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PAYING UP.

Although the question forces itself very strongly upon association officials, we doubt whether the average ringer gives more than a passing thought, if that, to the financial affairs of his society. Certain it is that many ringers do not realise the importance of promptly paying their annual contributions. Several associations have recently drawn attention to the arrears of subscriptions due from members, and it ought to be appreciated that association work cannot be efficiently carried on unless members realise their financial responsibilities and discharge them—not, as appears to be the habit of some, a year or more after the due date, but when the time arrives for the liability to be met. The committee of the Chester Guild has had to bring this matter with some emphasis before its members in its annual report, and not for the first time, but its experience is by no means uncommon. A balance sheet of the East Berks and South Bucks branch of the Oxford Guild indicates that there is the same kind of failing in this area, and other societies find themselves similarly placed.

What is the remedy? Probably none, except to appeal to the instincts of fair play among those who seem to make an unfortunate habit of getting into arrears. The Secretary of the Hertford County Association, which is another society where dilatory contributors make the official work difficult, suggests that the members' contributions should be deducted when the belfry funds are distributed. This would be quite a good arrangement in towers where there is anything due to ringers in the nature of a share out; indeed it should be a first charge upon the funds; but in many cases there is no such distribution. Leaving the collection of the subscriptions to the local secretaries is not always an effective method, although the man on the spot ought to be able to do better than the secretary who lives at a distance.

The Chester Guild, we notice, has taken the step of indicating in the report those who have not paid their subscriptions for the past year, and this means of drawing attention to the 'oversight' ought not to be without effect. We think, however, that associations might deal a little more firmly with those in arrears. Their finances could not suffer—because they are already without the contributions—but it might save expense if the peals in which these ringers take part were excluded from the reports, for it is the printing of the peal records which runs up the cost. Then, too, if ringers realised they were to be excluded from the 'benefits' which are extended to paid-up members, it might also be an inducement.

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ment not to get into arrears. But this line of action possibly might not be altogether acceptable to some associations, as it would affect the nominal 'membership,' and, maybe, reduce the peal records to smaller proportions; but, after all, statistics are not everything, and a 'live' roll is a far more valuable asset. Perhaps, however, the importance of the prompt payment of subscriptions might figure with advantage in the forefront of the 'educational' work of our various ringing organisations.

TEN BELL PEALS.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1925, in Three Hours & Twenty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*JAMES BILBY Treble	*WILLIAM WEST... .. 6
JOSEPH T. DYKE 2	*WILLIAM KEEVILL 7
*RONALD BECK 3	*REGINALD BECK... .. 8
JESSE FRANCIS 4	†THOMAS M. GRIFFIN... .. 9
CHARLES ANDREWS 5	*WILLIAM ROSEWELL... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* First peal of Caters. † First peal of Caters away from the tenor. Wm. Keevill was elected a member before starting.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1925, in Three Hours & Thirty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

KEITH HART... .. Treble	ARTHUR T. VERRELLS 6
JOHN T. RICKMAN 2	ALFRED J. BULL 7
JOSIAH D. HARRIS 3	JOHN DEARLOVE 8
MRS. F. I. HAIRS 4	WILLIAM C. HART 9
FRANK I. HAIRS 5	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1925, in Three Hours & Twenty-One Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5029 CHANGES;

Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

THOMAS HAMMOND Treble	EDWARD CAUNCE 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON 2	*ALLEN F. BAILEY 7
JOHN WILKINSON... .. 3	HARRY CHAPMAN 8
SAMUEL GREENHALGH 4	GABRIEL LINDOFF 9
CLAUDE I. DAVIES 5	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

* First peal of Stedman Caters on tower bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PLYMOUTH.

THE ... GUILD
(St. Andrew's Society.)

On Wednesday, March 25, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, STONEHOUSE.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*SIDNEY O'SHAUGHNESSY ... Treble	*ALF. WILLIAM MYERS 5
JOHN GLEYAS 2	THOMAS G. MYERS 6
ALFRED MITCHELMORE 3	G. HARRY MYERS 7
WILLIAM HAMLIN 4	GEORGE PARR, SEN. Tenor

Conducted by G. H. MYERS.

* First peal.

BACUP, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROSSENALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 4, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEO. BROWN Treble	*WILLIE HOLT 5
T. COLLINGE... .. 2	*FRED KENDALL 6
JOHN HILL 3	S. PICKUP 7
T. ROLLERSON 4	J. H. BANKS Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. H. BANKS.
* First peal in the method. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells.
Ringers of treble, 3rd, 6th and 7th belong to St. Saviour's, Bacup;
2nd and 4th Rawtenstall; tenor Helmshore; and 5th to the local band.

PENKRIDGE, STAFFS.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, April 4, 1925, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

*JOHN WALFORD Treble	FRED BIRKS 5
HERBERT KNIGHT 2	JOHN J. TAYLOR 6
JOHN PERRY 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 7
EDWARD F. MITCHELL 4	EDMUND WESTWOOD Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD V. RODENHURST.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFS.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, April 4, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

*BERT H. POUNTNEY Treble	RICHARD J. WARRILOW 5
PERCY BILL 2	GEORGE E. LARGE 6
ARTHUR H. TAYLOR 3	RICHARD C. INGRAM 7
JOHN W. PERRY... .. 4	SYDNEY ELTON Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD C. INGRAM.

The above ringers are all under 21 years of age, and the peal was rung with no previous practice together. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. Fallou, the local Ringing Master. * First peal in the method.

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 17, 1925, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt.

SAMUEL GREENHALGH Treble	EDWARD JENKINS... .. 5
ALLAN F. BAILEY 2	TITUS BARLOW 6
JOHN E. BIBBY 3	HARRY CHAPMAN... .. 7
THOMAS B. WORSLEY... .. 4	GABRIEL LINDOFF Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by E. JENKINS.
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CHATHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 17, 1925, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PIYSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 25 cwt.

C.S.M. J. BENNETT, R.M. Treble	WILLIAM SPICE 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL 6
*FRANK BELSEY 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 7
CHARLES WINSER 4	†HARRY PARKES Tenor

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

* 50th peal. † 75th peal. C.S.M. J. Bennett provided the usual 'sumptuous repast' in the mess, R.M. Barracks, after the peal.

ROMSEY, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1925, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ETHELFREDA,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.

*VICTOR SMEATHAM Treble	WALTER G. ROWE 5
GEORGE PULLINGER... .. 2	D. CECIL WILLIAMS 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3	WILLIAM T. TUCKER 7
FREDERICK PASKINS 4	OWEN H. GILES Tenor

Conducted by D. C. WILLIAMS.

* First peal.

WOORBURN, BUCKS.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 18½ cwt.

HARRY FRANKS Treble	ROBERT W. GREEN 5
WILLIAM J. NORTON 2	ALFRED C. DARNELL 6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
CHARLES G. CHOET 4	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS Tenor

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

MELLS, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1925, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 26 cwt.

*WILLIAM KEEVILL Treble	THOMAS M. GRIFFIN
JESSE FRANCIS 2	WILLIAM ROSEWELL 6
RONALD BECK 3	CHARLES ANDREWS 7
†REGINALD BECK 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by C. ANDREWS.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major inside.

BECKENHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1925, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

WALTER SMITH Treble	FREDERICK G. COLLUM, JUN. 5
GEORGE DURLING 2	ROBERT BRETT SMITH 6
JOHN J. LAMB 3	PERCY J. SPICE 7
ISAAC G. SHADE 4	ISAAC EMERY Tenor

Composed by I. G. SHADE. Conducted by ISAAC EMERY.

TITCHMARSH, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb.

JAMES T. WARD Treble	DANIEL REDHEAD 5
WALTER PERKINS 2	JOHN R. MAIN 6
ARTHUR BELLAMY 3	*JAMES B. HUDSON 7
GEORGE BASFORD 4	ANDERSON Y. TYLER... .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by A. Y. TYLER.

* First peal in the method.

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CHURCHILL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 28, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Called ten different ways. Tenor 18 cwt.

*E. SHALLISH Treble	G. GILLING... .. 4
*E. AVERY 2	W. WEBB 5
*H. GILLING... .. 3	*T. BROWNING Tenor

* First peal.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 4, 1925, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
IN THE MEMORIAL TOWER OF SS. PATRICK AND ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor covering.

B. GRIMWOOD Treble	B. CHESTER 4
B. ROPER 2	J. PAUL 5
W. G. PAUL 3	J. BROWN 6
C. TURNER Tenor	

Conducted by J. PAUL.

B. Chester was proposed a member of the Guild before starting the peal.

THURLEIGH, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 4, 1925, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*CHARLES LOVELL Treble	HARRY SMITH 4
*THOMAS ASQUE 2	†ERNEST ASQUE 5
*WILLIAM DARLOW 3	JOHN BARKER Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST ASQUE.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor.

MORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

On Saturday, April 11, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's called differently. Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

*ERNEST DEAKEN Treble	FRED WM. KNOWLES, JUN. 4
ERNEST MALLENDER... .. 2	WILLIAM SWAIN 5
†FRANK SWAIN AND CHARLES THOMPSON 3	*GEORGE FROST Tenor

Conducted by WM. SWAIN.

* First peal. † Each ringer rang a half peal. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of A. Wheeler, one of the local ringers.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, April 12, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 22 different callings. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED HUGHES... .. Treble	WILLIAM EVANS... .. 4
JAMES P. HYETT... .. 2	DAVID H. BENNETT 5
WILLIAM BEAVER 3	ALBERT E. JONES... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

Rung on and in honour of Easter Day.

PENNIES AS PACKING.

HOW COLERNE BELLS WERE MADE PEALABLE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—In the history of Colerne Church and its bells, in last week's 'Ringing World,' mention is made of packing the 5th gudgeon with pennies. On Sunday, June 10th, 1888, I was one of the band with the late Mr. J. W. Hinton, who rang the first peal on Colerne bells—a peal of Grandsire Triples in 3 hours 6 minutes. Mr. Hinton and myself went up and put five pennies down at the end of the gudgeon to keep it from knocking on the frame. Some months after we went again for another peal, and thought we should have to do some more packing, but instead of finding pennies at the gudgeon end we found them gone, and a piece of iron plate inserted. We did not score on that trip. The first packing thus took place 37 years ago next June. I was living in Bath from 1886 to 1890.—Yours, etc.,
J. HOLMAN.

TWO KINDS OF PEAL RINGERS.

NORWICH RECTOR'S VIEWS.

Recently we commented on an article which appeared in the public Press from Canon Meyrick, Rector of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, with regard to the bells. It is, therefore, a pleasure, especially in view of the reopening of the famous ring of bells at Mancroft Church on Sunday, to quote the following from the 'St. Peter Mancroft Parish Magazine' for April: 'The Church,' Canon Meyrick says, 'is immensely indebted to her faithful sons and daughters, who, while happy to ring peals, primarily love the belfry for the service they are able to offer to God and His people on Sundays. Church ringers, like other church workers, must be clear about their motives. The choirman does not join a church choir because he wishes to sing in a concert. From time to time he and his comrades delight us with a concert, but the main motive is to lead God's worship in the church. So with the ringer—if his one aim is to ring innumerable peals of London Surprise, Cambridge Maximus, Superlative Surprise, Steadman Cinques, Treble Bob Maximus, Double Norwich Court Bob Royal, and the rest, he will be of little use to his church. He will be merely getting his chief amusement in life very cheaply. But should he join the Ringers' Guild, in the same spirit that a singer joins the choir or a Sunday School teacher joins the teachers' association, then he (or she) can be of untold value to his church and to the life of ringing. Because I am very anxious to see the art of bell ringing, which has been well nigh killed in Norwich, revive, I would see bell ringing treated as a definite piece of Church work. I want to see all ringers take an honoured place among the voluntary workers of the parishes, whose beautiful belfries are now silent. There are peal ringers who have made ringing live. There are other peal ringers who have strangled the great art; men who cold-shoulder young aspirants while they are as yet useless for peal ringing; men who care nothing for their church and who have no desire to worship with those whom they have summoned; men who use some of our belfries simply to gratify a lust for peal ringing. We at St. Peter Mancroft are very fortunate. We have as our master Mr. G. Burton, as his assistant Mr. C. Borrett, as our secretary, Mr. J. F. Duffield, and as our treasurer Mr. D. O. Holme—all enthusiastic ringers, but who are Churchmen first and ringers afterwards. We have women, too, faithful communicants and fine ringers. We have a very good friend, Mr. Mayers, who is at present engaged in teaching recruits the rudiments of change ringing on handbells. Our verger, Mr. Potter, is ever ready to teach recruits to handle a bell. We have a band of voluntary ringers very worthy of our beautiful rehung bells, and we have the right officers. We look to them to maintain our high standard.'

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION'S CONTEST.

BATLEY WIN THE COMPETITION.

The Halifax and District Association held their quarterly meeting and six-bell contest at Ripponden Church on Saturday, April 4th. It had previously been decided to ring 720 changes any method; but, owing to the large entry, it was resolved at the committee meeting to curtail it. The committee decided that 360 changes be rung, any method, with the usual allowance of three leads or one plain course for practice. The draw for order of ringing took place as follows:—No. 1, Stainland (Kent Treble Bob); 2, Shelley (Violet); 3, Liversedge (Bob Minor); 4, Batley (Oxford); 5, Halifax Parish (Kent Treble Bob); 6, Huddersfield (Oxford); 7, Meitham (Oxford); 8, Holmfirth (Oxford); 9, Lindley (Kent Treble Bob); 10, Lightcliffe (Kent Treble Bob).

A tea was provided in the schoolroom, which close on 100 enjoyed. Ringing ceased about eight o'clock, and the meeting was then held. Mr. J. Hardcastle (president) occupying the chair. The Chairman proposed hearty thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens, also all the Ripponden friends who had helped to make the contest such a great success. The Vicar replied, saying that they would be glad to welcome the association at some future date. The judges, Mr. J. Broadley (Bradford), and Mr. F. Schofield (Lindley), then gave their decision as follows:—No. 1, 175 faults; 2, 10 penalty, 181 faults—total 191 faults; 3, 127 faults; 4, 74 faults; 5, rung out; 6, 90 faults; 7, rung out; 8, 135 faults; 9, 20 penalty, 103 faults—total 123 faults; 10, rung out.

No. 4 Company, Batley, were then presented with the cup by the Vicar. Mr. Gibson, on receiving the cup, said it was a pleasing feature to see so many young ringers, and he hoped they would stick together, for that, in his opinion, was the only way to get good striking.—A vote of thanks to the judges closed a successful contest.

BELL-ROPE TRAGEDY.

A tragedy occurred in the Parish Church, Gaywood, near King's Lynn, last week. Mr. Alfred Littleproud, aged 63, who, in consequence of ill-health had been unable to follow his employment, was found by the sexton hanging by the treble bell rope from the ladder leading to the belfry. 'Suicide whilst temporarily insane' was the verdict at the inquest.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**ANNUAL MEETING AT CAMBRIDGE.**

The annual meeting was held at Cambridge on Easter Monday. The morning was fine, but about noon rain fell, and there were heavy storms during the afternoon, which marred the pleasure of the members.

The usual service was held in Great St. Mary's Church at noon, when Bishop Price, the Archdeacon of Ely, who takes great interest in the association, gave a stirring address, based on 1 Cor. xv., 58.

Luncheon followed at the Dorothy Cafe, when 40 members and friends, and some visitors from London, sat down. Bishop Price was in the chair, supported by the Revs. A. H. F. Boughey and H. B. Woolley.

The business meeting was held at the close, when the auditor made a statement as to the accounts, which showed a balance in hand.

The officers were reappointed: Hon. secretary and treasurer, the Rev. R. Copeman; auditor, Mr. T. R. Dennis; district secretaries, Mr. H. W. Giddings (March) for Wisbech Archdeaconry; the Rev. H. B. Woolley (Long Stanton) for Hunts; Mr. A. E. Austin (Great Shelford) for Ely Archdeaconry; and Mr. W. G. Cross (King's Lynn) for Marshland.

The Secretary reported that 29 peals had been rung during 1924 in various methods, all but one on tower bells.

The Rev. H. B. Woolley gave notice of a district meeting at St. Neots on May 2nd.

The Rev. A. H. F. Boughey proposed a vote of thanks to the Bishop for his address; to the Vicar of Great St. Mary's for allowing the service to be held there; and to the incumbents who had granted the use of their bells.—This was carried with acclamation, and the members dispersed, and the bells of Great St. Mary's were most in favour, the showers and breaking ropes proving a hindrance to ringing at more distant towers.

RESTORATION OF CHARLWOOD BELLS.

The bells of Charlwood, Surrey, have just been restored by Messrs. Mcars and Stainbank. The treble, second and fourth have been recast, the other three tuned, and the frame strengthened. The bells now hang on the latest type of bearings, and the 'go' is excellent. The work has cost £375, towards which £230 has been subscribed.

The dedication took place on Saturday, April 4th, and was performed by the Bishop of Woolwich, who gave an address on the subject of 'Worship and Work,' to which, he urged, the ringing of church bells was a clear and pressing call.

The hymns sung during the service were 'All people that on earth do dwell' and selected verses from 'When morning gilds the sky,' the one hundredth Psalm being also included.

At the conclusion of the service the bells were rung by a representative company of ringers from the village and surrounding district, and before leaving the Bishop ascended the belfry and pronounced the Blessing.

Ringers were present from Capel, Crawley, Horley, Newdigate, Reigate, and the local band, and the touches included Bob Minor, Kent Treble Bob Minor, Canterbury Pleasure, Woodbine, College Exercise and Stedman Doubles.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

A most successful meeting of the Leicester branch was held on Saturday, April 4th, at Beigrave. The bells were set going from three o'clock to touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge and London (?), the last named of the 'syncopated' style of jazz ringing, owing, as the secretary blandly put it, to some not knowing the method, and those who did, not trying.

Tea was served in the Church Rooms, and later a well-attended meeting took place in the Talbot. It was good to see some of the 'old boys' turn up to encourage the youngsters, and to have them joining in handbell touches of Stedman Cinques and Caters, Kent Royal, and last, but not least, 'Scolding Witch,' the latter drawing the remark from a non-ringer, 'that out to sound good.'

Business consisted chiefly in airing the members' views on the proposed new rules, and altogether this meeting can be put down as a further success for the new local secretary, although one would like to see a bit more enthusiasm from some of the famous 1920-3 'first eleven,' otherwise Leicester will be losing her position. (See Association 1924 Report just out.)

E. M.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—On March 18th, at St. Ann's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes), in 48 mins.: T. C. Ringrose 1, Miss M. E. Ringrose (first quarter-peal inside) 2, A. Howall 3, F. E. Ringrose 4, J. G. Nash 5, A. Putland (conductor) 6.

DUBLIN.—On Wednesday, March 18th, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor: G. R. Heatley (Bray) 1, G. G. Lindoff 2, G. Lindoff (conductor) 3-4, W. E. Lynch 5, J. B. Lough (Bray) 6. 1st 720 by 1st, 2nd and 6th.

OLD LEAKE BELLS RESTORED.

The bells of St. Mary's Church, Old Leake, which have been rehung with entirely new fittings in the old frame, which has been strengthened, were dedicated on Palm Sunday. The dedicatory prayers were said by the Rev. W. S. Brindley, and the sermon was preached by the Vice-Principal of Burgh College.

During the day, touches of Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob and Grandsire Doubles were rung, those taking part being J. W. Lakin, senr., J. W. Lakin, junr., P. Lakin, H. Lakin, Miss Elsie Lakin, W. Small, G. W. Houghton, G. Baker, F. M. S. Hodgson. The 'go' of the bells is all that can be desired, and the greatest praise is due to Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich, for the way he has carried out the work.

TERMINOLOGY.*To the Editor.*

Sir,—May I thank Mr. George Baker for his kind words, and say I am glad I am no longer in his black books; and I hope he will now destroy them.

As to whether 'shift' or 'move' be used instead of 'shunt' does not seem to greatly matter. A 'shift-course' seems to be so near the meaning required, that the use of the word in both connotations would hardly cause confusion. It is for those who write these words to choose them. We who only read them, have merely a veto.

I am heartily in agreement with the revision of the Glossary, which 'Criticus' advocates so tellingly. Will any other member of the Council who would support this, please write to me or to you?

April 13th, 1925.

HERBERT DRAKE.

STEDMAN TRIPLES DATE TOUCH.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I am obliged to Mr. Jacques for his remarks re the above, and, in reply, beg to state that my date touch is perfectly authentic, and comes into rounds at the correct number of changes, it having been carefully checked before it was sent to you for publication. In the last course the bob at 9 is made by the seventh; another bob being made in the six immediately following (which I called 12). I have evidently misled Mr. Jacques by putting the last call as S 14, whereas it should have been put as S 2. The seventh makes sixth's place at this single, which produces the further course-end 1342657, rounds occurring at the third row in the next six. I added a footnote explaining this to the copy which I sent you, but presumably you were unable to insert same, otherwise the query might have been averted. With reference to the alterations which Mr. Jacques suggests, the single at 3 produces a repetition with the second course, and the bob at 14 brings rounds at 1957, not 1955. In conclusion, I would like to mention that when we rang the date touch here on March 24th we discovered that it contains 'Queens' and 'Tittums' in the 20th and 21st courses respectively.—Yours faithfully,

THOMAS BUTLER.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At All Saints' Church, Wath-on-Dearne, on Tuesday, April 7th, a date touch (1,925 changes) of Treble Bob Minor, in 1 hour and 8 minutes, in the following methods: 485 Woodcock's Delight, 720 Snowdrop, 720 Nelson's Delight, by G. Lord 1, H. Chamberlain 2, J. Champion 3, R. Ricketts 4, A. Gill 5, Chas. Walsh (conductor) 6. Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to Mr. Harry Maughan, an old member of the local band, who was interred at Wath the same day.

At St. Andrew's Church, Holborn, London, on Sunday, April 5th, after evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 minutes: E. Brett 1, C. Choct 2, C. F. Winney 3, H. Franks 4, R. Green 5, R. F. Deal 6, James Bullock (conductor) 7, J. S. Hawkins 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Russell, mother of Mr. E. C. Russell, secretary of the St. Andrew's Guild.

At Witham, Essex, on Thursday, April 2nd, at St. Nicholas' Church, with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mrs. Butler, widow of the late Mr. J. Butler, for many years a ringer at this church, and mother of Mr. W. Butler, one of the present band, 720 Double Court and 720 Oxford Treble Bob by the following: W. S. Butler 1, A. Chalk 2, V. Glass 3, W. Mellin 4, A. Evers 5, E. Bright (conductor) 6.

COALBROOKDALE BELLS.

The fund for the restoration and augmentation of Coalbrookdale bells has now reached £300. A further £300 is required to complete the scheme of adding two new trebles to make a peal of ten. Will all friends, who would like to subscribe, kindly send to the Rev. Prob. C. B. Crowe, R.D., The Vicarage, Coalbrookdale, Shropshire, or Mr. William Saunders, Institution House, Coalbrookdale, Shropshire?

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FESTIVAL AT ST. ALBANS.

The annual festival of the Hertford County Association took place at St. Albans on Monday. Members assembled from a large number of towers, and during the day touches in various methods were rung at the Abbey and St. Peter's Church.

A special service was held at the Abbey in the afternoon, when a short address was given by the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, of Thundridge. In his address, he remarked that the less ringers were paid the better was their work. The man who rang only for what he could get was never so good a ringer as the man who rang because his heart was in the work. Ringing was the most perfect team work of any recreation in the world.

Following the service, tea and the annual meeting were held at the Abbey Institute, the retiring president (Mr. H. E. C. Goodenough) presiding. About 80 members were present.

Canon Mayhew, of St. Albans, speaking at the meeting, said the clergy and bell ringers were fellow workers; the bell ringers summoned the people to church for the clergy to lead them in worship. In a very special way the clergy should be grateful to ringers. Bell ringing was thoroughly Christian, and one of the good things we owed to Christianity. To listen to the bells was a most delightful thing. He considered that if bell ringing died out in England it would be an irretrievable loss, and he appealed to young men to take up bell ringing.

OFFICIALS' LONG SERVICE.

In his annual report the Hon. Secretary (Mr. G. W. Cartmel) said: This is our fortieth report, and we are, to borrow the phrase of a well-known advertisement—'still going strong.' The first report was issued in 1885, the secretary and treasurer being the Rev. Canon Wygram. The association then consisted of seven bands, three of which belonged to St. Albans, and we still have with us several original members whose ringing activities are still keen. It is somewhat unique that the association has only had two treasurers and three secretaries. Mr. E. P. Debenham has been treasurer for 37 years, and I trust he will be spared many years to fulfil those duties. Mr. W. H. Lawrence has been district secretary for the Eastern Division for 24 years. He has given us his best in painstaking service, and we appreciate his services more than words can express. For the Western Division Mr. Eden gave us his services for 19 years (including war service), only resigning last year, and one regrets to hear that he has left us for the adjoining county of Essex. We shall always gratefully remember his efforts.

For 21 years your choice has fallen upon me as your secretary. An epitome of 40 years' history would be interesting, but that will be more appropriate for our jubilee, so I refrain from comment. As an association we have never looked back, the officers ever keeping to the forefront the true position of a ringer as a church worker. In our aspirations we have not been disappointed. Many changes have occurred in our membership, but it has been a unique experience of what happy fellowship really is when expressed in terms of Christian action, and that is the atmosphere I am assured you wish to continue. A true fellowship begun and enjoyed down here, and continued afterwards in unbroken communion with Him whose Resurrection we commemorated yesterday by the ringing of the church bells.

But what of the past year's efforts? The peals numbered 24, viz.: Cambridge Surprise Royal 1, Cambridge Surprise Major 1, Bristol Surprise Major 1, Bob Royal 1, Double Norwich Major 2, Kent Treble Bob Major 3, Bob Major 1, Stedman Triples 3, Grandsire Triples 2, Bob Triples 1, Treble Bob Minor 1, Minor 7.

There have been 16 conductors for the 24 peals, and 36 members have rung their first peal. Quite a new departure was the ringing of a Freemason's peal at Bushey by our members, conducted by the Worshipful Master, W. H. L. Buckingham. It was the first peal rung by a band of Freemasons in the province or county of Herts. It is mooted that a Freemasons Lodge for England, comprised of bell-ringers, is to be formed.

The removal of Dean Blenkin, by death, from our midst, is an irreparable loss. Coming to us in 1915, he has never missed an annual meeting, like his predecessor, Dean Lawrence. His presence was an inspiration to us all, his godly counsel, reverently blended with quaint inimitable humour, always sent us away happier and helter. We all loved the Dean, and the Dean loved the ringers, and it needed no element of persuasion from your secretary to induce him to be present. He very often came to us tired in his work, but never tired of it. A motto for ringers. He loved also the bells, and the Cathedral Society, when attempting a peal, always knew that they had one intent and appreciative listener, for when success came their way he would, candle in hand, find his way into the belfry to congratulate the members upon their success. His first sermon to us was preached from the words, 'That I might finish my course with joy.' God heard and answered that prayer, for his life was a joyous life, and we shall ever remember it with deep thankfulness. He has rung his course, his bell is set, and he now rejoices in the presence of the Master whom, having not seen, he loved. May God give us

all grace so to run 'that we also may obtain.'

The committee met at St. Albans on February 21st, and discussed the general welfare of the association. The financial position came up for discussion, and it was felt that during the year the committee should give special attention to this matter. The Washbrook appeal was also considered, and the committee recommended that the sum of one guinea be subscribed.

I commend to your hearty support our weekly paper, 'The Ringing World.' The editor deserves all the support we can give him, for he provides us with a capital paper, full of interesting reading. His weekly article covers a wide field, and does much to advance not only the cause of changeringing, but the education of ringers themselves in matters pertaining to their craft.

WORK IN THE DISTRICTS.

In the districts Mr. T. R. Bacon has been very busy, having arranged seven meetings during the year, viz., at Knebworth, Great Wymondley, Hitchin, Royston, Baldock, Stevenage and King's Walden, with good results. One gratifying feature is that in every case he had been able to get a service in the churches. Five new ringing members and three honorary members were another result. King's Walden was also visited for the first time, the Vicar, the Rev. F. H. Proctor, giving the members a very hearty welcome, and, with his consent, is being nominated for election as an honorary member to-day. The Royston band have lost through ill-health one of its best workers in the person of Mr. W. L. Darlow, who has been advised to migrate to South Africa, where we sincerely hope the change of climate will benefit his health. Although peal ringing has not been very successful in the district, Sunday service ringing has been well maintained, and several quarter-peals brought round. We congratulate Mr. J. J. Cawdell, of Baldock, on ringing his first peal of Stedman Triples at his Parish Church, after much patient perseverance. Several young members of his band have also rung their first quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. Barley and Great Wymondley still maintain their reputation for six-bell ringing, and each year conquer fresh methods. The Hitchin band has made wonderful progress, and are now tackling Bristol perseveringly. I understand that illness near the church has hampered their success in peal ringing, but their service ringing has been well maintained. Congratulations also to Mr. J. R. Foster, now somewhat of a veteran, upon being elected as captain of the Hitchin band.

Mr. W. H. Lawrence has arranged in his district seven meetings, at three of which an address was given. He reports progress in many bands. Braughing have scored their first peal, Bob Triples, with seven firsts, all local men. The Widford band, whom we welcomed into affiliation last year, have also rung their first peal, the first upon the bells by a local band. Little Munden, a band capable of ringing 15 methods, have got back to their previous status, having scored a peal, the first for five years. Sawbridgeworth, once a stronghold of change ringing, has grown weak, but I trust that the advent of the Rev. A. and Mrs. Rust may cause a revival. Our secretary hopes to arrange a meeting at an early date.

Mr. W. Ayre, for the Western District, has arranged meetings at Northchurch, Apsley, Tring, King's Langley, Hemel Hempstead and Great Gaddesden. All meetings have been fairly well attended, and good work has been done. I am glad to notice a meeting has been held at Great Gaddesden. Also that the 7th and tenor have been rebung at Berkhamsted; but why the cracked sixth should have been left untouched I cannot understand.

Mr. C. H. Horton, our new Watford secretary, has arranged nine meetings, the aggregate attendance being 158. One result has been the election of eight members, and interest aroused in the district. Various touches that are reported from time to time in 'The Ringing World' shows that the Watford and Rickmansworth towers are keeping well to the fore. The Stanmore company have made good progress, and it was most unfortunate that the peal arranged for their captain's 50th birthday should have failed within 35 changes from home, owing, I understand, to the ringing of an alarm bell. I trust Mr. Edwards will soon have the pleasure of piloting the band through their first peal.

Mr. W. Nash, for the St. Albans Division, has provided meetings at North Myms, Flamstead and Redbourn, Harpenden, St. Albans and Watford, with an average attendance of 15. Although the attendances have not been great, chiefly owing in some instances to the towers being off railway routes, useful work has been done. The Kimpton band has made excellent progress under the tuition of Mr. Gillings, and have rung their first 720 of Bob Minor, probably the first ever rung upon the bells by a local band. Now they are tackling Oxford Bob and Stedman Doubles. I am sure Mr. Nash will endeavour to arrange a meeting at Kimpton this summer, and thus encourage the band to further achievements. The Luton band still keep up their reputation, and before the year is over I fully expect to hear they have rung their first of Bristol. St. Albans is normal, one gratifying feature, however, being the regular Sunday service ringing. It is no uncommon thing to hear the four peals ringing for

service at the same time, interspersed with the tang-tang from other churches.

RELATED SUBSCRIPTIONS.

I must again refer to the delay which exists with some bands in the payment of their subscriptions, and would ask members to assist their officers by paying more promptly. Some pay at the eleventh hour, others promise, with the best intentions, but generally manage to send just too late for the current year's account. The consequence is the treasurer is unable to draw out a balance sheet to represent the actual finances of the year: besides, the secretarial work is considerably hampered. I would suggest that each year, when the bellry fund is distributed, members should agree to the deduction of their subscription. It would be a great help if this plan was adopted.

I would ask the district secretaries to accept not only the thanks of the members, but my personal appreciation of all that they have done during the past year. The arrangement of meetings in their respective districts entails time and patience, and they deserve all the success that has come their way. May these meetings ever conduce to brotherly fellowship and the advancement of our ringing ideals.

One sometimes hears, even in our association of friction amongst ringers, and one optimistic secretary generally informs me that matters will come all right in due course. But they very often don't until much harm has been done in the weakening of the band and the loss to the ringing Exercise of good ringers. There may be faults on both sides, but even if it is not the case, I do appeal to members to come together at the earliest opportunity and discuss in a brotherly way their difficulties, instead of absenting themselves from ringing, with the consequence that the local band and the association lose prestige. The vocation of a ringer is that of a church worker, and as such he should recognise that his work is for the glory of God, and that each Sabbath day he praises God with the loud symbols by the ringing of the bells. If we look at our work as service for Him we shall brush aside things that may not be pleasant, and willingly endure hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ. Let us always put into our ringing the virtues of practical Christianity, and the result may never be feared.

I must now bring my report to a close, once again appealing to you to loyally support your clergy by the ringing of the bells regularly for the services of the church, and endeavouring at the same time to make yourselves proficient in your art. It behoves us also to make as much as possible of our annual meeting by making it a common rallying ground for securing the personal touch with

your officers, and also for utilising it as a thanksgiving day for God's mercies during the year that has passed. Our meeting is held at the time of the Church's greatest festival, the keynote of which is victory. The same message is expressed in our fields and woodlands. Let us lay hold of the inspiration that Easter affords, and go back to our towers with the determination that we will preserve at all costs the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace.

It was agreed to contribute the £1 ls. to the James W. Washbrook Memorial at Oxford.

The statement of accounts, which was adopted, showed a balance in hand of £8 ls. 3d., as compared with £9 17s. 11d. at the beginning of the year.

Mr. F. R. Bacon, of Hitchin, was unanimously elected president; Mr. G. W. Cartmel, hon. secretary; and the other officers were re-elected.

Other elections were: Hon. members, the Rev. F. H. Proctor (Vicar of King's Walden), the Rev. H. Edwards (Vicar of Watford), Messrs. L. Hambling (South Mimms), and H. J. Shadbolt (North Myms). Ringing members: Messrs. W. T. Lucas, C. Jeffs, A. Eaton, A. B. Halsey and L. A. Turner, all of St. Albans; A. J. Smith (Luton), G. A. Hughes, junr., A. Hughes, H. Maxton, G. Cheshire, H. Schofield and J. Spencer, all of Stanmore; T. Cannon, J. Chalkley and J. Aldridge, all of Bennington; F. Hopper (Northampton) and W. Rogers (Northampton).

EASTERN DISTRICT MEETING AT BRAUGHLING.

A very successful meeting of the Eastern District was held at Braughling, and a very helpful and enjoyable time was spent. The bells, a very musical ring (tenor 19 cwt.) were open for ringing, and twenty-five members attended from Ware, Royston, Barkway, Sawston, Cambs; Great and Little Munden, besides the members of the Braughling band, who are making good progress, and show great promise of equalling their predecessors of the 18th century. A short service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. J. Baker), who delivered an appropriate address upon workers. He extended a warm and brotherly welcome to all those present, and expressed the pleasure it gave him to have the privilege of addressing what was the first ringers' service in Braughling Church. He had great sympathy with ringers, having in his earlier life been a ringer.

Miss Baker presided at the organ, and the 150th Psalm and two hymns, 'We love the place,' and 'O God, our help,' were sung.

Tea and business were held afterwards, Mr. S. Roberts presiding. Ringing was kept up till 9 o'clock, and all expressed pleasure both at the service, and ringing.

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An announcement in our notice columns that will be read with interest is that the bells of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, are to be reopened on Sunday. Their restoration has been carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

A photograph of Mr. J. E. Sykes, enjoying himself in a jinrickshaw in Hong Kong, has reached us. He looks happy, and hoped to reach his destination at Port Arthur on March 19th.

Referring to a view of Hong Kong Cathedral, he says a peal here would only be possible by heroes, or men used to ringing in a baker's oven. But we warrant Joe would make one for the job if there were half a chance.

Charlwood, Surrey, where the bells have recently been restored, was, years ago, a centre of six-bell ringing, in which the Jordan family played a conspicuous part. A quarter of a century, or more, ago, their name was well known in peal records.

'Williams' desirous of ringing a peal with their namesakes, should communicate with Mr. William H. Lambert, of Manor House, Benenden, Cranbrook, Kent.

Fourteen years ago to-day the record length of Maximus was achieved. At Ashton-under-Lyne, 12,240 Kent Treble Twelve was rung in 8 hrs. 39 mins., composed and conducted by that master, Samuel Woods.

On April 18th, 1737, a peal of 12,006 Grandsire Caters was rung at Painswick in 7 hrs. 55 mins.

The Cumberland Youths set up a record for the Double Norwich method on April 18th, 1894, when 13,440 was rung at Romford, Essex, in 8 hrs. 16 mins., a previous attempt at Brentwood on March 26th having been lost after ringing 13,072, through a rope breaking.

The anniversary of two record peals occurs to-morrow. On April 22nd, 1889, 15,227 Grandsire Caters was rung at Cheltenham, and, in 1922, the 21,363 Stedman Caters at Appleton, still the longest peal on record by one set of men.

Thirty years ago on Wednesday the first 'family' handbell peal was rung, seven 720's of Minor being rung 'in hand' at Olley, Suffolk, by Miss Constance Meadows (aged 14), and her two brothers Frederick E. W. and Sidney M. W. Meadows, aged 15 and 16 respectively, Frederick being the conductor.

On April 23rd, 1778, 10,080 Bob Major was rung at Braughing, Herts, in 6 hrs. 34 mins., and on St. George's Day, 1828, 8,000 Oxford Treble Bob Major was rung at Redenhall in 5 hrs. 9 mins.

NOISY BELLS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Most people will, I am sure, advise Mr. Upton to keep galvanised iron, or indeed metal sheets of any kind, as far away as possible from the belfry. They would certainly make noisy bells much worse, rather than better. Nothing less than 2-inch wood is of any use, and then only for small bells and windows. For large bells and large windows I have found a wall, a single brick thick, built against the inner side of the louvres, has an excellent result.

But whatever is done, care must be taken that all openings are covered evenly up to a foot or so above the highest point any bell reaches in its swing, and that all the openings are covered up to the same height. What makes the sound of bells trying is when some bells sound louder than others, being nearer the openings, and so spoil the proper blending of the music.

April 13th, 1925.

HERBERT DRAKE.

Dear Sir, — Replying to Mr. Upton's inquiry and his proposed remedy, he will find that iron sheeting, though cheap, will not help him very much. The material also in such positions soon rusts away. It is a pity he is restricted as to cost, but in that case probably the cheapest sound deadener would be a double thickness of sized and oiled canvas, say, 1-inch apart, stretched across the openings. I would, however, suggest filling them up to the arch-spring, with 3/4-inch matchboarding lined inside with one or two thicknesses of felt.

I take the opportunity of calling attention to the useful article on this subject in the Council's booklet, 'Care and Preservation of Bells, etc.' This and the 'Glossary' are worth very much more than the few pence charged for them, and should be on every ringer's bookshelf. Mr. Upton will there find slag wool given as being the best sound deadener. This conclusion is, I believe, also borne out by tests at a recent Government inquiry.—Yours faithfully,

E. ALEXR. YOUNG.

Gloucester & Bristol Diocesan Association.

LARGE GATHERING AT TEWKESBURY.

The annual meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Tewkesbury on Easter Monday, and was attended by 95 members. By the kind arrangements of the Rev. E. F. Smith, Mr. Dyson, and others, the bells were available from 10.30 p.m., and were soon ringing out in touches in various methods. As the morning passed, the number of ringers increased, and just before noon the visitors were joined by the Bristol members, who arrived in two charabancs chartered for the day by the Bristol United Ringing Guilds, under the stewardship of Mr. W. A. Cave. Members of the management committee then proceeded to the Tolsey Hall, where they held their meeting, under the chairmanship of the Master (Mr. F. J. Lewis), who was supported by the Rev. E. S. Saleby, of Leonard Stanley, and Mr. Chas. Spurrier, of Bristol.

E. Guise for his untiring efforts in carrying out the office of hon. secretary.

The hon. treasurer presented the statement of accounts (duly audited), which was received with general satisfaction.

Mr. Yeend proposed that an alteration be made to Rule 3, appointing a Ringing Master as well as a Master.—This was eventually agreed to.

Another proposition to alter Rule 5 was agreed to.

The vice-presidents were re-elected en bloc, and Mr. Charles Spurrier, of Bristol, was elected to take the place of the late Mr. H. Workman.

Mr. A. Wright was elected Master, and all the other officials were re-elected.—Mr. J. Austin was appointed to the new office of Ringing Master.



TEWKESBURY ABBEY.

This was the centre of attraction for ringers attending the annual day. The noble tower contains a fine peal of ten bells.

meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association on Monday. [Photo by F. E. Dawe.]

The business was quickly carried through, and an adjournment was made to the Plough Hotel, where a hearty meal was disposed of.

At 2 p.m. all roads led to the Tolsey Hall, and the general business meeting commenced. Here many ringers met one another for the first time.

Apologies for absence were read from vice-presidents, the Rev. T. C. Fowler, the Rev. M. E. Thorold, Mr. F. K. Howell, who was too unwell to attend (this was the first annual meeting for a number of years that Mr. Howell had missed), and Mr. Albert Burcombe, of Stinchcombe, who also was ill.

The Master gave his report, in which he said a very successful year's work had been accomplished. Sixty-five peals had been rung, and shared by 24 conductors. It was, he said, a pleasure to notice a large number ringing their first peal. He was pleased to see ladies had taken part in a good number of the peals. He regretted to announce the death of Mr. H. Workman, an old friend of the association, and a vice-president. In conclusion, he paid a tribute to Mr.

It was decided that a third member should be appointed to the Central Council, Mr. E. Guise being unanimously elected. The other representatives are Messrs. W. A. Cave and E. Bishop.

It was decided that the peal books should be placed in St. Thomas' Church, Bristol, it being clearly understood that through the kind offices of Mr. Spurrier they would be available for view almost at any time.

In this connection it was a great pleasure to all members to have these six volumes at their meeting that day, because, until quite recently, this part of the association's work had been sadly neglected, and only 133 peals had been entered. Now every peal has been written up by Mr. J. Beams, of Epsom, Surrey, the total being over 1,300.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. E. F. Smith and Mr. Dyson for their kindness in assisting with the arrangements.

This concluded the meeting, and tea was held at the Plough Hotel.

Afterwards, the members proceeded to the beautiful Abbey, where a service was conducted by the Rev. E. F. Smith, the association form being used.

The next annual meeting is to be held at Painswick on Easter Monday, 1926.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. IMPROVED FINANCIAL POSITION.

The annual meeting of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held at Nantwich on Monday.

In their report for the year 1924 the committee stated: A year ago the Guild was in an unenviable financial position. The high cost of printing, and, indeed, of everything else, had made it impossible for it to pay its way, and in order to make ends meet expenditure had to be ruthlessly reduced. For this reason only a skeleton report was published for 1922, but last year we were able to include both the peals rung in 1922 and in 1923. In the hopes of raising fresh funds an appeal was made to parochial church councils of the parishes in which there are bells, asking them to give the Guild half a guinea each. The appeal was only moderately successful, but those who helped have made it possible to turn a nasty corner. The Guild thanks them. The decision, also, to include advertisements on its covers has considerably lightened the cost of the report. In consequence, during the year under review, we have managed to pay our way and to carry forward a credit balance of over £8, which may be regarded as satisfactory. Meanwhile, the outlook for the future seems to be improved.

The decline in membership which has been so noticeable during the preceding three years appears now to have slowed up. As the figures given show, our numbers have practically remained constant during the last year. The list of non-resident members has not been revised since the war, and it is now in rather an unreliable state. The Rev. A. T. Beeson has undertaken to revise it during the present year, and any non-resident members who read this can greatly help him by sending him a postcard with their name and present address on it. This class of member now numbers about 150; but, for purposes of more accurate comparison, it is omitted from the subjoined figures:—Honorary life members: 1923 5, 1924 3; honorary members: 1923 58, 1924 67; ringing and probationary members: 1923 587, 1924 577; total: 1923 650, 1924 647. Towers in union: 72. Out of union: 29.

One point of which mention must again be made is the number of subscriptions which are in arrear, showing, as they do at 115, an increase of 37. It is to be hoped that during 1925 a special effort may be made to reduce these outstanding items.

The Guild has again broken its record for the number of peals rung. The high total of 86 peals was reached, in which 166 members took part: the highest number of members who have ever performed in peal ringing in any year. This in itself is a most encouraging sign, and indicates a higher general standard of ringing throughout the diocese. Amongst these there are 21 first pealers, again an increase, and five have for the first time acted as conductor. Mr. Sperring heads the list with 42 peals rung, of which he has conducted 39: if he beats his own record next year he will be a clever man.

There has been little work of restoration during the year. The recasting of Norbury bells is to take place shortly, and the Guild is asked to make the usual grant in aid. The four bells at Tilston, near Malpas, have been unringable for many years, but they are now being recast by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

Next year the Central Council, for the first time in its annals, is to meet at Chester. Thus it is our duty to act as their hosts and to do our best to welcome them among us. The committee has voted a special grant of £10 towards their entertainment, and detailed arrangements will be circulated to towers in union later.

The Master has again been present at many meetings during the past year, and the secretary has visited all the branches.

The thanks of the Guild are due to the branch secretaries, who have again worked unsparingly (though in one or two branches we would like to see a little more activity among the ordinary members), and also to Messrs. J. P. Fidler and J. Cooke for compiling the peal records.

DENHOLME, YORKSHIRE.—At St. Paul's Church, on Saturday, March 21st, 800 Kent Treble Bob Major, for Confirmation service: A. Hoyle 1, J. Cooper 2, H. Atkinson 3, A. Smallbones 4, R. Holmes 5, L. Rawnsley 6, M. Harrison 7, V. Bairstow (conductor) 8.—For evening service, on March 22nd, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes) was rung as a farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. L. S. Evans), who is leaving the parish to take up duties at Conoley-with-Bradley, near Skipton: A. Hoyle 1, A. Bairstow 2, H. Atkinson 3, A. Smallbones 4, W. Foster 5, B. Holmes 6, M. Harrison 7, V. Bairstow (conductor) 8.

BOXLEY, KENT.—On Tuesday evening, March 31st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: D. Gower 1, W. Gosling (conductor) 2, R. Luckhurst 3, V. Smith 4, H. Fuller 5, G. Voules 6. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1st and 4th.

BURTON LATIMER RINGER'S DEATH.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Joseph Pettit, of Burton Latimer, Northants, which sad event occurred with tragic suddenness on Saturday, April 4th. The deceased had just got to his work, when he collapsed and died in a few seconds.

He was a member of the Burton Latimer band for over twenty years, and was always regular in ringing for the Sunday services, but he had only rung about four peals. For two years he resided at Islip, where he had been assisting the local ringers.

He was buried at Burton Latimer Cemetery on Tuesday, April 7th, the service being conducted by the Rector (the Rev. G. L. Lethbridge). Fellow ringers acted as bearers, and Mr. W. T. Wilson and Mr. J. Saddington were among the mourners to represent the Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

In the evening the bells were rung half-muffled to touches of Grandsire Triples by J. Lines, M. Hobbs, H. Meadows, H. Saddington, M. Norton, J. Saddington, G. Lines (conductor) and R. Twelvetree. The bells at Islip were also rung half-muffled the same evening.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Thursday, April 2nd, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 47 mins.: A. Reeve (Wansload) 1, G. W. Faulkner 2, P. C. Russell 3, G. L. Joyce 4, E. Smith (Leytonstone) 5, C. Fenn (conductor) 6, R. Fenn 7, R. Milton (Leytonstone) 8.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Thursday, April 2nd, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: J. Marshall 1, R. Kynaston 2, W. B. Kynaston 3, G. Williams 4, H. T. Hughes 5, E. H. Kynaston 6, R. Evans (conductor) 7, R. Edwards 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, and H. T. Hughes.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Thursday, March 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. A. Bines (first quarter-peal) 1, F. Fraser 2, W. F. Richardson 3, Capt. W. Anderson, M.C., 4, R. Thompson (conductor) 5, J. Hurrell 6, W. A. Martin 7, Capt. F. A. Yorke 8. First quarter in the method on the bells.

ELLESMERE, SALOP.—On Sunday morning, March 22nd, in Trimpey Hall, on handbells, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,296 changes), in 56 mins.: A. Haynes 1–2, W. S. Higginson 3, G. H. Edwards 4, J. F. Sharp 5, R. Biggs 6, T. R. Butler (conductor) 7–8, T. Butler, senr., 9, W. Higginson, senr., 10.

LONDON, W.C.—On Wednesday, March 18th, at St. Clement Dances, Strand, for evensong, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: Miss D. Bryant 1, Miss P. Upsher 2, Miss E. E. Harcastle 3, Miss E. E. Chapman 4, F. Richardson 5, Miss F. E. Orr 6, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 7, Capt. F. A. Yorke, R.E., 8.

LONDON.—At St. John-at-Hackney, on March 19th, for Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: Arthur Coles 1, H. C. Alford 2, H. J. King 3, W. J. Kemp 4, Albert Coles 5, H. J. Canior 6, J. Bullock (conductor) 7, J. Lloyd 8.

LITTLE MUNDEN.—For morning service, on April 5th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: W. Williams 1, S. Carter (conductor) 2, S. Head 3, A. Phillips 4, W. H. Lawrence 5, A. Woolston 6.

ELVEDEN.—On Sunday, April 5th, for the evening service, at the Memorial Tower of SS. Patrick and Andrew, 896 Bob Major, in 40 mins.: W. G. Paul 1, B. Chester 2, B. Roper 3, W. Paul 4, C. Paul 5, W. Bowers 6, J. Paul (conductor) 7, J. Brown 8.

LOWER BEEDING, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, April 5th, for evening service, 720 Doubles, being 240 Canterbury Pleasure, 240 St. Simon and 240 the Dream: J. Mitchell 1, R. Langridge 2, W. Watts (conductor) 3, F. Hinde 4, G. Feist 5, C. Feist 6. Rung on the 39th anniversary of the conductor's first 720 Plain Bob Minor.

HOYLANDSWAINE, YORKS.—At St. John's Church, on Sunday, April 5th, for evening service, in honour of the first anniversary of the induction of the Rev. J. Hewelson to the above parish, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Bob Minor, in 46 mins.: L. Wilkinson (conductor) 1, F. Broadhead 2, W. Marsden 3, W. E. Robinson 4, S. Fielding 5, E. Brookes 6. Longest length by ringers of 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th. All belong to the local band.

DOVER.—On Sunday, April 5th, for evening service, at St. Mary's Church, 504 Grandsire Triples: G. Eagles 1, S. Jones 2, J. Eagles 3, C. R. Walker 4, W. Farley 5, C. R. Millway 6, R. H. Stevens (conductor) 7, G. Godfrey 8.—Also 504 Stedman Triples: C. Turner (conductor) 1, J. Eagles 2, C. R. Millway 3, F. W. Elliott 4, R. H. Stevens 5, W. Farley 6, C. R. Walker 7, H. J. Saunders 8. Mr. W. Farley, who was on a visit to Dover, was formerly a member of the Wells Cathedral company, but now resides at Folkestone.

WILLIAM ROCK SMALL.

A CELEBRATED STAFFORDSHIRE RINGER.

As briefly announced in our last issue, Mr. William Rock Small, of Tipton, Staffs, died on Saturday, the 4th April, at his residence, at the ripe age of 85 years. Mr. Small had been ailing for some time, and for a considerable period had been unable to take any part in ringing, although his keen interest in it was manifested right up to the end. A bluff, but genial character, Mr. Small was well known throughout the Midlands, and had a host of ringing friends. Nothing gave him greater delight than to mix with members of the Exercise, and one of the greatest pleasures of his declining days, when he could no longer mount the belfry steps, was to receive a visit from some ringing friend or other.

Born at Wednesbury, Staffs, on Nov. 12th, 1839, Mr. Small received little schooling at the Parish Church Schools, but he started work at the early age of nine years, and led an active and industrious life up to a few years ago, when Nature, at length, insisted upon a halt being called. Mr. Small's working life, we believe, extended to something like 70 years, and for more than 60 years he was a church bell ringer. In the year 1855 he went to work in the iron gas tube trade at Wednesbury, and, after being turner, fitter, machine and tool maker, rose to the position of foreman of the works. He remained for 17 years with this firm, and, after spending five years with another, went to the Victoria Tube Works, Great Bridge, where he remained for the rest of his working years, and gained the respect of his fellow employees, and the esteem of his employers.

Mr. Small celebrated his golden wedding on Feb. 8th, 1913, but his wife did not long survive this event.

In his young days, Mr. Small was in Wednesbury Church choir, and while there became interested in the bells, then a peal of eight. They were recast and made into a peal of ten in 1855, and Mr. Small used sometimes to chime the bells for service, and occasionally pull some of them up. In the year 1863 he joined the band, and on April 28th, 1866, rang his first peal, one of Kent Treble Bob, the company being all natives of Wednesbury. Mr. Small was the last survivor of that company, but of the many peals he rang afterwards there was none of which he was prouder. His first peal of Bob Major was also rung at Wednesbury, in 1867, and his first of Stedman Caters in the same tower in 1870. Curiously, it was not until 1880 that he rang a peal of Stedman Triples, which he scored at Willenhall, and in the same year rang his first peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's, Birmingham. At this tower also he rang his first of Grandsire Cinques, in 1885, and his first of Kent Treble Bob Maximus, in 1890.

Some of the 330 peals which Mr. Small rang were noteworthy for their length. He took part in 9,020 Grandsire Cinques, in 6 hrs. 17 mins., at St. Martin's, on March 23rd, 1887, on the occasion of Queen Victoria's visit to that city; 8,064 Grandsire Caters, in 4 hrs. 59 mins., on December 29th, 1888, to commemorate the centenary of the 2,000 Bob Major rung at that church in 1788; 6,354 Grandsire Caters, in 4 hrs. 4 mins., at West Bromwich on December 21st, 1889; and 8,009 Grandsire Caters, in 5 hrs. 11 mins., at Wolverhampton on April 3rd, 1893. In connection with this last-named peal there were sad circumstances. The occasion had been fixed for a record length of 17,045, but the man who was to have rung the tenor died, and was buried on the day arranged for the peal. The reduced length was, therefore, rung muffled instead. Mr. Small has also been concerned in other long peal attempts, including 13,104 Grandsire Caters at Aston on January 29th, 1884, which was lost after 11,000 changes, in 7 hrs. 7 mins. through a 'change course'; 17,000 Grandsire Caters, on March 26th, 1894, when, after ringing 7,362 changes, in 4 hrs. 38 mins., the tenor clapper broke. To finish off the day on this occasion the band rang a peal of Stedman Triples at Wombourne. In 1914 Mr. Small took part in a veterans' peal, the average age of the band being 65 years 4 months, the oldest member of the party being the late Mr. S. Spittle, who had turned 77 years, and the youngest, Mr. James George, who had just passed his 60th birthday. His last peal was a peal of Stedman Triples at St. Martin's, Tipton, on Nov. 1st, 1920, in honour of the veteran's 80th birthday. It was also his 20th peal of Stedman Triples.

Mr. Small, besides taking part in more than three hundred peals, did a great amount of spade work in the Black Country. He began his ringing at a time when the art was not held in high repute, and there were many places in that part of the country where change ringing was never practised. Mr. Small took his part with others in remedying this state of affairs, and his active and painstaking instruction was the means of making many change ringers, and in elevating the tone of the belfry. He was, indeed, one of the pioneers to whom the Exercise of to-day owes a great deal.

Mr. Small was a member of several ringing societies. He joined St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, in 1880; the Ancient Society of College Youths, 1883; the Midland Counties Association, 1891; the Dudley and District Guild, 1899; the Worcestershire Association, 1887; the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, of which he was one

of the founders, 1883; the Hereford Guild, 1893; the Yorkshire Association, 1888; and the Warwickshire Guild, 1917. He was a vice-president of the Worcestershire Association, and for many years treasurer of the Dudley Guild.

His peals, which include one of Stedman Triples rung in the Isle of Man, were made up as follows:—

Stedman Cinques	14
Stedman Caters	20
Stedman Triples	80
Grandsire Cinques	5
Grandsire Royal	2
Grandsire Caters	41
Grandsire Major	6
Grandsire Triples	78
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	1
Kent Treble Bob Royal	10
Kent Treble Bob Major	15
Bob Royal	5
Bob Caters	1
Bob Major	34
Bob Triples	1
Darlaston Bob Triples	4
Canterbury Pleasure Major	1
Double Norwich Major	5
Forward Royal	2
Forward Major	4
Double Oxford Bob Major	1
Total	330

THE FUNERAL.

The funeral took place on Wednesday week, amid many manifestations of the respect and esteem in which the deceased gentleman was held. The first part of the service was at Tipton Church, where the coffin (heavily laden with flowers) was received by the Vicar (the Rev. Geo. Mortimore) and the curate (the Rev. C. James), with Mr. Dunn (churchwarden) and Mr. E. Harris, acting for Mr. Jinks (Vicar's warden). The bearers were Messrs. A. Rowley, J. Evans, A. Clarke and G. Hughes (Tipton), A. Greenfield (Netherton) and Hall (Great Bridge). As the coffin, which was placed on a bier in front of the chancel, was carried in, Mr. G. A. Banner (organist) played Spohr's 'Blest are the Departed' and the well-known hymn tune, 'Ring the bells of Heaven.' The service was taken by the Vicar, and the lesson was read by the curate. The hymn, 'Rock of Ages,' was sung, and the congregation reverently stood while the Dead March from 'Saul' was being played. As the coffin was taken out of the church, the organist played 'O rest in the Lord.' In the course of a brief address, the Vicar touched on Mr. Small's long acquaintance with the Parish Church, his devotion to its service, and his great fondness for church bell ringing, from which he removed many of the objectionable belfry practices common among ringers half a century ago. He also touched upon the loving family life of the deceased, and said his long life was an inspiration to all who knew him and to those he had left behind.

Following the service at St. Martin's Church, Tipton, the remains were taken to the Parish Churchyard at Wednesbury, where they were laid to rest in a family vault, the Rev. C. E. Mortimore pronouncing the committal sentences. A course of Grandsire Triples on the handbells were rung over the grave after the coffin had been placed in its last resting-place by Albert Walker (Birmingham) 1-2, John Jagger (Oldbury) 3-4, Alfred Rowley (Tipton) 5-6, A. Paddon Smith (Birmingham) 7-8.

The family mourners were: Messrs. William Small, John Small, Thomas Small, Charles Small and James Small (sons), Walter Henry Small and Ernest Price (grandsons), James Small, Wednesbury (brother), and Isaiah Round (brother-in-law).

Ringing Societies were represented by Messrs. Albert Walker (Deputy Ringing Master) and A. Paddon Smith (secretary), St. Martin's Guild; Ben Gough, Archdeaconry of Staffs Society; A. Rowley, Worcestershire Association; James George, Warwickshire Guild; A. Greenfield, Dudley Guild; J. Jagger, Oldbury; Reuben Hall, West Bromwich; G. Hughes, St. Bartholomew's, Wednesbury.

Among the many floral tributes were wreaths from St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham; St. Martin's Ringers, Tipton; St. Peter's Society, Wolverhampton; St. Andrew's Company, Netherton; and one, which was lowered with the coffin to its last resting-place, from one of Mr. Small's oldest ringing friends, Alderman J. S. Pritchett.

It had been intended to attempt a half-muffled peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on Good Friday, but a service rendered this impossible. A touch of seven courses was therefore rung instead by J. E. Groves 1, J. Neal 2, T. H. Reeves (conductor) 3, A. T. Scrivens 4, E. Allaway 5, J. H. Shepherd 6, A. Walker 7, M. J. Morris 8, E. Mausell 9, T. Miller 10, A. P. Smith 11, W. T. Froggatt 12.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.—On Easter Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: F. Reakes 1, Elizabeth E. Emn 2, W. Osment (conductor) 3, H. Sanger 4, W. Tucker 5, R. Whitehead 6, P. Hill 7, A. Haines 8.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—At the Parish Church, on Easter Sunday morning, at 5.45 a.m., touches of Minor and Grandsire Triples; and for evening service, 896 Grandsire Triples: W. H. Dennison 1, W. S. Forshaw 2, T. Watson (conductor) 3, G. Jackson 4, A. Brown 5, J. Burrows 6, T. Metcalfe 7, T. R. Jackson 8.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.—On Easter Day, for 8 a.m. Communion, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: W. Williams 1, S. Carter (conductor) 2, S. Head 3, A. Woolston 4, A. Phillips 5, W. H. Lawrence 6.—For service at 11 a.m., a quarter-peal in 42 mins., 720 Woodbine, 360 Kent, 180 Plain Bob: W. Williams 1, S. Carter 2, W. H. Lawrence 3, A. Phillips 4, G. H. Carter 5, A. Woolston (conductor) 6.

SALTBURN-BY-THE-SEA.—On Easter Day, for evening service, and also as a farewell compliment to the Ven. Archdeacon Lindsay on his transfer from the living at Saltburn to that at Stokesley, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Stedman Triples: S. Tunnell 1, J. Appleton 2, G. A. Peck 3, F. Barber 4, G. Kemball 5, G. Duncan 6, J. C. Pollard (conductor) 7, R. Loughton 8.

LOWER BEEDING, SUSSEX.—On Easter Day, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 42 mins.: H. Wadey 1, J. Mitchell 2, W. Watts (conductor) 3, F. Hindes 4, G. Feist 5, C. Feist 6.

NEWPORT, MON.—On Easter Day, for evening service, at the Church of All Saints', 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Ridout 1, H. Forbes 2, J. W. Jones 3, F. Whitfield 4, H. Morgan 5, G. Day 6, A. J. Morgan (conductor) 7, W. Ridout 8.

ELTHAM, KENT.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on Easter Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Fraser (conductor) 1, J. Crowder 2, J. Hurrell 3, Capt. W. Tnder-son 4, H. James 5, R. Thompson 6, P. Spice 7, F. J. Hurrell 8.

BATH, SOMERSET.—On Easter Day, for morning service, at St. Michael's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), composed by the late A. E. Seers, in 46 mins.: H. Brown 1, Miss N. Williams 2, F. C. Rich 3, T. F. King 4, G. Harting 5, W. Crocker 6, R. J. Cousins (conductor) 7, H. Davis 8.

UTTOXETER.—For evening service, on Easter Day, 1,264 Bob Major, in 50 mins.: E. Green 1, G. Burrows 2, G. Elliott 3, F. Richardson 4, E. Roberts 5, F. Oliver 6, C. Smith 7, R. G. Lewis (conductor) 8. Longest length in the method on the bells by a local band.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.—On Easter Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins.: Miss B. Holloway (first quarter) 1, Fred Middleton 2, R. Franklin 3, W. Welling 4, R. Wood 5, A. Cross (conductor) 6, E. Gosling 7, S. Boore 8.

RAYNE, ESSEX.—At All Saints' Church, on Easter Day, for early morning service, 720 Bob Minor: J. Clayden 1, A. Redgwell 2, H. Richardson 3, Basil Redgwell 4, J. Redgwell 5, H. Redgwell (first 720 as conductor) 6. This was the first 720 by the local band.

NEWBURY, BERKS.—On Easter Day, at St. Nicholas' Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 47 mins., with 468 covering: C. Poole 1, W. Adkins (Thatcham) 2, E. Smith (conductor) 3, C. Crawford 4, E. Crocker 5, A. Barber 6, H. W. Curtis 7, E. Challis 8. First quarter-peal as conductor. First quarter-peal for ringer of No. 8.

HORNSEY, N.—On Easter Day, for morning service, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: W. Blee 1, J. G. Nash 2, E. G. Hibble 3, A. Howell 4, H. Blee 5, C. H. Ross (conductor) 6. Also for evensong, 540 Bob Minor: W. Blee 1, E. G. Hibble 2, H. Blee 3, A. Howell 4, J. G. Nash 5, C. H. Ross (conductor) 6.

FOLKINGHAM, LINCS.—On Easter Day, for 7 a.m. Communion service, at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: J. Musson 1, W. Wilson 2, C. T. H. Bradley (conductor) 3, A. King 4, C. Wilkinson 5, G. Rouse 6. First quarter-peal by all. First as conductor.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.—On Sunday March 29th, at St. Thomas-the-Martyr, 1260 Grandsire Triples, in 46 minutes: F. G. Ringe 1, A. Rainbird 2, E. Furbank 3, R. Ong 4, H. Turner 5, G. Miles 6, W. Leggett (conductor) 7, P. S. Carroll 8. First quarter-peal as conductor. On Sunday, March 15th, for ordination service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 minutes: F. G. Ringe 1, H. Turner 2, E. Furbank 3, R. Heazel (first quarter-peal) 4, R. Ong 5, A. Rainbird 6, G. Miles (conductor) 7, P. S. Carroll 8.

WEST CLANDON, SURREY.—On Sunday, March 29th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Plain Bob: N. Harding (first 720) 1, G. Worsfold 2, F. Bennett 3, G. Grover 4, W. Savage 5, J. Goacher (conductor) 6.

CHALFONT ST. GILES.—On Easter Day, for morning service, at St. Giles' Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,310 changes), in 50 mins.: A. Bolton 1, W. Elcombe 2, G. Olney 3, G. Emmett 4, G. Ayres 5, H. W. Edwards (conductor) 6. The first quarter-peal by the local band.

NOTICES.

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ST. PETER MANCROFT, NORWICH.—The ring of twelve bells, rehung and entirely refitted by Messrs. Taylor, will be reopened by members of the St. Peter Mancroft Guild at a special service on Sunday next, the 19th, at 11 a.m. The bells will also be available for ringing from 3.30 to 6 p.m. on the afternoon of that day, when members of the Norfolk Guild and other ringing visitors will be welcomed.—J. F. Duffield, Hon. Sec., 31, Oxford Street, Norwich.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A special meeting of this district will be held at Earl Shilton on Saturday, April 18th. Bells (8) available at 4 p.m. Special business meeting, with smoking concert to follow. A good attendance is requested.—W. Cope, Local Hon. Sec., Wigston Parva, Hinckley.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Highclere on Saturday, 18th April. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45; 6d. per head will be allowed towards the cost of tea.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dis. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will take place at Southgate on Saturday, April 18th. Service 5 p.m. Preacher, Rev. S. F. L. Bernays, Rector of Finchley. Tea in the schoolroom at 5.45. Ringing at Southgate (10) from 2.30 to 5 and after the meeting; also at Wood Green (6) from 3 to 4.30.—C. T. Coles and W. H. Hollier, Hon. Secs.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Lambeth, on Saturday, April 18th. Tower open from 3.30 p.m. till 8 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Business after. Ringers and friends will be welcomed.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, S.W.3.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The first quarterly meeting will be held at Wivenhoe on Saturday, April 18th, when the bells will be available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30 and tea and meeting at 5.15 p.m.—R. W. Stannard, 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brindle on Saturday, April 18th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 1s. 6d. a head. A good attendance is requested, as Mr. Wm. Taylor is expected to read a paper at this meeting.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Leake on Saturday, April 18th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, followed by business meeting immediately afterwards. Buses leave Boston Post Office at 2.30 and 4.30, returning at 8 and 10 p.m. All ringers welcome.—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., The School House, Butterwick, Boston.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—The next meeting will be at Tilston on Saturday, April 18th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (price 1s.) 4.15.—J. W. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Alford, Chester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Reddish on Saturday, April 18th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Meeting at 7 p.m. — J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Rainhill on Saturday, April 18th. Bells ready at 3. A good meeting is requested.—Walter Hughes, Branch Sec., 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Milborne Port on Saturday, April 18th. Tea in the Church Room at 4 p.m. Meeting to follow. Service in the Parish Church at 5.30 p.m.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Brixworth on Saturday, April 18th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 o'clock.—T. Tebbutt, 53, Louise Road, Northampton.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—A quarterly meeting of the above district will be held at Leintwardine on Saturday, April 18th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—W. J. Beniams, Hon. Sec., 33, New Street, Ludlow.

DEVON GUILD OF RINGERS.—North-Eastern Branch.—The meeting will be held at Bickleigh, on Saturday, April 18th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, 1/- each. Cadeleigh tower will also be open.—Miss M. Hanson, Hon. Sec., 2, The Avenue, Tiverton, Devon.

LADIES GUILD.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Yateley on Saturday, April 18th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome.—Miss H. F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Lowick (6) on Saturday, April 18th. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—J. Nickerson, Branch Sec., Halford Street, Thrapston.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The annual general meeting of the Guild will be held at Rugby on Saturday, April 18th, next. The bells of St. Andrew will be open for ringing at 3 p.m. Committee meeting in the Vestry at 4 p.m. (important business). The Guild's special service will be taken in Church at 4.30 p.m., with an address by the Vicar of Monks Kirby (Rev. R. L. B. Oliver). Tea and business meeting to follow. Election of officers, etc., for the ensuing year.—A. Wilkerson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Brecon District.—The next quarterly practice will be held at Llanfagan on Saturday, the 18th April. Tower of St. Margaret's (8 bells) open from 2 p.m. Short service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m., by invitation of Rev. T. Aneurin Davies.—W. R. Howells, Hon. Sec., The Elms, Struet, Brecon.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting of the above association will be held on Saturday, April 18th, at Sharnbrook. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—L. Turner, Dis. Sec., 7, High Street, Kempston, Beds.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting is at Penistone on Saturday, April 18th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Tea 1/- each to those who apply before the 15th to Mr. G. Hill, Hoylandswaine, near Penistone. (This rule re tea is definite.) A hearty welcome is offered by the local company.—C. D. Potter, Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at: St. Magnus, on April 30th; St. Michael's, Cornhill (for service) on the 19th, at 6 p.m.; *St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 21st; Southwark Cathedral, on the 28th; all at 7.30. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—A practice is to be held at Ringwood on Saturday, April 24th, from 3 p.m.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, April 25th. Evensong at the Cathedral at 4.30. Ringing at St. Peter-at-Gowts (6) and St. Botolph's (6), from 2.30 to 3.30 and from 7.30 to 9. Tea at the Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, at 5.30, at 1s. 9d. per head. Members requiring tea must send their names to their branch secretary on or before Tuesday, April 21st. Visitors to advise Mr. G. Chester, 16, Carline Road, Lincoln.—F. W. Stokes, Hon. Sec., Blankney, Lincoln.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Trevechin, Pontypool, on Saturday, April 25th. Committee meeting at 4 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Farmborough on Saturday, April 25th. Evensong 4 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Will those who intend to be present kindly inform me?—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Branch Sec., Midsomer Norton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Burton Latimer (8) on Saturday, April 25th. Usual arrangements. Will all requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, April 21st?—R. G. Black, Branch Sec., Geddington.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The annual meeting of the above society will be held at Ashton Parish Church on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting to be held at 7 p.m.—F. Althorp, Hon. Sec., 103, Hulme Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The branch annual meeting will be held on Saturday, April 25th, at All Saints, Marlow. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Guild service 5 p.m. Tea in the Church Hall 5.30 p.m. Business meeting 6.15 p.m. Please send names of those requiring tea, not later than Monday, April 20th.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec., Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, April 25th, at Leeds Parish Church (St. Peter's). This will be the general meeting, and all towers are requested to attend.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Stebbing, Essex.—The annual ringing festival of the Stebbing ringers will be held on Saturday, April 25th. The bells will be available from 2.30 p.m. There will be a service in the Church at 4.30, and tea will be provided at 5 p.m. All ringers will be heartily welcomed. Will all those intending to be present please notify Mr. F. Harrington, Warehouse Road, Stebbing, not later than Wednesday, April 22nd?—W. H. Dyson, Dis. Sec.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Sawbridgeworth on April 25th. The bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Service at 5. Tea at 5.15, 1s. per head. Business meeting after. All members and friends welcome. Essex friends, please come.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Heywood, on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Tormorden.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Tickhill on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (8) ready early. Tea only provided for those who notify me before the 22nd.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Deptford, on Saturday, April 25th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will all those requiring tea let me know by first post, Wednesday, April 22nd? Further particulars next week.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at All Souls, Bolton, on Saturday, 25th April. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Secretary, 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Godalming, on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and short business meeting after.—E. Raddon, Hon. Sec., 15, Baillie Road, Guildford.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—A monthly meeting will be held at St. Mark's (6), Swindon, on April 25th. Bells open at 3 p.m. Christ Church (10) will be available in the evening.—S. Hopper, Hon. Branch Secretary, 2, Florence Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Clifton, on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, District Secretary, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Milton-next-Gravesend on Saturday, April 25th. Tower open at 3. Association service in the church at 5 o'clock, conducted by the Rector of Milton, the Rev. G. W.

Mennie, M.A. Tea will be provided in the Johnston Institute for all those who notify me on or before Wednesday, April 22nd (free). Half fares up to 2s. will be paid at this meeting to members. All ringers invited.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend, Kent.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Lenham on Saturday, April 25th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea after service, followed by business meeting. Please notify me by April 20th.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Linton, Maidstone.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Shenstone on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available from 3. Service, with an address by the Vicar (Rev. E. Molloy), at 4.45.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Western Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Sudbury on Saturday, April 25th. All Saints' (8) and St. Gregory's (8) available from 2 o'clock. Tea at the Bull Hotel (1s. per head). Will those intending to attend tea notify me not later than April 22nd (Wednesday)? Business meeting follows.—S. H. Symonds, 78, Church Street, Lavenham.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at King's Norton on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea will be arranged at a moderate charge for those who advise me not later than the 21st inst. of their intention to be present.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Hunts District will be held at St. Neots, on May 2nd. Bells available—St. Neots (8), Eynesbury (6), Eaton Socon (6). Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in the Parish Room. All wishing for tea please give notice by May 28 to Rev. H. B. Woolley, Long Stanton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Colne on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Business: Mr. Washbrook's memorial and arrangements for annual branch meeting and social.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Festival will be held at Dorchester, on Tuesday, May 12th. Service in St. Peter's Church at 12.15. Dinner and annual meeting after service.—F. L. Edwards, Hon. Secretary, Kington Magna, Gillingham, Dorset.

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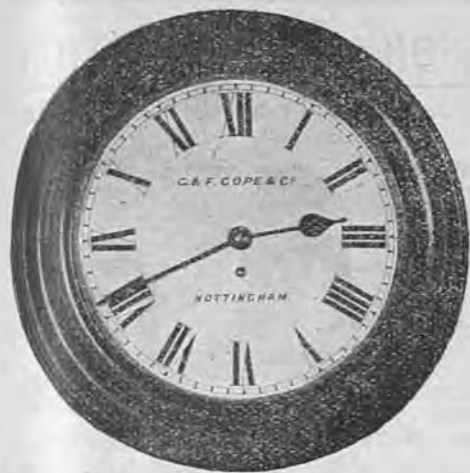
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