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A NEW RECORD AND A PRESSING NEED.

One more record has been added to the annals of ringing. By their performance at Stoney Stanton on Saturday, that brilliant young band of the Midland Counties Association, who since the war have reached the highest standard in peal ringing, have settled, presumably once and for all, the longest length of Cambridge Surprise Major. Their peal of 12,986 changes is the limit obtainable in the method—until a composer can find something longer. We feel constrained to add this qualification, even though at the moment anything more than last Saturday's length is not believed possible, for we have in mind what has happened in regard to other methods in the past. The success achieved at Stoney Stanton is a crowning effort on the part of a band whose performances have been of no mean order, and they will receive the hearty congratulations of the Exercise.

This peal raises once more the necessity, upon which we have dwelt from time to time in this column, for an official record of all compositions, in order to set at rest any question of disputed authorship. In the case of this record peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, three well-known members of the Exercise are said to have laid claim to the composition. Each has indisputably constructed this record length, and their compositions, we are informed, although not identical, are so far alike as to come within the definition of a 'variation.' The ringers of the peal made an effort to solve the riddle without arriving, we believe, at a wholly satisfactory result, and they have, therefore, appended the name of Mr. E. Hims, who appears to have been the first to publish it. If there had been in existence an official record of all compositions, this question could not have arisen, because the first author to register the peal would be entitled to the credit, in the same way as a person who patents an invention or registers a trade mark.

Before the Central Council meeting last year we advocated setting up such a reference file of peal compositions, and the proposal got before the Council in the shape of a motion, but it was loaded with another scheme to put the onus of proof of peals upon the Council. This latter portion of the resolution was alone discussed, and, being defeated, dragged the other part of the question down with it. There is, however, a distinct need for, and there would be an important advantage in having such a record of compositions in the hands of the Council, for we believe there are many peals rung to-day under the names of new composers which were produced years ago. The men of to-day, however, have no means of ascertaining whether their figures have previously

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been obtained by another person, and the longer this state of affairs goes on, the more difficult will it be to remedy the omission. The Council is not overburdened with notices of motion for its Salisbury meeting, and here is one subject which it well might tackle. We are quite convinced that sooner or later this matter will have to be taken in hand, and the longer it is left, the heavier and more complicated will the task become.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 28, 1923, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, CORNHILL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 41 cwt.

WILSON RUSHTON Treble	JOHN EVANS 7
WILLIAM E. GARRARD ... 2	JAMES WILLSHIRE 8
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 3	ERNEST BRETT 9
HORACE BELCHER 4	THOMAS LANGDON 10
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 5	HERBERT LANGDON 11
PERCY E. CLARK 6	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL ... Tenor

Composed by CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by WILLIAM T. COCKERILL.

TEN BELL PEALS.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, April 21, 1923, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

WALTER TWIST Treble	† RICHARD INGRAM 6
† GEORGE MITCHISON ... 2	OLIVER G. NORMAN 7
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS ... 3	WILLIAM DAVIES 8
HENRY JONES 4	ALBERT E. NORMAN 9
BERNARD WITCHELL ... 5	* WILLIAM T. FROGGATT ... Tenor

Composed by W. KENT.

Conducted by A. E. NORMAN.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. ‡ First peal with bob bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Joseph Johnson.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 28, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirty-one Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	* HARRY OVERTON 6
* GEORGE R. JONES 2	JAMES H. RIDING 7
* RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... 3	* SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... 8
RICHARD T. HOLDING ... 4	* WILLIAM WEATHERBY ... 9
* HARRY F. HOLDING 5	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

2830† Composed by J. WOOD. Conducted by J. H. RIDING.

* First peal of Royal. First of Royal as conductor. Rung on the birthday of the late Mr. R. T. Holding, one of the pioneers of change ringing in this district.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 28, 1923, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

JOHN JAY Treble	JAMES A. HART 6
WILLIAM PELLING 2	* ALBERT REED 7
GEORGE PIPER 3	ROBERT J. DAWE 8
HERBERT RANN 4	BENJAMIN HOBBS 9
FRANK BENNETT 5	THOMAS DEADMAN Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal on ten. This peal was arranged to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. Rann, also as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Pelling.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.**CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR RECORD.**

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 28, 1923, in Seven Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 12,896 CHANGES

Tenor 14 cwt.

PERCY HARRISON... ..	Treble	HAROLD J. POOLE	5
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN	2	DET.-SEGT. H. G. JENNEY	6
E. HARRY STONELEY	3	HARRY BROUGHTON	7
ERNEST MORRIS	4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER	Tenor

Composed by E. Hims.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

Umpires: A. WILKERSON AND T. H. VALLANCE.

The extent of the method.

SWINTON, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 16, 1923, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At St. Peter Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5030 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

WILLIAM JONES	Treble	JOSEPH RIDYARD	5
FREDERICK GRUNDY	2	*THOMAS HOWARD	6
JOHN POTTER	3	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD	7
*DANIEL HOWARD	4	*WILLIAM COLLIER	Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH H. RIDYARD.

First peal in the method on the bells. * First in the method. Mr. John Potter's 100th peal of Stedman Triples. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar and Churchwardens for allowing them the privilege of ringing the first peal of Stedman on the bells, which was successful at the fourth attempt.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 19, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, JUN.	Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN	5
ERNEST CHEESMAN	2	JOHN WHEADON	6
WILLIAM J. WHEADON	3	HENRY SIMMONDS	7
JOHN S. MORTON	4	HERBERT E. ADDSLEY	Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE BENNETT	Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING	5
ALBERT A. FLEMING	2	*JOHN CROOKS	6
GEORGE PRYKE	3	WILLIAM T. LAST	7
LESLIE WHIGHTMAN	4	JOHN GOOCH	Tenor

Conducted by G. A. FLEMING.

* First peal in the method.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, April 20, 1923, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

*MISS NORA BIBBY	Treble	GEORGE H. RANGLES	5
WILLIAM BIBBY	2	HENRY C. COLLYER	6
FRANCIS BIBBY	3	CECIL RADDOON	7
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	EDWARD JENKINS	Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal. First peal in the county by a resident lady member. It is possible this may be the first peal rung this year in which a father, two sons and a daughter have taken part.

ROYAL WEDDING PEALS.

The following peals were rung in honour of the wedding of H.R.H. the Duke of York and Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE WESTMINSTER ABBEY GUILD.

On Thursday, April 26, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

At the Collegiate Church of St. Peter in Westminster,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 28½ cwt.

JOHN N. OXBORROW	Treble	JAMES WILLSHIRE	5
HENRY R. NEWTON	2	WILLIAM H. PASMORE	6
HERBERT LANGDON	3	JOHN W. GOLDING	7
HARRY R. PASMORE	4	ALFRED B. PECK	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by JOHN N. OXBORROW.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(ST. MARGARET'S GUILD.)

On Thursday, April 26, 1923, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

*THOMAS BENT	Treble	*CHARLES CATTELL	6
†GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS	2	EDWARD WHITEHEAD	7
*ALFRED BALLARD	3	†ARTHUR CATTELL	8
HAROLD J. POOLE	4	ERNEST MORRIS	9
JOSIAH MORRIS	5	†JOHN GRANT	Tenor

Composed by FRED H. DEXTER. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First of Stedman. † First of Stedman Caters. ‡ First peal. First in the method as conductor, and first of Stedman Caters on the new bells.

CARDIFF.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. JOHN'S GUILD, CARDIFF.

On Thursday, April 26, 1923, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

ERNEST H. HUNT	Treble	ERNEST COOMBS	6
FREDERICK SMITH	2	WILLIAM BOLTON	7
FREDERICK G. VILES	3	ALFRED PARNELL	8
GEORGE LARGE	4	FRED CHAMBERLAIN	9
WILLIAM HEATH	5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER	Tenor

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by F. CHAMBERLAIN.

Also a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 8th, it being his first peal away from the treble. First peal of Caters on the bells by an entirely St. John's band of Sunday Service ringers.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, April 27, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret, Westminster,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

WILLIAM H. HEWETT	Treble	CHARLES T. COLES	6
MRS. F. I. HAIRS	2	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD	7
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE	3	FRANK I. HAIRS	8
HENRY S. ELLIS	4	REUBEN SANDERS	9
*FREDERICK G. NEWMAN	5	JAMES E. DAVIS	Tenor

Composed by GEO. R. FARDON. Conducted by W. H. HEWETT.

* 200th peal.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.**NORTHAMPTON.**

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, April 26, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Edmund,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE PART.

JOHN MACKAY Treble	JOHN METHERELL 5
FRED WILFORD 2	BERTIE O. SODEN 6
*HARRY MARLOW 3	TOM TEBBUTT 7
WILLIAM ROGERS 4	SIDNEY J. LAWRENCE Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

* First peal on a bob bell and first attempt.

CARSHALTON, SURREY.**THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

On Thursday, April 26, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

ARTHUR H. PALMER Treble	*DANIEL COOPER 5
*MRS. A. W. CLARK 2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 6
HERBERT J. SKELT 3	†CHARLES H. KIPPEN, JUN. 7
AMOS W. CLARK 4	JOSEPH TALBOT Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First away from tenor.

KIBWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

On Thursday, April 26, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes, 3.30 P.M.

At the Church of St. Wilfred,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

W. BOLTON Treble	J. T. TAYLOR 5
A. MARTIN 2	E. LRECH 6
J. BOLTON 3	D. ILIFFE 7
WM. ADKINSON 4	F. STAMFORTH Tenor

Composed by E. MORRIS.

Conducted by F. STAMFORTH.

This composition now rung for the first time. This is the first peal by an entirely local band on eight bells at this church. First peal of Bob Major by all except the ringers of the 4th, 7th and tenor. The conductor's 50th peal and the first of Bob Major as conductor.

WINDSOR, BERKS.**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Thursday, April 26, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

*JAMES W. CROFT Treble	ALFRED J. HARMAN 5
†WALTER P. CROSS 2	†ALFRED BATEMAN 6
THOMAS SMITH 3	LEONARD STILWELL 7
WILLIAM HENLEY 4	JOHN H. CROPLEY Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.

* First peal. † First in the method. It was intended to be a local peal, all being Service ringers excepting Mr. Henley, who took Mr. Farr's place at short notice.

SOUTHAMPTON.**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Thursday, April 26, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

JOHN W. FAITHFUL Treble	REGINALD BROWN 5
GEORGE PULLINGER 2	†HARRY REEVES 6
*FREDERICK L. MURSELL 3	D. CECIL WILLIAMS 7
HERBERT PAYNE 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal. † First peal of Major. First peal of Bob Major on the bells. The ringers of 1 and 2 each lost an arm in the Great War—J. W. Faithful the left, G. Pullinger the right.

BRIGHTLING, SUSSEX.**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Thursday, April 26, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas a Becket,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*WILLIAM DALE Treble	ALBERT E. EDWARDS 5
GEORGE KENWARD 2	REGINALD E. LAMBERT 6
ROBERT T. LAMBERT 3	EDWARD MILLS 7
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. 4	GEORGE PONT Tenor

Composed by the Rev. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by A. E. EDWARDS.

* First peal on eight bells.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Thursday, April 26, 1923, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE M. KILBY Treble	J. WILLIAM FRUIN 5
SAMUEL D. BREEZE 2	ROBERT HOLLOWAY 6
CHARLES A. BROWN 3	HARRY KILBY 7
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 4	E. MAURICE ATKINS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Thursday, April 26, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

*RAYMOND PHILPOTT Treble	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 5
ERNEST WEATHERBY 2	JOHN H. B. HESSE 6
HENRY HUTTON 3	GEORGE W. STEERE 7
ARTHUR J. BARTLETT 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal of Major.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Friday, April 27, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5408 CHANGES;

JOHN E. BIBBY Treble	ERNEST PALMER 5
GEORGE H. RANGLES 2	WILLIAM BIBBY 6
HENRY C. COLLYER 3	FRANCIS BISBY 7
EDWARD JENKINS 4	CECIL RADDON Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (163).

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

BUSHEY, HERTS.**THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

(THE BUSHEY SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, April 26, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*FRANK STACEY Treble	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD 5
JOSEPH J. ALLEN 2	WILLIAM SEELEY 6
*EDWARD G. GUTTERIDGE 3	FRANCIS A. SMITH 7
†PERCY PARSLow 4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by M. F. R. HIBBERT.

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

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Thursday, April 26, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Evangelist,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb.

*HERBERT GREENHALGH ... Treble	JAMES W. WASHBROOK, SEN. 5
JOSEPH HALL 2	PERCY SHUKER 6
MISS EMMA TONGE 3	RICHARD F. DEAL 7
ALLEN F. BAILEY 4	WILLIAM H. SHUKER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK, SEN.

* First peal in the method with a working bell, also as a birthday compliment to Mr. R. H. Hall, father of the ringer of the 2nd, on his 84th birthday.

HAWKHURST.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 26, 1923, in Three Hours and One Minute,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 19 lb.

THOMAS ASHENDEN Treble	BENJAMIN BAKER 5
*GEORGE TALBOT 2	OLDER WAGHORN 6
†WILLIAM A. PENFOLD 3	GEORGE BILLENNESS 7
JOHN BLAKE 4	HARRY M. BATEHUP Tenor

Composed by A. E. SZERS. Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal inside and first attempt. Ringer of No. 5 comes from Frittenden, and the rest local. It was intended to have all local men, but Mr. J. Powell, having had to leave the parish, rendered this impossible.

SLOUGH, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BERKS BRANCH.)

On Thursday, April 26, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

*ARTHUR JOHN HARDING Treble	JOHN EVANS 5
GEORGE H. GOTTERRIDGE 2	CECIL C. MAYNE 6
WILLIAM HENLEY 3	EDWIN T. HOOPER 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	†WILLIAM WELLING Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH J. PARKER. Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.

Also rung to welcome two Bishops and other distinguished speakers attending the opening of a Missionary Exhibition at Slough the same afternoon. † 15th peal. * 1st peal in the method. First peal of Major on the bells.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 26, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM MORRIS Treble	GEORGE DENT 5
LEWIS A. CORDELL 2	HARRY SMALE 6
STANLEY CLARK 3	JOHN CORDELL 7
VINCENT TIFTON 4	WILLIAM WHEELER Tenor

Composed by J. PAGEZ.

Conducted by G. DENT.

First attempt in the method by all the band except the conductor.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

(AND ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY).

On Thursday, April 26, 1923, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

ALFRED KEEBLE Treble	JAMES M. BAILEY 5
GEORGE WILSON 2	JAMES G. RUMSEY 6
ERNEST S. BAILEY 3	*CHARLES SAMPSON 7
GEORGE BAILEY 4	CHARLES F. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

* First peal of London Surprise.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 24, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael, Garston,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*THOMAS JENNION Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
WALTER HUGHES 2	JOHN WILKINSON 6
THOMAS HAMMOND, JUN. 3	JAMES MARTIN 7
*CLAUDE S. BENWELL 4	EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor

Composed and conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the royal wedding, the band not being able to meet on the 26th.

CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 26, 1923, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At Christ Church Cathedral,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 30 cwt.

WALTER ANDREWS Treble	EDWIN G. BUESDEN 5
CHARLES W. BRETT 2	HARRY PARKES 6
FRED G. BRETT 3	COL.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. 7
FRANK JENKINS 4	MORTON PIERCE Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

ABERAVON, GLAMORGAN.

THE WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 28, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

FRED STONE Treble	RONALD ELLIS 5
ERNEST STITCH 2	HARRY BOYCE 6
DAVID LEWIS 3	ALBERT PITMAN 7
JOHN HAMMOND 4	JOHN WETHERSBY Tenor

Composed and conducted by A. J. PITMAN.

This composition contains 186 bobs and 14 singles, and has the 246-7's at back stroke.

SAMBLESBURY, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Thursday, April 26, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard-the-Less,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

ALEC MARTIN Treble	JOHN BAILEY 5
H. STANLEY ROBINSON 2	FREDERICK HARWOOD 6
JOHN T. BIMSON 3	ALBERT E. WOODHOUSE 7
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 4	EDWARD ARMSTRONG Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

First peal of Oxford by the Preston Branch, and by all the band except the conductor. First in the method on the bells, and first attempt by ringers of 3 and 7.

SHIPLAKE, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 26, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

OWEN W. PORTER, JUN. Treble	ERNEST NASH 5
WILLIAM G. WICKS 2	JESSIE HISCOCK 6
OWEN W. PORTER 3	GEORGE CLEAVE 7
CHARLIE SHEPPARD 4	ROBERT ALLUM Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE CLEAVE.

First peal and first attempt by 1, 4 and tenor. First peal of Triples by 5, also by the Service ringers of this church, who also are members of the St. Peter's Society, Caversham. The band are entirely local.

HEREFORD.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 26, 1923, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*JOSEPH W. DOWNES Treble	*GEOFFERY W. TAYSONE 5
WALTER S. EVANS 2	WILLIAM WILLIAMS 6
ALLEN GWYNNE 3	CHARLES EDWARDS 7
†WILLIAM C. JONES 4	†JOHN HUSBANDS Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

* First peal on eight. † First peal on eight with a bob bell. † First peal. Mr. Husbands is the respected steeple-keeper at All Saints', and he rang the tenor exceedingly well in spite of his 67 years.

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Thursday, April 26, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

*JAMES R. GRIFFIN Treble	JOHN WILKINSON 5
THOS. HAMMOND 2	JAS MARTIN 6
EDWARD CAUNCE 3	*SYDNEY F. BARNES 7
JOHN COOKE 4	HERBERT LUDKIN Tenor

Composed by and Conducted by H. LUDKIN.

* First peal in the method and first attempt. First peal in the method as conductor.

SIX BELL PEALS.

CALVERTON, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Thursday, April 26, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's with different callings.

Tenor 11 cwt.

HERBERT C. EDWARDS ... Treble	†WALTER W. BONHAM ... 4
EDWIN YATES 2	THOMAS C. TOMPKINS ... 5
*HERBERT E. TOMPKINS ... 3	ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... Tenor

Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT,

* First peal of Minor on an inside bell. † First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor on an inside bell. First of Cambridge Minor by conductor.

LECHLADE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 26, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 19½ cwt.

BASIL GUY Treble	HERBERT ACOCK 4
WILLIAM C. COSS 2	*GEORGE W. HASTINGS ... 5
VICTOR R. WILLIAMS 3	JOHN HOPE Tenor

Conducted by J. HOPE.

First peal of Minor on the bells. * First peal of Minor on an inside bell.

WINCANTON, TEMPLECOMBE.

On Thursday, April 26, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 42 six-scores.

B. BUDDEN Treble	T. STANLEY 4
*W. HALLET 2	P. HAZZARD 5
F. HAZZARD 3	F. WRIGHT Tenor

Conducted by P. HAZZARD.

* Major C. Hughes-D'Aeth, ringing-master of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, kindly acted as umpire and time-keeper, and certified it a true peal. The ringer of the tenor is only 15 years of age.

BARLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 26, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR,

Being 720 each of College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, Woodbine, T.B., Oxford T.B., and Kent T.B.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

A. HOWARD Treble	W. MANSFIELD 4
H. HOWARD 2	*W. F. SERMONS 5
W. A. TACK 3	R. HOWARD Tenor

Conducted by R. HOWARD.

* First peal of Minor, also first inside.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 26, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER DE MERTON,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford and Plain Bob.

THOMAS HARPIN Treble	MISS EVELYN STEEL 4
HERBERT L. HARLOW 2	CHAS. A. ROBINSON 5
CHAS. WM. CLARKE 3	WILLIAM STAPLETON Tenor

Conducted by W. STAPLETON.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRIDGNORTH BRANCH SUCCESSFUL MEETING.

The first quarterly meeting of the year in connection with the Bridgnorth Branch was held at Broseley, on Saturday, April 21st. It was the largest gathering since the opening of the district, members being present from Bridgnorth, St. Leonard's and St. Mary's, Stockton, Madeley, Coalbrookdale and Broseley.

The bells were started at 3 o'clock, and the Guild's service was afterwards conducted by the Rev. W. A. Warner.

About 40 ringers sat down to a splendid tea in the Rectory, kindly provided by the Rev. and Mrs. Warner. At the business meeting the Rector was voted to the chair.

The report and balance sheet for 1922 were read, and were highly satisfactory, a balance of £3 being in hand to start the year with.

On the proposition of Mr. W. Saunders, seconded by Mr. Overton (Ringing Master), the Broseley ringers were made members of the Guild, with the Rev. W. A. Warner as hon. member. Two other members were also elected.

On the proposition of Mr. Saunders, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rector and Mrs. Warner for kindly providing the tea, and for use of the bells.

The Rector said how pleased he was to have been at the meeting. He had greatly enjoyed it, and he would do what he could for the benefit of the ringers, and hoped now that they had joined the Guild they would soon become change ringers.

Mr. W. Saunders' band then rang a touch of Grandsire Caters, 'double-handed,' and then the visitors returned to the tower, where the methods rung included Stedman, Grandsire, Plain Bob, Kent and Double Oxford.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

QUARTERLY MEETING AT STRATFORD-ON-AVON.

It is quite a number of years since the Guild visited Shakespeare's historic town, 1909 being the last occasion, and a good number of members and friends availed themselves of the opportunity of visiting the grand old church and making the acquaintance of the bells, upwards of 30 being present on Saturday week from Berkswell, Birmingham, Coventry, Ilmington, Nuneaton, Stoke, Tredington, and the local band. They were met and cordially welcomed by Mr. Haynes, the leader of the local men, Mr. Wright, and several others who had everything in capital order, the bells and their fittings being evidently well looked after. Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung during the afternoon.

Councillor F. P. Lawson had kindly made arrangements for tea at the White Swan Hotel.—The business meeting followed, presided over by the president (the Archdeacon of Warwick), and the question of a printed report was discussed, the hon. secretary being instructed to obtain estimates.

Arrangements were made for the monthly meetings in each district, the hon. district secretaries being asked to arrange them in their own districts to the best advantage, Nuneaton and Coventry districts taking the first and third Saturdays in each month respectively.

A discussion took place respecting members contributing to the cost of the report, and ultimately it was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the annual meeting in July.

Four new members were duly elected.

A slight alteration of Rule 4, defining the qualification of hand-bell ringers as members, was carried.

The Ringing Master (Mr. A. Roberts) moved a hearty vote of thanks to Canon Melville for the use of the bells, and expressed the hope that the interval between this and the next meeting at Stratford would be much shorter than the time that had elapsed since the last.—The Archdeacon seconded, and at the outset regretted it was not possible to have the Guild's service in church. He congratulated the hon. secretary on being able, at the first attempt, to get the right side of Canon Melville, succeeding where he himself had failed. He stated he knew previous applications for the bells had been persistently refused, but he felt sure if the conditions of the Canon's permission were carried out it would not be long before Stratford was again visited.

After tea some good ringing was accomplished, the methods rung being Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Cambridge, and Bristol Surprise.

THE ROYAL WEDDING.**A PEAL AT WESTMINSTER ABBEY.**

The Westminster Abbey band consists of twelve members, and as all were present at the Royal Wedding on April 26th, and wished to ring, a 504 of Stedman Triples by J. N. Oxborrow (conductor) 1, A. A. Hughes 2, H. R. Pasmore 3, A. Macdonald 4, J. Willshire 5, S. Andrews 6, W. H. Pasmore 7, J. Rumby 8, was rung as the Royal couple left the Abbey. While ringing rounds the band was changed, and the peal of Cambridge successfully accomplished, the bells thus being kept going for 3 hrs. and 50 minutes.

After the peal the band was, by the kindness of the Dean, entertained to tea in the Old Dining Hall of the Abbots.

Among the touches rung in honour of the wedding of H.R.H. the Duke of York and Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon were the following:—

SWANAGE, DORSET.—At St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,440 changes), in 58 mins.: C. Turner 1, R. S. Bastable 2, C. H. Tones 3, D. Hill Brown 4, A. J. Haysom 5, G. F. Haysom 6, G. J. Williams 7, W. G. Bishop (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all.

BAMPTON, DEVON.—On Thursday, April 26th, in 29 mins., 840 Grandsire Doubles: P. J. Lazarus 1, W. R. Scott 2, J. Bowden 3, J. Wood 4, Rev. E. V. Cox (conductor) 5, V. J. Burrow 6.

ALDERSHOT.—At the Parish Church, in 47 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss Nancy Denyer (age 13) 1, Miss A. Fisher 2, Miss B. M. Mills 3, Miss H. F. Mills 4, W. Denyer 5, A. J. Croucher 6, Qmr. Sergt. George Gilbert, R.E. (conductor) 7, G. Peto 8. All the above are local band and Sunday Service ringers. First quarter-peal by Miss Denyer, who rang exceptionally well throughout.

WASHFIELD, DEVON.—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), at the Parish Church, in 45 mins.: Miss G. Snell 1, F. Taylor 2, T. Arscott 3, H. May 4, W. Snell (conductor) 5, F. Balment 6.

SWINDON.—At Christ Church, Swindon, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,248 changes), in 50 mins.: H. W. Bishop 1, F. Lawrence 2, R. W. Hyner 3, W. Lancaster 4, S. Palmer 5, H. A. Heare 6, T. Townsend 7, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 8. Also a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,440 changes), in 55 mins.: H. W. Bishop 1, F. Lawrence 2, R. W. Hyner 3, W. Lancaster 4, G. Townsend 5, H. A. Heare 6, S. Palmer 7, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 8.

BROMLEY, KENT.—At SS. Peter and Paul's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: A. James 1, G. F. James 2, P. J. Spice 3, G. Durling 4, E. Mounter 5, G. Huxley 6, I. Emery (conductor) 7, H. Skinner 8.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—At St. Michael's Church, 504 Grandsire Triples: F. Springham 1, F. Bird (conductor) 2, W. T. Prior 3, H. J. Tucker 4, H. Champness 5, W. W. Tucker 6, P. Springham 7, T. Ward 8. Also 476 Oxford Bob Triples: F. Springham 1, F. Bird 2, W. T. Prior 3, H. J. Tucker (conductor) 4, H. Champness 5, W. W. Tucker 6, P. Springham 7, C. Ridgewell 8. Also 504 Oxford Bob Triples: F. Springham 1, F. Bird 2, W. T. Prior 3, P. Springham 4, H. Champness 5, W. W. Tucker 6, H. J. Tucker (conductor) 7, W. Wilkinson 8; and 336 Grandsire Triples.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—At the Parish Church of St. Mary, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, in 51 minutes: E. W. Day 1, J. Hare 2, O. Cannon 3, J. F. Foster 4, H. W. Else 5, E. J. Newell 6, L. Fidler 7, G. T. Croft (conductor) 8.

IDLE, YORKS.—Touches of Superlative Surprise Major, Double Norwich Court Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, Bob Major, Grandsire Triples and Stedman Triples, and 360 Violet Minor: H. Buckley, T. B. Kendall, F. Davison, H. Davison, R. Umpleby, F. Kilshaw, W. Feather, H. Foster.

FULHAM.—A peal of Stedman Caters was attempted by the Middlesex County Association and All Saints' Society, but came to grief after 1 hr. and 40 minutes' ringing.

ELHAM, KENT.—Two 120's Plain Bob and one 120 Grandsire Doubles, and a plain course of Bob Minor: E. Smith, J. E. Whinnall, G. Sheppard, F. Verney, J. Verney, F. Castle and A. Castle (conductor).

NORTH SHIELDS.—At Christ Church, two 720's Bob Minor, with cover, and 504 Grandsire Triples.

SHREWSBURY.—At St. Chad's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Cinques (1,276 changes), in 61 mins.: A. Griffiths 1, J. Griffiths 2, G. W. Jones 3, W. B. Kynaston 4, R. R. Pole 5, J. E. Lilley 6, D. J. Boucher 7, A. Short 8, T. Pritchard 9, W. Fairhead 10, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 11, E. V. Rodenhurst 12. First quarter-peal of Cinques on the bells and by all except the conductor. Also by resident members in Shropshire since 1799, when the Union Society flourished. All are Sunday Service ringers except E. V. Rodenhurst, who hails from Hodnet; also 315 Stedman Caters.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist an attempted peal of Grandsire Triples was lost, after 1½ hours' ringing: E. W. Pannett 1, E. J. Pannett 2, J. Carter 3, J. J. Lamb 4, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 5, E. B. Crowder 6, G. H. Daynes 7, C. H. Macklin 8.

ASHEAD, SURREY.—A quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 52 mins.: A. Dean 1, J. Beams (conductor) 2, G. Marriner 3, A. Harman 4, G. Cook 5, C. Read 6, J. Hoyle 7, W. Cook 8. Rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Next week we shall publish the Central Council's Analysis of the peals rung in 1922.

A unique performance is recorded in our peal columns. In a peal at Southampton two ringers took part, each of whom lost an arm in the late war.

The conductor of the record peal of Cambridge Surprise Major on Saturday (Mr. Harold J. Poole) is still some months short of the age of 21 years.

This performance stands out as one of the most remarkable of our time. A casual glance of the composition would be enough for most bob callers.

Although Mr. Poole's peal ringing career only commenced in July, 1920, he has rung to date 94, and has conducted peals of Stedman Triples and Caters, Treble Ten, Superlative, London and Cambridge Major, and Royal. He also rang in the 10,400 of Real Double Superlative, and a 13,440 of Bob Major, and has also rung peals of Double Norwich, Treble Twelve and Stedman Cinques. Not a bad collection in 2½ years!

This record length is one not likely to be displaced in Cambridge Surprise Major, for, as far as present knowledge goes, this 12,896 is the extent of the method.

The Ancient Society of College Youths must have a valuable possession in the plate of their certificate engraved by the great Bartolozzi. In view of the discovery, made after great search by Capt. F. A. Yorke, a copy of the certificate has been sent to the British Museum.

The plate was probably engraved between 1790 and 1800, but the figure of the century has been altered to keep pace with the times.

Twenty years ago next Friday, viz., on May 11th, 1903, the record peal of London Surprise Major, 14,112 changes, was rung at King's Norton.

On May 10th, 1777, the Royal Cumberland Youths rang 10,200 Treble Bob Royal at Shoreditch in 7 hrs. 40 mins.

Fifteen years later, on May 7th, 1792, the first peal of Grandsire Bob Maximus was rung at Southwark.

A long peal of more than a century ago, although not even at that time a record, was the 12,312 Grandsire Caters at Painswick on May 5th, 1817.

The first peal in Dorset, Grandsire Triples, was rung at Bridport on May 5th, 1887.

By an error it was indicated in our report of the death of Mr. W. Grimes that he took part in the long peal of Oxford Treble Bob at Debenham in 1892. Mr. Grimes did not ring in the peal, although he was steeple keeper at the tower at the time.

Peals are never certain until the last change rolls round, and it is certainly 'counting your chicken before they're hatched' to write the report of it before the ringing begins. A conductor in a tower in the South Eastern Counties, however, did this on the Royal Wedding day, leaving only the time to be filled in, in order to get the report into the local paper next morning. In this case the peal came off.

Mr. Richard Newton, of Boston, U.S.A., and formerly one of the ringers at Manchester Town Hall, was married at St. Paul's Cathedral, Boston, on April 9th, to Mrs. A. Nelson. In the evening the bride and bridegroom were present at a dinner of the staff of the Merchants' National Bank, and were showered with rice and confetti and good wishes.

Mr. T. E. Sone, of Harwarden, Buffs Brac, Dunfermline, Fife, will be pleased to hear from any ringers in Scotland.

Owing to pressure on our space on account of the many peals rung for the Royal Wedding, numerous peals and reports, as well as letters to the Editor, are unavoidably held over.

LONDON RINGER'S SUDDEN DEATH.

We much regret to record the sudden death of Richard F. Forward, which took place on April 24th. Deceased was returning home in the evening by tram when death took place. He had been employed for several years by the London County Council as a tram conductor, although he was a surgical boot maker by profession.

Mr. Forward was a native of Cranbrook, Kent, where he learnt to ring a bell, but it was only during the last two or three years that he had taken up change ringing. He was making very good progress indeed, considering that his opportunities for practising were limited owing to his duties. A member of St. Leonard's, Streatham, local band, he also met the Ancient Society of College Youths whenever he was able. All his peals have been with the tenor behind, and he was a reliable man in this position, whether on 8, 10 or 12 bells.

The funeral took place on Tuesday at Streatham Cemetery, and was attended by members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, who paid the usual mark of respect.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Third Session of the Eleventh Council (30th annual meeting) will be held in the Chapter House, The Cathedral, Salisbury, on Whitsun Tuesday, 22nd May, 1923, at 11 a.m. precisely.

The morning sitting will be adjourned from 1 p.m. till 2.30, 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.

AGENDA, 1923.

1. Minutes of the last Meeting.
2. Apologies for Absence.
3. Statement of Accounts and of Sale of Publications.
4. Election of Honorary Members.
5. Presentation of new Members to the President.
6. To receive and discuss the Reports of the following Committees, viz. :—
 - (a) Peal Collection.
 - (b) Literature and Press.
 - (c) Methods.
 - (d) Peals' Analysis.
 - (e) Towers and Belfries.
 - (f) Records.
 - (g) Museum Exhibit.
7. To agree a card of instructions, on the Care and Use of Bells, suitable for hanging in a Tower.
8. That this Council, meeting in the Diocese of Salisbury, in which Sir Christopher Wren was born and baptised, expresses the fervent hope that no sanction will be given to any further demolition of the churches, with which he adorned the City of London, and which bear such a valuable witness to the Christian Religion in the world's busiest centre of secular activities.
9. This Council recommends that first or record peals should not be rung for a Society outside the limits of that Society's area.
10. That the Peals Analysis Committee be asked if they can add a column showing the ratio between the number of Members, and the points gained by each Society.
11. To fix the place of next year's meeting.
12. Other business, if any.

E. ALEXANDER YOUNG,
Hon. Secretary.

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THE POSITION IN SUFFOLK.**IMPORTANT RECOMMENDATIONS BY N., ST. E. AND I. DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE.**

At a meeting of the Committee of the Norwich, St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Association, held on Thursday at Norwich, it was resolved to recommend the general meeting to discontinue the present district organisation in Suffolk, to change the title to the Norwich Diocesan Association, or the Norfolk Guild for the Diocese of Norwich, and to retain Suffolk members, whose subscriptions are paid to 1923, as life non-resident members.

A full report of this important meeting will appear in our next issue.

STEDMAN CINQUES.**ATTEMPT ON THE RECORD.**

All being well, twelve members of the Ancient Society of College Youths will attempt a peal of Stedman Cinques (15,051 changes), at Southwark Cathedral on Whit Monday, commencing about 8.30.

ROPESIGHT.

The seventh edition of this valuable work by the late Jasper W. Snowdon, which forms an introduction to the art of ringing, has just been published. It treats on the rudiments of change ringing, and carries the beginner by simple steps and lucid explanations, through the Plain Bob method to Major, dealing also with conducting and the proof of compositions. 'Ropesight' is still the leading text book for beginners. It can be obtained, post free 1s. 10d., from Mrs. Laura Snowdon, Cartmel, Lancs.

THE EXTENT OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR.**RECORD PEAL RUNG AT STONEY STANTON.**

The attempt by members of the Midland Counties Association for the record length of Cambridge Surprise Major was successful at Stoney Stanton on Saturday, the peal comprising 12,896 changes, being rung in 7 hrs. 35 mins. Congratulations will go out to the band upon their success.

It is possible there may be rival claims to the authorship of the composition, which we give below. Before attempting the peal, the band made efforts to decide the question, and have appended to it the name of Mr. E. Hims, who first published his figures in 'Church Bells' on February 28th, 1902. Other claimants, we understand, are Mr. J. W. Washbrook and Mr. F. Dench. Mr. Washbrook's composition appeared in 'The Ringing World' on April 14th, 1911. All three compositions are variations of each other, and the peal as rung is yet another variation.

12,896 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR.

By E. HIMS.

234567	5th's	O. I.	M.	W. & 4th's	H.
764532				x	—
427536	x			x	—
476532	x			x	—
624537	x			x	—
246537	x	—		x	—
462537	x	—		x	—
327564				x	—
743562	x			x	—
632547				x	—
276643	x			x	—
463572				x	—
324576	x			x	—
746523				x	—
637524	x			x	—
274538				x	—
742536	x	—		x	—
287534	x			x	—
672534	x	—		x	—
726534	x	—		x	—
754526		—		x	—
467523	x			x	—
674523	x	—		x	—
436527	x			x	—
364527	x	—		x	—
643527	x	—		x	—
376524	x			x	—
763524	x	—		x	—
347526	x			x	—
473526	x	—		x	—

The last ten courses three times repeated.

The extent of the method. Rung by the Midland Counties Association at Stoney Stanton, Leicestershire, on Saturday, April 28th, conducted by Harold J. Poole.

ANOTHER SPOKE IN THE WHEEL OF HISTORY.

By 'A FLAT.'

On Saturday last six good men and true, the pick of the regiment, attended by one lady and myself, boarded a bus which was a cross between a bun wagon and an undertaker's van, bound for that village of musicians and pigeon flyers, Stoney Stanton. Just to show the contrariness of the sex, the lady said, 'I hope they get it, just to stop some of them for a bit.' Anyway, the old bus functioned all right, and we arrived in time to hear our good friend the steeple-keeper getting the bells up. The church, which is a good example of what a church should be, is well built and well cared for. This also applies to the bells, which, despite having been in upwards of forty years, 'go' like fiddles. On being met by a friend from Nun-eaton, one of the kind who made ringers and ringing what it is, also a friend from the Battle of Bosworthfield area, whose ambitions are: (1) To climb the North Pole; (2) to ring the whole caboodle of Major, 'Go' was called at 1.50, and, although the beat was somewhat 'syncopated' for the first course, the ringing quickly settled down to near half-way, when the thought seemed to circulate through the whole band, 'Tread lightly by your grannies,' as they neared the fatal spot. Although the mainspring was on the 'great-un,' his understudy was in charge, and here centred the success of the peal, and further illustrated his ability for the task. Just one word aside: if only you will let the young blood go ahead and the old dogs follow in the van the seemingly impossible can be accomplished. This is the spirit the Exercise must harbour. But to get on with the peal, things went well until about 7.30, when someone refusing to dodge, made our bristles stick up. But the lad at the wheel steered a straight course, and rounds came up at 9.23, when

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our friend from King Dicks', Waterloo, remarked, 'Just a course of Bristol, I don't get any chance of practice for Major!'

After congratulations had been received, we adjourned to the Blue Bell—still amongst the belles. Joined by the father of ringers, Mr. H. Briggs, we proceeded to 'convivate,' but as there was only time for two courses before 'Dora' stepped in, we had to cut it short.

Still, some of them managed to call the host 'in and out at one' with a bitter.

Although the bells at Stoney Stanton are not quite a feast of music, such as 'O.A.B.' requires, they are nevertheless quite agreeable for a long length, and I am sure were no more tired after their effort than the ringers concerned. The aspirations of some of the band are not concluded, as they hope to accomplish 14,000 of Cambridge Royal, 18,000 of Bristol, culminating their performances with 25,000 of Stedman Caters at the Collegiate Church of St. Martin's (perhaps!).

GIDLEIGH'S ANCIENT BELLS.

The four ancient bells, at the old Church of Holy Trinity, Gidleigh, Devon, on the borders of the Moor are claimed to rank amongst the oldest in England. Two of the bells are pre-Reformation, the 2nd is dated 1674, and the treble is a Robert Norton bell (14th century), the product of the oldest known founder.

Orders have been given to Messrs. W. Aggett and Sons, Bell Works, Chagford, Devon, to place these bells in order, and to add another bell. The old bells will be removed to the foundry, and tuned without recasting. A new section of massive oak is to be provided to take the new bell, and the present oak frame is to be strengthened. The bells will be hung on Messrs. Aggett's patent adjustable bearings, and the work is to be completed by August.

SUFFOLK GUILD.

LARGE GATHERING AT WOODBRIDGE.

This new Guild is evidently going strong, not to say 'booming.' A large and enthusiastic district meeting was held at Woodbridge on Saturday, at which there were present ringers from all over the county, including Debenham, Helmingham, Ipswich, Grundisburgh, Hasketon, Woodbridge, Ufford, Marlesford, Leiston, Saxmundham, Kelsale, Friston, Framlingham, Blaxhall, Badingham and Otley. Ringing was kept going under some restriction, owing to the position of the bells in this high tower, from three to six o'clock, after which the rest of the evening was spent at Ufford. Many methods were rung, ranging from Grandsire to London Surprise Major. The meeting was much helped by the favourable weather and a desire was expressed for many and frequent district meetings all over the county, Helmingham, on May 26th, being the next fixture.

SILVER WEDDING.

On Friday last, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Johnson, of Hinton-on-the-Green, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. Mr. Johnson is well known among the ringing community, he having done much spadework for the benefit of beginners, and both he and Mrs. Johnson have a large circle of friends. On Friday every member of their family was at home with them, and naturally it was not surprising they were the recipients of some most useful presents.

To mark the event a handbell peal had been arranged, and a peal of Grandsire Cinques had been specially composed by J. D. Johnson for the occasion. This was pulled off in good time, and great credit is due to Mr. J. Hall for the way he rang throughout the peal, this being his first peal 'in hand.'

After the peal a happy time was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, their health being heartily drunk, and the hope expressed that they would be spared to celebrate a more important event 25 years hence.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

The first quarterly meeting of the Cheltenham Branch was held at Charlton Kings on Saturday, April 14th, when about 40 members attended from Leckhampton, Tewkesbury, Gloucester, Tredington, Leigh, Ashchurch, Winchcombe, Cheltenham (St. Mark's), Prestbury, Swindon, and the local tower. The service held at the Parish Church was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Edgar Neale, M.A.).

Afterwards the party adjourned to the Parish Room for tea, and enjoyed the hospitality of the Vicar and churchwardens.

The business meeting followed, Mr. Ballinger being in the chair. The Secretary read his report, and several new members were elected, including the Archdeacon of Cheltenham (Canon Gardener), the Vicar of Charlton Kings and Winchcombe, and the Rector of Alderton. Winchcombe was the place chosen for the next meeting, in June.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the service in church and his excellent address; the use of the bells, and also for providing the tea; as well as to Mrs. Fry, the churchwarden's wife, for kindly superintending the tea.

The ringers afterwards adjourned to the tower, when the fine ring of eight bells were kept going in the standard methods.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

A YEAR OF STEADY PROGRESS.

The 36th annual meeting was held at East Retford on Saturday week. Members and visitors from kindred associations were present from Anston, Barlborough, Blyth, Harthill, Harworth, Shireoaks, Treeton, Norton Cuckney, Tuxford, Sutton-on-Trent, East Markham, Worksop, East and West Retford, Ordsall, Wheatley, Lincoln, Sheffield, Wortley and Handsworth. The bells of three towers were at the disposal of visitors, and ringing was indulged in during the greater part of the afternoon and evening, with the clappers half-muffled, as a sorrowful tribute of deepest grief and respect to one of the oldest members, Mr. Charles Crawford, of Laneham, late of East Markham, who died on the 17th April.

Service was held at East Retford Church, where the Rev. G. E. Summers gave an excellent address to upwards of 70 ringers and friends.

Tea followed, provided by Host and Hostess Cooke, at the Cafe in Carolgate.

Before the commencement of business the Secretary briefly alluded to the loss the society had sustained by the deaths of Messrs. F. Hind, of Worksop, and Charles Crawford. In Mr. Crawford, he said, they had one of the best and most good-natured fellows the society ever had for a member. A band of ringers visiting East Markham always found a hearty welcome and kind hospitality awaiting them. He came into this district in the early eighties, when there was a dearth of ringers, and rendered good service to the association until his passing away.

The members stood in silence for a few moments as a mark of sympathy and respect.

The business meeting was presided over by Mr. F. Hargreaves, of Shireoaks.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. H. Haigh) presented the annual report and balance sheet, which were unanimously adopted.

The report stated that the year had been one of steady progress, although not a single 5,000 had been rung. A great variety of new six-bell methods had been rung by the Anston company, six by the young and progressive Barlborough company, a date touch in three methods by Ordsall, and five quarter-peals in three methods by the Worksop company, four ladies taking part in these performances—the Misses Barker (Ordsall), Taylor, Weaver and Winrow (Worksop); their indomitable spirit, and unbounded confidence reflecting the highest credit on these ladies, who had passed through the initiatory stages of ringing during the past twelve months. A hearty welcome was given to the following towers and members who had become affiliated during the year—Edwinstowe, Harworth and Sutton-on-Trent, the latter village having replaced an old peal of five bells by a new peal of six bells tuned on a new principle, and reputed to be the best in the association. With regard to the condition of ringing throughout the country, enthusiasm is being revived, and a rapid recovery is being made to pre-war days. The committee urge members to go in for quality rather than quantity, and be careful to avoid giving offence or causing annoyance to the general public by their ringing. The association stands well in efficiency, notwithstanding they have had a heavy year of expenditure. The membership roll up to the end of the year contained the names of 20 vice-presidents, 197 performing, probationary, unattached and non-resident members; whilst the balance at the bank and in treasurer's hands displayed a sum of £22 10s. 7d.

All the officers were re-elected, and the following new members were elected: Rev. H. R. Peel (Norton Cuckney), vice-president; Rev. R. F. Gould (North Collingham). Efficient members from North Collingham: Mrs. T. East, Miss V. Birkett, Miss E. Webster, and Messrs. J. H. Clayton, A. W. Broadbury, J. Handiff, W. Mitchellson, A. Priestley and R. Thompson. From Wheatley: J. Wright and W. Bainskin. West Retford: J. Skelton. Blyth: Charles Willington and J. E. Hind. Norton Cuckney: W. Newton, H. Upex. Shireoaks: W. Parkin. Harworth: E. K. Lidster and Arthur Hicks, making a total of 21.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the chairman for presiding over the meeting; to the Rev. G. E. Summer, Rector of West Retford, for his admirable address; and to the three incumbents of the town for the use of the bells.—Mr. F. Hargreaves suitably replied.

Votes of thanks were also accorded to the hon. secretary and committee for their services rendered during the past year.

The following methods were rung at the three churches during the afternoon and evening: Kent Treble Bob, London Scholars and Violet Treble Bob at West Retford; Kent Treble Bob and Sandall at Ordsall, where two 720's were recorded; at East Retford: Grandsire Triples and Caters Stedman Triples and Caters, Bob Major and Bob Royal, Little Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich Major and Superlative Surprise Major, a lady taking part in the Bob Royal and Grandsire Caters. All the bells were lowered in peal at 9 p.m., and another satisfactory and pleasant day ended.

The next meeting will be held at Barlborough on Saturday, June 9th, and will be advertised in 'The Ringing World.'

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

WEST HAM.—On Sunday, April 29th, at Holy Trinity Church, two 720's Kent Treble Bob Minor. First 720: T. H. Bill 1, A. Webb 2, F. Taylor 3, T. Vincent 4, H. Angell 5, A. Hall (conductor) 6. Second 720: W. Westcott 1, A. Webb 2, F. Taylor 3, W. H. Theobald 4, A. Hall 5, E. Smith (conductor) 6.

CHIPPENHAM.—On Sunday, April 29th, for morning service, at St. Andrew's, 1,008 Stedman Triples: A. Date 1, E. Perry 2, W. Hulbert 3, C. Lovelock 4, L. Ambrose 5, R. Pearce 6, F. Lambeth (conductor) 7, H. Powell 8.—For evening service, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Date 1, L. Ambrose 2, W. Hulbert 3, E. Perry 4, C. Lovelock 5, R. Pearce 6, F. Lambeth (conductor) 7, H. Powell 8.

BARNES.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, April 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: W. O. Stacey 1, H. Barrett 2, W. H. Stevens 3, F. Skerivington 4, H. Cook 5, R. Mackrill 6, C. Hunt (conductor) 7, J. Willmott 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. Hunt on the 25th anniversary of their wedding day.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, April 29th, for evensong, at St. Mary's, 504 Stedman Triples: J. J. Symons 1, J. D. Harris 2, W. Tate 3, T. R. Taylor 4, D. J. Harding, junr. (conductor) 5, R. J. Stone 6, E. J. Harding, senr., 7, F. W. Rogers 8.—On Sunday, April 22nd, for evensong, at St. Mary's, 672 Stedman Triples: F. W. Rogers 1, E. J. Harding, junr., 2, J. J. Symons 3, T. R. Taylor 4, W. Tate 5, J. D. Harris 6, E. J. Harding, senr. (conductor) 7, R. J. Stone 8.

TOTTENHAM.—On Sunday, April 29th, at All Hallows' Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Bryant 1, J. Thomas (conductor) 2, W. J. Ellis 3, S. W. Crabb 4, H. W. H. Strickland 5, H. Ellis 6, E. A. Hull 7, W. Patmore 8.

EASTBOURNE.—On Sunday, April 22nd, at All Saints' Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. T. Hibbert 1, W. D. Smith 2, F. G. Waymark 3, A. C. Pankhurst 4, G. H. Howse 5, G. W. Stokes 6, E. Gower (conductor) 7, T. Deadman 8. Rung on the anniversary of the long peal of Stedman Caters at Appleton, in which the ringer of the treble took part.

CROSTHWATE CHURCH, KESWICK.—For morning service, on March 25th, 672 Bob Major: W. Hogg 1, T. Wilson 2, Miss C. Grisdale 3, D. Usher 4, Fred Hogarth 5, F. Grisdale 6, T. Hartley 7, T. Hogarth (conductor) 8.—For evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss C. Grisdale 1, Miss L. Telford 2, D. Usher 3, T. Wilson 4, F. Grisdale 5, T. Hogarth (conductor) 6, W. Hogg (covering) 8. First 720 for ringer of the 3rd on inside bell.

HATFIELD, HERTS.—Hatfield Guild of College Youths.—On Saturday, March 24th, in 47 minutes, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by the following: A. Lawrence 1, J. G. Dunham 2, S. Honor (first as conductor) 3, H. Nobbs 4, L. Shepherd 5, D. Richardson 6, A. Shepherd 7, G. Richardson 8. This is the first quarter-peal by all except the ringers of the 3rd and 7th, and all except these two are under 20 years of age.

LONDON.—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields, on Easter Sunday, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 46 mins., 7, 6, 8 covering: *W. H. Howe 1, H. F. Putland 2, *G. Cowley 3, *O. Callan 4, A. W. Coles (conductor) 5, *R. E. Geare 6, J. Clifford 7, *H. Francis 8. * First quarter.

DENHOLME, YORKSHIRE.—At the Church of St. Paul, for morning service, on March 25th, 768 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. Denny 1, A. Bainslow 2, H. Atkinson 3, A. Smallbones 4, W. Foster 5, L. Rawnsley 6, M. Harrington 7, V. Bainslow (conductor) 8. Longest length for ringers of 2, 3, 4 and 6. Also 640 for evening service.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.—At All Saints' Church, on March 25th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. Smith 1, R. Lane 2, J. Hutchley 3, J. Saddington 4, S. Smith 5, E. Reader (conductor) 6.

LLANDUDNO.—On Sunday, March 25th, for evening service, at Holy Trinity Church a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. (1,260 changes): A. Westley-Jones 1, T. Barrow 2, T. Lodge 3, S. A. Cullington 4, S. Brown 5, A. Fairlie 6, G. H. Harding (conductor), Bath 7, T. Lowe 8.

WORKSOP.—On Palm Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 42 mins.: Miss E. Weaver 1, Miss A. Taylor 2, G. Gabbittas 3, T. R. Flint 4, H. Haigh (conductor) 5, A. Johnson 6, W. H. Dale 7, E. Clark 8. First quarter-peal by Miss Weaver. Also a course of Kent Treble Bob Major: G. Hardwick 1, Miss A. Taylor 2, T. R. Flint 3, W. H. Johnson 4, H. Haigh 5, A. Johnson 6, W. H. Dale 7, J. H. Brothwell 8.

HORBURY, YORKS.—At SS. Peter and Leonard, on Palm Sunday evening, 784 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: A. White 1, G. Hunt 2, W. Mitchell 3, J. Smith 4, G. Barstow 5, H. Rowley (conductor) 6, G. Pickles 7, R. Thickett 8.

BLIMLEY CASTLE.—On Easter Sunday, at St. Mary's Church, for Holy Communion, 720 Grandsire Doubles: S. Moore 1, W. Bennett 2, R. Harris (conductor) 3, O. Holford 4, E. Moore 5, F. Rolls 6. For 11 o'clock service, 360 of St. Dunstan's Doubles and 360 of Dream Doubles by the same band, with C. Holford as conductor.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Easter Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: H. Martin 1, T. Allbut 2, J. Eaves 3, T. Wilson (of Blackburn) 4, G. Ward 5, A. Moore 6, J. Mason (conductor) 7, Rev. S. G. Lavery 8.

DEATH OF WELL-KNOWN NORTH NOTTS RINGER.
AN APPRECIATION.

The passing of Charles Crawford, of Lancham, and late of East Markham, Notts, removes from the ringing district an interesting personality. His genial countenance was an index to his heart. His face was sunlit, and he was a pleasing conversationalist. He came into North Notts in the early 'eighties,' at a time when there was a dearth of change ringers, and settled down at East Markham as a farmer and miller. He was not there many years before he commenced to work with assiduous perseverance to have the old four bells rehung and two new trebles added to make a ring of six, and succeeded in teaching his own band of ringers, afterwards conducting for them a peal of 5,000 changes. It is difficult to say how many peals he had rung, but he rang his two first at Doncaster, under the conductorship of the late Thomas Hattersley, of Sheffield.

Although he was 67 years of age, physically he seemed to be endowed with perpetual youth. He rang his last 5,000 with the writer on the South African Peace Day, May 31st, 1902, a peal of Kent Major at Gainsborough. He had, however, rung several since, but no record has been kept.

He would cycle 20 miles for a 'bit of good ringing,' and always tell you he was quite a young man. The last time I rang with him, after his long cycle ride, was at North Collingham and Sutton-on-Trent, when he looked the picture of robust health. We planned many things for 1923, but 'Man proposes, God disposes.' The world seems to be divided into three main classes: those who will not work under any circumstances; those who work only when driven; and those who work willingly and do too much. Charles Crawford belonged to the last class.

You might at times disagree with his opinions, but he never left you in doubt as to his mental whereabouts.

To all bands of ringers who visited East Markham his hearty welcome and hospitality awaited them. His left hand never knew what his right hand gave away, and he was instrumental in helping many struggling villagers in their distress.

He broke a blood-vessel on April 13th, lingered until the 17th, talking most of the time of his dearest, cherished ringing friends, past and present celebrities, and then passed peacefully beyond the veil.

He was laid to rest on Friday, April 20th, in that peaceful, picturesque little graveyard of East Markham, beneath the sound of the bells he loved so well, and there we leave him 'Until the day breaks and the shadows flee away.'

H. H.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
SOAP AND WATER IN THE BELFRY.

In his annual report, presented to the members on Easter Monday, the Hon. Secretary of the Herts County Association (Mr. G. W. Cartmel) referred to the high state of efficiency revealed by a perusal of the peal list, which comprised one handbell peal (the first of Grandsire Cinques by the association), and 33 tower bell peals from Minor to Cambridge Maximus, the association being the first to have rung peals of Cambridge Surprise on all numbers from six to twelve bells. The 'Service Ringing Page' of the 'Ringing World' had also offered ample evidence of real progress amongst various bands. Most useful work had been done in all the districts, but in the Watford district the attendance at meetings had been small. The general secretary appealed to the members in that area to rally round their district secretary even if it entailed the giving up of football matches. The thanks of the association were due to the district secretaries for their splendid work.

After referring to the loss, by death, of Mr. John Dennis, of Knebworth, Mr. P. Waterton, of Tring, and Mr. G. W. Steadman, formerly of St. Albans, who died somewhat tragically as the result of an accidental shooting affray in Mexico, the hon. secretary went on to say that he was glad to notice that 'The Ringing World' had recently commented upon the care of ringing chambers. Although there are still to be found some in that county which were made the receptacle of the church's rubbish and unwanted furniture, yet on the whole their belfries were well kept. Every belfry should have its weekly sweep, and periodical application of soap and water. In many cases this could best be arranged by the ringers themselves or by arrangement with the respective Parochial Church Councils. The report concluded with thanks to the auditor (Mr. J. Prewett); the hon. members, without whose welcome financial assistance the association's sphere of usefulness would be somewhat restricted; and the incumbents through whose generous permission members had been able to indulge in peal ringing. There are still some towers in Hertfordshire where change ringing is not practised and it would be a step forward if some of these could be 'roped in' before the association enters its fortieth year.

PAIGNTON BELLS TO BE RESTORED.

Restoration of the peal of eight bells at St. John's Church, Paignton, will commence during the next few weeks, the work being in the capable hands of Messrs. Aggett and Sons, Bell Works, Chagford, who have also received orders for the recasting, adding to and restoring the bells of Withiel Church, Bodmin, Cornwall.

Messrs. Aggett hope to commence next month the work in connection with the bells at Stoke Damarel Church, Devonport.

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HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Holm Lacy on Saturday, May 5th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea at Vicarage 5.45 p.m. — C. Edwards, Dis. Sec., Great Brampton, Madley, Hereford.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at Stanmore on Saturday, May 5th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5. Tea in the Institute at 5.40, price 1s. Harrow Weald bells available after tea. — C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—A meeting of the above district will take place at Ripley on Saturday, May 5th. Bells available from 2 till 8. A good attendance is requested.—A. Braines, r, Clarence Row, Mansfield Street, Derby.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berkshire Branch.—A meeting will be held at Abingdon on Saturday, May 5th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Those who require tea please notify me by May 2nd.—Albert E. Lock, 6, Vineyard, Abingdon.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Wolvey on Saturday, May 5th. Bells (6) available 4 o'clock. All ringers welcome. — F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Speldhurst, on Saturday, May 5th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea after service, followed by business meeting.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE. — The Lancashire Association.—The next meeting will be held at Blackrod on Saturday, May 5th. Bells available from 4 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Western Division. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Barking Road, West Ham, on Saturday, May 5th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided for members who advise me by the 3rd inst. at 1s. each. Subscriptions for 1923 are now due.—W. H. Theobald, Hon. Sec., 49, Portway, West Ham, E.15.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Devizes Branch. — The next monthly meeting will be held at Market Lavington on Saturday, May 5th. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. Service 4.40. Tea 5, followed by short business meeting.—F. Green, Hon. Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes, Wilts.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at West Coker on Saturday, May 5th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, Hon. Local Sec., North Street, Martock.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Churchill, near Bristol, on Saturday, May 5th. Service 5 o'clock. Tea and meeting after. Bells (6) afternoon and evening.—G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford Street, Burnham-on-Sea.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — The annual general meeting will be held at Eastbourne on Saturday, May 5th. Ringing (at St. Mary's) from 2 p.m. Service (at St. Mary's) 4.15 p.m.; preacher, Canon Streatfeild. Tea (in the Pitman Institute) 4.45 p.m., to be followed by the business meeting. Other towers open after business meeting. Half rail fares (maximum 2s.) to members.—Rev. C. H. Clarke, Hon. Gen. Sec., 10, Silverdale Road, Hove.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION. — A meeting will be held at Kingsley on Saturday, May 5th. Tower open 3.30 p.m., tea at 5.30.—A. Vaughan, Hon. Sec., 26, Clarence Street, Newcastle, Staffs.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leominster and Presteign District.—The quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Kimbolton on Saturday, May 5th. Bells (6) available 3.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea 6 p.m. at the Vicarage. — A. Talbot, District Sec., Staunton-on-Arrow, Pembrige.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — A meeting for practice will be held at All Saints', Fulham, on Saturday, May 5th, from 5 to 8 p.m.—All ringers welcome.—Fred W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Meetings for May, 1923. — Sunday 6th, St. Clement Danes, 10 a.m.; Monday 14th, 7.30 p.m.; Monday 28th, 7.30 p.m.; Monday 7th, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 7.30 p.m. All welcome. — J. Bullock, Hon. Gen. Sec., *pro tem.* 56, Halliford Street, Essex Road, Islington, N.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on May 10th and 24th; *St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 15th; Southwark Cathedral on the 22nd; and *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 29th. All at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch. —The quarterly meeting will be held at Sleaford on Saturday, May 12th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Short service at 4.30. Tea and meeting, 5.15 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by May 8th.—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Ealing, on Saturday, May 12th. Ringing from 3. Will arrange tea. Also Hillingdon on June 9th; please let me know early for tea. — W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Western District. — A meeting will be held at Thames Ditton on Saturday, May 12th. Bells (6) available 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m., meeting to follow. By kind permission of the Rev. A. G. Le Masurier, East Molesey bells (8) will be available from 7 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Will those intending to be present notify me by Tuesday, May 8th? —Miss N. E. Shorter, Hon. Sec., Ferndene, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION. — Guilsborough District.—A special meeting will be held at East Haddon on Saturday, May 12th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea please notify me by 10th? —W. Bott, District Sec., Guilsborough.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting of the Bristol branch of the above Association will be held at Olveston on Saturday, May 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea 5, meeting to follow. Please notify me by May 7th.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Tendring on May 12th. Service at 4.30. Tea 5.15. All ringers will be entertained by the Vicar of the parish. Please notify me by Tuesday, May 10th, all wishing to attend.—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Port Sunlight on May 12th. Bells ready at 3. Tea and meeting, 5.30. Members intending being present please send word to Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Rawmarsh, Saturday, May 12th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea 1/6 each to those who apply to Mr. A. Mitchell, 76, Rawmarsh Hill, Parkgate, near Rotherham. All ringers invited. A good meeting is desired.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The Annual Festival will be held at Courteenhall (by kind invitation of Rev. A. Wake) on Saturday, May 12th, commencing with a service in church at 11 a.m. Ringers of neighbouring associations who wish to become unattached members will be heartily welcomed. Names must be sent in to me by May 5th. Annual subscription 1s. 6d.—R. A. Hornsby, Acting Hon. Sec., Green's Norton, Towcester, Northants.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brindle (bells 6) on Saturday, May 12th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock.—W. Taylor, Branch Sec., Tower House, Penwortham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch. The next meeting will be held at Didsbury Parish Church on Saturday, May 12th. Bells ready 3.30, meeting 7 o'clock. All ringers welcome. Cars No. 42 and 45 from Piccadilly to West Didsbury, then Cheadle motor bus to Didsbury Hotel.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District. — A Monthly meeting will be held at Sheepshed on Saturday, May 12th (bells 8). Business meeting after tea.—J. Saddington, Hon. Sec., 27, Chapman Street, Loughborough.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—The quarterly meeting will be

held at Church Stretton on Saturday, May 12th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—P. Lane, Hon. District Secretary, 19, Castle Street, Ludlow.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Arsley on Saturday, May 12th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, District Secretary, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Blackpool, on Saturday, May 19th, being the reopening after rehanging by Mears & Stainbank.—C. Sharpies, Branch Secretary, 3, Rutland Gate, Blackpool.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District will hold a business meeting at St. John of Jerusalem Church, South Hackney, on May 19th. Ringing from 3.30 until 5.30. Service after; and it is hoped that tea can be arranged. Ringing will be continued afterwards until 9 o'clock. All welcome.—E. E. Holman, Hon. Sec., 98, Cassland Road, South Hackney, E.9.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The 44th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, May 21st. 11.30 a.m., service at the Cathedral with address by the Rev. W. H. Pelham, M.A., Vicar of Terling. 12.15 p.m., meeting in Vestry Hall, New Street. 1.30 p.m., lunch at Hick's Restaurant, High Street, price 2/- each. Towers open for ringing during day: Cathedral (12), Writtle (8), Widford (8), Galleywood (8), Great Waltham (8), Springfield (6), Broomfield (6), Boreham (8); no ringing permitted during service and meeting. It is most important that notice of intention to be present should be sent to the Hon. Secretary not later than first post previous Tuesday, May 15th.—C. H. Howard (Master), F. J. Pitstow, (General Secretary and Treasurer), 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Whit Monday meeting will be held at Morpeth on May 21st. Committee meeting at 12 noon. Dinner at 1 o'clock, followed by general meeting at the George & Dragon Hotel. Dinner, 2s. to members, 3s. to non-members. The Watch Tower bells are available all day. Those intending to be present at dinner please notify me not later than Tuesday, May 15th.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival, Whit Monday, May 21st. 12.15, Service in Cathedral; Preacher, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. 1 p.m., dinner at Booth Hall, 3s. 2 p.m., business meeting, Bishop in the chair; 6 p.m., tea, 1s. Members intending to be present at dinner or tea must notify me by Tuesday, May 15th.—Geoffrey W. Turner, Hon. General Sec., Madley Vicarage, Hereford.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Annual general meeting at Cullompton, Whit Monday, May 21st. Service at Parish Church, 12.15. Dinner, Half Moon Hotel, at 1. Tickets, 2s., to be applied for before May 12th. Meeting, 1.45. Towers open: Broad Clyst, Cullompton, Kentisbeare, Halberton, Pinhoe.—E. S. Powell, Gen. Secretary, the Vicarage, Holbeton, S.O., Devon.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held at Llandudno on Whit Monday. Service at 2.30 in Parish Church, followed immediately by meeting in Church House. Those intending to be present please advise C. H. Jones, Hon. Sec., 33, Liverpool Road, Buckley.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District. — Will members kindly note the Hon. Sec.'s new address—57, Mellowes Road, Wallington.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. District Sec.

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