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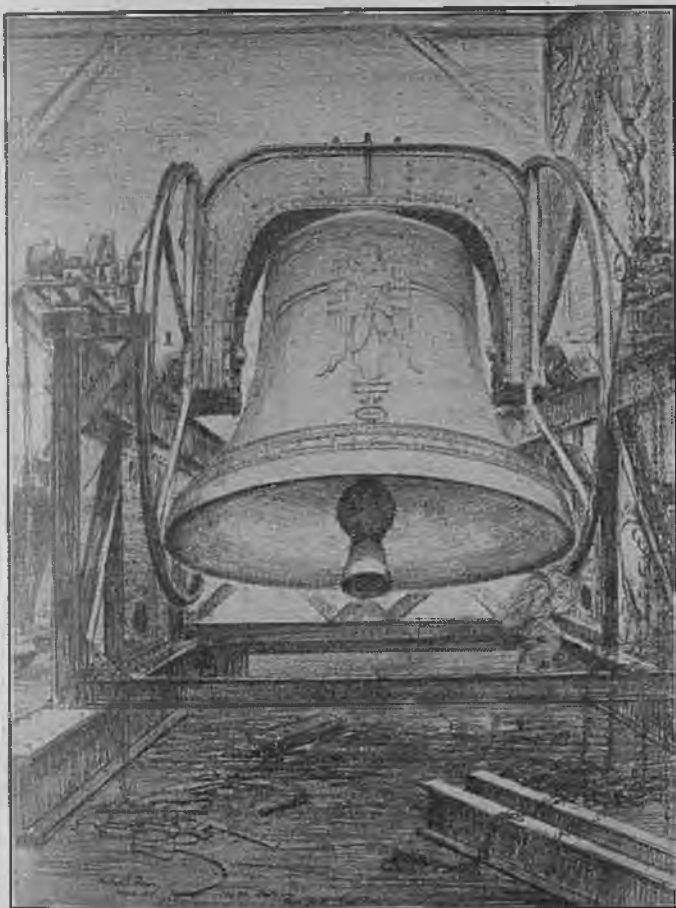
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CHANGES IN THE COUNCIL.

Changes, it is understood, are likely to take place in one or two of the important offices in the Central Council at the next triennial meeting. In the nearly forty years of its existence, the Council has been extremely fortunate in those who have voluntarily served it. There have been, up to now, only three Presidents and four Secretaries. Sir Arthur Heywood, who was the virtual founder of the Council in 1891, was the first President, and he held that office until his death in 1917—a period of over 26 years. He was succeeded by the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, who occupied the position for three years, and Canon Coleridge has filled the office since 1921. And now, it is stated, he contemplates retiring, principally on account of advancing years. In the three presidents, the Council has had not only men of eminence among ringers, but men of wide and varied experience, and in whom the Exercise has had confidence, while there probably has never been a more popular figure connected with our art than the present occupant of the chair, whose urbanity, kindness, common sense, and geniality have endeared him to everyone.

In the secretaryship of the Council, there have been almost equally few changes. After the first year of the central body, during which Mr. F. E. Dawe acted as secretary, the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer filled the office for ten years from 1892, and he was followed by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, who retired after serving the Council with ability and diligence for nearly twenty years. He, in turn, was succeeded by the present occupant of the office, Mr. E. Alexander Young, who, although he came to the task very little known in the Exercise, has done splendid work for the Council since 1921. Both Canon Coleridge and he took office in the same year, and now, it seems, they both propose to resign at the same time. If it is not possible to persuade them to continue, they will depart with the deepest regret of all who have come into contact with them in the Council's affairs, in which they have had the complete confidence of the members.

But is it too late to induce one, if not both, to continue? We venture to put this question now, because when the Council meeting arrives it may be too late. The departure of either will be a loss, the simultaneous exit of both would be doubly regrettable. The knowledge and experience of one would be invaluable to a new occupant of the other office, and while it is true that a double change nine years ago produced perfectly happy results, it might be just as well if only one change were effected at a time. Men who are fitted and able to undertake these tasks are few, and it is essential to the future success of the Council that careful choice should be made.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5091 CHANGES;

Tenor 28½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFIELD Treble	EDWIN H. STONELEY 6
JOSEPH BAILEY 2	PERCY HARRISON 7
ALFRED BALLARD 3	JAMES S. HUTCHBY 8
CHARLES H. WEBB 4	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 9
CHARLES DRAPER 5	GEORGE F. NEWMAN Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.
Ringer of 2nd bells from Long Eaton, 3rd Stoney Stanton, 4th Croft, 5th Derby, 6th Stoke Golding, 7th Leicester, 8th Loughborough, 9th Anstey, treble and tenor belong to local band.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 27, 1930, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ERNEST E. HOLMAN Treble	JAMES C. ADAMS 6
JAMES BENNETT 2	ROBERT J. MAYNARD, SEN. 7
HAROLD A. EDWARDS 3	JOHN H. CRAMPION 8
CHARLES T. COLES 4	FRED C. MAYNARD 9
WILLIAM B. MANNING 5	*LESLIE A. WELCH Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES

* First peal.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD

AND THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

On Saturday, March 1, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6003 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE Treble	ARTHUR HARDING 6
ROBERT A. FARDON 2	*CHARLES F. W. HUNT 7
*EDWARD R. MACKRILL 3	*HARRY MANCE 8
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER 4	FRANK CORKE 9
ARTHUR CUTMORE 5	PERCIVAL W. NORTON Tenor

Composed by GEORGE R. FARDON. Conducted by ROBERT A. FARDON

* Elected members of the association previous to attempting the peal. Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Wm. H. Hollier. Also as a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. C. Hunt's daughter.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 1, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

WILLIAM C. HART Treble	JACK M. CRIPPS 6
JOHN DEARLOVE 2	FRANK BENNETT 7
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 8
ALFRED W. GROVES 4	ALBERT D. STONE 9
STAFFORD H. GREEN 5	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS

HASLEMERE, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 1, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*H. FURLONGER Treble	ARTHUR H. SMITH 6
CHARLES HAZELDEN 2	ALBERT HARMAN 7
RAYMOND OVERY 3	MAURICE SMITHERS 8
MISS IRENE HASTIE 4	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT 9
†BARRY ELLIOTT 5	JOHN H. B. HESSE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. HARMAN.

* First peal. † First peal on ten bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 19, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

ALBERT E. PARKER'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

MAURICE SWINFELD Treble	E. HARRY STONELEY 5
JOHN H. SWINFELD 2	JAMES S. HUTCHBY 6
JOSEPH BAILEY 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
RICHARD C. BELTON 4	THOMAS K. DRACON Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE SWINFELD.

First peal of Stedman on the bells. This composition was published in 'The Ringing World,' March 1st, 1929.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, February 19, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. BARBER Treble	R. ALDER GOFTON 5
*JOHN ANDERSON 2	ADAM DEAS 6
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON 3	STEPHEN W. STRATFORD 7
†ROBERT ANDERSON 4	THOMAS T. GOFTON Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Cambridge.

PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 22, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES

Tenor 7½ cwt. in A flat.

ALBERT G. HARRISON Treble	ERIC G. BENNETT 5
NOLAN GOLDEN 2	GEORGE ARCHER 6
CLEMENT J. MORE 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL 7
ALPHAUS J. BERRY 4	WILLIAM STEGGALL Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Fiftieth peal as conductor.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

HENRY BOWERS Treble	ARTHUR HEAD 5
GEORGE GREEN 2	DR. SPENCER PHILLIPS 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 3	WILLIAM KEEBLE 7
WILLIAM LINCOLN 4	CHARLES BUTTON Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.
Rung to celebrate the 70th birthday of H. Bowers, who kindly entertained the band to tea at the conclusion of the peal.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 22, 1930, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DR. CARPENTER'S VARIATION.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

EDWARD J. BEER Treble	EDWARD H. SPICE 5
STUART SANDFORD 2	AMOS S. CONSTANT 6
RICHARD A. CONSTANT 3	E. GEORGE MORRAD 7
JOHN BURLES 4	EDWARD HADLOW Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD J. BEER.

First peal in the method as conductor, and first attempt. First peal of Stedman by a local band.

BOLLINGTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALBERT V. REES Treble	HAROLD DEAN 5
ERNEST BENNETT 2	JOHN WORTH 6
JOHN T. MOSS, SEN. 3	WILFRED STEVENSON 7
JACK TIPPER 4	WILLIAM GAYES Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

J. T. Moss was elected a member before starting. First peal on the bells since 1913. Great credit is due to the tenor man for 'staying the distance,' as the bells are sadly in need of a bell-hanger, not having been touched since they were put in in the year 1880.

NORTH MIMMS, HERTS.

THE HEETFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES JEFFES Treble	JOHN MALYAN 5
*JOSEPH G. BLOW 2	WILLIAM NASH 6
*THOMAS A. BLOW 3	BEN JARMAN 7
†ARTHUR DAY 4	H. E. C. GOODENOUGH Tenor

Composed by J. R. FRITCHARD. Conducted by H. E. C. GOODENOUGH

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method (inside).
Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Gwen Goodenough, daughter of the conductor.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

*WILLIAM STANFORD Treble	CECIL NICE 5
GEORGE OLLIVER 2	ALFRED J. BULL 6
KENNETH SNELLING 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 7
ROBERT SWIFT 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal of Surprise Major.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 22, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

*THOMAS H. CULVER Treble	ROBERT ERETT-SMITH 5
JOHN J. LAMB 2	†BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE 6
JOHN WHEADON 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 7
HARRY HOVERD 4	HERBERT A. HOLDEN Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by ROBERT BRETT-SMITH

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Bob Major.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 22, 1930, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

PERCY PAGE Treble	WILFRED WILLIAMS 5
WILLIAM HAIGH 2	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL 6
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 3	*CHARLES W. FRANKLIN 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN

* First peal 'inside' in the method.

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CAERLEON, MON.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 22, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CADOC,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 7½ cwt.

DONALD G. CLIFT Treble	EDGAR W. LUFF 5
GEORGE HAWKINS 2	ARTHUR HAWKINS 6
SAMUEL JONES 3	WILLIAM PHILLIPS 7
TOM FORD 4	ALBERT THOMAS Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by SAMUEL JONES.

The band wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells.

RUSPER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 23, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM STANFORD Treble	ROBERT SWIFT 5
KENNETH SNELLING 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 6
GEORGE OLLIVER 3	GEORGE ELLIS 7
NELSON ELLIOTT 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, February 23, 1930, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

HARRY WINGROVE Treble	WILLIAM WELLING 5
LEONARD STILWELL 2	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 6
STEPHEN H. HOARE 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE 4	CECIL C. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by C. C. MAYNE.

TILEHURST, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 24, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt. (approx.).

*ARTHUR E. HAINES Treble	RICHARD T. HIBBERT 5
HARRY W. HUNT 2	HARRY GOODGER 6
*CYRIL G. J. WATTS 3	RICHARD N. RUNHAM 7
REV. C. W. O. JENKYN 4	RICHARD G. HAINES Tenor

Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

* First attempt for peal.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 24, 1930, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES E. DAVIS Treble	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 5
ALFRED PRIOR 2	JOHN T. KENTISH 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	ROBERT RICHARDSON 7
JAMES BENNETT 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. Bannerman, sidesman at the above church, and member of the Parochial Council.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 25, 1930, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

RONALD G. BECK Treble	WILLIAM KNIGHT 5
ALFRED E. REEVES 2	HENRY PRING 6
WILLIAM H. THOMAS 3	JOHN A. BURFORD 7
WILLIAM A. CAVE 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by ALFRED E. REEVES.
First peal of London Surprise as conductor.

SHIPLAKE, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 25, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*MISS ROSINA HOWE Treble	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN 5
RICHARD T. HIBBERT 2	JOHN SWAIN 6
*JOHN S. TAYLOR 3	WILLIAM HENSLEY 7
DR. L. JOYCE 4	PERCY DYKE Tenor

Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

* First attempt for peal. The five peals of Grandsire Triples rung recently in the vicinity of Reading have been arranged to give several keen and enthusiastic young ringers a chance to score a peal.

SHEPTON MALLET, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 26, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.

*HARRY H. ALLEN Treble	FRANKLIN D. RICKARDS 5
CHARLES MILLARD 2	WILLIAM G. MOON 6
JOHN E. METCALFE 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE 7
*HARRY W. E. LANE 4	HERBERT F. MOON Tenor

Conducted by FRANKLIN D. RICKARDS.

* First peal of Triples.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 28, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINGS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ALBERT FLEET Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 5
WILLIAM R. BOND 2	HARRY HOVERD 6
CHARLES W. ROBERTS 3	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 7
JOHN WHEADON 4	*NORMAN CLARK Tenor

Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

* First peal.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 1, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

*ERNEST WILSON Treble	*REGINALD ELY 5
GORDON W. CHECKETTS 2	WILLIAM LEWIS 6
LEONARD C. DOWDESWELL 3	DENNIS SAVERS 7
†ARTHUR BARTON 4	FREDERICK YATES Tenor

Conducted by G. W. CHECKETTS.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar (Rev. O. A. Moore, M.A.), who retired, after 21 years of office, on March 6th, owing to ill-health. All are local ringers except ringer of 6th.

DARLINGTON, DURHAM.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM BROADLEY Treble	ALFRED COATES 5
MISS LAURA LANCASTER 2	THOMAS METCALFE 6
*A. WILLIAM COATES 3	WILLIAM DOWSON 7
CYRIL POLLARD 4	L. VENUS Tenor

Composed by REV. C. D. P. DAVIES. Conducted by THOS. METCALFE.
* First peal and first attempt. Ringers of 2nd, 4th and 6th hail from Middlesbrough and remainder from Darlington. Rung as a welcome and compliment to the Rev. John Griffith Stephens, B.A., who was inducted to the benefice of the above church on February 27th.

We regret that, owing to pressure on our space, we have had to hold over the reports of several peals.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, ISLINGTON,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

HORACE BELCHER Treble	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 5
CHARLES W. ROBERTS 2	JOHN T. KENTISH 6
WILLIAM H. HEWETT 3	ERNEST BRETT 7
EDWIN F. PIKE 4	JAMES BULLOCK Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER (Reverse Variation).

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to C. W. R. Grimwood.

LONGWOOD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*ALBERT TOWNEND Treble	WILLIAM B. FRITH 5
HARRY ARMITAGE 2	HARRY MARSDEN 6
ARNOLD ROTHERY 3	DONALD SNOWBALL 7
WILLIAM H. SENIOR 4	HENRY H. SMITH Tenor

Composed by CHARLES SEVERN. Conducted by H. H. SMITH.

* First peal on eight bells, and proposed a member of the association before starting. First peal on the bells by the association.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 1, 1930, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

GEORGE GREEN Treble	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5
THOMAS LINCOLN 2	WILLIAM LINCOLN 6
*PERCY GREEN 3	WILLIAM BURGESS 7
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 4	ARTHUR HEAD Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.
* First Surprise peal. Rung to celebrate the 51st birthday of A. Head.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, March 1, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES TRIBE Treble	WILLIAM BUTTON 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	HARRY BAKER 6
ROBERT EDWARDS 3	CHARLES W. PLAYER 7
ALEXANDER WADDINGTON 4	*ALBERT BRANEY Tenor

Conducted by C. W. PLAYER.

* First attempt for a peal. The conductor's first attempt to call a peal in the method.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

FREDERICK A. COLEY Treble	WILFRED WILLIAMS 5
GEORGE POPNELL 2	RONALD H. BULLEN 6
JOHN WHEADON 3	GEORGE H. CROSS 7
HERBERT A. HOLDEN 4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN.

The ringer of the 2nd was proposed a member of the association previous to starting. First Surprise peal as conductor. Quickest peal of Major on the bells.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM TAYLOR Treble	B. A. KNIGHTS 5
JAMES MILLER 2	JOHN GORNALL 6
WILLIAM SHARPLES 3	JOHN T. MILLER 7
E. ROGER MARTIN 4	JOHN R. TAYLOR Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (279). Conducted by WM. TAYLOR.

Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to the tenor ringer, a highly respected member of the local company.

DUBLIN.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, March 1, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*ERIC A. GEORGE Treble	THOMAS MCMORRAN 5
*ROBERT MCCLELLAND 2	GEORGE F. WILMOT 6
GABRIEL G. LINDOFF 3	GABRIEL LINDOFF 7
WILLIAM H. WILSON 4	JAMES W. TOWNLEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. LINDOFF.

* First peal. Mr. McClelland, for whom this peal was arranged, hails from Holywood, Co. Down, and is the first member of the Northern Branch to accomplish a peal.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

SOUTHBROOM, DEVIZES.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 22, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents.

Tenor 9 cwt. in A flat.

MRS. W. C. WEST Treble	WILLIAM A. SWIFT 4
*GEORGE GUNSTONE 2	NORMAN V. ANDREWS 5
SYDNEY HILLIER 3	WILLIAM C. WEST Tenor

Conducted by WM. C. WEST.

* First attempt for Minor. The thanks of the band are due to the Rev. and Mrs. Tudor Jeffries for their kind hospitality after the peal.

LONGWOOD, YORKSHIRE.

On Saturday, February 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven different extents, viz., three 720's of Kent and two of Oxford Treble Bob, and two of Plain Bob, called alternately.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*MATTHEW DENNIS Treble	ARNOLD ROTHERY 4
ALBERT TOWNEND 2	HENRY H. SMITH 5
*ANDREW BLACKBURN 3	*BRIAN WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by H. H. SMITH.

* First peal. First peal of Minor on the bells and by the whole band.

CLEWER, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 22, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Single Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

THOMAS S. SMITH Treble	WILLIAM WELLING 4
LEONARD STILWELL 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE 3	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

First peal in seven methods on the bells. Specially arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to the Rector's warden (Mr. E. P. Cross), and also to the ringer of second, who afterwards provided an excellent spread and musical evening.

FILLONGLEY, WARWICKSHIRE. THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, February 22, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

FRANK W. PERRENS Treble	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 4
* ERNEST T. ALLAWAY 2	* THOMAS H. REEVES 5
ABRAHAM WILKERSON 3	WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

* First peal of Cambridge Minor for E. T. Allaway and T. H. Reeves, who have now rung peals of Cambridge from Minor to Maximus inclusive.

OVER, CAMBRIDGESHIRE. THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(OVER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 22, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. in G.

DENNIS ADAMS Treble	FRED C. GINN 4
HARRY ROBINSON 2	ARTHUR J. GINN 5
A. WILLIAM T. GINN 3	FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

First peal in the method by 1st, 2nd and 3rd ringers, who made up the band in a few hours' notice.

STRETTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 22, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

HARRY PARKER Treble	HARRY W. HOWARD 4
* REGINALD W. WORRALL 2	JOHN H. DAVENPORT 5
ALBERT H. BOOTH 3	DAVID SMITH Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. DAVENPORT.

* First peal inside. H. Parker's 60th peal.

NORTON CANON, HERFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, February 23, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

* HENRY J. PEAKE Treble	JAMES P. HYETT 3
WILLIAM RICHARDS 2	GEORGE BRIZE 4
G. JAMES R. PRIGE Tenor	

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal in three methods, and elected a member before starting. Rung half-muffled, by request, to the memory of the late Dennis Derham-Marshall.

FRAMPTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, February 24, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Plain Bob and three 720's of Canterbury Pleasure.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

W. YOUNG Treble	J. R. KEMP 4
A. YOUNG 2	G. A. COLEMAN 5
J. YOUNG 3	G. COLEMAN Tenor

Conducted by G. COLEMAN.

J. Young was elected a member of the Guild. The peal was rung on the 50th anniversary of the ordination of the Vicar (the Rev. R. G. McClelland). The ringers were entertained after the peal at the Vicarage.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At St. Peter's, Staines, on Thursday, February 13th, on the occasion of the funeral of a late member of the tower, Mr. William Chas. Parker, the eldest son of Mr. Wm. C. Parker, captain and steeplekeeper of St. Peter's, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins. by the following members and friends: A. Sylvester 1, E. Phipps 2, J. Philips 3, A. Hiscock 4, W. Peck 5, W. Shorter 6, Geo. Beeby (conductor) 7, W. Brants, jun., 8.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, February 23, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 13 cwt.

* CHARLES BUTCHER Treble	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 4
JAMES BILBY 2	NORMAN V. ANDREWS 5
JESSE FRANCIS 3	CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... Tenor

Conducted by C. F. ANDREWS.

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

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two 120's, with ten different callings.

Tenor 12 cwt.

* GEORGE BOOTH Treble	WILLIAM H. PROCTOR 3
ALBERT SCOTT 2	HARRY GIBBARD 4
* CHARLES WILKINSON ... Tenor	

Conducted by H. GIBBARD.

* First peal. First peal on the bells and first attempt. First peal as conductor. The ringers wish to thank Mrs. Warriner for the tea which she kindly provided.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD.)

On Thursday, February 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT 1, SALTERS ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

JOHN ANDERSON 1-2	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON 5-6
WILLIAM H. BARBER 3-4	ADAM DEAS 7-8

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

First peal of Triples on handbells by all the band except the conductor.

LUDLOW, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 27, 1930, in One Hour and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT 8, NEW ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings.

* RICHARD BALDWIN Treble	W. J. BENIAMS 3-4
HUBERT JONES 2	ARTHUR C. NASON 5-6

Conducted by WM. J. BENIAMS.

* First peal, and rung at first attempt.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

FIRST VISIT TO BURGHCLERE.

A very successful by-meeting of the Andover District was held at Burghclere on March 1st, about 30 members attending from St. Mary Bourne, Overton, North Stoneham, Winchester (Cathedral), and King Alfred's College, Highclere, Wootton St. Laurence, and Woolton Hill.

The bells were set going about three o'clock, and, later, a service in the church was conducted by the district secretary (Rev. F. C. Sear), with a very interesting address by the Rector of Burghclere (Rev. Canon Medlicott). This was followed by an excellent tea in the Parish Room.

There was no business to be done at this meeting, but Mr. George Williams (Master) thanked Canon Medlicott for the use of the bells and for his interesting address. He also said he was pleased to see that Burghclere bells had been rehung, for when he (Mr. Williams) examined them a year or so ago he found them in a very bad condition.

Votes of thanks were also accorded to the organist and those who were responsible for the tea. A move was then made to the tower for more ringing, which lasted until nine o'clock, the methods rung during the day being Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor. Unfortunately, the company was just one short for ringing Surprise methods. This is the first ringing meeting ever held at Burghclere.

DEATH OF MR. GEORGE BOWEN.

Devon has lost a veteran ringer in the person of Mr. George Bowen, of Ilfracombe, who passed away on Saturday last at the advanced age of 84 years. The funeral was to take place yesterday.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
BEDFORD DISTRICT.**

A most successful monthly meeting of the Bedford District was held at the Parish Church of All Saints, Kempston, on Saturday, March 1st, and was attended by about 26 members during the afternoon and evening.

The bells, which were raised in peal and set going to a well-struck touch of Cambridge Surprise, were kept constantly on the move during the afternoon and evening in numerous methods.

A short service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. T. H. W. Barker), who is keenly interested in ringing, and who handles a bell well. Miss E. Steel kindly presided at the harmonium. The service was taken from the 'Manual for Ringers,' and a short address was given by the Vicar based on the text, 'There is one body' (Eph. iv. 4). He said, as a splendid example of team work, ringing reminded him of rowing, for in each case all taking part must keep strict time and work in sympathy one with another, otherwise hopeless confusion would follow. A church possessed of such a fine peal of bells and band of ringers as they had at Kempston was indeed fortunate, and nothing delighted him more than to hear the bells ringing out their invitation on a Sunday, and greater still was his delight as he saw the ringers accepting their own invitation and taking their seats in church as often as they could. In conclusion, the Vicar welcomed the association to Kempston, and wished the members every success in their efforts.

An excellent tea was served in the school, after which a short business meeting was held, when Sharnbrook was chosen for the next meeting on March 29th, with Milton Ernest as an alternative tower. Two new members were elected—Messrs. A. Ford and C. Prindiville, both of Kempston. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, and taking the service and his address, also Mr. P. Inskip for making local arrangements.

The bells were afterwards rung until eight o'clock in the following methods: Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Double Court, Oxford and Kent, Woodbine, College Exercise, London Scholars', Royal Bob, Cambridge and London Surprise Minor. Members were present from Bedford (St. Paul's and St. Peter's), Bromham, Cardington, Keysoe, Harrold, Clapham, Stagsden, Roxton, Biggleswade, and the local towers, also a welcome visitor, Mr. J. Newington, late district secretary.

The bells are a fine-toned peal of six (tenor about 19 cwt.), and 'go' like the proverbial tops.

PEALS OF MINOR.**COUNCIL'S DEFINITION STILL STANDS.**

Sir,—I have been interested in the remarks in your leader of February 14th issue, with reference to the suggestions made by Rev. Law James with regard to definition for peals of Minor and Doubles, and it is evident that the argument is still occupying the same ground as was covered by No. 7 on the agenda of the Central Council of 1929: 'That this Council will not recognise as a peal of Minor or Doubles any composition in which the bells do not strike in 720 or 120 different orders respectively, before beginning the next 720 or 120.'

As you say, Mr. James' suggestion raises afresh (I doubt if it has ever abated, at any rate, in certain quarters) the question whether the 720's are to be (complete) true in themselves or not. Mr. James says (in his letter): 'There are only five possible 720's in any Treble Bob method, and some Treble Bob methods have only one possible composition,' and I ask, 'What of it?' According to decisions of Central Council, and the paragraph on 'Six bells' on page 17, if a band rang the Treble Bob method mentioned by Mr. James (which has only one possible composition) seven complete times, striking round only once at the end of each, their performance would be recognised by the Central Council as a peal of Minor, and I contend, Sir, that so long as that decision of the Central Council stands, and it stands yet, that any peal of Minor or Doubles in which the bells do not strike in 720 or 120 different orders before beginning the next 720 or 120 is 'irregular.'

It was with the object of finding out the exact feeling of the Exercise on this critical point that item No. 7 was placed on the agenda last year, but our experts were able to draw so many 'red herrings' across the track that the whole thing became very confused, and it seemed to me that very few in the room really knew what actually they were voting for.

If the Exercise are of the opinion that 720 or 120 different orders should be rung before beginning the next 720 or 120, then a definite vote on a motion such as item 7 on last year's agenda would decide it. If, on the contrary, the Exercise is of opinion that a repetition of changes is to be permitted within the limits of individual 720's or 120's, then a definite vote on a motion embodying Mr. James' suggested new definitions would decide that. I believe, Sir, that it is essential for that critical point to be put and voted on in Council before any satisfactory conclusion will be arrived at, or any headway made on the question.—Yours, etc.,

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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.

His Majesty the King is one of the subscribers to the fund for the restoration of Windsor Parish Church bells. The work is being done by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who are also making a ring of eight for Khartoum Cathedral.

The use of a hall at Lambeth Palace has been secured for the Central Council's meeting at Whitsun. Unfortunately, however, the Archbishop of Canterbury, who had hoped to welcome the members, will be prevented from doing so by an engagement at Portsmouth.

The balance of money required for restoring St. Paul's, Bedford, bells has been generously given by an anonymous donor, amounting to £200, and the work has been put in hand. The work is to be completed before Whitsun.

The next meeting of the Wigan Branch of the Lancashire Association is to be held on March 15th instead of the 8th.

After a lapse of eight years, the Southover (Lewes) Bellringers' Guild revived their annual dinner, when on Wednesday week they met round the festive board with their president (Rev. C. R. Farnsworth), vice-presidents and other friends to the number of 30. The gathering took place at the King's Head, which has been the 'ringers' house' for generations. There were visiting ringers from Brighton, Eastbourne and Uckfield.

Mr. Fred Wilford, Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, is just recovering from a sharp illness. He was to have taken the thanksgiving service and given the address at the reopening after restoration of the bells at Thornby on Saturday, but, of course, was unable to do so. His many friends will wish him a speedy and complete recovery.

A peal of 12,603 Grandsire Caters was rung at Norwich on March 8th, 1737, in 8 hrs. 15 mins.

On March 10th, 1741-2, a peal of 5,040 Richmond Triples was rung by the Richmond Society at Richmond, Surrey. What were Richmond Triples?

VETERAN ESSEX RINGERS DEAD.

The St. Andrew's Guild of Ringers, North Weald, Essex, have sustained a sad loss in the death of their captain, Mr. E. Gridley, on February 24th last. He was 76 years of age, and had been a bell-ringer practically all his life. Chiefly through his efforts, the bells have been kept going for many years at North Weald Parish Church, of which he was clerk for 40 years. He was the first captain of the Guild, and visiting bellringers will all remember the ready welcome he always gave them to the tower.

The funeral took place on Saturday last, when his fellow-ringers acted as bearers, and afterwards rang 360 changes of Grandsire Doubles with the bells muffled.

CELEBRATED TWO SILVER WEDDINGS.

The death of Mr. Alfred Rust, one of the oldest inhabitants of Shalford, Essex, took place on February 26th, aged 88. He resided for the greater part of his life at Wethersfield, where he was for many years the leading bellringer at the Parish Church. Mr. Rust was twice married, and had the unusual experience of celebrating two silver weddings. He leaves three sons and one daughter. The funeral took place at Wethersfield Parish Church on Saturday.

HENRY JOHNSON COMMEMORATION DINNER.

BIRMINGHAM MAINTAINS ITS GREAT TRADITIONS.

Birmingham was a centre of gravity for ringers from many parts of the country on Saturday, when the 42nd 'Henry Johnson commemoration dinner' was held. Complete arrangements for the enjoyment of visitors had been made by the enthusiastic officials of St. Martin's Guild, and Mr. Thomas Reeves, the genial secretary, is especially to be congratulated upon the success of the proceedings. The famous belfry in the Bull Ring became the rallying point during the afternoon. Ringers came from many distant parts of the country once again to join in what is one of the most popular social events of the year in the Exercise. The bells of St. Martin's and of the Cathedral were kept going by numerous bands, and, later, the whole party assembled at the Imperial Hotel, where the dinner was held. The Presiding Ringing Master (Alderman J. S. Pritchett) was in the chair, and was supported by the Lord Bishop of Birmingham (Dr. Barnes). The company, which numbered about 140, also included Canon S. Blofield (Rector of Edgbaston), Rev. B. F. Reiton (Vicar of Walsall), the Deputy Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild (Mr. A. Walker) and Mrs. Walker, Messrs. T. Russam, A. Paddon Smith, J. H. Shepherd, James George and J. E. Groves (vice-presidents), J. Preston and E. T. Allaway (auditors), Geo. Swann (librarian) and T. H. Reeves (hon. secretary), Mrs. Paddon Smith, Mrs. J. E. Groves, Mr. J. Kendall (churchwarden of St. Martin's), Mr. E. A. Young (hon. secretary of the Central Council), Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Parsons and Dr. Mitchell (Old Hill), Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith (Woking), Mr. E. W. and Miss Elwell (Cheshire), Messrs. H. Mason (Hagley), J. Stanley Good (Edgbaston), A. A. Hughes, F. E. Dawe, J. A. Dart (London), S. F. Palmer and H. Naylor (Shelfield), S. T. Holt (Worcester), R. Matthews (Stourbridge), W. Knight and J. Burford (Bristol), T. F. King (Bath), W. T. Pates (Cheltenham), Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Smallwood (Derby), Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Perrens (Coventry), Messrs. R. T. Hibbert (Coventry), W. Hibbert and F. Pervin (Coventry), Mr. W. Griffin and Miss Griffin, Mr. T. J. Elton (Walsall), Messrs. Stevenson and R. Dove (Croydon), C. Harrison and J. P. Fidler (Loughborough), J. W. Pemberton, A. Norman, P. Laffin, Tom Miller, H. Withers, J. Withers, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Johnson (Birmingham), Messrs. W. Martineau and E. C. Shepherd (Solihull).

Among those who sent apologies for absence were the Lord Mayor of Birmingham, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Messrs. C. F. Johnston (Croydon), P. J. Johnson (Leeds), F. B. Yates (King's Norton), W. H. Thomas (Bristol), J. T. Dyke (Chilcompton), Rev. S. P. Riley (Shirley), Rev. W. O. and Mrs. Wormald (Solihull), Messrs. W. R. Heaton, F. J. Salter (Kidderminster), F. Dickens and J. W. Tilley.

After an excellent repast, the toast of 'The King' was honoured. The Hon. Secretary proposed the toast of 'Church and State' in a felicitous speech. He remarked that in these days, when they heard so much about the empty state of the churches and the continual cry of the younger generation that the theatres and cinemas should be open on Sunday, one sometimes wondered if the Church really was losing its hold upon the people. From a first view it looked very much that way, but if they looked more deeply into the question it was not so certain. There was evidence that the Church was considerably interested in a number of directions in the common life of the people, and that it was still keeping in touch with the needs of to-day. With regard to the State, he thought they must admit that the State was permeated with the spirit of religion. They might not always agree with the amount of money spent on alleviating and uplifting the people, but at the back of it all there was the Christian spirit, the spirit of thinking of one's fellow-men. Therefore the State, at bottom, was Christian, and if it were possible—he did not think it was possible—to eliminate the Church from the common life of the people, the main spring of all their idealism would be broken. The Church and the State ran together, and long might they prosper.

Before calling on the Bishop of Birmingham to respond, the Chairman expressed the pleasure of the Guild and those present that night at the presence of his lordship, and he thanked Canon Blofield, who was to have responded, for having given way to the Bishop as responder to the toast.

ENGLISH CHARACTER NOT CHANGED.

The Bishop, who had a very hearty reception, said he was very glad to be present at that gathering, and he rather wondered why he had not been there before. He believed the fact was he had never been invited (laughter), and, however much one wanted to come to a gathering of that kind, one had to wait for an invitation. Continuing, the Bishop said that, like all clergy, he had an interest in bells and bellringing, even though he knew nothing about its technicalities. It was true that when he was at Cambridge he took mathematics, and there was a time when he really knew a great deal about permutations and combinations, but he never applied his knowledge to those things which ringers themselves did, and whenever he had heard them described he had to admit he was an 'outsider,' and that it all passed over his head (laughter). Proceeding, the Bishop said he agreed entirely with the diagnosis of the proposer of the toast in regard to present tendencies. In spite of all appearances, he did not think the influence of the Church, if

they might take the term in its broadest sense, was waning. There was a great deal of confusion, both as regards organisation and as regards the intellectual presentation of religion. They were living through an epoch of extraordinarily rapid intellectual and social change. The discoveries of the last one hundred years were even more remarkable and more fundamental than during any equal period in the history of human civilisation. The formulation of religion always lagged behind the discoveries of secular thought, and it was only now that the new picture of the universe, which men of science had set before them, was filling into shape; only now that they could relate their traditional faith to the new ideas. Many of the younger people felt that the Christian tradition had lost its compelling power—many of them, doubtless, thought it was something that had passed away. They were, of course, wrong. As soon, however, as men began to see that the old ideas and the old principles could be set equally cogently against the background of the new knowledge; as soon as that was perceived, they would get towards the Church once more not only the affection but also the esteem and admiration that it had had in the past (hear, hear). Meanwhile, if only they could preserve in the community the Christian idealism, all would go well. They had to-day a virtually omnipotent State, a valuable, but also, potentially, a most dangerous creation. So long, however, as the State was animated by the right moral and spiritual ideals all would be well, but let the State become an organ of secularism, and there would come at once in the community a lowering of tone and, because of the power of the State, general demoralisation. Personally he saw no reason to fear that. He believed that within the next generation they would see the Church resume its hold on the hearts and minds of the community (hear, hear), and that the Church would continue to work through the State to inspire the State with its own other-worldliness; but, if ever there came a time when religion ceased to have that compelling power, then most certainly they would see the organised State become not a force for good but a force tending to demoralise the community. He liked, for himself, to be living in such a time as the present, when everything was being reshaped, when one could see, as it were, slowly crystallising out of the present chaos the England that was being made. There were those who felt distressed by this chaos around them. If there were any such present that night, he would bid them be of good cheer. The English character had not changed; most certainly it had not changed for the worse during the last two generations. With their universal education, with their growing enthusiasm for knowledge, when attempts were being made in so many ways to create



HENRY JOHNSON.

and injustice—with all those things around them they could look with hope to the future (applause).

A DIMINISHING BAND.

Mr. F. E. Dawe, as one of the few now surviving who knew Henry Johnson in the flesh, was entrusted with the toast of 'The Memory of Henry Johnson,' and first asked those present who knew the old worthy to raise their hands. Only twelve responded to this invitation, and Mr. Dawe remarked that the little band was growing small by degrees and beautifully less. Associated on the toast list with the toast was the quotation, 'Concerning the dead, nothing but good shall be spoken,' and Mr. Dawe commented that of Henry Johnson it would be impossible to say anything but good. He was a wonderful man, and those who had not the pleasure of knowing him missed one of the joys of life. Ringers were a very united body of churchmen, who now paid as much attention to the Sunday ringing as they did to their peals. Referring to the reforms that had been carried out in the belfries, Mr. Dawe said he had rung in nearly a thousand belfries, but he knew of no better example of what a belfry should be than that at St. Martin's. The esprit de corps and enthusiasm that characterised St. Martin's Guild was remarkable. It used to be said of St. Martin's ringers that they could ring well in their own tower, but were no good anywhere else, but the present ringers had shown, by their magnificent performances at Exeter, Worcester and elsewhere that that was no longer true, if ever it were. Birmingham had produced many great ringers, and Henry Johnson was one of the most wonderful of them. He never had an enemy in the world; he was a genial character, alert, skilful, full of humour and never failing in anecdote. He was a marvellous composer, and could call and conduct peals, but seldom did so, being always willing to leave that to anyone who wished to do so. He (the speaker) had been visiting Birmingham ever since Johnson's 72nd birthday, when the veteran rang in the peal of 9,348, and that was the first time he met him. On Johnson's 80th birthday they had the first Johnson dinner, and Johnson, despite his great age, was himself in marvellous form. The secretary of St. Martin's company

at that time was Alfred Thomas, and ever since those days St. Martin's Guild had continued its success. This was due to the very excellent officers they were able to secure, and while they could do this they would be able to carry on the great traditions that had been handed down to them.

The toast was drunk in silence, and afterwards a course of Stedman Cinques was rung on handbells by Messrs. Pervin, Perrens, Swann, Walker, Norman and George.

A SURVEY.

The Chairman proposed 'Continued prosperity to St. Martin's Guild,' and, following his usual custom, gave a survey of the year. He first of all paid a tribute of respect to the memory of the members they had lost during the year. Happily, he said, their losses were comparatively small—only four had died during the year. They were Mr. William Kent, one of their vice-presidents and one of the oldest members of the society; Mr. Stanbridge, a very old ringer, a model of patience and a great favourite for his many good qualities; Mr. Thomas Bratton; and Miss Pollington. Continuing, the Chairman expressed the great pleasure they all felt at the presence of several old friends, amongst them Mr. Vice-President Russam and Mr. Thomas Miller, who was the last survivor of a band of ringers who visited him (the speaker) at Oxford in 1876. They also had with them the son of Henry Johnson, who with his wife was a most welcome visitor. They also had with them a venerable friend in Mr. Kendall, who had just retired, at the age of 81, from the office of churchwarden at St. Martin's. If he wished to live to be a centenarian, he would advise Mr. Kendall to begin to learn change ringing, which conducted towards longevity. They also had with them Mr. Martineau, of Solihull, who was now recovering from a severe illness, and they trusted he would continue to improve (hear, hear).

Turning next to the progress of St. Martin's Guild, the Chairman said they had gone on very successfully in every way. They had an increasing number of young ringers who were attending the practices and ringing various methods, including Surprise methods. Good work was being done at Erdington under the auspices of Mr. George Swann, and he congratulated the Erdington ringers on ringing a peal of Norfolk Surprise Major, the first in the method in Birmingham. Mr. Webb and Mr. John Neal were doing similar good work at St. John's, Deritend. During the year the Guild had rung 18 peals, in which 62 ringers had taken part, and there had been ten conductors. He heartily congratulated the ringers of St. Martin's on having rung two peals in that extremely difficult method, Cambridge Surprise Maximus, and also the peal of Stedman Cinques at Worcester Cathedral. The tenor was rung by one man throughout—a wonderful performance—and that man was Mr. James George. They all realised, continued the Chairman, that one of their most important functions was to maintain service ringing. They had been able to do this at the various churches except Solihull, where, unfortunately, the tower was in too bad a state of repair to permit of ringing, and at Aston, which was in much the same condition. He believed a movement was to be inaugurated for recasting and rehanging the bells, which would shortly materialise, so that that great breeding ground of ringers, where he himself learnt to ring several methods, would shortly be available to members of the Guild. They wished the church authorities success in their efforts in this most laudable purpose (applause).

In conclusion, the Chairman referred to the service rendered by the other officers during the past year, especially by his deputy, Mr. Albert Walker, who was one of the most able ringers in this country, and one of the most reliable men in every way. He was a tower of strength to the Guild and ringing generally. He coupled with the toast the secretary of the Guild. As they all knew, there had been a change. Mr. Paddon Smith, who had put in 20 years of most excellent service, had relinquished the post. The office of secretary to the Guild was no sinecure; it involved a great amount of work, and, above all, a great amount of tact. Now they had a son of that grand old ringer, Samuel Reeves. During the year he had adequately discharged the duties of the office, and they were sure that, as time went on, he would take the same place in their regard, esteem and admiration as did his predecessor, Mr. Smith. With such officers, said the Chairman, the future prosperity of the Guild was assured (applause).

(To be continued.)

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On Sunday, March 2nd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans): H. E. Simpson 1, Mrs. E. H. Spice 2, W. Wood 3, G. Kenward 4, E. J. Dobbie 5, S. B. Dobbie 6, E. H. Spice (conductor) 7, J. Excell 8. First quarter of Stedman by Messrs. Simpson and Wood.

OVER, CAMBS.—On Sunday, March 2nd, for matins and Communion service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: G. Whybrow 1, D. Adams 2, F. Warrington 3, R. Thoday 4, H. Robinson 5, C. Robinson (first 720 of Treble Bob as conductor) 6.

FULHAM.—For evening service, on March 2nd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: H. C. Page 1, A. Cutmore 2, C. F. Winney (conductor) 3, H. Cook 4, E. R. Mackrell 5, W. H. Hollier 6, C. F. Hunt 7, P. Stratton 8.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

AN HISTORIC EMBLEM.

The annual meeting of the South and West District was held at Isleworth on Saturday, February 15th. The bells pealed out soon after 3 p.m. under the superintendence of Mr. F. W. Goodfellow (Ringing Master), and the belfry soon filled, as some forty ringers were in the chamber at one time. 'Rounds, Grandsire Triples and methods up to and including Cambridge Surprise Major were rung before service, which was held at 5 p.m., conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. P. W. Shepherd-Smith). The form in the 'Ringers' Manual' was used. The singing was led by the organist, and hymns were heartily sung.

After service, the ringers were entertained to tea by the Vicar and his wardens at the Church Hall. The Vicar presided, supported by the vice-president (Mr. C. S. Bird), the Rev. S. Merrifield, Mr. J. A. Trollope (hon. treasurer), Mr. Edgley (Vicar's warden), the Ringing Master and Mr. Bridges (hon. treasurer to the Isleworth Bell Fund), and 65 signed the attendance book, including Mr. Tom Beadle and Mr. W. H. Fussell. The latter joined the West Middlesex Association (now the present society) over 53 years ago, and he presented to the Vicar, on behalf of the association, his framed certificate, dated 1877, and duly signed. It was the first known society to issue a certificate, with the exception of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. The Vicar, in accepting the gift, heartily thanked the donor on behalf of the Guild and himself for such a valuable and historical emblem, which he would be delighted to place in his church. Before the business meeting commenced, the Chairman asked the company to rise and remain in silence as a token of respect and reverence to the late president, Mr. F. A. Milne.

The balance sheet was presented and adopted, and the report of the year was read. It recorded that eleven meetings were held, with an average attendance of 41. Joint meetings took place with the Oxford Diocesan Guild (S.B. and E.B. Branch), the Guildford Diocesan Guild (Chertsey District), and the London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild (South District), with an average attendance of 44. During the year, 18 ringing members and 5 honorary were elected.

The election of officers resulted in the following appointments being made: Mr. F. Corke, Ringing Master; Mr. J. A. Trollope, hon. treasurer; Mr. Wm. H. Hollier, hon. sec.; Mr. W. Bolwell, Assistant Ringing Master; Mr. W. G. Wilson, assistant hon. secretary; Messrs. J. H. Hunnisett, R. A. Fardon and F. W. Goodfellow, representatives on the Central Committee.

Mr. Bird proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar (Rev. P. W. Shepherd-Smith) and his wardens for their kind hospitality, to the Vicar for conducting the service and presiding at the meeting, to the hon. treasurer of the Bell Fund, and to the organist. This was carried with acclamation.—The Vicar returned thanks on behalf of himself and his colleagues.

Thanks were accorded to the auditors, Messrs. H. W. Lidbetter and R. Hsley, the hostess and her assistants, to all tower secretaries and volunteer instructors, the Isleworth band, and all retiring officers for their past services.

A strong appeal is to be made on behalf of the Isleworth Bell Fund in order that it may be completed.

A vote of condolence was passed with the family of the late president (Mr. Milne).

Handbell ringing was indulged in by several members, after which the tower was again visited, as well as that at Twickenham, where a vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar (the Rev. W. P. Cole-Shearer) for their use, and to Mr. E. A. Morris, the local representative.

A RINGER'S DEATH IN CANADA.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Having seen the name of my cousin, Harry Last, mentioned in 'The Ringing World' in Belfry Gossip as being still alive, I thought his old friends would be interested to hear that he died at Medicine Hat, Alberta, and was buried there on August 4th, 1928. He was brother-in-law to me, as well as cousin, his first and third wives being sisters of mine. His second wife was a Miss Balls, of Cratfield, Suffolk, who died at Kingston-on-Thames in 1903, leaving an infant son who is now carrying on with his father's homestead at Elkwater, Alberta. I don't know how many peals Harry had rung in the London area, but he had twenty peals to his name in the Norwich Diocesan Report, including a 10,080 Bob Major at Helmingham (his native place), on December 26th, 1895. His last peal was a peal of Superlative Surprise Major on April 6th, 1907, at Helmingham, just prior to sailing for Canada. His only regret in living in Canada was being unable to get any bellringing there, and he was always interested in any ringing news I could send him.—Yours sincerely,
T. W. LAST.

INCHBECK, Lincs.—On Monday, January 27th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor in 29 mins.: Wm. H. Sutton 1, A. Ground 2, G. Sewell 3, W. Taylor 4, J. Curry 5, G. Ladd (conductor) 8. First 720 in the method by the local band, and first by all except J. Curry and G. Ladd, and the latter's first as conductor.

NEW BELLS FOR CASTLE CARY.

On Sunday, March 2nd, two new bells were consecrated by the Bishop of Bath and Wells in the tower of All Saints', Castle Cary, Somerset, giving the complete peal of eight. The bells are a gift to the church in memory of Mr. Charles Allen, for many years churchwarden of All Saints', by his son and daughter, Mr. Charles Allen, and Miss Allen, and by his nephew, Sir James Allen, G.C.B. He died at the age of 96 in the severe spring of last year, full of memories to the last of the church life of Cary. He could remember the notable work of Canon Meade, who found the church having height without sufficient length. He therefore pulled down the former tower and spire and lengthened the church westwards by an extra pier, and then built the present fine tower and spire, which are of greater height than the former. The present proportions of the building, which has now added a fitting length to the height, satisfy every spectator. The bells were restored under the next Vicar, Prebendary Grafton, and now we have the generous gift of the Allens, who have had the whole bell cage and fittings over-



CASTLE CARY CHURCH.

where the bells have been augmented to eight.

hauled and repainted, and provided for a fresh chiming apparatus, and the necessary moving of the position of the clock. The work has been completed under the skilful hands of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

Ringers attended from various towers in the district, including Intobear, Evercreech, West Lydford, North Cadbury, North Chertton, who all commented on the splendid tone and 'go' of the bells, which are now a very nice peal of eight.

Castle Cary is fortunate in having an enthusiastic body of ringers under their captain, Mr. Ernest Creed. When he was absent at the war, his wife stood in and joined in ringing. The team usually take their summer holiday in a tour amongst the towers on their way to the seaside, and get some ringing in each tower. Mr. Creed is secretary of the local branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, and is always ready to assist new teams in neighbouring towers. The quarterly gatherings of the branch are happy social occasions, when their part in church work receives expression and encouragement.

FIFTY-SEVEN YEARS A RINGER.

Mr. J. H. Blake, who has been a ringer since the age of 12, has just celebrated his 69th birthday. In honour of the event, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung at the tower of the ancient Church of Bosham, where Mr. Blake has taken in hand the training of a new band of ringers. Those who took part were: T. Duick 1, H. J. Tucker 2, W. Ticehurst 3, G. Marshall 4, J. H. Blake (conductor) 5, A. Tugwell 6.

Mr. Blake was presented with a silver inkstand with the following inscription: 'Presented to J. H. Blake on his 69th birthday by the Bosham Junior Bellringers, 29th January, 1930.'

THE 'FOURTH OF MARCH.'

RECOLLECTIONS OF RECORD MAKING AT APPLETON.

A glorious day, the meeting of old friends, a fine peal of bells, a good dinner, all combined to add one more to the happy and successful celebrations of the 'Fourth of March' at Appleton. The bells were kept going all the afternoon, Grandsire and Stedman Caters being the favourite methods. It was a pleasure to see Canon Coleridge, president of the Central Council, once again ringing the 9th, as he did in the 15,041 peal of 1888, which was the world's record for many years. The unexpected appearance of Mr. Bert Langdon (who conducted the 21,000 at Appleton) and friends for a pull in passing was hailed with delight, and the shortness of his visit was regretted by all.

At 4.30 a company of some 35 ringers gathered at the Thatched Tavern and enjoyed the usual excellent meal.

The meeting which followed was presided over by the Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild (Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), supported by Mr. A. J. Wright (hon. treasurer). The Rector, the Rev. G. E. B. Scanlan, was, to the regret of all present, prevented from coming by illness.

After proposing the opening toast of 'Church and King,' the Master called on Canon Coleridge to give 'The Appleton Society.'

The Canon gave a short summary of record making and record breaking on the Appleton bells, mentioning particularly the record set up on the last day of 1888, when at short notice a band was collected, the tenth man being fetched from his 'showering' in the neighbouring village to take part. With the toast of the society he coupled the names of the two other ringers still in our midst and present at the meeting—George Holifield and F. S. White.

Replying, Mr. Holifield gave a short account of the society enjoying this, the 112th anniversary. He then proposed the health of 'The General Secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild,' Mr. E. T. Hibbert, whose absence was regretted by all.

During the evening, the 'White Brothers' gave a display of hand-bell ringing; when the clapper fell out of one of the bells, other 'clappers' wagged valiantly till it was replaced. Several 'old favourites' were sung by the Master, Messrs. White and Bennett and others.

Mr. Holifield proposed 'The Visitors,' to whose advent the meeting owed much of its success, and a hearty vote of thanks to the host and hostess and all who had helped in the arrangements brought a happy evening to a close.

ANCIENT BELLS TO BE RESTORED.

AN APPEAL FOR HARWELL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—An appeal has been launched to raise funds for the restoration of the six bells of Harwell, Berks, believed to be the oldest ring of six in the country, all having been cast between 1580 and 1615. The frame has been in the tower since the end of the sixteenth century, and the bells have been condemned as unsafe for ringing.

It is thought that now is a suitable time to have the bells rehung and two trebles added to complete the octave.

A large sum of money has been raised recently in the parish for roughcasting the tower and the installation of electric lighting in the church, so we feel we are more than justified in making a general appeal outside the parish, the first ever made for the church, which is not a bad record for a village of not more than 700 inhabitants. I have undertaken to try and raise sufficient funds to provide one of the trebles, and so appeal to anyone, ringer or otherwise, for subscriptions, however small, which will be most gratefully received and acknowledged (with the editor's permission) in these columns.—Yours faithfully,

R. G. RICE,

Hon. Secretary,

St. Matthew's (Harwell) Church Belfry and Bell Fund.
Harwell, Didcot, Berks.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your issue of February 14th, I see the notice that the annual general meeting of the Surrey Association will be held at Beddington on March 22nd. I am surprised that this date has been fixed. Does the general secretary not know that May 21st will be the 50th anniversary of the foundation of the association? That meeting was presided over by the Rev. Canon Bridges, grandfather of the wife of the present Rector of the parish. As the last of the founders, I could wish that the meeting be held on the same date as the original meeting.

I should be pleased to see the amalgamation of Guildford Diocesan Guild and the Surrey County Association, for it seems most absurd that there should be two associations in the one county. Guildford is the county town of Surrey; why, then, should it not be the headquarters of an all-county association? The county will be still there when the diocese is again split up.—Yours faithfully,

J. W. TRAPPITT, SEN.

Dublin.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION AT LOUGHTON.**

There is no doubt that the fine afternoon, together with a chance of having a pull on a recently restored ring, was responsible for the large number of ringers who made their way to Loughton on Saturday to attend the meeting of the South-Western Division of the Essex Association. Amongst those present were Messrs. C. T. Coles and W. Pye, hon. secretary and Master respectively of the Middlesex Association, Mr. J. Waghorn, sen., who, despite his 87 years, is still able to take a rope, Messrs. J. Dale (Hornchurch), W. Watson (Romford), J. Davis (Bishopsgate), etc. The bells were raised by 3 p.m., and kept going till 4.30, when those present attended the service conducted by the Rector, after which tea and business meeting, presided over by the Rector, supported by the District Master (Mr. A. Prior) and Mr. G. Dent (Master of the North-Western Division), was held.

Ten new ringing and three honorary members were elected, and three elections prior to ringing peals were confirmed. Shenfield was decided upon as the place for next meeting, which it is hoped to arrange for May 24th next.

It was mentioned by the Master with regret that one old member, Mr. F. Gridley, for 30 years clerk, sexton and ringer at North Weald, had passed away, and as a mark of respect all stood for a minute in silence.

The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector, Rev. P. N. Maitland, for allowing use of tower and bells, conducting the service and presiding at tea and meeting; to Mr. Osborne, the organist; to the ladies for preparing and serving the tea; and, last but not least, to the four veteran members of the local band, Messrs. Rann, Carter, Clarke and Bacon, for having everything in readiness. As ringing could not be resumed till 6.15 p.m., the interval was spent listening to Miss Dawson, who once again beautifully rendered one of her well-known solos.

During the afternoon and evening, upwards of 80 members were present, representing 25 different towers, and touches in various methods, ranging from Grandsire Triples to Bristol Surprise, were brought round.

CLEVELAND ASSOCIATION PRE-LENT MEETING.**PROPOSED PRESENTATION TO THE HON. SECRETARY.**

The pre-Lent meeting of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association was held at Thirsk, on Saturday, February 22nd, when 20 members of the association were present, and the towers represented were Middlesbrough, Ormesby, Northallerton, Sharow, Tadcaster and Thirsk.

Ringing was commenced about three o'clock, and continued till a late hour, Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman and Kent Treble Bob being the methods rung.

Tea at the Primrose Cafe was a very homely affair, and everyone was happy. An informal meeting was held at the conclusion of tea, and, after two new members had been elected, the question of a presentation to Mr. Thomas Metcalfe, who has been secretary and treasurer of the association for 21 years, was discussed.

It was decided that the president, together with Vice-Presidents Newton (of Stockton) and Stott (of Thirsk) be appointed a committee to organise the matter. Subscriptions are to be invited from each member of the association and other ringing friends of Mr. Metcalfe, and the presentation is to take place at the annual meeting to be held at Northallerton on Whit Monday.

Back to the tower, more ringing was the order. Everybody got a ring during the day; tyros were well looked after; everybody enjoyed themselves; no ringer can ask for more. J. C. P.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION'S TITLE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As no one else appears to have replied to Mr. F. W. Richardson's criticism, may I, as a member, explain that the phrase 'North Southwark Diocesan Guild' was suggested by the Bishop of Kingston when he met representatives of the association on behalf of the Bishop of Southwark, and that the new title was afterwards approved by the latter, and he consented to become patron. As the association has no desire to extend its existing territory, the term 'Southwark Diocesan Guild' would not have been appropriate, hence the present title.

I am not competent to express an opinion on Mr. Richardson's suggestion of 'Southwark Archdeaconry Guild,' but should have thought that if this description met the case the Bishop himself would have proposed it.—Yours faithfully, A. H. KEIGHLEY.

A FIRST QUARTER-PEAL.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) was rung on Thursday, February 6th, at All Saints' Church, Kingston Seymour, Somerset, in commemoration of the Rev. Green's induction to that benefice, after serving the parish 25 years as curate-in-charge: Wilfred G. Griffin 1, Harold E. Blacker, Clutton (conductor) 2, Ernest R. Norton 3, E. Alexander Price 4, Herbert A. T. Price 5. This is the first quarter-peal to be rung on the bells, also the first for all the ringers except the conductor.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LONGSTANTON, CAMBS.—On Sunday, March 2nd, for evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. W. Cook 1, C. Robinson 2, F. Warrington (conductor) 3, F. C. Ginn 4, A. J. Ginn 5, G. E. Crisp 6, F. J. Cook 8. Rung with tenor covering, after meeting short for quarter-peal of Major.

NORBURY, CHESHIRE.—On Sunday, March 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bristol Surprise Major (1,286 changes) in 47 mins.: R. E. Jones 1, E. Bennett 2, J. Fernley, jun., 3, H. Langley 4, L. Clough 5, W. Fernley 6, J. Fernley, sen., 7, J. W. Hartley (conductor) 8. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. E. D. Leeman, who is leaving the parish. All are Sunday service ringers at this church.

HORNSEY.—On Sunday, March 2nd, at St. Mary's Church, in 28 mins., 720 Bob Minor (22 Singles): G. W. Blee 1, E. G. Hibble 2, H. Blee 3, F. Fensom 4, M. Fensom 5, J. G. Nash (conductor) 6. Rung as a farewell touch for the Rev. Jehu, for three years curate at St. Mary's.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.—On Sunday, March 2nd, at the Parish Church, 720 Bob Minor: Reginald Brockett 1, Reginald West 2, Harry King 3, Herbert Frossell 4, Noel Wiles 5, Leonard Williams (first 720 as conductor) 6. First 720 by treble and 2nd ringers. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to the conductor.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, March 2nd, at St. Mary's, for special sportsmen's service, at which the Bishop of Portsmouth preached, 1,280 Double Norwich Major in 51 mins.: F. W. Rogers (conductor) 1, C. Guy 2, J. D. Harris 3, H. Jennings 4, F. W. Burnett (first quarter-peal in the method) 5, A. T. Greenwood 6, R. J. Stone 7, E. J. Harding, sen., 8.

NEW BELLS AT WILTON, TAUNTON.**TREBLE GIVEN BY RINGERS.**

Two new treble bells, increasing the ring to the full octave, have been added at St. George's Church, Wilton, Taunton, and they were dedicated on Thursday of last week by the Bishop of Taunton, who gave an inspiring address. Being himself a ringer, the Bishop preached a practical sermon, in which he urged all to live and work together in unity. The Vicar (the Rev. A. F. Judd) conducted the service, and there was a large congregation, including the local ringers.

The bells rang out in a touch of Stedman Triples after the service, and their tone was much admired by all.

The scheme for augmenting the bells has been talked about for ten years or so. The local band agreed to subscribe £25, and the Vicar appealed to four previous Vicars of the parish, who agreed with him to give one bell. The ringers then decided to do likewise, and made an appeal, both personally and through 'The Ringing World.' This appeal brought in over £25 from places as far afield as London and mid-Devon. The parishioners, after such a splendid example, followed with the remaining £200 required to complete the job.

The work has been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, under the supervision of Mr. Jack Thomas (bell hanger). All who have heard the bells are agreed that the 'splice' is perfect. The back six (tenor 9 cwt.) have been on the lathe, and it is difficult to realise that any of them belonged to the old lot. The 'go' and circle are everything a good ringer desires.

Saturday was general ringers' day, when the bells were made full use of from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Major, everyone fully enjoying themselves. A bountiful tea was provided in the Scouts' Hut, presided over by the Vicar (Rev. A. F. Judd), Rev. J. E. G. Sweetman (of St. Mary's), Mr. T. Broomhead and Brig.-Gen. H. C. Frith (churchwardens) being also present. Tea over, a touch was rung on the handbells, and the Vicar then said how glad he was to see so many present. He extended a hearty welcome to all the visitors, and assured the gathering that he was alive to the fact that his ringers were an excellent set of men. Rev. J. E. G. Sweetman also spoke, and the churchwardens gave the ringers an excellent testimonial.

Mr. A. W. Hayward (captain) proposed a vote of thanks to the church authorities, parishioners and ringing friends who had so liberally subscribed to the fund.—Mr. S. G. Coles, the energetic collector, seconded, adding that an excellent feeling existed between the Vicar and churchwardens and the ringers, and it was most appropriate that a Vicars' bell and ringers' bell should hang side by side.

The lettering on the ringers' bell was kindly given by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

NOTICE.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A meeting will be held at Ewhurst on Saturday, March 15th. Numbers for tea must reach me by Tuesday, March 11th.—G. L. Grover, Merrow Cottage, East Clandon, Guildford.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on March 13th & 27th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 18th, and Southwark Cathedral on the 20th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual meeting will be held on March 8th, at Ranmoor Church, Sheffield. Bells open early. Committee meeting at 4 o'clock. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. (1s.). Business. Presentation of balance sheet and election of officers for coming year. It is hoped that we have a good attendance.—R. Harrison, Hon. Sec., 72, Yew Lane, Ecclesfield.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District. —A meeting will be held at Feltham on Saturday, March 8th. The usual arrangements will be made.—Wm. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Rolleston-on-Dove on Saturday, March 8th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Subscriptions are now due and may be paid at this meeting. Will members please see that this meeting is well attended?—John Leach, Dis. Sec.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Darton on Saturday, March 8th. Bells ready at 3 p.m.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Braunston (6) on Saturday, March 8th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me? —W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch. —The quarterly meeting will be held at North Marston on March 8th. Ringing 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Address by the Vicar. Tea 5 p.m., 1s. each. Please send numbers for tea to the Hon. Sec., Rev. J. F. Amies, Edgcote Rectory, Aylesbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leyland St. James' on Saturday, March 8th. Bells available from 2.30. All ringers welcome.—F. Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch. —Monthly meeting will be held at Lacock on Saturday, March 8th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4 p.m., after which, through the kindness of Miss Talbot, the historical Abbey will be open to the ringers. Tea and business meeting after. Ringing will follow. Hourly bus service from Chippenham and Trowbridge.—F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., 38, Downing Street, Chippenham.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 8th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in St. Thomas' Church at 4.30. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Ruddington on March 8th. Bells (8) ready from 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please come and put your backs to it.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Springfield on Saturday, March 8th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service in church 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5 o'clock.—A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Helens Parish Church on Saturday, March 8th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Preacher: The Lord Bishop of Warrington. Tea (9d. each) 6.15 p.m. Meeting to follow.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Bispham Parish Church on Saturday, March 8th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30. Subscriptions due.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. —A meeting will be held at Upholland Parish Church on Saturday, March 8th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Subscriptions are now due. Reports to hand. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested at this meeting. Business important.—James W. Grounds, Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Clifford District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Eardisley on Saturday, March 8th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting afterwards.—J. P. Hyett, Dis. Sec., Hay, Hereford.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Petton on Saturday, March 8th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at the Rectory at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Broxbourne on March 8th. Bells ready during the afternoon and evening. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea at the Welcome after. All ringing friends will be made welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Coleman's Hatch on Saturday, March 15th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Will all those attending kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, March 12th.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Bexhill on Saturday, March 15th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow. Half rail fares (maximum 1s. 6d.).—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Stoke-in-Coventry on Saturday, March 15th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock in St. Andrew's Hall, Binley Road.—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The spring meeting of the Cheltenham branch will be held at Badgeworth on Saturday, March 15th. Bells open 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30, by kind invitation of the Vicar (Rev. W. Downes). Business meeting after tea. Will all those requiring tea please notify me by the 11th? — Walter Yeend, Branch Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, March 15th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due.—F. Hindle, Hon. Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at All Saints', Sheffield, on Saturday, March 15th. Bells (8) available from 3. Short service at 5. Tea 5.30, in the Church Institute, Grimesthorpe Road, at 1s. per head. Please notify Mr. A. Smithson, 22, Hooton Street, Sheffield, by the 11th. Business meeting for election of officers after tea. Subscriptions for 1929-30 are now due and the annual report available at this meeting.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Goole on Saturday, March 15th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea, at 4.30 p.m., in National Schools, at 1s. per head, to those who send their names to Mr. J. Drake, 29, Second Avenue, Goole, by March 13th. Short service in Parish Church 5.30 p.m., with an address by the Vicar of Goole, followed by the business meeting in the Schools. For further details see circular.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, West Didsbury, on Saturday, March 15th. Bells ready 6 p.m. Mr. R. Davies, ringing master. Will members make an effort to attend and help the branch officials in their efforts to create more interest in these meetings?—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Calne Branch.—The reopening of the bells of All Saints', Wootton Bassett, will take place on Saturday, March 15th, at 3 o'clock, having been rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. Tea will be provided at the Vicarage at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—Louis A. Wilson, Hon. Sec., Calne Branch.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woodchurch on Saturday, March 15th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30 p.m.—H. Brockiebank, Hon. Sec.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting of the Guild will be held at Smarden on Saturday, March 15th. Bells available at 2 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Kegworth on Saturday, March 15th. Bells (6) will be ready from 3.30 p.m.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Lawton on Saturday, March 15th. Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me know on or before

March 12th?—R. D. Langford, Branch Hon. Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Twerton-on-Avon on Saturday, March 15th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.15. Tea and meeting to follow in Church Hall. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by March 12th? — N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at the Church of St. Mary, Lambeth, on Saturday, March 15th. Bells available 3 to 7.30 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. Social hour. Postcards to be in by March 12th.—J. Herbert, Hon. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at North Wingfield on Saturday, March 22nd. Gentlemen cordially invited. Arrangements for tea please notify, Miss D. Tarlton, 16, Bright Street, North Wingfield, near Chesterfield. — N. Cawthorne, Dis. Hon. Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held on March 22nd (postponed from March 15th) at Ufford. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea 4.30, in St. Mary's Hall. Meeting after.—Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Beddington on Saturday, March 22nd. Bells (10) available from 2.30 to 5.30. Service at 5.30. Tea (Harvest Home Hall, Beddington Lane) at 6.15. Meeting 7. Social (with handbells) 8 to 10. Those requiring tea must notify me by Wednesday, March 19th. This year is the jubilee of the association, and Beddington is the foundation tower. Come and make this meeting a record gathering. Please note that nominations for general officers and representatives upon the Central Council must be in the hands of the secretary by Saturday, March 8th.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec., 18, Guy Road, Beddington, Croydon.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Finchley on Saturday, March 22nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Short service at 5. Tea, usual charge, at 5.30. All members and friends welcomed, but please let me know if you require tea.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Newchurch-in-Rossendale, on Saturday, March 22nd. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. Subscriptions are due. Reports and diagrams to hand.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, March 29th. Further particulars later.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The jubilee meeting will be held at Canterbury on Easter Monday. His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury will give an address in the Cathedral at a special service at noon, and will preside at the luncheon and meeting at the County Hall. Special railway facilities (see news columns). Luncheon tickets free to practising members. Non-members 3s. Full particulars later.—Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

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