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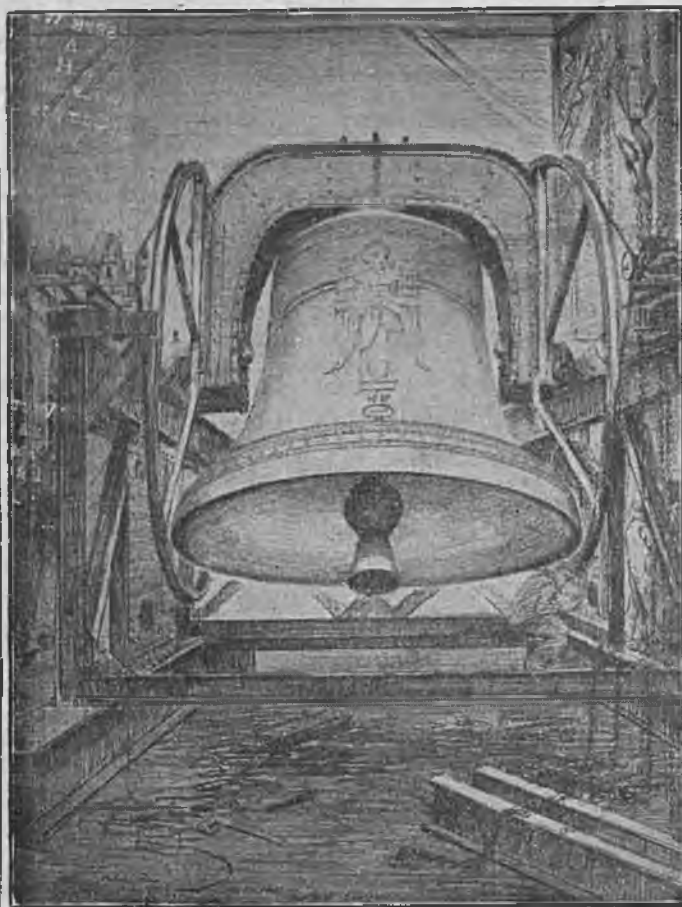
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LONDON BELLS.

The announcement that the Church of St. Andrew, Wells Street, London, is to be demolished and its furnishings removed to a new church which is to be erected in the suburbs, is a matter of interest to ringers, for the future of the bells is a subject which concerns them. St. Andrew's bells, recognised as one of the best rings of eight in the metropolis, have historical interest from the fact that they are the product of a little known founder who, at all costs, aimed at obtaining a 'maiden' peal—and succeeded after discarding, it is said, nearly three times as many bells as he retained. The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild have done well to draw the attention of the diocesan authorities to the desirability of retaining these bells as a complete unit, rehung in a tower where they can once more be rung in a proper manner. The chief danger, after their removal from Wells Street, is that the bells might either be dispersed to several churches or hung in a modern tower too weak to carry them as a ringing peal. The subject is one to which we hope other ringing organisations, whose interests are especially centred in London, will give their support, and by approaching the authorities on similar lines, strengthen the representations made to the Bishop. We trust, too, that action will not end in pious resolutions, but that, the importance of transferring the bells to some suitable church tower having been emphasised, steps will be taken to keep in touch with the authorities, so that future plans as to the bells may be considered and any desirable suggestions made before it is too late.

The fate of St. Andrew's Church is likely to be the fate of numerous other London churches in the future. The population has pushed out into the suburbs, and it is the church's duty to meet the changing circumstances. One attempt to dispose of a number of city churches in order to provide for the pressing needs of the new populous areas was defeated a year or two ago, but it is by no means certain that future demands may not compel the adoption of some similar scheme sooner or later. In the meantime, it is not unlikely that, as in the case of St. Andrew's, individual churches may be demolished and the furnishings utilised elsewhere. London ringers should make it their business to keep a close eye upon any bells that may be concerned, and take concerted action to prevent, if possible, the dispersal of good peals. There may be some bells of inferior quality, of course, which could well be spared, but even in the case of a poor ring it would be well worth an effort to get them recast and retained for ringing in some suburban tower. London ringers, especially, should be grateful to the Middlesex

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Association that it has already shown itself alive to this important matter and should back up the efforts being made to preserve St. Andrew's bells intact. There is not a great deal of co-operation among the metropolitan ringing organisations, but here is one direction in which they can act, if not together, then independently in the common good.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, April 10, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt. in C sharp.

FRANK WEST Treble	FRANK BOREHAM 7
FRED HAYES... .. 2	GEORGE F. HINTON 8
WALTER F. JUDGE 3	RICHARD A. POST 9
H. DONALD BOREHAM... .. 4	P.S. CECIL A. SMITH... .. 10
RALPH COLES 5	CAPT. J. H. FREEBORN 11
JAMES W. WILKINS 6	EDWARD R. COLES Tenor

Composed by J. W. MOORHOUSE. Conducted by FRED HAYES.

First peal of Bob Maximus by all the band. Messrs. Judge and Post are from Oxford, Capt. Freeborn from Chalfont, the rest are members of the local band.

TEN BELL PEALS.

PONTEFRAC.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 11, 1932, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5163 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN H. LENTON Treble	WALTER SWALLOW 6
*WILLIAM TATE 2	HARRY C. WALTERS 7
HARRY BROWN 3	THOMAS HOLDER 8
*VICTOR APPELGATE 4	*WILFRED APPELGATE 9
*FRED NEWTON 5	ALBERT T. STRANGWARD ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by J. H. LENTON.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 12, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

F. CECIL MOGFORD Treble	WILLIAM A. CAVE 6
ALFRED E. REEVES 2	JOSEPH T. DYKE 7
MRS. R. J. WILKINS 3	HENRY PRING 8
JOHN W. JONES 4	JOHN A. BURFORD 9
WILLIAM KNIGHT 5	WILLIAM H. THOMAS ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JOHN A. BURFORD

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the Rev. R. H. Whitford, a very highly respected member of St. Stephen's Guild, who died April 10th.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF ERIN CATERS, 6013 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... Treble	JAMES L. GRAY 6
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 2	W. NORMAN PARK 7
WILLIAM H. BARBER 3	ROLAND PARK 8
*MURRAY D. OUBRIDGE ... 4	ADAM DEAS 9
JOHN ANDERSON... .. 5	ROBERT S. ANDERSON ... Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

* First peal of Caters. First peal of Erin Caters by all the band except the ringers of 2nd and 3rd. The ringers of 7th and 8th are from Darlington. This was the first peal of Erin Caters on the bells. This composition is now rung for the first time.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BOLTON BRANCH)

On Friday, April 1, 1932, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S No. 1.		Tenor 20 cwt.	
FRED FRANKLAND RIGBY	Treble	PETER CROOK, JUN.	... 5
MISS ANNIE POTTER	... 2	*EDWARD IDDON	... 6
PETER CROOK, SEN.	... 3	JOHN POTTER	... 7
*EVEREST FORD	... 4	RICHARD WM. MOSLEY	... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

* First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half muffled as a token of respect to the late leader of this church tower, Robert Fiddies, who was interred at St. Mary's, Deane, on the 24th ult.

BAMPTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 2, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.		Tenor 25 cwt.	
SIDNEY TAYLOR	... Treble	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR	... 5
THOMAS W. TIMMS	... 2	C. ELLIOTT WIGG	... 6
WILLIAM G. COLLETT	... 3	WILLIAM G. NIPPER	... 7
WILLIAM J. DIXON	... 4	JOHN TANNER	... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS E. TAYLOR.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 3, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

MISS FLORRIE WYMAN	... Treble	JACK M. CRIPPS	... 5
OLIVER SIPPETTS	... 2	REGINALD V. JOHNSON	... 6
NELSON ELLIOTT	... 3	GEORGE ELLIS	... 7
KENNETH SNELLING	... 4	ROBERT SWIFT	... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by ROBERT SWIFT.

First peal as conductor.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 9, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, BETHNAL GREEN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS	... Treble	GEORGE MARTIN	... 5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.	2	ROBERT W. GREEN	... 6
ALFRED B. PECK	... 3	HERBERT LANGDON	... 7
MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT	... 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE JUN.

CLANFIELD, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 9, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).

SYDNEY TAYLOR	... Treble	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR	... 5
GEORGE CLARKE	... 2	*C. ELLIOT WIGG	... 6
WILLIAM G. NIPPER	... 3	RICHARD A. POST	... 7
J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN	... 4	THOMAS W. TIMMS	... Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD A. POST.

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

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HARTLEBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 10, 1932, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

HECTOR G. BIRD	... Treble	SAMUEL GROVE	... 5
THOMAS HEMMING	... 2	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	... 6
ROBERT MATTHEWS	... 3	SYDNEY T. HOLT	... 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	... 4	CHARLES CAMM	... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

Rung by kind permission of the Rector of Hartlebury on the 50th anniversary of the formation of the Worcestershire Association. Also rung on the 50th anniversary of Mr. W. H. Fussell's first peal. It was Mr. S. Grove's 50th peal of Cambridge.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 11, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN LLOYD	... Treble	HECTOR G. BIRD	... 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	... 2	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	... 6
JOHN BASS	... 3	THOMAS HEMMING	... 7
*WILLIAM C. DOWDING	... 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS	... Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of London. The conductor's 500th peal. Arranged in connection with the jubilee celebration of this association.

CARISBROOKE, ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 11, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

A. RICHARD WARD	... Treble	FRANK SPENCER TAYLOR	... 5
*EDWARD THOMAS DRAKE	... 2	SIDNEY MOODY	... 6
ARTHUR DRAKE	... 3	WILLIAM UFTON	... 7
WALTER JOHN SCOTT	... 4	BERT SIBBICK	... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM UFTON.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung muffled, with tenor open at back stroke, after the funeral of Walter Frederick Legg, a member of the Carisbrooke band, also to the memory of William James Johnson, of the Newport band, who passed away on February 16th.

WARFIELD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, April 13, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

*WALTER P. CROSS	... Treble	LEONARD STILWELL	... 5
WILLIAM WELLING	... 2	GEORGE GILBERT	... 6
THOMAS SMITH	... 3	*EDWARD S. T. FARR	... 7
WILLIAM HENLEY	... 4	JOHN H. CROPLEY	... Tenor

Conducted by E. S. T. FARR.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal as conductor. Arranged as a coming-of-age peal for Mr. John E. Cross, nephew of the treble ringer, the Cross family, now of Windsor, having been connected with Warfield for more than three hundred years. It was also rung on the 3rd anniversary of the popular steeplekeeper, Mr. G. Higgs, wedding.

SHEPshed, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 13, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. W. PARKER'S ODD AND EVEN BOB SIX-PART, No. 78.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFIELD	... Treble	CHARLES DRAPER	... 5
CHARLES ALLSOP	... 2	FREDERICK A. SALTER	... 6
JOSEPH BAILEY	... 3	JAMES GEORGE	... 7
MAURICE SWINFIELD	... 4	SYDNEY AINGER	... Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

FRAMS DEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, April 14, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

ALBERT E. WEITING ...	... Treble	GEORGE WHITING ...	5
GEORGE BENNETT ...	2	LESLIE G. BRETT ...	6
GEORGE PRYKE ...	3	T. WILLIAM LAST ...	7
JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ...	4	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ...	Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by L. C. WIGHTMAN.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to A. E. Whiting. First peal in the method on the bells. First attempt in the method as conductor.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 14, 1932, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 18 cwt.

*MISS CONSTANCE HOVERD <i>Treble</i>	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ...	5
THOMAS GROOMERIDGE, JUN. 2	HARRY HOVERD ...	6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ...	EDWARD J. BEER ...	7
JOHN WHEADON ...	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ...	<i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

* First peal of Cambridge. Rung as a farewell to Miss C. Hoverd, who is leaving the district.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WEST DORSET BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 16, 1932, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*JOHN E. PHILBRICK ...	... Treble	*CUTHBERT W. H. POWELL ...	5
*HENLEY G. KERLEY ...	2	FRANK PRICE ...	6
†GEORGE H. WHITEMORE ...	3	*FRANK E. BLACKMORE ...	7
REV. C. CAREW COX ...	4	*WALTER G. SARTIN ...	Tenor

Conducted by REV. C. CAREW COX.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Triples. First peal of Triples and first in the method on the bells. All are Sunday service ringers at the church, and this is the first peal ever rung in this tower by a local band. Rung to commemorate the jubilee of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 20½ cwt.

*ALAN DUDLEY STEEL ...	... Treble	THOMAS HURD ...	5
WILLIAM P. DEANE ...	2	WALTER LONGMAN ...	6
WILFRED STEVENSON ...	3	JOHN WORTH ...	7
JOHN E. WHEELDON ...	4	CHARLES H. PAGE ...	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal of Cambridge on the bells, and also in North Staffordshire. Specially arranged in honour of the Rector of Stoke (the Rev. D. H. Crick, M.A.), on his appointment as Archdeacon of Stoke-on-Trent.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, April 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ...	... Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS ...	5
JONATHAN PRESTON ...	2	WILLIAM C. DOWDING ...	6
GEORGE F. SWANN ...	3	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH ...	7
WILLIAM J. MEERS ...	4	WILLIAM C. RHODES ...	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Arranged and rung as a compliment to Mr. Joseph Johnson (younger son of the late Mr. Henry Johnson) on his 75th birthday.

SIX BELL PEALS.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, April 6, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GABRIEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

CHARLES YOUNG ...	... Treble	FRANK LAWRENCE ...	4
JOSEPH LAWRENCE ...	2	FRED HAWKES ...	5
ERNEST GIBBS ...	3	CHARLES CAMM ...	Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mr. William Niblett, who had rung many peals in this tower.

BIDDENHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 9, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

FRANK C. TYSON ...	... Treble	WILLIAM STAPLETON ...	4
*MISS EVELYN STEEL ...	2	HENRY STAPLETON ...	5
PERCY C. BONNETT ...	3	PEARL INSKIP ...	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM STAPLETON.

* 150th peal. Rung by the officers of the Bedford District as a jubilee peal. It was in this tower that the first peal for the association was rung on April 26th, 1884.

HANSLOPE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 9, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's with different callings.

Tenor 22 cwt.

*ALBERT L. CADWELL ...	... Treble	*FRANK C. BROWNSSELL ...	4
*AUBREY R. ATKINS ...	2	ERNEST C. LAMBERT ...	5
*JOHN G. GREGORY ...	3	ALBERT W. GIBBONS ...	Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST C. LAMBERT.

* First peal. First attempt for a peal of Minor by all except conductor. All are local service ringers except the conductor. The ringers of treble and 2nd are 14 years of age.

MISTLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 10, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four extents of Kent Treble Bob and three of Oxford Treble Bob, called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

ALFRED HONEYWOOD ...	... Treble	WILLIAM STIFF ...	4
CHARLES HONEYWOOD ...	2	WALTER HONEYWOOD ...	5
ALAN ANDREWS ...	3	STANLEY G. MOSS ...	Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY G. MOSS.

The ringer of the 3rd is from Thorington. The rest are of the local company.

ISLIP, NORTHANTS.

THE PETEBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THRAPSTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES M. NICKERSON, Branch Secretary ...	... Treble
FRED STUBBS, Branch Treasurer ...	2
CYRIL WILSON, Branch Committee ...	3
FRANK KIRK, Central Committee ...	4
THOMAS JERVIS, Branch Committee ...	5
GEORGE W. JEFFS, Central Committee ...	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. JEFFS.

First peal as conductor in more than one method. First peal rung by a band of Thrapston Branch officers.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR J. MARTIN Treble	CYRIL TANSSELL 4
FRANK LAWRENCE 2	HAROLD F. MARTIN 5
SIDNEY T. HOLT 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

SHIPBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*DERRICK HOLMWOOD... .. Treble	JOSEPH PACK 4
*MISS MARGARET PACK 2	JOHN J. BASSETT 5
†MISS GLADYS PACK 3	A. WINGFIELD DURHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by A. W. DURHAM.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of 3rd. The average age of the band is 16 years. The band were kindly entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. Willsher after the peal. They also wish to thank the Vicar, Rev. F. Schreiber, for the use of the bells and for his congratulations.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GLASGOW.

THE ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL (GLASGOW) SOCIETY.

On Sunday, April 10, 1932, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT 86 OTAGO STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6008 CHANGES;

Tenor size 13 in E.

HENRY F. SARGENT 1-2	ALBERT F. SARGENT 5-6
STEPHEN H. WOOD 3-4	JOHN F. SARGENT 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by STEPHEN H. WOOD.

This composition contains the minimum number of changes possible for a peal of Bob Major and the minimum number of calls (49). Rung in celebration of the conductor's engagement to Miss M. M. Lennon, of Kilkenny, Ireland.

GREAT SHELFORD, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 11, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT HARBLDOWN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

*MISS K. WILLERS 1-2	W. H. J. HOOTON 5-6
F. E. HAYNES 3-4	C. W. WOOLLEY 7-8

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

Witness—Mrs. WOOLLEY.

* First peal of Major 'in hand.'

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 18, 1932, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT 9, PEMBROKE ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

JOHN AMBLER 1-2	WILLIAM BARTON... .. 5-6
PERCY J. JOHNSON 3-4	GEORGE AMBLER 7-8

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (161). Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON

ARMLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 13, 1932, in Two Hours and Two Minutes,

AT 28, ARMLEY GRANGE VILL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

MALCOLM MOORHOUSE 1-2	JOSEPH THACKRAY 5-6
JOHN W. MOORHOUSE 3-4	*THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY 7-8

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN W. MOORHOUSE.

* First peal of Major in the method 'in hand.' Rung as a birthday compliment to Malcolm Moorhouse, also as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Lindsay, on their golden wedding.

Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.

LEICESTER SOCIETIES AT DINNER.

The annual dinner of the Leicester and District Societies was held at the Victoria Hotel, Leicester, on Saturday, April 16th. The proceedings commenced with ringing at St. Margaret's (12), the Cathedral (10), and St. John-the-Divine (10), touches in the various standard methods being rung. Ringers attended from Bedford, Grantham, Melton Mowbray, Billesdon, Wellingborough, Wigston Magna, Stoke Golding, and most of the towers in Leicester, a company of 43 sitting down to dinner, which was admirably served. Immediately after dinner, the Chairman (Mr. A. J. Harris), who was supported by Rev. H. V. Williams (St. John-the-Divine), Mr. E. H. Hagworth (secretary), and Mr. Ernest Morris (general hon. secretary of M.C.A.), proposed the toast of 'The King.' Then came two tunes on the handbells, 'The Bluebells of Scotland' and 'Soldiers' Joy,' by Harold J. Poole, Fred E. Wilson and H. W. Perkins, all of whom belong to Leicester City Police Force, and are also members of the National Police Guild of Ringers.

The Rev. H. V. Williams gave a short address, in the course of which he expressed, on behalf of the clergy, appreciation of what the ringers did for the Church, and said what a great debt the Church owed to them. He also referred to the Bishop's Fund, of which he is secretary. The fund, he said, was for various uses in the diocese, and he could not see why some of the resources could not be devoted to rehanging and recasting of bells in the diocese. The speaker concluded by thanking those concerned for inviting him to the dinner. Songs were next rendered by Mr. Frank Howe (St. John's), after which a course of Stedman Caters was rung by Messrs. J. E. and S. Morris and Messrs. William Willson and H. J. Poole. Mr. Harold Poole gave his well-known and popular song, 'How do you do?' and next a 'rise and fall' on the handbells, which sounded very sweet and was perfectly done. Mr. C. Grimes, an entertainer, amused the company by playing anything from a very small mouth organ to an old saw, and afterwards gave an encore. Tunes and method ringing were further indulged in, including a course of Stedman Cinques, which unfortunately broke down about half-way through. The lapping of courses of Bob Royal and Grandsire Caters greatly amused everybody; in fact, several starts had to be made owing to the fun which was created.

The Chairman expressed thanks to the caterer for the excellent repast, and added that he hoped to see all the company present next year. The proceedings terminated just before eleven o'clock with 'Auld Lang Syne,' which brought to a close a very happy gathering.

DEATH OF MR. BENJAMIN KEEBLE.

AN ESSEX VETERAN.

At the ripe age of 85 years, Mr. Benjamin Keeble, of Romford, passed away on April 14th. Although he had rung only eight peals, he was a pioneer of change ringing in Essex, and was chiefly interested in advancing the art. He was one of the earliest members of the Essex Association. About 1880 he went over to Little Heath (a peal of five) and taught change ringing to the band, who included Mr. A. Pye. Previous to that they were ignorant of the science, and might long have continued to be so, as it was then only a country village. But for Mr. Keeble the name of Pye might not have achieved the supreme place in ringing that it now occupies. Mr. Keeble's first peal and Mr. A. Pye's was rung at Writtle on Whit Monday, May 29th, 1882, before the annual meeting of the Essex Association, four of the band having walked from Romford to Brentwood (six miles), to catch the mail train to Chelmsford, and then walked the further two miles to Writtle.

Mr. and Mrs. Keeble celebrated their diamond wedding in 1929, and received the congratulations of the King and Queen. They were very loyal subjects. When the Prince of Wales opened the new Southend arterial road, Mr. Keeble, with his wife and daughter, rang 120 Grandsire Doubles on handbells as the Prince passed by. Mrs. Keeble died last summer in her 84th year.

Although Mr. Keeble had not taken part in ringing in recent years, he continued to take great interest in the art, and was a regular reader of 'The Ringing World.'

The funeral took place on the 18th inst., and at the service in St. John's Church the Vicar spoke of Mr. Keeble's long and useful life. In accordance to Mr. Keeble's wish, 120 Grandsire Doubles was rung over his grave on handbells by A. Pye 1-2, G. R. Pye 3-4, E. Fairbank 5-6.

EAST ILSLEY RINGER'S DEATH.

We regret to report the death of Mr. William John Field, of East Ilsley, who died on Saturday, April 9th, after a short illness. He learned to ring in his native tower about 30 years ago, and had been a regular member until recently, when his health gradually failed.

He had only rung one peal, that being at East Ilsley on October 11th, 1930, by all Ilsley men, and he was very proud of it.

The funeral took place at St. Mary's Church on Tuesday, April 12th, the local ringers being present, also Mr. C. Parfitt (Compton). His colleagues met in the evening and rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect: W. Warwick 1, E. Warwick 2, R. Warwick 3, E. Sneller 4, K. Burt 5, W. Hibbert 6, C. Hibbert (conductor) 7, H. Brown, jun., 8.

Mr. Field leaves an invalid wife, five sons and five daughters to mourn their loss.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

PROPOSED ALTERATIONS TO RULES.

There was no very good attendance at the annual meeting of the Warwickshire Guild at Nuneaton on Saturday, April 16th, but those who braved the elements had a thoroughly enjoyable time. The bells of the Parish Church were raised in peal soon after three o'clock, and were kept going in various methods during the afternoon. A short service in the church was conducted by Rev. J. A. B. Davies, M.A., president of the Guild, assisted by Rev. J. W. Faulkner. The lesson (Romans xii. 3-12) was read by Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, and the address (given by the president) was based on the words, 'Take heed lest ye drift away.' The hymns, 'For the beauty of the earth' and 'O how joyful 'tis to see,' and the 150th Psalm were sung.

At the close of the service the members adjourned to the Parish Hall. The warmth and cheerfulness and tables loaded with good things provided a striking contrast to the dismal weather outside. Justice was done to the tea, and then followed the business meeting, the president taking the chair.

The balance sheet (showing a balance in hand at the end of 1931 of £20 5s. 4d.) was read and passed.

Apologies were read from the Archdeacon of Coventry (Rev. J. W. Hunkin), Canon J. L. White, Mr. G. Over (Rugby), Mr. and Mrs. Wilkerson (Weston-super-Mare), Mr. and Mrs. Hinde (Bulkington).

The hon. secretary then read the report for 1931, giving the Guild membership as 502, made up of eight hon. life members, six hon. members, 136 non-resident members, and 152 ringing members, sixteen new members having joined during the year. Eleven peals were rung during the year, viz., one Grandsire Triples, four Stedman Triples, two Bob Major, one Cambridge Major, one Ipswich Surprise Major on tower bells, and one Stedman Caters and one Double Norwich on handbells. The conducting was shared amongst F. W. Perrens, F. Pervin, W. H. J. Hooton, J. A. Fenton, D. H. Argyle and W. A. Stote. Forty members took part, while five rang their first peal and sixteen rang their first in the method. The Ipswich Surprise Major on tower bells and Double Norwich on handbells, both rung on the same day, November 26th, at Nuneaton, were the first in these methods for the Guild. The Guild lost during 1931 the services of Mr. O. J. Hunt as hon. auditor by his removal from the district, and Mr. H. Argyle by death on December 9th, a vacancy on the Central Council thus being caused. Altogether, the year was one of quiet progress, with increased membership and fairly good attendance at meetings, where the more experienced ringers proved their practical interest in the younger members by assisting them whenever possible.

The officers were re-elected en bloc, and Mr. J. H. W. White (Coventry) appointed Central Council representative, with Mr. F. W. Perrens, in place of Mr. Argyle.

The July quarterly meeting was fixed for Stratford-on-Avon, the May meeting as a joint one with the Hinckley District of the M.C.A. at Wolvey, if that could be arranged, otherwise at Fillongley, and the June meeting at Knowle.

No new members were elected, but the election of Mr. F. E. Haynes prior to a peal was ratified.

Notice of motion was given by Mr. F. W. Perrens, seconded by Mr. F. E. Pervin, as to the alteration of certain rules as follows: No. 6: Delete the words 'Hon. District Secretaries' (it being felt that the general secretary could deal direct with the tower secretaries instead of through the medium of the district secretaries). Rule 7: That the annual meeting shall be held on the third Saturday in April at the following places in rotation, viz.: Warwick, Coventry, Nuneaton and Rugby (Coventry to be substituted for Birmingham). Delete Rule 4.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman, and ringing was resumed at the tower, while others stayed in the tea room for handbell ringing. Double Norwich and Cambridge Major were rung by J. H. W. White, F. W. Perrens, W. H. J. Hooton and C. W. Woolley (who was a welcome visitor from Cambridge), while D. H. Argyle joined them for Stedman Caters.

The majority of the standard methods were rung during the day, including also spliced Cambridge and London. Ringing ended soon after eight o'clock, and all decided that it had been a very enjoyable meeting, the only regret being that the inclement weather prevented others from turning up.

STEDMAN CINQUES 'IN THE NORTH.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It seems hard to understand how the peal at Sheffield in 1882 was the first peal of Stedman Cinques in the North of England. Within the last few weeks the ringers of St. Nicholas' Church, Liverpool, have had repainted the record of a peal of Stedman Cinques which was rung in that tower on February 25th, 1828. There is also in the same tower another board recording a peal of Stedman Cinques rung on March 25th, 1863. I would like to know on what grounds either or both of these performances have been ruled out.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE R. NEWTON.

(The information was quoted from a report of the peal at the time. It seems another of those cases in which absence of knowledge led to a claim which was not warranted.—Ed. 'R.W.')

LIGHTEST RING OF TEN CHURCH BELLS.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD MEETING AT NORTH STONEHAM.

Some thirty or forty enthusiastic souls braved wintry climatic conditions last Saturday for the opportunity of ringing upon England's lightest peal of ten church bells at North Stoneham, Hampshire. The occasion was a meeting of the Southampton District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, and, incidentally, it afforded a number of the younger generation an opportunity for their first pull upon ten bells. Furthermore, it also proved a test in many cases as to ability to handle small bells. From half-past two the ringing took place, and until eight o'clock the bells were telling forth their message in Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters, Kent Treble Bob Royal and Cambridge Surprise Major. The only break was the occasion for the service, the bounteous tea and the enthusiastic business meeting which followed. The service was well attended, and an address was delivered by the Rev. E. H. Dixon, curate-in-charge of North Stoneham, from the text, 'Unto God our Father be glory for ever.' He referred to the ringers as God's workers in the diocese, and as such spoke of the importance of the duty they were accomplishing and the joy to be found in their work for Almighty God.

An interesting feature of the service was the singing of a hymn specially written by the late Rev. C. E. Matthews, a former Master of the Guild, for the use of members of the old Winchester Diocesan Guild. The connection with the ringers as workers for God was further exemplified by the fact that the organist for the occasion was Mr. J. W. Faithfull, despite his great misfortune in having lost one of his hands when serving his country. Indeed, it was really remarkable at one point of the day's ringing to see the two one-armed ringers (Messrs. Faithfull and G. Pullinger) handling the two little trebles which converted the peal into ten.

Tea was served in the Parish Hall, an enthusiastic band of lady workers administering to the wants of the ringers. The chairman of the district, the Rev. G. T. Tritten, Rector of Dibden, presided, and he was supported by the Master, Mr. George Williams, and Mr. W. T. Tucker, the secretary. Seated with them was an interested visitor in Mr. E. Denison Taylor, the head of the well-known bellfounding firm of Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who were responsible for the work of conversion.

The business was not of a very formidable nature, but as an indication of the progress being made in the district it is interesting to note that no fewer than five new hon. members in Messrs. E. Denison Taylor and V. P. A. G. Scardfield, the Rev. E. T. Thistle (Vicar of Eling) and his warden (Mr. E. E. Owen), and Mr. H. Ivel were enrolled. In addition, the election of 20 performing members was confirmed, these including 18 members of the Eling band and Master Cyril Fray and Miss Joan Wheeler, it being claimed for the latter that she is the youngest performing member of the Guild.

There was one sad moment of an otherwise enjoyable gathering, and that was the passing of an expression of sympathy with the widow of the Rev. Thomas Salmon, whose sad demise in February was such a loss to the parish of Stoneham. The motion was passed in silence as a tribute to the deceased's memory, the members standing.

Some interesting remarks regarding the addition of the two new bells was given by Mr. E. Denison Taylor, whose claim that a 'very good splice' had been made was evidenced by more than one present.

Time passed all too quickly on such an occasion, and even the mysterious breaking of a stay (culprit unknown) was turned to advantage, for it gave the opportunity for Mr. Faithfull to give a further exposition as to his abilities as an organist.

The towers represented at the gathering were those of North Stoneham, St. Mary's, Southampton, Bishopstoke, Dibden, Eling, St. John's, Bournemouth, King's Somborne, St. James', Poole, and Shoreham, Sussex, the representative from the latter place being Mr. Owen Giles, a former member of the North Stoneham band.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

'BRASS HATS' ENROLLED.

The spring meeting, held at Pattingham on Saturday, April 9th, was a successful one, more particularly as the village is somewhat isolated from the ringing centre of the Archdeaconry. On arrival, assurance was obtained that all was clear for raising the bells: a start was made, when unusual noises could be heard, and upon investigation it was found that the carillon hammers had not been switched off! Luckily, however, there appears to have been no damage done. This shock over, ringing proceeded smoothly until 4.45, when a service was held in church, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. T. Scott Rogerson, who, prior to delivering an inspiring address, gave the members a hearty welcome to Pattingham. A very nice tea was laid in the Parish Hall, which was enjoyed to the full, forty being present. Twenty-one new members were enrolled—seven ordinary and fourteen 'life' members—the latter including several 'brass hats' from London.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for his address, use of bells, etc., and to the ladies who prepared and served tea, was proposed by the Rev. C. H. Barker and carried with acclamation. A return to the tower provided several beginners with their first try on eight in the four standard methods.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

Ten towers were represented at a meeting of the Canterbury District of the Kent County Association, held at Teynham on Saturday. Although the weather was very bad, members attended from St. Peter's-in-Thunet, Wingham, Wickhambreau, Littlebourne, Canterbury, Tunstall and Queenborough.

A short service was held, at which the Rev. W. C. B. Purser, Vicar of Teynham, gave an interesting address, and welcomed the ringers to Teynham, on behalf of the church officials.

Tea was held at the Vicarage, and the Vicar was heartily thanked for his welcome. A vote of thanks was also accorded the organist, who played for the service.

Herne was selected for the next by-meeting.

Standard methods up to Cambridge Surprise were rung during the afternoon and evening.

A QUICK PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Some time ago, the report of a peal at Kingston Seymour appeared. As the time taken seemed extraordinarily short for the weight of metal, I wrote to the conductor asking if the peal were correctly reported, and he replied that it was. Since then, however, many doubts have been expressed regarding the performance. The upshot of this was that the ringers invited me to go to listen to their ringing of a 720. This I did, and from the manner in which they rang this, I am convinced that the time claimed for the peal was not at all unreasonable.

In order, then, to silence any further possible aspersions on the peal, the ringers asked me, with your permission, to make public these facts, and this I gladly do.—Faithfully yours,

J. T. DYKE.

BELLS IN ANCIENT CITY CHURCHES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Re bells in city churches before the Great Fire, 1666. 'The Inventories of Church Goods,' taken by Commission in the reign of Edward VI., c. 1552, which may be seen at the Public Records Office, might throw some light on the subject. I do not know whether the city churches are contained in the inventories, but I wish to offer this suggestion to our prominent historians.—Yours truly,

KENNETH OATES.

Histon, Cambridge.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**PEAL RINGING AN AID TO GOOD STRIKING.**

On Saturday, April 9th, the quarterly meeting of the North-Eastern Division of the Essex Association was held at Wivenhoe. Some 60 ringers were present representing 22 towers, and various methods were rung from Plain Bob to London Surprise. A service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. R. H. Jack, M.A.). Tea was provided for the ringers and friends, and 72 sat down. At the meeting which followed, Mr. E. P. Duffield (District Master) took the chair.

The Chairman urged all members of the association to purchase 'The Ringing World,' remarking that a lot of knowledge was to be gained by taking it. He also urged members to go in for peal ringing, which greatly helped to foster good striking. He proposed a vote of thanks to those who provided the tea, also to those who had made the meeting such a success.—This was seconded by Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the association, who referred to the good work done by Mr. Nevard and Mr. Stannard, late Master and secretary respectively. Four new members were elected, and the Rev. Jack, in responding to the vote of thanks, said it was a pleasure to him to be amongst such a happy and large gathering of ringers. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Harwich some time in June.

After the meeting most of the ringers adjourned to the tower, while some remained in the Church Hall for handbell ringing.

GOLDEN WEDDING PRESENTATION.

At Burnham, Bucks, Parish Church, on Sunday week, a pleasing ceremony took place in the belfry prior to evensong. Mr. Fred Carter, of the Burnham band (who has been a ringer for forty-seven years), was presented with a silver bell inkstand suitably inscribed in recognition of his golden wedding day (April 9th).

The Vicar (Rev. P. Nott) made the presentation on behalf of the Burnham band, and touched a pleasing note when he mentioned the bond had existed between ringers outside of their art.—Mr. Carter, who was fortunate enough to have all of his family at home, very suitably responded.

The previous day a band of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang a peal in honour of the event, in which the brothers Limmer, of Burnham, took part. Burnham has a young and promising band of ringers, but they are not yet strong enough to turn out a local peal band. This peal served a double purpose, as it was also a birthday compliment to Miss Mary Biggs, a member of a family of well-known jewellers, of Maidenhead, and niece of Mr. W. R. Madgwick, the (dare we say it) well-known 'globe trotter,' who also took part in the peal.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A fund has been started to provide ropes for St. Nicholas' Church, Deptford, and it is hoped also to provide the means for a thorough overhaul of the bells themselves. Church funds are not able to meet this expenditure.

The death occurred on Saturday, April 16th, at the age of 75 years, of Mr. Samuel Wood, of Beaumont Street, Ashton-under-Lyne. Deceased had been in failing health for several weeks. He was a prominent member of the Ashton Society, and had taken part in many famous long peals.

Our readers will observe with interest a notice convening a meeting in Edinburgh on April 23rd to inaugurate a Scottish Association.

Not yet 14 years of age, John L. Gilbert, of Handsworth, Sheffield, has just rung his eighth peal! His last was a peal of Little Bob Major on an 'inside' bell.

The attention of Leeds and District Society members is drawn to the time of the business meeting at the annual gathering on April 30th. This is to be held at 6.30 in the tea room, owing to the limited accommodation in Bramley tower.

THE CARE OF STEDMAN'S BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your excellent leader of December 11th, 1931, you said, 'We hope that in future St. Bene't's may be a training ground from which many young men may go out into the world to promote the art, as Stedman himself went out as a "missionary" more than two hundred and fifty years ago,' and further, on December 18th, 1931, 'As a result of what has been done, a fresh impetus will, we hope, be given to ringing in Cambridge. It should not be sufficient that St. Benedict's should be merely another tower in which the bells have once more been made ringable. It is important that they should be rung regularly for service, if possible, by a band specially created for the purpose.'

As one who, in conjunction with our branch secretary, Miss K. Willers, and Rev. W. Greenwood, Vicar of St. Bene't's, has been responsible for starting a young band, comprising mostly choir boys at St. Bene't's, I read with some dismay the remarks made by the president of the Midland Counties Association that the bells are a priceless possession and should be used with the utmost care. I fully agree, and shall see that this is carried out when I am in the tower. What dismays me are Mr. Taylor's words, 'I don't mind whether there is a Sunday band or not.' Surely Mr. Taylor would not like to know St. Bene't's were going to be like other towers in Cambridge have been for years, silent on Sundays, except when hands could be made up by ringers from surrounding villages? It may be a surprise to many to know that the number of ringers actually residing in Cambridge is a dozen, and very few of them are willing to ring on Sundays. If, as Mr. Taylor suggests, the bells should only be rung by experts, I am afraid they will hang silent from one year's end to another, except on occasions when visitors are there. My experience is, where there is a band of ringers the bells are cared for and, more often than not, where there are none they are neglected. What has been accomplished up to the present is this. Rounds are being rung for evening services. We did this for the first time on Easter Sunday. The Rev. W. Greenwood is anxious that we should continue, and, in his own words, 'Where are the ringers to come from if we don't teach them?' You have, sir, in your previous leaders, given us your view. I should also like to know from other ringers if, in their opinion, we should carry on teaching at St. Bene't's?—Yours, etc.,

E. G. HIBBINS.

23, Hemingford Road, Cambridge.

THE BACHELORS' PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Dr. Watson is quite right when he says that there is no escape for the better-looking ringer whose enthusiasm failed him. Kate will have him all right, and the advice to 'Run, boy, run,' although well meant, is quite useless. He never has run, and can't.—Yours, OBSERVER.

ON THE TRACK OF KATE.

The following note, written in pencil on a half sheet of paper, was among our post on Saturday morning. Perhaps it came to us in error, but we publish it, as it may be the preliminary to clearing up a profound mystery.

Friday.

'My dear Watson,—This outburst is so unlike you. I have never before known you do such a foolish thing as to try to stampede the victim in any of our cases. It is imprudent, my dear Watson, very imprudent, and did I not know you as well as I do, it would shake my faith in your judgment. If we are to lay our hands on the extremely elusive female we are seeking, we shall not do it by frightening off the subject of her attentions by telling him to run. I am afraid you have delayed the successful clearing up of this mystery. I had hoped to lay my hands on Kate in a few hours, but now the bird has flown. I am off to the Midlands; it may be some days before I am back.

'HOLMES.'

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

OPENING OF A LIBRARY.

A library has been established by the Guildford Diocesan Guild, and was opened on Saturday, when the annual meeting was held in Guildford. It is housed in the ringing chamber of St. Nicolas' Church. By the kindness of the Provost of the Cathedral a handsome oak bookcase, with lead lights, has been provided, and the nucleus formed by gifts of books from several members of the Guild. Nearly 50 members assembled in the spacious belfry for the little ceremony. Unfortunately, the Rector was unable to attend owing to another engagement, but his place was taken by the assistant priest, the Rev. A. W. Tappenden. The Provost made some introductory remarks on the value of the scheme, and expressed his pleasure at being able to show in a tangible way his appreciation of the services of the ringers. Suitable prayers were offered by Mr. Tappenden, and the members inspected the bookcase and books with great interest.

Touques were afterwards rung on the bells of St. Nicolas' Church and of the Cathedral, where, later, the Guild service was held. There was a large attendance, and the Provost, who officiated, was accompanied by the Rev. J. W. Ward, Rector of Newdigate, who delivered a thoughtful address, the Rev. S. H. Courtney-Smith, the Rev. H. D. Pilcher, and the Rev. T. L. Brooke.

A PRACTICAL QUESTION.

In the course of his address, Mr. Ward said there was a practical question for them so keenly interested in their organisation and ringing. Why were they ringers? They said they were keen about it, they loved it; there was something in the team work, something in the sheer delight of ringing that attracted them. He found a tremendous amount of pleasure in it, and undoubtedly they did. There was a considerable physical, moral and mental pleasure to be gained out of ringing. But sooner or later those motives failed to satisfy. When the team spirit broke down, when the companionship ceased to be pleasurable, and the difficulties began to multiply, those secondary motives were not sufficiently strong to hold an association like this firmly together. Was there no other motive? Surely they had a sense of mission. They were God-commanded, and did it not merely for the pleasure or the physical profit they might derive from it. The moment they realised they did it from the sense of being commanded of doing it for God, the whole complexion changed. They were ringers for God's sake.

He believed, if that motive was always kept in mind, many of their difficulties would be overcome. Why was he a Christian? Because he found from experience it was the only satisfactory life to live. He was a Christian because no other type of life quite satisfied his cravings, and there was no other satisfactory way of living. But he did not believe it was more than a secondary motive. Merely to treat their religion as a method of ensuring a happy future was not the most satisfactory way of dealing with it. He was a Christian because God bid him to be a Christian. That was the only satisfactory answer.

The annual meeting followed tea in Holy Trinity Parish Hall. The vice-president, Mr. Walter Harrison (Guildford), was in the chair, supported by Provost E. C. Kirwan, the Master, Major John H. B. Hesse (Haslemere), the hon. treasurer, Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O. (Woking), and the hon. secretary, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (Woking). Apologies for absence were received from, among others, the president, the Bishop of Guildford, who wrote that, acting on medical counsel, he was taking a period of rest, Sir Arthur Martindale (Morrow), etc.

BANDS BELOW STRENGTH.

The annual report stated that during 1931 the work of the Guild was carried on quietly and, for the most part, effectively. It could not be said, however, that the main object before the Guild of securing in every tower in the diocese a full complement of ringers able to ring all the bells for the Sunday services had come much nearer to attainment. There were still many bands below strength, and a really united effort on the part of the Church authorities, and the local ringers, as well as the Guild, was required, if the defect was to be remedied and the depleted companies raised to the standard which it should be their ambition to attain. There were instances in the Guild where there were ample reserves of ringers. The committee, therefore, made a special appeal to all companies which had insufficient ringers to ensure the manning of their bells for the Sunday services, to put forward a special effort during the coming year. They would not only thus more effectively fulfil their duty to the Church, but add to their own interest in the art by raising the efficiency of their company and expanding their opportunities of method ringing. The serious lack of interest shown by members in the Chertsey District, combined with a falling-off in the ringing membership in that area, had given the committee cause for grave concern. Serious consideration was being given to the best steps to be taken to bring about a revival, and it was hoped that when the committee next reported, they might be able to record a more progressive state of affairs in that part of the diocese. In the other three districts interest had been well maintained. The committee acknowledged with gratitude the interest shown in the work of the Guild by a number of incumbents, but would appreciate a more general co-operation in many parishes in the encouragement of ringers in their work and the fostering of the Guild spirit.

The total membership showed a slight increase, due to the additions to the ranks of honorary and compounding members. Resident ringing members, who paid their subscriptions for 1931, showed a net decrease of 19. In the Guildford district the number rose from 149 to 151, and in the Leatherhead district from 61 to 72, but in the Chertsey district the number dropped from 42 to 25, and in the Farnham district from 121 to 108.

SATISFACTORY FINANCIAL POSITION.

Although the balance sheet showed a reduced balance in hand of just over £7, the financial position was a matter for satisfaction. The receipts in the general fund were £5 more, while the increased expenditure had been due to objects calculated to promote the interests of the Guild and of the art of ringing. The balance in the hands of the treasurer was £44 19s. 4d., against £52 2s. at the beginning of the year, but the balances in the district funds had increased from £31 1s. 6d. to £38 13s. 11d., so that actually the Guild's funds aggregated slightly more than last year. Regarding the events of the year, the committee expressed the hope that members would make use of the library, and that its scope and usefulness might be extended. In connection with the Stedman Per centenary celebration, the Guildford Diocesan Guild was not only among the subscribers to the funds, but was represented at the dedication and thanksgiving service at Cambridge by about 30 members. A new ring of eight bells was installed at Grayshott Church, largely through the instrumentality of Mr. W. C. Ryde, and the new band of ringers at that church had been welcomed into membership. Thanks were accorded the incumbents of the various churches where the Guild had been permitted to hold meetings, the district officers for unstinting labours, and hon. members for their support.

The peal ringing activities of the Guild again showed an advance, and once more the number of peals rung was larger than in any previous year, the total being 55, against 47 in 1930, while the variety of methods rung was also greater. At the Cathedral on August 26th, Mr. A. H. Pulling rang his one thousandth peal, a distinction achieved by only eight other ringers. Mr. Pulling received many congratulations upon his wonderful achievement. Other members of the Guild to whom congratulations were extended were Mr. G. W. Steere on ringing his 300th peal, Mr. W. T. Beeson and Mr. G. Marriner their 200th peals, and Messrs. A. J. Bartlett, W. J. Robinson and C. E. Smith their 100th peals. The passing of a century mark was a memorable event in an individual's peal record.

The Chairman, moving the adoption of the report and accounts, said in the diocese there were 492 ringers, of which 389 were members and 103 non-members. Therefore he suggested to the Guild there was still plenty of missionary work to be done. It was a pity, seeing the real goodwill and friendliness that existed in the Guild, if they could not rope in all the ringers in the diocese. He congratulated Mr. A. H. Pulling on his outstanding achievement of ringing his thousandth peal. His number was still growing, and the chairman hoped it would continue until he held a world's record.

Mr. F. Nye (Bagshot) seconded, and the motion was carried.

PRESENTATION TO THE HON. SECRETARY.

On behalf of many members of the Guild, Admiral Walker proposed that they give to their hon. secretary, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, a present to show their appreciation as a Guild of all that he had done for it from its formation. He suggested that a cheque for £10 be presented to Mr. Goldsmith.

Mr. A. H. Pulling, seconding, said they could not repay Mr. Goldsmith for what he had done, not only for the Guild as secretary but also for the Exercise through 'The Ringing World.'

The Chairman supported the motion, and said the suggestion, which arose from the executive committee, had been expressly hoped for by members of the Guild.

The Master, Major Hesse, said but for Mr. Goldsmith the Guild would not be what it was to-day.

The motion was unanimously adopted, and in expressing sincere thanks Mr. Goldsmith said he should put the cheque into something tangible as a memento of the early days of the Guild.

Only the retiring officers had been nominated for the posts, and these were re-elected as follows: Mr. W. Harrison, vice-president; Major J. H. B. Hesse, Master; Admiral T. P. Walker, hon. treasurer; Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, hon. secretary; and Mr. C. N. Burdock, hon. auditor. Mr. Burdock was congratulated upon his recovery from his illness.

The affiliation of St. Peter's, Hascombe, with the Guild, was agreed to, and the following new ringing members were elected: Mr. R. Crowhurst (Shere), Mr. R. J. Martin (Farnham), Mr. E. G. Venton and Mr. C. J. Ayliffe (Haslemere), Capt. H. J. Cann (Pirbright) and Mr. F. Day (Woking).—The summer festival was arranged to be held at Weybridge on July 9th, and next year's annual meeting at Guildford, the date to be fixed by the Executive.

Rules regulating the library, recommended by the executive, were adopted. The Chairman said the idea of the library originated from Mr. A. C. Hazelden, and he thought it meant a vista far ahead and increased efficiency in the art of ringing. He thanked the Provost for the gift of the bookcase, also Major Hesse, Messrs. J. S. Goldsmith, A. H. Pulling, C. Hazelden, R. Hasted, W. Thorne and S. Petter for gifts of books, and Mr. Harman, a member of the Guild, who made the bookcase.

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WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

JUBILEE CELEBRATED AT BROMSGROVE.

On Easter Monday, April 10th, 1882, the Worcestershire and Districts Association was founded at Bromsgrove, and on Saturday, April 9th, the association returned to the town to celebrate its jubilee. The first Master was Mr. J. Perks, of Worcester, the hon. secretary, Mr. H. Wilks, of Worcester, and the treasurer Mr. W. Duffil, of Bromsgrove, and there are now only two surviving original members.

Some 200 members of the association attended the jubilee festival, which began with ringing and a service at the Parish Church. The Vicar (the Rev. T. C. de la Hey) officiated, and the lesson was read by the Dean of Worcester (Dr. Moore Ede). The hymns sung were 'O God, our help in ages past,' 'We love the place, O God,' and 'Now thank we all our God,' and the choir rendered the anthem, 'Oh Lord, who didst in olden time.'

The address was given by the Rev. J. F. Hastings, Rector of Martley (the clerical secretary of the association). It was based upon the words of the First Epistle of St. Peter iv. 10. The preacher said they were met on an interesting and historic occasion on the very spot where the association was founded so very many years ago, and their thoughts were carried back with pride and satisfaction to the great part they had played in that history. They had taken a worthy part in that movement, which had gone on for about 60 or 70 years, for raising the status and reputation of ringers, for improving and restoring church bells, and advancing the art and science of the work that they had loved so well—the art of change ringing. That movement had undoubtedly been part of that general effort to make everything to do with church matters more reverently and earnestly done than in most of the churches throughout the land say a hundred years ago. That spirit to do everything decently and in order was known as the Oxford Movement. It began with the services of the altar, it restored churches, improved the music, it waged war against all slovenliness, damp, dust, and dirt, bad art and cheapness in churches and in their fittings and furniture; and towers, peals of bells, and ringing soon followed.

MAIN FACTOR IN REFORMATION.

Ring associations and guilds all over the country, which began to come into existence sixty or seventy years ago, had been the main factor in the wonderful reformation in the towers which had spread all over the land. From his experience he did not think that reformation would have come about without the advancement of change ringing and the spread of its art by the efforts of the ringers, because undoubtedly change ringing brought to the use of the bells something that at once raised the ringers' work into something that called out all a man's faculties. It refined, educated, and disciplined him; it demanded unity, team work, and brain work. Change ringing was quite as elevating as choral singing, and required even more thought and application; for the more advanced methods of ringing and for conducting and composing it required a very close and exact use of all a man's intellect and powers of perception. Ringing was indeed a manly exercise because it required the whole man and not only his muscles, and one of God's gifts that grew by practice and study, latent perhaps at first, but fostered and brought out, and then, as St. Paul in the text said, 'used or administered to others and with others' until they got the music of the bells well rung, than which there was nothing more delightful and satisfying to the ear. Church bells were a possession both valuable and interesting, and theirs was a very special privilege to use those instruments, to use the gift they had to the best of their ability, to minister that gift to others and to the glory of God; that was with the idea in their hearts that it was a gift from God to be returned to Him by using it and increasing it, and remembering that they were in God's house sounding out those sacred vessels that had been well called the 'Outside voice of the Church of God.' The three chief objects of the association were to see that the true position of ringers should be recognised in the offices of the church; to cultivate the art of change ringing, and to promote belfry reform where it was needed. There was no doubt about the position of ringers now. In all the towers to which change ringing had spread the behaviour of ringers and their position and reputation in the parish had quite altered. He could well remember when first he began the rough and uncouth ways and the slovenly state of things. The village ringing room was the resort of loafers; very little ringing even of rounds was done. Drinking and smoking were quite usual, and the bells were rung just as an excuse for collecting money. What a contrast to the present tidy and orderly way of a change-ringing tower, where love of the art and a keenness to progress in it were the chief concern of the band. No wonder the class of men who rung was so different, and the honour and respect for them by other churchmen had so much increased.

The preacher went on to refer to the strides made in the art of change ringing and of bell founding in the last fifty years, and added that after all the improvement there were still towers to reform, and bells to restore, and, above all, young men and lads to be taught and to be infected with the enthusiasm and interest that ringing could give more than many things that men engaged in, for the pleasure and brotherhood in it, besides its service of God in the Church. They could look back to fifty years of steady advance and

thank God for the results achieved, and they could now go on from the jubilee festival encouraged and confident of still further progress in the three great objects of the association. It was all a matter of perseverance and working from a few keen spirits and from small things to larger things.

A short social was held in the Parish Church Hall, where hand-bell ringing took place by various members.

THE DINNER.

In the evening a dinner was held at the Golden Cross Hotel. Mr. A. E. Parsons (Old Hill) presided, and there was a company of over 160 present. Mr. R. G. Knowles (Madresfield), Ringing Master of the association, was in the vice-chair, and amongst those present were the Dean of Worcester (Dr. W. E. Moore Ede), Canon Isaacs (belfry warden at Worcester Cathedral) and Mrs. Isaacs, Alderman J. S. Pritchett (Master of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham), Mr. Albert Walker (Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild) and Mrs. Walker, the Rev. J. F. Hastings, the Rev. T. C. de la Hey, M.C., Mr. V. Drury (chairman of the Bromsgrove U.D.C.), Mr. Thomas Horton (bailiff of Bromsgrove), Mr. H. F. Martin (Master of the Bromsgrove Guild), Mr. James George (Birmingham), Mr. H. Martin (Birkenhead), and a large number of ringers.

After the loyal toast, the Chairman voiced a general welcome to the company. He mentioned particularly 'their dear old Dean,' who had proved himself a trusted and tried friend for over twenty years, and congratulated Mr. T. Abbott, of Bromsgrove, and Mr. Powell, of Worcester Cathedral, who were the only members who had been in the association since it was formed in 1882.

Mr. A. Mason, of Hagley, proposed 'Church and State.' He asked where ringers would be without the privileges handed down to them from the Church, and expressed a hope that Church and State would long continue in happy concord.

The Dean was accorded a warm reception on rising to reply. He said he was very glad to have the privilege of being present on that memorable occasion. It was a fact of which they could be very proud that the association had worked for half-a-century to raise the tone and character of bellringing. As regarded the toast, they might as well remember it was the Church that made the State and not the State that made the Church. There was a time when England was divided into different petty kingdoms, but Christianity came into the land, and before long there was one Church, one Christian organisation throughout the land. That inspired our ancestors to desire to have one civil Government as well as one ecclesiastical government, and in that way the unity of the kingdom was established. The relation of the Church to the State was, broadly speaking, as the soul was to the body. Kill the soul or take it away and the body soon shrivelled up and died. That had been the experience of history. In the eighteenth century religion was practically dead. Then came the revival, and with the Oxford Movement the minds of men were turned to the past, and they began to cherish its relics. They desired that things should be done with greater decency and be more fitting to the service of God. The Movement had its faults, but they certainly owed a great deal to it. In 1870 Worcester Cathedral was restored, and the influence of the Movement later found its way to belfries. As a result of the desire for greater order and decency, their association was established. Some of them had an idea of what the condition of the belfries and of the ringers was prior to that time. It was not the fault of the ringers, but of the custom of the times in which they had been brought up. The belfries were anything but clean and tidy or sober (laughter). The association during the past 50 years had accomplished a work the magnitude of which only those who could look back upon the whole of the progress could realise.

Alderman Pritchett also responded to the toast. He said he hardly knew why there should be a second reply. It was true he represented His Majesty four times a year as Recorder of Lincoln, but beyond that his only claim to represent the State was as a member of the community. As such he was a loyal servant of the Church of England. He revered the Church and regarded the present connection of the Church and State as beneficial to both. He shuddered to think what would happen to the Church if the present constitutional system was abolished. Church and State appeared to him to be living in perfect harmony, and long might that continue. So long as the Church was typified and exemplified by men like the Dean of Worcester, so long would the State reverence, admire, and love and support the Church (applause).

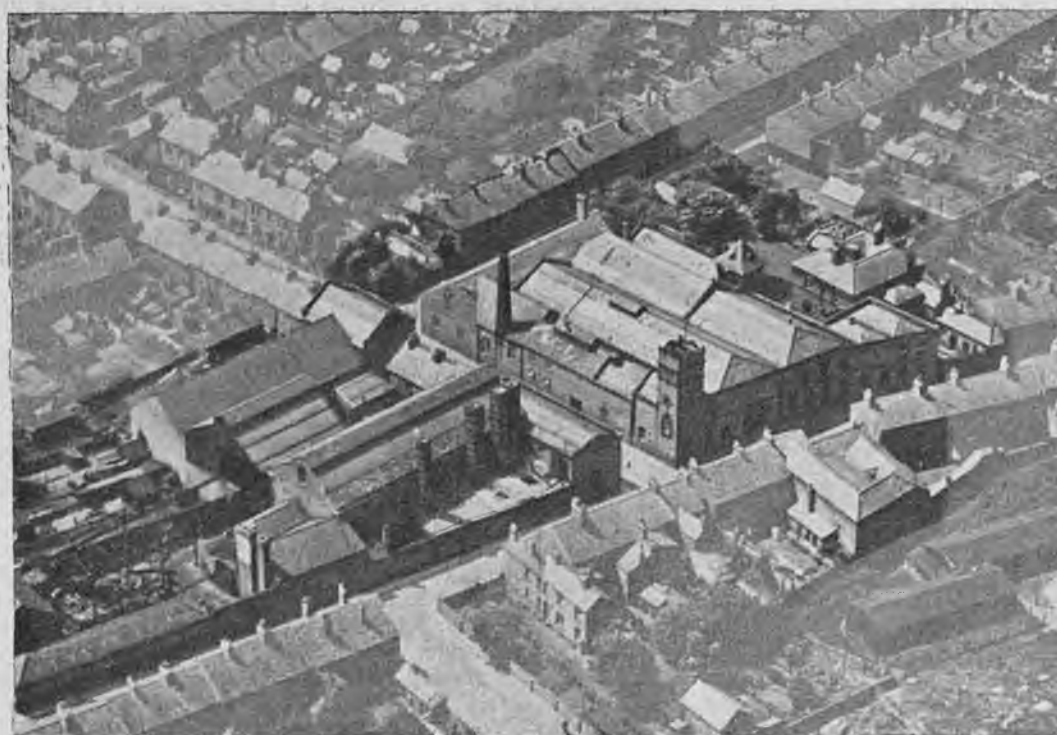
PAST AND PRESENT.

Mr. Albert Walker proposed 'The Worcestershire Change Ringing Association.' He said he had known many of the members connected with the association, and they were heartily to be congratulated on having such brilliant men as Mr. Sidney Holt, of Crowle, who was always willing to go round and give instruction. Long might the association continue. There had always been a close association between Worcestershire ringers and the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham. Mr. Wm. Short, of Clent, was the former Deputy Master at St. Martin's, and both bodies owed each other a great deal for the easy facilities for access to the towers that existed.

Mr. J. R. Newman, who replied, said it was good to hear a neighbouring Ringing Master speak so well of them. Neighbours were often rivals, but the only rivalry between Worcestershire and Birm-

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Peal of 6 to be restored and augmented to 8. New frame.
Peal of 6 to be restored and rehung in new frame.
Peal of 6 to be rehung in new frame, the treble and 3rd to be recast.
Peal of 6 to be restored and rehung in new frame.
Peal of 6 to be rehung and augmented to 8. New frame.
Peal of 3 to be rehung in new frame made for 8 bells.
Peal of 3 to be rehung and augmented to 6. New frame.
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Tenor 43 cwts. in C.
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WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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ingham ringers was as to who had the better bands. St. Martin's led the way for many years, but now they had bands that could strike as well as the St. Martin's Guild. Their thoughts went back that night to the little band of enthusiasts who met at Bromsgrove fifty years ago. They laid the foundation stones on which others had built, as he hoped, successfully. Mr. Duffill, of Bromsgrove, the first treasurer, did a great deal of useful work, and it was really due to the ringers from Bromsgrove and Worcester that the association was started. The Rev. Gibbs, of Hagley, drew up the form of service, and Mr. R. E. Grove, of Kidderminster, must have been a wonderful personality. Much had been said about the improvement of the belfries. He always remembered being told by an old clergyman of what he found when he visited the church on the ringers' practice night. There was a barrel of beer in one corner of the tower. The ringers were smoking, and one of them was playing a melodeon (laughter). He did not blame the men for doing what their fathers and grandfathers had done before them, but of course there had to be a change. The clergy gave the association credit for improving the towers and breaking down the isolation between them. They were glad to think they had at the same time kept the clergy and Church authorities interested in their work (applause).

The Vice-Chairman extended a welcome to 'Kindred Associations,' and Mr. W. H. Fussell (Oxford) replied. He said Worcestershire was one of the pioneers in the reform of the belfries.

In proposing the health of 'The Chairman,' Mr. T. Horton said that as bailiff of the ancient manor of Bromsgrove it gave him great pleasure to be present and to welcome the association, and to say how pleased they were that Bromsgrove should have been selected as the place where such an historic gathering was held.

The toast was drunk with musical honours, and Mr. Parsons replied, proposing the health of 'The Secretary,' who responded.

During the evening songs were contributed by Messrs. F. J. Johnson (Hinton), G. J. Henning (Hampton), W. C. Dowding (King's Norton), and P. C. Helsdon (Moseley). Mr. Albert Fellowes, deputy carillonneur at Bournville, accompanied. Mr. Harry Withers (Edgbaston) tapped out on the piano a course of Erin Caters, and a course of Stedman Caters was rung on the handbells by J. D. Johnson, H. Withers, A. Walker, W. Short and J. George.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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Mr. Goldsmith mentioned that Mr. Harrison was the biggest donor of books, some of which were very valuable, dating back nearly 200 years.

On the suggestion of the Provost the question of insuring the books is to be considered by the executive.—Mr. A. C. Hazelden was appointed the first librarian, and the following to constitute the committee: Mr. W. Harrison, Mr. W. R. Melville (Cathedral), Mr. S. Radford (S. Nicolas'), and Mr. S. Petter (Worpleston).

The following amendment to rules was approved: 'A member who fails to pay his subscription for any year by December 31st shall be deemed to have withdrawn from the Guild, but he may be readmitted by the committee at any time, or by payment of a fee of 2s. and the subscription for the then current year.'

The effect of the amendment is that payment of the fee of 2s., in addition to the current subscription, which was formerly obligatory when a lapsed member rejoined, is now in the discretion of the committee.

Another recommendation of the Executive, 'That any band needing assistance for a short period to improve their ringing may apply through the district secretary for the services of an instructor. If the application is approved by the treasurer, the travelling expenses, or part thereof, of the instructor may be defrayed by the Guild,' was also approved.

On the motion of Mr. Goldsmith, seconded by Major Hesse, it was decided to give a donation of two guineas to the fund for providing in Tewkesbury Abbey a national memorial of the great services rendered to the Exercise by the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies.—Mr. Goldsmith said Mr. Davies rendered great service to the Exercise in various capacities for many years. He was one of the first people who started the formation of the modern association to promote change ringing and belfry reform, he having been one of the founders of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association more than 50 years ago. For 20 years Mr. Davies was secretary of the Central Council, and devoted years of study to elucidating many of the problems of ringing. For the memorial, it was proposed to add two trebles to the present peal of ten at Tewkesbury, and to furnish one of the side chapels at Tewkesbury as a ringers' chapel.

The Grayshott tower was allocated to the Guildford District. It was agreed to continue the holding of the annual dinner.

Mr. Goldsmith reported that the Stedman Tercentenary Fund was still about £40 short, and the Guild decided to give a further guinea towards it.

Thanks were expressed to Mr. J. Beams (Ewell) for writing up the peal book, and to the Provost, the Rev. J. W. Ward and the Rev. E. de G. Lucas, Rector of S. Nicolas', for services in connection with the day's proceedings. Mr. Harrison was thanked for presiding.

NOTICES.

THE LATE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association invite subscriptions to enable them to place in Tewkesbury Abbey a memorial of the great services rendered to the Exercise by the late Rev. Charles D. P. Davies. It is proposed to add two bells to the present peal of ten and to furnish one of the side chapels as a 'Ringers' Chapel.' A sum of £250 is required.

Donations, however small, will be gratefully received either by:—

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Rev. E. S. Saleby, The Vicarage, Leonard Stanley, near Stonehouse, Glos., Master.

P. C. Williams, 34, Victoria Park, Fishponds, Bristol, Hon. Treasurer.

E. Guise, 48, Jamaica Street, Stokes Croft, Bristol, Hon. Secretary.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 28th; at 7.30 p.m. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Annual meeting will be held at Sudbury on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells at St. Gregory's (8), St. Peter's (8), All Saints' (8) available all day. 3.15, committee meeting in St. Peter's Vestry. 4, service at St. Peter's (with sermon by Rev. T. C. Alexander, Rector of Great Waldingfield). 4.30, tea (1s.) in the Parish Hall. 5, meeting.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Goldhanger on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service in church at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5.15. Come and make this meeting a big success.—A. E. Coomber, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Gallewood, Chelmsford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Brookfield Church, Gorton.—A special invitation meeting in connection with the dedication and reopening of the bells at Brookfield Church, Gorton, will be held on Saturday, April 23rd. A hearty invitation is extended to all ringers and friends. Dedication service at 3 p.m., with ringing by local band. Tea, free to all ringers and 1s. per head for others, will be served in Schoolroom at 4.30 p.m. Ringing between service and tea and after tea until 9.30 p.m.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Ditchling on Saturday, April 23rd. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in Church Room, 1s. 3d.—A. D. Stone, Hon. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Lower Heyford, on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Steeple Aston tower will also be available 3 to 4 o'clock and after tea.—E. Pearson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Deddington, Oxon.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech.—The next meeting will be held at Littleport, Cambs., on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—E. Barker, Dis. Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, April 23rd, at Beaconsfield. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Guild service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at East Retford on Saturday, April 23rd. The following towers will be open for ringing at 2.30 p.m.: E. Retford (10), W. Retford (6) and Ordsall (6). Good bus service to and from Ordsall. Service in E. Retford Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., the business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. D. A. Piercy, 60, Wharton Street, Retford. A good attendance is requested. Special business. — R. W. Stockdale and H. Revill, Hon. Secs.

STANDLAKE, OXON.—Ring of 6, rehung in new frame by White's, Appleton, will be re-dedicated by Bishop Shaw, on Saturday, April 23rd. Service 3 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Institute (1s.) at 5 p.m. — B. D. Costar, Standlake, Witney, Oxon.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—The next meeting has been arranged for Saturday, April 23rd, at All Saints', West Ham. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—J. G. A. Prior, Hon. Dis. Sec., 77, Anthony Street, St. George-in-the-East, E.1.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bathcaston on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea to follow.—Theo Grant, Hon. Sec., Swainswick, Bath.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, April 23rd. Ringing from 5 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m. Important routine and other business to discuss.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Chippenham on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Please look up College Exercise. — K. Willers, Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Helmshore, on Saturday, April 23rd. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Yorktown on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in Parish Room.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Froyle on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells available from 2.30. Service in St. Mary's, Froyle, at 4.30. Tea at the Shrubbery House, by kind invitation of Sir Hubert Miller.—B. C. Taylor, Binsted Vicarage, Alton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Leake on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45, followed by usual business meeting. Buses frequently run from Boston (Post Office). — John Phillips, Hon. Sec., School House, Butterwick, Boston, Lincs.

THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—The inaugural meeting of the above will be held in Edinburgh on Saturday, April 23rd. Meeting in St. Mary's Cathedral belfry 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30. Ringing at St. Mary's Cathedral (10) and St. Cuthbert's (8). All ringers welcome.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Hampstead Norris on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting at Lincoln, April 30th. Service in the Morning Chapel at the Cathedral at 3.15 p.m. Tea at the Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, 4, at 1/8 per head, followed by business meeting. Ringing at the Cathedral, St. Peter-at-Gowt's and St. Botolphs, from 1.45 p.m. All requiring tea please send their names to Mr. G. Chester, 16, Carline Road, Lincoln, not later than Wed., April 27th.—F. W. Stokes, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Half-yearly meeting at Wigan on Saturday, April 30th. Bells of Wigan Parish, Poolstock, Hindley and Standish available from 3 p.m. Service at Parish Church at 5. Tea at Vose's Cafe at 6, at 1s. 9d. each.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Godshill on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., by kind invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. H. J. Stone), followed by business meeting. All ringers welcomed. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, April 26th?—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 23, Daniel Street, Ryde, Isle of Wight.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The first quarterly meeting will be held at Duffield on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Business meeting in belfry at 4.30 p.m. Subscriptions for 1932 (1s. 6d., including report) are now due. ALL ringers cordially invited.—George Freebrey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—West Norfolk Branch.—A meeting will be held at Litcham on Saturday, April 30th.—W. J. Eldred, Dis. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Next meeting at Hathersage, Saturday, April 30th. Church of St. Michael (6 bells, tenor about 15 cwt.) available afternoon and evening. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Yardley Hastings, on Saturday, April 30th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. A special bus will leave the Market Square, Wellingborough, at 2.45. Return fare 1s. 6d. Will those who wish to travel by bus and require tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, April 26th?—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Clive, near Shrewsbury, on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (6, tenor 25 cwt.) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea (1s. per head) in the Vicar's Hall at 5 o'clock, followed by meeting. Please send numbers for tea before the 25th to the Rev. F. Tennison, St. Ailmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North-Western Division. — A meeting will be held at Saffron Walden on Saturday, April 30th, at 3 p.m. Service in the church at 5 p.m., followed by tea at 5.30 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me. — H. A. Wacey, 44, Rye Street, Bishops Stortford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Witney and Woodstock Branch. — Preliminary Notice. — The annual spring meeting of the above branch will be held on Saturday, April 30th next, at Tackley. Service at the church at 3.30 p.m. Several towers will be at our disposal. — W. Evetts, jun., Sec., Hill Court, Tackley, Oxford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Leicester District. — The next meeting will be held at Kibworth, on Saturday, April 30th. The bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Greyhound at 5 o'clock. Outstanding subscriptions can be paid and reports for 1931 obtained at this meeting. Please turn up in crowds and make this a record meeting. Names for tea, please, no later than Monday, April 25th. — E. H. Bagworth, 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chester Branch. — The quarterly meeting will be held at Hoole on Saturday, April 30th. Ringing at 3. Service 4. Will those who intend to be present kindly notify me by Thursday, April 28th? — J. W. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Wayside, Circular Drive, Chester.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. — A practice meeting will be held at Shoreditch on Saturday, April 30th, from 3.30 till 7 o'clock. All ringers welcome. — G. A. Card, Hon. Sec., 7, Gilstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Bristol Branch. — A monthly meeting will be held at Henbury, near Bristol, on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting at Blaise Castle House. Please make an effort to make this a record meeting. Blaise Castle and woods are open free, and are well worth a visit. Kindly let me know for tea not later than Wednesday, 27th inst. Annual reports can be had at this meeting. — Frank Skidmore, Branch Hon. Sec., 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District. — The half-yearly meeting will be held at Queenborough on Saturday, April 30th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea, generously provided by ladies connected with church. The business meeting will be presided over by His Worship the Mayor (B. Wayland, Esq.). Please notify me by Tuesday, 26th. Half railway fares (maximum 2s.) will be allowed all members attending. — Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

NORWICH DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Norfolk Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Wroxham on Saturday, April 30th, at 3.30 p.m. — W. B. Duncan, Branch Sec.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY. — The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, April 30th, at Ashton Parish Church. Bells (13) from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. All ringers welcome.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The annual general meeting will be held at Bramley on Saturday, April 30th. Tea will be provided (1s. per head) for all who send in their names to Mr. S. Helliwell, 19, Warrels Avenue, Bramley, by Thursday, April 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Business meeting in the same room (approximately 6.30 p.m.). — H. Loft-house, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD. — North and East District. — Next meeting at St. Mary Magdalene, Enfield, on Saturday, April 30th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. Please advise me. Bells at St. Andrew's from 3 to 4.30. All ringers welcomed. — C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District. — A meeting will be held at Knebworth on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (8) available 3.15. Short service. Tea at Lytton Arms at 5 p.m. We expect a crowd, so make sure of your tea by sending me a card by previous Wednesday. — Don Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Offley, near Hitchin.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District. — A meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, April 30th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made. All ringers and friends welcome. — W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Devizes Branch. — The monthly meeting of the branch will be held at Holt, on Saturday, April 30th. Ringing commences at 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea at 5. Short business meeting follows tea. All ringing friends welcome. — W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Semington Road, Melksham.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Winchester District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Michelden on Saturday, April 30th. Service at 4 p.m., followed by tea, by kind invitation of Mrs. Morris Wells. Bells available at 2 p.m. Please let me know if you are coming. — George Noice, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Cathedral View, Highcliffe, Winchester.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Deanery Branch. — The next meeting will be held at South Petherton on Saturday, April 30th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. For tea please notify early. — F. Farrant, Martock, Somerset.

LEICESTERSHIRE. — The Goscote Society. Founded 1882. — The jubilee meeting will be held on May 2nd next at Syston (8 bells). Bells available from 9 a.m. Dinner in the Church Hall at 1 p.m. Service in the Parish Church 3 p.m. Preacher: Rev. M. B. Bird, President of the Society. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Smoking concert 7 to 9. All information from the hon. secretary, Mr. P. Hardy, Thrussington, Leicester.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Pre-Whitsun meeting at Staindrop on Saturday, May 7th. Bells of St. Mary's (8, tenor 15½ cwt.) will be available after 2.30. Committee meeting in Vestry at 4.30, and tea at Mrs. Brown's Central Café, 1s. 6d. per head, at 5 o'clock. By train to Winston Station; buses leave Darlington Market Place every 60 minutes after 12, and Bishop Auckland at 12.35 and every 60 minutes. Members intending to be present please advise me not later than May 3rd. — Geo. S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Jubilee Festival will be held at Salisbury on Saturday, May 7th. Annual meeting in Chapter House at 12 noon. Luncheon in Palace grounds at 1.30, 1/6. Festival Service in Cathedral with military band quartet at 3.30. Preacher; 1 the Bishop of Salisbury. Towers open: St. Thomas (8), 11 a.m. to 12, 5 to 6 p.m.; St. Martin's (8), St. Edmund's (8), St. Paul's, Amesbury, Britford, Coombe Bissett, Dinton, Winterslow (6), all 10 to 11.45 a.m., 5 to 9 p.m. All ringers heartily welcome. Those wishing to attend luncheon are requested to inform the secretary by Saturday, April 30th, at latest.—F. Jewelllyn Edwards, Hon. Sec., Kington Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Hatfield, near Doncaster, on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. 6d. per head, and application for same should be made to Mr. H. Crowe, Town End, Hatfield, near Doncaster, not later than first post May 5th. Buses leave Christ Church, Doncaster, every ¼ hour, and from Goole every ½ hour.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, May 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome. — F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Chislehurst, on Saturday, May 7th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service and address by Rector at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Ringers requiring tea should notify Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst, by Wednesday, May 4th. Applications received after that date will not be considered.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. —The meeting at Horwich has been postponed until May 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. — Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at South Weald on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea will be provided for all those who notify me of their intention of being present by Wednesday, the 4th.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting of the Bicester Deanery Branch will be held at Islip on Saturday, May 7th. Service 3.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Those requiring tea will greatly assist me by sending their names early. — F. Sharpe, Hon. Sec., Launton, Bicester, Oxon.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford and District Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Garsington (6 bells), on Saturday, May 7th. Bells at 2.30 p.m. Guild service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, May 4th. Bus leaves Oxford (Castle Street) at 1.55 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. Simmonds, Hon. Sec., 7, Fairacres Road, Oxford.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Hemel Hempstead on May 7th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. A short service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. All welcome.—C. J. Puplett, Hon. Sec., Aylesbury Road, Tring.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The 53rd annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, May 16th. — F. J. Pitstow, Gen. Sec. and Treas., 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

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DEVIZES BRANCH.

The quarterly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at All Saints', Westbury, on Saturday, April 9th. Ringers were present from the following towers: Devizes, St. John's, Bishop's Cannings, Bratton, North Bradley, Warminster, Trowbridge, Melksham and Westbury, and visitors from outside the branch came from Kington Magna, Mere, Zeals and Swindon. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. C. Alexander), who afterwards joined the members at tea, which was held in the Lopes Arms.

The business meeting followed, the branch being honoured by the presence of the hon. secretary of the Guild, the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards.

After the chairman (Mr. C. D. Heginbotham) had welcomed the visitors, the most interesting item was a discussion on the suggested provision of branch rules, a letter on this subject from Mr. C. F. Andrews being before the meeting. It was suggested that rule 1 should read as follows: 'Every branch shall be governed by a committee consisting of a chairman, vice-chairman, hon. secretary, a Ringing Master or Masters, and five other branch members, with power to co-opt others if necessary. All such members shall be elected at the annual meeting of the branch. Every such officer when elected shall give notice of intention to retire at the quarterly meeting preceding the annual meeting.'

This concluded the business, and the chairman voiced the thanks of the members to the Vicar, organist and others who had made the afternoon so enjoyable and the meeting such a success, to which the Vicar replied.

The Hon. General Secretary then addressed the members and spoke of the coming Guild Jubilee Festival at Salisbury, giving details of the arrangements.

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