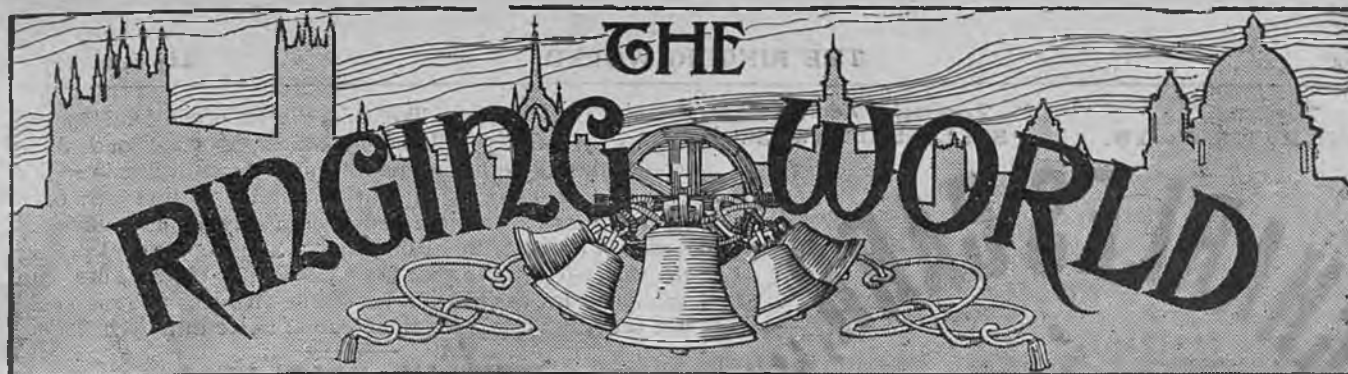




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THE COUNCIL AGENDA.

The Central Council meeting is drawing on, and tomorrow is the last day for receiving notices of motion for this year's agenda. Once again, as far as reports of meetings of the great ringing associations have revealed anything, there is a dearth of topics put forward for discussion at the 'Ringers' Parliament.' There is, perhaps, less time at the London meeting than at the provincial gatherings for debates on general ringing topics, as there is more formal business to transact, in the shape of elections of officers and committees, while this year the Council will also have before it the revision of the booklet, 'Rules and Decisions,' which is to be brought up to date. It may be that the actual contents of this little publication may cause some difference of opinion, and it may be that the 'Rules' portion, governing the Council itself, will provoke some debate. Under the circumstances, therefore, it is as well that the agenda is not likely to be overburdened with notices of motion.

That circumstance, however, does not alter the fact that it should be the aim of the associations, who elect the representatives, to provide the Council with subjects of general interest to the Exercise which they can discuss. At present it is left very largely to the ingenuity of the Standing Committee and particularly of the honorary secretary to frame an agenda, and, if it fails to produce something of real interest, the man in the rank and file of the Exercise is inclined to turn round and ask the old question, 'What is the use of the Council; what has it done again this year?' Where that feeling is aroused, it should be pointed out that the remedy, as we have so often said, is in the hands of the ringers themselves. They know the difficulties which they experience, they know the little problems they come up against; and they often realise how, even in little things, the general interests of the Exercise could be advanced. In all these directions they could find material, which, in a body representative of the whole of the ringers of this country, could be discussed with advantage, and help to secure uniform action, and, in some things, universal progress.

The initiative should lie with the individual, and the channel is through the association and its representatives to the Council. Even in the case of what may be termed the 'domestic' matters of an individual association, there is often the germ which might produce a fruitful debate in the Central Council. As just one instance, there may be some purely local administrative scheme which has proved successful in an association. Why should not this be passed on to be more widely discussed by the Council on the basis of general application, so that, if feasible, it can be adopted by other ringing organisa-

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tions? Little points like this might often lead to big results, if only ventilated in the right way, and there would always be an interesting agenda with ample topics even if each association sent through a motion only once in five years! There must be many of the affiliated bodies who have not submitted a single proposal during the thirty-five years that the Council has met. There can surely be no association so sterile in ideas that it could not provide a topic for the Council twice in a decade.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 30, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANCES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM TILLET Treble	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE 7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 2	HARRY R. KOPER 8
H. CHARLES GILLINGHAM 3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE 9
HOBART E. SMITH 4	WILLIAM P. GARRETT 10
GEORGE FLEMING 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 11
ALBERT FLEMING 6	FREDERICK J. TILLET ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

This is the first peal of Superlative Surprise Maximus ever rung. Mr. Brundle is in his 76th year. The composition is: W.2H.W.3H. repeated.

TEN BELL PEALS

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 18, 1927, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5076 CHANCES;

THOMAS HASTINGS Treble	JOHN HOPPE 6
THOMAS BALDWIN 2	LESLIE BARRY 7
GEORGE ORCHARD 3	CHARLES GARDINER 8
BASIL LATHAM 4	JOHN BALLINGER 9
ALBERT WRIGHT 5	P.S. GEORGE HASTINGS ... Tenor

Composed by EDGAR GUISE.

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

* First peal of Caters.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANCES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

LIONEL H. PAGE Treble	ERNEST W. FURBANK 6
GORDON A. BACON 2	HARRY TURNER 7
FREDERICK A. MITCHELL 3	FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN 8
WILLIAM DUDLEY 4	HENRY T. WILSON 9
EDWARD J. BEER 5	WILLIAM H. JUDD ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by W. H. JUDD.

* First peal of Treble Bob Royal. First attempt at Royal by the ringer of the 3rd, who was elected a member of the association in the tower. Rung on St. George's Day and as birthday compliment to the conductor.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 30, 1927, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANCES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

JOHN BASS Treble	ALFRED HACKETT 6
JOSEPH PIGOTT 2	SAMUEL GROVE 7
THOMAS J. SALTER 3	JOHN GOODMAN 8
ROBERT MATTHEWS 4	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 9
WILLIAM C. DOWDING 5	JAMES GEORGE ... Tenor

Composed by G. DALTRY.

Conducted by S. GROVE.

This was A. Greenfield's 100th peal, and was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Gilbert Guest, one of the local ringers.

PLYMOUTH.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, April 30, 1927, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At CHARLES' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

* HAROLD E. RYDER Treble	WILLIAM B. RICHARDS 6
CHARLES R. LILLEY 2	WILLIAM J. HAMLYN 7
* WILLIAM E. BUNKER 3	FRANK HOCKADAY 8
† LESLIE W. MOSES 4	WARREN S. HORN BROOK 9
G. HARRY MYERS 5	ALFRED T. WESTCOTT Tenor

Composed by JOHN COX.

Conducted by W. S. HORN BROOK.

* First peal of Caters. † First peal inside. Rung to commemorate the jubilee of the first peal rung in Plymouth, which took place at Charles' Church, April 30th, 1877. It was also a birthday compliment to the conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 18, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

* ALBERT WIFFEN Treble	WILBY HAZELL 5
GEORGE WIFFEN 2	WILLIAM KEEBLE 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 3	ARTHUR SAUNDERS 7
JAMES FLEETY 4	WALTER ARNOLD Tenor

Conducted by WALTER ARNOLD.

* First peal on a dodging bell. First peal in the method on the bells. First in the method as conductor.

BRIDLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE ALL SAINTS AND HOLY TRINITY SOCIETIES, HULL.)

On Monday, April 18, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

At THE PRIORY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 1½ lb. in D.

GEO. F. WILLIAMS Treble	HERBERT HOWELL 5
THOMAS WHITFIELD 2	JOHN CHAMBERLAIN 6
A. BERNARD COOK 3	JOHN H. HOWELL 7
DANIEL MEADLEY 4	JOHN W. HOESON Tenor

Conducted by GEO. F. WILLIAMS.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 20, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

CHARLES DRAPER Treble	MAURICE SWINFELD 5
THOMAS K. DEACON 2	CHARLES SMITH 6
JOHN H. SWINFELD 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
RICHARD C. BELTON 4	E. HARRY STONELEY Tenor

Composed by T. PLATE.

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, April 21, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JAMES BENNETT, JUN. Treble	ERNEST E. LANHAM 5
WILLIAM WREEDON 2	GEORGE BENNETT 6
GEORGE WHITING 3	T. WILLIAM LAST 7
GEORGE PRYKE 4	LESLIE G. BRETT Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by G. WHITING.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mr. Walter Whiting, who had been captain of the Helmingham Company for 30 years, and who died on April 18th, aged 74 years, and was buried at Helmingham on April 21st. All the above are members of the local company.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 23, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, HOLBORN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 28 cwt.

ROBERT W. GREEN Treble	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD 5
FREDERICK G. SYMONDS 2	THOMAS LANGDON 6
CHARLES J. CHOQUET 3	JAMES BULLOCK 7
HERBERT LANGDON 4	GEOFFREY C. RICE Tenor

Conducted by H. LANGDON.

Rung on St. George's Day, also on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. Edward Cyril Matthews and Miss Joan Ogilvie Wyatt.

KINGSTON-UPON-THAMES, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 30 cwt. in C sharp.

FRANK JENNINGS Treble	FRANK E. CORKE 5
HERBERT J. SKELT 2	FREDERICK E. COLLINS 6
FREDERICK G. WOODISS 3	DANIEL COOPER 7
ALFRED J. BULL 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

OLD HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, April 23, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

BERT MASON Treble	PERCY HACKETT 5
WALTER FENDALL 2	WILLIAM GREEN 6
EZRA HOMER 3	* JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. 7
JOHN PRICE 4	GILBERT GUEST Tenor

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.

* 101st peal. Rung to celebrate the 21st birthday of Mr. B. Mason, who entertained the ringers to tea after the peal and received their hearty congratulations. It was also a birthday compliment to Mrs. J. Goodman, wife of the conductor, and was rung for the 51st anniversary of the opening of the church.

EARL'S COLNE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

SAMUEL WARNE Treble	ARTHUR SAUNDERS 5
JAMES FLEETY 2	WALTER ARNOLD 6
FRANK CLAYDON 3	WILLIAM BURGESS 7
WILLIAM KEEBLE 4	LEWIS W. WIFFEN Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by LEWIS W. WIFFEN.

Rung on St. George's Day. First Surprise peal as conductor without previously calling a bob in the method.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 28, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 20½ cwt. in E flat.

HERBERT J. SKELT Treble	DANIEL COOPER 5
FREDERICK E. COLLINS 2	AMOS W. CLARKE 6
FRANK JENNINGS 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN 7
ALFRED J. TRAPPIST 4	JOHN AVERY Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

This peal was rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Mrs. C. Gordon, and rung after meeting two short for Caters.

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OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 25, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5988 CHANGES;
Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

Mrs. J. Whewell Treble	FRANK SHAW 5
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 2	WILLIAM RILEY 6
*MISS ELLEN SHAW 3	WILLIAM BARNES 7
THOMAS HOWARTH 4	ISAAC WEALLEY Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

* First in the method. Rung on the anniversary of Gallipoli Day, as a tribute to all who fell there.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ISAAC EMERY Treble	EDWARD MOUNTER 5
*WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS ... 2	GEORGE HUXLEY 6
CYRIL BRETT-SMITH 3	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... 7
JIM HURRELL 4	PERCY SPICE Tenor

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by R. BRETT-SMITH

* First peal of Bob Major. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. Hurrell, which fell upon the above date.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, April 28, 1927, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

*WILLIAM HALFORD Treble	WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 5
ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... 2	†FREDERICK HAWKES ... 6
JOSEPH LAWRENCE 3	CHARLES CAMM 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT 4	WILLIAM RANFORD Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the sister of the conductor.

EGHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 28, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S ONE-PART. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

*WALTER A. PECK Treble	EDWIN BURLEY 5
FREDERICK C. NYE 2	WILLIAM C. PARKER 6
HERBERT WORSFOLD 3	WILLIAM WELLING 7
HUBERT J. CHAFFEY 4	LEONARD STILWELL Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.

* First peal. This is the first occasion on which Egham ringers have taken part in a peal, the ringers of treble, 3rd and 5th being members of the local band. The peal was rung to welcome home from Australia the Vicar, the Rev. A. C. Tranter, and as a farewell to the Rev. W. Loton Parry, who has been in charge during his absence.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON 5
ERNEST MORRIS 2	E. HARRY STONELEY 6
MISS PHYLLIS HARE 3	WILLIAM WILLSON, SEN. ... 7
*HARRY MORGAN 4	HAROLD J. POOLE Tenor

Composed by FRED DENCH.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal in the method. Rung on the fourth anniversary of the record peal of 12,896 Cambridge Surprise Major on these bells, called by the same conductor. The ringers desire to thank the Rector for permission to ring and for his hospitality after the peal.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, April 29, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

FREDERICK BORRETT ... Treble	WALTER BARRETT 5
*GEORGE CURSON 2	CHARLES CLARKE 6
GEORGE HOWLETT 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
JAMES ELDRIDGE 4	FREDERICK SEAGER Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

* First peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 29, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 6½ cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS Treble	WILLIAM WILLSON, SEN. ... 5
MISS PHYLLIS HARE 2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 6
*HARRY MORGAN 3	†PERCY HARRISON 7
WILLIAM WILLSON, JUN. ... 4	HAROLD J. POOLE Tenor

Composed by the late C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by H. J. POOLE

* First peal in the method. † First in the method inside.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 30, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

WALTER CHARMAN ... Treble	JOHN A. COLE 5
OLIVER SIPPETTS 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON 6
JOHN T. SCOTT 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
*WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 4	ALFRED H. POLLING Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

* First peal in the method. J. T. Scott's 50th peal.

SHEPHERD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr.

THOMAS R. SHARMAN ... Treble	JOHN W. BOOTH 5
WILLIAM H. T. KING 2	*CHARLES SMITH 6
JACK BAILEY 3	ALFRED MOULD 7
GEORGE FREEBREY 4	WILLIAM THORNLEY Tenor

Composed by JOHN E. BURTON.

Conducted by GEO. FREEBREY.

* First peal of Bob Major.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 30, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

ERNEST J. BUTLER ... Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
GEORGE M. KILBY 2	WILLIAM PYE 6
MISS ELSIE E. CHAPMAN ... 3	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 7
CHARLES T. COLES 4	REUBEN SANDERS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1927, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF RAINHAM FORWARD BOB MAJOR, 5096 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	FREDERICK J. COLLUM, JUN. 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 6
HERBERT E. ADDSLEY 3	GEORGE H. DAYNES 7
GEORGE GILBERT 4	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... Tenor

Arranged by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

This is the first time a peal in this method has been rung.

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt.

*PETER BOARDMAN 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
JOHN ALLEN 2	JAMES GARDINER... .. 6
ERNEST JONES 3	EDWARD CAUNCE... .. 7
THOMAS HAMMOND 4	EDWIN BREEZE Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

* First peal of Treble Bob. Mr. E. Caunce's 200th peal for the Lancashire Association. Rung on the occasion of the unveiling, by the Rector, of a peal board recording a peal of Double Norwich rung on February 16th, 1924.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1927, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in E flat.

MISS MARY L. CUFFELIN ... Treble	*ERNEST H. BAGWORTH ... 5
PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM... .. 2	NORMAN S. BAGWORTH ... 6
ERNEST W. Tipler 3	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD... 7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 4	ALBAN DISNEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal in the method away from the treble. The treble ringer is the first lady to accomplish a peal on these bells since they were put in 50 years ago by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Kettering Branch.)

On Saturday, April 30, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 21 cwt.

*FREDERICK PAYNE Treble	FREDERICK J. TITE 5
MISS KITTY MOORE 2	CHARLES W. BIRD 6
*CYRIL D. NICHOLS 3	C. ARTHUR MANNING... .. 7
HARRY BAXTER 4	ROBERT G. BLACK Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by ROBERT G. BLACK.

* First peal of Double Norwich. † First peal on eight bells.

SHEPPERTON, CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, April 30, 1927, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

MISS PATTIE CLARK Treble	THOMAS W. CHOWN... .. 5
ARTHUR H. BEAMISH... .. 2	*CHARLES G. BATES 6
ALFRED E. BACON 3	JOHN E. MORETON 7
JAMES H. RAPER... .. 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

* First attempt for a peal on eight bells. This peal was rung in honour of the induction of the Rev. A. Walls, late curate of Chilvers Coton, as Rector of the nearby parish of Longford. The ringers regret the peal could not be rung at Longford, as the pretty peal of eight (tenor 4 cwt.) there are not hung for ringing. It was a birthday compliment to Miss M. Godderidge, a member of the Chilvers Coton band. This is the one hundredth tower in which the conductor has called a peal.

HANDBELL PEAL.

ISLINGTON.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 29, 1927, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT 56, HALLFORD STREET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

JOHN T. KENTISH... .. 1-2	CHALLIS F. WINNEY 5-6
WILLIAM E. JUDD 3-4	JAMES BULLOCK... .. 7-8

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Sunday, April 17, 1927, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In three methods, viz., two 720's each of Oxford Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 19½ cwt.

REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... Treble	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 4
*ALAN BROMLEY... .. 2	GEORGE BURT 5
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.

* First peal inside.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, April 20, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford, two of Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

BRIAN BRAY Treble	CHARLES H. BIRD 4
*ERNEST F. GODFREY 2	GEORGE HOBBS 5
JAMES C. COLES... .. 3	JACK BRAY Tenor

Conducted by J. BRAY.

* First peal of Minor in three methods.

CLIFTON-ON-TEME, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 23, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KENELM,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Collage Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 4
*WILLIAM NIBLETT 2	SIDNEY T. HOLT... .. 5
ROBERT G. KNOWLES 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

* 100th peal. First peal on the bells.

LANCASTER, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FARNES AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 23, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents.

Tenor 8 cwt.

WILFRED BOLTON Treble	FURNES WOODEND 4
WILLIAM PICTHALL 2	JOHN W. HAYTON 5
*STANLEY HONOUR 3	EDWIN JENNINGS... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN JENNINGS.

* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells. The 3rd ringer, from Hatfield, Herts, was elected a member of the association before starting. Treble and 5th ringers are from Silverdale, 2nd from Barrow, 4th from Brathay and tenor from Kendal.

WALSgrave-ON-SOWE, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On St. George's Day, Saturday, April 23, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 extents.

JAMES H. RAPER... .. Treble	JOSEPH E. SYKES... .. 3
ALFRED E. BACON 2	THOMAS W. CHOWN 4
CHARLES G. BATES Tenor	

Conducted by JAMES H. RAPER.

This, the first peal on the bells, was rung for the Feast of St. George, and was Mr. Raper's first peal on five bells as conductor. The band wish to thank the Vicar for his kind permission to ring.

WOOLTON HILL, HANTS.—On Easter Sunday morning, for Holy Communion service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: S. Bevan 1, N. Scott 2, T. Lock 3, F. Knapp (first in method) 4, R. Rex 5, H. Balaam (conductor) 6.

BREADSALL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1927, in Three Hours,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

*RONALD H. DOVE Treble	EDWARD C. GOBEY 4
ERNEST J. RILEY 2	SAMUEL HUNT 5
*J. W. COTTON 3	FREDERICK BROWN Tenor

Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

* First peal of Bob Minor.

BROMHAM, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Owen,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 23 cwt.

WILLIAM SHARP Treble	PEARL INSKIP 4
WILLIAM STOCK 2	HENRY STAPLETON 5
HENRY W. GAYTON 3	HERBERT L. HARLOW Tenor

Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON.

150th peal by Herbert L. Harlow.

FRESHWATER, ISLE OF WIGHT.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(ISLE OF WIGHT DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, April 23, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 18½ cwt.

HARRY BARTON Treble	BERTRAM J. SNOW 4
*ARTHUR P. BRADING 2	*ALBERT D. CALLAWAY 5
*FRANK S. TAYLOR 3	A. RICHARD WARD Tenor

Conducted by HARRY BARTON.

* First peal in the method. First peal on the bells (which were hung in 1895 by Taylor), and rung as a farewell to the Rector, the Rev. A. E. H. Coombes.

COLTISHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 23, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven different compositions. Tenor 11½ cwt.

NOLAN GOLDEN Treble	HANBURY F. CARTER 4
PHILIP N. BARTON 2	WILLIAM STIBBONS 5
CYRIL POOLEY 3	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

This peal was begun late in the evening and finished in semi-darkness.

LANGPORT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*DENNIS HALE Treble	*HERBERT WESTLAKE 4
ROBERT MILLS 2	TOM W. CREED 5
†TOM GEANES 3	*TOM LOCK Tenor

Conducted by TOM W. CREED.

* First peal. † Elected a member before starting. Dennis Hale is only 14 years of age. 50th peal by Tom W. Creed.

[Other Peal Reports are unavoidably held over.]

INSTRUCTION OF BEGINNERS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Having read with much interest the correspondence on the above subject, I know personally a ringer who can neither read nor write. He can ring somewhere about ten different methods. In his earlier days, when a fresh method was about to be practised, he was told roughly what the path of the ringing was like, and would then reply, 'I can manage that.' He would ring the method faultlessly and strike his bell perfectly. I would mention that instalments and ringing books of instructions were of no use to him.

When I was a boy, a very able Suffolk conductor used to say, 'Learn it at home and come to the steeple and do it.' I now make use of the same phrase.—Yours truly,

G. E. SYMONDS.

A COUNTRY CLERGYMAN'S WAY.

Dear Sir,—May I, as one who is not a great ringer (my few peals for Yorkshire were rung long ago), suggest a method of instruction which is within the power of most country bands to try? Four years ago there was a band here at Monk's Kirby who could ring call changes, more or less well.

For reasons not necessary to go into we were faced with the need of raising a new band. Some of the best possible young men offered themselves. We met in the tower and in my study alternately. The work in the study was talking over ringing (a pipe or cigarette helps), and, starting with four bells, practising change ringing on handbells, one to each ringer. We used Snowdon's 'Ropesight', and, later, 'Standard Methods,' which can be, I believe, sufficient if practised in this way. The result is a really keen band with plenty of ringers for Sunday ringing, morning and evening, really well-struck Bob Major, with some knowledge of Grandsire and Kent Treble Bob.

We have had no help from outside, and ringers who have rung with me realise that what success there has been must be due to the method of teaching, and that any tower could do it.

Ringers of Saltburn-by-the-Sea, who saw me through my first 720, may be interested to know that the handbells are the ones they gave me so many years ago, and which always recall to me such happy memories.—Yours faithfully,

ROBERT L. B. OLIVER,
Vicar of Monk's Kirby, near Rugby.

A PEAL BOARD UNVEILED.

Saturday, April 30th, saw the fulfilment of a promise made by Mr. E. Breeze, of Bebington, that when he rang in a peal of Double Norwich on the bells of his own tower he would make a present of a peal board to the tower. The peal, which was one of 5,136 changes, was rung on February 16th, 1924, composed by Mr. H. H. Tucker, late of Bristol, and conducted by Mr. G. R. Newton.

A company of Liverpool ringers assembled in the tower prior to the unveiling ceremony, which was performed by the Rector, Rev. H. E. Boulbee. The Rector extended a cordial welcome to the ringers, and said how pleased he was at all times to see and hear visiting ringers. He paid a high tribute to the work and worth of Mr. Breeze as a ringer and also as a chorister, services which had been faithfully rendered over a period of upwards of 35 years. He thanked Mr. Breeze for his gift of the peal board, and hoped it would act as an incentive to the younger ringers not only to equal but surpass his achievement.

The band were particularly glad to see Mr. Tucker, the composer of the peal, present, and he, along with the conductor, suitably voiced the thanks of the band to the Rector for his kind welcome and also for unveiling the peal board.

Mr. T. B. Worsley's 5,088 Kent Treble Bob Major was afterwards rung to commemorate the event. This turned out to be Mr. Canuce's 200th peal for the Lancashire Association, and he is the first Liverpool man to attain that distinction.

The band were hospitably entertained by Mr. Breeze at the conclusion of the peal, his health being drunk, along with that of Mr. Tucker, who unfortunately could not stay or take part in the peal on account of ill-health.

MR. A. GREENFIELD'S 100 PEALS.

Minor (seven methods) 1, Grandsire Triples 12 (conducted 8), Grandsire Caters 10, Grandsire Cinques 2, Bob Triples 1, Bob Major 12 (conducted 6), Stedman Triples 34 (conducted 10), Stedman Caters 3, Stedman Cinques 2, Kent Treble Bob Major 15 (conducted 7), Oxford Treble Bob Royal 1, Double Norwich Major 3, Erin Triples 1, Cambridge Surprise Major 1, Superlative Surprise Major 1, London Surprise Major 1; total rung 100 (conducted 31).

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DEVON GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the North-East Branch was held at Huntsham on Saturday, April 23rd. The branch was well represented, about 50 members being present, and visitors also came from Exeter, Kenn, Newton Abbot, Chipstable, Chrislow, Littleham, Thorverton and Talaton. About 70 in all sat down to tea.

Service was held in the Parish Church, when the Rector (Dr. A. C. Keene) gave the Guild a warm welcome and a helpful address on the 'Power of Unity.'

Through the generous hospitality of Col. and Mrs. Troyte, a bountiful tea was provided in the Parish Room at Huntsham Court.

The general meeting followed, the Rev. G. E. F. Molineux (chairman of the branch) presiding. Many of those present heard with regret of Mr. T. Elsworth's departure from Halberton to Bridgewater. His skilful and untiring activities for the branch will be much missed.

Mr. W. Snell (Washfield) was elected Ringing Master in Mr. Elsworth's stead. Six certificates were awarded, viz., to Messrs. Harris, Pring, Glanville, Gould and Auton, of Bradninch, and to F. Redwood, of Upplowman.

A vote of thanks was passed to Col. and Mrs. Troyte, to Dr. Keene for the use of the church and bells, to the organist and to all who helped to make the meeting so successful.

By kind permission of the Rev. E. F. Sandford, Upplowman tower was open, and several bands enjoyed a ring there during the evening.

The date of the next meeting was fixed for June 18th.

BALDOCK LEADER'S DEATH.

By the death, at the age of 61 years, of Mr. J. J. Cawdell, of Baldock, Herts, the Exercise loses a most valuable member, and the local band their most competent ringer. Mr. Cawdell passed away almost suddenly on Monday, April 25th, after only a few days' illness. No one but himself knew the years of gentle perseverance he had put in at Baldock, teaching new members and doing his utmost to maintain ringing there at an efficient standard. He had been church clerk practically all his life, and lived and worked in the church daily.

His favourite method was Stedman Triples, and his name is recorded in the tower as taking part in a peal in this method. His desire to conduct a peal of Stedman he was never able to fulfil, but he conducted several of Grandsire Triples.

His mortal remains were buried on Friday, April 29th, at a most impressive service, at which the choir and many clergy and church officials were present. Numerous wreaths were sent, and touches were rung on the bells half-muffled after the funeral, and again in the evening.

Deceased was a bachelor, and leaves an unmarried sister to mourn her loss. They had lived together all their lives.

It will be hard for someone else to step into the breach in Baldock belfry, and carry on in the kind and gentle way that Mr. Cawdell always did. In the words of the Rector, he was 'faithful unto death.'

THE PEAL AT WALSGRAVE-ON-SOWE.**A QUAIN RINGING CHAMBER.**

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I think the band who recently rang the peal at Barkby really ought to include a trip to 'the Sowe' in their itinerary, as it is the most unique tower I ever visited. When you arrive at the door of the—er—place where you stand to pull the ropes—ringing chamber would be a misnomer—you descend into a pit 10ft. by 5ft. by 6ft. deep, open to the elements, as there are no window frames or glass in the holes in the tower walls, and I don't believe ever have been. The names of the two heroes who ring a peal on the treble and tenor are the only two which should be published, as the other three are only accessories to the fact. The 2nd and 3rd 'go' really well; the 4th only tries to slip wheel once in each six-score. The fourth ringer being a good fisherman was used to the 'got another bite' sensation. The poor tenor man has to throw his rope out all the time, as the hole in the roof is so close to the wall, and he only has about four square feet in which to perform all his gyrations. If he exceeds this, he hangs the 4th ringer. But the poor treble ringer! His rope comes down exactly in the corner of the pit only three inches from the angle, and he is obliged to ring with his back to the rest of the band, with his face to the corner like a bad boy. Only the tenor goes really badly. The tendency to slip wheel could be rectified. 'Tis the ringing room and other appurtenances which are so bad. The tower is a nice one, and why such conditions prevail one cannot understand. Surely, the small sum required to rehang this fine little peal and augment them to a nice light ring of eight bells, and at the same time remodel that ringing pit, could be raised. Two of these bells are amongst the older bells in the county. Around the 4th is inscribed: 'All ye that do hear, our clappers want beer, 1702.' The undersigned is of the opinion that at the present day its poor cracked cry is: 'All ye that do hear, please get us recast!'

JOSEPH E. SYKES (THE BIGGER).

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.—On Easter Sunday, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,295 changes): R. Preston 1, Miss Sparshott 2, S. White 3, G. Preston (conductor) 4, R. Street 5, G. Scragg 6, F. Sparshott 7, W. Fowler 8, S. C. Reeve-Flaxman 9, H. Gillard 10. Mr. Reeve-Flaxman hails from Hamstead.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Under an Order in Council, published last week, the new Sees of Guildford and Portsmouth, carved out of the diocese of Winchester, came into being on Sunday last. There will eventually be a new Guild of ringers for the diocese of Guildford, but ringing matters in the two other dioceses will be continued, it is expected, under one management, with a dual title.

Congratulations will be extended to Mr. George Williams to-morrow when he reaches his 70th birthday. Few men are as well known in the Exercise as Mr. George Williams, and probably none has done more to advance the art than he has. He holds the office of Master of the Winchester Guild, and it is hoped to celebrate his birthday by a peal on the Cathedral bells.

'The best-laid schemes o' mice and men gang aft a-gley,' wrote Bobby Burns, and the truth thereof was again apparent down in Kent on St. George's Day. The eight Georges rang over two hours and lost their peal of London Surprise, and the companion peal of Cambridge, which friends of the Georges attempted in an adjoining parish, ended prematurely by the tenors coming up the wrong way. Sh-h-h, tell it not in Gath!

On May 7th, 1780, John Reeves and a party of London Youths rang the first peal on Harrow bells, a peal described in the records as '5,040 Bob Majors.'

The first peal of Grandsire Maximus, described in the Cumberland Youths' record as 'Grandsire Bob Maximus,' was rung at Southwark on May 7th, 1792. John Reeves called this peal also, and William Shipway was one of the band.

Another peal of which Mr. John Reeves was the conductor was a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major, with which Edmonton bells were opened by the Cumberlands on May 8th, 1788.

One of those long peals of Treble Bob Royal, which formed a source of rivalry between the College Youths and the Cumberlands in the latter part of the eighteenth century, was rung by the Cumberland Youths at Shoreditch on May 10th, 1777. It was 10,200, but was beaten nine days later by an 11,080 rung on the same bells by the College Youths. That was just a hundred and fifty years ago!

A record which still stands is the 14,112 London Surprise Major, rung at King's Norton on May 11th, 1903, in 8 hrs. 40 mins.

The restored peal of bells at St. Sepulchre's, Northampton, were dedicated on Monday week by the Bishop of Peterborough. Seven of the bells have been recast, and the whole rehung in a new frame and fittings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

'The Midlander' for April publishes an interesting biographical sketch and portrait of Mr. Frank B. Yates, of King's Norton, who was responsible for raising funds for recasting the bells at that church, and recently very generously gave the two trebles to make a peal of ten.

Mr. Yates has been a prominent Midland cyclist, and put up many fine performances on road and track. A lover of horses, he has been a successful exhibitor, and in addition to being actively interested in ringing, he has done magnificent work in connection with the Church and philanthropic institutions. He was recently entertained on the occasion of his 50th birthday.

The meeting of the Axbridge Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, which was to have been held at Cheddar to-morrow, has been cancelled, owing to the lamented death of the district secretary, Mr. G. Chamberlain.

COURT BOB ROYAL.

MANCROFT PEAL NOT THE FIRST.

In our issues of August 10th and December 28th, 1923, we gave some details, culled by Mr. T. E. Slater, of Glemsford, and Mr. G. P. Burton, of Norwich, from old newspapers, by which it appeared to be established that the first peal of Court Bob Royal was rung at St. Peter Mancroft on April 17th, 1769.

Our reminder of this event under 'Belfry Gossip' a fortnight ago, now brings the information that a peal of 6,720 Court Bob Ten-In was rung by James Barham and his company at Leeds, Kent, in 1765. Mr. G. W. Moss, of Manningtree, Essex, who has a copy of Barham's records, writes:

'The following is from James Barham's peal book: "Sunday, January 20th, 1765, was rung at home, 6,720 complete changes of Court Bob Ten in 4 hours 42 minutes, being the most of this method yet rung, viz., William Attwood, Edward Mason, Thomas Lacy, Richard Masters, Stephen Bayley, William Davis, John Sweetlove, Edward Cook, James Barham, William Tilby."

'If it was the same method,' adds Mr. Moss, 'evidently the Norwich men, when they rang their peal in 1769, had no knowledge of the peal rung in 1765 by the Leeds Youths.'

There is, of course, more than one variation of Court Bob Royal, and it would be interesting to know which was rung at Leeds. Porter was the author of the Norwich peal, and it was the method to which we now prefix the word Norwich.

Shipway, in his 'Campanologia,' gives: 'Court Bob; containing three distinct systems, each consisting of Single, Reverse and Double.' One is called simply Court Bob, one is London Court Bob and the other Norwich Court Bob. Is there any further information available as to the method practised by Barham and his men? In any event, the 6,720 does not seem to be the first peal, for Barham states that this is 'the most of this method yet rung,' indicating that there had been previous peals.

FIRST PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS.

IPSWICH MEN'S ACHIEVEMENT.

The first peal of the above ever rung was accomplished on Saturday last at St. Mary-le-Tower Church, Ipswich. It is most fitting that this should have been performed at Ipswich, for here it was that the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, on August 15th, 1908, and also the first peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Maximus (November 28th, 1896), outside Norwich, were rung.

It was on Sunday, September 12th, 1926, that the first course of Superlative Maximus was rung, and altogether sixteen courses have been brought round, the peal being achieved at the seventh attempt.

The society wish to thank Messrs. Cross, Duffield, Kinsey, May, Mee, Shemming, Wood and Woodcock for their assistance in practices and peal attempts.

In 'The Ringing World' of April 1st, writes Mr. G. E. Symonds, the conductor, is printed over the name of the Rev. Law James: 'It would only be a disgrace to-day for a band of ringers to ring the method published as Superlative Maximus . . . in disregard of all musical qualities.' This is not correct, for grand music is produced by the tenor going up to the 8th, then the 9th coming up to the tenor, and the beautiful cadences ending with the 10th behind. Some of the best hymn and chant tunes end on this note, and the terrible monotony of the tenor always going up to the 10th, then the 11th up to the tenor, is relieved.

The St. Mary-le-Tower Society have now rung eight different Maximus peals in the present decade.

PASSING OF AN OLD MIDLAND RINGER.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Sidney Smith, which, as briefly announced in the last issue of 'The Ringing World,' took place at his residence at Handsworth, Birmingham, on Easter Tuesday, April 18th. Born in Devon in 1850, he migrated to the Midlands with his parents when he was a small boy of five or six years, and lived the remainder of his days in the neighbourhood of Birmingham.

As a youth, he was apprenticed to the late Paul Cashmore (composer of the well-known 5,056 Kent Treble Bob Major), who had a gun and revolver manufactory at West Bromwich, and was in due course introduced to 'the Exercise.'

Subsequently he married his employer's daughter, by whom he had three sons, one of whom is the present honorary secretary of St. Martin's Guild (Mr. A. Paddon Smith). It is interesting to recall that the deceased and the late Mr. John Carter for many years worked side by side at Paul Cashmore's, and were encouraged by their employer in the pursuit of knowledge of change ringing.

Mr. Smith became a member of the band of ringers at West Bromwich Old Church, and was laid to rest in the family grave in the beautiful 'God's Acre' attached to that church on Friday, April 22nd.

Mr. Smith was never a keen peal ringer, and had kept no record of the dozen or so in which he took part, most of which were rung under the auspices of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

He had for many years been a regular attendant at the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner, and was one of those who at the last dinner signed the menu card which was sent out to the secretary (who was then in India) by the Editor of 'The Ringing World.' This souvenir is much prized by the recipient, and it is a sorrowful thought that Death, the reaper, has already removed one of the signatories from human ken.

Mr. Smith was energetic and active to the last, and was very fond of a game at bowls and a hand at bridge. He looked good for many years still, but Providence ordained otherwise. He succumbed to heart failure following influenza, and passed peacefully away in his sleep, leaving a widow and three sons to mourn their loss.

'The moving finger writes—and having writ

Moves on; nor all thy Piety nor Wit,

Shall lure it back to cancel half a line,

Nor all thy tears wash out a word of it.'

Omar Khayyam.

LUNDY ISLAND PEAL RECALLED.

Readers of 'Among the bells' will remember the description of how the peal on Lundy Island was rung. The party were taken over from Ilfracombe in the 'Missions to Seamen' boat by the then chaplain, the Rev. A. E. A. Coombes, who is now Rector of Freshwater. During his incumbency in the Isle of Wight of 12 years or so, Mr. Coombes has been an honorary member and a good friend in general to the Island branch of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, always giving the members a hearty welcome to the parish. To their regret he is now leaving for Didsbury, near Manchester, and on Saturday, April 23rd, the first peal on the bells was rung as a token of farewell. Mr. Coombes met the band at the station, saw that everything was in order, and at the close of the performance entertained them to tea.

It is hoped that in his new sphere, Mr. Coombes will prove as good a friend to ringers in the district as he has done in the Isle of Wight.

The date of the peal coincided with the marriage of Miss E. M. Windsor, at Wroxall, Somerset (where she is well known as a change ringer) to Mr. S. Miles, of Ryde, I.O.W.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ROCHESTER DISTRICT.

The half-yearly meeting of the Rochester District was held at Queenborough, Isle of Sheppey, on Saturday, about 40 members attending. The tower was open at three o'clock, and standard Minor methods were rung until 5 p.m., when the association service was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. O. F. R. Strickland), who also gave an inspiring address on bells and ringers.

The visitors to the island were then entertained to a meat tea in a nearby hostelry, and the age of miracles has not yet passed, as the district secretary had a great shock in seeing three vacant seats, which told that that number was less than had notified their intention of being present. It certainly was not the weather that kept any away—that was ideal. A keen north-easter from the sea improved the appetite, and full justice was done to the excellent repast.

The Vicar presided over the business meeting which followed, when five new members were elected, and Swanscombe was chosen for the summer meeting, the date being fixed for Saturday, July 23rd.

At the conclusion of the business, the District Secretary (Mr. F. W. Mitchell) offered the thanks of all to the kind donors of the excellent tea, and Mr. Haigh, in seconding, offered their thanks also to the Vicar for the use of the tower, for the address, and for presiding over the meeting, also to the organist for his attendance.

The Vicar, in responding, said how pleased they were to welcome the association to their ancient borough on the island, which was 'nearly off the map.' That was their first visit during his incumbency, and he hoped it would not be the last. On any future occasion they would be pleased to entertain them in a similar way.

The tower was again visited and ringing indulged in until the 8.40 train carried off the visitors who had so thoroughly enjoyed the meeting. A slight note of disappointment was expressed by the owner of the Austin 7, as he had to pay a toll of 1s. 6d. each way before he could cross the bridge at King's Ferry, which helped to swell the coffers of the S.R.

LEWISHAM DISTRICT ENTERTAINMENT.

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District was held at St. Mary Cray on Saturday, April 30th. The bells were raised at 3 p.m. and kept going to various methods throughout the afternoon and evening. Service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. E. Cannon), who gave a very interesting address.

Tea was kindly provided in the Church Rooms by the local band, about fifty members partaking of a substantial meal.

At the business meeting which followed, the Vicar presiding, seven new practising members were elected, and the chairman was made an honorary member of the association.

Mr. W. J. Jeffries gave a report of proceedings at committee meeting held at Bromley on Easter Monday.

Chislehurst was chosen as the place of next quarterly meeting.

Mr. I. Emery reminded the meeting of the loss of a trusted and respected member of the association by the death of the late Mr. G. Durling, of Bromley. He stated that application on behalf of his widow had been made to the benevolent fund, and that a grant had been made and received from that body.—The meeting signified their respect and sympathy with the bereaved by standing in silence for one minute.

Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, for his fine address, original both in style and substance, and for presiding at the meeting; to the ringers for their generous hospitality in supplying the tea; to the ladies for dispensing the same; and to the organist for his services.—Seconded by Mr. I. Emery, this was carried with applause. The Vicar responded, and said he hoped to see the association at St. Mary Cray again.—Mr. Lovelock, secretary of the local band, also replied, remarking that about ten years had elapsed since the association last visited St. Mary Cray. He hoped that less time would pass before they came again.—Mr. I. Emery assured the Vicar and local band that in view of the welcome accorded on this occasion the association would be only too eager to visit St. Mary Cray again.

This concluded the meeting, and a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on the handbells before adjourning to the tower for further ringings.

MUFFLED RINGING AT ANSTEY.

On Tuesday, April 26th, there passed away in the person of Mr. Laurie Jackson, of Bradgate Road, Anstey, a respected member of the Midland Counties Association. His illness had been a very brief one, and his death came as a shock to his many friends and acquaintances.

The funeral took place on the following Thursday afternoon, when he was laid to rest in the beautiful little cemetery at Anstey.

On the following Sunday afternoon, May 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on the bells of St. Mary's Church, Anstey, with the clappers half-muffled, in 45 mins.: Miss Mary L. Cufflin 1, W. Arthur Skinner 2, A. Disney 3, N. S. Bagworth 4, J. Pole 5, E. H. Bagworth 6, R. Barrow (conductor) 7, A. Cufflin 8.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PROPOSAL FOR OUT-COUNTY MEETINGS DEFEATED.

A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held at Huddersfield on Easter Monday. By the courtesy of the respective clergy, the rings of ten at the Parish Church, eight at Almondbury, eight at Longwood, and six at Kirkheaton, were available for ringing during the day.

A meeting of the general committee took place in the Parochial Hall, when arrangements were made for meetings to be held later in the year. Divine service was held in the Parish Church at 3.45 p.m., when the Vicar of Huddersfield (Rev. Canon Baines) extended a hearty invitation to the association, his kindly sermon being greatly appreciated by a large congregation.

About one hundred and twenty ringers sat down to a splendid tea in the Parochial Hall, the business meeting being held in the same building afterwards. The President (Rev. C. C. Marshall) occupied the chair, and was supported by the principal officers of the association. Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. C. Harrison and G. Halksworth.

A motion having for its object the giving of facilities to towers outside the county boundary to hold association meetings was heavily defeated.

On the motion of Mr. H. Walker, seconded by Mr. T. K. Kendall, it was decided to hold the next general meeting of the association at Ecclesfield on August 27th.

Messrs. H. Chew and Reginald Noble, of Northowram, were elected as members of the association, and a cordial vote of thanks to the respective clergy for kindly granting the use of their bells, and to Canon Baines for his excellent address, was moved by the President, seconded by Mr. F. Willey, and unanimously accorded.

A vote of thanks to the local company was moved and seconded by Mr. J. Broadly and Mr. G. Lewis respectively. The general secretary, in supporting the motion, stated that only twenty-eight applications for tea had been received, and more than one hundred and twenty had sat down to tea. Such laxity placed the local company in an unenviable position, and he urged his hearers to be more considerate on future occasions.—Mr. J. Barraclough responded on behalf of the local band.—The delightful weather enjoyed during the day contributed to make this meeting a memorable and pleasant one.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

CHESTERFIELD DISTRICT AT EYAM.

The first association meeting ever held in the historic village of Eyam (Derbyshire), took place on Saturday, April 23rd, when between 40 and 50 members of the Midland Counties Association, including quite a number of ladies, assembled at the beautiful little 13th century church of St. Lawrence, and made full use of a delightful light ring of six bells (tenor about 8 cwt.) from 3 to 5 p.m. Among the towers represented were Bakewell, Chesterfield, Dore, Eyam, Great Longstone, Loughborough, Morton, North Wingfield, South Anston, Trecton and Wortley.

A good deal of creditable ringing was accomplished in methods ranging through Plain Bob, Doubles and Minor, College Single, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, to Cambridge Surprise. In the latter method, quite a number obtained their first touches. Another feature was a well-struck 720 of Bob Minor by the local company, conducted by the Rev. W. P. Wright, during tea, and a further 720 of Treble Bob by the same conductor at the close of the meeting.

A short business meeting was held in the tower, Mr. J. P. Tarleton (North Wingfield) presiding. Seven new members were elected, viz., five from Eyam, one from Dore and one from Morton.—Alfreton was selected for the next meeting, to be held on the third Saturday in June.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector (the Rev. H. Saunders Williams), who, although unable to be present at the tea and business meeting, visited the belfry several times and took a great interest in the proceedings; to the Rev. W. P. Wright for his kindness in making all the arrangements; and to the local company, who were congratulated on their progress.

During the afternoon and evening, many of those not actually ringing found great interest in the ancient church, its relics, and its tombs, redolent of memories of the Great Plague, and of the undying story of the heroic Mompesson and his wife; and in listening to the music of the bells, perhaps hardly realising the same tenor and its three brethren had called to worship and to rest those 267 souls who gave their lives for others in the tragedy of 1665.

OLD SUFFOLK RINGER'S DEATH.

The death occurred at Helmingham, Suffolk, on April 16th, of Mr. Walter Whiting, captain of the local company for 30 years. The deceased, who was 74 years of age, was buried at Helmingham on April 21st, when a half-muffled peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in his memory.

Mr. Whiting had been a member of the Norwich Diocesan Association, and, afterwards, the Norfolk Guild, since 1879, and had rung 45 peals. He was also a member of the Suffolk Guild, and was always to the fore in all pioneer work. He spared no pains in teaching young ringers, and will be remembered by all who came in contact with him for his kindly disposition and genial nature.

THE RECORD PEAL OF TREBLE BOB.

Ringers will be interested to examine the new record length of Treble Bob which was rung at Heptonstall on Easter Monday. Appended are the figures, the length being 17,824 changes.

THE COMPOSITION.

234567	
524367	W.
235647	O.
362457	O.
643527	O.
734526	M. O. 5th's. H.
274365	In. 4th's.
647325	M. H.
475623	4th's. 4th's. In. 4th's. In. 4th's. O. 4th's.
576423	M. M. In. O. 5th's. 5th's. H. H.
754623	M. M. In. O. 5th's. 5th's. W. H.
276435	M. In. 4th's. O. 4th's.
762435	M. M. In. O. 5th's. 5th's. W. W. H.
374256	M. In. 4th's. O. 4th's.
472356	M. M. In. O. 5th's. 5th's. H. H.
743256	M. M. In. O. 5th's. 5th's. W. H.
A 725364	
A 73542	
352647	M. M. In. O. H.
632547	W.
356427	O.
543267	O.
425637	O.
B 752634	M. O. 5th's. H. H.
372546	In. 4th's.
427536	M. H.
565427	4th's. 4th's. O. H.
B 645237	
B 426357	
B 234567	

Composed by T. B. Worsley, July 7th, 1926.

LONG LENGTHS OF TREBLE BOB.

The following are the progressively long lengths in the last 200 years:—

April 1st, 1727.	—10,080, Oxford, St. Michael's Coslany, Norwich, 6 hrs. 28 mins.
April 28th, 1800.	—10,112, Oxford, All Saints', Edmonton, 6 hrs. 29 mins.
August 27th, 1814.	—12,320, Otley, Yorks, 7 hrs. 15 mins.
February 12th, 1821.	—14,016, Kent, St. Paul's, Oldham, 7 hrs. 26 mins.
December 26th, 1831.	—15,168, Kent, Elland, Yorks, 8 hrs. 43 mins.
April 27th, 1868.	—15,840, Kent, St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, 9 hrs. 12 mins.
May 18th, 1883.	—16,608, Kent, Mottram, Cheshire, 9 hrs. 48 mins.
June 6th, 1892.	—16,608, Oxford, Debenham, Suffolk, 10 hrs. 32 mins.
June 8th, 1906.	—16,800, Kent, Mottram, Cheshire, 9 hrs. 40 mins.
July 21st, 1923.	—17,280, Kent, Over, Cheshire, 10 hrs.
April 18th, 1927.	—17,824, Oxford, Heptonstall, Yorks, 10 hrs. 51 mins.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Central Division of the Sussex County Association was held at Henfield on Saturday, April 23rd. Ringing commenced shortly after three o'clock, and a special service was held, at which an address was given by the Vicar (Canon R. J. Lea). Afterwards, those present adjourned to the Parish Room, where forty-one sat down to a meat tea, provided in a most generous manner by the Vicar. The business meeting was subsequently held, the Vicar presiding.

Mr. A. D. Stone was re-elected secretary; Messrs. J. A. Hart, O. Sippetts and J. Wren were re-elected as members of the committee; and Messrs. Keith Hart, F. Bennett and C. Tyler were re-elected as committee of advice.

Easebourne (a six-bell tower) having become affiliated, the following members of the branch were elected: A. Allerby, L. Bishop, J. Booker, A. Cook, R. Drummer, J. Etherington, P. Goble, F. Harrison, G. Orchard, C. Soane, W. Stringer and T. Tribe.

The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his kind invitation to tea, for the use of the bells, and for the service and address.

The collection taken for the benevolent fund amounted to 8s. 4d. The tower was again visited, the methods rung ranging from Grand-sire Triples to London and Bristol Surprise. The following towers were represented: Aldington, Brighton (St. Peter's and St. Nicholas'), Burgess Hill, Billingshurst, Crawley, Heene, Hordfield, Hurstpierpoint, Keymer, Southover (Lewes), Lower Beeding, Turner's Hill, Warnham, also Mr. A. King (Luton), non-resident member.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. DEVIZES BRANCH.

The quarterly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at the Parish Church, Melkham, Wilts, on Saturday, April 30th. Ringing commenced about 3 p.m., and the usual Guild service was held, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. B. Aston, M.A., M.C. Tea was followed by the business meeting, presided over by Mr. C. D. Heginbotham, of Devizes. The following new members were elected: Mr. J. Rodwell, of Tarranton, Norfolk, life member; Mr. O. Webb, Westbury, and Mr. F. Yule, Hilperton, ringing members.

The Chairman reported that Mr. H. Brownlee West, of Devizes, a former secretary of the branch, was in the Cottage Hospital, Devizes, seriously ill, and it was decided that the secretary should write a letter to Mrs. West expressing the sympathy of the branch with Mr. West, and expressing the hope for his speedy recovery.

A discussion followed respecting the annual meeting of the Guild, which is to be held at Wimborne Minster, Dorset, on Saturday, May 14th.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for conducting the service, to the organist, and the local ringers for having the bells ready.

The Vicar invited those who cared to do so to take a walk round the Vicarage Garden.

The following towers were represented: Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's, St. James'), Southbrook, Bath, Bradford-on-Avon (Holy Trinity and Christ Church), Bratton, Westbury, Warminster, Bromham, Chippenham, Holt, Hilperton and Trowbridge. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob Major, Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise were rung during the afternoon and evening, the bells being a new peal cast by Messrs. Taylor and Co. in 1925.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday last, a quarterly meeting was held at Wellington, when there was a good attendance of members, there being between 30 and 40 present, and representing towers as far apart as Ludlow and Market Drayton. There were also visitors from Cheshire, Loughborough, and Birmingham. Ringing commenced soon after 2.30, and the bells were kept going till 4.30, when there was a short service in church, conducted by the Vicar, who gave a very helpful address.

The business meeting was held in the Parish Hall, and was presided over by the Vicar, in the absence of the Master (Major Corbett).

The new certificates were handed round for inspection, and met with general approval. They require signing by the Master and secretary, and will be distributed in a few weeks' time.

Tea was partaken of at the Y.M.C.A. Cafe, and afterwards a well-struck course of Grandsire Caters was rung on the handbells.

The members then returned to the tower, and the bells were kept going till 8.30. During the afternoon and evening, the ringing consisted of short touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major; a course of Kent Treble Bob was also rung, considerable labour being required owing to the terrific oscillation of the frame. It is hoped that a start will be made shortly to raise funds for the re-hanging, as the bells are in a terrible state at present.

It is hoped to arrange a meeting at Moreton Corbet, in June, for combined practice in six-bell methods.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Eastern District was held at Braughing, on Saturday, April 30th, when forty members were present. The event was favoured by a lovely afternoon, and the bells, which have recently been rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stambank, made the church an attraction for the goodly number which turned up. The bells are a very good ring, with a tenor of 19 cwt., by Miles Graye, and the 'go' of them leave nothing to be desired. The Vicar, churchwardens and ringers are to be congratulated upon raising the necessary funds for the restoration in so short a time. Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain and Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise were rung. A short service was held in church, conducted by the Vicar, after which the tea and business meeting took place, presided over by the Vicar (the Rev. F. W. B. Jobson).

Reference was made to the death of Mr. J. J. Cawdell, of Baldock, a much respected member of the association, those present all standing as a mark of respect. The district secretary was asked to send a letter of sympathy to the relatives.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar was proposed by the District Secretary and carried unanimously.

WELCOME TO NEW VICAR.

At Aldershot, on Saturday, April 30th, at the Parish Church of St. Michael the Archangel, on the occasion of the induction of the newly-appointed Vicar, the Rev. Hugh Le Fleming, 629 Grandsire Triples by: W. Denyer 1, C. W. Denyer 2, Miss A. Fisher 3, Miss N. Denyer 4, Alb. Goucher 5, H. Gardner (Seale) 6, R. Hasted (Farnham, conductor) 7, G. Peto 8.—After the service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,280 changes) by: Miss A. Fisher 1, C. W. Denyer (first quarter as conductor, age 16) 2, Alb. Croucher 3, Miss N. Denyer 4, W. Denyer 5, H. Gardner (first quarter in the method) 6, R. Hasted 7, G. Peto 8.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. THE INSURANCE OF RINGERS.

In fine weather, a delightful afternoon was spent at Marshfield on Saturday, when the Bristol Branch held their quarterly meeting. The following towers were represented: St. Matthew's, St. Nicholas', St. Philip's, St. Stephen's, St. Thomas', and St. Werburgh, Clifton, Bristol; Henbury, Marshfield, Olveston, Stoke Bishop, and Chippenham. Rev. T. C. Fowler and Mr. C. Spurrier, vice-presidents, Messrs. A. H. Drew (Dorchester), A. Burcombe (Stinchcombe), H. W. Fussell (Dursley), F. Lambeth (Chippenham), W. A. Lewis, N. Lewis, E. A. Lewis (Berkley), and Mr. and Mrs. W. Farley (Corsham) were also present.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. S. L. Alford), who is an active member of Toc H, and he told the members the aims and the great ideals of this movement, and he hoped the ringers' aims were equally as great.

At the business meeting, the chairman (Mr. J. Gould) was supported by the Vicar and Mrs. Alford, the two vice-presidents, and Mr. Thomas (organist), and 40 members were present. The chairman gave the visitors a hearty welcome. The meeting endorsed the action of the secretary in accepting the kind invitation of the Rev. Canon G. R. Wood for the branch to visit Almondsbury on August 27th.

An interesting discussion took place on the insurance of ringers. The Ocean Corporation, Ltd., had written to the secretary submitting quotations for the insurance of ringers. If sufficient members were insured, they could quote as low a rate as 1s. per member. The secretary was instructed in write to the general secretary to place it on the agenda for the annual meeting.

Winterborne was chosen for the next meeting on May 21st, and Dyrham for June 25th.—The Vicar was elected an honorary member, Mrs. C. Spurrier an associate member, and Messrs. R. Fletcher and G. Minett (Marshfield) performing members.

The Rev. T. C. Fowler proposed, and Mr. F. Leaker seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, the organist and Mr. Beezer and ladies for assisting at the tea. Both the proposer and seconder paid a high tribute to the Vicar, who had been in the parish for just one month.

The Vicar was given a cordial greeting, and said how he welcomed the ringers. It was real good, he said, to get these gatherings, and he hoped while he was Vicar they would make it an annual affair.

After the meeting, the ringers returned to the belfry, and several who got little practice at Stedman or Treble Bob were pleased with the assistance given to them. The bells were rung until 8.15. The Bristol party had a most enjoyable motor-trip to and from Marshfield. The weather was all that could be desired, and the countryside was beginning to show signs of the advent of spring.

SUFFOLK GUILD.

WARNING AGAINST A BAD PRACTICE.

A meeting of the Lavenham District was held at Acton on Saturday, April 23rd, when the following places were represented: Lavenham, Long Melford, Little Waldingfield, Hartest, Lawshall, and the local company. Ringing commenced with several courses of 'Gravediggers' delight' by some of the local band. A short service was held in All Saints' Church, the Rev. A. C. Harpur, Vicar, officiating, after which the musical peal of five were kept going to Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman, St. Simon's, and Morning Star.

A business meeting was held in the school, the Vicar presiding, supported by Mr. S. H. Symonds, assistant secretary, who gave warning against the dangerous practice of 'clocking' bells. This wrong mode of chiming is employed at many towers in Suffolk.

Mention was also made of the scarcity of district meetings in the Guild's western area. It was proposed to hold the next meeting of the Lavenham District at Little Waldingfield on Saturday, May 21st.

The Vicar, on being proposed as an honorary member, said he was pleased to welcome the Guild to Acton, and hoped, before long, to become a real ringing member.

The usual vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for presiding and for the use of the bells. The meeting closed with a course of Bob Major on Mr. S. H. Symonds' 'pocket' set of handbells, the tenor of which is two inches in diameter.

SAXMUNDHAM DISTRICT.

A meeting of the Saxmundham District was held at Yoxford, on Saturday last, April 30th, and was largely attended, about fifty ringers being present, and no less than seventeen towers being represented. The bells, a peal of six which have recently been rehung by Messrs. A. Howell and Son, Ipswich, were set going soon after three o'clock, and touches in various methods were rung until 5 p.m., when, at the invitation of Mr. C. H. Lomax, an adjournment was made to the old school, where tea, which had been provided by a band of ladies, was greatly appreciated. The Rev. C. H. Raven presided, and was supported by the Rev. H. Drake, general secretary, who proposed a vote of thanks to the donors of the tea. This was carried with acclamation, and a vote of thanks was also accorded to the Vicar for the warm welcome extended to the Guild. This was moved by the district secretary (Mr. G. Wilson), who congratulated the young band on the progress they had made. Further touches were rung in the evening, the methods ranging from Bob Minor to London Surprise.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

WEST CLANDON.—On Sunday, May 1st, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: H. Harding, sen., 1, N. Harding 2, G. Grover 3, J. Goacher 4, F. Day 5, F. Bennett (conductor) 6.

LITTLE MUNDEN.—On Sunday, May 1st, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise: W. Williams 1, S. Carter 2, A. Woolston 3, A. Phillips 4, G. H. Carter (conductor) 5, W. H. Lawrence 6.—For evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: W. Williams 1, S. Carter 2, S. Head 3, G. H. Carter 4, A. Woolston 5, W. H. Lawrence (conductor) 6.

ABERAVON.—On Sunday, May 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: C. Mathers 1, F. E. Stone 2, G. W. Hollis 3, E. Stitch 4, W. J. Nulton 5, C. Hughes (first quarter inside) 6, A. J. Pitman (conductor) 7, J. Weatheraby 8.

HARROLD, BEDS.—On Sunday, May 1st, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: J. Sharp (first 720, and aged 13) 1, J. McGrath 2, F. G. Crouch 3, H. W. Gayton (conductor) 4, W. Sharp 5, W. Stock 6.

LONDON.—On Sunday, May 1st, for evening service at St. Giles', Camberwell, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: G. J. Harman 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, S. C. Moye 3, F. Goddard 4, T. W. Taffender 5, J. Milner 6, W. Rogers (first quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters) 7, H. Hills 8, J. R. Gammon 9, H. Taylor 10.

PENDLETON, LANCs.—On Sunday evening, May 1st, at St. Thomas' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): W. Howard 1, W. Edwards 2, S. Greenhalgh 3, H. Greenhalgh 4, H. T. Jones 5, W. H. Shaker 6, A. F. Bailey (conductor) 7, R. Johnson (first quarter-peal) 8.

ARKSEY.—On Easter Day, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins.: F. Garner 1, A. Hall 2, J. Clarke 3, C. Otter 4, E. Cooper (first quarter-peal) 5, E. Arrand 6, J. McCluskey (conductor) 7, T. Revil 8.

POLKINGHAM, LINGS.—On Easter Sunday, for evensong at St. Andrew's Church, 720 Bob Minor in 28 mins.: J. Musson 1, A. King 2, L. Pell (first 720 in any method) 3, C. T. H. Bradley (conductor) 4, W. Wilson 5, C. Wilkinson (first 720 of Minor inside) 6.

NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.—On Easter Day, at St. James' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins., for the evening service: Roy Coupe 1, Miss Elsie Smith 2, J. Berridge 3, Charles Bates 4, Geo. Smith 5, William Biggin (conductor) 6, T. E. Lee 7, A. Fox 8. This was also rung in honour of the 21st birthday of C. Oldfield, a late member of the band, who is now residing in Jersey, U.S.A.

MORRISTON, SWANSEA.—At St. John's Church, on Easter Sunday, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: D. G. Williams 1, G. N. Williams 2, J. T. Williams (conductor) 3, L. Pelzar 4, G. Lewis 5, I. Matthews 6.—Also for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: I. Matthews 1, G. N. Williams 2, J. T. Williams 3, L. Pelzar 4, G. Lewis (conductor) 5, D. G. Williams 6.

ECTON, NORTHANTS.—On Easter Day for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 50 mins.: F. Baker 1, F. Pinney 2, C. Tebbly 3, H. Tebbly 4, A. Robinson (conductor) 5, C. Tapp 6.—Also for evening service, 720 Bob Minor in 30 mins.: F. Baker 1, F. Pinney 2, A. Johnson 3, H. Tebbly 4, A. Robinson (conductor) 5, F. Harlott 6.

ST. ALBANS.—At St. Stephen's Church on Easter Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles for evening service, in 44 mins., on the plan arranged by A. J. Pitman: J. Malyan (conductor) 1, E. Chapman 2, R. Bedford 3, R. Smith 4, H. Bedford 5, W. Malyan 6.

TETTERHALL, STAFFS.—On Easter Day, for the Eucharist service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: E. J. Southwick 1, T. Taylor 2, H. R. Pickering 3, G. Smith 4, E. Genna 5, K. Taylor 6, R. Pickering (conductor) 7, T. Bate 8. Rung with 4-6-8 covering.

CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION.**ANNUAL RINGING CONTEST.**

The annual ringing contest was held on Easter Monday at Crowthwaite Parish Church, Keswick. Six teams competed, as against four last year, representing Bridekirk, Cockermouth, Egremont (2), Workington and Keswick. Egremont No. 1 team rang 720 Woodbine in 25 mins., with 52 faults; Workington rang 560 Bob Major in 22½ mins., with 46 faults; Bridekirk rang Oxford for eight minutes, when they broke down, with 37 faults; Cockermouth rang 720 Violet in 26½ mins., with 33 faults; Keswick rang Stedman Triples for 3½ mins., when they broke down, with 45 faults; Egremont No. 2 rang 720 Plain Bob in 26 mins., with 90 faults.

After the contest, a meeting was held in the belfry, presided over by the Vicar, Rev. W. Elliot-Bradley, when the judge, Mr. T. T. Goffton, of Whitley Bay, gave his decision as above. Cockermouth were therefore winners of the contest for the third year in succession, and hold the 'Rawsley' shield for another year, and also receive medals.

Nine new members were elected, and Hensingham was chosen for the next quarterly meeting to be held in June.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for presiding, also for the use of the bells, and also to Mr. Goffton for acting as judge.

Tea, partaken in the Waverley Cafe, brought the proceedings to a close.

NOTICES.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Annual Meeting will be held on Whit Tuesday next, the 7th of June, at (by the courtesy of the Lord Mayor) the Mansion House, London, at 11 a.m. Full particulars will be published later.

Notices of motion should reach me not later than Saturday, the 7th of May next.—E. Alexr. Young, Hon. Sec., 155, Rushey Green, Catford, S.E.6.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on the 12th and 26th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 17th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 19th, Southwark Cathedral on the 24th, *St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 31st; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Chigwell on Saturday, May 7th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will those intending to be present advise me as soon as possible. Chigwell Row bells will be available after tea.—E. J. Butler, 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Aughton on Saturday, May 7th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. A good attendance requested.—James W. Grounds, Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Cheddar on May 7th is cancelled.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A meeting will be held at Stockbridge on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (6) from 2.30; also King's Somborne (6). Tea at 5 o'clock.—W. T. Tucker, Dis. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—Next meeting at Wortley on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (8) ready early.—Colin Harrison, Hon. Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Fownhope on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (6) available. Service 5 p.m.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wrington on Saturday, May 7th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Prestwich on Saturday, May 7th. Bells at liberty 3.30. Meeting at 7 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Balderstone, Rochdale, on Saturday, May 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Easton Maudit on Saturday, May 7th. Bells available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bromyard District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Bromyard on Saturday, May 7th. Bells available 4 o'clock. Tea 5.30.—A. Tomkins, Dis. Sec., Post Office, Bredenbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Helmshore, on Saturday, May 7th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30. Subscription due. Reports to hand.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at West Clandon on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (6) available at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting after. A good attendance is desired.—E. Raddon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Baillie Road, Guildford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting of the Reading branch will be held on May 7th, at Ship-lake, Oxon. Ringing at 3 p.m. All visitors will be guests to tea with the Vicar at 4.45 p.m.—F. W. Hopgood, Hon. Sec., 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Leighton Buzzard, on Saturday, May 7th. The bells (10) will be ready at 3 p.m. Everybody welcomed.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec. 199, High Street, Dunstable.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Preston St. Mark's on Saturday, May 14th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea, as usual, to all who notify Mr. J. Eccleston, 8, Mafeking Road, Ashton-on-Ribble, not later than May 9th. The bells have recently been rehung by Mears and Stainbank.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Feltham on Saturday, May 14th. Tower open at 3. Tea arranged as usual. Sunbury June 18th. All ringers welcome.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting will be held at Churchkirk on Saturday, May 14th. The bells (recently augmented and recast) will be available from 3 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. It is requested that all outstanding subscriptions be paid in at this meeting.—J. Watson, Hon. Branch Sec., 48, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Sleaford on Saturday, May 14th. Service in St. Deny's Church 4.30. Tea at the Church Hall 5.15 (free to members on production of receipt for current year, non-members 1s. 9d.) for those who notify Mr. R. Scott, Westlea House, Sleaford, by the Wednesday previous. Bells (8) available.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 6, Spital Terrace, Gainsborough.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Chester-le-Street Parish Church on Saturday, May 14th. Bells available after 2 o'clock. A good attendance desired.—H. Tyson, Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Meeting at Pinner, Saturday, May 14th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. Please advise me if you require same. Cheap tickets from Marylebone, Baker Street and Met. Station. Members and friends welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A meeting of the above district will be held at Daybrook on Saturday, May 14th. Tower open from 2.30 to 8 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. R. Elson, Ramsdale Villas, Church Drive, Daybrook, Notts, not later than Thursday, May 12th? All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Local Sec. (pro tem.), 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A meeting will be held at Brayfield on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Important: Will all those who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, May 10th.—T. Tebbutt, 53, Louise Road, Northampton.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—A meeting will be held at Over on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Rail service, Swavesey Station (L.N.E. Railway). Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—F. Warrington, Long Stanton, Cambs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Prescott on Saturday, May 14th. Bells at 4. Meeting at 6.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, May 14th, at King's Norton. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 'Donnor,' Wellington Road, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Southern District will be held at Staindrop on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (8) available from 1 p.m. Will members requiring tea please notify me not later than the 12th inst.—J. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 71, Surtees Street, Darlington.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be at Wolvey on Saturday, May 14th. Bells available from 4 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—W. Cope, Local Sec., Smockington, Hinckley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Kegworth and Diseworth on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) open from 3 o'clock. Business meeting 4.30. Diseworth bells open in the evening. All ringers and friends heartily invited.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Berkeley on Saturday, May 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome. Please notify early.—H. G. Phillips, Hon. Sec., Lynch, Berkeley, Glos.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Guild Festival will be held in Wimborne on Saturday, May 14th. Service in the Minster at 12.30 p.m. Preacher, Rev. A. L. Keith. Collection for Diocesan War Memorial. Luncheon in the Masonic Hall at 1.30 p.m. Tickets 1s. 6d. each to members. Business meeting to follow. President, Lord Shaftesbury. Bells available: Peal of 10, Wimborne Minster from 10.30 a.m.; peals of eight, Cranborne, Blandford, Poole, peals of six, Canford Magna, Corfe Mullen, Hampreston, St. Giles, Sturminster Marshall, Lytchett Minster, 10-11.30 a.m. and 3-9 p.m.; peal of 5, Hinton Martell. Ringers intending to be present should signify their intention to the Assistant Secretary, T. Hervey Beams, Bradpole, Bridport, by Monday, May 9th.—F. Llewellyn Edwards, Hon. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Elmdon on Saturday, May 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.45 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. We are hoping to see a good attendance. — C. Beeston, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildsborough Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Clipstone on Saturday, May 14th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea please notify me by May 10th.—W. Bott, Hon. Dis. Sec., Guildsborough.

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Framlingham District. — A district meeting will be held at Bedfield on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) at Parish Church available 3.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. All ringers invited.—J. Hall, Hon. Dis. Sec., College Road, Framlingham.

BARNSELY & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Felkirk on Saturday, May 14th. Bells ready 1.30 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who apply before Wednesday, May 11th, to M. Perry, Clifton Cottages, Brinley, near Barnsley. Barnsley Traction Bus service is discontinued to Felkirk, but Messrs. Cipkin Bros.' bus runs past church leaving Barnsley 2.10, 3.40, 5.0 p.m. etc. Cheap return bookings. The Hoylandswaine Cup contest takes place Saturday, June 25th. First and second prizes in addition to cup will be awarded to those finishing in that order. All towers in the association are invited to enter at once.—Apply Mr. Lewis Wilkinson, Jackson Terrace, Hoylandswaine, Penistone.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The dedication of the two new bells at St. Mark's, Swindon, will take place at the monthly meeting on May 21st by the Archdeacon of Swindon at 3 p.m. Bells available for ringing after service. Tea will be provided at 1s. per head at 5 p.m. for those who notify me by Wednesday, May 18th. All ringers welcome.—J. A. Hales, Hon. Sec., 20, Aspland Grove, Hackney, E.8.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Waltham Abbey on Saturday, May 21st. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea and business. All welcome.—J. A. Hales, Hon. Sec., 20, Aspland Grove, Hackney, E.8.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting of the Kent County Association will be held at Rolvenden on Saturday, May 21st. Tower open at 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. All ringers invited. A good attendance hoped for.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, May 21st. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service 5 o'clock, followed by tea and meeting in the Hall. All welcome. Will those requiring tea inform me by Tuesday, May 17th?—H. F. Mills, 1, Lower South View, Farnham.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Dorset Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bourton on Saturday, May 28th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock (6d. for members). Meeting to follow. Towers available: Bourton (6), Mere (8), Buckhorn Weston (6), Kington Magna (5). Will all members who wish to be present kindly let me know by May 24th at the latest?—R. E. P. Gorringe, Manston Rectory, Sturminster Newton, Dorset.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Stow-on-the-Wold and Bourton-on-the-Water on Whit Monday, June 6th. Motions for the agenda re alteration or additions to rules must reach me before May 9th. Further details of arrangements will be announced in these columns later. Management Committee meeting will be held at Lydney on Thursday, May 12th.—Edgar Guise, Gen. Hon. Sec., 39, Tankards Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

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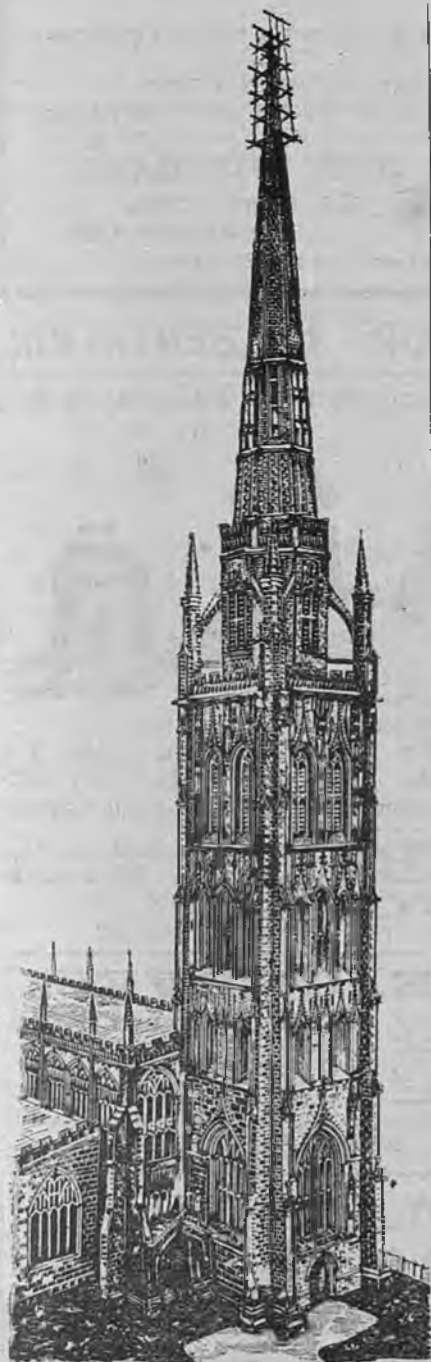
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