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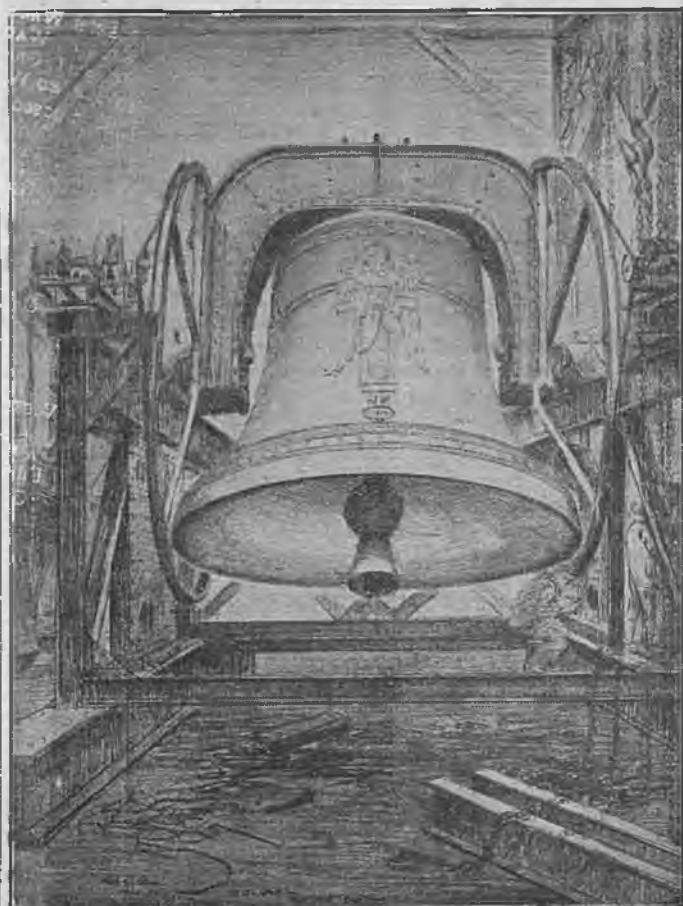
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THE LIVERPOOL MEETING.

The agenda of the Liverpool meeting of the Central Council is published in this issue. Its belated appearance is, we learn, due to the absence of Mr. Young, the hon. secretary, from this country, which resulted in a certain amount of dual responsibility in regard to it. On the face of it, the agenda is much like that of many previous provincial meetings, except that it contains an item which, for more than a quarter of a century at any rate, has been found only in the business of the London meetings—the election of an honorary secretary and treasurer. This indicates that Mr. Young, who has served the Council so zealously for ten years, is seeking relief from office. He wanted to retire last year, but gave way to the pressure put upon him to remain so that a double change of president and secretary might be avoided. Now, apparently, Mr. Young thinks that the time has come when he might conveniently lay down the burden of office, and he can do so in the knowledge that his work has been well done and his services highly appreciated by the Council.

The rest of the agenda looks, to some extent, commonplace; but it is possible that the meeting may prove of more than ordinary interest. The Standing Committee will have to report on the suggested amendment of rules, which in effect means an amendment of the constitution of the Council; the Methods Committee will have something to say on the delayed publication of the Minor Collection; and on the report of the Analysis Committee there is likely to be a challenge to the admission of peals of a certain type. Here are three subjects, at least, which may lift the discussions out of a humdrum atmosphere and perhaps give rise to a certain amount of liveliness in the debates. In addition, the Council are to be asked to give their official support to the scheme for commemorating the Stedman Tercentenary on the lines suggested by 'The Ringing World'; and there may be divided opinion among the members upon some of the other motions of which notice has been given.

The Council's business proceedings have the promise, therefore, of providing a full day's work, but this will be pleasantly sandwiched between a reception by the Lord Mayor; a lunch given by the Lancashire Association, and a tea at which the members will be the guests of Liverpool's chief magistrate. Many other social arrangements have been made by the local committee, extending from Saturday until Wednesday. There is, however, one detail in the arrangements which it has not yet been possible to settle satisfactorily, and that is the question of railway fares. The best conditions which

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Mr. Cave, the acting secretary, has so far been able to obtain, are tickets at a fare and a third for parties of not less than the equivalent of four adults, travelling together. As, with few exceptions, there are no centres from which even four members are likely to travel together this concession is unlikely to be of much real benefit. If the Railway Clearing House could make their conditions a little more elastic, they would gather most of the traffic that this meeting provides, but unless the acting secretary is successful in this direction, many ringers will doubtless avail themselves of the cheaper motor coach facilities which, while taking more time, afford a more pleasant and often a less crowded mode of transport.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 18, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANCES;

Tenor 38½ cwt.

JAMES BENNETT	Treble	*ALFRED J. TRAPPIST	7
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	2	*JOHN T. KENTISH	8
GEORGE R. PYE	3	CECIL W. PIPE	9
THOMAS T. GOFTON	4	HAROLD W. CLARK	10
CHARLES T. COLES	5	ALBERT W. COLES	11
LEWIS W. WIFFEN	6	WILLIAM PYE	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal of Surprise Maximus.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1931, in Three Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 31 cwt. in C.

*JOHN THORPE	Treble	†J. EDWARD CAWSE	7
†HEZEKIAH THORPE	2	SIDNEY F. PALMER	8
THOMAS B. KENDALL	3	ALBERT H. WARD	9
†HARRY MORGAN	4	†LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	10
†WILLIAM BARTON	5	EDWARD JENKINS	11
ALBERT J. HUGHES	6	†WILLIAM E. H. ASH	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE

* 200th peal. † First peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus. Also the 100th peal rung together by Messrs. J. Thorpe and S. F. Palmer, of Sheffield. First peal of Maximus on the bells. The conductor has now rung peals of Kent Treble Bob from Minor to Maximus inclusive.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 25, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 6104 CHANCES;

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY	Treble	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	2	GEORGE A. CARD	8
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	9
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER	4	EDWARD D. SMITH	10
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD	5	FRANCIS E. DAWE	11
THOMAS NEWMAN	6	*JAMES G. A. PRIOR	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANCIS EDWARD DAWE.

* First peal on twelve bells.

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TEN BELL PEAL.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 22, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicolas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

*GEORGE COLLIER Treble	*THOMAS H. THEOBALD ... 6
ALBERT HARMAN 2	GEORGE TOMSETT 7
SYDNEY ELTON 3	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 8
†ARTHUR COLLIER 4	CHARLES HAZELDEN 9
ALAN R. PINK 5	GEORGE E. CLODE Tenor

Composed by BERNARD JEALOUS. Conducted by C. HAZELDEN.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal on ten bells, and first with a bob bell.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CHURCH, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5089 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*ANTHONY CHADWICK Treble	FRED READ 5
JAMES PARR 2	RICHARD BALDERSTONE ... 6
FRED BENTLEY 3	*FRED COCKSHOTT 7
*ARNOLD BRUNTON 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

* First peal in the method.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 18, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

REGINALD C. KERSEY Treble	JAMES G. RUMSEY 5
ALFRED KEEBLE 2	GEORGE WILSON 6
LEONARD P. BAILEY 3	JAMES M. BAILEY 7
ERNEST S. BAILEY 4	CHARLES F. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

Rung as a compliment to the conductor, also as a birthday compliment to F. W. Bailey, of Nottingham. The conductor's 100th peal for the Suffolk Guild.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 18, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN EVANS Treble	GEORGE MARTIN 5
REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ... 2	FREDERICK G. BIGGS 6
ROLAND BIGGS 3	HARRY WINGROVE 7
WILLIAM HENLEY 4	RALPH H. BIGGS Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

HARBORNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 18, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

*WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT Treble	HENRY H. FEARN 5
GEORGE E. FEARN 2	C. HOWARD STANLEY 6
CHARLES WEBB 3	SAMUEL GROVE 7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 4	ERIC J. COLE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT.

Specially arranged and rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Ethel Langdon and Mr. John F. Atkins, who were married at this church earlier in the day. They have the best wishes of the band.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1931, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*MISS M. HIGGINS (age 15) Treble	MRS. T. COLIN RYDER ... 5
*JOHN GILBERT (age 12) ... 2	FREDERICK CARDWELL ... 6
MISS L. NOEL CAWTHORNE 3	ALBERT NASH 7
T. COLIN RYDER 4	FRED WATKINSON Tenor

Composed by GEO. LEWIS.

Conducted by FRED WATKINSON.

* First peal. This composition is now rung for the first time, and contains the full combination of 4-5-6 in 5-6 in consecutive order in the last 36 courses, with 2-3 never in 6th's place.

CLANFIELD, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 18, 1931, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE HOLIFIELD Treble	FREDERICK MESSENGER ... 5
THOMAS W. BOND 2	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. 6
GEORGE CLARK 3	NOBLE SPINDLOW 7
JOHN MONK 4	*FRED. W. FARMER, JUN. Tenor

Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, JUN.

* First peal.

CROSTHWAITHE, CUMBERLAND.

THE CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1931, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Kentigern,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*GEORGE BOWE Treble	THOMAS S. JEFFERSON ... 5
EDWIN JENNINGS 2	*WILLIAM HOGG 6
JIM TEBAY 3	FRANK WILSON 7
*HUBERT RICHARDSON ... 4	WILLIAM T. HOLMES ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by E. JENNINGS.

* First peal in the method.

RUARDEAN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTH FOREST BRANCH.)

On Sunday, April 19, 1931, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE POPNELL Treble	BRUCE P. CHEW 5
JOHN W. JONES 2	JOHN CLARK 6
JOHN AUSTIN 3	WILLIAM BISHOP 7
JOHN J. WEBB 4	HOWARD MEER Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mrs. Clayton, wife of the late Admiral Clayton, of the Wylands, Ruardean. The ringer of the 4th was elected a life member before starting.

LONDON

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 21, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary, Willesden,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES BENNETT Treble	THOMAS T. GOFTON 5
ALBERT W. COLES 2	GEORGE R. PYE 6
GEORGE M. KILBY 3	HARRY KILBY 7
ALICK CUTLER 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

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

The above contains 2,944 London, 608 Bristol and 736 each of Superlative and Cambridge. The Cambridge and Superlative were rung in alternate courses.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 20, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

EDWIN F. PIKE Treble	THOMAS T. GOFTON 5
JAMES BENNETT 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 6
WILFRED WILLIAMS 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
JOHN H. CRAMPION 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

EYE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 22, 1931, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

EDWARD H. TODD Treble	DAVID WHITING 5
ERNEST F. POPPY 2	WILLIAM C. BUNN 6
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 7
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung after meeting short for Treble Bob. The band represent three counties and eight parishes: Eye, Stoko Ash, Diss (Norfolk), Great Bentley (Essex), Yoxley, Wrentham, Stowupland and Debenham (Suffolk) respectively.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 23, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Ignatius-the-Martyr,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*NORMAN PATTERSON Treble	HAROLD B. DITCHBURN ... 5
*FRANK AINSLEY 2	*THOMAS H. REEVES 6
MICHAEL F. HARRISON 3	JOSEPH W. PARKER 7
THOMAS STEPHENSON 4	ROBERT L. PATTERSON Tenor

Calling arranged by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by R. L. PATTERSON

* First peal in the method and first attempt. First peal in the method as conductor. Mr. Reeves is from Birmingham. Rung in honour of St. George's Day.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, April 23, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church of All Saints,

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

Tenor 34½ cwt.

JOHN H. BROTHWELL Treble	ARTHUR PANTHER 5
MRS. COLIN RYDER 2	ALBERT NASH 6
WILLIAM GREEN 3	ARTHUR GILL 7
*ARTHUR FRITH 4	COLIN RYDER Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. NASH.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Major on the bells since they were rung in 1925. Rung on St. George's Day.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 23, 1931, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

FREDERICK G. WOODISS Treble	*LESLIE R. GEORGE 5
JOHN CRAWFORD 2	*THOMAS NORMAN 6
HAROLD N. PITSTOW 3	†ALBERT E. CHEESMAN ... 7
*JOSEPH A. HOBSON 4	*EDWARD F. WOOLOFF Tenor

Conducted by H. N. PITSTOW.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. This is the first peal on the bells by a local band. The ringer of the 4th was elected a member of the Guild before starting for the peal.

PENTRE RHONDDA.—On Thursday, April 16th, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes) in 52 mins.: H. Crabbe 1, W. Palmer 2, G. Wines 3, H. Davies 4, J. Lovett 5, F. Lasbury 6, W. Page 7, T. Page (conductor) 8.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 23, 1931, in Three Hours and One Minute,

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

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILFRED WILLIAMS Treble	*FREDERICK CULLUM, JUN. ... 5
CHARLES W. ROBERTS 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
JAMES BENNETT 3	*HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 7
THOMAS T. GOFTON 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS

* First peal in the method. Rung on the anniversary of the wedding of the Rector, the Rev. W. M. Browne.

FULBOURN, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 23, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Vigor and All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

MISS VIOLET E. SHORTER Treble	ERNEST G. HIBBINS 5
BASIL D. BUTTERS 2	JOHN W. WARD 6
FRANK HARPER 3	CHARLES W. COOK 7
T. REGINALD DENNIS 4	*JAMES W. R. QUINNEY Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

* First attempt for a peal of Treble Bob.

ASHTED, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 25, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 8 lb.

GEORGE A. COOK Treble	ARTHUR PANTHER 5
WILLIAM GREEN 2	JOHN HOYLE 6
ALBERT NASH 3	ARTHUR GILL 7
GEORGE MARRINER 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by FRANK HOPGOOD. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

Mr. Nash is from Rotherham, and Messrs. Green, Panther and Gill from Wath-on-Dearn. This peal was specially arranged for them, and was a birthday compliment to Mr. Gill.

CHURCH, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*ANTHONY CHADWICK Treble	FRED BENTLEY 5
*JAMES FARR 2	FRED READ 6
WILLIE AARON 3	RICHARD BALDERSTONE ... 7
*ARNOLD BRUNTON 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

* First peal in the method. The composition is now rung for the first time. Rung on Gallipoli Day as a tribute to all who fell there.

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WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, April 25, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Luke, Blakenhall,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

WILLIAM A. JONES Treble	ALBERT D. COLLINS 5
HAROLD L. FLAVELL 2	WILLIAM H. LAWLEY 6
HARRY BOSWELL 3	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 7
ERIC SANT 4	HERBERT E. BOOTH Tenor

Conducted by A. GREENFIELD.

Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect, and in memory of the late Mr. Alfred Fallon, an esteemed member of St. Luke's band and of the above society.

KING'S NORTON (BY GAULBY), LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. (approx.).

RONALD RUSSELL Treble	ALFRED BALLARD, JUN. 5
C. ARTHUR MANNING 2	ERNEST MORRIS 6
HARRY L. SMITH 3	ERNEST H. BAGWORTH 7
WILLIAM H. CLARKE 4	JOHN GRANT Tenor

Composed by T. THURSTANS. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Quickest peal on the bells. A birthday compliment to Mr. W. H. Clarke. This is the 4th peal of Grandsire Triples here (1st 1776, 2nd 1816, 3rd 1929).

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

HORACE BELCHER Treble	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 5
JOHN A. WAUGH 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 6
JOHN H. CRAMPION 3	WILFRED WILLIAMS 7
EDWIN F. PIKE 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

ALSAGER, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, April 25, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At Christ Church,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

*WALTER LONGMAN Treble	ALBERT CRAWLEY 5
*WILFRED STEVENSON 2	*GEORGE W. BIDDULPH 6
*THOMAS HURD 3	†HARRY PARKER 7
JOHN WORTH 4	ERNEST BENNETT Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by ERNEST BENNETT.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in method away from the treble.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Olave, Hart Street, City,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

WILLIAM A. MARTIN Treble	FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON 5
HARRY HOSKINS 2	WILLIAM EDWARD KILBEY 6
JOHN JAMES LAMB 3	FREDERICK W. THORNTON 7
P.C. CHARLES ELLIOTT 4	HENRY T. WILLSON Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM THORNTON.

Rung as a respectful compliment to the Rector, Rev. Tom Wellard, B.A., B.D., upon his appointment as a Prebendary of St. Paul's Cathedral. Also as a birthday compliment to W. E. Kilbey upon attaining his 22nd year. It was his first attempt for a peal 'inside.'

GROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.—At St. Michael and All Angels' Church, 720 Grandsire Doubles by the local band: S. Baileys (first 720) 1, W. A. Wood 2, J. H. Baileys 3, J. W. Lomas 4, F. Baileys (conductor) 5, A. E. Warwick 6.

SIX BELL PEALS.

CLIFTON REYNES, BUCKS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 11, 1931, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5640 CHANGES;

Being 18 six-scores of Plain Bob, 15 six-scores of London Singles, and 14 six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

WALTER FERN Treble	ALFRED J. ELLIOTT 4
ALBERT LACK 2	JOSHUA J. PARTRIDGE 5
HENRY W. GAYTON 3	SIDNEY CORBY Tenor

Conducted by JOSHUA J. PARTRIDGE.

Rung for the first birthday of the conductor's son.

BUTTERWICK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 18, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, three 720's Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*ARTHUR YOUNG Treble	FRANK DEWEY 4
WILLIAM E. CLARKE 2	JOHN YOUNG 5
WILLIAM WILKINSON 3	FRANK P. HARWOOD Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. CLARKE.

* First peal in three methods.

OLD WARDEN, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1931, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

HERBERT L. HARLOW Treble	NOEL WILES 4
*REGINALD WEST 2	PEARL INSKIP 5
TOM BARTRAM 3	HERBERT SHERMAN Tenor

Conducted by P. INSKIP.

* First peal away from the treble.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 18, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven different 720's. Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.).

JOHN W. L. SLACK Treble	ERNEST BENNETT 4
WILLIAM GAYES 2	WILFRED STEVENSON 5
JACK TIPPER 3	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

SCULTHORPE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 19, 1931, in Two Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's of Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 8 cwt.

*GEORGE A. COOKE Treble	*GORDON L. DYE 4
EDWARD C. COOKE 2	*FRANK V. GANT 5
†MISS JESSIE R. COOKE 3	ROBERT W. COOKE Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT W. COOKE.

* First peal of Bob Minor. † First peal.

BIDDENHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 20, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 1,440 changes each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Oxford Bob and 720 of Plain Bob.

*REGINALD BROCKETT Treble	EDWARD FROSSELL 4
*CHARLES BRAMSON 2	REGINALD WEST 5
NOEL WILES 3	PEARL INSKIP Tenor

Conducted by PEARL INSKIP.

* First peal.

RIBCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 11½ cwt.
JOHN SANDERSON Treble ISAAC WHALLEY 4
THOMAS HOWARTH 2 FRED HINDLE 5
THOMAS TATTERSALL 3 ARTHUR TOMLINSON Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

Arranged for Mr. T. Tattersall, of Ribchester, who has been a ringer for fifty years, and this was his first peal. Afterwards he kindly entertained the ringers to tea.

MAKER, CORNWALL.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
(ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 25, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. JULYM, MARY AND MACRA,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.
*ALLEN WEATHERLY Treble SIDNEY O'SHAUGHNESSY 4
WILLIAM HAMBLYN 2 GEORGE HARRY MYERS 5
CHARLES R. LILLEY 3 THOMAS G. MYERS Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal. † First peal of Bob Minor. The band wish to thank the Vicar, Rev. S. Herbert, for kindly entertaining the ringers to tea after the peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBS.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Saturday, April 18, 1931, in Two Hours and Four Minutes,
AT ALPHA COTTAGE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16 in B flat.
E. M. ATKINS (St. Catherine's) 1-2 | W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 5-6
C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) ... 3-4 | F. E. HAYNES (St. Catherine's) 7-8
Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBS.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sunday, April 19, 1931, in Two Hours and Five Minutes,
AT ALPHA COTTAGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16 in B flat.
C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) ... 8-1 | W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 4-5
E. M. ATKINS (St. Catherine's) 2-3 | F. E. HAYNES (St. Catherine's) 6-7
Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, April 19, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. BRAY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.
MRS. J. BRAY 1-2 | *BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. ... 5-6
FRANK LORD 3-4 | JACK BRAY 7-8
Composed by W. AYRE. Conducted by MRS. J. BRAY.

* First peal in hand away from 7-8. First peal as conductor.

ENFIELD.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 25, 1931, in Two Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT 45, WALSINGHAM ROAD,

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

*GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 1-2 | W. H. J. HOOTON ... 5-6
*EDITH K. FLETCHER ... 3-4 | E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 7-8
Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON

* First peal in the method on handbells.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Second Session of the Fourteenth Council (39th Annual Meeting) will be held at the Town Hall, Liverpool, on Whitsun Tuesday, May 26th, 1931, at 11 a.m. precisely.

The morning sitting will be adjourned from 1 p.m. till 2.30, from which hour the Council will sit, if necessary, until 5.30 p.m.

The Standing Committee will meet previously at 9.45 a.m.

AGENDA.

- 1.—Election of hon. secretary and treasurer.
- 2.—Minutes of the last meeting.
- 3.—Apologies for absence.
- 4.—Statement of accounts and sale of publications.
- 5.—Election of honorary members.
- 6.—Presentation of new members to the president.
- 7.—To receive and discuss the reports, if any, of the following committees, viz.:—
 - (a) Standing.
 - (b) Peal Collection.
 - (c) Literature and Press.
 - (d) Methods.
 - (e) Peals Analysis.
 - (f) Towers and Belfries.
 - (g) Records.
 - (h) Broadcasting.

MOTIONS.

- 8.—When any peal, practice or ringers' meeting previously arranged happens through unforeseen circumstances to coincide with an occasion of public mourning, whether national or local, it should be the normal procedure to make emergency arrangements with the proper authorities for the muffling of the bells before use, care being taken, unless otherwise directed, to have the muffles removed at the conclusion of the ringing. (Proposed by Rev. F. L. Edwards and seconded by Mr. W. A. Gave.)
- 9.—That in the interests of the Exercise this Council takes such steps as they deem necessary for the registration of compositions. (Proposed by Mr. G. R. Newton and seconded by Mr. A. E. Sharman.)
- 10.—That this Council deprecates the ringing of peals of Minor with a covering bell or bells, and peals of Doubles with more than one covering bell, and recommends guilds and associations to discourage this practice. (Proposed by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith and seconded by Mr. A. H. Pulling.)
- 11.—(a) That the words Reverse, Double, Little or Bob be not used as names of methods, and (b) that the terms 'shunt' or 'hunting backwards' are not approved. (Proposed by Rev. H. Drake and seconded by Mr. Chas. Mee.)
- 12.—To fix the place of next year's meeting.
- 13.—Other business, if any.

E. ALEXR. YOUNG,

Honorary Secretary.

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

THE LIVERPOOL PROGRAMME.

Saturday, May 23rd.—Gathering at headquarters, the Stork Hotel, 8 p.m.

Sunday, May 24th.—Service ringing (towers and times notified at headquarters).

Gathering at headquarters, 8 p.m.

Monday, May 25th.—Afternoon trip to Oxton (Oxton bells available).

Gathering at headquarters, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, May 26th.—The Council will meet in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall, by kind permission of the Lord Mayor.

Standing Committee at 9.45 a.m.

Council meeting, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Lunch at headquarters, 1.15 p.m. prompt. (By invitation of the Lancashire Association of Change Ringers.)

Council meeting, 2.30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Tea at the Town Hall. (By invitation of the Lord Mayor.)

Ringling at St. Nicholas', 6 to 7.30 p.m.

Social evening at headquarters, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, May 27th.—Masonic peal attempt at Tue Brook, 2 p.m.

Visiting brethren are invited to attend Lancastrian Lodge, 3631, 6.30 p.m. Please notify Bro. C. I. Davies.

From the above programme it will be seen that the local committee, of which Mr. C. I. Davies, of Caeleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree, Liverpool, is hon. secretary, have left no stone unturned to give the members of the Council a good time. They will be able to make their efforts more successful, however, if intending visitors will communicate with them, indicating the day and time of their arrival and

any special point of interest they would like to see. For instance, if they would like to join a party to go over the Cathedral, or any other public building, or even a liner, it might be arranged, but the committee would like to know beforehand. All the ringing arrangements are in the hands of Mr. G. R. Newton, 3, Langham Avenue, Liverpool, S., to whom communications on that point should be addressed.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO THE LATE REV. H. B. WOOLLEY

At the annual general meeting of the Ely Diocesan Association it was agreed that a memorial to the late Rev. H. B. Woolley, district secretary for many years in the Hunts Archdeaconry, should be erected in Loughstanton Church, where he, as Vicar, had the three bells augmented to the present musical ring of eight, which were always available to ringers.

A small joint committee of members of the Cambridge University Guild and Ely Diocesan Association has been set up to carry out the scheme and obtain estimates for a stone tablet.

It is felt that, besides members of the Ely Diocesan Association, many members of the Exercise in general would wish to give a small donation to this memorial, and any ringers desiring to do so should send their donations to Mr. T. R. Dennis, 33, Clarendon Street, Cambridge, who will gratefully acknowledge same. The other members of the Memorial Committee are Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, Messrs. C. W. Woolley, W. H. J. Hoolton, A. G. Rivers and C. W. Cooke.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Southampton District was held at East Tytherley on Saturday, April 18th, when the fine peal of eight by Taylor and Co. were kept going during the afternoon. Tea and the business meeting were held at the Star Inn. Rev. G. T. Tritton, Rector of Dibden, presided, supported by Mr. G. Williams, vice-president, Mr. F. W. Rogers, general secretary, and Rev. Thomas (Romsey Abbey). Messrs. G. Cooper and A. Cerriman, Bishopstoke, were elected members of the Guild, and it was decided to hold a combined practice at St. Michael's, Southampton, on May 19th, at 6.30 p.m.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicars of East Tytherley and Lockerley for the use of the bells.

Towers represented at the meeting were Bishopstoke, Dibden, Romsey, Stockbridge, Titchfield, Portsea, North Stoneham, Winchester and Tytherley.

The next meeting will be held at Dibden on Saturday, July 18th, notice of which will be given in 'The Ringing World.'

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL BRANCH AND THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The monthly meeting of the Bristol Branch was held at Winterbourne on Saturday, April 25th, and despite the wretched conditions of the weather was fairly well attended, twelve towers being represented. Good use was made of the bells, and service was conducted by the Rev. G. Coulson, in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, and gave a most interesting address, in the course of which he reviewed the history of bells and referred to the reform which had taken place in the belfries during the last 25 years. Tea was nicely served in the schoolroom, and at the business meeting which followed the Rev. G. Coulson presided.

A discussion took place on the leading articles appearing in the two preceding weeks' issues of 'The Ringing World,' which were read to the members present by the branch chairman (Mr. F. Skidmore). A resolution was unanimously passed, to be sent to the Master of the association, to the effect that the members of the Bristol Branch unanimously uphold the action of the association in regard to re-affiliation with the Central Council, and asking, in view of the fact that the agenda for the forthcoming meeting of the Council had not been issued in accordance with the rules, how could the association agree to pledge its allegiance to a body which failed to carry out its own rules?

The Chairman remarked that, as an outsider and unbiassed observer, brought into touch with the matter for the first time, it seemed to him there was room for improvement in the method of contact between the associations and the Council. The obvious remedy, and one which he thought would allay feeling in the associations, was to alter matters so that associations, as such, could send up their resolutions to the Central Council. In order to give them an opportunity of discussing resolutions, it was highly important that the agenda of the Council should be published unflinchingly some time beforehand. It was difficult for associations to be loyal to a body to which, as an association, they could send no resolution. It was an unhappy position for a representative to have to bring forward, in his own name, a matter with which, possibly, he might be out of sympathy as an individual, just because his association desired it. He would be an unwilling and, therefore, half-hearted advocate. Again, acting individually, he might support a proposal which did not commend itself to the association he represented.

The Bristol United Ringing Guilds' chairman, Mr. H. Burt, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of bells, and to the ladies for waiting at tea, and this concluded the meeting.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Members of the Llandaff and Mounmouth Diocesan Association are reminded that a meeting will be held at Whitechurch, near Cardiff, to-morrow.

To score his first peal after having been a ringer for fifty years is the unusual record of Mr. Thomas Tattersall, of Ribchester.

Peals at Wakefield Cathedral are a very rare occurrence. The first peal of Maximus on the bells was rung last Saturday, and it is interesting to note that the only previous peal on the twelve bells was Steidman Cinques on December 26th, 1908.

The lost coats at Hinton, referred to in this column last week, have been duly restored to their rightful owners. The parties concerned offer apologies to Hinton for creating precedent, and thus rudely shocking the peaceful bliss of the village. Says our correspondent: 'Roland found his Oliver (or was it Fred?), and the exchange duly made. As no Coppers were present, no Notes were taken, fares paid, and the return journey was enlivened by music and song.'

'THE ENGLISH PARISH CHURCH.'

AN INTERESTING VOLUME.

Ringers, as a whole, have an intense interest in their parish churches, and many of them have a fair knowledge of the history of their own particular church. How many, however, really know the origin of the parish or how the parish church, as such, has developed? 'Lost in the mists of antiquity,' is the way in which the layman generally sums up the position in explanation of his ignorance. Actually, of course, the mists, if they existed, have long since melted under the sun of historical research and antiquarian investigation, and there are numerous books on the subject. The latest, and one within the reach of all, has been written by Mr. A. R. Powys, secretary of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, under the title of 'The English Parish Church,' and published by Longmans, Green and Co. at 3s. 6d. in the English Heritage Series. The volume covers the subject in a very readable form; it is an admirable survey of the growth of the parish church from the earliest days, viewed from the spiritual, ecclesiastical, secular and architectural aspects, which are treated in a manner that recaptures something of the varying 'atmosphere' of the ages and enables the reader to appreciate the changing setting of parochial life, centring round the church through the passing centuries, and its influence upon the development of the church.

'The material manifestation of the activity of the village people,' says the author in his 'foreword,' 'are the buildings which housed them, sheltered their beasts and gave storeroom to their goods. . . . The beauty given to farm lands and woods and the gracious quality of the buildings that served these find their truest expression in the parish churches that are among them. The country parish church rests against such a background, draws life from it, and returns to those who live beside it a gentle pervading incentive to remember that the fulness of life cannot be enjoyed unless the simple acts necessary to existence are ennobled by the poetry of skilful achievement—that is, of Art.'

'The study of the older churches,' he says, 'is of great interest. From them we may learn, without turning to other buildings, the development of mediæval and later architecture, the changing emphasis laid on different parts of the church services, something of the education of the common people, and much of the state of the arts.' And Mr. Powys proceeds to his task with the skill of one who is master of his subject.

The field which Mr. Powys covers includes the origin of the parish and the provision made for the cure of souls in it; the plans of parish churches and their architecture; the furniture and fitting of a parish church. He devotes an interesting chapter to secular and unusual uses of churches, and another to chantries and chantry priests. The author devotes a few pages to bells as part of the essential equipment of churches. 'Bell cages built at the end of the fifteenth century, and in the first years of the sixteenth,' he reminds us, 'still here and there have escaped the ardour of some modern bellringers, who associate with the word "mediæval" things out of date, clumsy and inefficient.' As an antiquarian, Mr. Powys may be forgiven if he does not agree with these modern bellringers, but we would remind him that it is not only modern bellringers who have considered it necessary to replace 'out-of-date, clumsy and inefficient' equipment in the belfry. This has been going on all through the ages. There is a greater desire in these days to preserve what is worth preserving than ever there was, but when, for instance, a bell frame becomes inefficient and beyond effective repair, ringers cannot be blamed for advocating that the old timbers should come right out of the tower. This, however, is not the place where we need discuss the matter. Mr. Powys has written a delightful book, both interesting and instructive, which should be in the possession of every ringer who loves his parish church and all that it stands and has stood for.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. ANNUAL MEETING AT LINCOLN.

Considerably over 100 ringers assembled at Lincoln on Saturday last for the annual meeting of the Diocesan Guild. They were able to take part in ringing at the Cathedral, where, in St. Hugh's tower, hang a very fine ring of twelve, the product of the Loughborough Foundry. Not only are the bells themselves an example of modern excellence, but both inside and out of the tower the sound has been modulated so that the ringers can hear every bell perfectly, and the public suffer not the slightest annoyance. In fact, the acoustical arrangements are a perfect example of what every bell tower ought to be. Many of the visiting ringers rang on twelve bells for the first time, and went away highly gratified with a new experience, but naturally under such conditions the twelve-bell ringing was not always characterised by good striking. At the two six-bell towers of St. Peter-at-Gowt's and St. Botolph's touches in many Minor methods were rung.

Service, brief but inspiring, was conducted by the Bishop of Grantham in one of the Cathedral chapels, and the address on the witness of the ringers through the bells was eloquent and uplifting, and its lessons likely to be long remembered by all who heard it.

Tea was served in the Co-operative Hall, after which the annual business meeting was held, over which the president (Sub-Dean Jeddwine) presided, supported by the Master (the Rev. H. Law James), who is only just recovering from a rather prolonged illness, Mr. F. W. Stokes (hon. secretary), Mr. E. F. Linley (hon. treasurer), Mr. F. S. W. Butler (Northern Branch secretary), Rev. H. T. Parry and Messrs. G. Chester, J. A. Freeman, F. Dewey and J. T. Brown (members of the committee). An apology for absence was received from the Recorder of Lincoln (Alderman J. S. Pritchett), who said that at his suggestion a copy of Mr. Ernest Morris' book, 'The History and Art of Change Ringing,' had been placed in Lincoln Public Library.

The President said that the Dean of Lincoln had been president of the Guild for a great many years, and he had approached the present Dean, suggesting that he was the right and proper person to be nominated for the office. He had pointed out that the ringers would greatly appreciate his acceptance of the office, but the Dean, on each occasion that the matter had been mentioned, had given the same answer, that he would rather not be nominated at present.

The Master said he thought he could guess the reason why the Dean did not desire to be nominated at present. The Sub-Dean had been, as Dean Fry was, a great friend to the ringers, and he proposed his re-election as president for the ensuing year.

The motion was carried with applause, and the Sub-Dean said in reply that he would do anything he could to promote the objects of the Guild.

MORE CAREFUL INSTRUCTION NEEDED.

The Rev. H. Law James was unanimously re-elected Master, and the Sub-Dean expressed the hope that he would soon be entirely restored to health.

Mr. Stokes was re-elected hon. secretary, and Mr. Linley hon. treasurer.

The Master presented a report, in which he congratulated the Cathedral band on the peal of Stedman Cinques. The eighty-seven peals rung in the year were the largest number that the Guild had reached so far. Sixteen Surprise methods in a peal of Minor was a great credit to the Southern Branch. 'These three items,' added the report, 'are very encouraging, and the various meetings which I have attended during the year all show signs of progress, and the appearance of young ringers at these meetings is very satisfactory; but I wish that those who initiate young ringers into the art would be much more careful in instructing them in the proper way to handle a bell rope. It is far easier to teach a beginner to handle his rope properly at once, than it is to eradicate faults afterwards, and a slack rope invariably produces bad striking.'

The report was received and the balance sheet of the Diocesan Guild was adopted. The receipts had been £28 2s. 4d., and the expenditure £27 3s.

The Diocesan Advisory Committee having intimated, in reply to a resolution passed at the last annual meeting of the Guild, that they would welcome a representative of the Guild to give them advice on matters connected with bells, the Master was unanimously appointed.

A letter from the Editor of 'The Ringing World,' drawing attention to the proposed commemoration of the Stedman Tercentenary, having been received, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, who was present, was invited to speak on the subject. He explained the scheme, and outlined the proposals for the restoration of the bells. The probable cost, he said, was £350, and this would mean a big effort, but he believed, if the Exercise would enter wholeheartedly into the project, it could be carried through. The opportunity was unique, and he hoped that the associations and ringers of this country would do something worthy of the opportunity.

The proposal was favourably received, and the Master suggested that it should be brought before the branch meetings for the branches to deal with.

Thanks to the chairman and to the authorities who had placed their bells at the disposal of the ringers concluded the business, and ringing then occupied attention at the three towers.

THE BELLS OF A WORCESTERSHIRE VILLAGE.

HOW RINGERS HELPED TO PROVIDE A RING OF EIGHT.

The little parish of Hinton-on-the-Green, near Evesham, is now in proud possession of a handy and musical octave of bells, with a tenor of 10½ cwt. in G. For over 200 years five bells had done duty, these having been cast by Messrs. Clarke and Bushell at Evesham, and in spite of the fact that the frame was constructed for six, and space left in the tower for two extra trebles on the same level, a move could not be made until the old ones became unsafe to ring just over a year ago. The old oak frame, which is in good condition, has been considerably strengthened by massive angle plates and tie bolts, and secured to a supporting beam underneath. The extension to the frame is also of oak. The old five were removed to Messrs. John Taylor and Co.'s Loughborough Foundry, where a complete clearance of the old fittings was made and the bells tuned, sandblasted and quarter-turned. They were fitted with canon-retaining headstocks, ball bearings and new fittings throughout. Thanks to the generosity of Mr. E. P. Thomas and his mother, of Claines, and to the efforts and subscriptions of ringers, three new trebles were cast (the casting being the occasion for an outing to the foundry). The result is a first-class job, the tone and blending of the new bells being all that can be desired, and the 'go' excellent. In the ringing chamber, which is also the vestry, the church, and on all sides of the tower outside, every bell is clearly heard and balanced to perfection.

The bells bear the following inscriptions:—

Treble.—This bell was given by Mrs. E. Thomas and her son, E. P. Thomas, of Claines, Worcester, 1931.

2nd.—Ringers and Friends of the Diocese gave me, 1931.

3rd.—Serve God and be cheerful. V. C. Blyth, Rector; J. Newman, F. Sheaf, Wardens.

These three also 'Taylor, Loughborough, 1931.'

5th.—Magdelene Campana.

6th.—Iohannis Campana.

Each of the five old bells also have an inscription on the waist, and chiefly of interest is the method adopted in dating the bells. The Roman numerals are inscribed in large capitals, and the sum of each line added together gives the year 1705.

ME	=	1000
RENO VAVIT	=	11
GVCLARK	=	155
IVSS VB VS	=	16
DAVI WARREN I	=	517
ET PRO VOIIS	=	6
		1705

The W in Warren is used as a double V.

The Dean of Worcester, the Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., had kindly consented to dedicate the bells, and to enable them to be rung for Easter Sunday the ceremony took place on Wednesday, April 1st. In his address, the Dean said it gave him very great pleasure to come to Hinton, and although he was not himself a ringer he was closely connected with them, as each year he presided over the annual meeting of the Worcestershire Association. Last year at the meeting reference was made to the efforts being made; on the following Easter Monday he would be able to tell his friends, the ringers, that the Hinton peal was complete. The bells just dedicated would serve to call them, their children and grandchildren to prayer, for just as in Mohammedan countries the faithful were called to worship from the minarets of the mosque, so in Christian countries the bells said, 'Come to church, come to pray.'

During the service a few rounds were rung by the local band, all of whom with one exception had been taught by Mr. F. J. Johnson on the old five, but, being Holy Week, general ringing was curtailed to two short touches of Stedman Triples, Messrs. J. Oldham and J. P. Fidler, who were present to represent the founders, taking part.

On Saturday, April 14th, the bells were open to visitors, and a large gathering of between 80 and 90 assembled from a wide area. A short service was held, at which the Rector, the Rev. V. C. Blyth, gave the ringers a hearty welcome. He briefly reviewed the steps leading to the completion of the peal, how the Church Council had, with faith and hope, set about the (to their tiny parish) stupendous task of raising over £200 to thoroughly restore their five bells and augment them to six. Then the generous offer of Mr. Thomas of a treble bell towards the completion of the octave. That seemed too good to be true, and too much to hope for, but ringers had stepped into the breach and subscribed or collected the cost of the 2nd bell. On behalf of the parish, which was now delighted and proud of its bells, he thanks most sincerely both Mr. Thomas and the ringers, and trusted they would take away with them pleasant memories of their visit.

Tea was served in the School, and, immediately after, Mr. J. J. Johnson said they had one pleasant piece of business to transact. The Rector had thanked them on behalf of the parish; he wished to do so on behalf of the local band. Mr. Thomas had unfortunately to leave early that afternoon, but he had assured him of their deep sense of gratitude for first bringing the peal of eight within the bounds of possibility. Referring to the ringers' bell, he had already sent a personal letter of thanks to each subscriber, but he wished to

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THE COLLEGE YOUTHS, 1750-1788.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

II. BENJAMIN ANNABLE (continued).

About this time Holt was preparing the broadsheet of his peals for publication. Among the subscribers there are seventeen London College Youths, but not Annable. The names of these subscribers, so far as I can trace them, are interesting. Samuel Killican had joined the Society at the same time as Holt and rang in both the peals he called. John Hardham had ceased to take an active part in ringing and was busy with other things, theatres and snuff-making. His last peal was thirteen years before. William Underwood had belonged to the London Scholars, the old rivals of the College Youths, and had rung in two of the three peals by the former of which the record has come down to us, Grandsire Cinques at St. Martin's, in 1727, and 6,204 in the same method at Cornhill in 1729. In 1750 he joined the Union Scholars and rang in two or three peals with Holt, including Grandsire Cinques and Court Bob Major. Samuel Thompson (or Tomson) had belonged to the City Scholars and rang in their 6,012 Grandsire Caters at Cripplegate in 1732, the only peal by that society we have any record of, except one of Bob Major at Bermondsey in the same year, reported without particulars by 'The Norwich Gazette.' Thomas Bennett was a keen ringer, who started with the Eastern Scholars, and changed from society to society as suited his purpose or fancy. Most of the others were well-to-do members who did no peal ringing, like Thomas Lester, the Whitechapel bell founder, William Oram, and William Skelton. Skelton was Registrar to the Bishop of London and a proctor in the Court of Arches.

The man who managed the whole affair was John Cundell. It was he who got the subscriptions and it was at his address, 'Ye Golden Eagle,' in Duke's Court, Covent Garden, that the broadsheet might be bought. Cundell was Master of the Society in 1753.

Whether there would have been a struggle between Annable and Holt within the Company for the leadership we cannot say, for Holt died before his broadsheet appeared.

These things very much weakened the Society for peal ringing, and probably diminished Annable's authority. He rang only one more College Youth peal, which was on May 3rd, 1753, 6,080 Union Bob at St. George's-in-the-East. Union Bob is an old name for Oxford Treble Bob. Bennett and Thompson rang in this peal. There is a record of another peal which, if genuine, throws a lot of light on the situation. Somewhere about 1840, John Cooper, then beadle of the College Youths, came across an account of a peal, and as the books were being rebound, he suggested that it should be included. But it was objected that it could not have been rung or it would have been booked at the time. There is a much better reason for its not being booked, and that is because more than half the band were not College Youths.

'St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, 1754. The Company rang a peal of 5040 changes of Bob Major in 3 hours 28 minutes. John Underwood 1, Thomas Bennett 2, Benjamin Annable 3, Robert Holmes 4, William Underwood 5, Emanuel Crouch 6, Robert Bly 7, Joseph Monk Tenor. William Underwood call'd Bobs.'

The two Underwoods, Bly, and Monk were at that time ringing peals with the Eastern Scholars. Bennett had belonged to that society before 1750 and was now a member of the Cumberlands Society. Holmes was one of the Twickenham Scholars, churchwarden, and a country member of the College Youths. William Underwood was not the man who had subscribed to Holt's broadsheet, but his son, and probably the brother of John Underwood.

The peal was not booked by any society, and the first notice of it is eighty years later; but it looks to me like genuine. If so, it shows the College Youths as a divided house and Annable looking for support outside. He would not leave the society he had led for so long, but he would ring with other people. They were waiting and watching for an opportunity to profit by the old Company's troubles, and were ready to welcome the great man, although he had derided their cherished method a few years before.

Annable did not ring another peal. He died early in 1756, and was buried inside the tower where he had rung his first peal and which was the scene of so many of his ringing triumphs. He left behind him one of the biggest reputations in change ringing. As an all-round man—ringer, composer, conductor and leader—he has had few equals and no superior. His is the greatest name on the College Youths' roll and the Society has a right to be proud of him, for he stuck to them from first to last. In this he differed from all the leading ringers of the eighteenth century. They passed from one Society to another as ambition or pique moved them. All of them changed once, some many times, and it is almost bewildering to try and follow them through their changes. Jasper Snowden, in his list of composers, gives John Reeves as a College Youth. He was a College Youth at one time, but the name of almost any other London society would have done as well. He started as a Cumberland, then he joined the London Youths, then the 'ancient' society of College Youths, then the Cumberlands, and finally the second society of London Youths. His fellow authors of the 'Clavis,' William Jones and Thomas Blakemore, had as many changes.

NOTE 4. When I said that the first College Youths peal was the Grandsire Cinques in 1724 I did not forget the entry in the peal book which professes to record a peal of Bob Triples rung at St. Sepulchre's in 1689. That record is manifestly spurious. Annable, who was born in 1703, can hardly have called a peal fourteen years earlier; and there is sufficient evidence that he and his contemporaries knew nothing of any such performance. The entry is a late insertion.

THE BELLS OF A WORCESTERSHIRE VILLAGE.

(continued).

thank them all once again, not only for their generous assistance but for the many kind letters of encouragement he had received. He also wished to publicly thank the Editor of 'The Ringing World,' who had presented their case and backed up their needs so strongly. It not only gave him very great pleasure, but to him it was a proud moment to be able to hand over a cheque for £84 4s. 9d.

In acknowledging this, the Rector said it was an equally proud moment to him to receive it. He had already thanked them, but one thing he must add. It seemed to him that to achieve such a splendid result, not only the ringers of the diocese and their friends, but a wide circle of ringers throughout the country must have stood solidly together, aptly illustrating the motto, 'Unity is strength.'

Mr. J. Hall, in moving a vote of thanks to the Rector for his hearty welcome, said he took that opportunity of congratulating him and his Church Council on the courage with which they undertook a thorough restoration, and also on the successful completion of the scheme. He also congratulated Messrs. Taylor and Co. on the excellent job, everyone being well satisfied with the tone and 'go' of the bells.

During the afternoon and evening the bells were kept going to cater for all tastes from rounds to Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**GUILD LIBRARY TO BE ESTABLISHED**

A very satisfactory financial position was revealed at the annual general meeting of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, held at Guildford on Saturday week and attended by nearly a hundred members. After having first attended a special service in the Cathedral, tea was served in Holy Trinity Parish Hall, where subsequently Mr. Walter Harrison (vice-president) presided over the business meeting. He was supported by the Provost (Canon E. C. Kirwan), Mr. W. H. Ryde, K.C., the Master (Major J. R. B. Hesse), the hon. treasurer (Admiral T. P. Walker) and the hon. secretary (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith).

At the commencement of the meeting a short silence was observed in memory of Archdeacon Irwin.

The committee, in their annual report, said they looked back on 1930 with mixed feelings. The Guild's activities were fully maintained, and in some directions extended, but they had experienced increasing difficulty of obtaining the support of some of the ringers which they felt they ought to receive. The ringing membership of the Guild remained almost the same as at the end of last year. The influx of 57 new members was more than discounted by lapses and deaths, so that there was actually a loss of four ringing members. It was gratifying to record a growing interest in the Guild by church-people, with the result that the honorary members increased from 38 to 65 during the year. Two new life hon. members were elected, but three were lost by death. Eight compounding members brought the total membership of the Guild to 587, as compared with 559 in 1929. The committee did not think the position was entirely satisfactory. There were in the Guild 375 resident ringing members, but, according to the Church Year Book, there were in the Diocese of Guildford in 1929 619 ringers, 467 being voluntary and 152 paid. Allowing for the fact that some of these were 'ringers' at churches which had no ringable peals of bells, there would seem to be a considerable margin of ringers in the diocese who ought to be in the Guild, but were not. The Guild was constantly endeavouring to bring the advantages of membership before the ringers of the diocese by frequent meetings and combined practices, but there was need for greater effort by all officers and members of the Guild. The committee felt that incumbents and church authorities in parishes where the ringers were not members of the Guild should do their utmost to induce them to join to assist in promoting the objects of the Guild and to increase their efficiency as churchworkers through the facilities which the Guild was ready to provide by way of practice and instruction.

The Guild was gaining a sound financial position. The balance in the general fund at the end of 1929 was increased at the end of 1930 by £15 9s. 9d. to a total of £52 2s., and the balances in the district funds had risen by £12 9s. 6d. to £31 2s. 5d.

The summer festival at Egham was attended by eighty ringers, and the programme of district meetings had provided a series of enjoyable gatherings. At most of them the numbers attending were very satisfactory, but they regretted that more ringers did not take advantage of the meetings. Thanks were due to a certain number of members who loyally supported the work of the Guild in that direction, and they hoped that in the coming year more members would support the meetings. The combined practices, organised in different areas, had met with varying success, a valuable addition to the membership having resulted from work done in the Cranleigh area.

In peal ringing the Guild had had a successful year, ringing 47 peals, an advance of twelve on the preceding year. The success was largely due to the energies of Mr. A. H. Pulling, who conducted 26 peals for the Guild during the year, including the first peals of Surrey Surprise, Double Dublin Surprise and Reverse Dublin Surprise Major ever rung, the first peals of Guildford Surprise and Norfolk Surprise, and the first peal on handbells by the Guild. Mr. A. Harman conducted six peals during the year, and did valuable work in the Leatherhead district.

The committee emphasised that the primary duty of the ringers' office was the efficient ringing of the bells for Sunday services, and every effort should be made, where hands were below full strength, to seek out suitable recruits. There were a number of bands in the diocese without sufficient numbers to ring all the bells for the church services, and they appealed for renewed energy in remedying that serious defect.

The report and the treasurer's statement of accounts were adopted.

On the proposition of Mr. G. L. Grover it was agreed that a sum not exceeding £5 should be expended upon the purchase of Central Council publications for resale to members of the Guild, and a sub-committee, consisting of Messrs. A. H. Pulling, A. C. Hazelden, G. L. Grover, J. S. Goldsmith and Major Hesse, was appointed with power to purchase the publications.

A GUILD LIBRARY

Mr. Hazelden, in proposing that a Guild Library be established, remarked that many old books were lost to the ringers when their members died, and he thought that if a guild library could be set up it would serve a very useful purpose. Major Hesse spoke in favour of the proposal to form a library, and offered to give Morris' 'History and Art and Change Ringing'. Mr. Goldsmith offered the bound volumes of 'The Ringing World' for the years since the Guild

was founded, and a copy of Sir Arthur Heywood's 'Towers and Belfries' was also offered by Mr. C. Hazelden. After some discussion it was agreed to approach the authorities of S. Nicolas' Church to obtain permission to accommodate the library in that belfry, there being no room for it in the Cathedral Church belfry. A sub-committee consisting of Mr. Harrison, Mr. Hazelden, Major Hesse, Admiral Walker and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith was appointed to deal with the matter, and Mr. Hazelden was appointed librarian. Canon Kirwan offered to provide a cupboard for the books, and it was agreed that the sub-committee should be authorised to spend a sum not exceeding £5 on the purchase of books, and to draw up by-laws to be confirmed at the next annual meeting.

Mr. Pulling proposed that a record be kept of peal compositions rung by the Guild, and this was agreed to. Mr. G. L. Grover undertook the duties of recorder, and the record will be kept in the library.

It was agreed to hold the summer festival at Farnham on July 4th, when it was hoped the Bishop of Guildford would be present. Guildford was appointed as the venue for the next annual meeting, and it was agreed to hold a second annual dinner.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith gave an outline of the proposed Stedman Tercentenary Commemoration, and asked the Guild to give a donation to the funds. On the proposition of Mr. R. Whittington, it was agreed to vote £5 5s. to the fund.

The meeting concluded with votes of thanks to Bishop Golding-Bird (who was elected a life member), Mr. W. Harrison, Canon E. C. Kirwan, the Rev. E. de G. Lucas and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith.

During the afternoon, touches were rung on the bells of the Cathedral Church and S. Nicolas' Church, and a service was held at the Cathedral Church, at which the preacher was Bishop C. H. Golding-Bird, Archdeacon of Dorking, who was assisted by the Provost (Canon E. C. Kirwan), the Rev. S. H. Courtney-Smith and the Rev. H. D. Pilcher.

MISSIONARIES OF CHRIST.

In his address the Archdeacon said he was going to call them a name which he did not think many of them would claim, but nevertheless it was true. He was going to call them 'fellow missionaries.' They were hopelessly compromised as missionaries of Christ's Church because the whole excuse or explanation of the ringing of the bells was calling men and women to church to worship Jesus Christ. That was exactly what he and every other clergyman did. He knew that bellringing had been elaborated and had become a musical art, but primarily the bells were rung to remind people of Christ and His Church. There were a great many of them who were worthy of the name of missionaries of Christ, but he was equally sure that there were some of them who did not practise what they practised. The one thing that mattered in the world to-day was whether they believed that Christ was the one cure for the evils of to-day.

There were three kinds of worship. They worshipped God with their body, brain and soul. Did they realise that every time they rang a bell in God's name and to His glory they were worshipping Him just as when they bent their knee in prayer? Everything offered to God and done in His service was service to Him, and even the humblest work they did could thus become sacramental. If they realised that when they rang their bell, it would add romance to the work.

DEVON GUILD.

The Aylesbeare Deanery Branch held a well-attended meeting at East Budleigh on Saturday, April 25th. Good use was made of the handy peal of six at this church during the afternoon and evening, and also of the bells in the neighbouring towers of Otterton and Colaton Raleigh. In the course of his address during the service, the Vicar of East Budleigh, the Rev. H. W. Gardiner, offered a warm welcome to the Guild, and spoke of his association with its president many years ago at Bradfield College.

Tea was partaken of in the Institute, and at the subsequent meeting, presided over by Rev. E. A. Jullian (chairman of the branch), it was decided to hold a by-meeting on June 20th in addition to the usual autumn meeting, the place being left to the discretion of the secretary.

Two new members were elected, and the meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, to whom the branch was indebted for a particularly delightful service, and to the organist, blower, and those ringers and their wives who provided the tea.

NORTHAMPTON RINGER'S DEATH.

The death took place suddenly on April 18th of Mr. Arthur O. Stewart, of Northampton, who was particularly active as a ringer in the district some years ago. The deceased, who was 59 years of age, was one of a band of young men who learned to ring when the peal of bells was first installed at St. Edmund's Church by the late Mr. Wm. Tomes. When the bells of St. Giles' Church were augmented into a peal of ten in 1896, Mr. Stewart was appointed leader of the belfry, and did valuable work, teaching young aspirants and helping others to advance in the art. He rang altogether about 20 peals.

The funeral took place on April 22nd, the service being conducted by the Rev. J. H. N. Hill, and the lesson read by Mr. F. Wilford (lay reader and Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild). Muffled touches were rung in the evening at St. Giles' Church.

A TRIP TO SOMERSET.

OR HOW A REPUTATION WAS LOST.

That ringers do read their 'Ringing World' is proved by the great reputation that Joe, the 'Chilcompton busman,' has as a speed merchant. His exploits in the wilds of Surrey recently have caused heated discussion (P) in ringing circles in all parts of the country. So that when a party of ringers gathered together on Easter Sunday at Wells, the conversation at supper turned to the aforesaid reputation, so much so, indeed, that we did not hear all that was being said about the latest peals of Double Norwich with some bell or other the extent in sixth's, or some other place.

The upshot was that the man from Coventry expressed his doubts about the speed. It should be explained that Coventry is the place where cars that really do go are built, and where men to make them go are born. So Joe said, 'Let's go to Wroughton and see who can get there first.'

'What's at Wroughton at nine o'clock at night?' said the doubtful one.

'Some good cider and some good company,' said Joe, although we really believe he put the company before the cider. That settled it, and off we went. Joe's party got well away, and as the Coventry man didn't know the road to Wroughton from the road to Mars, his little lot nearly missed the trip (and the cider). A small red light in the darkness, far ahead, saved the situation, and we all got to Wroughton together. So far Joe had done very well, and we found that he was quite correct about the company and the cider being of the best. Reminiscences of a previous visit to Wroughton 18 years before, and other matters, might have kept us going all night, but the speed test was still on. Joe kept just in front all the way back to Wells, but the Coventry man complained that his brakes had to be kept hard down to prevent him bumping Joe's rear light. A sudden stop, too, by a chap who ought to know his way about his own native county (even without the stars to steer by) is a bit thick—but that was put down to the cider.

The question of speed superiority, even after these happenings, was still unsettled, and came up for discussion at breakfast the next morning (after the bar had been definitely put up against Double Norwich). So it came about that after the first peal of the day, rung at Wells Cathedral—quite a detail, of course—and some dinner, the real tussle began. Twenty-eight miles to Taunton, and Joe with a good start. Bang went the reputation! As we caught him up, somebody said, 'This is Joe, that was,' and the race was over. Although the Coventry man took the wrong turning, and got held up at a toll bridge whilst he searched his pockets for threepence (which sum Joe had ready in his hand), we did not see Joe again until we had got the bells up at Taunton. Even some of the party in a hired car arrived before him—but Joe said that this was due to one member of his party being thirsty.

Perhaps Joe was right when he said that the Coventry man ought to have gone into the ditch as he rounded certain corners, and we must admit that we had to hold on to the sides of the car. But as we got to Taunton first, we do not admit the need of any further discussion; the reputation had 'gone west.'

The second peal of the day, another mere detail, having been disposed of, it must be said of Joe that he is a great organiser. The difficult task of fitting in two peals in towers 28 miles apart, with little more than ten hours to do it in, might have beaten most people—but he did it. Later in the day (or next morning) he and the Coventry man went off to Chilcompton for the night, but we do not yet know if they tried any more racing. Perhaps they talked about ringing for a change! Oh, yes, the towerkeepers, of course, and everybody else who helped us to carry out this trip. Our very sincere thanks to them all. Without them these things could never have happened.

LAMBERHURST RINGER'S DEATH.

On Wednesday, April 8th, Mr. G. Fuller, of Lamberhurst, Kent, passed away at the age of 47 years. Mr. Fuller had been a member of the band of ringers for nearly thirty years. He had also been a member of the Church Council since it started, and was on the committee of the local branch of the British Legion. He was badly gassed in the Great War, and had suffered from the effects ever since.

On Sunday, April 12th, for a memorial service, 720 Kent Treble Bob was rung half-muffled by: T. Fuller 1, W. Marshall 2, J. J. Bassett 3, A. Marshall (conductor) 4, W. Durham 5, J. Bassett 6.—On Monday, April 13th, after the funeral, at which members of the British Legion acted as bearers, 720 Cambridge Surprise: A. Marshall 1, T. Fuller 2, A. Rolfe (conductor) 3, W. Marshall 4, W. Durham 5, J. Bassett 6.

WEDDING BELLS.

On Wednesday, April 15th, on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Lilian Peggy Sidebolham, of Farnham, and Capt. Herbert Alexander McPherson, East Yorks Regt., at Farnham Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): C. Edwards 1, J. Read 2, C. Wells 3, S. Meadows 4, T. Unshell (conductor) 5, F. Kemp 6, R. Hasted 7, A. N. King 8. Also 672 in the same method conducted by R. Hasted.

DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM R. NASH.

A VALUED INSTRUCTOR OF RINGING.

It is with regret we announce the death of Mr. William R. Nash, of Ludlow, Shropshire. He had been in failing health for some time, and passed peacefully away on Saturday morning, April 18th, at the early age of 58 years.

By trade a master cabinet maker and antique dealer, he was an expert in the restoration of old furniture. As an enthusiastic ringer and lover of bells, his passing leaves a gap which will be hard to fill. He had been a ringer at St. Lawrence's Church for over forty years, and carried on the duties of sexton at the same church for twenty years, following in the footsteps of his father before him, who held the same office for thirty-nine years. It was only natural that his sons should follow him in ringing, and of his son John's progress in campanology he was justly proud. A younger son, Percy, is carrying on the good work at Ludlow. With beginners Mr. Nash was a patient instructor, and spent many hours after his usual work was over in teaching 'the young idea.' He had often remarked it was a heart-breaking job, and teachers of the art of ringing no doubt agree. A presentation walking stick, which he prized highly, was given him as a token of appreciation by the Stokesay ringers for his having taught them the art.

After his death his body was taken to St. Lawrence's Church, and remained in the Lady Chapel until Tuesday, the day of the funeral, when it was placed between the choir stalls under the tower for the service. Before the service, the organist played 'O rest in the Lord.' The opening prayers were read by the Rev. F. G. Shepherd (Rector) and the lesson by the Rev. G. R. Channer (reader). The hymn, 'Now the labourer's task is o'er,' was sung, and, as the cortege left the church, the organist (Mr. R. Bastick) played the Funeral March. In the church were Mr. R. Poyner (Mayor of Ludlow), Messrs. P. J. W. Wynn and A. C. Telfer (churchwardens), and many others. Following to the cemetery were members of 'Court Whitelife,' A.O.F., of which deceased held the offices of Past Chief Ranger and Trustee, the Amalgamated Society of Woodworkers (of which he was a member for over thirty-five years), the local band of bellringers (of which he was conductor for many years), and many old friends. The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, representing the Hereford Diocesan Guild, was unfortunately delayed, and arrived just after the committal service (which was conducted by the Rev. C. E. M. Butler). A course of Grandfire Triples was rung round the open grave on deceased's beautiful handbells by: P. R. Nash 1-2, J. G. Nash 3-4, W. J. Beniams 5-6, A. C. Nason 7-8—a last farewell to one to whom ringing was a great joy. Among the beautiful floral tributes was one in the shape of a bell, and wreaths from the Hereford Diocesan Guild, the local ringers, Bromfield ringers, A.O.F., A.S.W., etc. The deceased's peals numbered over a hundred, but as no record was kept it is difficult to estimate exactly how many he had rung. In the evening, at the Parish Church, on half-muffled bells, 720 Grandfire Doubles, with 4.6.8 covering, was rung by the following: P. R. Nash 1, W. J. Beniams (conductor) 2, J. G. Nash 3, E. R. Baldwin 4, F. T. Massey 5, A. Jones 6, H. Jones 7, A. C. Nason 8. An attempt for a muffled peal of Grandfire Triples on Saturday, April 25th, unfortunately came to grief after 1 hour 57 minutes' ringing.

A CANTERBURY RESTORATION.

The bells of St. Alphege's Church, Canterbury, have been restored, and on April 23rd were rededicated by the Archdeacon of Canterbury (Canon E. H. Hardcastle). The frame has been strengthened and crossbraced, and the bells rebung with new fittings. The work has been carried out by Mr. A. Howell, of Ipswich, and Mr. G. E. Dashwood, of Canterbury, with admirable results. The bell repair fund was opened in January, 1927, and, thanks to the untiring efforts of Miss E. M. Chambers and the many friends of bellringers who have assisted in raising the £100 required, the work has now been completed.

The service of rededication was conducted by Canon T. G. Crosse, in the absence of the Rector, the Rev. W. N. Westmore, who is indisposed. A unique feature of the rededication service was the fact that Canon Cross was Rector of St. Alphege when the bells were originally hung forty years ago.

The following towers were represented at the dedication service: Wickhambreaux, Birchington, Littlebourne, St. Nicholas-at-Wade, Sturry, Canterbury Cathedral and St. Alphege, Canterbury. Touches in various methods were rung on the bells at the close of the service.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

ELMDON, ESSEX.—On Sunday, March 29th, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob in 26 mins.: R. J. Negus 1, J. H. Negus 2, S. Bard 3, E. Hayes 4, F. Fox (conductor) 5, G. Hoy 6. Also for evening 720 Kent Treble Bob: F. Fox 1, F. Hammond 2, S. Bard 3, E. Hayes 4, J. H. Negus (conductor) 5, G. Hoy 6.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.—On Palm Sunday, for evening service, at the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 45 minutes: J. A. Tomlinson 1, T. Chambers 2, F. Chambers 3, N. Kenyon 4, F. Bradley 5, W. Miller 6, N. Brown (Poolstock) 7, A. Tomlinson 8.

NOTICES.

MUCH WENLOCK.—The Bishop of Hereford will dedicate, on Friday, May 1st, at 3 p.m., the restored and augmented peal of eight bells which has been hung in a new framework by Taylors, of Loughborough.

BROADWOODKELLY, DEVON.—The re-dedication by the Bishop of Exeter of the recast and augmented ring of 6 bells in a new frame and with new fittings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, will take place on Saturday, May 2nd, at 3.30 p.m., followed by tea (1s. per head). Ringing before and after tea. Concert 7.30 p.m. Notifications for tea should be sent to the Rev. E. W. Perry, The Rectory, Broadwoodkelly, Winkleigh, Devon, beforehand.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Whitchurch, near Cardiff, to-morrow (Saturday), May 2nd. Bells (6) available. Service at 4.30. Business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Launton (6) on Saturday, May 2nd. Service 3.30 p.m. Preacher, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn. Tea 4.15, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome. Will those requiring tea please notify me early? Bells available from 2.—F. Sharpe, Hon. Sec., Launton, Bicester, Oxon.

SURFLEET.—A combined meeting of the Lincoln Branch of the Ladies' Guild and the Elloe Deanery Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild will be held at Surfleet on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (10) will be open all day. Service at 4 p.m., with tea and business meetings following.—Mrs. R. Richardson, Hon. Sec., Glyn Garth, Surfleet, near Spalding.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, May 2nd, at Chrishall. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. Wacey, 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Heston on Saturday, May 2nd. Ringing from 3 p.m. Buses from Hounslow (Central Station) pass church. Tea arranged. All ringers welcome.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday afternoon, May 2nd. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held at Norton on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. For tea please notify Mr. Wm. Biggin, 13, Abbey Lane, Woodseats. — M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Petersfield on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (8) and Steep (5) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in St. Peter's Hall 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, Dis. Sec., 14, Cobourg Street, Portsmouth.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Kelvedon on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Subscriptions for 1931 are now due.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earl's Colne.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Retford on Saturday, May 2nd. The bells of East Retford (10), West Retford (6) and Ordsall (6) will be open from 2 p.m. Service at East Retford Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5 p.m. Will all members make a special effort to attend? Visitors heartily welcomed. Good train and bus services from all directions.—H. Revill and R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at West Monkton (6 bells) on Saturday, May 2nd. Service 4.30. Tea and business after in the Schoolroom.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Western District will be held at Chester-le-Street, St. Cuthbert's, on May 2nd, to commence at 2.30. Hoping to have a good gathering. Tea at 5.—H. Tyson, Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool and Wigan Branches.—A joint meeting of the two branches will be held at Aughton on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Preacher, the Rev. Lindsay James Coursey, Vicar of Christ Church, Southport. Tea, at 6 p.m., at a small charge. Ormskirk bells will be available in the evening. All ringers and friends welcome, especially the members of the two branches, to make the meeting a success.—James Wm. Grounds, Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Huntingdon.—A meeting will be held at Hartford on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—D. Clarke, 36, Cromwell Gardens, St. Neots.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's, Surrey Road, Bournemouth, on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 4.30. Service at 5.30.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Measham on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Will members also note that there is no train service available, but there are frequent buses from Ashby. Subscriptions can be paid and reports obtained at this meeting. Please see that it is well attended.—John Leach, Dis. Sec., 4, Vernon Terrace, Burton-on-Trent.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Newmarket on Saturday, May 2nd. All Saints' (8), St. Mary's (6), Exning (5) will be available from 2.30. Service 4.15, All Saints'. Tea 5, at Lake-man's, 1s. each. Meeting follows. All ringers welcome.—R. C. Sharpe, 2, Barton's Place, Newmarket.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Cotgrave on Saturday, May 2nd. Six bells, ready from 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Tea can be arranged for. Coy's bus leaves the Black Boy Yard, Nottingham, every hour.—E. C. Gobey, 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Ewell on Saturday, May 2nd. Tower open at 3. Service at 5, with tea and business meeting afterwards in the Church Room.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec., 37, Church Walk, Leatherhead.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The first quarterly meeting will be held at Ockbrook on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting will be held in room near to church at 4.30 p.m., when a presentation will be made to the members of the district. Visitors welcome. Reports can be obtained and subscriptions paid. Method for special attention: Cambridge Surprise Minor.—Geo. Freebrey, Hon. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Rishton Parish Church on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

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LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society) **AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—May meetings: Sunday, 3rd May, at 10 a.m., St. Clement Danes', Strand; Mondays, 4th and 18th, also at above, at 7.30 p.m.; Tuesday, 12th, St. Mary's, Lambeth, 8 p.m.—C. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec., 7, Camberwell Station Road, S.E.5.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on May 5th, St. Magnus' on the 7th and 21st, Southwark Cathedral on the 14th, *the Coffee Pot on the 19th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 28th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ST. CLEMENT YOUTHS.—St. Clement Danes', Strand.—Practice will be resumed on Wednesday, May 6th, at 7 p.m. Ringing, Sunday mornings.—F. W. H. Sergison, Hon. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Woodford on Saturday, May 9th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. In order that adequate arrangements can be made, will all those intending to be present and requiring tea, please notify me by Wednesday, May 6th, certain?—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath, Essex.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Hythe on Saturday, May 9th. Tower open at 2.30. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Great Doddington on Saturday, May 9th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30, and the address will be given by the Rev. Canon A. I. Greaves, Venerable Archdeacon of Oakham. Will those who hope to be present for tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, May 5th?—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Chiddingstone on Saturday, May 9th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Castle Inn (1s. per head) after service, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, May 5th. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. each will be paid to members attending.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Worth on Saturday, May 9th. Tower open 3 p.m. Will all those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, May 6th? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Redenhall, Saturday, May 9th. Names for tea, please. Business meeting at 5.15.—N. Golden, Diss.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Clevedon, on Saturday, May 9th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

OPEN CHANGE RINGING CONTEST, six bells, at Shelley, on Whit Monday, May 25th, for a cup and prizes if sufficient entries. Entrance fee 7s. 6d. per company. Entries close May 9th. Further particulars from Albert Goldthorpe, Hon. Sec., Red Hill, Shelley, near Huddersfield.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Roxton on Saturday, May 9th. Bells (5) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5, at the Pear Tree Inn. All ringers welcome. A good attendance is requested. Please come.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Saddington, near Kibworth, on Saturday, May 9th. Bells available 3 p.m. Buses leave Hind Hotel, Leicester (near L.M.S. Station) for Fleckney (then 1 mile walk), Reeve or Peberdy. Buses will take you into Saddington at a small extra charge.—E. H. Bagworth, 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

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DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, May 9th, at Stoke Gabriel. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, etc., 5 p.m. Those who intend coming please advise me by Wednesday next. All welcome. Thirty minute bus service from Paignton.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Swineshead on Saturday, May 9th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by usual business meeting. Those intending to be present are asked to send in their names not later than Wednesday, May 6th.—John Phillips, School House, Butterwick, Boston, Lincs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Stanford-on-Soar Church on Saturday, May 9th. Bells (8) ready at 3.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested. Subscriptions now due.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Felkirk on Saturday, May 9th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Tea at 4.30, 1s. per head. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. M. Perry, 3, Colliery Building, Brierley, near Barnsley, by Thursday, May 7th? A good attendance requested.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec., 67, Avenue Road, Wath-on-Deane.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 13th, at Stanstead. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30. Those intending to be present kindly advise.—D. A. Wacey, 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting of the Wirral branch will be held at Bromborough (8 bells) on May 16th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. Will ringers requiring tea please send word not later than Tuesday, 12th, to H. S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 3, Ridley Street.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Shiplake on Saturday, May 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., in the Parish Hall, for ringers and wives, etc., the guests of Lord Phillimore. Service at 7 p.m. (short evensong, with organ, hymns, etc.). All are welcome. Please notify me by Wednesday, May 6th.—F. W. Hopgood, Hon. Branch Sec., 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Arksey, near Doncaster, on Saturday, May 16th. Bells available from noon. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. 6d. per head, and application for same should reach Mr. G. Clark, 10, Dawood Villas, Bentley, Doncaster, not later than first post Tuesday, May 12th. Members are reminded that annual subscriptions are now due, and should be paid without delay. Further particulars on circulars.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Coddensham on Saturday, May 16th. Tea, 1s. each, in the Parish Hall, at 4.30 p.m. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—By permission of the Vicar, the half-yearly meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Lancaster, on Saturday, May 16th.—W. H. Shaker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Festival will be held at Sherborne on Saturday, May 16th. Service in the Abbey at 12.15 p.m. Preacher: Rev. Canon Coleridge. Luncheon in Church Hall at 1.15 p.m., price 1s. 6d. Towers available: Sherborne Abbey (8 bells) 10.30 to 11.45 a.m., 3 to 8 p.m.; Milborne Port, Charlton, Harethorne (8), Bradford Abbas, Thornford (6), Bishop's Caundle, Lillington (5), Long Burton (4). All 10 to 11.30 a.m., 3 to 9 p.m. Ringers requiring luncheon please inform the secretary before Monday, 11th.—F. Llewellyn Edwards, Hon. Sec., Kington Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The 52nd annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, May 25th.—F. H. Pitstow, Gen. Sec. and Treasurer, Saffron Walden.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting to be held at Beddington has been unavoidably postponed until Saturday, May 30th. Full particulars later.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec.

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