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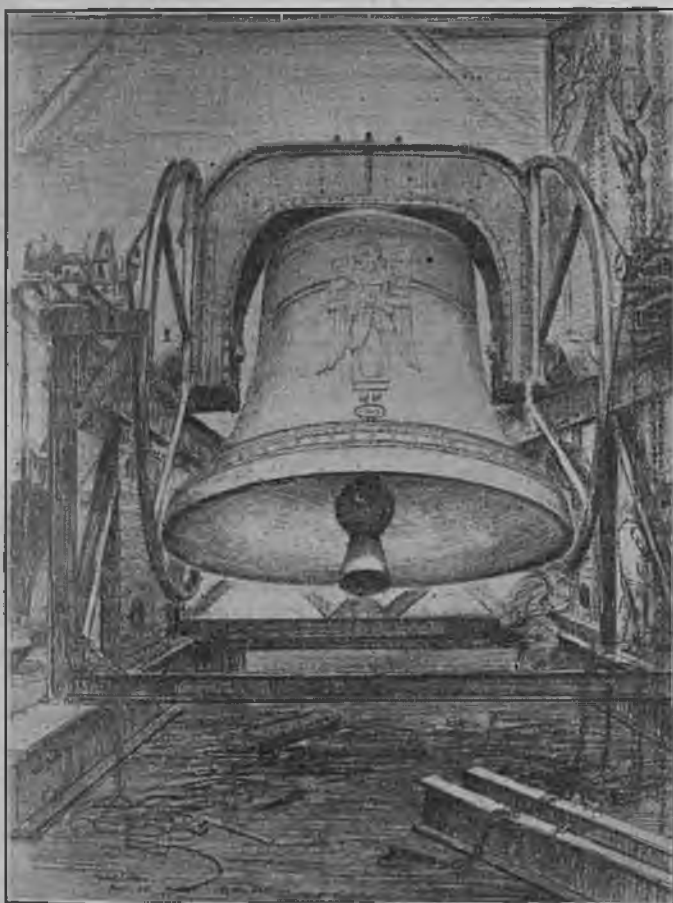
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MINOR METHOD NAMES.

The Methods Committee of the Central Council have completed their revision of the names of the Minor Methods which they desire to appear in the next edition of the 'Collection' of six-bell methods and the list is published elsewhere in this issue. It is interesting to recall the circumstances which have led up to the present step. When the Council first published the Collection in 1907 many of the methods, which appeared in print for the first time, were unnamed. In the course of years some were rung, and those who rang them gave them names, with the result that some methods became known by a number of titles, and this led to confusion. The Analysis Committee were given the task of clearing up the position, and, in addition, were authorised to name the still unnamed methods. In this way each Minor method in the Collection was given a definite and distinctive title, and their report was accepted by the Council in 1923.

The committee, however, had selected or retained certain titles which failed to give anything like general satisfaction, and objection was particularly taken to the floral names which were applied. It was felt that while some old methods had come down to us saddled with the names of flowers, which might be tolerated, it was a mistake to extend and perpetuate this style of nomenclature, which is so ill-fitted to a mathematical service. A special committee was therefore set up to make recommendations as to names. They did their work too thoroughly. Two years ago they suggested wholesale alterations and submitted a long list of recommendations, which their opponents side-tracked by an amendment; and last year they were 'discharged, with thanks for their services.' Thereupon the Methods Committee, one of whose members had led the attack on the nomenclature report, asked for and obtained powers to carry out the revision. That, briefly, is the story of the past. And now we have the Methods Committee's recommendations as to names.

Those who compare the lists with the titles accepted by the Council, on the recommendation of the Analysis Committee at Salisbury in 1923, will find very few alterations. But such as they are they are significant. The Methods Committee have gone back to the names which they themselves allocated when they first published the methods, except in so far as they have admitted themselves in error, and unless the Council are tired of the whole thing, there will be another fight like that which took place at Salisbury, on such points as, for instance, whether the method at No. 12 of the Plain Methods is Canterbury Pleasure, or Canterbury Pleasure Reverse;

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and at No. 26, College or College Reverse. We asked last year, when the Council jettisoned the Nomenclature Report and had obviously overlooked the fact that four years before they had themselves settled the names, for what purpose did the Methods Committee want discretionary power? Was it merely, we asked, to ensure that their own views on the disputed names should prevail? The Methods Committee's report is the answer. They are going to restore, as far as they can, the names which they themselves originally allocated. They may plead justification for doing this, but we think it is due to the Council that they should give the reasons for the changes they propose and give them soon enough to enable the members to consider the alterations, remembering that they are settling questions of priority and derivation probably for all time. Meanwhile, the Suffolk Guild is urging the Council to take into consideration the Nomenclature Committee's recommendations. Those recommendations, some of which would find general acceptance, still exist in a report which, the members of that now defunct committee hold, has neither been accepted nor rejected.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 5, 1928, in Four Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANCES

Tenor 39 cwt, 3 qr. 10 lb. in C.

EDWARD JENKINS... ..	Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON	7
THOMAS HAMMOND	2	THOMAS C. LARKEY	8
JOHN WILKINSON... ..	3	JAMES MARTIN	9
JAMES C. E. SIMPSON... ..	4	HARRY CHAPMAN... ..	10
WILLIAM BIBBY	5	PERCIVAL W. CAVE	11
JOHN E. BIBBY	6	EDWARD CAUNCE	Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

First peal of Surprise Maximus by the association, by all the band, and in the North of England.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

DUNMOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 14, 1928, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 21 cwt, 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.

*E. WILLIAM RICHARDSON	Treble	*ALFRED T. M. PERRY	5
†JOSEPH JENNINGS	2	†ERNEST TOWNSEND	6
*ARTHUR T. SMITH	3	†ERNEST W. RICHARDSON	7
WILLIAM KEEBLE	4	H. WALTER SMITH	Tenor

Composed by J. WILDE. Conducted by H. WALTER SMITH.

* First peal. † First peal of Major. First peal as conductor. Hung as a farewell peal to Canon House, who has taken the living at Copford, near Colchester. He took a keen interest in the ringers, and worked hard to have the bells restored and augmented to eight.

ELVEDEN.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 28, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

IN THE MEMORIAL TOWER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*FRANK LEVETT	Treble	WILLIAM STANNARD	5
†BERT W. ROPER	2	PERCY FORDHAM... ..	6
†WALTER G. PAUL	3	†JAMES G. BROWN	7
CHARLES STANNARD	4	†JAMES W. PAUL	Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by JAMES W. PAUL.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 30, 1928, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ERNEST BRETT Treble	JAMES BENNETT 5
*MISS ELSIE CHAPMAN ... 2	*JOHN T. KENTISH 6
EDWIN F. PIKE 3	REUBEN SANDERS 7
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method in the City of London.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, May 1, 1928, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

JACK RANDS Treble	HERBERT FOWLER 5
SAMUEL HARRISON 2	OLIVER GREATHEAD 6
ALBERT W. GLEDSTONE ... 3	FRED LEWIS 7
MILTON C. FOWLER 4	PERCY GLEDSTONE Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by PERCY GLEDSTONE.

First peal of Kent as conductor, and first attempt.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 2, 1928, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in D.

CHARLES N. BURDOCK ... Treble	RAYMOND PHILOTT 5
*NORMAN V. HARDING ... 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 6
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON 7
*C. ERNEST SMITH 4	WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WM. J. ROBINSON.

* First peal of Cambridge. First peal of Cambridge as conductor.
First peal of Cambridge Surprise by the Guild.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 2, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE AND
SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Treble	WILLIAM PYE 5
CHARLES T. COLES 2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 6
GEORGE M. KILBY 3	HARRY KILBY 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

This peal contains 2,944 changes of London, 608 Bristol, and 736 each of Superlative and Cambridge. The Cambridge and Superlative were rung in alternate courses. Rung as a welcome to the new Rector of Acton, Rev. Percival Gough, M.A., who was inducted on Monday, April 30th.

JARROW GRANGE, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 2, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS'.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*HENRY HALL Treble	*JAMES E. SCOTT 5
EDWARD A. HERN 2	*JAMES L. GRAY 6
*ADAM DEAS 3	*ERNEST GOSDEN 7
*JOSEPH ROBERTSON 4	*ROBERT SKEOCH Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD A. HERN.

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

STEBBING.—On April 27th, at St. Mary's Church, for practice, 720 Bob Minor: E. Claydon 1, G. Emery (first 720 and first attempt) 2, E. Townsend 3, H. Harrington 4, J. T. Barker 5, J. Jennings (conductor) 6.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, May 3, 1928, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

ALPHEUS J. BERRY Treble	ALBERT RICHES 5
GEORGE FILLEY 2	JAMES RICHES 6
JACOB FILLEY 3	ROBERT RICHES 7
ROBERT RAYNER 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 5, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicolas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	FREDERICK H. PASKINS ... 5
EDWIN J. HARDING, JUN. ... 2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 6
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
JOSIAH D. HARRIS 4	FREDERICK G. GRIFFIN ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

BARKWAY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 5, 1928, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*WILLIAM A. BYSOUTH ... Treble	WILLIAM A. TACK 5
MISS KITTY WILLERS 2	EDWARD H. FINCH 6
FRANK E. HAYNES 3	ROBERT HOWARD 7
ALBERT E. AUSTIN 4	GEORGE T. CROFT Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

* First peal of Major. First peal of Major on the bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 5, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION OF WASHBROOK'S.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... Treble	PERCIVAL PRICE 5
JAMES GEORGE 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 6
ALFRED BALLARD, JUN. ... 3	ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN ... 7
JAMES S. HUTCHBY 4	THOMAS W. BARWELL ... Tenor

Conducted by J. FREDERICK MILNER.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 5, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb.

LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING 5
HARRY R. ROPER 2	*ALBERT G. FLEMING 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 7
GEORGE BENNETT 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PIRSTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

* First peal of Superlative Major. † First peal in the method.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 5, 1928, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	GEORGE E. WILSON 5
LIONEL H. PAGE 2	STANLEY W. BAYBUT 6
WILLIAM DUDLEY 3	HENRY T. WILSON 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	GEORGE H. DAYNES Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

First peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

BECKENHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 5, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. George.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

HERBERT A. HOLDEN... ..Treble	JAMES BENNETT 5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 2	WALTER SMITH 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	ISAAC EMERY 7
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 4	WILLIAM PYETenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 5, 1928, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr.

HARRY F. HOLDINGTreble	HARRY OVERTON 5
HAROLD EDWARDS 2	RICHARD T. HOLDING ... 6
JAMES H. RIDING 3	EDWARD V. RODENBURST 7
RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... 4	*WILLIAM WEATHERBY ...Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. H. RIDING.

* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

SOUTHPORT.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 5, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

At Christ Church.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES MARSHTreble	SAMUEL HOLT 5
JOSEPH H. RIDYARD 2	JOSEPH RIDYARD 6
JOHN BOOTH 3	JOHN POTTER... .. 7
ERNEST BIRCHALL 4	WILLIAM PENNINGTON ...Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

First peal of Stedman Triples on the bells.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 5, 1928, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

At the Church of St. Lawrence.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTSTreble	JOHN P. TARLTON 5
FRED KNOWLES 2	†WILLIAM SWAIN... .. 6
*FREDERICK HECTOR BENNETT 3	WILLIAM T. PALMER... .. 7
WILLIAM WAIN 4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ...Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 5, 1928, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

FREDERICK N. SMEATON ...Treble	GEORGE W. STOKES 5
ROBERT W. DAVE 2	JOHN DEARLOVE 6
ROBERT J. DAVE... .. 3	KEITH HART... .. 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	JAMES A. HARTTenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

WILLENHALL, STAFFS.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, May 5, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Giles.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HERBERT KNIGHTTreble	ROBERT PICKERING 5
EDGAR T. SMITH 2	THOMAS J. ELTON 6
WILLIAM FISHER... .. 3	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 7
FRANCIS BROTHERTON... .. 4	JOHN C. ADAMSTenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER WALLATER.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 5, 1928, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

At the Church of St. Leonard.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM LEWISTreble	CHARLES I. EDWARDS... .. 5
FRANK BLONDELL... .. 2	CHARLES S. BIRD... .. 6
HENRY R. CHANDLER... .. 3	FREDERICK W. GOODFELLOW 7
ARTHUR H. FULWELL... .. 4	ERNEST R. GLADMANTenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by F. W. GOODFELLOW.
Rung on the first anniversary of the induction of the Vicar, Rev. George Craggs. F. Blondell was elected a member of the association previous to starting.

LYE, WORCS.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 5, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes.

At Christ Church.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 3½ cwt.

CLIFFORD SKIDMORETreble	ALFRED BOXLEY... .. 5
C. WILLIAM COOPER 2	*VERNON BEASLEY 6
GEORGE SMITH 3	WILLIAM BEDDARD 7
WILLIAM GREEN 4	HAROLD V. COOPERTenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.

* First peal of Grandsire 'inside.' The ringer of the 2nd has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

LANLIVERY, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 5, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

At the Church of St. Brevita.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr.

JOSEPH WOODLEYTreble	HAROLD BENNETT 5
HORACE BENNETT 2	ALLAN R. PINK 6
REV. R. H. WHITFORD ... 3	ARTHUR S. ROBERTS 7
CHARLES R. LILLEY 4	WILLIAM H. SOUTHEARD ...Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

Rung on the eve of the Feast of St. John before the Latin Gate. Also on the eve of the King's Accession. Arranged for the ringers of the 3rd and 6th, who hail from Bristol and Hersham, Surrey, respectively. The only other peal on these bells was rung on October 6th, 1897 (Stedman Triples), conducted by the late James W. Washbrook.

KINVER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 5, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORTTreble	WILLIAM BROWN... .. 5
WALTER FARLEY... .. 2	ALFRED HACKETT 6
ROBERT MATTHEWS 3	HECTOR G. BIRD 7
ARTHUR E. WHATMORE ... 4	BERNARD ASHFORDTenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

W. Short's 750th peal.

CHATHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 5, 1928, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.

PHILIP C. SPRINGHAM... ..Treble	WILLIAM SPICE 5
CHARLES WINSER 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER 6
WILLIAM HAIGH 3	FRANK BELSEY 7
HARRY SPRINGATE 4	GEORGE LAWRENCETenor

Conducted by F. BELSEY.

First of Stedman as conductor. A birthday peal for P. R. Belsey (April 30th), Miss E. B. P. Walker and V. A. Jarrett, R.E. (May 2nd), H. Hogarth (May 5th), Mrs. W. Walker (May 10th), and F. Belsey (May 11th).

BISHOP AUCKLAND, DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 5, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.		Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.	
WILLIAM BROADLEY	Treble	GEORGE W. PEVERELL	5
*ROLAND PARK	2	HERRERT BROADLEY	6
*ARTHUR F. WEST	3	*W. NORMAN PARK	7
*JAMES T. TITT	4	LUCIAN VENUS	Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

* First peal in the method. First peal on eight bells as conductor, and first attempt. Rung as the quarterly peal for the Southern District of the Durham and Newcastle Association. Ringers of 1st, 3rd and 6th from Darlington, St. John's, 2nd, 4th and 7th from Darlington, Holy Trinity, 5th local band, tenor from Darlington, St. Cuthbert's. First peal on these bells since 1914.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 5, 1928, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

WILLIAM KEEBLE	Treble	*INSPECTOR F. RIDGWELL	5
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	2	FRANK CLAYDON	6
LEWIS W. WIFFEN	3	WALTER ARNOLD	7
JAMES FLOEY	4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.
* First peal in the method. The conductor has now called a peal of London from each bell in the tower, this being the second tower in which he has accomplished this. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. Williams.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

WEST LYDFORD.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 28, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings. Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALBERT WOOLLEY	Treble	JOHN FARTHING	4
*HARRY W. E. LANE	2	FRANKLIN P. RICKARDS	5
*HARRY ATTWELL	3	JOHN E. METCALFE	Tenor

Conducted by F. D. RICKARDS.

* First peal.

DROITWICH.

On Sunday, April 29, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-DE-WITTON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores.

WILLIAM BERKLEY	Treble	GEORGE GREEN	4
ALFRED HALL	2	JAMES PRICE	5
THOMAS DAVIS	3	FRED YATES	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GREEN.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 1, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

SIDNEY BAKER	Treble	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL	4
FREDERICK A. MITCHELL	2	*JOHN BORLES	5
CYRIL M. MITCHELL	3	GEORGE MORRAD	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN BORLES.

* 100th peal. All the 100 have been rung in the county of Kent. Rung as a birthday compliment to the youngest son of the conductor.

Bell Ropes

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On Tuesday, May 1, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*RICHARD ROBSON	Treble	*ROBERT ARCHER	4
*WILLIAM C. BENNETT, JUN. 2	2	EDWARD A. HERN	5
WILLIAM C. BENNETT	3	ADAM DBAS	Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD A. HERN.

* First peal. Rung as a wedding compliment to the ringer of the 4th, and for the 100th anniversary of the church.

BOWDEN MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 1, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 21 six-scores, each Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 14 cwt.

MISS FRANCES HART	Treble	J. GEOFFREY GEARY	3
RONALD RUSSELL	2	C. ARTHUR MANNING	4

A. NORMAN GEARY ... Tenor

Conducted by C. ARTHUR MANNING.

The second peal on these bells.

BURSTOW, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, May 2, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

BERNARD WELLS	Treble	CECIL NICE	4
NELSON ELLIOTT	2	ALFRED J. BOLL	5
REGINALD V. JOHNSON	3	OLIVER SIPPETTS	Tenor

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

First peal of Surprise upon the bells.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 3, 1928, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

CYRIL SINFIELD	Treble	ERNEST HERBERT	4
WILLIAM D. JAMES	2	ALBERT FLEET	5
EDMOND J. HOBBS	3	HORACE H. SMITH	Tenor

Conducted by HORACE H. SMITH.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor's son.

PEATLING PARVA, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 5, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 120's of Canterbury Pleasure, four Plain Bob, eight St. Dunstan's, twenty-six Grandsire, consisting of ten ordinary, four each apliced 240's by L. Morris and A. J. Pitman, all differently called. Tenor 8½ cwt. (approx.).

JOHN GRANT	Treble	ERNEST W. TIPLER	3
ERNEST MORRIS	2	WILLIAM H. CLARKE	4

HENRY BIRD ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal on these bells, made five in 1883. The 110th Leicestershire tower in which the conductor has rung a peal.

RICKINGHALL SUPERIOR.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 5, 1928, in Five Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 10800 CHANGES;

Being five 720's each of Kent, Oxford and Plain Bob, each 720 called differently.

ALBERT G. HARRISON	Treble	DAVID WHITING	4
ALPHARDUS J. BERRY	2	GARNHAM A. BLANCELL	5
HARRY MOSS	3	WILLIAM STEGGALL	Tenor

Conducted by W. STEGGALL.

MINOR METHOD NAMES. CENTRAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE'S PROPOSALS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In accordance with the pledge given last year, I am sending you, on behalf of the Methods Committee, a draft of the proposed names for the 'Collection of Minor Methods.' The list is still open to revision, and we shall welcome any criticism, either at the Council meeting or in the columns of your paper. It should be understood that in no case have we ourselves, as a committee, supplied any of these names. We have confined ourselves within the limits laid down by ourselves at the last Council meeting of selection and revision.—Yours faithfully,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Ealing, May 4th, 1928.

Draft list of names of Minor methods in the forthcoming 'Central Council Collection.'

PLAIN METHODS.

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| 1. Plain Bob. | 15. Thelwall Bob. |
| 1a. Reverse Bob. | 16. Killarney Bob. |
| 2. Double Bob. | 17. Horsmonden Bob. |
| 3. Oxford Bob. | 18. Loch Lomond Bob. |
| 4. Double Oxford Bob. | 19. Rordon Bob. |
| 5. Horeward Bob. | 20. Ennerdale Imperial Bob. |
| 6. London Bob. | 21. Cumberland Imperial Bob. |
| 7. St. Clement's Bob. | 22. Windermere Imperial Bob. |
| 8. St. James' Youths' Exercise Bob. | 23. Brentford Imperial Bob. |
| 9. Bala Bob. | 24. Court. |
| 10. Frodsham Bob. | 25. Double Court. |
| 11. Stepney Bob. | 26. College. |
| 12. Canterbury Pleasure Bob. | 27. Stedman Slow Course. |
| 13. Fulbeck Bob. | 28. Childwall Court. |
| 14. Lytham Bob. | 29. Wavertree Court. |

TREBLE BOB METHODS.

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| 1. Oxford Treble Bob. | 15. Trinity Sunday Treble Bob. |
| 2. Sandal Treble Bob. | 16. Sharnock Treble Bob. |
| 3. Duke of Norfolk Treble Bob. | 17. Bluebell Treble Bob. |
| 4. Burton Treble Bob. | 18. Kingston Treble Bob. |
| 5. Rochester Treble Bob. | 19. Norbury Treble Bob. |
| 6. Morning Star Treble Bob. | 20. Daffodil Treble Bob. |
| 7. London Scholars' Pleasure. | 21. Fuchsia Treble Bob. |
| 8. College Exercise Treble Bob. | 22. Foxglove Treble Bob. |
| 9. Nelson Treble Bob. | 23. Hyacinth Treble Bob. |
| 10. Chadkirk Treble Bob. | 24. Marigold Treble Bob. |
| 11. Woodcock's Victory Treble Bob. | 25. Trowell Treble Bob. |
| 12. British Scholars' Pleasure. | 26. Overton Treble Bob. |
| 13. Kent Treble Bob. | 27. Dahlia Treble Bob. |
| 14. Killamarsh Treble Bob. | 28. Geranium Treble Bob. |
| | 29. Norton-le-Moors Treble Bob. |

FOURTH'S PLACE DELIGHT METHODS.

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| 1. Evesham Abbey Delight. | 19. Bedford Delight. |
| 2. Tewkesbury Abbey Delight. | 20. St. Albans Abbey Delight. |
| 3. Abbeyville Delight. | 21. College Bob IV. Delight. |
| 4. St. Werburgh Delight. | 22. Waltham Abbey Delight. |
| 5. Canterbury Delight. | 23. Burslem Delight. |
| 6. Crowland Delight. | 24. Duke of Clarence Delight. |
| 7. Conemere Delight. | 25. Elstow Abbey Delight. |
| 8. Southwark Delight. | 26. Burnaby Delight. |
| 9. Vale Royal Delight. | 27. London Victory Delight. |
| 10. Braintree Delight. | 28. Kirkstall Abbey Delight. |
| 11. Murple Delight. | 29. Glastonbury Abbey Delight. |
| 12. Wragby Delight. | 30. Tintern Abbey Delight. |
| 13. Willesden Delight. | 31. Sherborne Abbey Delight. |
| 14. Hull Delight. | 32. Fountains Abbey Delight. |
| 15. Taxal Delight. | 33. Melrose Abbey Delight. |
| 16. Nassen Delight. | 34. Pounton Delight. |
| 17. Old Oxford Delight. | 35. Grove Delight. |
| 18. Merton Delight. | |

THIRD'S PLACE DELIGHT METHODS.

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| 1. Crisbrooke Castle Delight. | 25. Leasowe Castle Delight. |
| 2. Donotstar Castle Delight. | 26. Richborough Castle Delight. |
| 3. Conway Castle Delight. | 27. Conisborough Castle Delight. |
| 4. Carnarvon Castle Delight. | 28. Coventry Delight. |
| 5. Ludlow Castle Delight. | 29. Evening Star Delight. |
| 6. Warwick Castle Delight. | 30. Disley Delight. |
| 7. Kintish Delight. | 31. Chepstow Castle Delight. |
| 8. Berkeley Castle Delight. | 32. Rosthorne Delight. |
| 9. Edinburgh Castle Delight. | 33. Skipton Castle Delight. |
| 10. Pembroke Castle Delight. | 34. Knuitsford Delight. |
| 11. Wath Delight. | 35. Belvoir Castle Delight. |
| 12. Pontefract Castle Delight. | 36. Pevensey Castle Delight. |
| 13. Oswald Delight. | 37. Dunedin Delight. |
| 14. Kent Delight. | 38. Ely Delight. |
| 15. Melandra Castle Delight. | 39. Queen Victoria Delight. |
| 16. Bucknall Delight. | 40. Wilmslow Delight. |
| 17. Castleton Delight. | 41. Cambridge Delight. |
| 18. Beeston Castle Delight. | 42. Francis' Genius Delight. |
| 19. Chelsea Delight. | 43. Bagedone Delight. |
| 20. Peveril Castle Delight. | 44. Fotheringay Castle Delight. |
| 21. Stirling Castle Delight. | 45. Dover Castle Delight. |

SURPRISE METHODS.

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| 1. Munden Surprise. | 22. Immanuel Surprise. |
| 2. Canterbury Surprise. | 23. Lightfoot Surprise. |
| 3. Alnwick Surprise. | 24. Stamford Surprise. |
| 4. Morpeth Surprise. | 25. Wearmouth Surprise. |
| 5. Newcastle Surprise. | 26. Westminster Surprise. |
| 6. Chester Surprise. | 27. Annable's London Surprise. |
| 7. Whitley Surprise. | 28. Netherseale Surprise. |
| 8. Northumberland Surprise. | 29. Norwich Surprise. |
| 9. Carlisle Surprise. | 30. Hexham Surprise. |
| 10. Wooler Surprise. | 31. Surfleet Surprise. |
| 11. Sandiacro Surprise. | 32. York Surprise. |
| 12. Coldstream Surprise. | 33. Durham Surprise. |
| 13. Kelso Surprise. | 34. Berwick Surprise. |
| 14. London Surprise. | 35. Boverley Surprise. |
| 15. Wells Surprise. | 36. Norfolk Surprise. |
| 16. Lincoln Surprise. | 37. Ipswich Surprise. |
| 17. Cunecastro Surprise. | 38. Primrose Surprise. |
| 18. Allendale Surprise. | 39. Cambridge Surprise. |
| 19. Bacup Surprise. | 40. Hull Surprise. |
| 20. Bamfborough Surprise. | 41. Bourne Surprise. |
| 21. Warkworth Surprise. | |

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

CATHEDRAL BELLS AGAIN REFUSED.

A quarterly meeting was held at Brewwood on Saturday, April 14th. A short service was held in the fine old church, when the Rev. L. Knights Smith, who recently took over the vicariate of Brewwood, after being Vicar of Uttoxeter for many years, gave the members a warm welcome, and a helpful address. Mr. W. York presided at the organ.

A capital tea was laid in the schoolroom, but, unfortunately, provision had been made for a larger number than was present.

After tea, the usual vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for his address, etc., to the organist for his kindly assistance, and to the ladies who arranged for the tea and waited at table.—The Vicar suitably responded.

The Rev. C. H. Barker (clerical secretary and treasurer) announced that he had made application for the use of the Cathedral bells at the annual meeting to be held at Lichfield in June, but that the Dean and Chapter could not see their way clear to alter their previous decision, viz., that permission would be granted for alternate years. This decision is a great disappointment to members, who feel that the privilege of ringing on the bells of the mother church once a year is not asking too much.

There was some discussion as to the advisability of a diploma for 'first pealers.' The decision was in favour of such, and the representatives were accordingly instructed to support the motion at the Central Council meeting at Hereford.

PEATLING PARVA'S PEAL.

The tiny village of Peatling Parva, Leicestershire, consisting of some 40 houses, and boasting of a population of about 120 souls, was enlivened last Saturday, after a lapse of 45 years, by the first complete peal on their bells. Originally an ancient set of three, dating from 1520 to 1599, they were augmented to five by J. Taylor and Co. in 1883. For many years little or no ringing has been done on these bells, and it was with some misgiving that Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester (whose great ambition is to ring a peal at every Leicestershire church), set enquiries on foot concerning their condition. However, Mr. H. Bird, of Broughton Astley, and Mr. C. H. Webb, of Croft, proved invaluable by their help, in making special visits to splice up old ropes, oiling bearings, etc., and, undoubtedly, it was only through their efforts the peal (reported elsewhere) was possible.

Before starting, Mr. Morris visited the bells to take off their inscriptions for his book on the 'Bells of the Leicester Diocese,' and with some difficulty—the birds having almost entirely 'whitewashed' the bells and frames—he did this satisfactorily. Meanwhile, Ernest 'Tip' went birdsnesting in the louveres and floors, bringing out handfuls of eggs and fledglings, remarking the latter ought to turn out good songsters, seeing that they were given a 2½ hours' 'solo.'

After tea, which followed, the conductor set off, as he usually does, to catch the first train home to his 'large wife and small family,' and after 2½ miles' walk arrived at Ashby just in time to see the train steaming out. Not relishing the idea of a long wait, he then walked a further three miles or so to Broughton to catch a bus, and even in that village was 'spotted' by one of his numerous friends. However, he did eventually arrive home some two hours late, to receive a 'telling off' from the aforesaid 'missus,' but he puts this down as one of the fruits of success.

A DATE TOUCH.

On Saturday, April 21st, in 1 hr. 15 mins., a date touch (1,928 changes) was rung at St. Werburgh's, Kingsley, in the seven following Surprise Minor methods consisting of 128 Ipswich, 120 Boverley, 240 York, 360 each London, Durham, Wells and Cambridge: J. Barker 1, C. S. Ryles 2, J. E. Wheeldon 3, H. Carnwell 4, A. W. Hall 5, J. Waley 6, conducted by J. E. Wheeldon. The ringers hail from Norton, Cheadle and Kingsley. This is the longest length of Surprise on the bells.

MORE BELLS WANTED FOR BRIXHAM

The Rev. W. H. Davis, Vicar of All Saints', Brixham, Devon, writing in 'The Times,' says: 'At All Saints', Brixham, we have the sum required to instal eight bells. This is the memorial church of Mr. Lyte, the author of what has become perhaps the most famous of all hymns. But we find that it will require ten bells to enable "Abide with Me" to be chimed daily from the tower with the necessary apparatus. So we are venturing to ask for help from a wider public so that we can in this way honour the memory of the revered author who was for many years the devout incumbent of this parish. I shall be glad to acknowledge any donations sent to me here.'

VISIT TO BUCKFAST ABBEY.**A PEALABLE RING OF TWELVE.**

On Easter Monday last a visit was paid by a party of Bristol ringers and friends to Buckfast Abbey, with its peal of 14 bells, two of which are hung 'dead' for chiming only. An early start was made in a very comfortable 26-seater charabanc, and Taunton was reached at 8.45. A stop of 40 minutes enabled the party to have a cup of coffee and a stroll round, and, incidentally, to hear the carillon of St. Mary's play an Easter hymn at nine o'clock. Ashburton was reached at 11.45, and as the party were a little in front of scheduled time, enquiries were made as to the prospects of ringing on the peal of eight there. A wedding was about to commence when they arrived, but it was over in time for the visitors to ring a course of Stedman Triples and four leads of Cambridge Major before resuming the journey to Buckfast, which was reached at 12.30 p.m.

Two attempts for Stedman Cinques did not succeed, so Stedman Caters were substituted. The ringers were agreeably surprised at the good 'go' of the bells. They had been led to believe that the front four were almost unringable, instead of which they went remarkably well. In fact, the whole peal go well, and are easily 'pealable,' once the unfamiliar surroundings are mastered.

Lunch at the Abbey Guest House was followed immediately by the first part of the return journey, as far as Tiverton. Here a splendid tea was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Knowles, two of the local ringers, at the Constitutional Club. Then a move was made to the tower of St. Peter's, with its splendid ring of eight by John Taylor and Co., and it was unanimously agreed that they rank with Chewton Mendip and Heavitree, and that he would be a bold man who would say which were the best. Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Cambridge, London and Bristol Surprise Major were rung here. Bristol was reached punctually to time, 10.30 p.m. after a most enjoyable day. Several have expressed a wish to pay another visit to both places with a little more time at Buckfast, and, knowing what they now know, this can easily be done.

W. A. C.

A STRANGE EFFECT.*To the Editor.*

Sir,—In this neighbourhood a peal of bells (ten) was recently tuned, some recast, rehung, and put in good condition by a well-known firm of bell founders. After the thing was done—and the bells sounded better than ever before—someone thought the seventh was out of tune, so after a lot of talk another person offered a new bell. This was cast, and the old bell, as it was of historic interest, and forbidden to be done away with by the diocese, hung 'stiff' in a corner of the belfry, struck by a hammer, and used for tolling for week-day services. This is the result! When the old bell is tolled a distinct and mournful 'hum' is set up somewhere, and in some parts of the town sounds awful; also, the ringers now complain that the new 7th is 'out.'

Is the cause of this the fact of having two bells of the same pitch and weight hanging too close together? I fancy so myself, but should like to have the opinion of your readers on the point. At any rate, the old bell has a horrid 'wang! wang!' sound that is far from musical, and causes an harmonic drone all out of proportion to its own note.—Yours etc.,

CAMPANULA.

BRISTOL RINGERS' WHIST DRIVE.

A whist drive, arranged by Mr. F. G. Leaker, in aid of the Jubilee Fund of the Bristol United Ringing Guilds, was held at St. Thomas' Parish Room on Wednesday, May 2nd. Nineteen tables were in use, which considering the very short notice given (only seven days), was very satisfactory. Prizes were kindly presented by Mrs. F. G. Leaker, Mrs. C. Spurrier, Mrs. W. A. Cave, Mrs. A. Prince and the St. Thomas' Guild of Ringers, and the prize-winners were Mrs. Parker 201, Miss Sainsbury 198, Mrs. Lott 197, Miss Harcombe 107 (half-time), Mr. W. A. Cave 200, Mr. Alföld 195, Mr. Warr 195, Mr. Hippett 105 (half-time).

Once again Bristol ringers are indebted to the Vicar and churchwardens of St. Thomas' for their kindness in allowing the use of their room for this event, and also the society connected with the church for the use of tables, cards, etc.

The Vicar showed his continued interest by looking in during the evening, while both churchwardens (Messrs. Leaker and C. F. Solomon) and an ex-warden (Mr. C. Spurrier), with their wives, took part in the games.

The prizes were handed to the winners by the senior warden, Mr. Solomon, who must have regretted his colleague was so near a prize and yet so far away. His score was 194, and the last hand but one was a 'one.' The duties of M.C. were carried out by Mr. W. A. Cave.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Manchester without Harry Chapman! Can any ringer imagine it? Mr. Chapman is going to live at Keyston, Huntingdonshire, and it is hoped that the change will benefit his health, which lately has been indifferent. At Keyston there is a ring of five bells, and, we hear, plenty of young men wanting to learn change ringing. So Harry need not get absolutely rusty.

Friends of Mr. C. J. Sedgley, of Ipswich, will be glad to learn that he is making good progress towards recovery from his recent illness.

Mr. James George will have to look to his laurels. According to a tombstone in Leek Churchyard, James Robinson was interred there on February 28th, 1788, aged 438.

Mr. Albert Walker, Deputy Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, is hors de combat with acute inflammation of the optic nerve. His many friends will wish him a speedy recovery from a painful affliction.

Twenty-five years ago to-day the present London Surprise record was set up at King's Norton, where a peal of 14,112 changes was rung in 8 hrs. 40 mins.

On May 12th, 1788, 'was rung at Wakefield by the ringers of that place a New Composition Peal of Tripple Bob Tripples, called Wakefield Delight, consisting of 5,040 in eight courses complete. The same set of Ringers without changing a man or setting a bell, began another peal of Oxford Single Tripples in courses consisting of 5,040, called Wakefield Surprise.

'Boath these peals,' adds the record, 'consisted of 10,080 changes, were performed, including the raising and settling of the bells, in 7 hrs. and 1 min., and were rang with a exactness and nice distinction, an instance never before Done in Ye Kingdome. What adds to the singularity of this performance is—there were two fathers, five sons, five brothers, four cousins, one uncle, one nephew, yet only eight persons and only two names.'

We might also add another conundrum: What actually did they ring?

On May 13th, 1909, Harry Withers 'called' a peal of Superlative Surprise at Selly Oak, by standing 30 yards from the tower and indicating the bobs to the ringers by ringing a small bell fixed in the ringing chamber.

The first peal of Stedman Caters on the famous bells of St. Clement Dances, Strand, was conducted by John Cox on May 14th, 1845. It was a 6,485, and the band consisted of College Youths.

On May 15th, 1837, St. James' Society rang a peal of 12,096 Grandsire Caters at All Saints', Fulham.

MASONIC PEALS.

PROPOSED PERMANENT RECORD IN GRAND LODGE LIBRARY.

Several ringers who have taken part in Masonic peals have expressed a wish that some permanent record should be kept of past and future performances, and it is felt that the Library of Grand Lodge would be the most fitting home for such a record.

Grand Lodge have agreed to accept the gift of a peal book, and accord it a place in the Library and Museum.

Will all who have conducted such peals kindly send details to Bro. F. White, Westfield, Cranbrook, Kent, in order to obviate the risk of any omission?

The cost of the book, with entries to date, is expected to be about £8, and ringing brethren are invited to send subscriptions to Bro. White.

It is estimated that a subscription of 2s. 6d. or 5s. from each Masonic ringer would cover the entire cost.

Brethren are assured that the peal book will be a handsome volume and worthy of the givers and of Grand Lodge.

THE JUBILEE GATHERING AT BRISTOL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—By direct and indirect information I know that the Jubilee Festival will be attended by a very large number of ringers.

May I, through your columns, ask all those who wish to have luncheon and tea and also attend the meeting to apply for their tickets at once, sending the deposit of one shilling as requested? Otherwise there may be a disappointment for them, and, in any case, undue anxiety to the officials and myself. Only ticket holders can be provided for.—Yours faithfully,

EDGAR GUISE.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

In the annual report of the Truro Diocesan Guild, Canon Jennings, the hon. secretary, says continued progress was made during 1927, and there are at present about 720 members. Minor festivals were held in all the branches except Bodmin Branch, and that for the Launceston Branch on Whit Monday was so largely attended that it has been decided to have two branches, one centred at Launceston and the other at St. Mellion.

The finances of the Guild are still in a flourishing condition, the balance in hand having increased from £82 16s. 7d. to £94 9s.

Half-pull ringing has been taken up in many towers, and during the year 1927 twelve peals were rung.

A small committee has been entrusted with the revision of the rules.

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS.

In case the earlier publication this year of the Council's agenda has cut out certain motions, those concerned will please note that such motions might be considered under 'other business,' if the Council and time permit.

E. ALEXR. YOUNG,
Hon. Secretary.

The Council meeting, which will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, will take place in St. Peter's Church House (next to St. Peter's Church).

The Bishop of Hereford has kindly promised, if possible, to welcome the Council at 11 o'clock.

The headquarters of the Council will be at the Green Dragon Hotel.

ARRANGEMENTS BY THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The following rings will, as far as possible, be available for peals on Saturday or Monday, in addition to the usual Sunday service ringing: Cathedral (10), tenor 45 cwt., available for peal on the Saturday only, at 6 p.m., and for touches during the Monday, and after 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday.

All Saints', Hereford (8), tenor 17½ cwt., available for peal on Monday afternoon.

Leominster (10), tenor 22 cwt.; Hereford 14 miles.

Burghill	(8)	"	12	"	"	3½	"
Clifford	(8)	"	12½	"	"	19	"
Holm Lacy	(8)	"	18	"	"	6	"
Lugwardine	(8)	"	13	"	"	3	"
Ledbury	(8)	"	24	"	"	14	"
Colwall	(8)	"	11	"	"	18	"
Ross	(8)	"	24	"	"	12	"
Bridstow	(8)	"	9	"	"	11	"

Clifford and Holm Lacy are available for peals on Sunday. The Master of the Guild, Mr. Chas. Edwards, Great Brampton, Madley, Hereford, will make all arrangements, and all who would like to take part in peals are asked to communicate direct with him.

There are also six bells at St. Nicholas', Hereford.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION.

Bed and breakfast at the usual commercial rates at the following: Booth Hall Hotel, Imperial, City Arms, Hop Pole, Davies' Temperance, Commercial Hotel, Dorey's, Thomas' Commercial, Temperance Hotel, Commercial Street. Intending visitors should secure accommodation direct, and mark enquiries 'Central Council,' and are advised to apply early. Better accommodation at enhanced prices can be obtained at the Green Dragon and Mitre Hotels.

The large hall at the Booth Hall Hotel is placed at the disposal of visitors by the Hereford Guild as a social centre for the whole of Monday and Tuesday, and cold lunch can be obtained here at 2s. 6d., also teas and other refreshments provided. Those who wish to take advantage of these facilities are invited to advise me during the week previous, to ensure adequate supplies.

Efforts will be made to arrange a charabanc trip through the Wye Valley to Tintern on Monday afternoon at a probable cost of 7s. 6d. each, if sufficient notify me in time to secure a vehicle. Prompt notification is important.

The Hereford Guild invite all members and their friends to a meat tea at the Booth Hall after the afternoon session on Tuesday, to be followed by a social to commence about 7.30 p.m.

H. S. T. RICHARDSON,
Hon. Secretary.

S. Nicholas' Rectory, Hereford.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Eastern District of this association was held at West Hartlepool on Saturday. Members attended from South Shields, Jarrow, Sunderland, Durham, Stockton, Middlesbrough, as well as several local ringers, and the fine peal of ten at St. Oswald's was kept going during the afternoon.

A short meeting was held after tea at the Co-operative Cafe, Mr. R. L. Patterson presiding. Mr. R. Stephenson, in proposing a vote of thanks to the clergy for the use of the bells, asked if something could be done to improve the access to the bells of All Saints', Stranton, and the Vicar of Stranton, in replying, said that a suitable circular staircase had been obtained, but had not yet been fitted owing to one of the floor beams being in the way, but he would do his best to have the trouble remedied.—The Rev. T. H. Lilburn, Vicar of St. Oswald's, also replied.

Gateshead, Durham and Houghton-le-Spring were suggested for the next meeting, and on being put to the vote Houghton was chosen, the date being left to the secretary.

All Saints', Stranton, and St. Aidan's were afterwards visited.

LORD SHAFTESBURY'S GIFT.

DEDICATION OF BELLS AT ST. GILES', WIMBORNE.

By the generous gift of the Earl of Shaftesbury, the ring of six (by Messrs. Taylor) at St. Giles', Wimborne, has been enlarged to eight by the addition of a new treble and tenor (17½ cwt.). The work has been completed by the same firm. The dedication by the Bishop of Salisbury took place on May Day afternoon, in perfect spring weather, and was attended by a fairly representative gathering of ringers from Bournemouth, Buckhorn Weston, Christchurch, Cranborne, Edmonsham, Parkstone, Poole, Stanbridge, Southampton, Swanage and Wimborne. Prayers were read by the Vicar (Rev. E. J. Janson Smith), and the lessons by Lord Shaftesbury, and after the dedication the Bishop gave an address from the text, 'One generation shall praise Thy works unto another, and declare Thy power.' He began with a description of the torch race, the relay race of the ancients, and how it was a picture and parable of the way in which each generation can carry on the Light—the knowledge of God Himself in Christ, the knowledge that we are His children—the fact that His purposes of Love for the world can only be realised as the men of each generation do their part. He spoke of the way in which church towers standing out among the trees of a countryside bear witness of God and the Unseen, and still more their bells, as they sound out Sunday by Sunday over the highways. The use of bells has been woven for many centuries into all our civil and religious life. Towers and bells last on through many generations, but it rests with the men of each generation, a supply of good men, true, skilled, and faithful, to make that witness clear and attractive, and to do their part in declaring the praise and power of God.

After the service, the following members of the local company raised the bells and gave a fine display of firing: Rev. E. J. Janson Smith 1, G. Saunders 2, F. Perry 3, W. Perry 4, A. Simmons 5, Lord Shaftesbury 6, F. Ackerman 7, E. Henning 8.

The Vicar then expressed to all present their grateful thanks to Lord Shaftesbury, not only for his generous gift, but for his personal help during all the past winter, and Lord Shaftesbury, in replying, spoke of the long service of most of the home ringers. They had been so faithful with six bells, the time had well come for them to be given the full ring for their work.

A 504 of Stedman was then rung by the following: G. Williams (conductor) 1, A. F. M. Stewart (Wimborne) 2, A. Medd (Bournemouth) 3, G. Preston (Christchurch) 4, C. Forfitt (Bournemouth) 5, W. Bastable (Swanage) 6, P. Witham (Bournemouth) 7, E. Doel (Poole) 8. Ringing with various touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Kent Treble Bob went on all the evening.

Tea was provided in the garden of the Bell Inn by Mr. Plesled in such delightful surroundings that the keenest ringer could not hurry back to the tower.

St. Giles' has now one of the finest rings of eight in the diocese, and under the present leadership will soon become one of the most useful centres of the Exercise. It may be added that by the Vicar's good leave the bells will be available all day on Saturday, May 19th, when the Guild hold their annual meeting at Salisbury.

COMPETITION RINGING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In the report of the meeting held recently at Truro, it was stated that several round ringers supported the view that the Guild should award a shield to be competed for annually by affiliated bands. It is also understood that two competitions are taking place at Aliphington and South Tawton, in Devonshire, on the second and third Saturdays in June respectively, under the auspices of the Devon Association of Ringers. I happen to have in my possession a souvenir belonging to this association of the meeting held at Moretonhampstead last year. In this book it states that 'the object of the association is to encourage the art of ringing in our country parishes.'

Most of the associations in the Exercise debar their members from taking part in any competition ringing, but there are a few in the North who go in for it, and apparently for some object or other.

The Devon Association appear to be out for the same object as the ringing Exercise, viz., 'to encourage ringing,' and if associations are going to adopt rules prohibiting their members from taking part in competition ringing, I would like to ask what they are going to do to interest the competition ringers in change ringing and the affairs of the Exercise? One thing is quite evident, their object is to go in for good striking.

I would suggest that members in the Exercise should mix up with these ringers, and take more interest in them. Perhaps then, if they are recognised by the Exercise a bit more, it would possibly help remove some of the opposition and prejudice towards change ringing.

Yours faithfully,

CAMPANOLOGIST.

'IRENÆUS PISTOR.'

We acknowledge with thanks donations to the above fund of 5s. from Mr. J. Frank Smallwood, Derby, 31s. from St. Mary Abbots' Guild, Kensington, per Mr. Ralph Sadler, and 5s. from W. E. M., King's Norton. The total amount received to date is £206 0s. 6d.

DEATH OF MR. LOUIS ATTWATER.**A WELL-KNOWN LONDON RINGER.**

By the death of Louis Attwater, which took place on Monday, April 30th, from pneumonia, after an illness lasting about five weeks, ringers generally, particularly those in the south-western suburbs of London, have suffered a severe loss. Born at Horsham, Sussex, on June 20th, 1880, he was approaching his 48th birthday when he died.

He commenced his ringing career at Cuckfield, Sussex, at the age of 14, with five brothers. When he rang his first peal he was only 16, the occasion being a visit by a Brighton band, who, meeting one short, invited young Attwater to ring the treble to a peal of Superlative Surprise.

After a period of about one year at Hastings, Mr. Attwater moved to London at the age of 17 and resided at Streatham, where he was connected with the ringing at St. Leonard's Church and various other churches in Surrey and district up to just before his death.

He succeeded Samuel Greenwood as instructor at St. Leonard's church, but transferred his services about six years ago to All Saints' Church, Wandsworth, after the bells there had been restored, he having moved to Wandsworth, where he resided until the end.

A complete list of his peals is not available, but he rang approximately 150, which included Cambridge Maximus at St. Paul's Cathedral, Spiced Surprise Major and several handbell peals, principally Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Cinques.

By trade a blacksmith, he was interested in Friendly Society work, and was elected as local representative of the Hearts of Oak Benefit Society a few years ago. He was also a keen player of bowls and chess.

The funeral took place on Friday last, at Streatham Cemetery, after the service at All Saints' Church, Wandsworth. A large number of friends were present at the graveside, representing various societies. A course of Stedman Triples on handbells was rung by Messrs. C. F. Winney, H. Langdon, H. R. Pasmore and W. H. Pasmore. Ringers also present included Councillor Drewett, J.P. (Master of the Surrey Association), Messrs. Benney, Bish, Hughes, Hewson, W. Langdon, J. Oxborough, Rumley and E. Wallage, also Mr. and Miss Gray.

The same evening the 'whole pull and stand' was rung at All Saints' Church by Messrs. C. F. Winney, G. N. Price, H. N. Pitlow, T. Langdon, W. Langdon, J. Rumley, H. Langdon and W. T. Cockerill.

A genial, companionable and sincere man, Louis will be greatly missed by all who knew him. He leaves a widow who, throughout his illness, nursed him devotedly, and sincere sympathy will go out to her in her bereavement.

On Monday, at St. Leonard's, Streatham, half-muffled touches of Stedman Triples were rung by St. Leonard's Society, of which deceased had been a member for many years previous to his taking up duties as steeplekeeper and captain of All Saints', Wandsworth.

FUNERAL OF AN IPSWICH RINGER.

The funeral took place at Ipswich on Thursday, May 3rd, of Mr. H. Charles Gillingham, who for many years was a member of St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich. He was fifty-seven years of age, and had recently been in failing health owing to an internal complaint. His last request was that there should be no muffled ringing for him.

There were present, in addition to the family mourners, the deceased ringer's employer, Mr. Catchpole, while the St. Mary-le-Tower Society was represented by their veteran member, Mr. R. H. Brundie, and others.

Wreaths were sent by the family; Mr. W. Roughton, London; Messrs. Catchpole, Ipswich; St. Mary-le-Tower Society; and friends and neighbours.

Mr. Gillingham had rung 128 peals for the Norfolk Guild, 22 for the newly-formed Suffolk Guild, and several others outside these two dioceses.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**A SUCCESSFUL SIX-BELL MEETING.**

In grand weather the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild met at Hendon on Saturday last, some 34 ringers attending. From shortly after 3 o'clock up to the time fixed for the service, the bells were kept going to a variety of methods. At 5 p.m., the ringers attended church, the preacher being the Rev. M. Patterson. Tea was afterwards served in the Church House, and was followed by the usual business meeting.

Five new members were elected, and Stanmore chosen as the place for the next meeting on June 9th.

The Hon. Secretary reminded members that they could obtain cheap travelling facilities to Edgware on the tube railways, and a short bus ride would take them to Stanmore; also to Harrow Weald, at which tower there would be ringing.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar (Rev. S. E. Chetloe) for the use of the bells, to the preacher at the service, and to the ladies who prepared tea, concluded the business.

Regret was also expressed at the absence of the Vicar through illness.

Ringings continued until nearly 9 o'clock, a large number of methods being practised, including Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Double Court, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and Cambridge and London Surprise Minor.

SUFFOLK GUILD.**METHOD NOMENCLATURE.**

The annual meeting of the Suffolk Guild was held at the Cathedral, Bury, commencing with a short service, at which Canon Goldsmith preached an interesting sermon on the history of the use of bells to summon to worship, and the way in which ringers should now look on their art, and their duty in that respect.

After tea, provided by Archdeacon Farmiloe, at the Abbey House, the Archdeacon, as president, was in the chair. There were 34 members present, and the officers were all re-elected, Canon Goldsmith being added as an additional vice-president. The accounts still showed a slight deficit, which it was hoped would be wiped out by omitting the list of members from the report for one year.

After the adoption of the report, the Secretary pointed out that the Guild had never been consulted yet by the Advisory Committee of the Diocese, although the latter had promised to do this.

The Central Council had asked the diocesan associations to consider whether they would like it to issue a diploma or certificate to ringers on attaining a certain standard. The discussion showed that all present thought that the work of the Council was to correlate such certificates, and not to issue them, and a resolution was carried that the Council should leave the matter to the associations.

On the subject of names for methods, the following resolution was, after some discussion, passed unanimously: 'The Suffolk Guild asks the Central Council through its Standing Committee to approve, or otherwise deal with each of the proposals of the Nomenclature Committee serialim.'

The meeting concluded with the election of a large number of both honorary and ringing members, and with votes of thanks.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**MEETING AT AN ANCIENT CHURCH.**

The Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild met at Walton-on-Thames on Saturday, when members attended from Chertsey, Ottershaw, Egham, Esher, Thames Ditton, Hersham, Otlands, and Woking, in addition to the home tower, and there were visitors from Feltham, Sunbury, and Iwer Heath. The ringing extended to Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Treble Bob, some useful instructional work being done.

The Vicar (Rev. W. Kemp Russell) conducted the Guild's service, in which the singing was led by choir boys, with the talented organist, Mr. Turner, at the organ.

Tea in the Church Room was followed by a short meeting, at which the Vicar presided and welcomed the Guild to Walton. He said it was over 20 years since a ringers' meeting had been held there.

The Vicar and the Rev. Canon Pares (Horsell) were elected honorary members, and one ringing member was also elected.

Arrangements for weekly combined practices were left to the hon. district secretary (Mr. H. J. Chaffey), and for this purpose the towers will be linked up into two groups.

The Gen. Hon. Sec. (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith) outlined the plans for the summer festival at Epsom on June 30th, under which it is hoped to organise the members so that charabanc parties may be arranged from grouped towers, each to make a round of bellfries before concentrating on the Parish Church, Epsom, where the Bishop of Guildford is to be the preacher at the service. The towers available for ringing will be the Parish Church and Christ Church, Epsom, Ashted, Ewell and Leatherhead.

In proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicar and organist, the Hon. Secretary promised that with the consent of the incumbent it would not be 20 years before the next meeting was held at Walton. He referred to the fact that great things had been done by the Vicar, over a period of years, in the restoration of the fine old church, and suggested that the turn of the bells had now come. They had some enthusiastic young ringers at Walton, but the bells badly needed attention.

The Vicar, in reply, said they had at present in hand a scheme for the restoration of the organ, and he was afraid the bells would have to wait for a time. They would, however, have to see what could be done later on.—Mr. Turner also acknowledged the vote, and, while sympathising with the ringers in their desire to get the bells put in order, naturally pressed the claims for the restoration of the organ.

Further ringing took place in the evening.

Walton Church is one of the oldest foundations in the country, for it is believed there was a church on the present site in the second century. In earlier days Walton was a Roman camp. The present building dates from the 11th century, and in the vestry is a curious relic—a scold's bridle, presented to the parish more than two hundred years ago.

A LONG PEAL OF MINOR.

The attempt at Rickinghall, Suffolk, on Saturday, for 10,800 of Minor was successful, the band ringing five extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob, in 5 hrs. 37 mins. It is believed to be the longest peal on six bells in Suffolk, and it was the longest length by all the band, who came from six different parishes, viz., Diss, Thornham Magna, Braiseworth, Yaxley, Stowupland and Dickleburgh. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. Brown for the use of the bells, and Mr. James Bailey for having everything in readiness.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES BRANCH.

The monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at St. Matthew's Church, Rowde, on Saturday.

Ringling commenced about 2.30 p.m., and at 4.40 p.m. the Guild service was held, conducted by the Vicar, Rev. H. J. Wright, Mr. Hunt, who is also a ringer, being the organist. Tea followed in the Parish Room, after which a short business meeting was held, the chairman, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham, presiding.

The following new members were elected: Mr. J. P. Fidler, Loughborough, and Mr. C. T. Coles, London, life ringing members; and Messrs. C. Bartholomew and D. Dickenson, of Devizes, as Guild members.

The death of Mr. T. Lancaster, formerly a ringer of Edington, Wilts, and a member of the Guild, was reported, those present standing in silence for a few moments.

Mr. Heginbotham, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicar, congratulated the people of Rowde on the way that the bells had been rehung and the money had been raised.

The Vicar, in replying, welcomed the branch to Rowde, and said, now that the bells had been put in good order, he hoped they would soon have a good change-ringing band. He would also like to express his thanks to Mr. Heginbotham and Mr. S. Hillier for their great kindness in assisting them with their advice. Mr. Hillier made the first inspection which led to the rehanging. Also, he would like to express his thanks to Mr. Fidler (representing the Loughborough Foundry) for the excellent manner in which the work had been done. Mr. J. P. Fidler suitably replied.

The visitors included, in addition to Mr. Fidler, Mr. L. Wilson (Wootton Bassett) and Mr. E. J. Woodroffe (Stratton St. Margaret). Ringers were also present from Devizes, St. John's and St. Mary, Bratton, Bromham, Calne, Rowde, Southbroom, Seend, Melksham, Trowbridge and Warminster. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Plain Bob were rung during the day. Ringing also took place at Bromham during the evening.

Rowde bells have been recently rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co. at a cost of about £340, and they are to be congratulated on their successful work.

FOUNDERS OF ROWDE AND BROMHAM BELLS.

Writing to the 'Wiltshire Telegraph,' on April 30th, Mr. H. Brownlee West, of Devizes, the veteran vice-president of the Salisbury Guild and former secretary of Devizes Branch, said:—

In reading your account of the rededication of Rowde Church bells in last week's 'Gazette' I notice that mention is made of the want of information respecting the original inscriptions upon the bells, previous to their restoration in 1870, when Messrs. Jno. Taylor merely placed upon each bell the simple legend, 'Jno. Taylor and Co., Founders, Loughborough, 1870,' instead of reproducing the old inscriptions, which were as follow:—

- No. 1.—Wm. & Robt. Cor. 1706.
- No. 2.—+ Anno Domini 1639.
- No. 3.—Nathaniel Bolter made mee 1654. R.E. H.R.
- No. 4.—+ Anno Domini 1639.
- No. 5.—I to the Church the living call,
And to the Grave do summon all.

A sixth bell was added to this ring of five, but of this one I cannot give the date.

N.B.—Wm. and Robert Cor were bell founders at Aldbourne from 1696 to 1713. Nathaniel Bolter was a bell founder at Salisbury in 1654.

On one side of the 3rd bell was a large shield, bearing the coat of Sir Edward Hungerford, who died in 1648. This bell was probably the gift of his widow, Margaret Lady Hungerford, who died in 1672.

Now that we are on the subject of church bell inscriptions, perhaps it would not be out of place to mention a similar occurrence at the neighbouring parish of Bromham, whose bells were restored and rehung in 1875 by Messrs. Warner and Co., of London, who merely placed on each bell the words 'Cast by John Warner and Sons, 1875,' instead of reproducing the original inscriptions, which were as follow:—

- No. 1.—John Scott, Churchwarden 1658. W.P.
- No. 2.—God Bless Queen Anne. Wm. and Robt. Cor. 1706.
- No. 3.—John Scott, Churchwarden 1658. W.P.
- No. 4.—Benjamin Pearce and W. J. Simkins, Ch. 1761. T.B.F.
- No. 5.—Ferdinando Hughes: J. Scott. T.S. A.D. 1658. W.P.
- No. 6.—Richard Tucker and Mr. John Gaby, Churchwardens. James Burrough, Devizes, Founder, 1748.

I sound to bid ye sick repent.

In hope of Life, when breath is spent.

— Memento Mori —

N.B.—W.P. evidently refers to William Purdie, bell founder, Salisbury, 1613 to 1662. Wm. and Robt. Cor, of Aldbourne, 1696 to 1713. 'T.B.' probably Thomas Bilbie, of Chewstoke, 1740 to 1768. James Burrough, bell founder, Devizes, 1738 to 1754.

ASTON-ON-TRENT, DERBYSHIRE.—On Saturday, May 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (the greatest length on the bells) in 45 mins.: W. H. Curson 1, C. Davies 2, F. Brown 3, R. H. Dove 4, N. S. Bagworth (conductor) 5.

LINCOLN CATHEDRAL'S NEW BELLS.

FOUR TREBLES 'HALLOWED.'

The ceremony of hallowing four additional bells for Lincoln Cathedral was performed by the Dean of Lincoln on Saturday week, in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. The bells are a memorial to the ringers of the diocese who fell during the Great War, and have been cast by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. The funds have been raised by the voluntary contributions of the members of the Lincoln Guild and their friends, and by an anonymous American benefactor. The inscriptions on the bells are the same as were on four old bells which were melted down in 1834. They read as follows:—

- 1st.—'Cum voce sonora Thomam campana laudet' and a Greek Cross over 'In Hoc signo vinces.'
- 2nd.—'Sum Rosa pulsata mundi Katerina vocata.'
- 3rd.—'In multis annis resonat campana Johannis.'
- 4th.—'Sum Rosa pulsata Mundi Maria vocata' and a Latin Cross over, 'Britannia; Columbia; Una Voce; Uno Animo.'

The second and third bells are also inscribed 'The gift of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers.' It is hoped that the repairs and strengthening of the St. Hugh's tower will have sufficiently progressed to allow of the bells being rung towards the end of the year.

Speaking at the annual meeting of the Guild, the Bishop of Lincoln congratulated the Guild on having added the new bells to the Lincoln Cathedral peal (making the total 12) in memory of members who fell in the war. He said it was a very fine gift, and the bells would be a great addition to the peal, which, he hoped, would be rehung before the end of the year.

SHREWTON BELLS AUGMENTED

'CHILDREN'S BELL' IN WILTSHIRE PARISH.

A new bell, known as 'The children's bell,' has been added to the ring at Shrewton, Wiltshire (where the other bells have been rehung), and was dedicated by the Bishop of Salisbury. The event was marked with great enthusiasm, practically the whole of the villages of Shrewton and Maddington taking part. The weather was beautifully fine. The proceedings commenced with a procession from the school, led by the Shrewton Band. The banner of the Foresters added a picturesque touch to the scene. The Buffaloes were also strongly represented. The Sunday School children were marshalled by their teachers. A small company of airmen, numbering 20, under Corpl. Jones, attended. The British Legion was fully represented by its members. The choir and clergy walked in a separate procession to the church, the clergy present being the Rev. M. Parkin, R.D. (Wylke), the Rev. A. Goodman (Stockton), the Rev. Eric Graham (Bayton, son of Archdeacon Graham, a former Vicar of the parish), Archdeacon Carpenter, the Rev. A. G. Forbes (Bishop's Chaplain, carrying the pastoral staff), and the Bishop.

The procession was met at the belfry tower by the churchwardens, Messrs. C. P. Young and A. Barrell, and a processional hymn was sung. The large congregation thoroughly entered into the spirit of the proceedings, and the whole service was heartily enjoyed. Following a few prayers, the Bishop, with his Chaplain and Vicar, returned to the belfry, where the bells and the other work completed in the tower were rededicated, after which touches were rung.

The Bishop preached a sermon based on the text, 'One generation shall praise Thy works unto another.' He strongly emphasised the need of the present generation banding on the good works of past generations and themselves to future ones. He also gave interesting details of the former uses of bells. 'Now you have the bells,' he said, 'use them,' commending this work to the young men of the village, urging them to become efficient and eventually enrol themselves in the Diocesan Guild of Ringers.

A substantial collection was taken on behalf of the Bishop's School Fund. An especially gratifying feature to the Vicar and churchpeople is that after a few years' strenuous work a new bell has been added and the old ones rehung free from debt. After the service the bells were rung by ringers from Market Lavington, who were accompanied by their Vicar (the Rev. J. A. Sturton). Their change ringing was much appreciated. They were afterwards entertained by the churchwardens.

A SURPRISE DATE TOUCH

On Saturday, April 21st, at St. Werburgh's, Kingsley, in 1 hr. 15 mins., a date-touch (1,928 changes) in the following seven Surprise methods: Ipswich 128, Beverley 120, London 360, Wells 360, Durham 240, York 360, Cambridge 360: J. Barker 1, C. S. Ryles 2, J. E. Wheelodon 3, H. Carnwell 4, A. W. Hall 5, J. Walley 6. Arranged and conducted by J. E. Wheelodon.

NOTTINGHAM.—At St. Mary's Church on May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 51 mins.: R. W. Carlisle 1, A. Coppock (conductor) 2, Ida B. Thompson 3, A. Gamble 4, A. Goodwin 5, L. Clay 6, S. Pinder 7, M. Burton 8. First quarter-peal by all except 2nd and 7th in the method.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

HOUNSLOW.—On Sunday, May 6th. for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: H. Gash 1, H. Belcher 2, J. Kent 3, E. A. Passam (first 720 of Plain Bob) 4, C. Tricker (conductor) 5, H. Folkard 6.—For evening service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. G. Goddard 1, J. J. Lamb 2, F. Hawthorne 3, W. F. Ellingham 4, S. Stilwell 5, H. Belcher 6, C. J. Tricker (conductor) 7, C. Gash 8.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on Sunday, May 6th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes) in 51 mins.: F. Baldwin 1, H. E. Chandler 2, Miss M. L. Cufflin 3, A. R. G. Twinn 4, R. Warnett 5, J. J. Pratt (conductor) 6, F. W. Goodfellow 7, R. Carter 8, A. Disney 9, J. H. Lucas 10. Miss Cufflin and A. Disney hail from Leicestershire, and it was the former's first quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters 'inside.'

MARTOCK.—On Easter Sunday, for evensong, 504 Steadman Triples: T. Gule 1, F. Strickland 2, P. J. Farrant 3, F. Farrant (conductor) 4, A. E. Warner 5, W. R. Bond (Crayford) 6, F. Sweet 7, J. Sweet 8.

THE LATE MR. W. E. GARRARD.

As a mark of appreciation of the work of the late Mr. William E. Garrard, the churchwardens of St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, in conjunction with Mr. R. Carter, treasurer of the Guild, have presented a large framed photograph of the founder of the Guild, to be hung in the belfry of the church. It bears the inscription: 'In affectionate memory of William E. Garrard, founder and for 32 years instructor of St. Mary Abbot's Guild of Change Ringers, died 20th January, 1928.'

LOSS TO A DEVON VILLAGE.**WASHFIELD RINGER'S DEATH.**

The death has occurred at Washfield, near Tiverton, of Mr. William Henry Chane, who passed away at the early age of 34 years. The deceased, who lived with his mother at Brook Farm, which he managed for her, had been in failing health for several months. He had taken an active part in church affairs, and had for many years been a ringer and chorister.

In a small country parish like Washfield a loss of this nature is keenly felt, not only by the ringers and choir, but by all the community. The deceased was beloved by all who had the privilege of knowing him, and his cheery disposition made him popular with everyone with whom he came in contact.

He was a particularly fine striker, and attended regularly to ring for Sunday services. He also took part in the only peal (Grandsire Doubles in Pitman's arrangement) ever rung on the bells of his parish church.

After the funeral on Wednesday of last week the 'whole pull and stand' was rung, and in the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung by L. May 1, Mrs. F. Balment 2, T. Arscott 3, H. May 4, W. Snell (conductor) 5, F. Balment 6, with half-muffled bells.

On Sunday, for morning service, the 'whole pull and stand' and touches of Grandsire were rung, also with the bells half-muffled.

NOTICES.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Castle Cary Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Charlton Mackrell on Saturday, May 19th. Tea in schoolroom 5 p.m. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Meeting to follow. Please notify E. Creed, 6, West Park, Castle Cary.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The practice meeting for May will be held at Lillington (1 mile from Leamington) on Saturday, May 19th. Bells available in the afternoon, and Leamington Parish Church bells in the evening after 7 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. A. Fenton, Hon. Sec., 42, Bennett St., Rugby.

NORFOLK GUILD.—The general meeting will be held at Fakenham on Whit Monday, May 28th. Bells available throughout the day. Luncheon at the Crown Hotel at 1.30 p.m., 2/6 per head. Those requiring luncheon must notify the Secretary not later than Thursday, May 24th. Business meeting after lunch.—Arthur C. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on May 31st; St. Magnus' on the 24th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 15th; Southwark Cathedral on the 17th; *St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 29th. All at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. A special meeting will be held at Headquarters at 8 p.m. on June 19th to consider the recommendations of the Rules Revision Committee. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W. 4.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Harpenden, on Saturday, May 12th. Bells available at 3 p.m. All are welcome. — W. Nash, Dist. Sec., North Mymms, Hatfield.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Tempsford, on Saturday, May 12th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome; a good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A quarterly meeting at Stratford St. Mary on May 12th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at the Church Hall at 4.45 for 6d. Bells available from 2 p.m., and at Higham and Langham.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Samlesbury on Saturday, May 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 1s. 6d. a head.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Penistone, on Saturday, May 12th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Visitors will be welcome.—A. Panther, Sec. pro. tem., 25, Sandy-mount Road, Wath-on-Dearne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Standish Parish Church, on Saturday, May 12th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6. Special attention to Stedman Triples and Cambridge Surprise Major.—James Wm. Grounds, Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Woburn, on Saturday, May 12th. Bells ready at 3 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street North, Dunstable.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Brighton on Saturday, May 12th. The towers will be open as follows:—St. Peter's and St. Nicholas', 2 till 3.30 and after meeting; the Good Shepherd, Dyke Road, 7.30 till 9. Service at St. Nicholas' 3.45 p.m. Meat tea at Morley's, Pavilion Buildings, 5 p.m. Price 2s. 6d. (1s. 3d. to members). Half rail fare (maximum 2s. 6d.).—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North-Western Division. —A district meeting will be held at Hunsdon (Herts) on Saturday, May 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Other arrangements as usual. We hope to have a good attendance. — C. Beeston, Dist. Sec., King Street, Bishops Stortford.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN. — South and West District. —A meeting will be held at Feltham on Saturday, May 12th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea arranged as usual. Church outside station and buses from Hounslow. All ringers and friends welcome. — Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. —A meeting will be held, by kind permission of Rev. Hylra Holden, at Folkestone on Saturday, May 12th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 5.30. Tea at 6 o'clock, followed by usual business meeting. A hearty welcome to all ringing friends. — A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Grappenhall Branch. —A meeting will be held at Daresbury on May 12th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting and tea about 5 p.m. — G. Taylor, Branch Sec., The Village, Grappenhall.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Helmshore, on Saturday, May 12th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30. A hearty welcome to all ringers. Expecting a good muster present. — J. H. Haydock, Branch Secretary, 8, Oatlands Road, Edenfield.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the Alton district will be held at Binsted, on Saturday, May 12th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. All welcome. — Rev. B. C. Taylor, Binsted Vicarage, Alton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northern Branch. —The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln, on Saturday, May 12th. Service at St. Peter-at-Arches Church 4.15. Tea at the Co-operative Cafe 4.45. Resident members free, non-members 1s. 9d. Bells of St. Peter-at-Gowts (6) and St. Botolph's (6) available afternoon and evening, also Washingborough (8) in the evening. — F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 6, Spital Terrace, Gainsborough.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leominster District. —A quarterly meeting will be held at King's Pyon on Saturday, May 12th. Bells (5) from 3.30 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea 5.45. — R. J. Jones, Dis. Sec., Old Priory, Leominster.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Huntingdon. —A meeting will be held at Hemingford Abbots on Saturday, May 12th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. — C. Fields, High Street, St. Neots.

STANFORD-ON-AVON, near RUGBY.—The peal of five bells, three recast and all rebung by Gillett and Johnston, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Leicester, on Sunday, May 13th, at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting of the Western Division will be held at Billingshurst on Saturday, May 19th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock at the Meeting House. Members intending being present kindly advise by the 14th. — A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. —Next meeting at St. Mary's, Battersea, Saturday, May 19th. Ringing 3 to 5 and 6 to 8. Tea and meeting at 5. All welcome, and a p.c. will do to advise me. — J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W. 6.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch. —The Capenhurst meeting is May 19th, Bidston June 16th. Ringers intending to be present please notify H. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Radcliffe Old Church on Saturday, May 19th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting 7 p.m. A good attendance is desired. Will members look up Double Norwich? — J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District. —A bye-meeting will be held at Herne on Saturday, May 19th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Will all those requiring tea please notify me on or before Wednesday, May 16th? — Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District. —A quarterly meeting will be held at Brading on Saturday, May 19th. St. Mary's bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea (kindly provided by the Vicar) and business meeting at the Parish Hall. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by Tuesday, the 15th inst.? — B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District. —A meeting will be held at West Clandon (6) and Merrow (6) on Saturday, May 19th. Bells at both towers available from 3 p.m.; service at West Clandon at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea, also at West Clandon. Those who intend to be present at tea must notify me not later than Wednesday, May 16th. Buses for West Clandon leave Guildford (North Street) every 15 minutes. — N. V. Harding, Dis. Sec., Orchard Cottage, West Clandon, Guildford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. —A meeting will be held at Stebbing on Saturday, May 19th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., free to all who send their names to Mr. F. Harrington, White House Road, Stebbing, not later than Thursday, May 17th. — Walter Arnold, Hon. Dis. Sec., Holt Street, Earls Colne, Essex.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Ilkley on Saturday, May 19th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. per head, and all applications for same must reach Mr. T. W. Crawshaw not later than first post Wednesday, May 16th. Members are reminded that subscriptions are now due, and should be paid without delay. — P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch. —A meeting will be held at Heywood on Saturday, May 19th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Please look up Double Norwich. — William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD. — There will be a ringing meeting at Oxted on Saturday, May 19th. Tower open 2.30. Those who require tea must let me know by Wednesday, May 16th.—George Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at Kidlington on Saturday, May 19th. Service at St. Mary's Church 3 p.m. Tea at the King's Arms 4 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Bells available: Kidlington (8), Bladon (6), Yarnton (6) at 2 p.m. Members who wish to attend must let me know by first post Thursday, the 17th, and please note subscriptions are overdue.—W. Evetts, jun., Branch Sec., Tackley Park, Oxon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Brenchley on Saturday, May 19th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Bull Hotel at 5.30 (1s. per head), followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, May 15th. — W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chipping Norton Deanery Branch. — The annual spring meeting will be held at Kingham on Saturday, May 19th.—J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Charlbury, Oxon.

DEVON GUILD.—S.W. District Branch.—A meeting will be held at Stoke Plymouth on Saturday, May 19th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea (kindly provided by Bishop of Plymouth). Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. All welcome. Those attending please communicate with me before the 15th.—E. W. Marsh, Hon. Sec., 13, Edith Avenue, Lipson, Plymouth.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davanty and Gillsborough Branches.—A special joint meeting will be held at Whilton (6) on Saturday, May 19th. Usual arrangements. — W. C. Moore and K. J. Cater, Hon. Secs.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting at Solihull on Saturday, May 19th. Bells (10) available from 3.30. Tea will be arranged for those who advise me not later than the 15th of their intention to be present.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., Donnor, Wellington Road, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The festival will be held at Salisbury on Saturday, May 19th. Annual meeting in British Legion Hall (near St. Thomas' Church) at 1.15 p.m. President, Lord Shaftesbury. Service in Cathedral at 3 p.m. Preacher, the Dean (Rt. Rev. Bishop Randolph). Meat tea in the British Legion Hall at 4.30 p.m., 1/-, to ringers notifying secretary by 14th. Towers available include St. Martin's, St. Thomas', St. Edmund's, Wimborne St. Giles (8), St. Paul's, Barford St. Martin, Coombe Bissett, Winterslow, Britford and Dinton (6).—F. Ll. Edwards, Hon. Sec., Kington Magna, Gillingham, Dorset.

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Market Deeping on Saturday, May 19th. Bells (6) ready at 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5.15. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, May 16th?—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Lincs.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District. — A meeting will be held at St. Neots (8) on Saturday, May 19th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Eynesbury bells (6) will be available from 5.30 to 6.30, and again after 7 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—S. Thursfield, Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch. — A meeting will be held at Kingston on Saturday, May 19th. Service 4.30. Tea, etc., after. As there is illness near the church, ringing will be curtailed to one hour before service and after tea. Will those who want tea please advise by previous Tuesday?—P. Merson, Local Sec., Bishop's Hull.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.—A grand fete will be held on Saturday, May 26th, in aid of the Bells Fund. Bells available afternoon and evening. All will be welcome. Admission to fete free.—P. Webb.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Preliminary Notice. — The 49th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford, on Whit Monday, May 28th. —F. J. Pittsow, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Whit Monday meeting will be held at Stockton on May 28th. This year it will take the form of a joint meeting between the Durham and Newcastle and the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Associations. Committee at 11.45 and dinner at 1 at the Vane Arms, High Street, Stockton. Service in the Parish Church, with an address by the Rev. A. Simpson, at 12.15. Dinner, 2s. 6d., to members who send their names by first post on Wednesday, May 23rd; 3s. to non-members and members who do not send in their names. Bells: Stockton (10), Thornaby (8) and Middlesbrough (8) are available.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting will be held at Bangor on Whit Monday, May 28th. Service at St. David's Church at 2 p.m., to be followed by meeting. Tea 3.30 p.m. Bells available from 10 a.m.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual general meeting will be held at Thrapston on Whit Monday, May 28th. The Central Committee will meet in the Schools at 10.45 a.m. Service in Thrapston Church at 12 noon, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. A. G. Bagshaw, who will give the address. Lunch at White Hart Hotel at 1 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Application for lunch tickets with remittance (2s. 6d.) must be made by May 21st, either to Mr. J. Nickerson, Halford Street, Thrapston, or the general secretary. The bells available are Thrapston (8) from 10 a.m. throughout the day; Islip (6) from 10 to 11.30 and after the meeting; also Tichmarsh (8), Raunds (8) and Ringstead (6) after the meeting.—R. G. Black, Gen. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, near Kettering.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Jubilee festival will be held in Bristol at Whitsuntide. The following arrangements have been made:—

Friday, May 25th. Two eight bell peals have been arranged.

Saturday, May 26th. Peals for life members and visitors have been arranged at St. Mary Redcliffe (12), St. Stephen (10), St. James (10), St. Philip (8), whilst the leaning tower, Temple Church, will also be available.

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Service at St. Mary Redcliffe Church, 12 noon.

Luncheon at St. Mary's Parish Hall at 1 p.m.

Meeting, Bedminster Bridge School, at 2.30 p.m.

Tea, St. Mary's Parish Hall, at about 5 p.m., to be followed by more ringing and a social evening at the Ship (opposite Redcliffe Church), commence at 7.45 p.m.

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