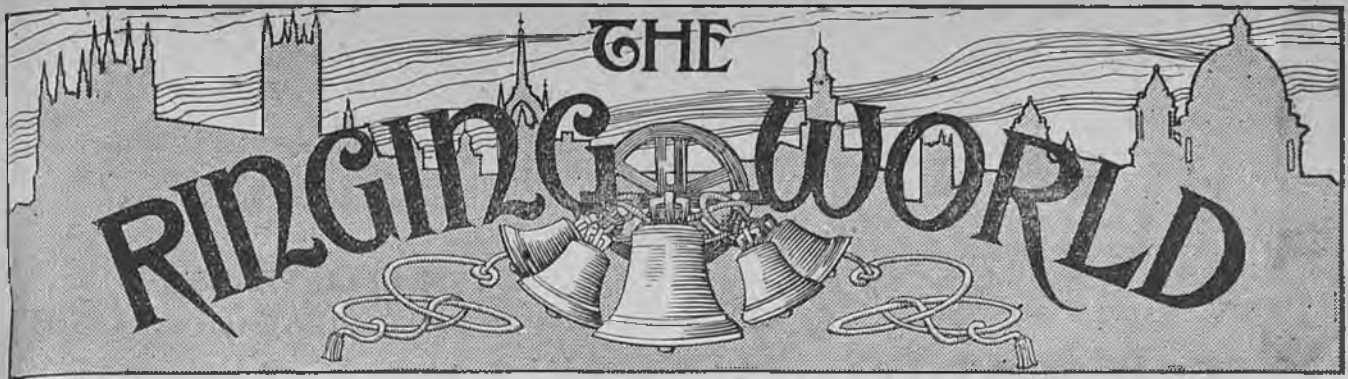




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The completion of the world's greatest carillon this week at the Croydon works of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston is a triumph of British bellfounding. The firm obtained the contract in competition, not only with other firms in this country, but with founders on two continents. The fact that they were able to compete thus successfully against all comers was naturally a matter of gratification to the firm, but the fact that they have produced such a magnificent set of bells as the fifty-three which are shortly to be dispatched to New York is a matter of which Messrs. Gillett and Johnston may be justifiably proud, for in this undertaking they have fully upheld the reputation which the leading firms of English founders have maintained over a long series of years.

The carillon is continental in its origin, and, except that the bells are the medium of making music, has nothing in common with our English method of bell ringing. In this respect, therefore, it may be said to have little claim upon our attention, as the interest of ringers in this country turns to bells rung in changes. And yet the carillon should make an appeal to all those who love bells. The music of the carillon is a delight to the ear, and it is bell music—bells used in a way to which we are not yet accustomed in this country, nevertheless producing very beautiful music which must appeal to the artistic sense of us all. In the hands of such a master as M. Denyn, who performed at Croydon this week, the carillon has an appealing, thrilling grip, and one no longer wonders at the hold which this form of belfry music has upon the people of those old Flemish cities which is the natural home of the carillon.

But from the ringers' point of view there is another side to the question. While our founders are casting these carillons—and they are doing so in increasing numbers, for it is recognised abroad as well as at home, that they have, through Canon Simpson's researches, regained the art of tuning which was the secret of the old Flemish founders of three centuries ago—they are increasing their experience in an important branch of their craft and adding to their knowledge. Moreover, it enables them to maintain the efficiency of their factories, and is an inducement to install the most modern plant. In all these directions, therefore, they are benefiting ringers, because they can produce church bells of improved quality. Incidentally, too, it adds to the employment available for men in a craft that is all too limited in its scope, and the future development of the carillon may serve to keep together men and

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plant in any time of temporary slump that might come in the demand for church bells. Happily the outlook at present shows no likelihood of a falling off in the demand for church bells, but carillon making will in the future undoubtedly be an important adjunct to the business of our English bell founders.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, May 1, 1925, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 26 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES Treble	WILLIAM HEWETT 6
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 2	*ISAAC EMERY 7
GEO. R. PYE 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 8
FRANK I. HAIRS 4	ROBERT GRIMWOOD 9
CYRIL C. PEASE 5	REUBEN SANDERS Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 2, 1925, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES.

Tenor 30 cwt.

THOMAS W. GILMOOR Treble	*GEORGE HILL 6
*GEORGE POWNALL 2	†TITUS BARLOW 7
†THOMAS B. WORSLEY 3	JOHN WILKINSON 8
SAM BOOTH 4	CECIL RADDON 9
†CLAUDE I. DAVIES 5	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by G. R. NEWTON.

Conducted by J. WILKINSON.

* First peal on ten. † First peal of Royal. ‡ First peal of Royal inside. First peal of Royal as conductor.

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1925, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB ROYAL 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. Treble	JOHN WHEADON 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	C.S.M. J. BENNETT, R.M. 7
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL 3	JAMES ARMIGER TROLLOPE 8
ISAAC G. SHADE 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 9
EDWIN F. PIKE 5	GEORGE H. DAYNES Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

This is the first peal of Little Bob Royal by all the band, and by the above association.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BISPHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 10 cwt.

ERNEST CUTSFORTH Treble	WILLIAM E. WILSON 5
GEORGE BARRACLOUGH 2	JOHN WATSON 6
CHARLES SHARPLES 3	PETER CROOK 7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 4	*NORMAN SHARPLES Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

* First peal. The ringers of treble and 7th hail from Bolton; 4th, 5th and 6th from Blackburn; 2nd, 3rd and tenor from Blackpool.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 28, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 6184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CYRIL VALENTINE Treble	WILLIAM BIBBY 5
MISS N. M. BIBBY 2	JOHN E. BIBBY 6
EDWARD JENKINS... .. 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES... .. 7
HENRY C. COLLYER 4	FRANCIS BIBBY Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal in the method in the county, by the Guild, and by all the band.

MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 28, 1925, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb.

ALLEN F. BAILEY Treble	SAMUEL HOLT 5
WILLIAM H. SHUKER 2	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD 6
JOSEPH HALL 3	ARTHUR RIDYARD 7
PERCY SHUKER 4	RICHARD LONGDON Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR RIDYARD.

Rung to celebrate the coming-of-age of Miss Gladys Needle, one of the local ringers.

WYE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 29, 1925, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of SS. GREGORY AND MARTIN.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 23 cwt.

C. WALTER EVERETT Treble	ARCHIBALD C. KAY 5
JOHN W. GARRETT 2	*CHARLES W. FRANKLIN 6
WILLIAM C. PITMAN 3	HARRY PARKES 7
MISS R. THOMAS 4	CHARLES J. HEAD Tenor

Conducted by HARRY PARKES.

* First peal.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE FRAMLAND SOCIETY, III, DEANERY, AND MELTON MOWBRAY SOCIETY.

On Thursday, April 30, 1925, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 25½ cwt.

J. REGINALD BARTRAM Treble	WALTER JAMES 5
ARTHUR H. BARTRAM 2	RICHARD MOUNT 6
JOHN R. BARTRAM 3	R. HENRY BARTRAM 7
ERNEST BARTRAM 4	*GEORGE ROBINSON Tenor

Conducted by R. H. BARTRAM.

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. ‡ First peal in the method.
 § First peal in the method on an inside bell. The above peal was specially arranged for the 50th anniversary of the formation of the Framland Society. First peal on the bells and by the society (of Triples), with father and four sons taking part.

SMITHILLS, BOLTON.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 1, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICAR'S SIX-PART.

JOHN GUEST... .. Treble	CHARLES F. STOTT 5
F. E. MARKLAND... .. 2	ALBERT HEYWOOD 6
JAMES ORMEROD 3	WILLIAM PENNINGTON 7
ALBERT PARKER 4	STANLEY HARGRAVES... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. PENNINGTON.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled, in memory of Mr. Ainworth, who was buried on Monday, April 27th. First peal for the ringers of the 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th and 8th. The ringer of the 2nd is from All Souls', and the conductor from Bolton Parish Church.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 28, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

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

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	OLIVER SIPPETTS 5
CHARLES N. BURDOCK... .. 2	GEORGE W. STEERE 6
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN... .. 7
JOHN A. COLE 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 28, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 9 cwt.

*ARTHUR W. POSTON Treble	ALFRED T. POULTON... .. 5
ROBERT E. SUMMERS... .. 2	*HAROLD POWELL 6
JOHN J. BEVAN 3	WILLIAM POSTON 7
WALTER T. BENNETT 4	ROBERT SUMMERS Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

* First peal of Triples.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes

At the Church of St. Nicholas.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*STANLEY GRIFFITHS Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
PETER BOARDMAN 2	ARTHUR LINTOTT... .. 6
THOMAS HAMMOND 3	THOMAS C. LARKEY 7
†ERNEST L. HUMPHRIS 4	EDWARD CAENCE Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER.

Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

* First peal. † First peal of Major.

ORMESBY.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE WORTHY... .. Treble	THOMAS R. HENSHER... .. 5
THOMAS LANCASTER 2	ALBERT HUNTER... .. 6
GEORGE KEMBALL 3	JOHN C. POLLARD 7
FRANK BARBER 4	THOMAS METCALFE Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by THOMAS METCALFE.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 2, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

ALBERT J. HUGHES Treble	WILLIAM S. HIGGINSON 5
THOMAS BUTLER, SEN. 2	THOMAS R. BUTLER 6
GEORGE R. JONES 3	JAMES H. RIDING 7
EDWARD V. RODENHURST 4	WILLIAM HIGGINSON, SEN. Tenor

Conducted by J. H. RIDING

PENTRE RHONDDA VALLEY, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1925, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

HARRY PAGE Treble	FRED CHAMBERLAIN 5
*GEORGE LARGE 2	TOM PAGE 6
WILLIAM B. BISS 3	WILLIAM PAGE 7
JOHN W. JONES 4	WILLIAM BOLTON Tenor

Composed by F. HOLDEN.

Conducted by HARRY PAGE.

* First peal of Kent Major, and first attempt.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 2, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES E. DAVIS Treble	REUBEN SANDERS 5
CHARLES T. COLES 2	CECIL V. EBBERSON 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	*WILLIAM J. NODDS 7
HAROLD W. CLARK 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method away from the treble.

BARTON-LE-CLEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1925, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

ALBERT FLEET Treble	MISS EVELYN STEEL 5
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 2	RICHARD KENDALL 6
CLIFFORD ROLLINGS 3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN 7
EDMUND J. HOBBS 4	HORACE H. SMITH Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by A. E. SHARMAN.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th. First peal of Oxford Treble Bob on the bells, and by all except the ringer of the 3rd.

THURCASTON, Near LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

(LEICESTER DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, May 2, 1925, in Three Hours,

At the LATIMER CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD .. Treble	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD... 5
MISS MARY L. CUFFLIN ... 2	WILLIAM H. CLARKE ... 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3	*JOHN H. DREWERY ... 7
ROWLAND BARROW 4	ALBAN DISNEY Tenor

Composed by E. MORRIS.

Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Major, and first in the method. 25th peal as conductor.

WOOBURN, BUCKS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 2, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in E.

JOHN T. SCOTT Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE 5
WILLIAM T. BERNON, JUN... 2	GEORGE W. STEERE 6
JOHN A. COLE 3	ALFRED H. POLLING 7
CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 4	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... Tenor

Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

This peal was especially arranged to allow Mr. Melville to ring a peal at his birthplace.

OSSETT, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of the HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt.

CHARLES E. LAWSON Treble	GEORGE W. STEEL 5
ARTHUR WALKER... .. 2	FREDERICK W. DIXON... .. 6
GEORGE HUNT 3	FRANCIS BARKER... .. 7
HERBERT ROWLEY 4	WILLIAM E. ASH Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to F. Barker; also on the coming-of-age of Herbert, the only son of G. Hunt. It was intended to ring Stedman at Horbury, but owing to sickness near the church, Ossett bells were hurriedly secured.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*PHILLIP C. SPRINGHAM ... Treble	CHARLES NORRIS... .. 5
JOHN HAIGH 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER 6
CHARLES WINNER 3	WILLIAM HAIGH 7
*V. A. JARRETT, Mus., R.E. 4	FRANK BELSEY Tenor

Conducted by W. HAIGH.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to V. A. Jarrett and Miss E. B. P. Walker.

MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 2, 1925, in Three Hours,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN HOLLOWES Treble	JAS. JACQUES... .. 5
WILLIAM BERRY 2	JAMES H. LEES 6
JOSEPH HALL 3	JOHN H. C. MASSEY 7
JOHN SMITH 4	THOMAS K. DRIVER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM BERRY.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

HOUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 2, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of the HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*HENRY HELM Treble	JOHN BROWN 5
JAMES HARRISON 2	WILLIAM MARGERINSON ... 6
THOMAS CALDERBANK ... 3	†JOHN MOULDING 7
MISS MAY CLAYTON 4	WILLIAM DRAPER Tenor

Conducted by JOHN MOULDING.

* First peal. † First peal on an inside bell. First peal as conductor. All the above are Sunday Service ringers, and this is the first peal at this tower by a local company since 1893.

DESBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS Treble	GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 5
HAROLD J. POOLE 2	WILLIAM ROGERS 6
SHIRLEY BURTON... .. 3	JAMES F. CLARKE, JUN. ... 7
E. HARRY STONELEY ... 4	FRED H. DEXTER... .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE R. PYE. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

First 'Surprise' peal on the bells.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, May 2, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

*JOHN BAYLISS Treble	WILLIAM DAVIES... .. 5
GEORGE E. LARGE 2	CHARLES DALE 6
JAMES GEORGE 3	BERNARD W. WITCHELL ... 7
*FRED PRICE 4	CHARLES WATHMAN Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

This peal was specially arranged for Charles Dale, of Coleshill, it being his first peal. * First peal of Stedman. Mr. George has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

RYE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1925, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

EDWARD CURD Treble	HARRY BAKER 5
CHARLES TRIBE 2	GEORGE BILLENNESS ... 6
MRS. H. BAKER 3	KENNETH PATTENDON ... 7
STANLEY IRVING 4	*ARCHIBALD FRAMPTON ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

* First peal.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 1, 1925, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 23 six-scores of Plain Bob, 11 of Grandsire, and 8 of St. Simon's. Tenor 10 cwt.

REV. H. B. WOOLLEY ... Treble	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 3
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... 2	FRANK WARRINGTON ... 4
WILFRID H. J. HOOTON ... Tenor	

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

First peal on the bells.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1925, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Marple, College Exercise and Woodbine, and two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

*FREDERICK TURRELL ... Treble	VICTOR GOATCHER ... 4
THOMAS ADAMS ... 2	HARRY TURRELL ... 5
GEORGE WARNETT ... 3	WILLIAM DENMAN, JUN. ... Tenor

Conducted by WM. DENMAN.

* First peal.

QUEEN CAMEL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

HARRY PROUT Treble	WILLIAM ROSEWELL ... 4
REGINALD BECK 2	THOMAS M. GRIFFIN ... 5
RONALD BECK 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

THURLESTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, May 2, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 15½ cwt.

*ALFRED LANGTON ... Treble	CHARLES PETTIT ... 4
FRED MEARS ... 2	*JOSEPH TAYLOR ... 5
THOMAS K. DEACON ... 3	FRED COTTON ... Tenor

Conducted by F. COTTON.

A first peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells.

AUDLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 2, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN PARKER Treble	*ARTHUR PEAKE ... 4
JOHN BRASSINGTON ... 2	ARTHUR ALLMAN ... 5
FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ... 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by A. ALLMAN.

* First peal of Bob Minor, and first peal in the method on the bells.

GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 2, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 1040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Bob Minor. Tenor 10 cwt.

MISS CECIL E. HEPBURN ... Treble	FRANK LEWIN ... 4
MISS SYLVIA THURSFIELD ... 2	GEORGE A. BLAXLEY ... 5
HARRY BAXTER ... 3	ROBERT G. BLACK ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT G. BLACK.

MERSTHAM, SURREY.

THE SURREY COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHERINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Called in ten different ways. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

*RAYMOND BALL ... Treble	CHARLES KILLICK ... 4
*BERNARD WELLS ... 2	†HERBERT WOOD ... 5
JAMES BATTERS ... 3	ALFRED WOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT WOOD.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor. This is the first known peal on these bells by an entirely local band.

HANDBELL PEALS.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 29, 1925, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

IN TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 17 in A.

C. W. WOOLLEY ... 1-2	W. H. J. HOOTON ... 5-6
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY ... 3-4	REV. H. B. WOOLLEY ... 7-8

Composed by W. ROYLE.

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

ENFIELD.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 1, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT 'ADVERSANE,' WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 6000 CHANGES;

MISS EDITH PARKER ... 1-2	JOHN THOMAS ... 5-6
*GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 3-4	WILBY J. HAZELL ... 7-8
*WALTER J. BOWDEN ... 9-10	

Composed by E. MORRIS.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal in the method on handbells.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, May 2, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. A. WALKER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

FRANK W. PERRENS ... 1-2	ALBERT WALKER ... 7-8
GEORGE F. SWANN ... 3-4	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 9-10
JAMES E. GROVES ... 5-6	MORRIS J. MORRIS ... 11-12

Composed by J. E. GROVES.

Conducted by G. F. SWANN.

Umpires: MESSRS. T. RUSSAM, P. O. LAFLIN AND A. E. NORMAN.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Albert Walker and Ernest T. Allaway, and Miss Phyllis Smallwood. The thanks of the band, etc., are due to Mr. and Mrs. A. Walker for their kind hospitality after the peal.

WEDDING BELLS.

At Prestbury, Gloucestershire, on Tuesday afternoon, April 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples from Grove's Variation of Parker's 12-part was rung in 43 mins., on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. L. R. Bagnall-Oakley to Miss E. B. Littledale, both parishioners: 'T. Compton 1, C. Rose 2, H. Newman 3, T. Pendry 4, W. Hale 5, C. Tovey 6, J. Causon (conductor) 7, J. Harrison 8.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

KING'S NORTON—PAST AND PRESENT.

The spring meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held on Saturday week at King's Norton, when full use was made of the most excellent new ring of eight put in by Messrs. Taylor and Co. about 12 months ago.

For many years King's Norton has been a centre of good ringing, and it was here that the record peal of London Surprise Major (14,112 changes) was rung in 8 hrs. 40 mins. on May 11th, 1903.

On this occasion the redoubtable Harry Withers distinguished himself by remaining in the vicinity of the church throughout the peal, taking down every course end as it was rung, and recording the calls as they were made.

Here, also, the Pritchett family was much to the fore for many years, filling the positions of churchwardens, sidesmen and ringers, but, alas! the only one now actively interested in the art is Alderman J. S. Pritchett, the Presiding Ringing Master of the St. Martin's Guild.

'Change and decay in all around I see,' sang H. F. Lyte in his well-known hymn, but although there have been many changes, there is certainly no sign of decay, so far as ringing is concerned at King's Norton.

Indeed, quite the contrary. The old bells were not by any means a bad peal, but the idea of recasting them and putting in a new peal which should be as near perfection as possible was seized upon with enthusiasm, and pushed to a successful conclusion without delay.

The King's Norton men have formed a local Guild, called 'The St. Nicholas Guild,' and are to be congratulated on the fact that they enjoy the sympathy and practical help of such men as Mr. Frank Yates, a company director, and keen Churchman, who is Presiding Ringing Master, and Mr. W. E. Moore, schoolmaster, who acts as secretary. Both these gentlemen are determined to master the intricacies of the art, and the former has already scored his first peal—Bob Major—this being also the first peal on the new bells. The conducting is in the capable hands of Mr. P. O. Luffin, and it may be that, in the not very distant future, two trebles will be added, making what would then be a magnificent light peal of ten.

Tea was provided in the quaint old half-timbered building known as the 'Old Grammar School,' and it is to be regretted that only twenty-seven members turned up, whereas provision had been made for forty.

Those present, however, realised their responsibilities, and as the result of a bold frontal attack the weight superimposed on the tables was quickly and more or less silently reduced.

The Vicar was present at tea, but apologised for not being able to stay to the meeting which followed, and at which the chair was taken by Mr. Alderman Pritchett.

The Chairman referred in feeling terms to the loss the Exercise as a whole had sustained by the death of Mr. Wm. Rock Small, which took place on April 4th, as already recorded in the 'Ringing World,' and all present stood for a few moments in silence as a last tribute of respect to his memory.

Mr. Pritchett then said they would all wish to be associated with congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Russam on the occasion of their golden wedding, which happy event was celebrated a few days previously. Unfortunately, owing to indisposition, Mr. Russam was not able to be present, but they wished him a speedy recovery, and long life and good health to himself and Mrs. Russam for many years to come.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of his bells and the ancient room in which the meeting was held; to Mr. Yates, Mr. Moore, and the other local men for the substantial tea they had very generously provided, and to the ladies—most of them ringers' wives—who so kindly and ably waited at table.

Afterwards the tower was re-visited, and ringing in various methods indulged in until 'The shades of night were falling fast,' when some made tracks for home, and others ———— A. P. S.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT SAWBRIDGEWORTH.

A meeting, which proved a very enjoyable one, was held at Sawbridgeworth. The Rev. A. Rust (curate), himself a ringer, and late of the Bedfordshire Association, welcomed the company, on behalf of the Vicar, and gave a very helpful address at the service. Twenty-six sat down to tea, and members were present from various centres in East Herts, besides several welcome visitors from Essex and Cambridgeshire.

Some good practice was put in, and a helpful time was spent, not the least pleasing feature of the meeting being the re-electing of the old members of the Sawbridgeworth band and several new ones, bringing up the number to nine, including Mrs. Rust, who has also done some ringing. Although she has not taken part as yet in any ringing at Sawbridgeworth, she hopes to do so.

A RINGER IN THE FAR EAST.

A SUGGESTION FOR THE JOHNSON DINNER?

Mr. Joseph E. Sykes completed his long journey to Dairen, Manchuria, on March 20th, and he tells us, on the first of a series of interesting postcards which we have received from him, that he found his copy of 'The Ringing World' of February 6th awaiting him. He asks us to thank those friends of his who rang a farewell peal for him.

On the way out he visited Marseilles, Port Said, Suez, Colombo, Singapore, Hong Kong, Shanghai and Tsingtao, so that he had had a busy—and doubtless an interesting—time.

On his arrival, so another card tells us, he spent a day visiting Port Arthur, and saw the ruins of the forts wrecked in the Russo-Japanese War, and the three wonderful museums, in one of which he came across bells which were made in the reign of K'un, more than one thousand years ago.

On the night he reached Dairen, he dined with eight Japanese at the best Chinese hotel in the country of Manchuria. The menu consisted of sea slugs, birds' nest soup, shark's fins, eggs that had been buried for three years, stuffed cuttle fish, roast goat, and cold roast yak, washed down with saké. He went home in a Sedan chair, slung on poles between the shoulders of two coolies, 'and,' he adds, 'woke up living, so Yorkshire Glory must be good to train on.'

The meal was eaten with chopsticks, and 'Uncle Joe' says he would give a note to see a Johnson dinner eaten in like manner.

We imagine he did not cut too good a figure at it, either, at the first time of asking. It is probably easy to miss a bob in such an operation, and, personally, had we been at that dinner in Dairen we should have been inclined to miss several whole courses.

DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM TANNER.

AN ORIGINAL MEMBER OF ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL BAND.

We regret to record the death of Mr. William Tanner, a well-known College Youth, who passed away on Tuesday, March 31st, at 68, Oakfield Road, East Ham, at the age of 76 years, after a brief illness, although he had not enjoyed his usual good health for some time. Born at Romsey, Hants, he came to London as a boy, and commenced his long ringing career at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, and St. Paul's, Shadwell, being the leader of the Sunday Service ringers at the former church at the time of his death.

Joining the Ancient Society of College Youths in 1859, Mr. Tanner was elected to the chair in 1881, and took part in the first peal on the bells of St. Paul's Cathedral on December 10th the same year. Mr. Edwin Horrex is now the only surviving member of the band who rang this historic peal. Mr. Tanner was elected into the original band formed to attend to the service ringing at St. Paul's Cathedral, and continued as a member for many years, but eventually resigned his position for domestic reasons.

Although he did not conduct any peals, he had a great reputation for clean and accurate striking, and took part in many fine performances in the early part of his career, his last peal being on the treble at Stepney to Stedman Caters a few years ago.

It was characteristic of Mr. Tanner that he should have remained with one firm the whole of his time, being employed by Messrs. J. Hodgson and Sons, of Upper Thames Street, E.C., envelope manufacturers, from the time he started work until a year or two ago, when he retired on a pension.

The funeral took place on April 7th, at Woodgrange Park Cemetery, and in addition to the relatives there were present a number of friends, and one of the principals of his old firm.

The Ancient Society of College Youths were represented by the following: Mr. W. T. Cockerill (secretary), Messrs. C. F. Winney, T. Benney, T. Langdon, H. R. Pasmore and E. Fenn, and a course of Stedman was rung on handbells over the open grave. The same evening the whole pull and stand was rung at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, by the following members: C. F. Winney, T. Benney, W. Rushon, C. W. Roberts, J. F. Small (Derby), T. Langdon, A. R. MacDonald, R. F. Deal, J. Bullock, H. Langdon.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

A quarterly meeting was held at Shenstone on April 25th, with a very fair attendance of members. Service was held in church, at which an interesting address was delivered by the Vicar (the Rev. E. Molloy). A capital tea was provided in the Parochial Hall. The thanks of the meeting were extended to the Vicar for his address and the use of the bells, to the organist and choir boys, and to the ladies who prepared and served tea.

A vote of condolence with the relatives of the late William Benton, of Cannock, John Bradney, of Wolverhampton, and William Rock Small, of Tipton, was passed, by members standing.

Provided the date is a suitable one to the local authorities, the annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on June 27th.

WINCHESTER AND SALISBURY GUILDS COMBINE.

A well-attended combined practice was held by members of the Winchester and Salisbury Guilds at Ringwood Parish Church, on Saturday, April 25th, when the peal of eight bells were kept going to Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent and Double Norwich, in which methods some good touches were rung. Cambridge was also attempted and lost in the last lead, this being the first attempt in the method on eight bells by three or four of the members, but further practice in this method was stopped, as the bells had to cease, first for a service, while illness close to the church prevented any resumption. At 5 o'clock, the members retired for tea, to which 25 members sat down.

It was very pleasing to have the presence of Mr. G. Williams, Master of the Winchester Guild, also of Mr. G. Pullinger (general secretary), and Mr. F. W. Rogers, secretary of the Portsmouth branch. Other members present came from Poole, Bournemouth (St. Peter's), West Bourne (St. John's), Wimborne, Lytchett, and one enthusiast (Mr. Chute) cycled 35 miles from Buckhorn Weston. The Rev. C. Cox, of West Moors, and Mr. Martin Stewart, of Ferndown, Dorset, were also present, together with a few members of the local band.

A course or two of Grandsire Triples, on handbells, double-handed, brought the ringing to a close.

ISOLATED WELSH TOWERS.

On Easter Monday, eight members of the St. John's Guild, Portmadoc, went on a ringing tour, and touches of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Grandsire Triples and Stedman were rung on the bells of Dolgellay, Machynlleth, and Llanbadarn (Aberystwyth) Churches during the day. The bells at the last named church have recently been rehung on roller bearings, the 'go' being excellent. The bottom six are by Rudhall, tenor 17½ cwt.

No change ringing is being practised at these towers at the present time, but the local ringers, who were present, showed a keen interest in the ringing, and could no doubt be induced to take up change ringing if instructors were available. These towers are, however, situated an appreciable distance from towers affiliated to the North Wales Association, so that anything in the nature of regular practices or tours are impossible at the present time.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**F. BERKS AND S. BUCKS BRANCH RECOVERY.**

The annual meeting held at Marlow, on Saturday week, will remain fresh in the memory of the large number of members present from more than a score of different towers for many years. The wonderful recovery of the branch speaks well for the loyalty of those members who bent their backs to the strain, and with one strong effort have practically placed it back in its former premier position.

At the service the choir was augmented by members from Stoke Poges and Cookham, and an interesting, instructive and most appropriate address was given by Dr. Batchelor, of Cookham, on the text, 'Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might.' The preacher's enjoyment of the ringing had previously led him to the belfry, where he expressed his appreciation to all present. The kindness of the Master (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) was evident in his bringing a large number of service books for use.

The arrangements for tea were left in the hands of Miss Spearing, sister of the Vicar, Mr. H. Collins, and the wives of the local ringers, the local caterers having refused to undertake the task. An excellent peal, in comfort, was the result, to which some fourscore persons did justice.

The business meeting followed, and, after clearing up some arrears of minutes, the election of 45 new members was confirmed.

The statement of accounts was accepted, the balance of £5 5s. 4½d. in hand at December 31st, 1924, being noted with approval.

The Secretary then gave a few interesting details of 16 towers visited in five months. The total number of members in the branch is now 399. He also gave the amount of subscriptions received to date.

The sum of £2 2s. was voted to the Washbrook Memorial, and it was also decided to pay for the tea at this meeting out of the funds.

The following officers were elected: President, Bishop of Buckingham; vice-president, Dr. Batchelor; chairman, Rev. W. S. Riddelsdell; secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. D. Barker; branch representatives, Mrs. A. D. Barker, Messrs. F. Boreham, T. J. Fowler, G. H. Gutteridge, G. Martin, J. L. Kirk, C. C. Mayne and J. Truss.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to those persons directly connected with the arrangements, and the bells were kept going in various methods until 9 p.m.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The death occurred at Beddington, Surrey, on Monday, of Mr. Charles W. Gordon. The deceased ringer, who was 73 years of age, had been suffering for the last six years from heart trouble and asthma. He was the sole survivor of the band that opened Beddington bells in 1869.

The footnote to the peal of New Cambridge Major, Eccleston, published last week, is withdrawn, as the first in the method in the county was rung at Pulford in 1907, conducted by the late Bertram Prewitt.

At the Ladies' Guild meeting, at Hillingdon on Saturday, a touch of Stedman Triples was rung for the first time by four husbands and wives. These were Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hairs, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Deal and Mr. and Mrs. Amos Clark—a band good enough for a good peal.

On May 10th, 1777, 10,200 Treble Bob Royal was rung at Shoreditch in 7 hours 40 minutes by the Royal Cumberland Youths.

Exactly two years later a peal of 12,240 Bob Major was rung at Braughing, Herts, in 7 hours 34 minutes by the Braughing Youths. There is a board recording the peal which says: 'It was long each man did stand, with zeal and ardent union performed the peal.'

Twenty-two years ago next Monday the record peal of London Surprise Major was rung at King's Norton, and a reference to this performance will be found in the report of the St. Martin's Guild meeting at this place.

Mr. Richard Newton, of Boston, U.S.A., is on a visit to this country, and on Sunday morning rang the 11th to one touch of Stedman Cinques, and the tenor to another at St. Martin's, Birmingham.

A 'ringing week' in the North of England is suggested for June 20th to 27th (inclusive), and a welcome is offered by members of the Northern British Association. The date coincides with the annual holidays and racing week up North, when special cheap railway return tickets are available from Birmingham and London to Durham and Newcastle. London and district ringers who are at liberty that week should get into touch with Mr. W. H. Fussell, of Slough, if they wish to take part in the tour.

Another record gone! Owing to her mother being too shy to respond to a vote of thanks for providing a tea at the recent meeting at Milton-next-Gravesend, a little girl, not yet two years old, deputised, by standing on a table, and responding with 'Ta!' She must be the youngest speaker at any ringers' meeting.

The annual meeting of the Sussex County Association is to be held on Saturday. Will there be a representative to the Central Council elected, or will the association continue to be the only large body of ringers unaffiliated to the central organisation?

An alarming accident occurred at Banstead, Surrey, on Palm Sunday, when ringing for evening service was in progress. On inspection it was found that the 5th bell had broken from the crown, and the bell was lying in the pit, the crown still being bolted to the stock.

The bells are only four years old, and are tuned on Canon Simpson's principle. In order to put things right, it is estimated it will cost the church authorities over £80.

The first peal of Minor on the bells at Queen Camel, Somerset, was rung on Saturday. The tenor is approximately 37 cwt., and the peal took more than three and a half hours. Although used to some fairly 'hefty' jobs, the conductor is in no hurry to ring the tenor to another peal of Minor.

Warwickshire ringers in particular and the Exercise in general, will deeply sympathise with Mr. Abraham Wilkerson in the death of his wife. Mr. Wilkerson has just given up the hon. secretaryship of the Warwickshire Guild, after discharging the duties with ability and enthusiasm for several years.

The ringers of St. Mary's Church, Stafford, are anxious to compile for their belfry a record of the peals rung on the bells before the year 1900, other than those rung by the Society for the Archdeacons of Stafford, the records of which are readily accessible. Will ringers who are able to supply information kindly send it to Mr. F. V. Haggis, 124, Corporation Street, Stafford?

'MASONIC' HOLIDAY PEALS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Perhaps, among the readers of the 'Ringing World', even at this early period, there are some already making holiday arrangements.

If any brother Masons are contemplating a holiday in the neighbourhood of Bath during the month of August, I shall be pleased to arrange a peal for those who desire one.

In anticipation of receiving sufficient replies to make it a 'Masonic' peal, I am making application for the use of the beautiful bells of Colerne Church.

Will those who reply to this kindly give the approximate date of their visit.—Yours truly,

ARTHUR PRINCE.

15, Westgate Street, Bath, Somerset.

A TRIUMPH OF BELL FOUNDING.

WONDERFUL CARILLON FOR NEW YORK.

The magnificent new carillon which has been cast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston at their Croydon Foundry, for the Park Avenue Baptist Church, New York, is now complete, and is to be shipped about the end of the month. A large number of visitors have this week had the privilege of inspecting the carillon in the foundry, and of hearing something of its wonderful musical qualities.

This carillon is the largest, both in point of number and size, in the world. There are fifty-three bells covering four and a half chromatic octaves and the bass bell, which corresponds with low E, weighs approximately 9½ tons. The bells run up the scale to high A, a tiny casting of only 15 lbs. Of the lower bells, the bottom twelve range from one ton upwards, and the total metal in the carillon is about fifty tons. The diameter of the smallest bell is 7 inches, and of the largest 98 inches, the hammer used on this bell being twice the diameter of the smallest bell itself, viz., 14 inches. Some idea of the size of the other large bells may be gauged by the fact that the diameters of those next the bass are 87 inches (weighing something over six tons), 81, 76 and 72 inches respectively. Each bell bears the founders' names and date, but only the bass bell has any other inscription. Round the shoulder are groups of figures, and beneath them the text, 'O ye Angels of the Lord, bless ye the Lord, praise Him and magnify Him for ever.' On the waist is inscribed:—

In loving memory of my mother, Laura Spelman Rockefeller, 1839-1915, whose gentle and kindly spirit and steadfast devotion to Christ and His cause will ever be an abiding inspiration, this carillon is given. John D. Rockefeller, junior, Anno Domini 1925.

Of the bells themselves we cannot speak too highly. They are, of course, tuned on the five-tone principle, which is a rediscovered art. Three hundred years ago this method of tuning was known to the founders of the Netherlands, and among the best examples were the bells of Hemony. In the course of the centuries the art was lost, but Canon Simpson, after years of investigation, once more introduced the principle which all British founders have now adopted in more or less modified form. In the case of this great new carillon, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have tuned these bells strictly to the five-tone Simpson principle, and to the International Pitch. They are also tuned accurately to the tempered scale, so as to enable the carillonneur to modulate from one key to another at will, without any danger of consequent discords. As far as it is humanly possible, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have produced a perfect carillon. The greatest technical difficulties presented to the founder are to be found in the small bells, but under the hands of an experienced carillonneur the beauties of the little bells in this wonderful set are really striking. At the other end of the scale, the magnificent bourdon bells are like the deep diapason of a great organ, and the middle bells fully maintain a notable consistency in the whole carillon.

When the bells reach New York, they will be erected in the tower of the Park Avenue Baptist Church, which is about 150ft. high. The interior of the tower is only 12 feet square, and 45 of the bells are to be fixed in three tiers, while the eight largest bells are to be hung in a separate massive frame in a campanile built specially for the purpose over the existing tower. This structure is supported by the extension of the columns now supporting the roof of the church. The tower is a beautiful Gothic structure, designed by one of America's most famous architects, Mr. H. C. Pelton. Indeed, the placing of the carillon in this tower has necessitated concerted action between architects, engineers and founders, and no pains have been spared by the best brains of America in the world of architecture, engineering and music, in collaboration with the bell founders, to make the whole project the most magnificent of its kind in the world. The bells will be operated by a keyboard—there will be no mechanical appliances—and this clavier has been evolved after careful study of all the principal ones on the Continent, and has many novel features—the outcome of ideas originated by Mr. Mayer and M. Brees, in conjunction with Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. It is possible that it may be aimed at as a standard in America, thereby facilitating the work of carillonneurs visiting a strange tower to give a special recital.

The bells have been erected in their frames in the foundry, and on Monday they were played for the first time to a company representing the press of these islands and America and numerous other visitors. Everyone admired the graceful lines of the bells, and to those with a critical eye it was obvious that the frame (designed by the founders) was a very fine engineering job. The construction is of steel girders and weighs about 50 tons, so that bells and frame together weigh one hundred tons.

To demonstrate the bells M. le Chevalier Jof. Denyn, carillonneur of Malines, and Principal of the Belgian National School of Carillonneurs, came specially from Belgium to perform. Foremost among the world's carillonneurs, M. Denyn gave two programmes, to the intense delight of the many listeners. His first piece was an improvisation, in which he gave his audience the opportunity of at once appreciating the quality of the bells, a rippling, sparkling play upon the higher

notes, with a soft background provided by the middle bells, and punctuated by the majestic tones of the bass. Played by a master hand, the music was entrancing, and when he concluded with a gentle touch upon the nine-ton bottom bell, it seemed almost minutes before the last deep hum of the musical chord in this one bell died away.

Following this came 'Le Barbier de Seville Cavatine' (Rossini), a beautiful composition, entitled 'Ave Maria,' written by M. Denyn himself, and a spirited rendering of 'Rule Britannia.' Needless to say, in these pieces, the artist brought out the full glories of the carillon, and at the close was thanked by Mr. Cyril Johnston, on behalf of the company.

Through the medium of M. Denyn's courteous secretary, our representative had a few minutes' interview with the great but genial carillonneur.

Asked how this carillon compared with the greatest in his own country, M. Denyn said the best in the Netherlands were undoubtedly those by Hemony, but his work did not excel this new carillon, which he considered the finest in the world. Hemony's carillons did not include such small bells as the smallest of those that are going to New York, and that great founder had acknowledged, in letters still extant, that it was the small bells which were the most difficult to perfect.

M. Denyn has heard or played on practically all the great carillons of France and Flanders, and there is no better judge in the world. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston may, therefore, be proud of this latest and greatest product of their foundry, and New York will doubtless be equally proud of its new possession, which has been made possible by the munificent donation to the Park Avenue Baptist Church from Mr. J. D. Rockefeller, junr., in memory of his mother.

M. Anton Brees, carillonneur of Antwerp Cathedral, has been appointed carillonneur at New York.

In addition to this carillon, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have in hand, also, an exactly similar one for the new Parliament House, at Ottawa, for the Canadian Government, and they have other carillons in hand for Canada and Holland.

Recitals at the Foundry have been given each day this week by well-known Continental carillonneurs, there having been a special one on Wednesday for the Worshipful Company of Clockmakers, and another is arranged on Sunday afternoon for the Worshipful Company of Musicians.

NORBURY, CHESHIRE, TO HAVE EIGHT BELLS.

PART OF A GREAT RESTORATION SCHEME.

The Norbury (Cheshire) Church Council, after careful thought, have decided to accept Messrs. Taylor and Co.'s tender of £784 for the restoration of the church bells. The scheme comprises recasting the present 1st, 2nd, 5th and 6th, with the addition of four new bells to complete the octave, the approximate weight of the new tenor to be 13½ cwt. Those of an antiquarian turn of mind will be pleased to know that the old 3rd and 4th, which were cast in 1617 by Oldfield, are to be preserved, and will be placed in the church to form the nucleus of a bell museum.

The recast ring will be hung in a cast-iron frame, built on stout steel supporting girders.

The church authorities are carrying out a large general scheme of restoration, of which the bells form a part, and which will cost over £5,000. They deserve no small praise for their enthusiasm and determination, and set an example which might well be copied by other churches. Only something like £600 needs now to be raised, and it is hoped to have this by the time the bells are completed. The ringers are giving one bell.

The entire scheme, work on which was commenced in December, comprises new chancel, new roof, electric lighting, reseating galleries, rebuilding organ, decorations, pointing whole of fabric, including inside of tower, drainage of churchyard, the bells, and 14 new windows. A great undertaking for a working-class parish.

ANCIENT BELLS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—With regard to Mr. Borrett's letter in your issue of April 10th, and the list of pre-Reformation bells in Norfolk, it should be stated that in no case does the date appear on the bells he mentions; although the dates he gives are correct as regards the periods at which the founders named carried on their business.

Among many other founders of ancient bells I may mention, Michael, Richard and Walter Wymshish, London founders, dating from 1297 to 1320. Also Robert Rider (or Ridre), another London founder, 1351 to 1386.

A full list of these and many other ancient and modern founders will be found in Mr. H. B. Waller's 'Church Bells of England.'—Yours, etc.,

J. R. JERRAM.

May 4th, 1925.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

A YEAR OF GOOD WORK.

The annual meeting of the Salisbury Guild is to be held next, Tuesday at Dorchester. In anticipation, the annual report has just been issued, and shows that during the year 1924 nine peals were rung, compared with 17 in the previous year, and 14 in 1922. In other directions, however, the Guild has made progress, and financially had a successful year, the balance in hand having been raised from £55 10s. 7½d. to £66 17s. 8½d.

The Hon. Secretary, in his report, says: The great event of the year has been the formation of the North Dorset Branch out of the Wimborne Branch, which had grown to unwieldy proportions. This step had been projected for some years, and the difficulties involved had been fully stated and discussed. When at length the project was carried out, the result was such as to surprise even its most sanguine advocates. The new Branch came into being with an inaugural meeting at Sturminster early in the year, quarterly meetings at Shaftesbury and Kingston Magna were each attended by some seventy members and friends, and the first annual meeting was held at Sherborne, with an attendance of ninety. Best of all the secretary was able on that occasion to present a balance sheet with almost every subscription paid up, and before the end of December the Branch Report, with all subscriptions complete, was in the hands of the General Secretary. O si sic omnes!

Steady progress has been made in the various Branches. A good number of new towers have joined the Guild, and several young bands have received instruction in change ringing. In connection with the last annual meeting, it is recorded that the Guild, greatly to the regret of all, had to accept Major Hughes D'Aeth's resignation of the Mastership owing to his removal from the Diocese. His return from active service just at the time when the office was last vacant, proved a veritable godsend to the Guild. His keen Churchmanship and practical experience in change ringing combined with his mobility as a motor-cyclist to make him the ideal Master for reviving the activities of the Guild after the War and extending its work and influence. During his five years' tenure of office he has rendered signal service to the cause of the Guild, and his Mastership will leave its mark for a long time to come. During that period great progress has been made in the standard of ringing, two new branches have been formed, and the ancient use of the Peace Bell has been revived in a number of parishes.

At the same meeting it was resolved to respond to the invitation of the Dean and Chapter and endeavour to raise a sufficient sum to provide the oak panelling required for the Memorial Chapel in the Cathedral as a tribute to the memory of all those ringers of the diocese who sacrificed their lives in the war. The amount named in this connection was £200. So far only about 70 parishes have sent in their contributions, with a total of £40 10s. 5d. As the memorial is for the entire diocese, it is hoped that the rest of the parishes will not be content to stand aloof, but will come forward in support of the project without delay. The President, Master and Secretary of the Guild were present at the Consecration of the Memorial.

During the past year, death has removed from our list of life members the honoured name of James W. Washbrook, a veritable prince of ringers, whose fame will endure for ever in the annals of the Exercise. By the death of Lord Long of Wraxall, the Guild has lost one of its oldest supporters, whose association with it as an hon. life member extended over a period of thirty-seven years, and the nation one of the most eminent statesmen, a true patriot and the perfect type of an English gentleman. Just as we are publishing our report, we learn with regret that Sir Everard Hambro, another of our vice-presidents, has passed away in his eighty-fifth year. Many of us will cherish a delightful memory of the grand old veteran of Milton Abbey, whose genial hospitality was extended on a princely scale to a gathering of some two hundred ringers and friends at the reopening of the glorious church on his Dorset estate.

The following are points from the district secretaries' reports:—Salisbury Branch: There has been an improvement in the branch, but there is still room for a greater amount of individual interest on the part of members. St. Edmund's, Salisbury, has again joined the Guild with a strong band of ringers, and it is hoped that more towers will join in the coming year.

Devizes Branch: The attendance at the twelve branch meetings has been very good, an average of over 40 per meeting being recorded. Two towers have joined up during the year (Christ Church, Bradford-on-Avon, and Unarvon). There has been a steady increase in membership during the year, and the totals are now 20 hon. members and 226 ringing members.

Dorchester Branch: Much good work has been done and progress made, and the younger men are coming forward to learn the 'ancient art.'

Wimborne Branch: The year's work has proved conclusively the keenness of the branch and its abundant competence to carry on. The

branch is one of the smallest in the diocese (membership 97), but has the satisfaction as well as the responsibility of being well to the front in methods regularly practised or attempted. A feature of the year, in its last quarter, has been a scheme of combined advanced practices in various towers on their ordinary practice nights. These were only partially successful owing to weather, distance and shortness of time on an evening only. It has now been decided to hold them on the first Saturday afternoon and evening of each month, not already occupied by a quarterly meeting, and to adapt the practice to the requirements of the company present.

West Dorset Branch: Nine meetings were held (against five last year), and these have been better attended than those of last year. There is, however, still a tendency for some ringers never to leave their own tower. An experiment of holding evening meetings was tried, and proved successful, and their continuance is recommended. There is still much missionary work to accomplish.

North Dorset Branch: The branch was started on Feb. 16th, 1924. All the meetings have been well attended, and the first year is concluded with 167 ringing members, and 11 honorary members, representing 23 towers.

SERVICES AT RINGERS' MEETINGS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—While agreeing with Mr. Smallwood, re shelving business at an annual meeting, I do not think he is right in blaming the service. The fact that it is their service appeals to some ringers, and probably it is the first they have attended for many moons. Instead of the elaborate service, I think the elaborate luncheon could be cut—the time spent on it, or rather waiting for what portion may come your way, is wasted. I think the majority of members would rather have a meal. As to ringing facilities, there were available forty-six bells for a period of seven hours. So putting the attendance at 150, there were, roughly, 145 minutes per member, and the parson only had fifty. The mistake is made in trying to compress a certain amount of business into any stated time. Why not have the meeting later in the day, then we can deliberate all night?—Yours truly,

T. H. VALLANCE.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN DISTRICT'S SUCCESSFUL MEETING.

A very successful meeting of the Northern District was held on Saturday last at the ancient church of Belchamp St. Paul. This beautiful and well-cared-for building, dedicated to St. Andrew, and dating from the middle of the 15th century, with its elaborate carved benches in the chancel, upon which are the figures of a seated king and a monk (late 15th century), is situated upon an eminence about a mile from the village, and from which an extensive view can be obtained of the surrounding country, including five church towers. It is well worth a visit, and attracted a goodly number of ringers.

The bells are a musical light ring of six, which 'go' splendidly. The 4th is by Miles Grave, 1626, and the 1st and 2nd by Miles Graye, 1632. The peal was kept going during the afternoon and evening to various methods, from Rob Minor to Cambridge Surprise.

The ringers' service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. F. Flynn), Mrs. Offord, the wife of the leader of the ringers, presiding at the organ. The Vicar gave a most interesting address, upon the uses of bells right down the ages, starting from the bells upon the robe of the High Priest.

After the service, an adjournment was made to the schools for tea, the arrangements for which were supervised by Mr. G. R. Offord, kindly assisted by a number of ladies, who spared no effort in looking after the wants of the visitors.

The chair was occupied by the Vicar, who was supported by his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Offord, a lady churchwarden, Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Association), Mr. L. W. Wiffen (District Master), and Mr. W. H. Dyson (district secretary). There were 39 ringers present, representing the following parishes: Greenstead Green, Pentlow, Earls Colne, Belchamp St. Paul's, Great Yeldham, Glensford, Sible Hedingham, Cavendish, Halstead, Assington, Sudbury, Black Notley, Braintree, Foxearth and Maldon.

After tea, the usual business meeting was held, the District Master presiding, when nine new members were elected, six being from the local band.

Mr. C. H. Howard proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for kindly allowing the use of the bells, conducting the service, and for his instructive address, to Mrs. Offord for presiding at the organ, and to Mr. Offord for making the arrangements for the tea.—This was seconded by the district secretary, and carried with acclamation. The Vicar and Mr. Offord suitably responding.

After some change ringing on handbells, the members dispersed, some for home, some to the tower for ringing, others going on to Gestingthorpe to ring there.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**ROCHESTER DISTRICT AT MILTON.**

The half-yearly meeting of the Rochester District of the Kent County Association was held at Milton-next-Gravesend, on Saturday, April 25th, and well attended. The bells were raised soon after three o'clock, and various methods up to London Minor were rung on this fine peal of six. At 5 o'clock the association service was held in the church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. G. W. Mennie, M.A.), and Mr. H. Champion presided at the organ. The Rector took as his text, 'I was glad when they said unto me, We will go into the house of the Lord.' He welcomed the association to Milton, and said he was pleased to have their district secretary as leader of his band of ringers, the position he had held for the past 15 years. He spoke of the uses of church bells, and reminded the ringers to think of the words of his text, and having called others to the service on Sundays to join them in their worship of God.

The ringers, 42 in number, were afterwards entertained to tea in the Johnston Institute by the district secretary and Mrs. Mitchell, who had the valuable assistance of the lady ringers of the Gravesend tower, Miss D. Tall and Mrs. Quont, and their friends.

The business meeting followed, and, in the absence of the Rector, Mr. W. Harper (Swanscombe) was voted to the chair. One honorary member and six new practising members were elected, and on the question of the place of the next meeting, it was necessary for the chairman to give his casting vote to decide the tower, Rainham and Tunstall being equal in the voting. The bait of a 'free tea' at the latter place did not influence the chairman, and finding out that a meeting had been held previously at Tunstall, he decided on Rainham, and it was left to the secretary to fix a date in July. The secretary hopes, by the way, to arrange a day that will not clash with other district meetings, as on this occasion three were being held on the same day.

The District Secretary reported on the attendance at the annual meeting at Folkestone on Easter Monday, and said they would see by the 'Ringing World' the general secretary spoke on the apathy of several towers in not sending in their list of members. He was glad to say that the Rochester district had completed their list, but only on the day previous to the meeting. Other districts, however, were not so fortunate. It was not fair to the district secretaries, and the general secretary could not present a true report to the annual meeting.

He informed the members that a grant of £5 had been obtained from the benevolent funds of the association for Mr. George Hayes, owing to ill-health, and he offered the district's congratulation to their chairman on being re-elected people's warden at Swanscombe.—To this Mr. Harper briefly responded.

On the proposition of Mr. J. Burles, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the donors of the tea, to the Rector for the use of the bells, and for conducting the service, and the organist for his attendance; also to the ladies who assisted with the tea.

Mr. Mitchell said his wife, to show her gratitude for keeping him at his 'home' tower, had proposed to find them tea, and he was glad it was appreciated.

Gravesend tower was open for ringing, after the meeting, and both peals were going until 9 o'clock. At the former tower, Cambridge and Superlative were the order, with an attempt for a course of London which did not 'come off.'

LEWISHAM DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District was held at St. Nicholas', Deptford, on Saturday, April 25th, when some thirty members attended.

The bells were kept going throughout the afternoon and evening. Service was held in the church, the Vicar officiating, and giving an interesting and helpful address. Mr. Weston presided at the organ, and Mr. G. H. Daynes (who combines the offices of churchwarden and captain of the bell ringers) read the lesson.

Service was followed by a splendid tea in the Church Hall. This was generously supplied by the Vicar and Mrs. Pitman, and served by a number of lady helpers.

The business meeting followed, the Vicar (the Rev. T. W. Pitman) taking the chair. Four new members were elected, and SS. Peter and Paul's, Shoreham, was chosen as the place of the next meeting.

Mr. T. Groombridge, senr., gave a report of the proceedings of the annual general meeting, held at Folkestone on Easter Monday last.

Mention was again made of the clashing of meetings of the association.

Mr. F. W. Thornton moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, conducting the service and address, to the Vicar and Mrs. Pitman for their generosity in supplying the tea, to Mr. Weston for his services at the organ, to Mr. G. H. Daynes, and to the lady helpers for their part in the organisation of a splendid meeting and social function.—This was seconded by Mr. T. Groombridge, senr., and carried with applause.

The Vicar responded in a few well-chosen words. He asked for any information of other churches where a bell ringer is also churchwarden to be sent to him. — This brought the meeting to a close, and the tower was again visited till 9 p.m.

MAIDSTONE DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Maidstone District was held at Lenham, on Saturday, April 25th. Ringing commenced at 3 o'clock, and a short service was conducted by the Vicar, Mr. W. E. Pitman, of Canterbury, presiding at the organ. After the service, the members partook of tea at the Dog and Bear Hotel.

At the business meeting, the chair was taken by the Vicar. Mr. C. H. Sone was re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer, and Messrs. L. Head and G. Pound were re-elected district representatives.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Charing, and the half-yearly meeting at Staplehurst.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, and to Mr. Pitman for presiding at the organ, concluded the meeting.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**STOCKBRIDGE TOWER AFFILIATED.**

A quarterly meeting of the Winchester District was held at Stockbridge on Saturday. The peal of six bells was kept going to Grand-sire and Stedman Doubles, Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor. Tea was presided over by the Vicar of Stockbridge (the Rev. G. Uppinton), who was elected an honorary member. The local band also joined as probationers, which means another tower affiliated to the Guild. One full member and two probationers were also elected members of the Guild from North Stoneham.

Mr. G. Williams (Master) gave a brief outline of the benefits derived by members of the Guild.

Mr. Pullinger (Guild secretary) proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for presiding at tea and meeting.

Members were present from Andover, Fareham, Ringwood, Portsmouth, North Stoneham, Winchester, and the local band.

GUILDFORD DISTRICT.

A meeting of the Guildford District was held at Godalming on Saturday, April 25th. Members were present from Ash, Reddington, Chiddingfold, Cranleigh, S. Nicolas', Guildford, Shere, Witley, Worplesdon, and also members of the local company. The bells were available during the afternoon, and a short service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. S. Colson), who gave an excellent address, Mr. Parnment, junr., presiding at the organ.

Tea was held at the Church Room, about 30 being present. The Vicar presided, supported by Mrs. Colson, Mr. A. Mayers (churchwarden), Mr. W. Enticknap, Mr. J. J. Jones, and others.

A short business meeting was held after tea.—The Ringing Master (Mr. A. C. Hazelden) presented his report for the quarter.

Two honorary and three performing members were elected, and the usual vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the church and bells, to the organist, and to the members of the local company for having everything ready.

After some ringing on handbells, the members again visited the tower, and touches in various methods were brought round, the company dispersing about 9 p.m.

5.088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR.

BY THE LATE JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

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Composed March, 1923. First rung at the Church of St. Thomas, Pendleton, on Saturday, April 11th, 1925.

In the opinion of the band that rang this peal, the composition reaches the high-water mark of music in this method. It was the last peal composed by the late Mr. J. W. Washbrook.

ELLESMERE, SALOP.—On Monday, April 21st, one of Snowden's Odd-bob quarter-peals of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 52 mins.: R. Biggs 1, G. H. Edwards 2, A. Allen 3, A. Haynes 4, T. Butler, senr. (conductor) 5, W. S. Higginson 6, T. R. Butler 7, W. Higginson, senr., 8. Rung to celebrate the twenty-second anniversary of the wedding of Mr. W. Higginson, who has done a great deal of work in connection with this society and in this district, and to whom the best wishes of the band were extended.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

GORSEINON.—At St. Catherine's Church, on Sunday, April 26th, 504 Grandsire Triples: J. MacMillan (longest touch) 1, Wal. Dobbins 2, Reg. Dobbins 3, C. Willis 4, A. Sluman 5, W. Dobbins (longest length as conductor) 6, J. Williams 7, J. Hanson 8.

HEATHFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, April 26th, for evensong, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins., with 7-8 covering: Mrs. W. Barrow (first 720) 1, A. Hobden 2, H. S. Hobden 3, G. Dann 4, P. S. Thompson 5, F. J. Lambert 6, R. Allen 7, G. Dash 8.

DARLINGTON.—On Sunday, April 26th, at the Church of the Holy Trinity, for Matins, 720 Wells Surprise Minor: J. T. Titt 1, C. Todd 2, R. Park 3, W. N. Park 4, F. W. Lupson 5, G. W. Park (conductor) 6. In the afternoon, on the occasion of a visit by Bishop Welldon, 720 London Surprise Minor: J. T. Titt 1, W. Oliver 2, G. W. Park 3, W. N. Park (conductor) 4, F. W. Lupson 5, R. Park 6.—For evensong, 840 York Surprise Minor: W. Oliver 1, R. Park 2, W. H. Porter 3, W. N. Park 4, F. W. Lupson 5, G. W. Park (conductor) 6.

BROXBORNE, HERTS.—On Sunday, April 26th, at the Church of St. Augustine, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: A. Radley (first in the method) 1, F. Perrin 2, G. Thurgood 3, W. Greenaway 4, G. Barker 5, F. Saban 6, G. Radley (conductor) 7, C. Gouldsmith 8.

TODDINGTON, GLOS.—On Sunday, April 26th, for morning service, at St. Andrew's Church, 720 Oxford Bob Minor: J. Hall 1, S. Cook 2, L. Harrison 3, E. Cook 4, C. Lawrence 5, G. Ashley (conductor) 6. First 720 by local band, and first by all except conductor.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND.—On Sunday evening, April 26th, for Divine service, in 24 mins., 720 of Minor, in nine methods: Canterbury Pleasure, Woodbine Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob and Grandsire: F. Seabright (first attempt on the treble) 1, F. M. Mitchell (conductor) 2, J. Burles 3, H. Argent 4, F. A. Mitchell 5, G. Morrad 6.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Easter Day, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples: A. Crane 1, W. Mead 2, W. Sear 3, J. Marks 4, J. Mead 5, F. Marks 6, H. Sear (conductor) 7, F. Whitehead 8.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): H. V. Sear (first quarter-peal) 1, H. Sear (conductor) 2, W. Mead 3, A. Crane 4, H. Morris 5, J. Mead 6, J. Marks 7, W. Sear 8.

WALWORTH.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Easter Day, after evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans): W. H. Hewett (conductor) 1, J. Carman 2, W. J. Nudds 3, E. F. Pike 4, Ernest Brett 5, J. A. Trollope 6, C. W. R. Grimwood 7, James E. Davis 8. This quarter-peal and the one rung on Palm Sunday are the first on the bells for close on twenty years.

GUILDFORD.—At Holy Trinity Church, for evensong, on Easter Day, a quarter-peal of London Surprise Major (1,280 changes), in 51 mins.: G. Petter 1, G. W. Steere 2, H. Hutton 3, R. Philpott 4, W. R. Melville 5, H. Burdock 6, C. H. Dobbie 7, A. H. Pulling (conductor) 8.

HORBURY, YORKS.—At SS. Peter and Leonard's Church, on Easter Day, for morning service, 912 Double Norwich Major: J. Woffenden 1, G. Hunt 2, G. F. Pickles 3, H. Rowley (conductor) 4, G. Barstow 5, G. W. Pickles 6, J. Smith 7, R. Thickett 8.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: D. H. Mitchell 1, G. Hunt 2, G. F. Pickles 3, G. W. Pickles 4, G. Barstow 5, H. Rowley (conductor) 6, R. Thickett 7, J. Woffenden 8.

STONE, STAFFS.—At St. Michael's Church, on Easter Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: H. Buckley 1, J. Head 2, J. Moulson 3, W. Buckley 4, T. Hodson 5, A. Rowley (conductor) 6, P. Preston 7, C. Templeton 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—On Easter Day, for morning service, 1,120 London Surprise Major: L. P. Bailey 1, A. Keeble 2, F. L. Fisher (Ufford) 3, J. M. Bailey 4, G. Wilson 5, S. J. Wolfe (Lincoln) 6, J. G. Rumsey 7, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 8. Longest length of London by ringers of 3rd and 8th.—For evening service, 1,024 Bristol Surprise: W. W. Bailey 1, A. Keeble 2, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 3, Geo. Bailey 4, J. G. Rumsey 5, G. Wilson 6, C. Sampson 7, E. S. Bailey 8.

BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.—At St. Mary's Church, on Easter Day, for early service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 47 mins., with ten different callings, 6, 4, 8 covering: T. Samuel 1, M. Bend 2, C. H. Jallands 3, R. Jackson 4, C. Briggs 5, C. Hallam 6, A. W. Ward (conductor) 7, J. H. Branson 8. First quarter-peal by the ringer of the treble, who is 14 years of age. He and the ringer of the 4th only commenced to pull a bell six months ago.

GREASLEY.—At St. Mary's Church, for morning service, on Easter Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: J. E. Hobbs 1, E. L. Williamson 2, H. L. Williamson 3, W. Ratcliffe 4, H. Byfield 5, N. Hemmington (first quarter inside) 6, A. Bush (first quarter as conductor) 7, T. Wheat 8. All are Sunday Service ringers.

SHIPLEY, YORKS.—On Easter Day, for morning service, 688 Bob Major: T. Wilcock 1, H. Haig 2, W. Mouney 3, T. A. King 4, F. Seagar 5, T. B. Kendall 6, H. Stott 7, E. H. Simpson (conductor) 8.—For evening service, touches of Grandsire Triples and Oxford Treble Bob Minor: A. Gill, of Bolton (Bradford), taking part.

SOUTHWELL, NOTTS.—At the Cathedral, on Easter Day, for evening service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Foster 1, H. F. Clulow 2, J. F. Milner 3, E. Foster 4, F. Pickard 5, A. Heywood 6, A. J. Chamberlain (conductor) 7, G. W. Kirk 8. First quarter by ringers of the 6th and tenor; the former hails from Bolton, Lancs.

SLOUGH.—At St. Mary's Church, on Easter Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins., by members of the St. Mary's Society and the Oxford Diocesan Guild: Mrs. Gladys Barker 1, A. J. Harding 2, W. Henley 3, W. H. Fussell 4, G. T. Leader 5, A. Bateman 6, E. T. Hooper (cond.) 7, George Barkus 8.

STERBBING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, April 5th, at St. Mary's Church, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: A. Barker 1, F. Harrington 2, J. T. Barker 3, H. Emery 4, W. Lewis 5, E. Claydon (conductor) 6.—For evening service, 720 Double Court: A. Barker 1, F. Harrington 2, J. T. Barker 3, H. Emery 4, H. C. Ruffel 5, E. Claydon (conductor) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to ringer of the 4th.

WALWORTH, LONDON, S.E.—On Sunday, April 5th, for evening service, 1,232 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: W. Hewett 1, R. Grimwood 2, Mrs. R. Deal 3, R. Deal 4, A. J. Trollope 5, E. F. Pike 6, J. Emery 7, J. E. Davis (conductor) 8.

INTERESTING PRESENTATION AT EARL SHILTON.

MR. FRED COTTON'S SERVICES ACKNOWLEDGED.

A most enjoyable evening was spent at Earl Shilton, on April 18th, on the occasion of a presentation to Mr. Fred Cotton, to mark his 14 years' service as secretary to the Hinckley district of the M.C.A. The Vicar of Earl Shilton (the Rev. H. V. Williams) performed the pleasant duty of 'delivering the goods' (a ringer's gold pendant suitably inscribed), and a wallet containing a few of the 'best'.—The Vicar remarked that it gave him great pleasure to spring this surprise on Mr. Cotton whom he had known for a long while at Hinckley. One thing he would like to say about Mr. Cotton, as everyone present must know, was that he had accomplished much towards bringing the ringers into closer relationship one with the other, and with the church (hear, hear). The only regrettable thing he had to mention was the unavoidable absence (through illness) of the vice-president (Mr. C. H. Webb), who would otherwise have assuredly been present.

Mr. Cotton, on receiving the gifts, said he was quite unable to express his thanks as he would wish, as it was absolutely beyond him.

The Rev. R. P. Farrow (Stoney Stanton) had a few nice words to say about Mr. Cotton, also Mr. J. Clarke, who, with Mr. Coe and the committee, was largely responsible for the arrangements.

After the presentation, Mr. Cotton was voted to the chair, where he succeeded in getting the best of the talent out of the assembled company, in the way of singing, handbell ringing, and piano playing. Those who helped to fulfil the various duties must feel their efforts were much appreciated.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Eastern District of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held at Gateshead on Saturday, and a very pleasant afternoon was spent. About 20 members sat down to an excellent tea at The Anchorage, and at a short meeting afterwards, Mr. William Story proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector (Canon Stephenson) for the use of the bells, Mr. Churchwarden McFarlane, in the absence of the Rector, responding.—Mr. J. W. Parker proposed a vote of thanks to the local secretaries for the excellent arrangements they had made, Mr. Stuart replying, and the Chairman, Mr. R. L. Patterson, thanked the ladies, who had attended on the tables.

It was arranged to hold the next meeting at Houghton-le-Spring on June 13th.

Ringing was then resumed, but shortly afterwards had to be stopped in account of a case of illness near the church.

NOTICE.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon and Mid Bucks Branch.—The Spring meeting of the above branch will be held at Benson-on-Thames, nr. Wallingford, on Saturday, May 16th. Service at 3.30. Tea and business meeting in Parish Hall after. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. All ringing friends welcome. All who wish to attend please send post card to F. W. Woodward, Asst. Sec., Red Lion Inn, Chalgrove, Wallingford, Bucks.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on the 14th and 28th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, for service on the 17th, at 6 p.m.; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 19th; Southwark Cathedral on the 26th, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Watford District. — Next meeting Saturday, May 9th. Bushey bells open 3.30 p.m. Tea 1s. 3d., and meeting 5.30.—Charles H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey, Herts.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Ealing, on Saturday, May 9th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Christ Church will also be available for ringing in the evening. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LANCASHIRE AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.—A joint meeting has been arranged on May 9th at Todmorden.—W. H. Shaker and P. J. Johnson, Secs.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — The annual general meeting will be held at Chichester on Saturday, May 9th. Tower open 2-3 and 5-9. Service at the Sub-deanery Church at 3.30 p.m. A meat tea will be provided at 4.30, Voke's Tea Gardens in the Horner, 1s. each to members.—A. D. Stone, Hon. Gen. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

DONCASTER PARISH CHURCH. — Doncaster Deanery Choir Festival, Saturday, May 9th. Tower open from 4.30 until 6.30. All ringers welcome. — Harold Walker, 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—A district meeting will be held at Kelsale on Saturday, May 9th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. till 7.30 p.m. All ringers invited.—George Wilson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 41, Valley Road, Leiston.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be at Shildon on Saturday, May 9th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m.—Double Norwich, Stedman, etc. — A. Hunter, Hon. Dis. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Peterborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Clinton on Saturday, May 9th. Service at 4.30.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The Quarterly meeting will be held at New Romney on Saturday, May 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea by kind invitation of the Vicar at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—H. Parkes, Hon. Dis. Sec., Mersham, Ashford, Kent.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A Quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Woolhope on Saturday, May 9th. Bells (6) available 2.30—8.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be at Warburton on Saturday, May 9th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m.—John P. Fidler, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Loughborough District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Castle Donnington on Saturday, May 9th. Bells (6) open from 3 o'clock. Business meeting 4.30. All ringers welcome.—J. Saddington, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Brenchley on Saturday, May 9th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Bull Hotel, 1s. per head, after service, followed by business meeting.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Hadleigh quarterly meeting, Saturday, May 9th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Meeting at 4 p.m. Tea 9d. each. — F. S. Aldridge, Church Street, Hadleigh.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The festival will be held at Dorchester on Tuesday, May 12th. Service at St. Peter's Church at 12.15. Preacher, the Rev. H. Pentin. Luncheon at Corn Exchange at 1.15 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Bells available: St. Peter's (8), Bere Regis, Fordington, Frampton, Maiden Newton, Puddletown, Upwey (6), Bradford, Peverell, Charminster, Stratton (5). — F. L. Edwards, Hon. Sec., Kington Magna, Gillingham, Dorset.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting will be held at Sawston on Saturday, May 16th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Those desiring tea please notify me by May 13th.—A. E. Austin, 4, Hills View, Great Shelford, Cambs.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The half-yearly meeting will be held on Saturday, May 16th, at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, Holborn. Bells available from 4 p.m. Meeting at the King of Denmark at 6.30.—J. Sparrow, Hon. Sec., 84, Meadvale Road, East Croydon.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Pershore on Saturday, May 16th. A service will be held in the Abbey Church at 5.30 p.m., at which the Very Rev. Bishop H. Gresford Jones, D.D., will give an address. Tea will be provided (please note) for those who send me their names by the Tuesday previous. The Abbey bells (8) will be available at 3 p.m., and also in the evening.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, May 16th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 7. Subscriptions are due. All ringers welcome. A good attendance is requested.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting of the above association will be held on Saturday, May 16th, at Cardington. Bells from 2.30. Tea at 5.—L. Turner, Dis. Sec., 7, High Street, Kempston, Beds.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.—The annual meeting will be held at Sheffield Cathedral on Saturday, May 16th. By the kind permission of the respective incumbents, the bells of the Cathedral and St. Marie's will be available from 2.30 p.m. A short service will be held in the Cathedral at 4.30 p.m., with an address by the Ven. Archdeacon J. R. Darbyshire, M.A. Tea and business meeting will follow immediately after the service. Tea will be provided at 1s. 3d. each to all those who notify me not later than Wednesday, May 13th. Entries for the cup must be in the hands of Mr. C. Harrison, 41, Baltic Road, Attercliffe, Sheffield, before this meeting.—T. W. Chown, Hon. Sec., 68, Canada Street, Sheffield.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Barnet on Saturday, May 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at 6 p.m. Tea at 6.30, 1s. each to those who advise me by the 13th inst. of their requiring same. Hadley bells will be available during the afternoon and evening.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Farnborough on Saturday, May 16th. Bells available 3 p.m. Short service 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. A good attendance requested.—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Queen Street, Chertsey.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bromyard District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Whitbourne on Saturday, May 16th. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. Service at 5 p.m. Tea provided for those notifying me not later than Wednesday, May 13th.—A. Tomkins, Hon. Sec., Bredenbury.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Branch.—The special meeting, by kind invitation of the Rev. J. E. W. Honnywill, will be held on May 16th at Leigh-on-Mendip. Please inform me if you hope to come.—J. T. Dyke, Midsomer Norton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined ringing practice will be held at Twyford on Saturday, May 16th, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Eight bells.—R. J. Darvill, Sec., Highcockett Lodge, Hare Hatch, near Twyford, Berks.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire Branch.—A meeting will be held at Isham on Saturday, May 16th. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, the 13th inst.?—Cecil E. Hepburn, Hon. Sec., The Pines, Isham, near Kettering.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A monthly meeting will be held at Fillongley, near Coventry, on May 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—J. A. Fenton, Hon. Sec., 42, Bennett Street, Rugby.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Cramlington on Saturday, May 16th. Will those requiring tea (charge 1s. 2d.) please notify Mr. William Story, Watergate Buildings, Sandhill, Newcastle, by Wednesday, May 13th?

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Cawthorne on Saturday, May 16th. Bells ready early.—C. D. Potter, Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, Saturday, May 16th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea, followed by business meeting, 5.30 p.m. Will those desiring tea please notify me by 13th?—William Bottrill, Hon. Sec., 29, Queen's Mansions, North Road, N.7.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Higham and Stratford St. Mary.—District meeting, Saturday, May 16th. Bells: Higham (6), Stratford (6) and Langham (6) available from 2.30. Business meeting Higham Parish Hall at 4 p.m. Tea, 9d. each, at the Anchor, Stratford St. Mary, 5 p.m.—T. G. Reed, Norman's Farm, Hintlesham, Ipswich.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Market Deeping on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service in the Church 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by May 20th.—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—An invitation meeting will be held at Ardleigh, Essex, on Saturday, May 23rd, by kind invitation of W. E. Neath, Esq. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15 p.m. Will all those intending to be present please notify me not later than Tuesday, May 19th?—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

FREEMASONS' BI-CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS IN DUBLIN.—Any ringer who is attending these celebrations the first week in June, and who would like to get in touch with the local ringers, kindly communicate with G. Lindoff, 90, Elford Terrace, S.C.R., Dublin.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The 46th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, June 1st.—F. J. Pitstow, Gen. Sec., 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

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WILKERSON.—On April 30th, at the Surgical Nursing Home, Edgbaston, Birmingham, Catherine Ada, the dearly loved wife of Abraham Wilkerson (late hon. general secretary to the Warwickshire Guild), in her 53rd year.

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GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. CHELTENHAM BRANCH.

The spring meeting of the Cheltenham Branch was held at Dumbleton, and attended by a large number of members, who, during the afternoon, enjoyed ringing on the nice little ring of six. Service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Collins Ashwin), who was supported by a full choir, and also gave an excellent address.

By the generosity of the Rector, a bounteous tea was partaken of in the Village Hall. At the business meeting which followed, the Rector was voted to the chair, and expressed his pleasure at having the meeting in his parish. He expressed the hope that the association would come again soon.

Among those present were the Rev. A. D. Pennington (Alderton), Mr. C. W. Dyson (chairman of the Tewkesbury Branch), and over 40 members from the following towers: Winchcombe, Alderton, St. Mark's (Cheltenham), Swindon, Prestbury, Charlton Kings, Leckhampton, Childs Wickham, Willersey, Buckland, and the local tower, together with several members from the Tewkesbury Branch.

The Secretary, in a short report, congratulated Mr. F. Nurdan and the Dumbleton band on the great strides they were making.

A letter from the Gloucester Branch, suggesting that Badgworth tower be handed over to them, was 'turned down.'

Badgworth was selected for the next meeting, and details were left to the secretary to arrange.

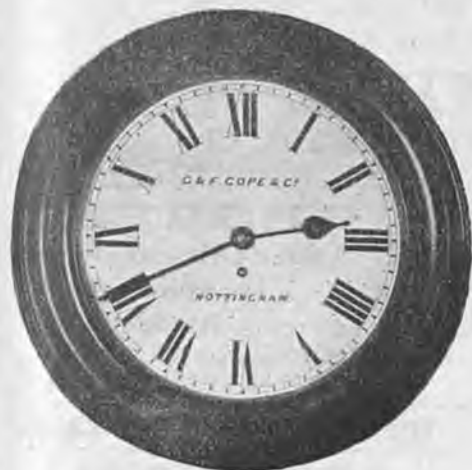
Eight new members were elected, and on the proposition of Mr. Townsend, seconded by Mr. C. Martin, it was decided that an effort should be made to arrange a meeting at Stow-on-the-Wold in conjunction with the Cirencester and Gloucester branches.

Mr. W. Devereux voiced the thanks of the members to the Rector for his great kindness in entertaining them, and for the use of the bells.—This was carried with cheers, and the Rector suitably responded.

The tower was again visited, and further ringing closed a very happy meeting.

SPROUGHTON, SUFFOLK.—On Tuesday, April 21st, for practice, 720 Cambridge Surprise: A. Rodwell (Bramford) 1, C. F. Mee (Sproughton) 2, F. Bowell (Ipswich) 3, H. Mee (Sproughton) 4, E. Rivers (Sproughton) 5, Chas. Mee 6.

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