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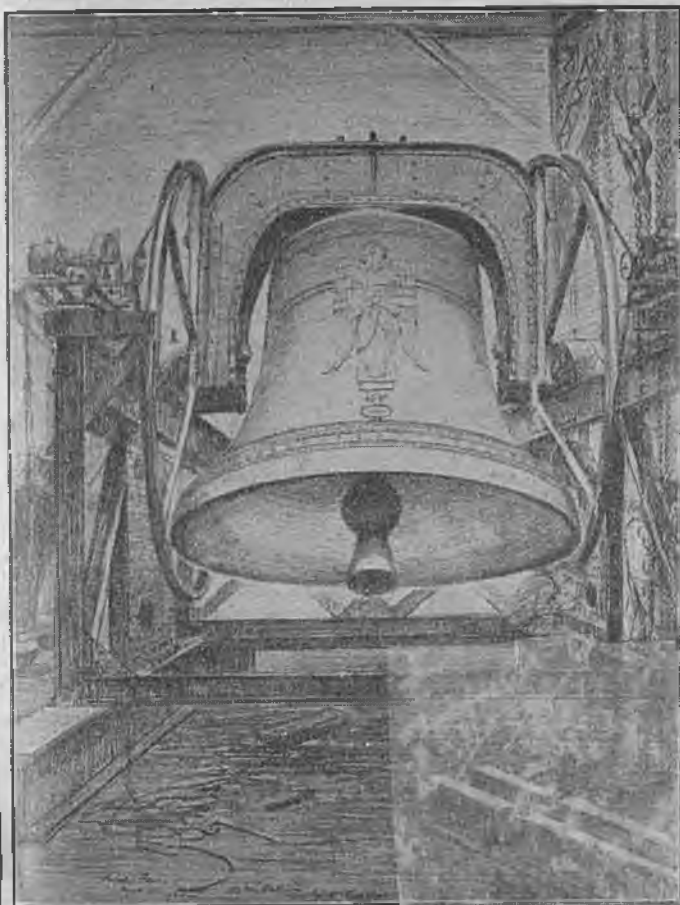
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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL'S GESTURE.

A resolution which has been passed by the Executive Committee of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, and sent to all the branches for consideration, opens a way for the return of the Association to affiliation with the Central Council after the shortest possible absence. This resolution expresses general approval of the suggested alterations to the rules of the Council, published in 'The Ringing World' on October 18th last, and recommends the Association to express willingness to reaffiliate if the Council can see its way to placing the suggested alterations upon the agenda for the next meeting. Already two of the branches, including Bristol itself, have confirmed the resolution, and this promises well for the eventual adoption of the motion by the Association. This done, the return of the Association to the ranks of the affiliated societies should be an easy matter, for it will be observed that the resolution does not ask that the proposed alterations shall be carried by the Council, but only that they shall be placed on the agenda. There is a distinct advantage in this, because the condition laid down makes it possible for the Association to reaffiliate and to send its members to the Council meeting to assist in the discussion on the proposed amendments, and place the views of the Gloucester and Bristol Association before the Council. Had the motion required the acceptance of the alteration of the rules as a sine qua non of reaffiliation, the position might have been much more difficult, and the lead which the Executive Committee of the Association has given to the members emphasises that their action in withdrawing from the Council was not dictated by general hostility to the central body, but was based on what was felt to be a grievance, and that when the cause of the grievance is remedied they are ready once more to join hands in promoting the welfare of the Council and, through it, of the Exercise.

The suggestions which were put forward in our columns have already been considered by one or two Associations and seem to have met with approval, except that in two instances, at any rate, it has been held the system of triennial elections should be retained instead of the annual elections provided in the draft amendments. The object of annual elections is to keep the work of the Council more constantly before the Associations, and to endeavour to sustain interest. Instances could be cited of Associations where the Central Council is never mentioned except on the one occasion every three years when the representatives have to be elected. This is neither good for the Council, nor for the objects which it seeks to promote. Continuity of office is in some respects a desirable thing, but when it leads to the extinguishing of interest on the

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part of the constituent bodies, then it is something to be avoided. Under the present system, there is nothing to compel the Council being brought under the notice of an Association more than once in three years; an annual election would alter this, even though, in those Associations where continuity of office is considered of importance, the same members are re-elected. On the other hand, while uniformity of practice in the matter of elections is desirable, it might be possible to leave it open to Associations to elect annually or triennially, as they please. In any event, whatever views are held on this one point, we hope Associations will devote attention to the other matters raised by the suggested alterations to the rules.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, January 21, 1930, in Three Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

WILLIAM T. PATES Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE 7
*GEORGE E. FEARN 2	WILLIAM HIBBERT 8
JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON 3	FRANK E. PERVIN 9
ALBERT WALKER 4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 10
FRANK HAYNES 5	JOHN NEAL 11
ALD. J. S. PRITCHETT 6	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

* First peal on twelve bells. Specially arranged and rung as a compliment to Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., B.C.L., on his 75th birthday, James H. Shepherd on his 60th birthday, and Frank B. Yates (King's Norton) on his 53rd birthday.

TEN BELL PEALS.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 25, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	JOHN BARBER 6
LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS 2	HECTOR G. BIRD 7
ROBERT MATTHEWS 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 8
JOHN BASS 4	JOHN SMITH 9
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 5	THOMAS HEMMING Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by W. SHORT.

Quickest peal on the bells. Mr. George Hughes met the band before and after the peal, and took the time.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 25, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5031 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

ERNEST G. HIGGIN Treble	*ROBERT T. LAMBERT 6
*DR. L. V. TAYLOR 2	FRANK BENNETT 7
FREDERICK H. SKEATON 3	*HERBERT MARKWELL 8
STAFFORD H. GREEN 4	FRANK I. HAIRS 9
*REGINALD E. LAMBERT 5	*FREDERICK J. LAMBERT Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

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ROCHESTER, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 25, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST AND THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

EDWIN G. BURSDEM Treble	KENNETH PATTENDEN 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	FREDERICK A. FAIRBEARD 7
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL 3	CHARLES H. FRANKLIN 8
EDWARD A. G. ALLEN 4	HARRY PARKES 9
CHARLES W. PLAYER 5	WILLIAM J. WALKER Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

WALTER THOMAS Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY 5
HENRY W. WILDE 2	PERCY SWINDLEY 6
JOHN HAYES 3	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 7
GEORGE R. JONES 4	ARTHUR E. PEGLER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by HENRY W. WILDE.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Samuel Jones, jun.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

FREDERICK BORRETT Treble	WALTER BARRETT 5
GEORGE HOWLETT 2	CHARLES CUTTING 6
CHARLES BAKER 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
CHARLES ROOPE 4	FREDERICK ROOPE Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

LEYTON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt.

WILLIAM H. THEOBALD Treble	JOHN H. CRAMPION 5
JAMES BENNETT 2	EDWARD D. SMITH 6
WILLIAM PYE 3	ERNEST J. BUTLER 7
ALFRED PRIOR 4	HAROLD W. CLARK Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

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

PENSHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

RICHARD B. LAMBERT Treble	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 5
JOHN T. MEDHURST 2	JOSEPH WREN 6
ERNEST J. LADD 3	ALBERT E. EDWARDS 7
JOHN R. DENTON 4	GEORGE EDWARDS Tenor

Composed by Rev. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by A. E. EDWARDS. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Wren. Mr. G. Edwards has now rung each bell in the tower to a peal. Quickest peal on the bells.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1930, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*JOHN W. GARDNER Treble	JOHN BROWN 5
PETER BOARDMAN 2	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN 6
CLAUDE I. DAVIES 3	HERBERT LUDKIN 7
†FRED WOODWARD 4	JAMES GARDNER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by H. LUDKIN.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Major and first attempt. This is the first peal on the bells since they were recast by Messrs. John Taylor and Sons.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 20, 1930, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*WILLIAM BROOKS Treble	EDWARD A. HERN 5
*ROBERT S. STRATFORD 2	*ADAM DEAS 6
RICHARD A. GOFTON 3	STEPHEN W. STRATFORD 7
R. ALDER GOFTON 4	THOMAS T. GOFTON Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

* First peal in the method.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 20, 1930, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ERNEST L. HUMPHRIS Treble	PERCIVAL W. CAVE 5
THOMAS HAMMOND 2	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN 6
LESTER L. GRAY 3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 7
GEORGE R. NEWTON 4	EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE

Rung on the back eight of the twelve after meeting short for Caters. Arranged for Mr. A. E. Sharmen, the hon. secretary, Bedfordshire Association.

GRIMSBY.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 21, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

STEVEN BROMFIELD Treble	JAMES B. BUDD 5
FREDERICK OVERTON 2	ARTHUR SWAIN 6
JOHN E. KENNINGTON 3	CHARLES W. TAYLOR 7
HERBERT I. MINGAY 4	P. C. ARTHUR PASHLEY Tenor

Composed by E. C. GOBBY. Conducted by CHARLES W. TAYLOR.

First peal of Spliced Major rung in Grimsby, and first by all the band. P. C. Pashley was made a member of the Guild before commencing. He hails from Sheffield and has taken up duties in the force at Grimsby.

LONDON.

THE ST. MARY'S, PUTNEY, ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 22, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM H. BALL Treble	JOSEPH HERBERT 5
WILLIAM H. WORSLEY 2	EDWARD CASSELL 6
*WILLIAM T. ELSON 3	WALTER MALINS 7
E. RALPH MACKRILL 4	†GEORGE F. EDWARDS Tenor

Conducted by W. MALINS.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal. Mr. Mackrill received the thanks of the band for taking a rope at short notice, and was elected an hon. member in the tower, the remainder all being Sunday service ringers.

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 22, 1930, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. H. EARLE BOLWER'S FOUR-PART, No. 5. Tenor 14½ cwt.

MAURICK SWINFELD Treble	JAMES S. HITCHBY 5
JOHN H. SWINFELD 2	RICHARD C. BELTON 6
JOSEPH BAILEY 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
E. HARRY STONELEY 4	T. KELHAM DEACON Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This was Mr. James George's 1,050th peal and Mr. Deacon's 50th peal. First peal of Triples on the bells.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 23, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 15 cwt.

ERNEST J. BUTLER Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
*ROBERT HEAZEL 2	ERNEST W. FORBANK 6
ALFRED PYE 3	WILLIAM PYE 7
*FRANK G. RINGE 4	EDWARD D. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

* First Surprise peal.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, January 24, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 19½ cwt.

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

Conducted by G. WHITING.

* First peal with a Treble Bob hunt. † First peal of Cambridge 'inside.'

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 25, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in A flat.

*MISS GWEN STORER Treble	*THOMAS ROGERS 5
WALTER J. BATTLE 2	JOHN COOKE 6
THOMAS W. HAMMOND 3	G. RONALD EDWARDS 7
LESTER L. GRAY 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

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

TADCASTER, YORKS.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 25, 1930, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

*WALTER HICK Treble	JOHN HARRISON 5
FRED E. ADDISON 2	HERBERT E. PICKERING 6
R. LANCASTER 3	THOMAS LANCASTER 7
ALLAN DENNISON 4	ALFRED BARKER Tenor

Composed by REV. C. D. P. DAVIES. Conducted by F. E. ADDISON

* First peal and first attempt. All are Sunday service ringers at this church, except the ringer of the 7th, who is from Middlesbrough, but is a native of Tadcaster.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On January 4th, at St. Illtyd's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: G. Popnell 1, J. Phillips 2, W. Pike 3, F. J. Bailey 4, P. Jones 5, C. H. Perry (conductor) 6, E. Stith 7, A. W. Wright 8. Also 210 changes of Oxford Bob Triples. Rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal.

QUIDENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 25, 1930, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

WALTER CHANDLER Treble	HENRY TOOKE 5
ERIC G. BENNETT 2	WALTER R. FARROW 6
CHARLES F. GOODMAN 3	CHARLES E. LOVETT 7
GEORGE T. PEGNALL 4	NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

WARFIELD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 25, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THÉ-ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in F.

WILLIAM E. TAYLOR Treble	THOMAS S. GOODCHILD 5
*LEONARD STILWELL 2	GEORGE MARTIN 6
WILLIAM WELLING 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

First peal of Superlative. Believed to be the first peal in the method on the bells.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 25, 1930, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 20 cwt.

ERNEST W. FORBANK Treble	ERNEST J. BUTLER 5
ROBERT HEAZEL 2	GEORGE R. PYE 6
*HARRY TURNER 3	JAMES BENNETT 7
FRANK G. RINGE 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

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

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 25, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

GEORGE GREEN Treble	WILLIAM LINCOLN 5
PERCY GREEN 2	DR. SPENCER PHILLIPS 6
WILLIAM KEEBLE 3	JOHN WOOD 7
THOMAS LINCOLN 4	ARTHUR HEAD Tenor

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

RUSPER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 26, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

MISS FLORRIE WYMAN Treble	ROBERT SWIFT 5
*KENNETH SNELLING 2	GEORGE ELLIS 6
NELSON ELLIOTT 3	CECIL NICE 7
ALFRED J. BELL 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by E. WIGHTMAN.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* 50th peal. A birthday peal for R. Swift.

WOKING, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 27, 1930, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

ALFRED H. PULLING Treble	GEORGE E. CLODE 5
JOHN H. B. HESSE 2	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 6
HUBERT J. CHAFFEY 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON 7
GEORGE WILSON 4	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

First peal on the bells they were augmented to eight.

SIX BELL PEALS.

SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 New Doubles, 960 St. Simon's, 2,400 Grandsire and 960 Plain Bob.

*HAROLD POLLEY Treble	GEORGE MILLS 4
WILLIAM D. LEGGETT 2	HARRY TURNER 5
JACK W. LEGGETT 3	*E. CHARLES SHARPLIN ... Tenor

Conducted by H. TURNER.

* First peal. H. Polley was elected a member of the association previous to starting for the peal.

HAWKSHEAD.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 28, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

CHARLES E. WEBB Treble	WILLIAM ROBINSON 4
*JIM TEBAY 2	*THOMAS JEFFERSON 5
EDWIN JENNINGS 3	*FRANK WILSON Tenor

Conducted by W. ROBINSON.

* First peal of Kent.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 30, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN WORTH Treble	JACK TIPPER 4
ARTHUR CHALLINOR 2	WILFRED STEVENSON 5
FRANK L. RONAN 3	WILLIAM GAYES Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 16, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob (called differently and alternately). Tenor 6 cwt. 0 qr. 11 lb.

WILLIAM E. TAYLOR Treble	{GEORGE J. BERRY 4
*DENNIS NEWCOMB 2	THOMAS J. FOWLER 5
†CHARLES F. J. BUNCE 3	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal other than Plain Bob Minor.

DEEPING ST. JAMES, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 18, 1930, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Surprise, Norwich Surprise, Primrose Surprise, Ipswich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr.

JOSEPH O. LANGDON Treble	HORACE M. DAY 4
JOHN W. LAKE 2	ALBERT S. ALLEN 5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON 3	THOMAS L. BARNERIDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

BICKER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 25, 1930, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Swithin,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt.

P.C. HERBERT R. WOODS ... Treble	FREDK. W. BENNETT, SEN. ... 4
JESSE PEARSON 2	STANLEY E. BENNETT 5
FREDERICK PEARSON 3	WILLIAM E. CLARKE Tenor

Conducted by W. E. CLARKE.

First peal of Treble Bob Minor by all the band.

COTTENHAM, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE OVER SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, January 23, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. (approx.).

DENNIS ADAMS Treble	RUPERT THODAY 4
HARRY ROBINSON 2	CHARLES ROBINSON 5
WILLIAM BAVIN 3	FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor

Conducted by F. WARRINGTON.

All the above ringers are related. Rung as a compliment to Wm. Bavin on his 19th birthday.

CROSTHWAIT, WESTMORLAND.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 25, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JIM TEBAY Treble	GERALD A. SUTTON 4
EDWIN JENNINGS 2	THOMAS S. JEFFERSON 5
HUBERT RICHARDSON 3	*THOMAS BELL Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN JENNINGS.

* First peal, and elected a member previous to starting. First peal of Doubles on the bells, in the county, and by all the band except the conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS.**BRAINTREE, ESSEX.**

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At 3, CRESSING WAY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

GEORGE WIFFEN 1-2	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 5-6
WILLIAM KEEBLE 3-4	ALBERT WIFFEN 7-8

Composed by WALTER AYRE. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Four Minutes,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob.

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS 1-2	ARTHUR SYMONDS 4-5
WILFRED JARVIS 3	REGINALD B. DENT 6

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

First peal in two methods by 3rd and 6th ringers. A birthday compliment to R. Dent.

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OR REPAINTING OF DIALS.

GLoucester and BRISTOL Diocesan Association. SUGGESTED CONDITIONS OF REAFFILIATION TO THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

Members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, who last year seceded from the Central Council, are considering the question of reaffiliating, and in each branch a resolution passed by the Executive Committee is to be discussed. This resolution is as follows:—

'That the Executive Committee of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association at a meeting held this day, December 21st, 1929, generally approve the suggested alterations to the rules of the Central Council contributed to "The Ringing World," October 18th, 1929, No. 969, p. 665. They, the Executive, recommend that the association expresses its willingness to be reaffiliated if the Central Council can see its way to placing the suggested alterations upon their "agenda" at the next meeting.'

It came before the annual meeting of the Bristol Branch, attended by 45 members, on Saturday, and was introduced by the chairman (Mr. J. Gould).

The Vice-President (Rev. M. E. Thorold) proposed that the resolution be passed. He said that there was no good to be done by discussing the secession of the association, except to state that a good deal of stir had been created throughout the Exercise, and that the general opinion was that the Central Council needed remodelling to conform with the present-day needs of associations and guilds. He thought the suggested alterations put forward in 'The Ringing World' on October 18th, 1929, were very fair.

Further comments were made by the members, and it was generally agreed that the Central Council had lacked finality in its work, viz., too much of the work recommended by them was left to associations and guilds to take up, whereas the Central Council might have communicated direct with the church authorities, especially with regard to advisers upon Diocesan Boards.

Two members present suggested that no attempt should be made to reaffiliate under any circumstances.

Upon being put to the vote, these were the only two to vote against the resolution, and it was therefore carried with ease.

It was urged that any useful suggestion from ringers should find its way through the tower, then the branch, and on to the general meeting, to find its way eventually to the Central Council for, at least, their perusal.

The Chairman then asked for opinions upon a second request from the Executive Committee as follows: 'The Executive Committee is also anxious to ascertain the opinion of branches as to the desirability of adding to the rules of our diocesan association, a new rule which shall state what number of members present at a general meeting of the association shall form a quorum.'

The Rev. M. E. Thorold had to leave just as this was being discussed, but he took the opportunity of saying that in his opinion it would be very difficult to fix a quorum for the annual meetings.

The General Secretary, Mr. E. Guise, informed the meeting that during the last twelve years (including the opening of the memorial at Berkeley and the jubilee meeting, at which there were 130 and over 200 present respectively), the average attendance was 62.3. Last year at Chippenham 72 attended, and a few years ago the whole of the business was transacted with an attendance of 28 only. If the meetings were duly convened and every possible effort made to bring to the notice of members important items upon the agenda, the findings of the annual meetings should be accepted as representing the views of the association.

No one suggested a definite number, and eventually the following resolution was carried unanimously: 'That the members of the Bristol Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association at their annual meeting, January 25th, 1930, are unanimous in the opinion that the annual general meetings have been duly convened and the business carried out in a satisfactory manner, and that it would not be practicable to state a quorum necessary for these general meetings.'

At a meeting at Chippenham on January 18th, attended by about 25 members, the resolution with regard to the Central Council's rules and the suggested alterations was carried by a unanimous vote.

BRISTOL BRANCH CHAIRMAN RETIRES.

The annual meeting of the Bristol Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at St. Ambrose's on Saturday, when there were 45 members present. The bells were available from three o'clock, and good practice was obtained by the beginners present until 4.30 p.m., when the usual service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. F. G. Walsley. The organist and choir boys were present, and helped to make the service exceptionally bright.

The Vicar in his address gave the association a very cordial welcome to St. Ambrose's, this being the first meeting the branch has held here. He said he could not help feeling impressed by seeing present such a number of men, who, having only a Saturday afternoon for their recreation, came to church to attend at these meetings.

After the service, the members partook of a very nice tea in the Church Hall, the Vicar, organist, and choir boys, and the Rev. M. E. Thorold (a vice-president of the association) being also present.

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THE TWELVE-BELL RECORD LENGTH.

The Ancient Society of Painswick Youths propose to make another attempt for the 16,565 Grandsire Cinques at Painswick on Saturday, February 15th, starting at 8.30 a.m.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

WELL ATTENDED MEETING AT BRIERLEY HILL.

The quarterly meeting of the Northern Branch was held at Brierley Hill on Saturday, January 18th. The bells were available to the members from 3 p.m. till 4.30, and a service was then held in the church conducted by the curate (Rev. David Morgan), who also gave the address. Tea was served in the Church Schools, over 100 members partaking of the good things provided.

Rev. D. Morgan presided at the business meeting which followed, and was supported by the Rector's warden (Mr. J. Cox). The Chairman apologised for the absence of the Rector (the Rev. F. A. Smith) through illness, and also conveyed the Rector's best wishes to the gathering.

The Branch introduced the venture of having a collection on behalf of the Belfry Repair Fund, which realised 15s. 6d., and was considered a very good effort.

It was unanimously agreed to hold the next meeting at Chaddeley Corbett.

The Rector of Brierley Hill, the Rev. D. Morgan, and Mr. J. Cox were elected honorary members, and several performing members were also added to the list.

It was decided to attempt the quarterly peal at Brierley Hill, the Ringing Master (Mr. C. Skidmore) being appointed to make the arrangements.

Mr. W. B. Cartwright moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for allowing the meeting to be held at Brierley Hill, for the use of the bells, to him and the churchwardens for providing such a splendid tea, to Mrs. Lloyd and the ladies who had so kindly attended to the wants of the visitors, and Mr. Lloyd on behalf of the local ringers. Mr. H. G. Bird then moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. D. Morgan for presiding at that meeting.

The Chairman, replying, said it had been an afternoon's pleasure to be with the ringers, and he thanked them sincerely for making him an honorary member.—Mr. J. Cox also acknowledged the vote of thanks, and Mr. J. Lloyd replied on behalf of the ladies and local ringers.

The members then returned to the tower, and several touches in Surprise methods were brought round before the close of a very gratifying meeting.

DEVON GUILD.

BRANCH MEETING AT TEIGNMOUTH.

The annual meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devonshire Guild was held at St. Michael's, East Teignmouth, on Saturday, when ringers were present from Paignton, Cockington, Collaton, Brixham, Buckfastleigh, Kenn, Exeter, Clyst St. George and Newton Abbot.

The fine peal of eight bells were well utilised during the afternoon, and a service was held in church, which was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. W. E. T. Trelawney Ross). An excellent address was given by the Vicar of Bishopsteignton (Rev. J. McIntyre).

The visitors then adjourned to Messrs. Addison's Cafe for tea, which was followed by the business meeting, presided over by the president of the Guild (Rev. E. S. Powell) in the absence of the chairman (Mr. F. J. Laxton) through illness.

The annual report was produced and adopted and showed a decrease in membership. It also showed that Mr. J. S. Collings, a member of Paignton band, had died during the past year, and the meeting stood in silence as a token of respect.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar and organist of St. Michael's and the Vicar of Bishopsteignton were carried.

Messrs. F. J. Laxton and H. J. Hole were re-elected chairman and secretary respectively, and one new honorary member and three associate members were also elected.

For the next meeting, to take place on Saturday, May 10th, Cockington was unanimously chosen.

Other business was transacted, and the visitors afterwards returned to the tower, where touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung.

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At the business meeting which followed, Mr. J. Gould, chairman, presided.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar, organist, choir boys and lady helpers who assisted in serving the tea, was proposed by the chairman and seconded by Mr. Howell. The Vicar and organist suitably replied. The secretary and representative on Management Committee were re-elected.

The Chairman, Mr. J. Gould, who wished to resign, asked for nominations for that office, and Mr. F. Skidmore, of St. Ambrose's, was elected.

Mr. W. H. Thomas said they could not let Mr. Gould resign without extending to him their heartiest thanks and appreciation of the work he had so loyally done for the branch, and his successor would find great difficulty in filling his place.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. ANNUAL MEETING OF PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Portsmouth District was held at Alverstoke on Saturday, when by kind permission of the Rector (the Rev. Canon Guy Landon), the beautiful bells at St. Mary's Church were available to the members during the afternoon and evening. Nearly 50 members and visitors were present from Alverstoke, Bishops Waltham, Bramshott, East Meon, Fareham, Gosport, Portsmouth (St. Thomas' and St. Mary's), Petersfield, Southampton, Ryde, Swanmore, Titchfield, and Wickham, also Messrs. Keith Hart (Brighton) and E. J. Trimmer (Croydon).

Ringling commenced about 3 p.m., and various touches were rung until 4.30 p.m., when the Guild's service was held in the Parish Church. The Rector officiated and gave an excellent address. Tea was served in the Brodrick Hall, over which Canon Landon presided. The Rector again took the chair at the business meeting. The following new members were elected: W. Heyhoe (Wickham), R. Beale, sen., R. Beale, jun., and H. Dyer (Bramshott), and A. G. Dawe (Alverstoke), as ringing members, and Mrs. F. S. Bayley (Titchfield) as hon. member.

The auditor presented the accounts for the year 1929, which showed receipts amounting to £26 4s. 2d., and expenditure £3 18s. 1½d., leaving a balance to the general treasurer of £14 3s. 6d., and to the district £8 2s. 6½d.

The membership of the district was reported as 27 hon. members, 145 ringing members, three unattached, and five compounding members. Votes of thanks were accorded the secretary and auditor for their excellent work during the past year.

All the district officers were re-elected, viz.: Chairman, Mr. R. J. Stone; secretary, Mr. F. W. Rogers; auditor, Mr. H. G. Reynolds; and representatives on the Central Committee, Messrs. F. A. Barnett and R. J. Stone.

It was decided to hold the first quarterly meeting at Hambledon on April 26th.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Rector of Alverstoke for kindly placing the bells at the use of the members, conducting the service, and being with them at the tea and business meeting.

At the conclusion of the meeting the members returned to the tower for further ringing, whilst others remained in the Brodrick Hall and rang Grandsire and Stedman Caters on a fine peal of ten handbells.

The ringing at the Parish Church included the standard methods and also Superlative, Cambridge and Bristol Surprise Major.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. SOUND FINANCIAL POSITION.

The annual meeting was held at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on Saturday, and was very successful, about sixty members, including two ladies, being present from Shrewsbury, Wem, Whitechurch, Ellesmere, Alberbury, Prees, Moreton Corbet, Wellington, Cheswardine, Market Drayton, Malinslee, Clive, Stanton, Worthen, Coalbrookdale, Sheriffhales, and Church Lawton (Cheshire). A very welcome visitor was Mr. A. E. Pegler, of Bangor.

Ringling commenced on the fine peal of twelve at 2.30, and continued until five o'clock, when a service was held in St. Aiden's Chapel. The association form was used, and an address given by the Rev. A. G. Bradford, who spoke of the relationship between bells and the work of the Church.

The members then adjourned to St. Chad's room, where an excellent tea had been prepared by Mr. Wall.

The business meeting followed, Major E. R. T. Corbett, Master of the association, taking the chair.

The Hon. Secretary read the report for 1929, and presented the balance sheet, which showed a balance in hand of over £50. These were adopted, and all the officers re-elected as follows: Master, Major Corbett; hon. secretary and treasurer, the Rev. F. Tennison; assistant secretary, Mr. A. Pritchard; Central Council representative, Mr. W. Saunders.

Two hon. members and 24 ringing members were elected, and it was decided to hold five meetings during 1930 at the following places: Ellesmere, Worthen, Prees, Moreton Corbet and Much Wenlock.

It was resolved, on the proposition of Mr. F. A. Barnett, to grant the sum of £3 to the fund which is being raised to repair the tower and spire of St. Alkmund's Church, Shrewsbury. A letter was read from the Vicar of Worthen, asking for an instructor, and several members offered their services, the matter being left to the hon. secretary to arrange.

This completed the business, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. Saunders and seconded by Mr. Pegler, to Major Corbett for presiding at the meeting, and for his many services to the association.—This was carried with applause, and the members then returned to the tower for further ringing until nine o'clock. The methods rung during the day included Grandsire and Stedman from Triples to Cinques, Plain Bob Major and Royal, and Kent Treble Bob Royal.

St. Chad's bells are a fine peal of twelve, tenor 39½ cwt., cast by Messrs. Taylor and Co. in 1914.

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The Editor of 'The Ringing World' will be glad to receive photographs of churches, with a view to their future publication when suitable occasion arises.

The photographs should be accompanied by brief particulars of the bells, with their inscriptions and dates if possible, and any other interesting information about them.

Pictures should, for preference, be photographic post-cards, and, where there is any choice, the tower should be a feature.

Obviously, of course, all the pictures cannot be published at once, the object of getting a collection being that the photographs may be ready at hand for use when fitting opportunity occurs.

Will each tower secretary be good enough to send a photograph of his own tower? It should be forwarded in an envelope for protection, and addressed to The Editor, 'The Ringing World,' Woking, Surrey, and the sender should enclose his name and address.

BELFRY GOSSIP.

In their endeavours to destroy the symbols of religion in Russia, the Soviet is carrying out a wholesale destruction of church bells, as well as removing all the ornaments from the churches. Thousands of tons of bells are being broken up and melted down.

Benjamin Annable, one of the greatest pioneers of ringing, died on February 1st, 1756. He was buried at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, where some of his performances helped to lay the foundations of ringing history.

On February 4th, 1861, a peal of 10,032 Grandsire Major was rung in 6 hrs. 18 mins. at Walsall. It is years now since a peal of Grandsire Major was rung; it is more effort even than Bob Triples.

Next Wednesday is the anniversary of two long peals. On that day, in the year 1783, a peal of 12,672 Bob Major was rung at Bromley, and in the year 1888 a peal of 12,041 Stedman Caters at Appleton.

The first peal of London Surprise on handbells was rung at Romford on February 6th, 1904.

The 50th anniversary meeting of the Kent Association will be held at Canterbury on Easter Monday, and His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury has promised to give an address at the special service at noon in the Cathedral and to preside at the meeting, which will be of special importance. Will members and visitors who anticipate being present kindly make a note of the date?

The venue of to-morrow's meeting of the Blackburn Branch of the Lancashire Association has been moved to St. Michael's Church, Blackburn.

PROPOSED AUGMENTATION OF BELLS AT MILTON. PARISHIONERS' ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RINGER'S SERVICES.

It is seldom that any bell restoration takes place to recognise the efforts of an individual ringer, but such a proposal is on foot at Milton-next-Gravesend, Kent.

The Parochial Council of the Parish Church recommended to the annual meeting of parishioners on Friday evening last that the present peal of six be restored, and two trebles added to complete the octave, to commemorate Mr. F. M. Mitchell's 21st anniversary as leader of the ringers at the tower, and also of his appointment as hon. secretary of the Kent County Association.

This recommendation was unanimously adopted, and a restoration fund opened, the estimated sum required being about £300.

The peal of six at this tower are a handy ring, with a tenor of 12½ cwt., and are of fine tone. The back five were cast by John Hodson in 1656, and the present treble added in 1810 by the Whitechapel Foundry, and the whole rehung in a new oak frame, which is now in an extremely good state of preservation.

It is interesting to record that it was in this parish that her late Majesty, Queen Alexandra, first landed on English soil on the way to her wedding with the late King Edward, and it is also supposed that the bells at Milton were the first heard by Queen Alexandra in this country.

Donations to the above fund will be gladly received by the Rector of Milton, the Rev. G. W. Menne, or the hon. secretary, Mr. H. Argent, 45, Rural Vale, Gravesend.

ARCHBISHOP AND CHURCH BELLS.

THEIR IMPORTANCE IN MODERN LIFE.

IMPRESSIVE DEDICATION CEREMONY AT ADDISCOMBE.

An effective answer to those who argue that, in these days, church bells are unnecessary, was given by the Archbishop of Canterbury on Saturday, when he dedicated the new great bell at St. Mary's Parish Church, Addiscombe, Croydon. His Grace pointed out that in these days of restlessness, brought about by the changed conditions of modern life, it was well that the thoughts of people should be directed sometimes to things eternal by the sound of the bell, which will reach them in their homes and at their work. This bell at Addiscombe is to be rung every day for a few moments at noon, and a brief prayer has been composed and widely circulated so that it may be used in the silence of the heart of everyone who hears the sound.

The bell, of which we gave an illustration last week, is one of the largest and certainly one of the finest in Surrey. It weighs over two and a half tons, and its deep, sonorous tones are a delight to the ear. It is the gift of a generous member of the congregation.



The New Tower at Addiscombe Parish Church.

Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, are the founders, and the bell, not only in its perfect harmonic tuning, but in its workmanship and ornamentation, is a beautiful example of the bell founder's art. It is not hung for ringing in the ordinary way, but can be swung just a little more than frame high. It is hung in a new tower, which has been added to complete the building in celebration of the jubilee of the church, which now serves a very populous district.

The dedication service was a most impressive and significant one, for it brought together in an act of praise and thanksgiving not only the members of the congregation, but representatives of other religious bodies of the district, and the civic authorities. There must have been at least two thousand people present at the ceremony, and many were unable to obtain admission. The Mayor of Croydon, in his robes of office, and members of the Corporation, joined with ministers of various denominations in the procession of representative men who accompanied the clergy and the Archbishop to the church, the bell founders being represented by Mr. B. Denton Taylor.

The service was a most inspiring one, the climax of which was reached when, the Archbishop having solemnly dedicated the tower and bell, the latter boomed out its glorious note for the first time in the hearing of the people of Addiscombe. Afterwards, the Archbishop dedicated a new chancel screen and choir desks and some additions to the organ.

THE ARCHBISHOP'S ADDRESS.

The Archbishop, in his address, expressed his joy at being permitted to take part in that occasion, which must mean, he said, so much thanksgiving and praise in so many hearts. They had just completed their church, and it was well that they had done so. Some might ask why, while there were so many pressing needs around them, they should take any of the resources, which were so scanty, for the adornment of their churches? Whenever he saw an unfinished church, standing year by year with something that spoke of the dream of the architect and the early hopes of the people who built it, still uncompleted, it always seemed to him, somehow, that there must have been some arrest in the flow of enthusiasm and faith and hope; and whenever he saw, after whatever lapse of time, a church completed, and, as there in their midst, the tower finished, he seemed to see sign of movement, of life, a time of fresh loyalty to the faith of the Lord on the part of the people, which was, indeed, most welcome. It was well that not only should their church, after more than fifty years, be completed, but also that the tower should have a voice to speak, so that it should be not merely an adornment of the church but also, should he say, a partner with them in the witness and the message which that church was there to give, and when they heard that bell, so generously given to them, speaking its note a short time before, they must have heard in its depth and solemnity a most moving reminder of the things that are unseen and eternal.

The Archbishop went on to thank those who had contributed to the carrying out of the scheme for the completion of the church and to refer to the difficulties which were experienced in creating in the fast-growing outer London suburbs the sense of corporate fellowship. It was a great pleasure, therefore, to him to greet on that occasion the Mayor of Croydon and his colleagues, and to welcome among them their brethren from other communions. He went on to speak of the great and increasing importance of preserving at the heart of our common life in England the remembrance of the living God, and said he would take for his text not any words from Holy Writ, but the word that would be spoken, please God, for generations from the tower of that church and from the bell which they had placed within it. Their bell had received a name, in accordance with an ancient and picturesque custom of those middle ages which they so often misunderstood and which, with all their crudities and superstitions, had the touch of imagination and simple-minded devotion which we did well to remember. In accordance with that spirit the bell had received its name—Gabriel, from the great messenger of the living God, and he understood that upon it was inscribed these words, and he would use these words as his text and let the bell speak to them its message through his lips: 'My name is Gabriel. I bring good tidings from the Lord and remind the inhabitants of him. I call men and women to worship and adore him within these walls or wherever they be at the sound of my voice. The Lord be with you.' It was, said the Archbishop, over fifty years since his revered predecessor, Archbishop Tait, dedicated that church as a parish church. How many and far reaching had been the changes since then? He sometimes wondered whether any generation had seen changes so sudden, so unexpected, so far reaching as this generation, whose life they shared. He was not thinking of the change in outlook wrought by the awful cataclysm of the war, but of the advances of science which had created a revolution in their methods of life—changes such as those brought about in the means of mechanical propulsion and the achievements of wireless. These changes had created a restlessness, a desire for excitement, so that there was a danger of their forgetting the immortal soul and the eternal God, and of their living for the material things of the moment. The problem of our time was how they could use all the wonderful things which had been given to them not only to raise the standard of comfort among our people, but how amidst it all they could remember the immortal soul and the living God. Therefore it was that the dignified, deep voice from the bell of that tower had something to say to Croydon at this present time, and, when those who lived around it heard it, he asked them to listen to their Vicar's plea and make their swift response, their act of reminder, and perhaps those at home would link with it those who had gone forth to the labour and work of the day, so that there might be that instantaneous, habitual link binding their lives to the living God. He prayed with all his heart that that church and the tower, now completed, and pointing upward as a silent witness, might continually fulfil the call of the bell, and to all of them engaged in the work of the Church and the civic life of that town he re-echoed the prayer, 'The Lord be with you.'

OXFORD.—On Sunday, January 5th, for evensong, at St. Ebbe's Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 42 mins.: J. Harris 1, G. Horwood 2, F. Taylor 3, W. Finch 4, F. Beckett 5, W. Collett 6, W. H. B. Wilkins (conductor) 7, F. A. H. Wilkins 8.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD DISTRICT'S ACTIVITIES.

The annual meeting of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was held at Guildford on Saturday, January 18th. The bells of the Cathedral Church and of St. Nicolas' were available, and were kept going in various methods throughout the afternoon. A short service was held at St. Nicolas', at which the Rev. G. M. Wheeler preached a farewell sermon. He has now left to take up a chaplaincy at Mentone, and the support which he has given to the Guild will be missed in the Guildford District. Mr. Cyphus, the organist, very kindly gave his services at the organ.

Representatives, numbering about 70, from the Cathedral Church, St. Nicolas', Shalford, Haslemere, Godalming, Chiddingfold, Shere, Worplesdon, West Clandon, Merrow and Old Woking, and visitors from Dorking, Croydon, Ottershaw, Aldershot, Hawley, Chichester Cathedral, Farnham and St. Clement Dances, attended the tea and business meeting at the Prince of Wales Assembly Rooms.

The chair was taken by Mr. W. Harrison (vice-president), and he was supported by Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O. (treasurer) and Major J. H. B. Hesse (Master of the Guild).

Mr. G. Grover, secretary, Mr. A. H. Pulling, Ringing Master, and Mr. N. V. Harding, auditor, were declared elected, as only one nomination for each of these offices had been made.

Messrs. C. Hazelden and S. Radford were elected by ballot as members of the Executive Committee of the Guild.

The balance sheet showing a balance in hand of £8 5s. 9d. was adopted.

After referring in their joint report to the activities of the district during the past year, the Ringing Master and Secretary pointed out that it was dangerous to take a too optimistic view of the future of change ringing in the Guildford District, and they appealed to all members to make a great effort during the coming year to render more support to the district officers, and to make progress in the art of change ringing, which was at many towers in the district only practised in its very elementary stages.

THE SECRET OF SUCCESS.

The report added: There is a lot to be done before every peal of bells in the district is rung regularly for Sunday services by bands of keen change ringers. Every member must realise that although the success of the district and of the Guild depends, to some extent, on its officers and its efficient management, it depends principally on the individual members, who cannot be too strongly reminded that their duty to the Guild does not end, but only starts, with the payment of their annual subscriptions. The objects of the Guild can never be attained until every member has developed such a sense of loyalty that he is, even at some inconvenience to himself, a regular and punctual attender at service ringing, at practices and at the meetings of his district and the Guild; ever ready to learn some new method to help to keep interested his fellow-ringers, and, above all, perhaps, a persevering recruiting officer for the Exercise. Recruiting ringers and keeping them has always been a difficult task, and probably never more so than it is in these days, when there are so many counter attractions, skill in which is more easily acquired. Do not despair and do not forget that the membership of the Guild must be kept up. The greatest recruiting agency in the world is publicity. Don't lost a single opportunity of finding a learner. Advertise among the choir and congregation at your church, your cricket or football club, your institute and every possible place the fact that change ringing is the most fascinating art that has ever been practised, and always be ready to give anyone who shows the least interest an opportunity of learning to handle a bell. It is useless to sit still and say, 'We can't get any ringers.' They will not come until they are asked, and many will not give ringing a trial unless you convince them beforehand that change ringing is something more than a mere tug-of-war business with a lump of metal.

Admiral T. P. Walker voiced the thanks of the members to Mr. C. Hazelden, the retiring Ringing Master, for his services as Ringing Master of the Guildford District, both for the new Diocesan Guild and the Winchester Guild during the last 12 years, and several other members also expressed their appreciation of Mr. Hazelden's work.

Ewhurst, Witley, Dunsfold, Old Woking and Puttenham were chosen as places for district meetings in 1930.

For the purposes of combined practices it was decided to divide the district into five areas with four towers in each, and Messrs. Whittington, Melville, Hazelden and Hayes, together with the secretary, were chosen as conveners of these practices in their respective districts.

The District renominated as Guild officers for election at the annual meeting of the Guild Mr. W. Harrison (vice-president), Major Hesse (Master), Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (secretary), Admiral Walker (treasurer), and Mr. C. N. Burdock (auditor).

Messrs. A. H. Pulling, C. Hazelden, G. Grover and R. Whittington were all nominated as candidates for the office of representative of the Guild on the Central Council.

Several new members were elected, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

The date of next year's annual meeting was left open.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

NORTH-WESTERN DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the North-Western District was held at the Parish Church of All Saints, Kingston-on-Thames, on Saturday, members and friends attending from Ashted, Banstead, Beddington, Chelsea, Croydon (St. John's and St. Peter's), Dorking, Ealing, Epsom, Ewell, Haslemere, Kingston, Leatherhead, Merstham, Mitcham (Christ Church and SS. Peter and Paul's), Thames Ditton, Walton-on-Thames and St. Margaret's, Westminster. Ringing commenced at three o'clock, and the heavy ring were kept going in various methods until 5.30, when tea was served in the Church Hall, 35 members sitting down to a very enjoyable meal.

At the business meeting which followed, the Master of the association (Mr. D. K. C. Birt) presided. Two new members were elected, and the election of three members previous to peal attempts were ratified.

The report and balance sheet for the year was passed without comment.

It was decided to hold six district meetings during the year at the following towers if possible: Leatherhead on Easter Monday, Benhlton in May, Rammore Common in July, Hersham in September, Mitcham in November, and the annual district meeting at St. Peter's, Croydon, in January.

The district officers for the year were elected as follows: Mr. A. W. Clark, Master; Mr. F. G. Woodiss, treasurer; Mr. D. Cooper, secretary; and Mr. A. Gower, auditor. Three members elected on the committee were Messrs. J. Sparrow, A. H. Winch and J. Beams.

Mention was made with regret that the Kingston band had entirely dropped out of the association until that evening, when one of the young Kingston ringers was elected a member.

Major J. H. B. Hesse spoke of the time when Kingston tower was a real centre of change ringing and had a good band belonging to the association, and he thought something ought to be done to persuade them to rejoin.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the retiring officers and committee men for their work during the year, and the secretary was asked to write to those not present and convey to them the meeting's thanks. A cordial vote of thanks was also passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mr. J. Howes for making all the necessary arrangements for a successful meeting.

The tower was again visited and the bells kept going until nine o'clock, when a very successful and enjoyable meeting was brought to a close. The methods practised during the day ranged from rounds to London Surprise Major and Cambridge Surprise Royal.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

The annual general meeting of the Southern District was held at Godstone on Saturday, January 18th. The following towers were represented: Kingswood, Merstham, Buckland, Reigate, Limpsfield Chart, Redhill, Horley, and the local band. The bells were set going soon after three o'clock, and at the service held later an appropriate address was given by the Rev. G. E. Hoare, Rector of Godstone. After service, the party adjourned to the Rectory, where tea was kindly provided by the Rev. G. E. and Mrs. Hoare.

At the business meeting which followed, the Rector occupied the chair.

Mr. D. K. C. Birt proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding at the meeting, for the use of the bells and for his address at the service, and to Mrs. Hoare and Mr. Robert Hoare for making such excellent arrangements. A vote of thanks was also accorded the officers for their services during the past year, and they were reappointed.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT'S ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Southern District was held on Saturday, January 18th, at St. Luke's Church, Chelsea, and during the afternoon and evening some 35 members and friends made use of the ten bells contained in the lofty tower. Three o'clock saw an eight-bell band in attendance, but before they had raised the bells other ringers arrived, and a touch of Grandsire Caters opened the proceedings, several young men and maidens thereby getting an opportunity of practice on ten bells. Stedman Caters followed, some good touches being rung until five o'clock, when an adjournment was made for tea at a neighbouring restaurant, 26 merry souls partaking of the repast, with many a quip and jest, 'midst the clatter of the tea cups.

The business meeting took place immediately on the return to the tower, the Master (Mr. H. Mance) presiding.

The balance sheet was approved and adopted, and the election of officers conclusively proved that the district was in a good and live position, as all the officers were re-elected without any debate, viz.: Master, Mr. H. Mance; treasurer, Mr. R. Mackrill; steward, Mr. W. Essery; and secretary, Mr. J. Herbert.

A vote of thanks was accorded the church authorities for the use of the bells and to Mr. H. Mance for making the arrangements. Ringing was afterwards carried on till some time past eight o'clock, Cambridge Royal being sandwiched between Stedman Caters and other standard methods.

It is hoped to hold the next meeting at Lewisham in March, due notice of which will appear in these columns.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.

The annual general meeting of the Sonning Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Wokingham on Saturday, January 18th. Ringing in the local towers took place during the afternoon. Divine service was held in All Saints' Church, at which a very appropriate address was given by the Rev. R. W. H. Acworth, Vicar of Sunningdale, who presided, from Isaiah lxii. 6, 'Ye that make mention of the Lord, keep not silence.' Tea followed in the Church House of All Saints, where a capital spread was ably served by a staff of ladies, who were afterwards thanked, on behalf of those present, by the Rev. Canon Coleridge.

Canon Coleridge presided over the business meeting, at which there were also present the Revs. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Guild), B. Long (R.D.), W. T. Stubbs, A. P. Carr, Mr. A. J. Wright (treasurer of the Guild), Mr. R. T. Hibbert (secretary), Mr. W. J. Paice (hon. secretary and treasurer of the branch) and over 100 ringers.

The Hon. Treasurer reported a small balance in hand, a decrease upon last year's.

As hon. secretary, Mr. Paice reported 20 hon. members and 150 ringing members, practically the same as last year, during which period they had lost by death three of their hon. members—the Rev. Canon Selway, Mrs. R. H. Walker, of Wokingham, and Mr. J. Simonds, of Arborfield. Among the meetings held had been one at Hawley, Hants, where the Guild joined with members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild and the Basingstoke District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild. A good piece of work by the branch had been the overhauling of the Easthampstead bells at a cost of £24, carried out by Messrs. T. Bond, of Burford, Oxon. There were other towers in the branch where similar work would be welcomed. The number of young ringers at Sandhurst and Finchampstead was a very encouraging feature. He hoped the young members would make full use of the meetings and the combined practices. The installation of electric light in Finchampstead Church, including the tower, bell chamber, etc., had proved of great advantage. Mr. Paice thanked all the members for their kind help and co-operation.

The reports were passed unanimously and with expressions of satisfaction.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The Rev. Canon Coleridge, who vacated the chair pro tem. in favour of the Master of the Guild, was unanimously re-elected chairman, on the motion of Mr. F. Dentry, seconded by Mr. A. J. Wright. The Master congratulated the branch on its chairman, and said no other branch in the whole of the kingdom had such a splendid chairman.—Canon Coleridge expressed his thanks.

Mr. W. J. Paice was unanimously re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer by acclamation and was heartily thanked for his services. He said he would, with their kind co-operation, continue to do his best (applause). The Branch Committee, to serve with the ex-officio members, chairman and hon. secretary, was then re-elected.

Messrs. J. Rance, J. Moth, F. Dentry and Jos. White were unanimously re-elected branch representatives to the Guild Committee.

On the recommendation of the secretary three towers, not yet visited for quarterly meetings, were arranged as under: Easthampstead for March, Hurst for June, and Barkham for September.

Combined practices were left to the secretary to arrange.

This concluded the agenda, and the chairman invited the Master to make a few remarks.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, who was received with applause, said two things made his attendance at their annual meeting a great pleasure—the excellent tea and the fully set out printed statement sent to each tower by their secretary. Printing expenses, though heavy, were all worth while. He referred to the renovation of bells which had taken place in adjacent places—Reading, Newbury, etc., and at Goring, where John Bower had achieved the desire of his lifetime. He had never failed to have a Minor ringing band for one Sunday service, if not both, for the past 50 years. St. Lawrence's, Reading, was a very great achievement, and there was now a very beautiful ring of twelve bells.

The Guild Treasurer, Mr. A. J. Wright, said the Guild finances were in a sound position. He anticipated a balance as large as last year's. The Restoration Fund was, as usual, considerably decreasing. He hoped restorations would not come on very quickly, but he hoped before the end of next year to recommend the grants to all the restorations coming in (hear, hear). He suggested that the branch should form a Guild Restoration Fund, using half the subscriptions of their hon. members for that purpose. He congratulated their secretary upon an excellent balance sheet, the most intelligent balance sheet that, as Guild treasurer, he ever got. It saved a lot of trouble. He congratulated the branch, and hoped they would go on increasing.

JUBILEE OF THE BRANCH.

Mr. R. T. Hibbert referred to the support of other branches of the Oxford Guild to St. Lawrence's restoration, and said Sonning Deanery did a great deal in a quiet way. Mr. Hibbert hoped that with such an excellent chairman and secretary they would 'hang on' to them.

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EIGHTY-FIVE, AND STILL RINGING.

FARNHAM VETERAN'S BIRTHDAY QUARTER-PEAL.

On Sunday, at St. Andrew's Church, Farnham, for morning service, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples was rung in 48 minutes by: G. Upshall 1, T. Upshall 2, C. Wells 3, S. Meadows 4, E. Clapshaw 5, F. Kemp 6, R. Basted (composer and conductor) 7, A. E. King 8. This quarter-peal was arranged as a compliment to Mr. Edward Clapshaw, the ringer of the 5th and captain of the band of ringers at this church, on his 85th birthday, with the congratulations and best wishes of the whole of the members of the band.

Mr. Clapshaw has been a ringer at Farnham Church for 64 years, and is very highly esteemed by the clergy, his brother ringers, and the whole of the churchworkers, whose sincere wish it is that he will be able to continue his work among them for many years yet to come.

Mr. Clapshaw was present at the annual meeting of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, at Farnham, on the previous day, and received the congratulations and good wishes of the whole of the 60 members present.

He began to ring in the year 1866, when the bells were reopened at Farnham, after the tower had been raised by another storey, and he has continued his loyal service to the Church ever since. He joined the Winchester Diocesan Guild when it was formed over fifty years ago, and he is, of course, a foundation member of the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

He is hale and hearty, keenly interested in ringing, and ever ready to take his place in a touch. He is always present for the Sunday service ringing. When asked on Saturday, by someone not fully aware of his capability, if he thought he would be able to manage the quarter-peal the next day, the veteran replied, 'I shall be all right. It's the others I'm wondering about.' Mr. Clapshaw is a skilled horticulturist, and still works in his large garden.

MR. JOSEPH WAGHORN, AGED 87.

The eighty-seventh birthday of that well-known London veteran, Mr. J. Waghorn, sen., was celebrated by some touches of Grandsire Triples, rung at St. Margaret's, Barking, on Sunday morning, in which Mr. Waghorn took part. Among those who shared in the ringing were R. Courtier, who is only 12 years of age, G. W. Faulkner, E. G. Cottis, W. Beard, E. Lucas, W. Robbins, S. Holgate, E. Moore, R. Fenn and C. Fenn. Mr. Waghorn received the hearty congratulations of the ringers.

FIRST EIGHT-BELL PEAL AT WOKING.

The first peal on the recently augmented ring of bells at Woking, Surrey, was rung on Monday evening. The members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, who had the privilege of taking part, had the satisfaction of putting up a very fine performance, and afterwards were the guests at supper of Admiral T. P. Walker and Mrs. Walker and the local ringers, to whom cordial thanks were expressed for their kind hospitality and for the very friendly spirit in which the peal had been arranged.

Admiral Walker, who is hon. treasurer of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, has learnt to ring since leaving the Service, and his interest in and enthusiasm for the art of ringing is an example to many a young ringer. It was largely through his initiative and efforts that the bells at Woking Parish Church, where he is also churchwarden, have been increased from six to eight, and the old bells put into new ball bearings. The funds for this purpose have been raised by the local ringers, among whom the Admiral is proud to number himself an A.B.

It was by the help of Admiral Walker and the ready acquiescence of the other members of the band that the peal on Monday was rung, and a special word of thanks must be given to Mr. Strudwick, who 'mounted guard' throughout the peal to prevent any accidental switching off of the electric light, which would have left the ringers in darkness.

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Mr. Paice then referred to the jubilee of their branch, started on May 22nd, 1880, the year before the Diocesan Guild, with which it later affiliated. He suggested that the branch be first in the field with its jubilee celebration, to be in the form of a garden fête to be held at Wokingham on or about May 22nd.

After some discussion it was decided provisionally to fix the date as Saturday, May 24th (Empire Day, to which the function would add additional brightness in Wokingham), details to be left with the secretary, Mr. Paice.

Mr. Dentry thanked the Rev. R. W. H. Acworth for his address, the Rector of All Saints', the Rector of St. Paul's (the Rev. H. M. Walter), also the hon. auditor, Mr. Owen Goddard, for their various acts of kind assistance.

The Rev. B. Long briefly and gracefully replied for all.

The Chairman expressed pleasure at being present, and said the number of ringers in the country was 46,083—240 less than last year. The year before that there were 410 more. The diocese of Oxford held second place for numbers, the greatest number being in Exeter Diocese, while Bath and Wells came third.

Mr. Moth thanked the chairman, and the meeting closed. Further ringing afterwards took place.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

LEICESTER DISTRICT PROPOSES PEAL BOOKING FEES.

The annual meeting of the Leicester District was held at the Cathedral, Leicester, on Jan. 18th. Previous to the business meeting the bells were kept going for about 1½ hours to Kent Treble Bob Minor, Stedman Triples and Grandsire and Stedman Caters. The attendance was not all that could be desired, only 18 members being present at the business meeting at 6.30 p.m.

The local vice-president, Mr. A. J. Harris, occupied the chair. The hon. treasurer and general hon. secretary were renominated.

On the proposition of Mr. W. Willson, seconded by Mr. J. Pole, a resolution was passed nominating Mr. J. Griffin, subject to his approval, as president of the association, and the secretary was instructed to write to him immediately to this effect.

The local officers were re-elected en bloc, with the exception of Mr. F. H. Dexter on the committee in place of Mr. J. S. Carter.

On the proposition of Mr. E. F. Payne, seconded by Mr. N. S. Bagworth, it was decided to hold eight meetings this year as last year. Arnesby was chosen as the place for the next meeting, and Kibworth for the spring quarterly meeting.

Owing to the state of the association's finances, a resolution was passed, on the motion of Mr. J. Pole, and seconded by Mr. W. Willson, to bring forward at the next general meeting that in future members should pay 3d. per head per peal.

Mr. A. J. Harris then brought forward the subject of holding an annual dinner in Leicester and reviving the old society of the Leicester Scholars. It was unanimously decided to hold the first of these dinners before long (probably on Saturday, March 1st). The local officers, plus Mr. W. H. Clarke, were chosen to act as a committee in this matter and make the necessary arrangements.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the Provost, Ringing Master and local ringers.

YOUNG BRAMSHOTT RINGER'S DEATH.

The funeral took place at Bramshott, Hants, on Saturday, January 11th, of Wm. Thomas Vale, a chorister and ringer at the Parish Church, who died in Haslemere Hospital following an operation after a very short illness.

The service, which was choral, was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. E. A. Berrisford, assisted by Rev. A. H. Taylor and Rev. H. A. Bowles. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on the handbells at the grave by members of the Haslemere band, Messrs. Furlonger, Overy, Bowden, and Major Hesse, and the tower bells were rung muffled by his colleagues of the Bramshott band.

'Tom' will be greatly missed at Bramshott, where he was most regular both at the Sunday services and practices. He was a frequent visitor to Haslemere for handbell practice, through the kindness of the Rev. O. S. Walford, at whose residence the practices took place, and always received a warm welcome at the Haslemere belfry, where he was always anxious to learn.

The large attendance at the church and the many floral tributes testified to the esteem in which he was held, and much sympathy is felt for his parents at the loss of their only son at the early age of twenty.

DEATH OF HEREFORDSHIRE VETERAN.

Another Herefordshire veteran has answered the 'call.' After only a few weeks' illness, Mr. John Edwards, of Tarrington, died on Monday, January 6th, in his 84th year, and was buried at the Parish Church on Thursday, January 9th, with many tokens of regret and respect by relatives, ringers and other friends.

He was a wonderfully active man for his years, of sturdy build and a happy disposition, with a deep love, since boyhood, for his church bells. He formerly resided at Woolhope for many years, where he acted as foreman of the belfry at St. George's Church under the Vicar, the Rev. T. M. Beavan, and there trained a number of young men of the parish to ring Bob Doubles. These pupils included his three sons, one of whom is well known in the diocese of Hereford.

The writer met the deceased over 40 years ago, and was much impressed by his all-round knowledge of gardening, Herefordshire cattle (the famous white-face breed), and apple culture for cider making. Two outstanding occasions that gave the old gentleman much satisfaction may here be noted: when the Vicar of Woolhope in 1889 presented nine of Mr. Edwards' lads with their certificates as change ringers, and when he dined at the Hereford Festival of the Guild with his son in the chair as Ringing Master.

W. H. F.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

Will secretaries please note that subscriptions on the revised scale were due on January 1st last. Only six associations have paid so far (the first being Lancashire), and it renders the balancing of the accounts very difficult when these subscriptions are delayed.

E. ALEX. YOUNG,

Hon. Sec.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

A successful meeting of the North Notts Association was held at Shireoaks on January 18th, when the attendance numbered forty, members being present from Auston, Barlborough, Creswell, Edwinstowe, Gainsborough, Gamston, Killamash, Treeton, Worksop, Sutton-on-Trent and Ordsall. Tea was served in the Parish Hall by the ringers' wives and other helpers in an excellent manner, heartily appreciated by all present.

The meeting was presided over by the Rev. R. V. Dodd, Vicar, supported by the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, of Ordsall, Mr. H. Caferatta, of Sutton-on-Trent, and Messrs. H. Haigh (hon. treasurer), H. Revill and R. W. Stockdale (hon. secretaries), accompanied by all the members who came for the ringing in the afternoon and evening.

The Rev. R. V. Dodd gave the association a hearty welcome to Shireoaks, and said that he wished there could be more meetings held in his parish if all the gatherings were as great a success as this one. He also mentioned that they had had their bells recently rehung, which was an effort achieved by the ringers themselves and one or two fitters. He hoped that the visiting ringers would find a great improvement.

It was proposed that North Collingham should be visited on Easter Monday for the next meeting, but the Secretary stated that the bells of this church were being rehung, and, in case he could not get permission for their use on that date, Edwinstowe was adopted.

There were no new members to be elected. The Rev. R. F. Wilkinson asked all who were present if they could not bring new life into the association, for it was only the younger generation who could make the association prosper in the years to come. It was said that the society had during the past year been very successful, both in membership and finance, and it was hoped that they would try to keep it at this high standard.

Two applications for grants to bells funds were received, viz., from North Collingham and Shireoaks, but it was decided that their consideration should be held over until the committee meeting.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for all he had done in connection with making the meeting a success, to the caterers for providing such a splendid tea, and to all who helped with the arrangements of the meeting.

The tower was again visited, and some very good ringing done in methods ranging from Plain Bob to London Surprise. The bells were towered in peal at 9 p.m., bringing to a close a most enjoyable day.

ALDERMAN PRITCHETT'S 75th BIRTHDAY.

CELEBRATED BY A PEAL OF STEPMAN CINQUES.

In celebration of his seventy-fifth birthday, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, presiding Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, took part on Tuesday of last week in a peal of Stepmen Cinques at St. Martin's Church. The alderman is naturally and justifiably proud at having rung another twelve-bell peal at this advanced age. He has been ringing for more than 60 years, having begun at King's Norton when he was only 14. He has been a member of the College Youths for over 50 years.

An old friend of Birmingham ringers also took part in the peal in the person of Mr. W. T. Pates, of Cheltenham, and next to him was a promising young ringer, George E. Fearn, who rang his bell faultlessly in this, his first attempt for a peal on twelve.

In addition to Alderman Pritchett's birthday, this peal celebrated the 60th birthday of Mr. J. H. Shepherd (Swindon), one of the vice-presidents of St. Martin's Guild, and the 53rd birthday of Mr. F. B. Yates, of King's Norton, another keen supporter of the Guild.

BEWDLEY, WORCS.—On Wednesday, January 8th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: Mrs. J. Broad 1, G. Davies 2, T. J. Salter 3, J. Broad 4, C. H. Woodberry (conductor) 5, J. Smith 6, J. Woodberry 7, G. Bishop 8. Ringers of 1, 4, 8 are of the local band, the rest from Kidderminster.

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MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Nottingham District.—The first monthly meeting will be held at Ilkeston on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (8) ready from 3 p.m. to 6.30. All ringers welcome. Please attend in ringing uniform.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch. — A meeting will be held at Lytham St. Cuthbert's (8 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business 5.30. Subscriptions due. Reports ready.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 10, Warbreck Road, Blackpool.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division. — A meeting will be held at Broomfield on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (6) 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Annual subscriptions are now due.—A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Swanscombe on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea in the Church Room at 5.30 p.m., kindly provided by the Rector, the Rev. Campbell Ward. Subscriptions are now due and should be paid at this meeting.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. —The monthly meeting will be held at Bradford-on-Avon on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells of Holy Trinity (8) ready 3 p.m. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea. Christ Church bells (8) also available 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.—F. Green, Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Martock on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea at 4.30. Meeting to follow. — F. Farrant, Hon. Local Sec., North Street, Martock.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. Michael's Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in School. Meeting 6.30 p.m. A good attendance requested. Reports to hand. Subscriptions now due.—F. Hindle, Hon. Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Annual meeting at Southgate, Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells from 3 p.m. Meeting of District Committee in Vestry at 4. Service at 5. Tea at the Cherry Tree at 5.30, 1s. each. Business meeting afterwards. Members and friends cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Pudsey on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. — H. Loft-house, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—The next meeting will be held at Cardington (8 bells) on Feb. 1st at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Come and try some of Taylor's best. All welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Stagsden, Beds.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District. — The annual general meeting will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at the Institute 5 p.m., to be followed by business meeting.—Alan R. Pink, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting of the above branch will be held at Flore (6) on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea please notify me?—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Next meeting will be held at Beighton, Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (6) ready early. All ringers and visitors welcome.—R. Harrison, Hon. Sec., 72, Yew Lane, Ecclesfield.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gainsborough District.—The annual meeting will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Choral service 4.15 p.m. Tea at Sun Hotel 5 p.m.—H. Morgan, Dis. Sec., 40, Hawthorn Avenue, Gainsborough.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD. — Meetings for February: St. Clement Danes', Sunday, the 2nd, at 10 a.m., Monday, 10th and 24th, at 7.30 p.m., St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, the 18th, at 8 p.m.—S. C. Moye, Gen. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d. which entitles members who have not met twenty times in the previous year to vote on matters of finance should be paid immediately. Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on February 4th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 6th (8 p.m.); St. Magnus' on the 13th & 27th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 18th; Southwark Cathedral on the 20th (7.30 p.m.). *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wednesday Afternoon Guild.—A meeting will be held at Houghton-le-Spring, on Wednesday, February 5th. Bells at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers invited.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District.—Annual meeting at Chertsey, Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Numbers not later than Feb. 4th.—H. Hancock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Chobham Road, Ottershaw, Chertsey.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Feering on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Will those intending to be present please notify Mr. W. Keeble, Rye Mill, Feering, not later than Wednesday, Feb. 5th. — F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch. — The meeting of the above branch, arranged for Jan. 25th at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, is cancelled for that date. The meeting will be held on February 8th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. Subscriptions are due. Reports to hand.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton District.—The annual general meeting will be held at Alton on February 8th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in St. Lawrence's Church at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. in the Church Room, Normandy Street. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify by Thursday, February 6th.—B. C. Taylor, Binsted Vicarage, Alton.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, Feb. 8th, St. Clement Danes', Strand, and St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Bloomsbury, available for ringing from 3 p.m. Service at St. Clement Danes' at 4.30 p.m. Tea at A.B.C., opposite church, after service. Meeting at St. Clement Danes' Parish Hall at 5.30 p.m. Please come and make a record meeting.—S. C. Moye, Gen. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Reading, on Saturday, February 8th. The bells of St. Mary's and St. Laurence's will be available from 3 p.m. A ringers' service will be held at St. Mary's at 5 p.m., to be followed by a meat tea and business meeting, at the Central Cafe, Friar Street, at 6 p.m. Ringing will be continued after the meeting at St. Peter's, Caversham. Tickets 1/- each to all members who let me know of their intention of being present by Wednesday, February 5th. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Hopgood, Hon. Branch Sec., 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bromyard District.—The annual meeting will be held at Bromyard, on Saturday, February 8th. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea provided for those only who let me know by February 5th.—A. S. Tomkins, Post Office, Bredenbury.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30 (at which the Archdeacon of Tonbridge has kindly consented to give the address). Tea after service (free), followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, Feb. 4th. Subscriptions are now due and should be paid at the meeting or sent to the district secretary.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—All ringers are heartily invited to attend a meeting at Kenninghall (8) on Saturday, February 8th, at 2.30. Business at 4.30 in the Institute. Tea arranged for those who let me know by the 5th.—Nolan Golden, Dis. Sec., 13, Sunnyside, Diss.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Dunstable, on Saturday, February 8th. The bells (8) will be available at 2.45 p.m. Everybody welcome.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street North, Dunstable.

A JOINT MEETING of the Ely Diocesan Association and Peterborough Diocesan Guild (Wisbech and Peterborough branches) will be held at March on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those requiring tea please notify either of the secretaries not later than Wednesday, Feb. 5th?—H. W. Giddings, 101, Elwyn Road, March; W. H. Waldron, 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough; Secs.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Benington, on Saturday, February 8th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Business meeting immediately afterwards. Those intending to be present must send in their names not later than Tuesday, Feb. 4th. All ringers cordially invited. Buses leave Boston Post Office every half-hour.—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., The School House, Butterwick, near Boston, Lincs.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Wath-on-Dearne, on Saturday, February 8th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea in Church House, 1/6 each, for those who apply by Wednesday (5th) to A. Panther. Hon. Sec., 15, Coronation Road, Wath-on-Dearne.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Ashford District) AND THE ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A combined meeting of the above will be held at Headcorn on Saturday, Feb. 15th, by kind permission of the Rev. W. Gerty. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea and business meetings; all ringers being cordially welcome.—A. C. Kay, Sec., K.C.A.; A. J. Battin, R.M. & D.G., 6, Sturges Rd., Ashford

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Miles Platting, on Saturday, February 15th. Bells ready 6 o'clock. No business. As this is the first meeting under the new arrangement, will members turn up in large numbers?—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—The annual meeting will be held at Newport on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at Urry's Restaurant, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcomed. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Feb. 11th.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

W. D. CROFTS MEMORIAL DINNER.—The 8th annual dinner will be held at the Welbeck Hotel, Milton Street, Nottingham, on Saturday, February 15th, at 6 p.m. Tickets, 5s. each, to be obtained from the Master, Mr. A. Coppock, Hon. Treas., Miss I. B. Thompson, and the Hon. Sec. All visitors heartily welcomed.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at Hitchin, on Saturday, February 15th. The bells (8) will be available at 3 p.m. Tea at The Grange at 5 p.m. Tower Secretaries please note that this is the last quarterly meeting of the year, and I should like all subscriptions as soon as possible. Please come, and make the meeting a success.—Donald C. Mears, Offley, Hitchin, Herts.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's R.C. Church, Brownedge, on Saturday, February 15th, and not the 8th, as previously arranged. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION & SUFFOLK GUILD.—A joint meeting will be held at Newmarket on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (6 and 8) available 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Please notify for tea to Mr. L. Moon, Ramieh, Newmarket, by 13th.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec., E.A.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Old Woking, on Saturday, February 22nd. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, February 18th?—Hilda F. Mills, Cairneyhill, Bridgefield, Farnham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Canterbury, on Saturday, February 22nd. Cathedral and St. Alphege bells, etc., available. Service will be held at St. Alphege's Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Foresters' Hall at 5 p.m., followed by a business meeting. Subscriptions are now due and may be paid at this meeting. It is necessary that those members intending to be present should notify me on or before Wednesday, February 19th.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

MARCH 1st.—WATFORD.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Will those who are desirous of contributing to the 'Henry W. Jackson Memorial Fund' please forward their contributions as early as possible. The fund is now closing.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton, Lancs.

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