHN GEORGE HALL ... 5
FREDERICK LAVERICK 2	THOMAS LANCASTER... .. 6
CYRIL POLLARD 3	THOMAS METCALFE 7
WILLIAM POLLARD 4	JOHN HENRY JONES... .. Tenor

Composed by J. H. BLAKISTON, and
Conducted by JOHN HENRY JONES.

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

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES ;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*PERCY E. JONES Treble	HENRY H. CHANDLER ... 5
*GEORGE E. HARBOUR 2	*EDGAR HANCOX 6
JOSEPH J. PRATT 3	ARTHUR HARDING 7
WILLIAM LAWRENCE... .. 4	WILLIAM WELLING Tenor

Composed by G. F. WILLIAMS, and
Conducted by W. WELLING.

* First peal in the method.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, April 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM A. GARRAWAY ... Treble	CHARLES SMITH 5
ARTHUR MARTIN 2	HERBERT COX 6
GEORGE MARTIN 3	GEORGE ALLDER 7
WILLIAM WELLING 4	JESSE ELDRIDGE Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Arthur Martin.

WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.
THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 27, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART NO. 2. Tenor 18½ cwt.

*MERVYN DUCK Treble	GEORGE F. ALEXANDER ... 5
WILLIAM A. BRECKON 2	ALBERT COATES 6
ARTHUR HUGHES 3	†JOHN W. LOWTHER... .. 7
FRANK S. HODGSON... .. 4	JOHN T. WATERS Tenor

Conducted by W. A. BRECKON.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method away from the tenor. Mr. A. Hughes, of London, was elected a member of the above Association previous to starting for the peal.

WITNEY, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, April 29, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

VICARS' SIX-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr.

HERBERT LONG Treble	GEORGE BROOKS 5
ALBERT BROOKS 2	JOHN MONK 6
ERNEST BROWN 3	REV. CYRIL JENKYN ... 7
THOMAS BULL 4	JESSE BROOKS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN MONK.

SIX BELL PEALS.

HOPTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

FREDERICK CHAPLYN ... Treble	ALFRED NEWSON 4
SOLOMON MOULE... .. 2	WILLIAM MEARS 5
HORACE HAYLETT 3	FREDERICK C. BURROWS Tenor

Conducted by F. C. BURROWS.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 19, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Being 720 each of Duke of York, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and 360 each of Double and Single Oxford, College Single, Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire Minor and Plain Bob.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE C. COLLINS ... Treble	JACK BURLS 4
GEORGE A. JONES 2	FREDERICK HAYES 5
GUY R. AMBROSE 3	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL.

First peal in ten Minor methods by the Association and by all the band, and rung at the first attempt. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Coralie E. B. Knowles, eldest daughter of Mr. E. E. Knowles, for many years one of the sidesmen of the above church, and Mr. Leonard Freeborn, of Tilbury, Essex.

SLINFOLD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Warnham Court Bob, Canterbury, Oxford and Single Bob, and two 720's of Plain Bob, called differently.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*WILLIAM J. RAPLEY... Treble	†JAMES BURDFIELD 4
WILLIAM SHORT 2	†WILLIAM DENYER 5
†RAYMOND WOODS 3	†WILLIAM STANFORD... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM STANFORD.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. ‡ First peal in more than one method. First peal as conductor. Rung, with the bells deeply muffled, as a last token of respect to Miss Kate Child, a highly respected lady of the parish, who passed away a few days previously.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Wednesday, April 23, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
At 3, HART'S LANE, NEW CROSS,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANCES;

Size 16, in B flat.

MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT	1—2	FRANK I. HAIRS	...	5—6
WALTER S. WISE	...	FRANK BENNETT	...	7—8
HENRY L. GARFATH	...	9—10		

Composed by WILLIAM T. ELSON, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Umpire: MR. A. FLUCK.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS.

THE ELY ASSOCIATION AND THE
ST. JAMES SOCIETY.

*On Thursday, April 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,
IN THE BELL CHAMBER OF THE NORMAN TOWER,*

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

A. ELY	...	1—2	*T. SPARROW	...	5—6
H. TURNER	...	3—4	E. HUND	...	7—8

Composed by A. T. KING, and
Conducted by T. SPARROW.

Umpire: W. GOODSHIP.

* First peal as conductor.

HINTON, EVESHAM.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

*On Sunday, April 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. F. J. JOHNSON,*

A PEAL OF DOUBLES 5040 CHANCES;

Being eight Six-Scores each of Plain Bob and Canterbury Pleasure,
sixteen of St. Dunstan's and ten of Grandsire.

*MISS ELLEN M. JOHNSON	1—2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	...	3—4
MISS RUTH JOHNSON	...	5—6		

Conducted by MISS E. M. JOHNSON.

Umpire: F. J. JOHNSON.

Witness: MRS. JANE LAMPITT.

* First peal as conductor. Rung on the anniversary of their parents' wedding day. Miss Ellen Johnson is the first lady to conduct a peal for the Worcestershire Association.

**DEATH OF MR. S. STRATFORD, HUGHENDEN.
A PROMISING YOUNG RINGER.**

By the demise of Mr. Sidney Stratford at the early age of 18 years, the Hughenden ringers have lost a much-esteemed member, one who will be sadly missed, and whose place in the belfry will not easily be filled.

The deceased took up ringing some two or three years ago, and made rapid strides in the art, but heart trouble compelled him to abandon his favourite recreation for some time. On recovering somewhat, he again commenced ringing, and became a thoroughly good and reliable ringer, and rarely, if ever, missed either a practice or service. He had committed to memory over twenty methods, and practically all his spare time was spent in reading ringing literature or writing out touches. In fact, almost his last words were to ask for his "Ringing World," to which he looked eagerly forward each week. He was taken ill with inflammation of the brain about a fortnight ago, and became unconscious on the following Sunday morning, and although he received every attention at the hospital to which he was taken, he never rallied, and passed away on Wednesday, April 23rd.

The funeral took place on Saturday last at Hughenden, four of his fellow ringers acting as bearers, while every member of the belfry was present to pay their last respect, besides ringers from High Wycombe tower, where the deceased was a regular attendant at the practices. The service was fully choral, Mr. Stratford being an old member of the choir. Both Hughenden and High Wycombe ringers sent wreaths.

In the evening touches were rung with the bells fully muffled, and on Sunday muffled ringing took place all day, in the evening a quarter-peal of Stedman being rung by: John Evans 1, Fred Hayes 2, W. Goodchild 3, A. G. Jones 4, R. M. Hawes 5, F. G. Biggs 6, R. H. Biggs (conductor) 7, Jos. Evans 8.

A quarter-peal of Stedman Caters was also rung at High Wycombe on Sunday evening, with the bells half-muffled, under the conductorship of Mr. J. W. Wilkins.

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

THE INSTRUCTION OF BEGINNERS.

For the first time in the history of the Middlesex Association, a meeting of the North and East District was held at Hornsey and Wood Green on Saturday. It was attended by nearly 50 members and friends, the following towers being represented: Barnet, Edmonton, Finchley, Hadley, Hornsey, St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Southgate, Stamford Hill, Tottenham, Clapton, Wood Green and Walthamstow. The bells of St. Mary's, Hornsey, had been placed at the disposal of the members from 3.30, but owing to the serious illness of a parishioner, ringing had to be curtailed, and very little was done. However, as the bells of St. Michael's, Wood Green, were available for ringing from 7 p.m., the disappointment of not being able to ring at Hornsey was greatly lessened.

To save time, so that full use could be made of the period allowed for ringing at Wood Green, the programme was altered, and the business meeting held first, presided over by Mr. F. A. Milne, vice-president. Ten new members were elected, including three of the local band, and one of the Wood Green band.—Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector of Hornsey (the Rev. B. Spink) and the Vicar of Wood Green (the Rev. G. C. Midwinter) for the use of the bells at their respective churches, and also to the local ringers for their exceedingly kind welcome.—Reports were received from the Master (Mr. J. Armstrong) and Mr. H. Reeves, of the state of the bands at Barnet and Hadley, where instruction was being given, and in each case the report was considered quite satisfactory.—A hearty vote of thanks was passed to these two gentlemen for their services, and also to Mr. N. A. Tomlinson and other members of the Southgate band, for their assistance at Barnet, at which tower great progress had been made during the last few weeks.—The Hon. Secretary stated that instruction was now being given to four bands affiliated to the society, and that arrangements would be made for an instructor to any band belonging to the Association on application being made.

Following the meeting, a short service was held in St. Mary's Church, conducted by the senior curate (the Rev. E. F. Blenken), who took for the lesson, St. Luke xix. from the 12th verse, upon which was also based his subsequent very instructive address.

Tea was served in the Parish Hall, presided over by the Rev. E. F. Blenken, who, on behalf of the Rector, welcomed the Association to Hornsey. He said how sorry he was that they had been disappointed in not being able to ring the bells, but hoped that when they came again they would be more fortunate.—Mr. F. A. Milne replied, thanking Mr. Blenken for his interesting address at the service, and also for presiding at tea. Thanks were also given to the ladies who had so kindly undertaken the catering.

The whole of the company then adjourned to Wood Green, where the bells were rung to various methods, including Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, College Single, and Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Much satisfaction was expressed at the "go" of the bells, which have recently been rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Members and friends of the Association are welcome on Monday evenings, when practice is held at eight o'clock, and also at Hornsey on alternate Tuesdays from May 13th.

The next meeting of the district has been arranged to be held at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on the 31st May.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

THE PROPOSED GIFT TO CHELMSFORD CHURCH.

A very successful meeting of the North Western district was held at Saffron Walden on Saturday week, about 38 members being present from Saffron Walden, Stansted, Wenden, Rickling, Bishop Stortford, Cambridge, Ickleton, Braintree, Great Totham, and Coggeshall.—Tea and the business meeting were held in the Parish Room.—The District Master (Mr. F. Pitstow) presided, and was supported by the district secretary (Mr. W. Watts), the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre (hon. secretary of the Association), and Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Association). Mr. Richard Goddard, of Wenden, was elected a ringing member.—Harlow St. Mary's and Waltham Abbey were both proposed for the next meeting, and on being put to the vote, Harlow St. Mary's was selected.—It was decided that a bye-meeting be held at Elmdon some time before the next district meeting.

The Master of the Association (Mr. C. H. Howard) introduced the subject of the proposed gift by the Association of a bell to Chelmsford, and gave an interesting account of the proceedings up to the present on behalf of that object.—Mr. J. F. Penning supported the suggestion, and proposed that "this meeting approves the proposal to present one bell to Chelmsford, and that the cost should be defrayed from the reserve fund of the Association."—This was seconded by Mr. H. Little, and carried unanimously.

The meeting terminated with votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and of the parish room, and also to the Saffron Walden company for their help towards providing the tea.

Touches in the following methods were rung: London, Cambridge, Superlative Surprise, Double Norwich, Duffield and Treble Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples.

STOKE NEWINGTON. — On Easter Day, at St. Ann's Church, for evensong, 720 Grandsire Doubles: H. Stubbs 1, F. Nunn 2, E. Davidson 3, F. A. Gerken 4, F. E. Ringrose (conductor) 5, C. Davidson 6.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

ARRANGEMENTS AND AGENDA FOR THE NEWCASTLE MEETING.

The Second Session of the Eighth Council (23rd annual meeting) will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, May 13th, 1913, at 11 a.m. punctually, in the Lecture Theatre of the Mining Institute of Newcastle-on-Tyne.

The morning sitting will be adjourned from 1 p.m. till 2.30 p.m., from which hour the Council will sit, if necessary, until 5.30 p.m.

The Standing Committee will meet previously at 9.45 a.m. in the same room.

N.B.—The Mining Institute is situate in Neville Street, at the corner of Orchard Street, midway between the railway station and the Cathedral, being distant about two minutes' walk from either.

AGENDA 1913.

1. Minutes of the last Meeting.
2. Statement of Accounts and of Sales of Publications.
3. Election of Honorary Members.
4. Introduction of New Members to the President.
5. Report as to the Resolution passed last year against the Welsh Church Bill.
6. To receive and discuss the Reports of the following Committees:
 - (a) Peal Collection.
 - (b) Literature.
 - (c) Legitimate Methods.
 - (d) Peals: Analysis.
 - (e) Towers and Belfries.
 To discuss the following:—
7. The possibility of an unfavourable change in the attitude of the general public towards bell ringing as a result of the increasing number of peals annually rung.
8. That the Council is of opinion that Superlative Surprise Royal, as published by Shipway, is the same method as Superlative Surprise Major.
9. That the Ladies' Guild of Change Ringers should be represented on the Council, and, if thought well, to move a resolution on the subject.
10. To call renewed attention to the Council's recommendation passed in 1902, and incorporated in "Rules and Decisions," to the effect that not less than seven days' notice shall be given in the columns of the ringing papers stating the tower, day and hour at which any attempt is to be made to surpass any previous peal.
11. To fix the place of meeting for next year.
12. Other business, if any.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES,
Hon. Secretary.

The President of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association of Change Ringers, Mr. C. L. Routledge, of 62, Jesmond Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne, announces the following arrangements, which he has most kindly made with a view to furthering the comfort and enjoyment of those attending the Council. Anyone needing further help or information is requested to communicate with him.

On Monday, May 12th, a room has been reserved in the County Hotel, facing the Central Station, from 7 p.m., for the reception and entertainment of representatives and friends on their arrival. Visitors should ask at the hotel office for the "Prince of Wales' Room." There will be handbells and music.

Visitors able to be present at the Whitsuntide meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Association at North Shields and Whitley Bay will be heartily welcomed and entertained by the members. Formal notice of this meeting appears in the columns of this paper.

Arrangements will be made for a Central Council peal on the ten bells at Newcastle Cathedral on Monday, May 12th, at 5.30 p.m. Tenor 37 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.

Peals will be arranged for those spending the week-end in the district if they will kindly send in their names in good time.

Previous to the soiree and conversazione, which will be held as usual from 9 to 11 p.m. on Tuesday evening, at the County Hotel, there will be a smoking concert at 7.30 p.m. in the same hotel, to which all visitors and friends are invited.

Endeavours will be made to obtain rooms (private or hotel) for those writing in advance for them.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

Solihull has ever been a favourite rendezvous of Birmingham ringers, mainly, of course, because the church boasts an excellent ring of ten with a full-breathed tenor of about 19 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt., and partly because it is an exceedingly pretty old-world town, standing only about 7 miles from Birmingham, and well served by the G.W.R.

Here, then, it was decided to hold the first quarterly meeting of the year, and members foregathered for that purpose on Saturday last, when the clerk of the weather served up one of the most disagreeable days it is possible to experience in this month of April, and only four days from the end, too. However, as one member pointed out, it did not rain in the belfry, nor yet in the Mason's Arms Hotel, where tea was arranged, so there was at least something to be thankful for.

A framed record in the belfry brings home to one the lengthy connection that has obtained between the St. Martin's Guild and Solihull bells. It records the fact that on October 8th, 1786, a "Compleat peal of Bob Major" was rung by the St. Martin's "Youths," in 3 hrs. 10 mins. (5184 changes). The band stood as follows: John Haycock treble, Ed. Harcourt 2, Wm. Bennett 3, John Barton 4, John Black 5, Wm. Coton 6, John Mackenzie 7, Saml. Lawrence tenor. Composed and called by Saml. Lawrence.

The last-named "Youth" turned the scales at something over 20 stone, and it would be interesting to know how long it took him to walk to the station. On second thoughts, we are inclined to believe that the railway did not run to Solihull in 1786, although it is alleged that some of the rolling stock was built in that year!

A substantial tea was provided by Host Walker, and it was noticed that two or three of the company were evidently under the impression that, although they were not so heavy as Sam Lawrence when they sat down, they might, with a little perseverance, be quite as heavy when they got up!

The business meeting followed, when the tower elections of six new members were duly ratified, and Yardley was decided upon as the place of the next meeting. Other routine business being disposed of, the belfry was again visited, the bells being kept going in various methods till about 9.30.

BELLS REHUNG AT SOUTHAM.

At the invitation of the Rev. J. Hart Davies (the Rector) and Mr. John Oldham (churchwarden), six members of the St. Michael's Society, Stoke Coventry, visited Southam on Saturday week to take part in the re-opening of the bells, which have been rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., at the expense of the Oldham family, as a memorial to a deceased sister. Provision has been made in the iron frame for two trebles, and Messrs. Taylor are to be congratulated upon the way in which the restoration has been carried out.

The Stoke Coventry men, taking advantage of the gloriously fine weather, made the 13 miles journey upon their iron steeds, and after a pleasant ride, rang a six-score of Grandsire Doubles prior to the dedication service. Immediately after the service an attempt was made for a peal of Minor in three methods, but a shift course occurred after eighteen minutes' ringing. Nothing daunted, another start was made, and this time success attended the efforts of the band, the peal being rung, as recorded last week, in 2 hrs. 57 mins.—Subsequently the band were entertained by Mr. Oldham to a sumptuous repast.

A REIGATE RINGER'S DEATH.

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death of Mr. Henry Reeves, of Reigate, after a long illness, at the age of 44 years. Deceased joined the Reigate Borough Police Force and the Parish Church Ringing Society about 19 years ago, having previously served eight years in the Grenadier Guards, in which he rose to the rank of sergeant, being at the time of his discharge, signalling instructor to the battalion.

The funeral took place at Reigate Parish Church, and was attended by a large number of friends and members of the police force. The officiating clergyman was the Rev. F. J. Cutts, and the choir, of which deceased's son is a member, was present, the hymn, "Now the labourer's task is o'er," being sung. There were a number of beautiful wreaths, among them one with a hanging purple bell in the centre, inscribed, "With deep sympathy from his brother ringers of the Parish Church." The bells were rung, muffled, 270 Grandsire Caters, composed by deceased, being rung after the funeral.

Mr. Reeves was a keen ringer and conductor, and had rung about 80 peals from Doubles to Royal. He will be greatly missed in the Southern Branch of the Surrey Association.

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Kent Treble Bob Maximus by the College Youths.
Stedman Cinques by the Middlesex Association.
Cambridge Surprise Maximus by the College Youths.
Stedman Cinques by the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, on May 11th, 1912.
Stedman Cinques by the Middlesex Association, June 1st.
Stedman Cinques by Royal Cumberland Youths, Sept. 17th.
Kent Treble Bob Maximus by the Kent Association, December 7th, 1912.

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OUR ILLUSTRATION.

COUNTY CRICKETER AND BELLRINGER.

Among the Exercise there are many men who excel in other things besides ringing, but Mr. George C. Collins, whose photograph we publish this week, holds the distinction of being, perhaps, the only first class cricketer who is a bellringer in this country. In cricket he is engaged as a professional for the county of Kent, and, as a ringer, he is a member of the Kent Association, being attached to the Milton-next-Gravesend Tower, which possesses a fine peal of six.

Mr. Collins was born at Gravesend in 1890, his father being Mr. Chris. Collins, once the famous cricketer for Kent, now the well known athletic outfitter of Gravesend,



MR. GEORGE COLLINS.

and for many years the groundsman at the famous "Bat and Ball" County Ground in that town. Young George was thus practically born into cricket, and from his young days evinced a desire for that pastime. At the early age of 16 he was engaged by the Kent authorities, and soon proved a "worthy son of a worthy sire." By his consistent form he retained his place in the county 2nd XI, and developed into a first class batsman. Now 23 years of age, he is a fine specimen of an athlete, weighing over 14 stones, yet as nimble as the proverbial kitten, a left-handed batsman, and generally sent to take first "knock" at the bowling.

With such an array of talent at the disposal of the Kent Club George Collins did not get much chance to shine as a member of the 1st XI, but last year was undoubtedly his

best, in spite of it being such a wet season. Singularly enough his first appearance on Kentish soil last year in first class matches was at his home, at the "Bat and Ball," against Essex, but he did not fulfil local expectations, undoubtedly owing to nervousness. He also played against Essex at Leyton, and scored 59, and at Dudley v. Worcester he scored 45. Although failing against Yorkshire and Gloucester, he accomplished his finest performance of the season against Northants, when, in the second innings, he stayed almost through the innings, and by defensive play scored 80 out of 180. In first team matches he was eighth on the list, his analysis being :—

7 matches, 9 innings, 213 runs, average 23.66.

In the 2nd XI matches Mr. Collins was easily top for county matches with an analysis of :—

9 matches, 370 runs, 107 highest score, average 41.11.

Mr. Collins started his ringing career four years ago in company with two of the members of the present Milton band, and in 1910 rang a peal of Grandsire Doubles. He did very little ringing until the close of last cricket season, although he made an occasional appearance in the belfry during the winter months of 1911-12, when he joined the Kent Association. When he returned to his native hearth in October of last year he took seriously to ringing again, and rang his first peal of Minor, in four methods, at the end of November. On Easter Monday he piloted the treble through a peal in seven methods, this being the first by a local band in seven methods, and on Primrose Day, as recorded in another column, he also rang the treble to a peal in ten methods, this being the first credited to the Kent Association in that number of methods. In addition to these three peals he has rung 30 720's in ten different methods since the beginning of November, thus proving he can "handle the rope" as well as "wield the willow." Mr. Collins is this week leaving Milton to again fight his way into the Kent eleven. We are sure that every ringer will be proud to see the cricketer-ringer gain a permanent position in the team, and that he will be assured of a hearty welcome in the belfry of any town to which his cricketing duties may carry him during the summer months. An interesting coincidence in Mr. Collins' cricket career last season is worth recording. While completing his best performance of the year, mentioned above, at Northampton, he heard the bells ringing merrily, and on turning to the back numbers of "The Ringing World" we find that on that very day, Tuesday, June 11th, the Northants band were ringing a peal of Superlative Surprise. In spite of George's splendid effort Northants scored a win over Kent.

ODD CHANGES.

Members of the Central Council who are in the north on Whit-Monday will receive a cordial welcome at the Durham and Newcastle Association meeting at North Shields, and at the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association's meeting at Ripon.

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The mention, in our illustration, of the fact that Mr. George Collins, of Milton-next-Gravesend, is probably the only bellringer who is also a county cricketer, recalls the fact that one great cricketer, no less a celebrity than M. A. Noble, the Australian captain, was a ringer, and received a welcome in many a tower in this country during one of his tours in England.

A correspondent inquires for instances (if any) in the Midlands or South of bells hung with iron stocks and with cannons on. If there are any such cases perhaps our readers will forward particulars.

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There was some splendid ringing at St. Paul's Cathedral last Saturday, when an attempt was made for a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus on this noble ring of bells. Unfortunately the peal came to grief after about two hours.

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Mr. W. McCaffrey, who has just completed 56 years as a ringer at Trowbridge Parish Church, has been presented with a handsome marble clock by his fellow-ringers and friends. The presentation took place on his 70th birthday.

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Hearty congratulations to that veteran, Mr. Isaac Geo. Shade, of Greenwich, who on Saturday rang his 1,000th peal. Mr. Shade is one of the links with a past generation of great ringers, but he is as keen and as enthusiastic as ever. Despite advancing years he is still game for a record length, and in several of the records which stand today he took part. He was one of the company that rang the clock round at Loughborough four years ago, and only last Whit-Monday was one of the band that accomplished the 15,000 of Bristol at Hornchurch.

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Only two ringers had previously reached four figures in peals, namely, the late Rev. F. E. Robinson and Mr. Wm. Pye. We wonder whether at some future date it will be possible to get together for a peal a band all of whom have rung a thousand peals? It may be; for there are several men well on the way.

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The new 2nd bell at St. Martin's Church, Birmingham, is to be dedicated on Saturday, May 10th.

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Mr. Frederick Dench, the well known composer, has removed to Chesterton, Cambridge, after residing for 17 years in London.

A STAFFORD CYCLE RUN.

Norton Canes, situated two miles from Cannock, and just off the Watling Street, was the venue for the first cycling run of the year in connection with the society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. Unfortunately, the wind and rain caused all but two—from Bloxwich and Rushall towers—to forego their intention of taking part in the run. Many more cyclists, proceeding along the level against the wind, were pushing rather than riding their machines. After some waiting at the tower three of the Cannock ringers arrived on foot, and, the small party of visitors being augmented by two of the local men, the bells were raised. After nearly half-an-hour's ringing, the tenor clapper, which had been "attended to" by the local blacksmith, came to grief, and thus terminated a very brief meeting. Lest the meeting should be considered more or less of a failure, the writer would like to mention that the names of two probationers from Cannock were handed in for election at the next quarterly meeting, and the leader of the Norton Canes band announced that he was of opinion that he and his band would now like to rejoin the society, seeing that the society had begun to take some interest in them by organising "runs" to their tower. The next run takes place to Rugeley on May 17th.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.

A well-attended meeting of the Eastern Division was held at Waldron on Saturday week. Members turned up from the various towers in the county, and good practice was had in the standard methods during the afternoon and evening. The ringers attended shortened evensong in the church, the Rev. W. J. Humble-Crofts (the Rector) officiating. The Rector also presided at the tea and meeting, which followed in the Foxhunt Hall Institute. A hearty vote of thanks, on the proposition of Councillor Hill (of St. Leonards-on-Sea), was accorded Mr. Humble-Crofts for the use of the bells, arranging the service, and for providing such an excellent tea.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

DATE OF ANNUAL MEETING CHANGED.

A quarterly meeting was held at Sutton Coldfield last Saturday, and a very wet day no doubt kept many members away. However, about twenty-four members sat down to tea in the Church House, representing the following places: Rugby, Coventry, Allesley, Nuneaton, Boldmere, Erdington, Sutton Coldfield and Stratford-on-Avon. Evensong was held in the church at 5.0 p.m., conducted by the Rector, who also gave a short address.

The business meeting was held after tea, presided over by the Rector. After the election of members had been proceeded with, it was decided to hold a meeting at Dunchurch—where the bells have just been rehung—in May, and at Wolvey in June.

The Hon. Secretary mentioned that there would be difficulties in the way of his attending the annual meeting, if held in July, and suggested that it might be transferred to June this year, as the rule allowed it. The members agreed to this, and June 28th was selected as the date, other things being equal. The meeting proposed for Wolvey in June was in that case to be carried over to July.

Mr. T. Bloore proposed that a very hearty vote of thanks be accorded Canon Barnard for his kind permission to ring, and, not least, for his welcome and hospitality to the Guild, which were much appreciated. This was carried with acclamation, and Canon Barnard briefly replied.

The following methods were rung during the afternoon and evening. Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Double Norwich Major.

THE CUMBERLANDS AT WEST HAM.

The first quarterly meeting of the year was held at All Saints', West Ham, on Saturday, and was well attended by members and friends of the district. The bells were raised at 3.30, and touches of Stedman Caters, Grandsire Caters, Treble Ten, and a course of Cambridge and Superlative Major were brought round before the tea interval. An adjournment was then made to the Meeson Hall, where twenty sat down to a capital tea. The Master (Mr. J. Parker) presided at the meeting which followed, when the election of the following members was ratified: Mr. T. H. Hawkins, of Deptford, and Mr. A. H. Winch, of Leatherhead.—Mr. G. Paice proposed that the next meeting be held at Loughton, but it having been stated that the bells were not in a satisfactory condition, Hillingdon and Heston were proposed, and on being put to the meeting, Hillingdon was carried.—Mr. Neale then proposed that the officers be empowered to remove the society's property from the Bedford Head, as soon as a convenient place could be decided on, and this was carried.

The Master then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens, and Mr. Doran for the use of the bells. A return was made to the tower, and the bells kept going till 8 o'clock, the final touch being a well-struck course of Cambridge Surprise Royal—the first ever attempted by ten members of the society.

THE PEAL AT MARGATE.

On Thursday week, past and present members of St. John's Society, Margate, met to attempt a peal on the fine ring of bells in the tower of the Parish Church to celebrate the wedding and home-coming of Mr. Arthur H. Saxby, the genial captain of the local band since its formation in 1901, when the bells were so well rehung by Messrs. Taylor. The wedding, as previously recorded, took place at St. John's Church on April 2nd, and the peal was postponed until the return of the bride and bridegroom from their honeymoon motor tour. The company met at three o'clock, and after just under three hours' good ringing had the satisfaction of hearing the bells run round. The formal record will be found in our peal columns.

Subsequently a reception was held by Mr. and Mrs. Saxby in their new home, the ringers and some personal friends being invited to dinner. The evening was afterwards devoted to harmony, the music being interspersed by some happy speeches. Mr. Saxby alluded to the kind feeling that had always existed among the ringers, and had prompted them to give him and Mrs. Saxby such a handsome present (a silver-mounted rose bowl), a gift which they would always value very highly. They were both very pleased that the ringers should have scored such a good peal in honour of their wedding.—Thanks were accorded Mr. and Mrs. Saxby for their kindness, and wishes were expressed for their long life and happiness.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Southern Branch was held at Betchworth on Saturday week, 33 members being present from: Buckland, Burstow, Horley, Nutfield, Redhill and Reigate, and the local band. Service was held in the church, and a capital address was given by the Rev. T. G. Longley. Tea was partaken in the Church Room, followed by the business meeting.—Eleven members were elected to the branch, including the Vicar of Betchworth as an honorary member.—Burstow was proposed for the next quarterly meeting.—A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, for his able address, and for presiding at the meeting.—The Rev. T. G. Longley suitably responded.—Several touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob and Double Norwich were rung, and Buckland bells were also available during the evening.

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NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT RETFORD.

The 26th annual meeting of the North Notts Association was held at East Retford on Saturday week. The towers of East Retford and Ordsall were opened for ringing all day by the kind permission of the incumbents of each parish, but West Retford bells were closed on account of the unsafe condition of the spire and tower. A representative gathering of members attended from Anston, Blyth, Everton, Harthill, Misson, East Markham, East Retford, Ordsall, Worksop, Gainsborough, East Stockwith, and Doncaster. At the East Retford tower, touches were rung on six, eight, and ten bells, including Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob Minor, and Major, Grandsire Triples and Caters, and Stedman Triples and Caters, whilst at Ordsall the six bell ringers rang a variety of touches in Treble Bob methods. Upwards of 50 assembled at Howard's Hotel for tea, and at the meeting, which followed, the Rev. J. T. Mumford presided, supported by the Rev. Canon Gray (West Retford), the Rev. R. D. Foster (Ordsall), Rev. F. d'Arblay Burney (Harworth), Rev. A. Rose (Everton), and Mr. H. Haigh (hon. sec.).

The Chairman explained that the meeting was being held at East Retford instead of West Retford. It was the turn of West Retford, but the change was owing to the contemplated restoration to the spire and tower. The parish had to face a considerable expense in connection with this work, and he thought it would be a graceful act if a resolution of sympathy was passed with the Rector, whom they were pleased to see present. He was told that help was coming in slowly but well, and they hoped that this liability would speedily be removed.—Mr. Haigh seconded, and said the Rector was always glad to welcome the Association in alternate years, and they were always favoured by his presence. Canon Gray was one of the best vice-presidents. The members sympathised very much with the Rector, and regretted they were not able to ring the bells.—Canon Gray responded. He remarked that two engineers expressed the opinion that there was no reason why they should not ring the bells, but the advice of the architect had to be followed.

THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The committee, in their report, congratulated the members upon the steady progress that had been made during the year. They had added to the list of vice-presidents the names of the Rev. F. d'Arblay Burney (Vicar of Harworth), the Rev. A. Rose (Vicar of Everton), the Rev. W. Smith (Vicar of Tuxford), the Rev. F. W. Keene (Vicar of Misson), and the Rev. A. L. Phillips (Vicar of Blyth). The committee regretted very much to have to record the resignation as secretary of the Rev. B. Darley (Rector of Harthill), who succeeded the late Rev. H. T. Slodden, Worksop, and for 17 years was hon. secretary of the Association. This office he continued to discharge with zeal and success until the annual meeting on May 4th, 1912, when he declined re-election owing to pressure of work in his own parish. He is still a vice-president, and takes a lively interest in the welfare of the Association, and the members owe him a debt of gratitude for his services that is not to be measured in terms. The committee also regretted to record the loss, by death, of Mr. Robert Pindar, of Misson, a good, consistent, and highly esteemed member. The standard of ringing at all the quarterly meetings was above the average. The Everton ringers, after a lapse of almost 13 years, had re-joined, along with their Vicar, the Rev. A. Rose, so the tower was again at the disposal of the Association, and the Vicar desired an early meeting in 1913 to be held at that place. The list of new non-resident members include Miss Dorothy D. Steel, of Bedford; Rev. C. J. Sturton, Vicar of Orston; Rev. W. P. Wright, Vicar of Hemingborough, and President of the North Yorkshire and Cleveland Association; and also a number of performing members.

NO TOWER BELL PEALS.

The summary of performances for the year by individual companies was again meagre, not a single 5040 being rung on tower bells. Anston once more headed the list by achieving the distinction of ringing 720's in one hundred different Treble Bob Minor methods, including all the Surprise methods, and had never missed ringing for two services each Sunday for several years. They had had the good fortune to keep the same members together, with one exception, for 20 years, and their last addition had been with them 10 years. This was a proof of what could be done by constant practice with the same company. They had also broken their own record by ringing in 1912 over 80 complete 720's in 54 different methods. The Worksop company rang nine quarter-peals, viz., five of Grandsire Triples, two of Union Triples, one of Bob Major, and one of College Single Major, the two latter being their first quarter-peals in the methods, and the last named the first by the Association. Two attempts for a 5040 of Bob Major unfortunately came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. and 32 mins. and 2 hrs. and 57 mins. respectively. Two of the quarter-peals of Grandsire Triples were the first in which Miss Evelyn and Miss Dorothy Steel took part on extreme bells. The Ordsall company were successful in ringing a date touch of 1912 changes in two plain methods.

For individual performances, that brilliant young ringer, Mr. John Segar, junr., a member of the Ordsall tower, headed the list by two wonderful performances tapped on handbells in three and five different methods respectively. He had also, since the close of the year, outstripped these performances by tapping a 5040 in seven methods and

a 7200 in ten methods. Suffice it to say that the physical and mental strain required in tapping peals of this kind is enormous. The hope was expressed that the new church in St. Anne's parish, Worksop, the gift of Sir John Robinson, would soon be endowed with a suitable ring, and that the tower would become affiliated to the Association.

The membership roll up to the date of the last quarterly meeting contained the names of 17 honorary members and 129 performing members, total 146, a gain of 16 on the year. The financial statement for the year, ending December 31st, 1912, notwithstanding the fact that expense had been heavy, shows a credit balance of £8 19s. 5d. — In moving the adoption of the report, Canon Gray congratulated the hon. secretary upon the way in which he had drawn it up.—Mr. G. R. Winter seconded, and it was unanimously passed.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Bishop of Southwell was re-elected President; Mr. Haigh was re-elected hon. secretary; and Mr. Bailey, of the Worksop Savings Bank, was appointed hon. treasurer.

The appointment of a working committee was left to the different towers to send in the names of their representatives; and Mr. Haigh was empowered to appoint an assistant secretary to act for him in his enforced absence from meetings. He urged upon committee members to do their utmost to attend the meetings, and in case of absence to send a deputy. H. Hurst (Ordsall) and J. Booth (East Markham) were elected members of the Association.—The summer meeting was fixed to be held at Everton.

The thanks of the Association were passed to the incumbents for the use of the bells, and to the Vicar for presiding and the loan of the room.—Mr. Haigh proposed, and Mr. Stenton seconded, a vote of thanks to the vice-presidents, and Canon Gray responded.

A service followed in church. The Vicar conducted, and the Rev. F. d'Arblay Burney preached a practical sermon from the text, "For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?" (1 Corinthians, xiv. 8). — A vote of thanks was passed at the tea to the preacher.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

A SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

The annual meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held at Dudley on Saturday. Although the weather was cold, miserably wet and windy, over seventy members found their way into St. Thomas' Church to the service, which was held at five o'clock, and conducted by the President of the Guild (the Rev. A. Gray Maitland, Vicar of Dudley), who gave a very interesting address in the absence, through the illness of his wife, of the Rev. J. A. Price, Vicar of Coseley.

At the tea, which was held in the schoolroom, over 80 members were present, representing Blakenhall, Bradley, Brierley Hill, Bilston, Coseley, Dudley, Netherton, Oldbury, Old Hill, Rowley, Sedgley, Tipton, Smethwick, West Bromwich, Wolverhampton, Wednesbury, Walsall, Wood Green, and other churches in union, within a radius of ten miles from St. Thomas'. Mrs. A. Gray Maitland and Miss Ruby Maitland assisted at the tables, the wives, sweethearts, and other lady friends of the local ringers, who had been busy during the afternoon in preparing a bountiful supply of good things, brightening the scene by their presence to attend to the wants of the visitors.

An interesting business meeting followed, with the President in the chair.—Letters of apology were read from Col. Sir A. G. Boscawen, M.P., the Rev. H. H. Dibben, Rector of Brierley Hill, and Mr. Harry Mason, of Old Hill.

GENERAL PROGRESS.

The report of the year's work showed a great advance over last year in the membership, financially, and in the peals accomplished by the members of the Guild. The balance sheet showed an enlarged balance in hand.—The whole of the officers were re-elected, viz.: President, the Rev. A. Gray Maitland; vice-presidents, Col. Sir A. G. Boscawen, M.P., the Rev. H. H. Dibben, the Rev. S. J. Marriott, M.A., R.D., Vicar of Netherton, and Mr. Harry Mason, the Vicar of Coseley, the Rev. J. A. Price being added; Ringing Master, Mr. S. Spittle; hon. secretary, Mr. Herbert Sheppard; hon. treasurer, Mr. W. Rock Small; auditors, Mr. J. Smith, Tipton, and Mr. B. Gough, Coseley. A large number of new members were added to the roll. The place selected for the next quarterly meeting is the pretty village of Wombourne.

An animated discussion ensued upon the scheme for awarding the President's prize, given to the band in union with the Guild which makes the highest percentage of attendances for ringing at the Sunday services, morning and evening. The matter was ultimately referred to a committee consisting of one member from each company to decide, and report to next quarterly meeting.—Votes of thanks, to the Vicar for presiding and conducting the service, to the organist, the ladies, and the donors of the tea, and all who had assisted to make the meeting a happy one, brought another very successful meeting to a close. The bells were rung during the afternoon, but after the meeting, a request was sent to the belfry to stop ringing on account of sickness near the church, and was promptly complied with.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.—On March 29th, in 25 mins., 720 Bob Minor: *J. Taylor 1, H. Hastings 2, A. Roberts 3, *R. Green 4, H. Kettle 5, J. H. White (conductor) 6. *First 720.—On March 29th, 720 in the same method, with M. Harris 3.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. ANNUAL MEETING AT CHIPPENHAM.

The annual meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Chippenham on Saturday last, when about forty ringers put in an appearance, chiefly from Bristol and Swindon. The attendance of members from the Gloucester Diocese was practically nil, which was not altogether surprising when one takes into consideration the inaccessibility of Chippenham from a railway travelling point of view. In this connection may be mentioned the case of the worthy Master, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, who, in order to get back to Stonehouse by 9 o'clock, had to leave Chippenham at 5.40, and then wait an hour-and-a-half at Swindon. Then again these meetings are looked forward to as a day or half-day's outing, and when one is travelling for pleasure he has a rooted objection to paying full fare, but this he has to do unless he can get seven others to travel with him, when he can claim to travel for three-quarter fare. The Central Council must again endeavour to persuade the Railway Clearing House to re-classify church bell ringers. At present they are classed with brass bands, who, when they travel take their instruments and music stands with them, carriage free. The classification is, therefore, obviously unfair. The weather turned out wet, and this kept away those cyclists who had to come from any considerable distance, Mr. W. Hale, of Painswick, being one, but two from Marshfield who braved the elements, were welcomed, and it is hoped they arrived safe home without any ill-effects.

The meeting itself passed off very smoothly. The Master took the chair, and gave a brief report of the peals for the past year, the number being three more than in 1911, viz., 26, including the first peal of Superlative Surprise Major ever rung by eight clergymen, and the first peal of Bristol Surprise Major by the Association. The peal of bells at Cheltenham had been increased from 10 to 12, and on the preceding Saturday he paid a visit to Tewkesbury to attempt the last peal on the bells before they are increased to 10.

The Treasurer (Rev. H. A. Cockey) presented the balance sheet, but before doing so said he would like to thank all the branch secs. for the work they had done during the past year, and also for the improved way in which the accounts were sent in. It certainly seemed that the Association had now turned the corner, and that they were beginning to get the benefit of the reforms instituted a year or two ago. The balance in hand had increased from £24 to £38.—Mr. C. H. Gordon proposed the adoption of the balance sheet, which was seconded by Mr. C. H. Tomkins, and carried.

The officers were re-elected en bloc, on the proposition of Mr. R. J. Wilkins, seconded by Mr. H. Howell.

A total of 47 members were elected or had their elections confirmed. After the meeting, the members attended service at the Parish Church, conducted by the Rev. Canon Smith.—Tea followed at the Vaults, near the church, after which there was ringing at St. Paul's, by kind permission of the Rev. David B. Barclay, and at the Parish Church, where the bells have just been rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, everyone expressing satisfaction as to the "go." Among the many touches rung may be mentioned one each of Cambridge and London Surprise Major.

The wet weather caused many to start for home earlier than they otherwise would, but on the whole it was an enjoyable meeting, chiefly noticeable for the brotherly feeling displayed by all.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Luton district was held at Woburn on Saturday, when there were present 23 members from Bedford, Luton, Dunstable, Husbome Crawley, Oakley and Aspley Guise. The ringers had the pleasure of meeting the new Vicar, the Rev. R. H. Moss, who was given a hearty welcome, and thanked for the use of the bells. He said how pleased he was to be amongst them, and that he hoped in the near future to be one of their members. Other members present were: Mr. Charles Herbert, the pioneer of change ringing in Bedfordshire; the Rev. A. Rush (hon. sec.), and the Rev. W. W. C. Baker, President of the Association. The following methods were rung during the afternoon and evening: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Double Oxford Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise Major.

A short business meeting was held, the President being in the chair. Two new members were elected, Messrs. W. Peacock and C. Sinfield, of Husbome Crawley. Four members were elected for this district on the general committee: Mr. C. Herbert (Woburn), Mr. M. Lane (Aspley Guise), Mr. G. Healey (Dunstable), Mr. F. Nicholls (Leighton Buzzard).—It was proposed to hold a joint meeting with the Bedford district at Maulden, on May 24th.—A vote of thanks to the chairman terminated one of the most successful meetings held in this district.

HOLY TRINITY, GUILDFORD.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Will you grant me space in the "Ringing World" to inform ringing friends, who frequently make the trip to Guildford to have a ring, that ringing at Holy Trinity is for a time suspended.—Yours truly,
B. CHORLEY, Hon. Sec.

NOTICES.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual meeting will be held at Ospringe on Saturday, May 3rd, 1913. Tower opened from 3 till 9 p.m. Divine service at 5 p.m., with an address by the Vicar. Tea provided at 5.30 p.m. in the Parish Room, Water Lane. Business meeting after tea. The Faversham bells will also be available from 6.30 p.m. Will secretaries of bands kindly see that all subscriptions are paid before the meeting.—E. Trendell, Honorary District Secretary, Boughton, Faversham.

GUILD OF CHANGE RINGERS FOR THE ARCH-DEACONRY OF SALOP.—The next meeting of the above Guild will be held at Whitchurch on Saturday, May 3rd, 1913. Ringing at 3 p.m., meeting 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Train leaves Shrewsbury 2.18 p.m.—H. B. Beckwith, Honorary Secretary, Ridgemoor, Shrewsbury.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Farnborough on Saturday, May 3rd. The bells will be available from 3 p.m. Tea in the Jubilee Hall at 5.30. All ringers will be gladly welcomed.—G. B. Edser, 170, Gipsy Road, West Norwood.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBY-SHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The annual meeting of this society will be held on Saturday, May 3rd, at Ranmoor, Sheffield. Church of St. John the Evangelist, 8 bells (tenor 15 cwt.), available 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., except during the business meeting. A committee meeting will be held in the schools at 5.30 p.m. to settle the fixtures for the ensuing 12 months. General meeting at 6 p.m. at the same place. The business will include election of officers for the ensuing year, presentation of balance sheet, secretary's report, etc., and a good attendance is particularly requested. Tea will be provided free to members only in the Schools at about 5 p.m. Visitors should take a Fulwood car from the City terminus, as these pass the church.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 11, Havelock Street, Sheffield.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at the Bear Hotel, Lewes, on Saturday, May 3rd. Luncheon at one o'clock. Members' tickets 1s. 6d. each. The Lord Bishop of Chichester will preside, and also at the business meeting to follow. Further particulars as to service and times for ringing will be announced later on through the post. Half fares—with a maximum of 2s.—will be allowed members attending, but they are requested to avail themselves as far as possible of the cheap fares.—G. Watson, Honorary Secretary, Vale Road, St. Leonards.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery.—The annual meeting at Midsomer Norton, May 3rd. Bells available 2 p.m. Evensong 4.15 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. All ringers, whether members or not, cordially invited.—I. B. Holmyard, Honorary Secretary, Midsomer Norton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—Next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Chigwell, on Saturday, May 3rd, 1913. Ringing will commence at 3 o'clock, tea, at usual price, at 5.30, business meeting after tea.—H. Rumens, Honorary Secretary, 32, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow, N.E.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Castle Cary Branch. — The next meeting of the above named branch will be held at Marston Magna on Saturday, May 3rd, 1913. Service in the Parish Church 4.15 p.m. Tea at the Red Lion Hotel 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—T. G. Vincent, Wraxall, Shepton Mallet.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chedzoy on Saturday, May 3rd. Service 4 p.m., tea and meeting following. Bells available from 2 p.m.—W. G. Sellick, Branch Secretary, The Cottage, Huntspill, Bridgwater.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Anne's, Denton, on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells will be available from 5 p.m. Meeting at 7.30.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Helmsshore, on Saturday, May 3rd, 1913. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is earnestly requested. — J. H. Haydock, Branch Secretary.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, May 3rd, at Lockerly and Tytherly. The bells of both towers available from 2.30 p.m. The Vicar of Lockerly has kindly invited members to tea at the Vicarage at 5.15.—James W. Elkins, District Secretary, 20, Culver Villas, Winchester.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The next meeting will be held at Renhold on Saturday, May 3rd.—John W. Barker, District Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's (6 bells) on Saturday, May 3rd, at 6 o'clock. Meeting 7.30.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorking and Leatherhead District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Newdigate on Saturday, May 3rd. Tea will be provided at the Crown Inn, Capel, at 5.30 p.m. Bells available: Newdigate 3 to 4.30 p.m., Capel 6.15 p.m. Short service, with an address, at Capel Parish Church at 5 p.m. All ringers will be gladly welcomed.—Rev. L. E. Burgess, Honorary Secretary, Dorking.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Castle Cary Branch. — The next meeting of the above named branch will be held at Marston Magna on Saturday, May 3rd, 1913. Service in the Parish Church 4.15 p.m. Tea at the Red Lion Hotel 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Marston Magna bells will be available from 2.30 to 9 p.m., also Queen Camel (finest peal of six in Somerset) same time.—T. G. Vincent, Wraxall, Shepton Mallet.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on May 8th and 22nd; St. John's, Hackney, on the 13th and 27th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 13th; Southwark Cathedral, on the 20th; St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 27th; St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus 7.30, all the others 8 p.m. — William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—A service for the dedication of the new second bell will be held at St. Martin's Church on Saturday, May 10th, at 4 o'clock. The Rector kindly offers to provide tea for those subscribers only who notify their intention of being present not later than Tuesday, May 6th, to A. Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Shore Church on Saturday, May 10th, 1913 (instead of Walsden, as selected). Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary, 13, Norman Street, North Moor, Oldham.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Whitechurch on Saturday, May 10th. Bells (6) from 4 o'clock. Service 5.30. Tea and business meeting at the Church Hall 6.15.—F. G. Hume, District Secretary, Oakley, Basingstoke.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Widnes and Framworth on Saturday, May 10th. Bells ready at 4. Tea at 5.30. Members intending being present please send word to Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Rochester on Whitsun Monday, May 12th. Service at the Cathedral 4 p.m. Tea at Victoria Hall, Star Hill, 5.30 p.m. Application for tea tickets must be sent to the honorary secretary not later than Thursday, May 8th.—Fred J. O. Helmore, Honorary Secretary, Canterbury.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Thrapston on Whit-Monday, May 12th. The bells of Thrapston and Islip will be at liberty for ringing from 10 a.m. to 11.45, and from 3 to 7.30. Service at the Parish Church, Thrapston, at 12 noon. Luncheon, with meeting to follow, at the White Hart Hotel at 1 o'clock. Members 1s. each. Non-members 2s. each.—F. Wilford, General Secretary, 149, Ashburnham Road, Northampton.

LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Birmingham on Whit-Monday, May 12th. Tea and meeting at Harborne at 4.30. St. Martin's (12) bells will be available at 12.30, and Selly Oak and Harborne (8) during the afternoon and evening. Gentlemen cordially invited. Will all wishing to be present at tea kindly notify me by Wednesday, May 7th.—E. K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 97, Edenbridge Road, Bush Hill Park, Enfield.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Walsoken on Whitsun-Monday, May 12th. Bells of Walsoken (6) and Wisbech (10) available all day. Dinner at the Bell, Walsoken, at 1.30 p.m. at 1s. 6d. each. Non-members of the Association are cordially invited. Those intending to be present at dinner must send me notice by May 6th.—C. E. Borrett, Secretary, 12, Grove Avenue, Norwich.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held on Whit-Monday at West Ham. Service at the Parish Church at 11.30. Business meeting at Mason Hall at 12.30. Dinner in the same place at 1.30. Members wishing for dinner must let the honorary secretary know not later than the previous Wednesday. Ringers desirous of using the adjacent towers either before or after dinner, had better apply to Mr. G. Black, Mayfield, Grand Avenue, Woodford Green.—Henry T. W. Eyre, Honorary Secretary, Great Totham, Witham.

EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Alfreton District.—A meeting will be held at Crich on Whit-Monday, May 12th. Bells (6) ready at 2 p.m. Tea at 4 p.m., 6d. each. All ringers and friends invited.—Fred Watkinson, District Secretary, 13, Park Street, Alfreton.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Ripon on Whit-Monday, May 12th, 1913. The bells at the Cathedral are available for ringing 11 to 12.30 a.m., 2.30 to 5, and 6 to 9 p.m., and the Parish Church bells, Sharow, from 10.15 a.m. Committee meeting at the Black Bull Hotel, Ripon, 11.30 a.m. Dinner will be provided at the Black Bull Hotel, Ripon, 12.30, members 1s., non-members 2s. 6d. each. Ringers attending the Central Council meeting to be held at Newcastle-on-Tyne that can make it convenient to call at Ripon will receive a very hearty welcome to this meeting.—T. Metcalfe, 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—The Whit-Monday meeting will be held at North Shields. Christ Church bells available all day except between 11.15 and 12 a.m. Committee meeting will be held at the Bath Hotel, Tynemouth, at 1 p.m. Dinner 1.30 p.m. All visitors will be heartily welcomed and entertained to dinner if they will kindly send word to the secretary before May 6th that they are likely to be present. — R. Stephenson, Joint Honorary Secretary, 2, Cleveland Terrace, West Hartlepool.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, May 17th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. The bells have been rehung and augmented to a peal of eight.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Northern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Willesden, on Saturday, May 17th. Tower open at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 8.15 p.m. All members and friends welcome.—J. Cornford, Honorary Secretary, 7D, Morgan Mansions, Holloway Road, N.

CHANGE OF ADDRESSES.—Mr. John Jagger, late of Bee Hive, Langley Green, has removed to The Wrexham (opposite Parish Church), Oldbury. Wines and spirits of the finest quality.—Mr. F. Dench has removed to 7, Trafalgar Street, Chesterton, Cambridge.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY. — Mr. W. Clayton, 9, Lodge Road, Wallington, has been appointed steeple-keeper at St. Mary's Church, and to him all communications should be addressed.

GRAND PRIZE RINGING CONTEST, at St. John's Church, Kirkheaton, near Huddersfield, on Whit-Tuesday, May 13th, when prizes to the value of £17 17s. will be given. For further particulars apply to Frank Hardy, Haigh's Buildings, Lepton, near Huddersfield.

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