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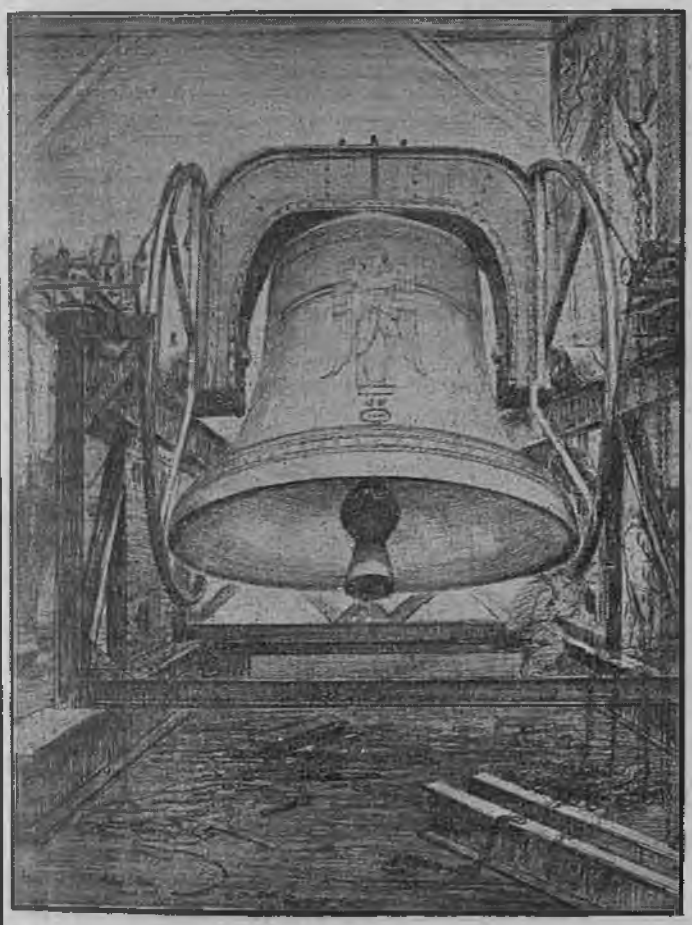

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A MENACE TO THE DEVON GUILD.

In an article contributed by a correspondent, a serious warning is given with regard to the state of affairs which is developing in Devon. Two years ago hints were given in these pages that all was not well in that county; the article which appears in another column reveals that the menace to the Devon Guild and to change ringing in that delectable county is a serious one. It is of no use to blink the facts. The Devon Association of Ringers was established in 1925 to encourage rising and falling and round and call change ringing and it promotes these ends by annual competitions. In the year 1929, four years after the foundation, it had 68 affiliated towers—more towers than the Devon Guild which has been established for over 50 years. Devon, although it was one of the first counties in which a change-ringing society was formed, has, of course, always been a stronghold of 'stoney,' but let it not be forgotten that, taken as a whole, there is nowhere in England where rising and falling in peal can be heard in such perfection, or the call changes struck with such measured precision. 'Stoney' in Devon is not 'bell banging' and, because it is only call-change ringing, do not let it be imagined that, speaking generally, it is not well done. It is done better than the average change ringing is done, because of its vastly easier and simpler character and, if the simpler task appeals to the simpler village mind inside the belfry, it also pleases the ear of those outside, who in some of these country places are shrewd critics of good ringing.

There is another direction, too, where the Association has a pull over the Devon Guild. In the latter the members have to pay a subscription of 2/- per annum; in the Devon Association the ringers pay nothing, except entrance fees if they compete in the contests, and apparently they get a free luncheon into the bargain. The funds seem to come from subscriptions of presidents and vice-presidents, and the advertisements in and sale of elaborately prepared programmes of the competitions (a profit of nearly £30 was made on this item alone last year). In addition there are offertories at the festivals and proceeds from other sources, one of which appears to have been a skittles competition. In this way the ringers get all there is to be got out of the association financially, without putting very much into it—which in our opinion is extremely bad in principle, however nice it may be for those who benefit.

Here then are some of the broad facts which face the Devon Guild. Our correspondent suggests that they are actually losing some of their towers to the new organisation, and, if this be so, it is time some serious steps were taken to stem the 'decay' to which he refers, if the Guild is to

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survive as a live force in the churches of Devon. We do not know of any change ringing organisation which is faced with a more serious menace than the Devon Guild, and it would be interesting to learn what is being done to combat it. In a recent appeal for subscriptions the rival association said: 'There is no other organisation in the county that appeals to the village church belfry. Other forms of ringing may succeed in towns, but will never take on in our scattered villages, and from the excellent ringing on the Cathedral bells we feel that even in towns a return to call-change ringing would be appreciated.' Surely the Devon Guild has some answer to this?

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, March 29, 1930, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.

WILLIAM HIBBERT	*Treble*	FRANK W. PERRENS	7
*GEORGE R. PYE	2	JOHN ARMSTRONG	8
†CHARLES T. COLES	3	FRANK E. PERVIN	9
ALBERT W. COLES	4	JAMES BENNETT	10
FRANK E. HAYNES	5	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	11
SIDNEY T. HOLT	6	WILLIAM PYE	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES

* 200th peal on 12 bells. † 50th peal of Surprise Maximus. The visitors, for whom this peal was arranged by Mr. Albert Walker, desire to thank him and Mr. John Neal for the loan of ropes, without which the attempt would have been impossible. They are also equally obliged to Mr. J. Screen, the towerkeeper, for having everything ready for them.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES CAMBERWELL, S.E.,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*WILLIAM D. GRAINGER	*Treble*	ERNEST J. KING	6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	2	THOMAS W. TAFFENDER	7
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD	3	JEFFREY R. GAMMON	8
GEORGE W. FAULKNER	4	†WILLIAM ROGERS	9
RONALD BULLEN	5	EDWARD D. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER

* First peal. † First peal of Treble Bob Royal.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 29, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. in C sharp.

HORACE BELCHER	*Treble*	JAMES E. DAVIS	6
WILLIAM H. HEWETT	2	CHARLES W. GRIMWOOD	7
WILFRED WILLIAMS	3	ERNEST BRETT	8
JOHN T. KENTISH	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	9
EDWIN F. PIKE	5	REUBEN SANDERS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. BURFORD. Conducted by WILLIAM H. HEWETT

First Surprise peal on the bells. Rung as a jubilee peal for the association. It was on these bells that the association rang its first peal. The peal was also a 74th birthday compliment to Mr. James Frossell, an old Kingston stalwart, and formerly a member of the celebrated band at St. Peter's, Brighton.

COMBE FLOREY, SOMERSET.—On Saturday, March 22nd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Doubles: A. J. Wyatt 1, W. H. Coles 2, W. H. Lloyd 3, S. G. Coles 4, S. P. Merson (conductor) 5, H. P. Cannon (longest length) 6.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 24, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES E. DAVIS	...*Treble*	GEORGE R. PYE	5
EDWIN F. PIKE	2	JOHN T. KENTISH	6
WILFRED G. WILLIAMS ...	3	ERNEST BRETT	7
WILLIAM PYE	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	...*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, March 27, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION. Tenor 16 cwt.

LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN	...*Treble*	GEORGE BENNETT	5
*JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ...	2	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY	6
GEORGE PRYKE	3	T. WILLIAM LAST	7
LESLIE G. BRETT	4	JOHN GOOCH	...*Tenor*

Conducted by T. W. LAST.

* First peal in the method. It is also the hundredth peal in which G. Pryke and G. Bennett have rung together.

NORTON, NEAR SHEFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 29, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS	...*Treble*	MISS NOEL CAWTHORNE ...	5
*MISS ELSIE E. SMITH ...	2	WILLIAM BIGGIN	6
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ...	3	*CHARLIE BATES	7
MISS K. BURCHNALL... ...	4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS	...*Tenor*

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

* First peal in the method. The band wish to thank the Rector, the Rev. S. T. Pegge and Mrs. Pegge, for the tea they so kindly provided after the peal.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 29, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 lb.

HERBERT MARKWELL ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM COLLISON	5
WILLIAM STEED	2	DR. E. L. TAYLOR	6
ROBERT COLLINS...	3	KEITH HART...	7
STAFFORD H. GREEN	4	ARTHUR MAYES	...*Tenor*

Conducted by KEITH HART.

At the close of the peal the band warmly congratulated Mr. Collison on his 100th peal, and wished him also many happy returns of his birthday. This peal was also Mr. R. Collins' first peal in the method and Dr. Taylor's first for the association.

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 29, 1930, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAY'S SIX-PART. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

*THOMAS BARKER ...	...*Treble*	ARTHUR HARTLEY	5
†JACK CHARNOCK	2	FRED RIGBY	6
HERMON NELSON	3	†EDWARD LAWSON	7
ALFRED BLOGG	4	GEORGE HEWITT ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRED RIGBY.

* First peal in method. † First peal in method on an 'inside' bell. First peal in method on the bells. The peal was rung as a compliment to the Rector of St. Mary's, the Right Rev. Monsignor Thomas Stanislaus Crank, on his recent appointment as domestic prelate to the Pope. The right rev. gentleman was mainly responsible for installing the present splendid and well-balanced ring of bells.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 29, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

BENJAMIN J. TOBY ...	...*Treble*	CHARLES H. PERRY	5
JOHN PHILLIPS	2	GEORGE POPNELL	6
FRANK J. BAILEY...	3	ERNEST STITCH	7
ALBERT J. PITMAN	4	WILLIAM H. WRIGHT ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by CHARLES H. PERRY.

First peal in the method by all the band except the ringers of 4, 5 and tenor.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 29, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

GEORGE GREEN	...*Treble*	DR. SPENCER PHILLIPS ...	5
GEORGE W. MOSS	2	WILLIAM LINCOLN	6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD	3	WILLIAM KEEBLE	7
FRANK CLAYDON	4	ARTHUR HEAD	...*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First Surprise peal by Dr. Spencer Phillips. Rung to celebrate the 52nd birthday of the conductor. At the conclusion of the peal the band were entertained to tea at the Bell Inn.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 29, 1930, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE	...*Treble*	GEORGE A. FLEMING	5
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY	2	GEORGE BENNETT	6
GEORGE PRYKE	3	WILLIAM G. J. BROWN ...	7
JAMES BENNETT, JUN.... ...	4	LESLIE G. BRETT ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 29, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

ERNEST WHITING	...*Treble*	CHARLES CUTTING	5
ALFRED SMITH	2	FREDERICK ROOPE	6
CHARLES BAKER	3	CHARLES ROOPE	7
FREDERICK R. BORRETT ...	4	EDWIN R. GOATE... ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by E. WHITING.

PATTINGHAM, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, March 29, 1930, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

RALPH LITTLER	...*Treble*	WILLIAM A. JONES	5
HAROLD L. FLAVELL	2	HERBERT E. BOOTH	6
HERBERT R. PICKERING ...	3	ALBERT FALLON	7
ALBERT D. COLLINS	4	HARRY BOSWELL	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED FALLON.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 29, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

GEORGE R. JONES ...	...*Treble*	HENRY W. WILDE	5
LESTER L. GRAY	2	JAMES MORGAN	6
THOMAS HAMMOND	3	PERCY SWINDLEY...	7
ARTHUR NEWELL...	4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Saturday, March 29, 1930, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF ERIN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

JOHN C. ADAMS	*Treble*	JOHN T. DAVIES	5
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ...	2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ...	6
ROBERT PICKERING	3	JOHN PERRY	7
EDWARD F. MITCHELL ...	4	ARTHUR E. REED... ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by JOHN PERRY.
First peal in the method by all the ringers.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 29, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5104 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in G.

CHARLES F. GOODMAN	*Treble*	ALBERT G. HARRISON... ...	5
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN	2	NOLAN GOLDEN	6
ALPHÆUS J. BERRY	3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ...	7
ERIC G. BENNETT	4	WILLIAM STEGGALL ...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
This is the 50th tower in which the conductor has rung a peal.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD
On Saturday, March 29, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR, SOUTHWARK,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

FRED PORTER	*Treble*	NORMAN S. BAGWORTH ...	5
THOMAS G. BANNISTER ...	2	*WILLIAM BOTTRILL	6
ERNEST B. CROWDER	3	FREDERICK DIGBY	7
CHARLES ELLIOTT	4	ERNEST GWILLIAM ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. BOTTRILL.
* 50th peal. All except the ringer of 3rd are members of Metropolitan Police Guild, Norman Bagworth, of Leicester, and Ernest Gwilliam, of Standish, Lancashire, being recent additions to the Guild.

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 29, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

CHARLES H. BRIGGS...	*Treble*	CHARLES R. BELTON, SEN.	5
GEORGE DUDLEY	2	ERNEST MORRIS	6
C. HENRY WEBB	3	FRED COTTON	7
*ERNEST RIVITT	4	GEORGE A. NEWTON ...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
* First of Major. First peal of Major on the bells. The composition, with 50 singles and 32 bobs, is now rung for the first time. It was tapped on handbells November 2nd, 1921, by the late A. T. Morris.

STONHAM ASPAL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sunday, March 30, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAMBERT,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM J. BUTTON ...	*Treble*	GEORGE BENNETT	5
JAMES BENNETT, JUN.... ...	2	ERNEST F. POPPY	6
GEORGE PRYKE	3	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ...	7
WILLIAM J. GROOM	4	LESLIE G. BRETT ...	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by L. G. BRETT.
First Surprise peal on the bells.

PRESTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 29, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

JAMES MARSH	*Treble*	ARTHUR TOMLINSON	5
JAMES ARMSTRONG	2	JAMES W. GROUNDS	6
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ...	3	WILLIAM SHARPLES	7
JOHN BOOTH	4	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD ...	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (282). Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Booth. Mr. Booth kindly entertained the band to tea after the peal, which was also rung as a compliment to the Rev. William H. Sanders and Mrs. Sanders, of Brindle, on the birth of a daughter.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, February 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents in nine methods, viz.: 1 Norwich, 2 Carlisle, 3 Norfolk, 4 Primrose, 5 Ipswich, 6 Cambridge, 7 London, Cunecastre and Wells. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

WILLIAM H. WALDRON	*Treble*	†HORACE M. DAY	4
JOHN W. LAKE	2	ALBERT S. ALLEN	5
*FREDERICK W. FRENCH ...	3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.
* First Surprise peal. † First Surprise peal in a number of methods.

PRISTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 22, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings.

WILLIAM HAWKINS ...	*Treble*	*REGINALD PARFREY	4
JOHN OWEN	2	FRANK FLOWER	5
DENNIS FLOWER	3	*NORMAN FOWLER ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK FLOWER.
* First peal.

STOURTON, WILTS.
On Tuesday, March 25, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER T. HOOPER	*Treble*	LEONARD C. WILLIAMS ...	4
E. G. L. COWARD	2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE	5
WILLIAM J. MARSHALL ...	3	WILLIAM SIMMONDS ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by WM. C. SHUTE.
First peal and first attempt by the ringers of 1, 3, 4 and 6, who are Sunday service ringers at this church. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. H. Poole King, who has now retired after 42 years as Rector of this parish.

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 29, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*KENNETH STEVENS ...	*Treble*	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ...	4
M. EDWARD WATSON ...	2	ALFRED BALLARD	5
CECIL E. CARR	3	*GEORGE WORLEY ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. E. CARR.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.

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CROSTHWAITE, WESTMORLAND.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)
On Saturday, March 29, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 10¾ cwt.

*HUBERT RICHARDSON	*Treble*	WILLIAM ROBINSON	4
*JIM TEBAY	2	*THOMAS S. JEFFERSON	5
*EDWIN JENNINGS	3	*FRANK WILSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWIN JENNINGS.

* First peal of Oxford. The first peal in the method, on the bells, and in the county.

BIRKENHEAD.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, March 29, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 9 lb.

*W. BATTLE	*Treble*	T. A. ROGERS	4
*GEORGE BATTLE	2	H. LUDKIN	5
W. J. BATTLE	3	J. COOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. LUDKIN.

* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells since their restoration in November last. Rung as a 14th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LUDLOW, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, March 26, 1930, in Two Hours and One Minute,
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores, ten different callings.

*AARON JONES	1	WILLIAM R. NASH	3-4
FORREST T. MASSEY	2	PERCIVAL R. NASH	5-6

Conducted by W. R. NASH.
Witness: FRANK CARTWRIGHT.

* First peal. First handbell peal by all except the conductor.

PEALS OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

6,048.

23456	M	B	W	H
54326	1	—		2
25463		—		2
52364	2			2
53624			1	2
34625	1			2
36245	1	—	2	2
65243	1			2
56342		—	1	2
53462			1	2
32465	1			2
64235	1	—		2
36452		—		2
63254	2			2
62534			1	2
24536	2	—	1	2
25346	1	—	2	2
62453		—	2	2
23456	2	—	1	2

A. KNIGHTS.

6,400.

23456	M	B	W	H
54326	1	—		2
25463	2		2	2
24653	1	—	2	2
26543			1	2
53462	1		1	2
32465	1			2
53624	2		1	2
64235	1		1	2
45236	1			2
64352		—	2	2
32546	1		1	2
23645	2			2
46325			2	2
35264	1		1	2
32654			1	2
56234			2	2
35642	2		2	2
23456	2		1	2

G. LEWIS.

Both peals contain the 4th, 5th and 6th the extent in 5-6, in 18, the minimum number of courses. The 6,048 was first rung at North Wingfield by the M.C.A. on June 27th, 1925, conducted by the author. The 6,400 was first rung at Handsworth, Sheffield, by the Y.A. on February 22nd, 1930, conducted by A. Percival Knights.

LOUGHBOROUGH.—On Thursday, March 13th, for Confirmation service, at the Parish Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters in 54 mins.: J. Onslow 1, C. Ballard 2, D. Collins 3, E. Cartwright 4, C. Allsop 5, J. Saddington 6, J. Hutchby 7, C. Harrison (conductor) 8, E. Reader 9, A. Harrod 10.

A SUSSEX RESTORATION.

FACULTY CASE RECALLED.

The bells of St. Mary's, Washington, Sussex, have been rehung by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and a new treble added to make a peal of six. The fifth has been recast, and the other bells retuned. They are hung in a new cast-iron side frame, mounted on four steel girders, running north and south, east and west, and efficiently cross braced, thus binding the four walls of the tower together. The new bell frame is several feet lower in the tower than the old timber frame was, thus allowing the bells to be several feet below the openings.

The bells are as follows:—

Treble: John Taylor, Loughborough, 1930.
2nd and 3rd: Mears and Stainbank, 1878.
4th: Roger Tapsul, 1608.
5th: Recast by John Taylor, 1930. (Formerly by Eldridge, 1614. This bell has had a ring round the shoulder about 4in. deep cut out and preserved, so as to maintain the old founder's name and inscription, and this is now placed in the church.)
Tenor: Mears and Stainbank, 1878. (Weight 9 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. This weight was before tuning, and the bell now weighs a few pounds lighter.)

The canons on the old bells have been retained, and special iron headstocks have been designed and cast to suit these bells. All the fittings are of the very latest pattern, including ball bearings to main bearings and rollers. The whole job is a fine specimen of what bell hanging ought to be—mechanically sound throughout, and the 'go' of the bells is perfection.

The dedication service on Wednesday of last week was a beautiful one owing to its perfect simplicity. It was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. H. S. Pattrick), who has been instrumental in getting this work done, and many years ago he did a certain amount of ringing. It was gratifying to note that he had not lost the art of handling a bell, as he raised one before the dedication service, although he is nearer eighty than seventy years of age.

The address was given by Bishop T. C. Twitchell (formerly of Polynesia), who is now Rector of Selsey. During the dedication service the first rounds were rung by: J. H. B. Hesse 1, Miss Irene Hastie 2, G. Ellis 3, R. Swift 4, N. Elliott 5, O. Sippetts 6; and, after the service, the first touch was rung, 288 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, by the following: O. Sippetts (conductor) 1, Miss Irene Hastie 2, G. Ellis 3, R. Swift 4, N. Elliott 5, J. H. B. Hesse 6.

Some of the local ringers then rang some rounds and Grandsire Doubles. Following that, 720 of Cambridge Minor was rung by the visiting ringers mentioned above. During the evening, several of the local ringers took part, and were initiated into Grandsire Doubles, and, considering they had not rung for such a long time, their performance was very creditable. The writer is sorry that he has not got their names.

The whole of the proceedings went off without a hitch, and as the weather was beautiful the day was a most enjoyable one. The Rev. A. H. S. Pattrick very kindly provided tea for all the visiting ringers at the Village Hall.

It will be remembered that there was a stiffish fight for the faculty in connection with the carrying out of this restoration, there being opposition to an iron frame and to recasting the 5th (which had been recommended by Major Hesse, who was called in to advise the church authorities), and the preservation of the portion bearing the inscription was the compromise.

FIRST PEAL OF 'SILENT' SURPRISE MINOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—April 6th will be the 33rd anniversary of the first 'silent' peal of Surprise Minor ever rung, which took place at St. Mary's Church, Bucknall, Staffs, in seven different methods. As one of the band who rang the above peal, I am wondering how many per cent. of the Exercise have attained to the plural in peals of this calibre. Personally, I should say that the percentage would be very low, not only owing to the rarity with which such bands could be got together, but also to the great strain on the nervous system which it involves owing to the tomb-like silence that prevails for practically three hours, which seems to be interminable. The band at Bucknall was composed of two pairs of brothers, an uncle and a nephew, and all are still alive, with the exception of the uncle, who was one of the pioneers of change ringing in North Staffordshire.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN E. WHEELDON.

VETERAN CROYDON RINGER'S DEATH.

At St. Peter's Church, South Croydon, on Sunday evening, March 30th, with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the memory of Mr. Charles H. Kitching, who passed away on the previous day at the age of 74 years, and who was for over 40 years a ringer at this church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,263 changes): David Wright 1, H. Wills 2, C. Dean 3, E. F. Pike 4, W. H. Hewett (conductor) 5, W. Bulpitt 6, B. Newson 7, C. W. Grimwood 8, C. W. Roberts 9, E. Denham 10. H. Wills' first quarter of Stedman Caters.

DECAY!

A WARNING FROM DEVONSHIRE.

[CONTRIBUTED.]

Decay is always loathsome in every sphere of life, whether in business, domestic and social affairs, or even in sport. When, however, it touches the more religious side of life and enters into our Exercise of church bellringing, we may well be concerned.

Admitting that every county or district would have some peculiar difficulties and dangers, yet even so, it is a real duty to tackle and overcome these hindrances, especially when a 'dry rot' is apparent. In some counties it is uphill work to avoid 'stagnation,' and no progress is bad enough, but when we discover—as is the case in the county of 'glorious Devon'—a Guild that is decreasing in its bands and losing touch with our ringing world, and scientific method ringing is in grave danger of becoming extinct, then surely your warning in last week's issue, entitled 'The Other 25,000,' is not only timely but urgent, and demands deep concern from the Devonshire Guild.

Our county has a large area and is most difficult to work, especially in its heart or centre between Barnstaple and Crediton and Holsworthy to Axminster.

It is in this rural area that the most alarming conditions exist. A Devon association is making rapid strides with some 70 towers, well organised, and led by a most energetic hon. secretary (Rev. A. F. McCarthy), who can capture the village ringer and please the outside listener by his appeals for music versus noise, so often created by inefficient scientific bands who visit the towers and leave behind a bad impression through careless striking.

In this county there are at least 370 rings of bells (from 5 to 12). The Devonshire Guild, after all its years of existence, cannot claim more than 50 towers, and during the past five years have actually lost no less than 16 bands, whilst there are several others on the verge of breaking from the Guild (through despair and lack of progress).

Yet the Round Ringing and Call Change Association is all the time making rapid progress, and its hundreds of members are contented and enthusiastic.

Perhaps the influence of your weekly paper and its excellent editorial will arouse a deep anxiety to probe matters and give Devonshire ringers an opportunity to suggest a remedy when careless ringers and bad striking should in some way be penalised at home, and when scientific bands visit the rural districts only the best should be offered in place of clash and noise, which at present becomes a laughing stock in the villages and a discredit to our science.

Even the Guild ringing at our Exeter Cathedral is of a low order, and does no credit to the science or our city. Often six and eight bells are rung instead of the noble ring of 12.

DISHEARTENING CONDITIONS IN GLOUCESTER.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to your leading article of March 21st, 'The Other 25,000,' your reasons given why a large number of them are outside the fold are, I should say, very near the mark, but they do not quite apply to the city of Gloucester. We are not allowed to ring for practice or the church services, except for one hour a month at the Crypt Church, and at that service I have seen six or seven out of the eight stop to service. I have suggested myself, if we could ring one hour a fortnight at each church for service—St. Michael's and the Crypt alternately—it would keep a band together, and hold the interest. Within this last two or three years the authorities have been approached several times without avail. I think it would be more than Mr. Jim George or even the King of England could do to alter the existing state of affairs. Under the present conditions, Gloucester ringers will, I am sorry to say, gradually join the other 25,000.—Yours faithfully, G. CONDICK.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

NOMINATION OF OFFICIALS.

A very well-attended meeting was held at Armley on Saturday, March 22nd, for the nomination of officials for the coming year. The business meeting was held in the tower, the president being in the chair. Members were present from Almondbury, Batley, Calverley, Drighlington, Birstall, Headingley, St. Chad's, Hunslet, Lindley, Leeds Parish Church, Pudsey, Rothwell, and Sharow (Ripon). Three new members were elected.

The following were nominated for 1930 and 1931: President: Mr. C. E. Lawson; vice-presidents, Messrs. T. Strangeway, J. Hey, W. H. Senior; secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. Lofthouse; trustees (for bank account), Messrs. R. C. Squires, G. Moorhouse; Ringing Master, Messrs. W. H. Ash and H. Marsden (this will require a ballot for election); auditors, Messrs. A. Fieldhouse and H. Grimwood.

It was decided to revise the rules of the society, and the committee were asked to do this.

The usual vote of thanks to the Vicar of Upper Armley, for the use of the bells, and to the local company, for the necessary arrangements, was passed. It was proposed that the annual general meeting should be held at Leeds Parish Church on April 26th, bells to be available from 5.30 p.m., and the business meeting held in the tower.

A PEAL OF MINOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The last thing we want is the sort of controversy which arose last year upon this question. Now 'Minormania' calls his article of March 21st 'Muddled Minor.' I do not suppose that he intended to do anything unfair when he wrote that title, but the title is simply an appeal to prejudice, and that is the last thing that is wanted. His article is very good as far as it goes, but it wants supplementing at one point.

Take the old nine bob 720 and examine its q sets. They are:—

32546	52364	53246
23564	25346	35264
24536	54263	52436
42563	45236	25463
43526	53462	54326
34562	35426	45362

Now in the middle one of each of these sets the bells are running the reverse way to what they are running in the first and third.

This point is of the greatest importance because it explains the possibility of adding five plain courses to the original course in Minor methods, and so produce the whole, which you cannot do in Triples.

I have known the connection between 9 bob and 21 bob 720's for forty years, and the same connection exists between 12 bob and 18 bob 720's, but if anyone thinks that they are the same, will he please prove it by producing a 21 bob 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor?

H. LAW JAMES.

MORE THAN THREE EXTENTS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I should like to explain my reason for assuming that Mr. James meant by different 720's that they must contain a different number of bobs, was assumed on good grounds. Some years ago a conductor asked Mr. James to supply him with all the different ways (not 720's) of London Surprise, and as I was fortunate to get hold of the figures supplied was able to judge what his idea was. They contained seven round blocks containing 720's, with 9, 12, 18 and 21 bobs.

In your issue of March 21st Mr. James persists in saying a 720 consists of 721 rows, of which the first and last are the same. I also notice in the minutes of the last Central Council meeting, published in this week's issue of 'The Ringing World,' he made use of the clock to emphasise his point of a round block. I would like to use the same means. Big Ben booms out 1 a.m., and the minute hand starts out on its 12 part 720 changes (i.e., minutes). It is in the coming home course, and presently booms out 1 p.m. Does Mr. James mean that 1 p.m. is 1 a.m.?

I do not quite agree with Mr. Powell that a 720 of Kent with 9 bobs is a different composition to a 720 of London Surprise with 9 bobs. The Q sets used are exactly the same, viz., 2.6, 3.6, and 4.6, the only difference being their removal from 2-3 places to 5-6 places.

I am also of the opinion that there are more than three different extents of Treble Bob Minor. I give below two 720's of Cambridge Minor:—

(A)							(B)						
2345	4th	W	O	1	H		2345	4th	W	O	I	H	
3542				—			3254	—	—			—	
5243				—			3425	—	—				
3425	—						5243		—	—	—	—	
5324	—	—	2	—	—		4235		—	—	—		
4235	—						3542		—			—	
3254				—	—		2345		—				
2345	—		—	—									

The Q sets in (A) are 35, 52, 45, 23, 46, and may be varied by using Q sets 42, 63, 25, 53, 45, or 35, 26, 54, 34, 25. Now, to produce (B) you have to pick out of these three variations Q set 42, 63, 46, 53, 52, which, in my opinion, produces a different 720.—Yours, etc.,

Killamarsh. C. SEVERN.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Replying to Mr. Trappitt's letter in your last issue, no doubt he has read the report of the association's annual meeting and observed the number that were present. I can imagine a similar gathering on a Wednesday whatever the occasion—I don't think!

I must confess I did allege Mr. Trappitt was the only foundation member, but would remind him that all people are honest until they are found out. I now say definitely that he is not the only foundation member. Only this week I have been in communication with the representative of Mr. Harry Pates (85), now living at Clacton-on-Sea. I am informed that Mr. Pates was enrolled a member at the Surrey Association's inaugural meeting on May 21st, 1880, at Beddington. If Mr. Trappitt requires further proof, no doubt Mr. Pates himself will rush into print.

I note Mr. Trappitt's remarks re amalgamation. I refer him to the first paragraph of the proposals for amalgamation circulated among the members at the proper time, and remind him that those present at the Leatherhead meeting in March, 1928, are quite aware of his attitude at that meeting, which calls for no further comment from me.—Yours faithfully, CHAS. H. KIPPIN,

Hon. Secretary.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL BRANCH AT PUCKLECHURCH.

The spring meeting of the Bristol Branch was held on Saturday at Pucklechurch in glorious weather. A record number of members attended, over 50 being present, representing 17 towers. The fine afternoon, coupled with the chance of a ring on this recently restored peal, was no doubt responsible for the number present. The bells, a peal of six, have recently been overhauled and rehung in a new frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, whose representative, Mr. F. Stevenson, attended the meeting, Mr. Cyril Johnston being unable to be present through illness.

The bells were made good use of until 4.30, when service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. E. Lewis), who gave a very helpful address.

The members then made their way to the 'Fleur-de-Lys,' where tea had been prepared by Mr. Scarrett, the arrangements being due to the kindness of Mr. F. Lewis.

A short business meeting followed, at which the chairman, Mr. F. Skidmore, presided. Five new members were elected, and the secretary was asked to send a letter of congratulation to the Minchinhampton ringers (Stroud Branch) on their ringing the first peal of Cambridge Minor for the association.

The Chairman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. R. E. Lewis for the use of the bells, and conducting the service, also to the ladies and those who had kindly assisted at tea.—This was seconded by Mr. J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton.

The Vicar, in responding, gave the members some idea of the work and trouble he had had to get the necessary repairs done to the bells to put them in order. He gave the association a hearty welcome, and hoped they would come again.

The tower was again visited, and ringing in the usual methods was continued until 8 p.m., some of the members also going on to Abson to ring.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At All Saints', Sutton-on-Trent, on March 20th, 720 Cambridge Surprise: H. Edwards 1, H. Cafferata 2, Miss K. Burchnall 3, Miss G. Burchnall 4, E. A. Midwinter 5, L. Pierrepont (conductor) 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob: N. Moxon 1, H. Cafferata 2, Miss K. Burchnall 3, H. Edwards (first 720 in the method) 4, Miss G. Burchnall 5, L. Pierrepont (conductor) 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of esteem to Miss B. Day and the Rev. F. B. Proctor, who were buried that afternoon.

A DISAPPOINTING EXPERIENCE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Ringers visiting the Newark-on-Trent district would be well advised not to go out of their way to get a ring at Newark Parish Church, as the welcome extended by the local ringers to visitors is not exactly cordial, if I may judge by my own experience.

I happened to be at Newark on Sunday, March 9th, and ascended the tower when ringing commenced, in the hope of getting a pull. Stedman Triples was in progress when I entered the belfry. The 'touch' came round a few minutes after. No one took any notice of me, and after a couple of dozen rounds, 'go' was called again. The bells were then kept going until they were lowered for service time. The conductor then asked me if I had come up to see him. I told him I had hoped for a ring. No one expressed regret at my disappointment. Someone did say, 'Was I coming again?' I politely refrained from saying, 'Not so likely,' said 'Good-night' instead, and descended the tower.

I am pleased to say that this is the first time I have had this experience in fourteen years' activity in the Exercise, and I sincerely hope it will be the last.—Yours faithfully,

FREDERICK E. COLLINS.

South Norwood, London.

MR. W. COLLINSON'S 100 PEALS.

Seven Minor methods	4
Grandsire Triples	14
Union Triples	3
Oxford Bob Triples	2
Plain Bob Triples	2
Court Bob Triples	3
Stedman Triples	20
Plain Bob Major	4
Canterbury Pleasure Major	1
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	9
Kent Treble Bob Major	14
Kent Treble Bob Royal	1
Oxford Treble Bob Major	2
Superlative Surprise Major	18
Cambridge Surprise Major	3
	100

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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 postcards, 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.

ILLNESS OF CANON G. F. COLERIDGE.

Ringers throughout the country will regret to learn of the illness of Canon G. F. Coleridge, the genial president of the Central Council. Early last week he developed pneumonia in one lung, as the result of a chill, and he has since been attended by two doctors.

The legion of his friends in the Exercise will unite in wishing him a speedy recovery.

On Wednesday, Canon Coleridge's condition was reported to be improving. He had passed a comfortable night, and his strength was maintained.

BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. C. T. Coles, the popular hon. secretary of the Middlesex County Association, is the third ringer to reach 50 Surprise peals on 12 bells, the other two being Messrs. W. and G. R. Pye, who reached this total a few weeks ago. Mr. Coles' 50 are made of 43 of Cambridge, 5 of Superlative, and 2 of Spliced Superlative and Cambridge. They have been rung in 21 towers for 11 associations, and include the 7,392 at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, and the 15,312 at Ashton-under-Lyne.

The Rev. W. H. Pennington Bickford, the popular Rector of St. Clement Danes, has been elected an honorary member of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

The College Youths and the Cumberland Youths are taking steps to appoint an entertainment committee in connection with the Central Council meeting in London at Whitsun.

This next week sees the anniversary of several memorable performances, including the 40,320 Bob Major rung by James Barham and 13 other ringers at Leeds, Kent, on April 7th and 8th, 1761. The peal occupied 27 hours.

A peal board at Shoreditch records: 'This inscription will hand to posterity the unparalleled abilities displayed in the performance of a peal that was rang in this steeple on Tuesday, 7th of April, 1801, 5,220 changes, Court Bob Royal, in 3 hrs. and 37 mins., being the first ever rung by any society in that intricate method.' It was composed and called by George Gross, sen.

On April 8th, 1912, a peal of 12,160 Bristol Surprise Major was rung at Knebworth, Herts, by the Herts Association, and on the same day, ten years later, a 13,440 Bob Major at the Loughborough Bell Foundry by the Midland Counties Association.

One hundred years ago next Wednesday Elijah Roberts 'tapped' a peal of 7,536 Kent Treble Bob Maximus on handbells in 4 hrs. 51 mins. This, like two other peals he had tapped, was performed at Birmingham. Seven years later he tapped a peal of 19,440 of Treble Bob Maximus, which occupied him 13 hrs. 43 mins., and he came to an untimely end by his own hand in 1865.

A peal of 10,272 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung at Liversedge, Yorks, on April 10th, 1871.

The peal of London Surprise Major at Stoke, Coventry, recorded in our last issue, was rung for the Warwickshire Guild.

The peal at Whitwick was rung on March 19th, not February 19th, as reported to us.

Until the next annual meeting, correspondence for the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild should be addressed either to the Rev. Evan Jones, Hedge End Vicarage, Botley, Hants (hon. treasurer), or Mr. F. W. Rogers, 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth, who is acting as hon. secretary pro. tem.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION

ASSOCIATIONS ASKED TO CONSIDER PROPOSED CHANGES THIS YEAR.

COUNCIL TO DECIDE NEXT YEAR.

Our contributor, who in several issues last autumn put forward proposals for revising the constitution of the Central Council, writes:

In your issue of October 18th last you printed some suggested alterations to the rules of the Central Council, which it was thought might bring its constitution more closely into line with present day ideas of what it should be. Suggested amendments were set out in definite terms, so that the associations might consider them and put forward any alternative proposals if they desired to do so. It was the intention that these alterations should be submitted to the next meeting of the Council in London, but for the reasons given below it has been thought, after consideration, that it would be well to postpone the question of revision until next year.

First, in order to get the necessary motion on the agenda for this year, it would have to be sent in before Easter, and, therefore, the great majority of the associations would not be able to consider the proposals at their annual general meetings—and it is desirable, above all things, that in this matter the associations should ventilate their views upon it.

Secondly, the Council will have been already elected for three years, so that some part, at any rate, of the proposals could not, even if passed, be put into operation until the end of the triennial period, and it would be much better if the whole change could be introduced at the same time.

Thirdly, the London meeting is usually a full one from the point of view of business, and the discussion which would probably ensue on the proposals might inconveniently congest the proceedings.

If, therefore, the associations will devote their attention to the subject and definitely express their views as to the suggested alterations, which could be made next year and come into operation (if desired) before the next election of members, the ends in view might be better served. But each association ought to consider the proposals *this year*.

[Briefly, the points upon which alterations are suggested are the following:

(1) That the various associations and guilds should be formally affiliated to the Council, with a certain ratio of representation; instead of the Council consisting merely of a number of private members elected by the associations.

(2) That all the affiliated associations and guilds should undertake to recognise the rulings of the Council.

(3) That the members be elected by the affiliated societies annually, instead of triennially.

(4) That it should be open to the affiliated associations and guilds to make recommendations direct to the Council.

(5) That all resolutions, outside the purely domestic affairs of the Council, should be officially communicated to the affiliated bodies.

Full details of the proposed alterations, set out side by side with the existing rules, were published in 'The Ringing World' on October 18th last.—ED. 'R.W.']

A CITY BELL RESTORATION.

The bells of St. Lawrence Jewry, one of Wren's City churches, are being restored and the bells are now at the Whitechapel Foundry, where they were cast by Bartlett in 1687. The bells have been sand-blasted and retuned, and will be rehung in new fittings. The tenor is 32 cwt., and they are the heaviest ring of eight in the city.

They had not been rung for a number of years owing to their dilapidated condition, and their renovation has been carried out as part of a big scheme for the restoration of the church, the roof of which had suffered badly from the ravages of the 'death watch' beetle.

ST. LAWRENCE JEWRY,
where the bells are now being restored.

Very little peal ringing has been done on the bells. On April 30th, 1887, a peal of Grandsire Triples (the fourth peal on the bells) was rung, the previous peal having been 125 years before. The only survivor of the band that rang the peal in Queen Victoria's jubilee year is Mr. James Waghorn, sen. The others who took part were James Haworth, Robt. Jameson, Wm. Weatherstone, Geo. Banks, Richard French (conductor) and Edward Albone.

LADIES' GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Ladies' Guild (Northern District) was held at North Wingfield, on Saturday, March 22nd, when ringers attended from Duffield, Rotherham, Chesterfield, Handsworth and the local band. Although it was a lovely spring day, the attendance was very poor.

A nice tea had been prepared in the Church Hall, where the business meeting was held afterwards, one new member being elected.

Miss Foulk, of Duffield, proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to Miss Tarlton for so kindly arranging the meeting, to the ladies for preparing tea, and to the gentlemen who gave such valuable assistance.

Various methods were rung during the afternoon and evening, including Superlative, Cambridge, Duffield, Stedman, Little Bob, Kent and a touch of Grandsire Triples.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The second annual meeting of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was held at Guildford on Saturday, and drew a large attendance. The bells at the Cathedral and S. Nicolas' Church were kept well employed during the afternoon under the direction of the respective tower masters, and choral service was held in the Cathedral. The Provost (Canon E. C. Kirwan) officiated, and the choir led the singing. The preacher was the Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), who gave an inspiring address.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn preached from the text, 'Let us wait on our ministry' (Rom. xii. 7). He referred to various ministries in connection with the Church of Christ, and said that the ministry of the bellringers was by no means the least important. Despite all that was said in newspapers and elsewhere, there was a demand by the Church for the ministry of church bellringing, and it was by no means less to-day than it was 20 or 30 years ago. There was a demand to have bells put in good order and well rung, and very often there was a demand to have a ring of bells where none existed. In his own diocese of Oxford, bell hangers had been extremely busy since the war, and this was proof that there was a demand by churchpeople that there should be a church ministry of bellringing. That, continued the preacher, was a very different thing to having bells put in good order for various people—good, steady people, no doubt—to exercise themselves in the art of ringing as they would in games, such as golf, or cricket, or football, merely using the bells as a means, and the place as a site in which to take their exercise. He was quite sure that ringers who thought at all would agree with him that the ministry of bellringing in their churches must be clearly a church ministry and not a pastime only. Let them, then, ask themselves this question: Did they wait on their ministry; that was, were they absorbed in it, or did they expect the ministry to wait on them? They ought all to feel the need of waiting on their ministry, and they should try and see how best it could be done. First of all, they ought to engage more in spiritual exercises and make themselves more fitted for their task. They wanted to say more prayers, to be more regular in their Communion, and to look upon attendance at public worship as a duty which they must discharge unless there was good reason to the contrary. He was quite sure himself, after considerable thought and experience, that the idea of making a hard and fast rule as to ringers attending service so often was a mistake, but they should be faithful in the discharge of their duty in regard to public worship. Then, proceeded the preacher, they should adapt themselves to the conditions which they found in the tower to which they were attached. If a man left a tower where there was a good band and found himself in one where there was a struggling band, he must adapt himself. He did not mean by that he must just let things remain as they were, but he must be patient. And while he was patient he must carefully and strenuously insist on progress. If they were a band that 'struck' badly, he must persuade them to concentrate on their striking rather than going on to some other method; if he found that what they rang they rang well, but were content to learn nothing more, he must try and induce them to branch out in something new. That was the way to help their ministry along. It took a great deal of care and patience and prayer. The preacher then had a few words of advice to beginners, urging them to show zeal in the work and to devote themselves to it as they would to any game. Guilds and associations, he said, had also to wait upon their ministry. They existed for the benefit of the ministry. It was for the benefit of good service ringing that there were Guilds at all. Guilds did not exist merely to enable ringers to ring a great number of peals in a number of methods. There should be peals, undoubtedly; and practice, certainly—both did a great deal of good to the ministry if they were done in the right way—but the real ministry of the Guild was to promote good service ringing: to introduce ringers into a fellowship which should help, by instruction in ringing and by leading them to think about their duty in the highest possible way, and inspire them to be good ministers. They should remember that God had called them to this ministry—it was not something which they had done on their own—therefore let them wait on their ministry.

Tea was served in St. Saviour's Church Hall, and at the subsequent business Mr. Walter Harrison (vice-president) presided over an attendance of nearly 140 members and friends. He was supported by the Provost, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Miss Middleton and Mr. W. C. Ryde (life hon. members), Revs. S. Courtnay-Smith and Norton (Guildford), G. Mitchell (Cranleigh), Major J. H. B. Hesse (Master), Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O. (hon. treasurer) and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (hon. secretary). Members were present from Aldershot, Ashtead, Bagshot, Banstead, Cobham, Cranleigh, Dorking, Ewhurst, Farnham, Farnborough, Godalming, Guildford (Cathedral and S. Nicolas'), Haslemere, Leatherhead, Merrow, Ottershaw, Pirbright, Seale, Shalford, Shere, Thursley, Walton, Witley, Woking, Wonersh and Worplesdon. The visitors included Messrs. C. H. Kippen (hon. secretary of the Surrey Association), Mr. F. W. Rogers (acting hon. secretary of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild), Mr. W. Bolton (Cardiff), and ringers from Croydon, Ealing, Petersfield and Crawley.

THE REPORT.

The annual report began with some frank criticism. After the first flush of enthusiasm inspired by the foundation of the new Guild there had been, in some quarters, said the report, a falling-off in interest, and while the officers had been endeavouring to consolidate the position achieved when the Guild started, many of the members had not continued to give that support which might justifiably have been anticipated. This had been noticeable both in the district meetings and in connection with combined practices. Usually these had been attended by the same limited circle of enthusiasts, but if the Guild was to fulfil its functions successfully, support of a much wider kind was not only desirable but essential. The combined practices held in the Leatherhead and Guildford Districts had been attended with varying success, and the committee recorded its thanks to those who had devoted so much time and attention to this part of the work of the Guild. Those who had taken advantage of the facilities provided had profited by the experience. If ringers would realise that by attending these practices they would be helping others as well as probably helping themselves, the reluctance to visit other belfries, which seemed to exist, would perhaps eventually disappear in the desire to render service. In both the Leatherhead and Guildford Districts new schemes were to be tried this year, and it was hoped the results would be more encouraging to the promoters. There had been no organised combined practices in the Farnham District, but the district officers had done some valuable spade work in visiting several of the towers. In the Chertsey District, also, it had not been possible to arrange combined practices, and there was a regrettable lack of interest among the majority of ringers in this area. The committee appealed to all the members in this district especially to show greater interest, not only in the Guild itself, but in the duties which they are called upon to perform in their own towers and in the meetings which are organised in their interests.

Having referred to the various important events of the year, the report recorded that the committee, under the powers given to them to make grants to towers which are endeavouring to add new bells to the existing ring or are carrying out extensive repairs, had given grants of £2 2s. to West Clandon and £1 1s. to Woking Parish Church. Welcome augmentations to two rings of bells in the diocese had been made during the year. A new bell was added at Farnborough, increasing the peal to six, and two trebles added at Woking Parish Church, and the other bells put on ball bearings, giving another ring of eight in the Guildford District. This latter augmentation was carried through largely by the efforts of the local ringers, who collected most of the necessary funds, and they were to be congratulated on the success of their efforts, in which the hon. treasurer (Admiral T. P. Walker) took a leading part. As a result of a meeting held at Godalming it was hoped that something might be done in the near future to put the ring of bells at the Parish Church in better order. There were several other rings in the diocese which badly required attention. Their present condition was not only an obstacle to the progress of the Guild, but also resulted in valuable property of the Church remaining in a state of disrepair and unfit for use for the purposes for which it was installed by beneficent churchmen in years gone by.

ADVANCE IN PEAL RINGING.

In peal ringing, the Guild made a substantial advance on the preceding year, due in no small measure to the welcome return to the ranks of peal ringers of Mr. A. H. Pulling after his happy recovery from the serious accident which for so long incapacitated him from ringing. The peals numbered 35, against 22 in the previous year. These peals were rung in 21 towers (including four outside the diocese), against 15 in the preceding year. They included the Guild's first peals of Cambridge Surprise Minor and Royal, Stedman Triples and Caters, Canterbury Pleasure Major, College Single Major, Bob Royal, Dublin Surprise Major and Bristol Surprise Major. Other noteworthy peals were the peals of Grandsire Caters at S. Nicolas', Guildford, the first on the bells since rehanging; the first peal of Bob Minor at Esher; a peal of Grandsire Doubles at Ottershaw, in which five of the local ringers rang their first peal; and a peal of Superlative Surprise at Ranmore, rung by a resident band of the Leatherhead District. The number of towers which paid their affiliation fee for 1929 was 35, four less than in 1928. The total membership was 559, made up of 19 life hon. members, 38 hon. members, 379 ringing members, and 121 non-resident members. In conclusion, the committee urged that more strenuous efforts should be made by members to bring Sunday service bands up to full strength and to advance the art of change ringing; and that there should be a fuller appreciation of their duties to the Church and their responsibilities to the Guild. This appeal to the members could not be better emphasised than by quoting from the report of the Guildford District secretary presented to the annual meeting of the Guildford District: '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.'

The balance sheet of the general fund showed that the year began with £20 1s. 2d. in hand, and that subscriptions amounting to £36 12s. had been received. The expenses, including the donations to bell funds, were £20 0s. 11d., leaving a balance in hand of £36 12s. 3d. The district balances have increased during the years from £11 0s. 10d. to £18 13s. 1d.

The balance sheet was adopted on the proposition of the chairman, seconded by Mr. F. Nye.

On the proposition of Canon Kirwan, the following officers were re-elected: Vice-president, Mr. Walter Harrison; Master, Major. J. H. B. Hesse (Haslemere); hon. treasurer, Admiral T. P. Walker (Woking); hon. secretary, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (Woking); hon. auditor, Mr. C. N. Burdock (Guildford). Mr. Goldsmith asked to be allowed to hand in his resignation next year as his interests in ringing extended outside the diocese, and sometimes there was a clash of interests. The suggestion was greeted with cries of 'No.'

A ballot for the election of three representatives on the Central Council resulted as follows: A. H. Pulling, C. Hazelden and G. L. Grover. A vote of thanks was accorded the last three representatives.

Four compounding members, 12 hon. members, two ringing members and one life member were elected.

Alterations were made in the rules to the effect that vice-presidents be ex-officio members of the Executive Committee.

PROTECTION AGAINST FAULTY WORK.

The rule that the Executive Committee may make grants to towers which are endeavouring to add new bells to the existing ring or are carrying out extensive repairs, any such grant not to exceed £3, was amended, so that such grants be not paid until the work has been completed to the satisfaction of the Guild's advisory officer.

The Hon. Secretary, submitting the alteration, said there might be a danger of repairs being done by the village blacksmith, instead of by competent bell hangers, or, failing to raise sufficient money to get a new peal a church might decide to instal a set of tubular bells. He thought the Guild ought to safeguard itself.

Major Hesse seconded.

Admiral Walker and Mr. A. Pulling opposed the alteration on the ground that the grants the Guild could make were only small sums.

Canon Kirwan pointed out that the alteration was exactly the same as that adopted by every Diocesan Board of Finance. No grants were made unless the work was done to the satisfaction of the Board. It was a matter of principle.

The alteration was accepted by 66 votes to five.

The meeting decided to hold their summer festival at Egham on July 5th, and the next annual general meeting at Guildford. The meeting also approved of the suggestion to hold a Guild dinner.

An offer by Mr. J. Beams to enter the peals in the Guild's peal book was accepted with thanks.

Thanks were expressed to Canon Kirwan for the use of the Cathedral, for the service and for his continued interest, and also to the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn for the high ideals expressed in his address at the Cathedral.

Matters concerning the Central Council's constitution which it was proposed to alter, were explained by the secretary, who said that the proposals were that societies should be formally affiliated to the Central Council; that societies should recognise the rulings of the Council; that members should be elected annually instead of for three years; that Guilds should be able to send resolutions direct to the Council; and that resolutions of the Council should be communicated to the various Guilds. The principles involved were accepted by the meeting.

Hearty good wishes were extended to Mr. H. Gardner, of Seale, who was leaving the district for Worthing. He was the oldest member of the band, and had been responsible for the training of many of the younger members.

Thanks were accorded the chairman for presiding, and the new Rector of S. Nicolas' for his interest in ringing.

POLICEMEN'S SERVICE TOUCHES.

At St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, on Sunday, March 30th, for evening service 688 Bob Major: P.C. Willis 1, Insp. Bottrill (conductor) 2, P.S. Schleuter 3, P.C. Digby 4, P.C. Doel 5, Candidate Gwilliam 6, Candidate Bagworth 7, P.C. Bannister 8. Also 504 Stedman Triples, with P.C. Bannister conductor and P.C. Jones tenor. All are members of Metropolitan Police Guild.

A HALF-PEAL

At Mongham, Kent, on March 28th, a half-peal of Bob Minor (2,520 changes) in 1 hr. 25 mins., being three 720's and 360, called differently: S. Bamford 1, E. Long 2, F. Rye 3, W. Terry 3, W. Hunt 5, L. Ladd (conductor) 6. Longest length by ringers of 3, 4 and 5.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL REPORT.

The forty-eighth annual report, covering the 52nd year of the Norwich Diocesan Association, has just been issued. It is mainly a record of the recent reorganisation of the association. The last reorganisation, says the report, took place in the year 1890, when the association was divided up into districts, which were worked single-handed by a district secretary. During this period many of the districts have become far too small in membership to hope for any success, and in others difficulties have been found in the way for the proper organisation of the districts being satisfactorily carried out, with the inevitable result that district meetings had fallen to zero point, followed with an atmosphere of apathy hovering over the work for the future welfare of the association.

The committee recognised this state of affairs and also that the existing arrangements of districts were obviously out of gear and should be overhauled without further delay. The committee's proposals for the reorganisation scheme were considered by all the general meetings in 1928, and were summarised in a circular letter dated February, 1929, to all members residing in Norfolk, with an attached form containing five questions on the proposals of reform for members to answer and return to the general secretary (Mr. Arthur L. Coleman). The returns showed majorities in favour of all the five proposed reforms at the Whit Monday general meeting held at Pulham St. Mary, on May 20th, 1929.

A sub-committee was appointed to deal with the areas of the new branches. Great attention was given to the important matter of easy inter-communication by railways and motor bus routes which was no easy matter with so many of the towers in isolated places. To meet this difficulty it was found necessary to group the eleven existing districts into four branches instead of the three as proposed in the referendum to members, to be called 'The North,' 'The East,' 'The South,' and 'The West' Branches. Particulars with regard to the boundaries of the branches are printed in the annual report for 1929.

The change of title, 'The Norfolk Guild for the Diocese of Norwich,' to revert to its original title, 'The Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers,' was particularly popular, especially among the older members, with remembrances of its brilliant past record, thus bringing it into touch with the present generation.

The unwieldy area of the association covering the diocese of Norwich was far too great to be continued to be administered centrally from Norwich. The committee hope for a real revival in the life of the association by the constitution of four new branches large enough to give ample material for the officers and committees to work and keep the members actively in touch with one and another by frequent meetings and combined practices, and also for members to take the opportunity now offered to them for active work as officers and members of the branch committees.

The committee are pleased to report that members came forward willingly to take up office at the election of the branch committees: The East Norfolk Branch at Great Yarmouth on November 9th, 1929; the West Norfolk Branch at King's Lynn, November 16th, 1929; the South Norfolk Branch at Diss, November 23rd, 1929; the North Norfolk Branch at Norwich, December 7th, 1929.

The committee wish them every success, and trust their efforts will result in a general activity in the work of the association, but let it be remembered that this largely depends upon what support the branch committees get from the members. Service and good fellowship is the key to unlock a successful branch.

The committee also put on record their thanks to all district secretaries for their many years of services, and are sure they will appreciate the mention of the name of their grandfather of district secretaries, Mr. William Ireland, of Diss, who has been district secretary of Diss for 39 years and 52 years a member of the association, and still going strong in his 78th year of age, and adding on peals to his record of 101.

The committee regret the loss by death of nine members and four by resignation. Seven members have lapsed during the year, but they are glad to report the election of 26 new members and the re-election of nine old members, the grand total of members standing at 822 against 806 in 1928. The committee report a small reduction in the amount of outstanding subscriptions for the year ending December 31st, 1929, the amount being £4 10s., against £6 3s. in 1928. They regret to report the falling off in the number of peals during the year. Forty-five peals in 11 different methods were rung, against 50 peals in 1928; 113 members took part in the peals, which were conducted by 13 members.

In conclusion, they wish to thank all the officers and members of the committee for their services during the past year.

The association membership is 7 life members, 263 non-resident life members, 218 Suffolk non-resident life members, 31 hon. members in Norfolk, and 303 performing members, a total of 822.

RINGSTEAD, NORTHANTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Thursday evening, March 27th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor: H. Peacock 1, C. Whitney 2, E. Whitmore 3, G. Roberts 4, W. Whitmore (conductor) 5, A. Bellamy 6. First 720 by the ringers of treble and second.

ALDERMAN J. S. PRITCHETT HONOURED.

JUBILEE AS A FREEMASON.

Alderman J. S. Pritchett, best known among ringers as the Presiding Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, has had, as most of our readers know, a distinguished career in many departments of life. He is a prominent member of the Bar and Recorder of Lincoln, and, outside his profession, his chief interest, apart from ringing, is Freemasonry, in which he has risen to an exalted position. He has just completed his jubilee in the craft, having been initiated in the 'Alma Mater' Lodge, No. 1644, on March 19th, 1880. This auspicious event was celebrated last Friday, when Wor.Bro. Pritchett was the guest of the evening at a banquet at the Birmingham Masonic Temple.

In the craft, W.Bro. Pritchett has filled the offices of Provincial Grand Deacon, Provincial Grand Senior Warden, and Grand Senior Deacon of England, and in 1925 was appointed Assistant Provincial Grand Master, Warwickshire, which office he still holds. Equally distinguished has been his progress in Royal Arch and Mark Masonry, and in the orders of the Knight Templars, and Rose Croix, as well as in other branches, including holding the office of Provincial Grand Master of the Royal Order of Scotland.

Despite his 75 years, Alderman Pritchett is young in spirit, due to the fact that his outlook on life is always a broad and cheerful one. Asked at the recent Johnson dinner when he was happiest, he replied that he was happiest wherever he happened to be at the moment.

Alderman Pritchett has undoubtedly found the key to true happiness, and it has kept him keenly alert in intellect and active in body, in proof of which we have only to remind our readers that on his 75th birthday he rang in a peal of Stedman Cinques. Alderman Pritchett celebrated his jubilee as a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths some years ago.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WESTERN DIVISION OFFICERS.

The annual meeting of the Western Division of the Yorkshire Association was held at Lightcliffe on Saturday last. The attendance was very good, members from the following towers being present: Guiseley, Lindley, Longwood, Headingley, Armley, Queensbury, Rothwell, Brighouse, Pudsey, Denholme, Liversedge, Leeds, Mytholmroyd, Keighley, Bradford, Shipley, Birstall, Bingley, Mirfield, Halifax, Batley, Bramley, Northowram, Idle and the local company. During the afternoon the bells were rung to touches of Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire, and a short church service was held, the address being given by the Rev. H. L. Taylor.

Tea was served in the schools, and the business meeting was held immediately after. Mr. J. Cotterell (vice-president) was in the chair, supported by the Rev. H. L. Taylor and Mr. J. Broadley (Ringing Master). Six new members were elected, viz., W. Bibby, T. B. Worsley, T. Barlow, A. Towend, K. R. Jubb and W. Lawson, the last-named being the grandson of J. Lawson, of Lightcliffe, and as his son is also a member this makes three generations now ringing together in the same band.

The following officers were re-elected: Mr. J. Cotterell, Bradford, vice-president; and Messrs. R. W. Jennison (Keighley) and W. Ambler (Queensbury), committee. Mr. W. E. H. Ash (Leeds) was elected on the committee in the place of Mr. H. Smith (Leeds), who expressed a wish to retire. An invitation to hold the next meeting at Calverley was accepted.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and address, and also to the organist for presiding at the organ, was moved from the chair, and seconded by Mr. J. Broadley. This was carried, and the Rev. H. L. Taylor responded.

A vote of thanks to the local company for the arrangements made, and to the ladies for presiding at the tea tables, was proposed by Mr. W. Barton, seconded by Mr. V. Bairstow, and passed, and Mr. J. Lawson replied.

The tower was again revisited at the close of the business meeting, and the bells were kept going until 9 p.m.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

CHEAP TRAVELLING FACILITIES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In connection with the forthcoming Whitsuntide meeting, representations have again been made to the railway companies, who have agreed to afford cheap travelling facilities and will issue tickets available from Saturday, June 7th, until Wednesday, June 11th, from any station to London. The fare charged will be single fare and a third. The condition imposed is that at least 100 tickets should be sold. As they will be available for members' wives and friends travelling with them to the meeting, it is hoped that this number will be sold. Those living only a short distance from London may considerably help by using these tickets.

Applications, stating number of tickets, should be made to me, including a stamped addressed envelope.—Yours faithfully,

E. ALEXR. YOUNG,
Hon. Secretary.

155, Rushey Green, Catford, S.E.6.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

NEWCASTLE.—At the Cathedral, a touch of 660 Stedman Cinques was rung for evensong, on Sunday, March 30th, to celebrate the 64th birthday of Mr. C. L. Routledge, everyone wishing him 'many happy returns': G. A. Pickering 1, A. Payne 2, C. L. Routledge 3, J. E. Keen 4, J. Rowell 5, J. Anderson 6, A. Deas 7, W. Baskill 8, J. Foreman 9, Jas. Davidson 10, W. H. Barber (conductor) 11, R. Anderson 12. A short-course touch.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows', on Sunday, March 30th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 42 mins.: H. Ellis 1, H. A. Barnett 2, W. J. Ellis 3, E. E. Holman 4, E. A. Hull 5, J. H. Crampion (first quarter-peal as conductor) 6, J. G. Nash 7, H. W. Strickland 8.

WINDERMERE, WESTMORLAND.—On Sunday, March 30th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): E. Hadwin 1, H. Richardson 2, H. Woodburn 3, J. Tebay 4, T. Jefferson (conductor) 5, W. Troughton 6, F. Wilson 7, W. Walker 8. First quarter-peal as conductor. All are Sunday service ringers, and it was the first quarter-peal by a purely local band.

WELLINGTON, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, March 30th, for morning service, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins.: H. Whalley 1, F. R. Wiggin 2, W. H. Jones 3, L. Bishop 4, W. A. Fletcher 5, H. Hayward 6, A. Pritchard (conductor) 7, W. Thomas 8. Arranged for Messrs. F. R. Wiggin and W. H. Jones, of Stafford.

SEALE, SURREY.—On Sunday, March 30th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Minor (1,260 changes), being 720 of Kent, 360 Oxford Treble Bob, and 180 Plain Bob: H. Court 1, H. Gardner 2, C. Newman 3, W. Denyer 4, R. Whitford 5, H. Tinsey (conductor) 6. Arranged and rung as a farewell to Mr. H. Gardner, who is leaving the parish to take up new duties at Worthing.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On 'Mothering' Sunday, March 30th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Doubles (1,260 changes, being 360 Canterbury, 360 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire) in 40 mins.: J. H. Bailess 1, C. H. Webb 2, F. Bailess 3, M. E. Watson (conductor) 4, W. A. Wood 5, A. E. Warwick 6. First quarter-peal in three methods by a local band.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.—On Sunday, March 30th, at St. Thomas' Church, for Holy Eucharist service, three parts of Holt's Ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples (1,540 changes) in 56 minutes: J. Peters 1, F. G. Ringe (conductor) 2, A. Rainbird 3, C. Pryke 4, R. Ong 5, A. Pryke 6, E. Furbank 7, B. Hines 8.

TENTERDEN.—At St. Mildred's, for evensong, on Sunday, March 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. J. Battin 1, Dr. Taylor 2, —. Collins 3, H. V. Baker 4, R. Edwards (conductor) 5, J. Neve 6, W. Tickner 7, C. Tribe 8. Arranged for ringers of 2, 3 and 4, who hail from Sevenoaks.

EGERTON, KENT.—On Sunday morning, March 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: A. Foreman (first away from tenor) 1, W. Henniker 2, M. Johnson (first inside) 3, A. Missing 4, F. Good (conductor) 5, C. Rains (first quarter-peal) 6.

BANSTEAD.—On Sunday, March 23rd, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 49 mins.: J. Hobson (first quarter-peal) 1, F. G. Woodiss 2, A. E. Cheesman 3, H. N. Pitstow (conductor) 4, L. George 5, T. Norman 6, R. I. George 7, E. Wooloff 8.—On Sunday, February 16th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: *Col. T. F. Parkinson 1, F. G. Woodiss 2, A. E. Cheesman 3, H. N. Pitstow (conductor) 4, *L. George 5, *T. Norman 6, R. I. George 7, *E. Wooloff 8. * First quarter-peal. First quarter-peal on the bells by an entirely local band.

LONDON.—On Sunday, March 23rd, for evening service, at St. Giles', Camberwell, S.E., 1,299 Stedman Caters: H. W. Hibbert 1, Miss B. M. Mills 2, E. E. Richards 3, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 4, E. Brown 5, E. J. King 6, W. D. Grainger 7, T. W. Taffender 8, W. Rogers 9, H. H. Peters 10.

LOWER BEEDING, SUSSEX.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity, on Sunday evening, March 9th, before the Confirmation service by the Bishop of Lewes, a touch of 1,008 Grandsire Triples in 37 mins.: E. Wadey 1, W. Watts (conductor) 2, H. Wadey 3, S. Vince 4, G. Feist 5, G. Woodman 6, R. Langridge 7, W. W. Watts 8.

CHATHAM.—At St. Mary-the-Virgin, on Sunday evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: David Gammon 1, J. Kidd 2, H. Hogarth 3, S. Shellock 4, F. Belsey (conductor) 5, W. Beaumont 6, C. Norris 7, G. Lawrence 8. The ringer of the treble is 14 years old, this being his first quarter-peal, rung at the first attempt.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 10th and 24th, *St. Giles', Cripplegate, or the Coffee Pot, on the 29th (at 7.30 p.m.) *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general committee meeting will be held at Oxford in the Chapter House Ch. Ch., on Saturday, April 5th, at 3.15 p.m.—Richard T. Hibbert, General Secretary.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Cobham (6 bells) on Saturday, April 5th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Alan R. Pink, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Northfield, near Birmingham, on Saturday, April 5th. Bells available at 3.30.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Cuckfield on Saturday, April 5th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (1/-) in Parish Room.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Poolstock on Saturday, April 5th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is requested. — James W. Grounds, Branch Sec. 8, School Lane, Standish.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Next meeting will be held at Cresswell on Saturday, April 5th. Bells open early. For tea please advise Mr. L. W. Bacon, Thanet House, Elmton Road, Cresswell. A hearty welcome to visitors.—H. Thorpe, Hon. Sec., 104, Petre Street, Sheffield.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of the Southampton District will be held at Romsey on Saturday, April 5th. Bells at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea in Church Hall at 5 o'clock.—W. T. Tucker, Dis. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Ealing, on Saturday, April 5th, not 12th, as on notices sent. Ringing from 3.30. Usual arrangements for tea, etc.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — West Norfolk Branch. — The quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Swaffham on Saturday, April 5th. Bells (8) available from 3 to 5 and 7 to 8.30. Tea and meeting in Parish Room at 5 p.m. (1s. per head). A postcard from those intending to come will be helpful.—W. J. Eldred, Dis. Sec., 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn, Norfolk.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. Philip's Church, Nelson, on Saturday, April 5th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Subscriptions due.—F. Hindle, Hon. Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Radcliffe-on-Trent (6 bells) on Saturday, April 5th. Bells ready from 3 p.m. Please bring your Minor Methods with you. All ringers welcome.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch. — A special meeting will be held at Lilbourne on Saturday, April 5th. Usual arrangements. —R. Adams, East Haddon, Northants.

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

SPRATTON, NORTHANTS.—Dedication by the Lord Bishop of Peterborough on Tuesday, April 8th, at 6 p.m., of the peal of five, restored by John Taylor & Co., Loughborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Penwortham on Saturday, April 12th. Bells available from 2.30. All ringers welcome.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Rd., Chorley

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The quarterly meeting takes place at Kewstoke on April 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bus from Town Hall, Weston-super-Mare, to Worlebury every 10 minutes; Church 5 minutes' walk from Worlebury. Important business—please attend.—L. G. Tanner, Hon. Sec., 51, Locking Road, Weston-super-Mare.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting of the above Guild will be held at Wye on Saturday, April 12th. Bells available 2.30. All ringers welcome. — A. J. Batten, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. A meeting will be held at St Luke's, Great Crosby, on Saturday, April 12th. Bells (6) available 3.30. Usual arrangements. Please make an effort to attend.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — Next meeting will be held at South Kirkby on Saturday, April 12th. For tea please advise A. E. Harrison, 74, Mill Lane, South Kirkby, near Pontefract, not later than Wednesday, 9th. Visitors heartily welcome.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The first quarterly meeting will be held at Anstey (Kibworth being unavailable) on Saturday, April 12th. Bells (8) available from 3.30. Tea at Mrs. Baker's, Church Lane, at 5, followed by business meeting. Will those requiring tea please let me know not later than Wednesday, 9th?—Alban Disney, Local Sec., 3, Highgate, Aylestone Lane, Leicester.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at Merstham on Saturday, April 12th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea must notify me by Wednesday, April 9th.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Boreham on Saturday, April 12th. Bells (8) available 2.30. A short service in church at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Those who intend being present for tea please notify me by Wednesday, April 9th. — A. E. Coombes, 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District.—A meeting will be held at Hersham on Saturday, April 12th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea in the Parish Room 5. All ringers welcome. Numbers for tea must reach me by Wednesday, April 9th.—H. Hancock, Hon. District Sec., 3, Chobham Road, Ottershaw, Chertsey.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Ellesmere on Saturday, April 12th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Tea (1/- each) at 6 o'clock. Please send numbers for tea before the 9th, to the Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch. — The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at Market Drayton, on Saturday, April 12th. Ringing from 2.30. (8 bells). Tea at 5 o'clock. Will those intending being present kindly inform the Secretary on on before April 9th?—R. D. Langford, Branch Hon. Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome & Midsomer Norton Deanery.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Doulting on April 12th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and business 5. Those requiring tea please notify R. T. Clark, High Street, Timsbury, nr. Bath.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch will hold their quarterly meeting at Colerne on Saturday, April 12th. Bells (8) (good going) from 3.15 p.m. Visitors please notify me early.—F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., The Woodlands, Chippenham.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—Dedication of peal tablet, Easter Saturday, April 19th. Service 4.30. All ringers welcome.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Leatherhead on Easter Monday, April 21st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., tea and meeting following at the Institute. Those requiring tea kindly inform Mr. A. Dean, 24, Church Walk, Leatherhead, not later than Thursday, April 17th.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, April 21st. Full particulars next week.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held at Burton-on-Trent on Easter Monday. Bells of St. Paul's (10), St. Modwen (8), Rolleston (8), Winshill (6) available throughout the day. Committee meet at 3.45. Tea, followed by general meeting, at 5 o'clock, in St. Paul's Institute. A substantial meat tea (2s. per head) will be served, and it is imperative that all who attend should advise Mr. J. W. Leach, 4, Vernon Terrace, Victoria Street, Burton-on-Trent, not later than Thursday, April 17th, to avoid disappointment. — Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester. N.B.—Reports for 1929 ready, price 6d., per post 7½d. A few back numbers are still available.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The 50th annual general meeting will be held at Canterbury (where the Association was instituted) on Easter Monday, April 21st. Committee meeting in the Cathedral Library at 11.15. Special service in the Cathedral at 12 noon. Address by His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury. Luncheon in the County Hall at 1.30, presided over by His Grace the Archbishop, followed by business meeting. Towers open for ringing: Cathedral (12), St. Stephen's (8), St. Alphege (6), outlying districts if desired. Luncheon tickets free to practising members only; non-members 3/6. Railway vouchers for the day for return journey at single fare from any station in Kent, Surrey, Sussex and London, can be had on applying, enclosing stamped addressed envelope, to the undersigned. Mr. Morton W. Pierce has kindly offered to conduct ringers and friends round this historic Cathedral at 4 p.m. Application for luncheon tickets must be made on or before Saturday, April 12th, after which date they cannot be entertained. Nominations for Central Council representatives must reach me on or before Monday, April 14th.—Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Hedon, near Hull, on Easter Monday, April 21st. The fine new ring of eight (tenor 17½ cwt.) will be available for ringing throughout the day. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1/6 per head, and all applications for same must reach Mr. G. Dowling, Roos, near Hull, not later than first post Tuesday, April 15th. Buses run every quarter-of-an-hour from Paragon Square, Hull. Members are reminded that the annual subscription of 2/- is now due, and should be paid to the respective district secretaries without delay.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Axminster, on Easter Monday, April 21st. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, members free. Meeting 5.30. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 21st. Business meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House at 2.15 prompt. Chairman: The Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., President. Service with address by the Rev. Canon Chesshire, D.D., in the Cathedral at 4.15 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5 30 p.m. for all those who notify me before Wednesday, April 16th. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 12.30 to 2, All Saints' (10), St. Helen's (8) and St. John-in-Bredwardine (8). Subscriptions should be paid and Reports obtained in St. Helen's Church House between 11.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. —J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec., Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at All Saints', Fulham, on Saturday, April 26th. Preacher, Rev. W. P. Cole-Sheane, Vicar of Twickenham (President-elect). Further particulars later.—C. T. Coles, W. H. Hollier, Hon. Secs.

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