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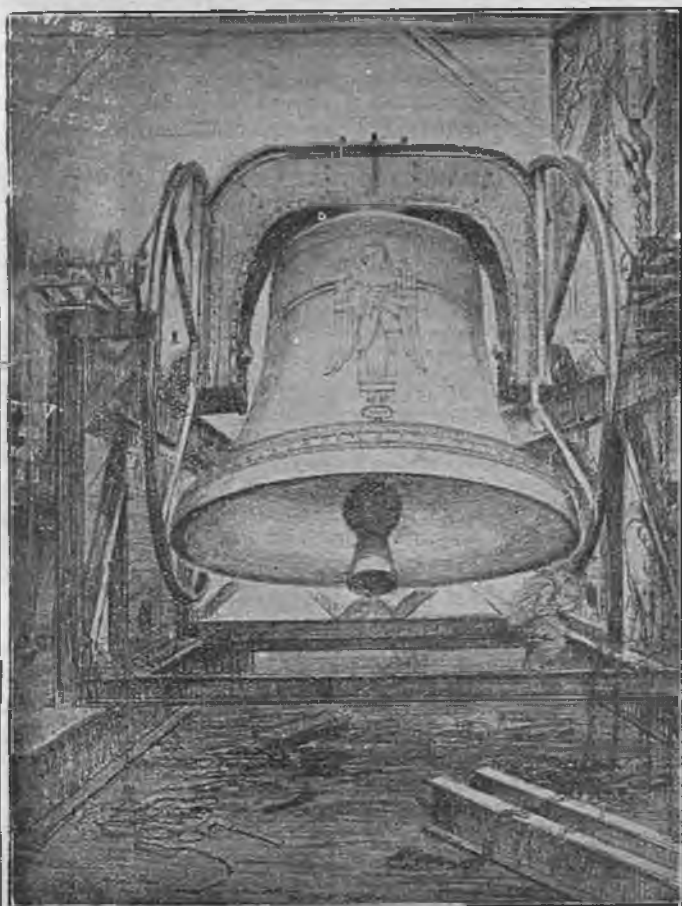
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There is an idea abroad that one has to go into the towns and cities to find real enthusiasm for ringing, but any who think thus would have had the notion rudely shattered had they visited Salisbury on Saturday. There they would have found between four and five hundred ringers, drawn mostly from rural Wilts and Dorset, assembled to celebrate the jubilee of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. There was enthusiasm in a marked degree—enthusiasm for the work in which they, as ringers, are engaged; enthusiasm for the Guild which, through fifty years, has fostered their art and striven persistently to elevate their status in the Church. The Salisbury Diocesan Guild has not been always prominent in the public eye; its work has never been spectacular, but obviously it has dug deeply into the affections of the ringers of the two counties. Its success is manifest. How many other associations could draw together such a gathering, even for an event of equal importance? And yet in the diocese of Salisbury the work of the Guild is hampered by lack of means of inter-communication—not so much perhaps since the advent of the ubiquitous motor-bus, but even to-day badly handicapped compared with many districts.

The inculcation of change ringing has been a slow and laborious process, but the seed planted by the pioneers of fifty years ago has gradually borne increasing fruit and the art is now very generally practised throughout the length and breadth of the two counties. For years it was a long uphill struggle, and there is still spade work to be done, but in face of all the difficulties that have had to be faced, change ringing has made wonderful progress in recent years. More fortunately placed associations can have little realisation of the obstacles which confront organisation and progress in widely scattered rural areas such as are to be found in Wilts and Dorset, where ten or twelve miles may separate one 'ringing' tower from the next, and even that dozen miles may mean a railway journey of thirty miles or more. Then there has been the rural prejudice against 'scientific' ringing to break down before the interest in the art could be built up and before those who were content to do as their fathers did before them could be brought to see that there was something even better in ringing than call changes.

If one looks for the secret of the success of the Salisbury Guild it is not to be found in the genius of any individual leader, or the inspiration of any particular company. It has been brought about by team work; by the efforts of many ringers ready and willing to do their part, however humble, in furthering a cause to which they were

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themselves devoted, and their interest in which they were able to impart to others. It is only in this way that one can account for the unexcelled loyalty and enthusiasm which Saturday's large gathering at Salisbury revealed, a loyalty and enthusiasm which came from the remote villages as well as from the towns, a loyalty and enthusiasm which many associations, which consider themselves more favourably placed, might well envy. They may not have the greatest change ringers in Wilts and Dorset, but the keenness of these men and women and their interest in their Guild, as shown by Saturday's festival, is unsurpassed anywhere in the country.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 7, 1932, in Four Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

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

EDWARD JENKINS	2	TOM WILDE	7
WILLIAM BIBBY	2	*LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ...	8
THOMAS W. HAMMOND ...	3	JOHN E. BIBBY	9
JOHN HOLMAN	4	*WILLIAM HORAN	10
GEORGE R. NEWTON	5	JAMES H. RIDING	11
THOMAS B. WORSLEY	6	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ...	Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal of Surprise Maximus. Mr. Morris' 100th peal, which includes Cambridge on six to 12 bells. Arranged and rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss V. M. Hughes, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hughes.

TEN BELL PEALS.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, April 30, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES;

JOHN PRICE	Treble	HARRY GOODMAN	6
WILLIAM GREEN	2	BENJAMIN GOUGH	7
GILBERT T. GUEST	3	HENRY GOODMAN	8
SAMUEL J. HUGHES	4	HERBERT SHEPPARD	9
JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.	5	GEORGE BOUGHEY	Tenor

Composed by B. JEALOUS.

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Gilbert T. Guest and Mrs. W. Green, wife of Mr. W. Green, of Old Hill, ringer of the 2nd. It was also the annual peal for the above Guild.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 7, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt. in C.

EDWIN H. SPICE	Treble	H. DENNIS FORD	6
WILLIAM SPICE	2	LOTHER J. HONESS	7
*WILLIAM G. TURLEY	3	KENNETH PATTENDEN ...	8
CHARLES W. PLAYER	4	STANLEY B. DOBBIE	9
THOMAS E. SONE	5	STAFFORD H. GREEN	Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Plain Bob and Royal.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 7, 1932, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F.

RICHARD HAYES	Treble	MAURICE SMITHER	6
ALFRED H. PULLING	2	*GORDON WOOTTON	7
RAYMOND OVERY	3	*ERNEST J. AYLIFFE	8
ARTHUR J. BARTLETT	4	JOHN H. B. HESSE	9
BARRY ELLIOTT	5	*HARRY MOLLARD	Tenor

Composed by J. ROGER.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal on ten and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. H. Mollard.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 7, 1932, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 21½ cwt.

C. HENRY WEBB Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER 6
PERCY L. HARRISON 2	JOSEPH A. FENTON 7
LOUIS E. ALLEN 3	FREDERICK H. DEXTER 8
ERNEST MORRIS 4	COLIN HARRISON 9
*ALAN W. RANDS 5	HAROLD J. POOLE Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Royal. Quickest peal of Royal on the bells. Rung to celebrate the marriage of George Stedman Morris and Miss Edith May Olieff, which took place at St. Margaret's (where the bridegroom is a ringer) prior to this peal.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 7, 1932, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

EDGAR GUISE Treble	PERCY C. WILLIAMS 6
WILLIAM KNIGHT 2	JOHN G. JEFFRIES 7
FREDERICK G. LEAKER 3	FRANK SKIDMORE 8
ALFRED E. REEVES 4	JOSEPH GOULD 9
GEORGE POPNELL 5	JAMES H. SHEPHERD Tenor

Composed by H. W. HALEY. Conducted by ALFRED E. REEVES.

Arranged for the marriage of Miss Dora Burford (daughter of Mr. John Burford) to Mr. Philip Davies, which took place earlier in the day. Seven of the ringers are officials of the association, and the band was constituted as a tribute to Mr. J. Gould, Master, for his jubilee as a church bellringer.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

OSPRINGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES

Tenor 17½ cwt.

SAMUEL E. TAYLOR Treble	EDWARD H. SPICE 5
ALFRED H. POLLING 2	GEORGE KENWARD 6
WILLIAM SPICE, SEN. 3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE 7
ERNEST J. DOBBIE 4	C. ERNEST SMITH Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.
Rung in honour of St. George's Day.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

PERCY ALMOND Treble	HARRY EVERS 5
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 2	WILLIAM DENT 6
GEORGE GREEN 3	WILLIAM CHALK 7
GEORGE WIGHTMAN 4	WILLIAM J. SCHOFIELD Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by WILLIAM CHALK.

First peal as conductor in any method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Wm. Dent.

WEST HALLAM, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

EDWARD C. GOBEY Treble	FREDERICK SALTER 5
WILLIAM THORNLEY 2	LAWRENCE CHADBURN 6
FREDERICK BROWN 3	JOHN W. KIRTON 7
HENRY HARRISON 4	EDWARD FRID GOBEY Tenor

Composed by E. C. GOBEY.

Conducted by E. F. GOBEY.

First peal as conductor and first attempt. Rung in honour of St. George's Day.

MITCHAM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

DAVID WRIGHT Treble	ALFRED CLAYTON 5
WILLIAM H. JOINER 2	ALBERT CALVER 6
JOHN LOTT 3	WILLIAM S. SMITH 7
CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 4	HERBERT TOURLE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

Rung in honour of St. George's Day; also as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 24, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

ALFRED H. POLLING Treble	ERNEST J. DOBBIE 5
C. ERNEST SMITH 2	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 6
SAMUEL E. TAYLOR 3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE 7
WILLIAM J. WOOD 4	GEORGE WOOD Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY B. DOBBIE.

First peal of Stedman as conductor. Rung on the occasion of the christening of the infant daughter of the Rev. J. H. Lovelock, curate at Milton Regis Parish Church.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 25, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JESSE FRANCIS Treble	SIDNEY HILLIER 5
CHARLES F. ANDREWS 2	HARRY MOCKRIDGE 6
GEORGE H. ARCHARD 3	NORMAN V. ANDREWS 7
ARTHUR J. WEST 4	WILLIAM C. WEST Tenor

Conducted by C. F. ANDREWS.

100th peal by J. Francis, 50 of which have been rung with W. C. West. This peal was rung as a compliment to Mrs. W. C. West.

WRAYSBURY, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, April 27, 1932, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM E. TAYLOR Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON 5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE 2	WILLIAM WELLING 6
GEORGE GILBERT 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	LEONARD STILWELL Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.
First in the method as conductor and 100th peal.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5066 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

ALAN R. PINK Treble	GEORGE MARRINER 5
ALFRED L. BROWN 2	ARTHUR H. SMITH 6
W. CYRIL SMITH 3	HARRY ELLIOTT 7
WILLIAM J. WHITING 4	ALBERT HARMAN Tenor

Composed by J. J. BRIERLEY.

Conducted by A. HARMAN.

Mr. George Marriner's 50th peal for the Guild.

SOUTHGATE.—At Christ Church on April 24th, for morning service, 1,280 London Surprise Major: A. R. Glasscock 1, S. Wade 2, G. Slater 3, T. King 4, N. Tomlinson 5, H. Miller 6, J. E. Miller 7, J. Armstrong (conductor) 8.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, April 28, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF EDINBURGH SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 19½ cwt.

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

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells, and rung at the first attempt.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 28, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COUNT BOB MAJOR, 6008 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM ARMOUR Treble	HAROLD B. DITCHBORN 5
GEORGE S. TAYLOR 2	THOMAS H. REEVES 6
THOMAS STEPHENSON 3	JOSEPH W. PARKER 7
JOHN J. LEIGHTON 4	ROBERT L. PATTERSON Tenor

Composition Arranged and Conducted by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 29, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROLAND KENDALL Treble	*HARRY WILDE 5
EDGAR WHITELEY 2	ALBERT PICKLES 6
CLIFFORD ELLISON 3	WILLIAM AMBLER 7
HAROLD PEARCE 4	*SAM LONGBOYTON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM AMBLER.

* First peal in the method. All Sunday service ringers at the above church. Rung as a compliment to Mr. C. Drake, a member of the local company, on the occasion of his marriage to Miss M. Helliwell.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

EDWARD JENKINS Treble	WILLIAM FERNLEY 5
THOMAS B. WORSLEY 2	*CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON 6
JAMES FERNLEY, SEN. 3	*WILLIAM HORAN 7
JAMES H. RIDING 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (167).

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal in the method.

BOURN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1932, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Helena,

A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR,
5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

ROBERT SMITH Treble	FRED C. GINN 5
MANSFIELD GINN 2	FRANK WARRINGTON 6
DENNIS ADAMS 3	ARTHUR J. GINN 7
*GEORGE WHYBROW 4	ALFRED G. RIVERS Tenor

Composed by E. C. GOBEY.

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal on eight bells. First peal in spliced methods on the bells, by all the band and by the association. The Vicar (Rev. J. Duffil) congratulated the band on ringing the peal, and very kindly entertained them to tea.

WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(TAUNTON DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 30, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

S. GEORGE COLES Treble	ARTHUR H. REED 5
*WALTER H. POOLE 2	WILLIAM G. GIGG 6
SYDNEY A. WYATT 3	WILLIAM H. LLOYD 7
ALFRED J. WYATT 4	JAMES HUNT Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

* First peal of Major. Also first of Major on the bells.

EASTWOOD, ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1932, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Stephen,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM GREEN Treble	ARTHUR PANTHER 5
MRS. T. COLIN RYDER 2	ARTHUR GILL 6
T. COLIN RYDER 3	CHARLES POULTENEY 7
HAROLD CHANT 4	ALBERT NASH Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS

Conducted by A. NASH.

First peal of Surprise on the bells. First 'touch' in the method by all the band, and rung at the first attempt. A birthday compliment to the conductor (27th), A. Gill (25th), and Mrs. Poulteney (May 3rd).

PINNER, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 30, 1932, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

WILLIAM HENLEY Treble	LEONARD STILWELL 5
WILLIAM WELLING 2	FREDERICK W. GOODFELLOW 6
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE 3	HARRY WINGROVE 7
GEORGE MARTIN 4	Cecil C. Mayne Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by C. C. MAYNE.

MONKS KIRBY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Edith,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 24½ cwt.

ALFRED BALLARD Treble	ERNEST W. TIPLER 5
C. HENRY WEBB 2	PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM 6
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD 3	JOSEPH BEALE 7
WILLIAM A. WOOD 4	GEORGE A. NEWTON Tenor

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT.

Conducted by G. A. NEWTON.

DARLINGTON.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1932, in Three Hours,

At the Collegiate Church of St. Cuthbert,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

*ROBERT T. SIMPSON Treble	ROLAND PARK 5
†JOSEPH SMITH 2	THOMAS CLARK 6
JAMES T. TITT 3	W. NORMAN PARK 7
GEORGE W. PARK 4	LUCIAN VENUS Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal. Mr. J. Smith has been a ringer at the above church for 35 years, and the peal was a birthday compliment to him.

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STOKE POGES, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's, with all 5-6's at backstroke.
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

FRANK WEST Treble	GEORGE H. GUITERIDGE ... 4
MRS. ARTHUR D. BARKER ... 2	F. DONALD BOREHAM ... 5
ARTHUR D. BARKER ... 3	FRANK CORKE Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.

BETLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's. Tenor 14½ cwt.
HAROLD ASTBURY Treble

*BRYAN FERNYHOUGH ... 2	GEORGE H. CRAWLEY ... 4
†ERIC B. ALLMAN ... 3	JOHN BRASSINGTON ... 5
	ARTHUR ALLMAN Tenor

Conducted by J. BRASSINGTON.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor 'inside.'

KIRKBY MALLORY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, April 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 extents of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.
WILLIAM NEWTON Treble

FRANCIS R. DEACON ... 2	LEONARD G. JORDAN ... 3
	HECTOR A. KNIGHTS ... 4
	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... Tenor

Conducted by E. R. WHITEHEAD.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 25, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two six-scores of Stedman, ten Plain Bob and thirty Grand-
fire. Tenor 8 cwt. (approx.).

CHARLES CATTELL Treble	*SIDNEY HARRISON ... 3
ERNEST MORRIS ... 2	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 4
	*EDWIN CATTELL Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Doubles. Rung on the festival of St. Mark.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, April 28, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Cambridge Surprise, and two 720's each of Oxford and
Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob.

DAVID WHITING Treble	GEORGE BROWN ... 4
JAMES BETTS ... 2	ERNEST F. POPPY ... 5
ALFREDUS BERRY ... 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Conducted by G. A. BLAXCELL.

Rung with half-muffled clappers to the memory of the late Edward
Youngs, for many years captain at this tower.

ASTON CLINTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).

*HENRY C. JONES Treble	*HENRY P. BOLL ... 4
C. JESSE POULETT ... 2	†CHRISTOPHER J. BADRICK ... 5
*FREDERICK J. REEVE ... 3	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal and first attempt. First peal
on the bells, which were cast by Thomas Mears in 1806. The band
wish to record their thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells,
and the local band for their very cordial welcome. Treble man from
Ellesborough, Bucks, ringers of 2, 3, 4 and 5 from Tring.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 28, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter-de-Merton,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Lancaster, Stamford, London, Wells, Yorks, Durham
and Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt.

HERBERT SHARP Treble	FRANCIS BALL ... 4
AMOS SMART ... 2	WILLIAM STAPLETON ... 5
CHARLES W. CLARKE ... 3	WALTER PERKINS Tenor

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

HENLOW, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double
Court and Oxford Bob, and two 720's of Plain Bob.

ARTHUR W. DILLEY Treble	HERBERT SHERMAN ... 4
TOM BARTRAM ... 2	LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... 5
REGINALD WEST ... 3	HERBERT L. HARLOW ... Tenor

Conducted by H. L. HARLOW.

First peal on the bells since a new treble was added.

WORTH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of London Surprise, Woodbine, London Scholars'
Pleasure, Kent Treble Bob, College Exercise, Oxford Treble Bob and
Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 8½ cwt.

GEORGE OLLIVER Treble	GEORGE ELLIS ... 4
KENNETH SNELLING ... 2	ALFRED J. BULL ... 5
ROBERT SWIFT ... 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Cambridge Surprise, 1,440 each of Oxford and Kent
Treble Bob and Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN MYHILL Treble	*JOHN LONGLEY ... 4
EDWARD P. BUCKINGHAM ... 2	ERNEST J. RUNTER ... 5
HERBERT DEVENISH ... 3	EDWARD KEMP Tenor

Conducted by E. J. RUNTER.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung to celebrate the
christening of the grandson of Canon P. Paynter, who was for 32
years Rector of Springfield, who performed the ceremony. The peal
was also a birthday compliment to the son of Mr. E. Kemp.

DRINKSTONE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Court,
Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. (approx.).

*HERBERT C. FORDHAM ... Treble	*HARRY D. LISTER ... 4
PERCY L. JOHNSON ... 2	GEORGE W. ABLITT ... 5
KEITH W. WHITTELL ... 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

* First peal in six methods. First peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEAL.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

In the Vestry Hall,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

*BASIL REDGWELL ... 1-2	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 5-6
LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... 3-4	GEORGE WIFFEN ... 7-8
ALBERT WIFFEN ... 9-10	

Composed by WALTER AYRE. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal on ten bells.

Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

MR. RUPERT RICHARDSON ELECTED MASTER.

A large attendance of ringers gathered at Lincoln on Saturday, April 30th, for the annual meeting of the Guild. The proceedings were commenced by ringing on the Cathedral bells and on the two peals of six at St. Peter-at-Gowts and St. Botolph's in the early afternoon. As usual, a large number visited the Cathedral for a pull on the beautiful peal of twelve—a rare event for most of them. Service followed in the Morning Chapel of the Cathedral, when the address was given by Canon Jeudwine, Sub-Dean of Lincoln and president of the Guild, who made feeling reference to the irreparable loss sustained by the death of the Rev. H. Law James, Master of the Guild, in February last.

Tea was served in the Co-operative Hall, 150 being present. This is a record for recent years—probably not since the war has there been such a large attendance. Before commencing tea, the gathering had the pleasure of listening to a short address from the Lord Bishop of Lincoln, who also made sympathetic reference to the late Master, and told of some interesting personal experiences he had had when visiting Mr. James at Surfleet.

The business meeting was held immediately after tea, Canon Jeudwine, president, taking the chair. He was supported on the dais by the officers of the Guild, the members of the committee, and the Dean of Lincoln.

Canon Jeudwine was unanimously re-elected president of the Guild. The office of Master, held for the past thirty years or more by the late Rev. H. Law James, was filled by the election of Mr. Rupert Richardson, of Surfleet, who is a well-known and popular figure not only in Lincolnshire, but in many other parts of the country.

Mr. F. W. Stokes and Mr. F. F. Linley were re-elected hon. secretary and hon. treasurer respectively.

The president read the balance sheet and the report on the year's work. Progress is indicated by the following extract from the report:—

'Ninety-three peals have been rung. This constitutes a new record, being six more than the record number rung last year. Twenty-six members have rung their first peal. Six peals of Surprise Major (four of London and two of Cambridge) is the greatest number in any one year. The Southern Branch have again earned distinction by ringing a peal of Minor in twenty-one Surprise methods. As is fitting in the Stedman Tercentenary year, ten peals of Stedman were rung—two of Cinques, two of Caters and six of Triples, which is more than in any previous year.'

The report and balance sheet were adopted.

Two offices rendered vacant by the death of the late Master were filled by the unanimous election of Canon H. T. Parry as representative on the Diocesan Committee on Faculties, and of Mr. J. Phillips as Central Council representative.

The Dean of Lincoln thanked the Guild for inviting him to make their acquaintance. He said he had found the meeting very interesting, and, although he knew very little about the practical side of ringing, he always found great pleasure in listening to the result of their labour—the ringing of the bells. He made an amusing reference to the way in which a band of ringers climbed innumerable steps to the belfry, carefully locked themselves in, and then started to ring a peal, away from all observation. He thought it was an excellent example of self-effacement.

Hearty votes of thanks were passed to the Bishop and Dean of Lincoln for their presence and speeches, to the chairman for presiding and for arranging the service and giving the address, to the Cathedral authorities and the incumbents of St. Botolph's and St. Peter-at-Gowts for the use of the bells, and to Mr. George Chester and Mr. J. A. Freeman for their valuable help in making all the local arrangements.

Ringling was continued during the evening at the various towers. At the Cathedral, touches on twelve, ten and eight were rung, besides rounds on the twelve for the benefit of those not further advanced. Ringers from all parts of the county were in evidence, besides visitors from Sheffield, Derby, Loughborough, and other places. A large number of methods were rung, ranging from Stedman Cinques, Cambridge Maximus, Bristol and London Surprise Major, to Grandsire and Plain Bob.

SHILTON MAJOR.

21346587	
12435678	
21436587	Bob
24163857	24163578
42618375	
42163857	
24618375	Bob
26481735	26481357

The above are the first eight changes of Kent Treble Bob, which, repeated seven times, give the plain course.

First peal (5,184) rung at Earl Shilton, Leicestershire, April 9th, 1932, composed and conducted by Ernest Morris.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO CONSIDER THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL.

The Sub-Committee has met during the course of the year and has re-drafted the Rules of the Council in accordance with the schedule attached to this Report.

At the present time, however, it only presents the re-draft to the Council as a Report in order that an opportunity may arise during the coming twelve months for its discussion and examination. Should any discrepancies then be pointed out, the draft rules can be amended and notice will be given to move the new set of Rules at the Council Meeting in 1933. As this Meeting is due to take place in London, where the most representative Council is usually available, it would seem more fitting that the passage of the Rules should be referred to at that time, rather than it should be brought forward at a provincial meeting.

(Signed) E. W. ELWELL,
Convener.

SCHEDULE.

1. The Council shall be known as the 'Central Council of Church Bellringers.'

2. The Council shall consist:—

- (1) Of Representative Members elected by affiliated societies.
- (2) Of Honorary Members, not exceeding fifteen in number, elected by the Council.

Any recognised Society, Association or Guild of Church Bellringers (hereinafter referred to under the general term 'Society'), numbering not less than seventy-five members, shall, upon application, if eligible, be affiliated to the Council, and shall subscribe to an undertaking loyally to abide by the rules and decisions of the Council.

Affiliated Societies shall be entitled to elect representatives in the following proportion:—

A Society, the number of whose members is 75 or over, but does not exceed 150, one Representative; exceeds 150 but does not exceed 300, two Representatives; exceeds 300 but does not exceed 450, three Representatives; exceeds 450, four Representatives.

Four Representatives shall be the limit of representation allowed to any one Society.

For the purpose of this rule the basis of the calculation of membership for territorial and diocesan societies shall be the number of annual subscribing honorary and ringing members, and resident life members.

No representative member shall be eligible as an honorary member. The voting powers of honorary members shall be equal with those of representative members.

(Note.—Here and elsewhere in these Rules the word 'member' shall be taken as meaning 'member of the Council'.)

3. The election of representative members shall take place triennially, at least four weeks before the commencement of each triennial session, and the names and addresses of those elected shall forthwith be forwarded to the Secretary of the Council. In the event of a vacancy the new member shall be elected only for the unexpired period of the triennium.

4. Honorary members shall be elected for three years and, on retiring, shall be eligible for re-election, provided that any honorary member who during his term of office may be elected a representative member shall, ipso facto, vacate his honorary membership. The Council may fill a vacancy among the honorary members at any annual meeting of the Council.

5. All societies returning representative members to the Council shall contribute annually, in January, 5s. on behalf of each representative member to which it is entitled, to meet the expenses of conducting the business of the Council, and no representative member shall be entitled to vote at an annual meeting of the Council until the subscription of the Society he represents be paid.

6. The Council shall meet once annually, about Whitsuntide, in some convenient centre, as agreed upon at the previous meeting, but the Meeting following the Triennial Election shall always be in London. Any meeting of the Council may be extended to additional sittings on the same or the following day on a motion for adjournment being put and carried. The President shall have power, in case of emergency, to call special meetings of the Council, and he shall at any time summon such a special meeting on receipt of a requisition signed by twelve members.

7. At the Annual Meeting next after each Triennial Election a President and Honorary Secretary shall be chosen from among the members to serve for three years, the Honorary Secretary acting also as Treasurer. In the event of the President and Honorary Secretary vacating office before the expiration of the three years, the ensuing meeting shall elect a member to fill the vacancy during the remainder of the period. The retiring President and Honorary Secretary shall be eligible for re-election at the expiration of their term of office. The President shall retire from the chair immediately his successor in office is elected, but the Honorary Secretary shall continue in office till the business of the meeting is concluded. All nominations for these offices shall be sent to the Honorary Secretary, signed by two members of the Council, not less than two months previous to the meeting, and such nominations shall appear on the agenda paper. The next business after the election of the President and Honorary Secretary shall be the election of honorary members.

8. The Council shall triennially appoint at its London Meeting two Auditors who shall audit the Annual Accounts of the Council and report to each Annual Meeting.

9. The Council shall have power to appoint Committees for any purpose for which it may appear desirable; and also, if the state of the funds permit, to allow the necessary expenses of holding the Committee Meetings. Each Committee also shall appoint a convener and shall report annually at or before the meeting of the Council. Such reports as have not previously been published shall be made in writing, signed by the convener of the Committee and shall be read at the meeting. Copies of all reports shall be in the hands of the Honorary Secretary at least seven days before the meeting.

10. All resolutions to be proposed shall be sent to the Honorary Secretary in writing, signed by two members of the Council, not less than two calendar months previous to the meeting, and shall be placed by him on the agenda, together with the names of the proposer and seconder of the resolution. But it shall be competent, on a vote of the majority of the meeting, for the Council to discuss a subject not upon the agenda paper, providing such subject does not affect the Rules or Constitution of the Council.

11. At the meetings of the Council the President shall take the chair, and in the event of his absence the members present shall elect a Chairman for that meeting. The Chairman shall have a casting vote. Twenty members shall form a quorum. Every new member, whether representative or honorary, shall, before taking his seat, be introduced by a member to the President, or, in the absence of the President, to the Chairman of the meeting.

12. Each member shall have one vote.

13. Full notice of the date, arrangements, and agenda for each meeting shall be advertised in the ringing papers approximately seven weeks previous to such meeting; but it shall not be incumbent on the Honorary Secretary to send notice to each member. The names of the members present and the business transacted at each meeting shall be entered in the minute book and reported to the ringing papers. Copies of the resolutions passed by the Council shall be forwarded to the affiliated societies as soon as is convenient after the meeting.

14. At each Annual Meeting the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer shall submit the audited statement of accounts for the previous year for adoption by the meeting.

15. Alterations in the Rules of the Council shall be made only at the Annual Meetings, and every notice of a proposed alteration shall be sent to the Honorary Secretary, signed by two members of the Council, not less than two months before the Meeting. All alterations in the Rules of the Council shall be passed by a majority of two-thirds of those present and voting.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL BRANCH WELCOME TO NEW MASTER.

At the monthly meeting of the Bristol Branch at Henbury, on Saturday, April 30th, Bristol ringers gave Mr. J. Gould (the new Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association) a real rousing welcome.

Mr. W. H. Thomas (branch chairman) spoke very highly of the work done by Mr. Gould in the past when things were not as easy as they are to-day, and said no one knew or ever would know all he had done to further the cause and to benefit the Exercise generally. He also congratulated Mr. Gould on this being the jubilee year of his services as a Sunday ringer at Henbury Church—truly a record to be proud of! Mr. Gould was chairman of the Bristol Branch for several years after the war, and had been greatly instrumental in bringing the branch up to its present flourishing state.

The Vicar of Henbury spoke in glowing terms of the 'value of Go(u)ld' in Henbury. He said we had heard a lot about the fluctuation of the £, but was pleased to say that they were still on the Go(u)ld standard in that parish, the value always being 'sterling.'

About 60 members attended, and Mr. Gould was received with musical honours and three lusty cheers.

The bells were going from 3 p.m. to the usual methods, from Rounds and Queen's to Cambridge Surprise. Service was conducted by Rev. J. C. Lloyd, and was fully choral. It was greatly appreciated by all who attended. A collection for Rev. C. D. P. Davies Memorial amounted to 15s. 6d.

After the service, tea was partaken of in Blaise Castle House, having been very nicely prepared by Mrs. Gould and other lady helpers. At the meeting which followed, two new members were elected.

The secretary announced the reopening of Westerleigh bells on May 14th, when he hoped there would be a good gathering; also the combined meeting of the Bristol and Wotton-under-Edge Branches at Yate by invitation of Canon Smith.

Everybody was very pleased to see the evergreen Mr. John Austen from Gloucester present.

Mr. J. G. Jefferies proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for taking the service and for the use of the bells, also to the choir and organist and ladies who waited at tea.—This was received with applause.

A further move was made to the tower, where ringing was indulged in until 8.30 p.m., and brought a very pleasant and memorable meeting to a close.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

On Monday afternoon last week a demonstration of the Carter ringing machine was given at the Victoria and Albert Museum. It was at the instance of some of the leading officials of I.M. Office of Works, Westminster, who expressed themselves as being both pleased and interested. Mr. G. R. Fardon, one of the two demonstrators appointed by the Central Council, manipulated the machine, and Mr. E. Alexr. Young (a trustee) was also present.

As a result of the B.U.R.G. visit to the Clifton Zoological Gardens in January the keepers and gardeners have formed themselves into a Guild to ring the bells of Emmanuel Church, Clifton.

Mr. Cecil W. Pipe is arranging a week's ringing tour in Suffolk, July 3rd to the 9th inclusive. He would be pleased to hear from any ringers who would like to join the party. Suggestions as to towers and methods will be welcome. Mr. Pipe's address is Roseville, Thorpe Road, Staines.

Mr. George Hollifield, sen., one of the ringing stalwarts of Appleton, Berks, celebrated his 74th birthday on Sunday, when for evening service a special lough of Grandsire Caters was rung in honour of the event.

The time of the peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus at Ashton-under-Lyne was 3 hrs. 39 mins. The ringer of the 6th was James Lees, and he and Herbert Barlow belong to Oldham. T. Wilde is from Hyde.

ROYAL VISIT TO CROYDON BELL FOUNDRY PRINCE GEORGE HAS A LESSON IN CHANGE RINGING.

H.R.H. Prince George paid a surprise visit to the bell foundry of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston at Croydon on Tuesday. His Royal Highness was received by Mr. Cyril Johnston, who presented Mrs. Cyril Johnston, Mrs. A. A. Johnston, Mr. R. A. Houseman (general manager), members of the staff, Miss Nora Johnston and Messrs. Henry S. Wesson and Sydney Potter, the last-named having arrived to give a joint recital on the great carillon for the University of Chicago for the benefit of a party of guests.

The visit began with a detailed tour of the Works, when the mammoth clock for the new Shell-Mex building, bell frames in course of construction, the foundry and the tuning machines were all inspected and explained.

The Prince is himself an amateur pianist, and was particularly interested in the widely differing tones of sundry old and new peals and in the improved methods of tuning. Mr. Johnston explained at some length the general principles governing change ringing, and, with the aid of Snowden's 'Diagrams,' the royal visitor was quick to grasp the intricacy of Superlative Surprise and the comparatively simple path depicted by the pattern of Grandsire Triples.

The Prince asked specially for the five great Chicago bells to be swung, and subsequently watched Miss Johnston at work on the clavier.

Music during tea was provided by Messrs. Wesson and Potter, and the Prince, before taking his departure, expressed his great interest in all that he had seen and heard during the visit.

LOCKED CHURCH DOORS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Last Saturday week I visited a church in the Midlands which is of special personal interest to me. I was much disappointed to find that a band of ringers, who were evidently attempting a peal of Bob Major, had locked the main door. Enquiry at the Vicarage proved that it was impossible to get into the church, and that the locking of the tower door was sufficient to prevent interruption. Perhaps mention of the fact may warn other bands not to make themselves unpopular with visitors. Incidentally, I noticed that seven of the ringers disliked an open lead almost as much as an open door.—Yours, etc.,
EDWIN H. LEWIS.

PEALS CONDUCTED BY LADIES IN YORKSHIRE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Whilst offering my hearty congratulations to Miss Lancaster on her achievement in conducting the peal of Treble Bob Major at Middlesbrough, I should like to point out in answer to the query which is set forth in this week's issue of 'The Ringing World' that three other ladies have the distinction of having conducted a peal in the county of York, as the following notes culled from the peal records of the Yorkshire Association will show:—

On April 11th, 1920, Miss Olive L. Lumley (Mrs. James Cotterell) conducted a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major on handbells at Armley, Leeds. This was the first peal called by a lady for the Yorkshire Association, and the first peal rung on handbells in the method in the county.

On Saturday, January 7th, 1928, Miss Molly Davenport (Mrs. E. S. Powell) conducted a peal of Bob Major at St. Mary's, Handsworth, Sheffield. This was the first peal of Major to be rung by a band composed entirely of ladies.

On Tuesday, November 11th, 1930, Miss L. Noel Cawthorne conducted a peal of Bob Major, also at St. Mary's, Handsworth.—Yours truly,
WM. BARTON,
Peal Secretary, Y.A.C.R.

JUBILEE OF SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

A MEMORABLE GATHERING.

NEARLY 500 RINGERS AT FESTIVAL SERVICE.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild celebrated its jubilee on Saturday under the most auspicious circumstances. Favoured with a glorious day, nearly five hundred members concentrated on the cathedral city there to commemorate the fifty years of splendid work done by the Guild in the counties of Wilts and Dorset. After having disposed of the usual business associated with the annual meeting, luncheon was served in a large marquee erected in the Palace grounds, and, following this, in the glorious Cathedral, a festival service was held that must have greatly impressed all who were privileged to take part in it. Not only the bells of the city, but of many towers in the surrounding country were open to the ringers during the day, and parties from far-away corners of the diocese made full use of them as they journeyed to and from Salisbury. There has never been such a representative gathering of ringers in the diocese, and it spoke volumes for the enthusiasm of the members that they should attend in such large numbers.

The official proceedings began with the business meeting held in the Chapter House of the Cathedral, and over which the president, the Earl of Shaftesbury, K.P., presided. He was supported by Archdeacon Carpenter, the Master (Rev. R. H. Gundry), and the hon. secretary and treasurer (Rev. F. L. Edwards).

The President first extended a word of warmest welcome to the members, whom he was glad to see present in such large numbers.

The Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, in presenting the balance sheet, said for the first time, as far as he remembered, he had to report a reduced balance. That was due entirely to some abnormal expenditure, which, however, he thought was quite justified. There was the £5 they voted to the Stedman Tercentenary Fund and the sum expended on the copies of the leaflet on Grandairs for the use of beginners. The receipts were £55 9s. 3d., and the expenditure £59 1s. 9d. They had begun the year with a balance in hand of £47 2s. 8d., and were left with a working balance of £43 10s. 2d. Besides that, they had on deposit a sum of £53 8s. 11d.

The balance sheet was adopted, and the general officers re-elected, viz.: Master, Rev. R. H. Gundry; hon. secretary and treasurer, Rev. F. L. Edwards; assistant hon. secretary, Mr. F. Green; hon. auditors, Rev. R. E. G. Newman (Gillingham) and Mr. H. Hopkins (Kington Magna). The three members of the committee to be elected were re-appointed: Rev. R. E. P. Gorrings, Mr. J. R. Jerram and Mr. E. B. Barter. The hon. secretary mentioned that Mr. Jerram was the only surviving link in the diocese with the first year of the Guild's existence, and he had received a letter from Mr. Jerram, whose health would not permit him to attend the meeting, expressing regret at his absence and wishing them success. Mr. Jerram's presence on the committee was still of considerable value to them for obvious reasons. If they wanted to know anything on any point of past history or precedent he was the one person to whom they could refer.

The election by the branches of members of the committee was duly confirmed.

THE HERVEY BEAMS MEMORIAL.

The Rev. C. C. Cox, asked to report on the Hervey Beams memorial, said he had been informed that the Bradpole Church authorities were inclined to abandon the scheme for a screen in favour of new stalls for the choir men, which would complete the chancel and would not cost so much. As yet, however, the committee had not received the details of the proposal.

Replying to a question, the President said all the money required had been collected.

Mr. C. D. Heginbotham (chairman of the Devizes Branch) brought forward a proposal for a revision of the branch rules. They were, he said, out of date in several respects, and he suggested that in the coming year the branches should consider them and submit any suggested alterations to the committee, who should bring their recommendations before the next annual general meeting.—The proposal was agreed to.

The Hon. Secretary said requests for help for bell restoration had been received from Chilton and Marden, where the bells were to be rebung, and Downton, where the tenor was cracked and had to be recast. He also mentioned the special case of St. Thomas', Salisbury, where the Guild had frequently enjoyed hospitality. The church was faced with the restoration of the roof because of an attack of the death watch beetle, and he thought the Guild might make a grant towards this fund. He had also received a letter asking for support for the national memorial to the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies, which was to take the form of two additional bells at Tewkesbury Abbey. He proposed that they should make a grant of two guineas to Chilton, one guinea to Marden, one guinea to Downton, two guineas to St. Thomas', Salisbury, and half a guinea to the Davies memorial.

The Rev. C. C. Cox said he would second the resolution if the proposer would make the donation to the Davies Memorial one guinea, as he thought half a guinea would be rather a poor contribution from a Guild like theirs.—The hon. secretary gladly accepted the suggestion, and the grants were then agreed to.

TO MARK THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY.

The Hon. Secretary mentioned that, although they were very properly celebrating their jubilee in connection with their annual festival, the actual anniversary of the foundation of the Guild was Wednesday, September 14th, and the committee had agreed that they should ask the members of the Guild in all affiliated towers to do some special ringing to mark the day throughout the diocese. He did not think that they should make any large attempt at peal ringing, because it would take ringers away from their own towers. What they wanted was to get all the ringers to celebrate the anniversary in their own towers on the same day, but if they could ring peals with local bands they should do so. There was one other thing which might also be done, and that was, with the permission of the incumbents, to hoist the flag on the church towers.

Letters of good wishes had been received, the hon. secretary stated, from Canon Coleridge, the Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild (Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), the secretary of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, and the Bishop of Sherborne. A letter had also been received from the widow of the late past-president of the Guild, Captain Acland, to whom he had written a letter of sympathy on the death of her husband. In conveying her grateful thanks, Mrs. Acland said her husband often spoke of his great pleasure at being closely connected with the Guild. He had always been a keen ringer since his Oxford days, and it was a sad blow to him when the doctor ordered him to give it up, but he never lost his interest in the work in Dorset. He taught all his children to ring handbells from the time they were quite small.

The Rev. W. Uphill, Rector of Stour Provost, Dorset, was elected a member of the Guild.

The Master thanked the members once again for electing him, although he said he felt he had not done as much for the Guild as he would have liked to do. He expressed appreciation of the services of the hon. secretary, who, he pointed out, was also treasurer and a man who was very careful with the money. At the same time he was always ready to help where help was needed. When he got a little bit more in hand he (the Master) was going to make a suggestion to him. He was going to suggest that to enable him (Mr. Gundry) to do his work properly and visit the corners of Wiltshire and Dorset, the treasurer should provide from the funds of the Guild for the use of the Master an aeroplane (laughter).

The President, before closing the meeting, said that during the year they had lost two vice-presidents. One of them, Capt. Acland, at the ripe age of 84, the other Mr. Brownlee West, of Devizes, who passed away a few days ago at the advanced age of 88. He asked the members to stand for a few moments in silence to mark their sympathy.

A BIG LUNCHEON PARTY.

Nearly four hundred members and friends sat down to luncheon in the Palace grounds, the president being supported by the Lord Bishop of Salisbury, the Mayor of Salisbury, Archdeacon Carpenter, Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council), the Master of the Guild, the hon. secretary, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Johnston (Croydon), Mr. A. A. Hughes (London), Mr. W. A. Cave (Bristol), etc. At the conclusion of the meal the loyal toast was honoured, and the Mayor of Salisbury then proposed the toast of 'The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.' He offered the Guild a very cordial welcome to the city, and said that his long association with St. Thomas' Church and the ringers of that church had convinced him of the value of the services of ringers to any church which was fortunate enough to possess a peal of bells. The English Sunday, which he hoped they would always preserve (applause), was beautified by the sound of the church bells calling them to worship. Sunday would not be the same without the call of the church bells, and the work of the ringers was of definite value in Church life, while no national or even civic event of importance was complete without a peal on the bells. One of the pleasant experiences of a Mayor of Salisbury, on entering on his year of office, was to be welcomed by a peal from St. Thomas' Church tower. He hoped the Guild would always flourish and receive the support that it deserved from English churchmen and churchwomen (applause). He coupled with the toast the name of Lord Shaftesbury, of whose interest in and services to the Church it was, he said, unnecessary to speak. His name would always be honoured in the diocese of Salisbury (applause).

The President, in reply, first thanked the Mayor for the welcome he had given the Guild and the compliment he had paid them by coming among them. They one and all appreciated it and, added his Lordship, 'we would fain, Mr. Mayor, make you into a bell-ringer (laughter) and number you among our fellowship as such (applause). I may assure you that the art of ringing a bell is not really difficult to acquire. The bell is an instrument that yields to treatment that is fraught with enthusiasm (laughter), but let me say at the same time and warn you that it must be tempered with a certain amount of moderation which is due to its office, and so let me invite you to become a member of our Guild (applause). I can tell you in confidence that the language of bellringing is not so difficult to acquire (laughter)—fillet, rope-end, hunting up and down,

touch, Singles, Doubles, plain course, Grandsire Triples, London Surprise, in and out of course, these and others are a language that may sound double Dutch to you at the moment, but you would soon acquire enough, shall we say, with which to impress the poor, ignorant, uninitiated public (laughter). I assure you there is every reason why you should join your band as a bellringer.

FIFTY YEARS' WORK.

I wish someone else had been chosen to reply to this toast on this occasion (continued the President), someone who could make a more adequate reply. Why not the Master of the Guild, who for eight years has guided the interests of the Guild and its concerns with so much ability; or the hon. secretary and treasurer, a true servant of the Guild, who lives for its welfare and who has given unsparingly of his time and attention in the interests of the Guild? Nevertheless, I yield to none in my admiration and love for the Guild and its members (applause). One whose absence we deeply deplore to-day is the Dean, a vice-president, who is kept away through illness. We cordially hope for his speedy recovery, but his absence leaves a gap which we find quite impossible to fill. To-day, as you know, the Guild celebrates its fifty years of existence. Since the time that it began its work fifty years ago it has gone on increasing in intensity, developing the fruits of Christian fellowship, raising the standard of bellringing all through the diocese (applause), and endeavouring to advance a high tone and morale in the hearts and minds of its members (applause). We are always trying to impress on our members that the belfry forms part of the church, consecrated to the use of Almighty God, that the bells are instruments of sacred music, and that the office of the ringer is to be carried out in reverence. We have gone on steadily advancing, until we now number eight branches: Salisbury with a membership of 147 ringers, Devizes with 211 ringing members, Marlborough with a membership of 70, Calne with 72, Dorchester with 113 ringing members, and Swindon with a ringing membership of 132, North Dorset 196 and West Dorset 140 (applause), making a total of 838 ringing members with affiliated towers to the number of 159 (applause). Our duties lie in calling attention to the fatherhood of God and to the times that are set apart in the churches of our land for prayer and praise and thanksgiving to Him. We make sweet music upon the bells to swell the chorus of rejoicing, for joy is the keynote of that moment. We ring the bells, too, to denote the passing of a soul to the region of light in the life that lies beyond the grave, and we let the bells ring out a message of joy and witness, testifying to the call of our Heavenly Father to acknowledge Him and the supremacy of His Will and Being, witnessing, shall we say, to the spirit amongst our members, the spirit of willingness to help others, which is the true message of the bells. We shall, I hope, continue to attract more parishes and more members to the Guild and make good the verdict of Lamb, the writer, that the music of the bells is the music mightiest bordering on heaven. For the bells are the voice of the Church; they have tones that touch and search the heart.

The bells themselves are the best of preachers,

Their lips of bronze are learned teachers,

From their pulpits of stone in the upper air,

Sounding aloft without crack or flaw,

Shriller than trumpets under the law,

Now a sermon and now a prayer.

That surely is our interpretation of our bells (applause).

GREETING FROM THE RINGERS OF ENGLAND.

Mr. C. D. Heginbotham submitted 'The Visitors,' to which the president of the Central Council responded. He said he brought to the Salisbury Guild a message of greeting from the change ringers of England. He did not know how many ringers he could claim to represent, but he believed it was in the neighbourhood of between 30,000 and 40,000. There were something like forty-six thousand ringers altogether, according to church statistics. They were not all change ringers, although it was hoped that some day they would be. Last week the Editor of 'The Ringing World' had suggested they should have a census of change ringers so that they might know how many people practised the art of change ringing in this country. He thought that was a very good suggestion, and he hoped before very long the Central Council would be able to take steps to have that census carried out. Continuing, he said he would like to express his personal thanks to Mr. Edwards for asking him to come there that day, because that was his first visit to Salisbury. He had tried for over forty years to come to Salisbury. In his young days he took an interest in architecture and until that day Salisbury was the only Cathedral in the British Isles that mattered that he had not seen. That had been put right that day, and it would not be very long before he came again to have a quiet look round the Cathedral, but when he heard of so many towers open for practice ringing in and around the city, the Cathedral and its details would have to wait for a later occasion (laughter). He had been told on very good authority that when the Central Council met in Salisbury the social side of the Council meeting was developed in a way that had not been done before, and while the serious work of the Council came first, there was no doubt that a great deal of good came from the social side (hear, hear). They were able in the evening before the Council and in the evening after the Council to discuss many subjects informally, and possibly those discussions had as much value as the official discussions at the Council meetings, and they owed a debt of gratitude to Salisbury for the way they

entertained the Council and the opportunities that were given in a marked way for the social side of the meeting to be developed. Mr. Lewis added that he took the opportunity at that wonderful gathering of ringers at Croydon recently to make some remarks, perhaps of somewhat a severe nature, upon the standard of striking at the present time. Incidentally the Bishop of Norwich thanked him for what he said. The Bishop remarked that such gatherings were apt to turn into mutually congratulatory meetings, and he was glad somebody took the other line and did a little plain speaking (hear, hear). He had only arrived in Salisbury just before noon, but he had heard some excellent striking. He hoped that Salisbury, which he had heard described as the entrance to the West, had got the West Country tradition for striking, because there was no question, when they went further west, even though ringers did not practise 'scientific,' they did strike their bells, and it was a pleasure to listen to them if only in ringing them up and down and in call changes. They must remember that the public came first, and the public undoubtedly and quite rightly preferred good round ringing and good call change ringing to bad scientific change ringing (applause). He thanked the Guild for the toast and for their hospitality on that historic occasion.

THE BISHOP'S GOOD WISHES.

The Master said that day would go down in the history of their Guild as a red-letter day for many reasons. Not only because it was one of the biggest gatherings they had had in the Guild, and because it was the celebration of the jubilee of the Guild, and not only because they had in the chair their president, but because they had with them that day their patron, the Bishop of the diocese (applause). They had always known that they had his goodwill and his good wishes, but because of the claims of his office he had been unable to be present at any of their annual meetings. Therefore that day they acclaimed him with special pleasure and gratitude (applause). They looked up to him not only with respect as their patron, but, as faithful members of the Church, they looked up to him with affection as their Bishop (applause).

The Bishop of Salisbury said it was a real pleasure to him to be present that day and to meet them all. First of all he had arranged a very sunny afternoon for them (laughter). It was not everyone who could do that (laughter). Secondly, he thought there was a great deal in the actual gathering, quite apart from the business done, of the meeting of members from all parts of Wilts and Dorset. It heartened them and sent them back to their work all the keener, and when they met as they did on that occasion, under the shadow of the Cathedral, it was an additional attraction. He was proud to think that the Guild was so closely connected with the Cathedral. He welcomed them not only as fellow-Churchmen, but he welcomed them as Englishmen engaged in a characteristic English pursuit, for there were few occupations more characteristic of England than that of change ringing. He wished their Guild every possible good wish and success for the future (applause).

The Master, in the name of the company, thanked the Bishop for the address which he was to give them at the service in the Cathedral. No other opportunity would present itself, and he expressed the members' grateful thanks.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards thanked the Cathedral clergy for arranging the service and for the use of the Chapter House.

This was briefly acknowledged by Archdeacon Carpenter, who in turn thanked the Mayor of Salisbury for his presence, and the Mayor was briefer still in his response, merely saying 'Thank you.'

THE FESTIVAL SERVICE.

A little later a congregation of something like 500 ringers and their friends joined in the festival service in the Cathedral. In such surroundings the service could be none other than impressive, and the music rendered by the choir added to the beauty of the proceedings. The Guild's form of service was used, and the lesson, read by the Earl of Shaftesbury, was from Ecclesiasticus xl., the well-known passage beginning, 'Let us now praise famous men.'

The sermon was preached by the Lord Bishop, who took for his text the words, 'Ye also shall bear witness' (St. John xv. 27). He spoke of the witness of the Church—of the ministry, of the music and the ceremonial, of the churches themselves, and said that the bells and the ringers' office were no less a part of the witness of the Church. Indeed, in a very definite and living way the ringers, through the bells, spoke to those outside and carried the witness of the church to places which the voices of the clergy in the church could not reach. He urged them to magnify their office and to let the witness of the bells be the witness of their own lives. He said it was vastly important that ringers should be communicants, and he concluded by expressing appreciation of the work which the ringers did for the Church.

After the Benediction, the clergy and choir, accompanied by the chief officials of the Guild, walked in procession to the War Memorial Chapel, where a brief service of remembrance was held for the 58 ringers of the diocese who fell in the war, and to whose memory the Guild erected a portion of the chapel screen. This little ceremony was fittingly concluded by a course of Grandsire Triples rung on handbells by H. Mitchell 1-2, Miss M. White 3-4, F. W. Townsend 5-6, A. G. Rose 7-8, the ringers being from Bournemouth and Poole. Then, while the congregation remained standing, the organist played the 'Dead March' in Saul—an expression of sorrow and sympathy on the assassination of the French President.

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION FORMED.

NATIONAL GATHERING AT EDINBURGH.

The inaugural meeting of the Scottish Association of Change Ringers was held in Edinburgh on Saturday, April 23rd, when between 40 and 50 ringers were present from Edinburgh, Glasgow, Dundee, Paisley, Alloa and Leith.

The business meeting was held in St. Mary's Cathedral belfry at 3 p.m., after all present had had a pull on the grand ring of ten there, Canon Brereton, the Vice-Provost of the Cathedral, being in the chair. Letters were read from ringers in various parts of England congratulating Scotland on her enterprise and wishing the new association every success.

The preliminary committee then reported on the replies which had been received to the circular letter which had been sent out to all the existing ringing societies in Scotland, and put forward the draft of the proposed constitution and rules which had been prepared. After certain points had been discussed and various amendments made, the formation of the association under these rules and constitution was formally proposed by Mr. Stephen H. Wood, and carried unanimously.

MEMBERSHIP EXCEEDS SEVENTY-FIVE.

Photographs were afterwards taken of the assembled gathering, and tea was served in St. Mary's song room, during the course of which it was announced that the number of members elected had exceeded 75, which enabled the association to be affiliated to the Central Council.

The President (Mr. W. B. Sampson) proposed a most cordial vote of thanks to Canon Brereton for all his kindnesses that day, for permission to ring the Cathedral bells, for taking the chair at the inaugural meeting in what he had rightly called the most wonderful ringing chamber of the world, and especially for taking the association's first service and for his inspiring address. He also thanked Mr. S. H. Wood for his share of the work of preparation in getting the association started, and assured him of their good wishes in his new activities.

The Master (Mr. S. H. Wood) endorsed the president's remarks about Canon Brereton, and said that, in his opinion, the practical interest he had shown in the association and in his own ringers did far more to ensure their regular attendance at church as well as in



SCOTTISH RINGERS AT THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.

(1) Mr. Stephen H. Wood (Glasgow), Master. (2) Mr. W. B. Sampson (Edinburgh), President. (3) Mr. W. F. M. Stenhouse (Dundee), Honorary Secretary.

The meeting then proceeded to the election of officers, and Mr. W. B. Sampson (Edinburgh) was elected as the first president of the association. In accepting this post, Mr. Sampson referred to the great work done by the late Mr. C. Cleveland Ellis for the cause of change ringing in Scotland, and to his lifelong desire to see the formation of a national association such as that. He expressed the regret which everyone felt that Mr. Ellis had not lived to see his hopes realised as they had been that day.

Mr. S. H. Wood (Glasgow) was elected Master, and, in thanking the members for the honour which they had conferred upon him, expressed his deep regret that he would not be able to hold it for long, as he had just heard that his work would be taking him back to England in a few weeks' time.

Mr. W. F. M. Stenhouse (St. Paul's, Dundee) was elected hon. secretary and treasurer.

Dundee was selected as the venue of the next annual meeting, and it was arranged to hold an intermediate meeting at St. John's, Alloa, in the autumn.

A short service was then held in the Cathedral, conducted by Canon Brereton, who gave a most helpful address which was much appreciated by the members.

the belfry than a verbal appeal. He proposed a vote of thanks to all the others who by making the arrangements for that day had helped to make their first meeting so successful, to the organist for playing at their service, and to the St. Mary's Cathedral Society and their friends who had kindly provided and served such an excellent tea. He thanked Mr. Sampson most heartily for his kind words and good wishes to himself, and said how sincerely sorry he was, that he would have to leave the association so soon after its formation. He hoped that that day was only the beginning of great things for change ringing in Scotland, and he wished the Scottish Association a long and prosperous life, and every success in achieving the objects for which it had been founded.

A move was then made to St. Cuthbert's, where, after everyone had had a pull on the excellent ring of eight (tenor 21 cwt.), a representative band started shortly after six o'clock in an attempt to ring the association's first peal. This, however, proved the one disappointment of an otherwise successful day as, after nearly 1½ hours' almost perfect ringing, one of the ropes, a strand of which had earlier broken and been slowly unravelling itself for some time, snapped below the sally, and the attempt was at an end. It was

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NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**MORE YOUNG MEMBERS NEEDED.**

Commenting on the year's working of the North Notts Association, the Hon. Secretary, Mr. R. W. Stockdale, in his report to the annual meeting at Retford, stated that there had been a financial gain, but in practically all other ways the society had shown a decrease. Only four peals had been rung, and only fifteen new members elected, the total being 222, of whom 126 were performing members. After reviewing the year's work and paying a tribute to the late Mr. Herbert Haigh, who was one of the founders of the association, and held office, including that of hon. secretary, for 17 years, from its formation until his death, the hon. secretary appealed to the members to help the art of change ringing, remembering that it was first a service to God and only secondly their hobby.

The attendance at the meeting was the largest for many years. Service was conducted in East Retford Church by the Rural Dean and Rector (Rev. A. Parkinson), and the sermon was preached by the Rev. R. E. Rogerson, Vicar of East Markham.

The Rural Dean presided over the business meeting held after tea. He was supported by the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson (Ordsall), the Rev. H. R. Peel (Cuckney), the Rev. R. E. Rogerson (East Markham), and the Rev. F. Boykett (Wakeringham). Among others present were Mrs. A. E. Rowsell, Lancham; the Misses Burchnall, Sutton-on-Trent; Mr. John Flint, Bolsover; and Mr. J. P. Fidler, Loughborough.

The Rural Dean thought it was an appropriate occasion when they should mark the sense of loss they had sustained by the death of Mr. Herbert Haigh, who had such a long association with ringers in North Notts. Another old ringer and one who had been closely linked up with East Retford Church had passed away since the last annual meeting. He referred to Mr. Harry Warburton, who was also a manager of the National Schools.

The company stood in silence as a mark of respect and as an act of remembrance.

JUNIOR BANDS SUGGESTED.

The Rural Dean said that was the seventh time he had been present at the annual meeting, and it was the largest gathering he had seen. He particularly welcomed so many ladies, most of whom were keen ringers, and in the name of the clergy he expressed their gratitude and appreciation of the services of the ringers Sunday by Sunday. He expressed the hope that those who were keen on developing the art would go forward and obtain the necessary skill in change ringing. He also expressed the thanks of the members to the secretary, Mr. Robert Stockdale, and his assistant, Mr. H. Revill, both of the Ordsall tower, and remarked that their enthusiasm for the work of the association was an inspiration to him.

The Rev. R. F. Wilkinson said he thoroughly endorsed the remarks of the Rural Dean in reference to the work of the secretaries. They at Ordsall felt proud they had such worthy representatives in the association, and he would be glad to render them his assistance. This was a splendid gathering, but very often such gatherings seemed to have a preponderance of *anno domini*. They needed more young members, not only in North Notts, but in other parts of the country. Ringing was not flourishing as it ought to do. He wondered if it was possible to have a junior band in every tower of the association. The officers were re-elected.

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MR. H. HAIGH.

The Secretary reported that the committee recommended that a brass tablet be erected in Ordsall tower to the memory of the late Mr. Herbert Haigh.

Mr. Stockdale said he understood that Mr. Haigh travelled far to increase his knowledge of the art. He was one who helped to form this association in 1887, and served on the committee as representative until 1912, when he was made hon. secretary, which post he held until 1929. Then he served as hon. treasurer until his death on Sunday, January 3rd, 1932.

Many of them knew Mr. Haigh longer than he had, but they had lost a vice-president and friend who would be hard to replace, for he did valuable work, both for the art and the Church. Nothing was too much trouble for him in helping the objects of the association.

The Rev. R. F. Wilkinson supported the recommendation of the committee, and observed that it would be necessary to obtain a faculty for the memorial tablet, which would be 12in. by 6in. The inscription would record Mr. Haigh's long association with bellringing in North Notts. The family had handed to him the late Mr. Haigh's ringing books and notes, and these would be placed in an oak cupboard in the tower of Ordsall Church. Any ringer would be able to inspect them. He moved the acceptance of the recommendation of the committee. Mr. G. R. Winter seconded, and it was unanimously agreed to.

The arrangements and collection of subscriptions were left with the secretary and Rector of Ordsall.

Mr. John Flint, Bolsover, and Mr. J. P. Fidler, Loughborough, were elected non-county members, and the following were elected ordinary members: Messrs. T. Anderson, P. Hammond and B. Williams, East Retford; Mr. F. Smith, Norton Cuckney; and Mr. L. Pearson, Worksop.

The next meeting was fixed to take place at Cuckney on May 28th. The contest for the Crawford silver cup was fixed to take place at Ordsall Church on Saturday, August 27th.

The meeting closed with thanks to the Rural Dean and the Rev. R. E. Rogerson.

DEATH OF MR. T. J. SALTER.**GREAT WORK FOR WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

With the death of Mr. Thomas Salter, of Kidderminster, Worcestershire loses one of its foremost ringers. One of the early members of the association, Mr. Salter rendered great service in the building up of the association, and in 1905 was elected Master, a position which he held for many years. He also served the association as a member of the Central Council, and only his two old ringing friends, Mr. R. Matthews and Mr. W. Short, have rung more peals for the association. Born at Kinver, Staffs, in 1866, Mr. Salter was taken at an early age to Wolverley, in Worcestershire, where he learned to ring in 1881. His first 720 (Grandsire Minor) was the first 720 on the bells, but that young band was a company with aspirations, and they went on until they could ring London Surprise Minor, the first 720 of which for the Worcestershire Association was conducted by Mr. Salter.

In 1886 Mr. Salter joined the Kidderminster band and rang his first peal at that church in January, 1887. In October, 1888, he took part in the first peal on the bells by a local band since 1825, and helped the company to rise to campanological fame in the years that followed. They went ahead until they reached the topmost rung of the ladder with a peal of London Surprise Major in January, 1897. That band contained men whose names, thirty years ago, were household words in the Exercise, but none was better known than Thomas J. Salter, who through the years that have since elapsed was a bulwark of ringing in Kidderminster. His services to the Worcestershire Association were acknowledged by his election to be one of the lay vice-presidents.

One of the most unassuming of men, Mr. Salter was of a genial disposition, as well as being a really fine ringer, who was safe in any method and a perfect striker. He had a large circle of friends, not only in the West Midlands, but in other parts of the country, and particularly in Sussex, where, in former years, with the attractions of Brighton and the Surprise ringing to be obtained there, he spent many holidays.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM

A quarterly meeting was held at the Parish Church, King's Norton, Birmingham, on Saturday, April 2nd, and in spite of the big counter-attraction of the 'All-England' ringers' gathering at Croydon, was well attended. The bells were kept going in various methods during the afternoon, and tea was served at the Saracen's Head, an old 16th century coaching house, which is now, through the munificence of the brewery company, the Church Hall. About 30 sat down, presided over by the Vicar, Canon T. S. Dunn.

The business meeting followed, the Master, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., being in the chair. The Chairman referred to the loss the Guild had sustained by the death of Mr. George Walker, who for many years had been a highly respected member, and he asked all present to stand for a moment as a last mark of respect.

Reference was made to the proposed memorial to the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies, and it was resolved to support this with a donation from the Guild and by individual subscriptions from the members. The secretary was instructed to approach all towers in the diocese and report further at the next quarterly meeting.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Knowle on Saturday, July 2nd.

Mr. A. P. Smith proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and the Parish Hall, and to the ladies who had so kindly prepared and served tea.

This concluded the business, and a return was made to the tower for further ringing.

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too late to start again, but ringing was continued till 9 o'clock, Stedman Triples and Bob Major being rung, and many members getting their first experience of Grandsire Triples.

So ended a happy and successful meeting—the largest gathering of bellringers yet held in Scotland—and began, it is hoped, a new era of change ringing in the last of the countries of Great Britain to form an association for the furtherance of the art.

It is hoped that all ringers visiting Scotland at any time will get into touch with members of the association, from whom they will receive a most cordial welcome. The secretary's address is: Mr. W. F. M. Stenhouse, 7, Brantwood Avenue, Dundee.

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

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on May 31st, St. Magnus' on the 19th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 26th, *St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 17th (8 p.m.) and on Sunday, May 22nd, at 5.30; all the others at 7.30. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Liverpool on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea (by kind invitation of the Rev. and Mrs. Miller) to follow.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Moorside on Saturday, May 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—H. Hamer, Branch Sec., 4, Nall St., Milnrow.

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Sheffield Cathedral (12) and St. Marie's (8) on Saturday, May 14th. Towers open at 2.30 p.m. A business meeting will be held at St. Marie's at 6 p.m. Tea can be had at the numerous cafes close by. A welcome to all.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Sandal on Saturday, May 14th. Bells available at 2 p.m. These bells have just been overhauled by Mears & Stainbank, and are now believed to be the best six in the district, the 'go' being excellent. All are welcome.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—Re-opening of Westerleigh bells (6). This will take place on Saturday, May 14th. Service at 6.30 p.m. Rededication and address by the Bishop of Malmesbury. Special bus accommodation for Bristol ringers will be arranged.—Edgar Guise, Gen. Sec., 48, Jamaica Street, Bristol; Frank Skidmore, Branch Sec., 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berkshire Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at East Hagbourne on Saturday, May 14th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Cobham on Saturday, May 14th. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., 37, Church Walk, Leatherhead.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Kenninghall, Saturday, May 14th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m., also Quidenham. Business meeting after tea, 5.15. Please notify intention of being present.—N. Golden, 39, Winter Road, Norwich.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Eccleston on Saturday, May 14th. Bells available from 2.30.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Branch Sec.

EXETER CATHEDRAL.—Ringing on Whit Sunday at 1.15 and 4.30 p.m. Visitors invited.—T. Laver, Heavitree, Exeter.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Tempsford on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Middlesbrough on Whit Monday, May 16th. The bells of the Parish Church (8, tenor 13 cwt.) will be available for ringing all day; also Ormesby (8, tenor 18 cwt.); Stockton-on-Tees (10, tenor 27 cwt.). Service in the Parish Church at 12 noon. Dinner will be provided at the Star and Garter Hotel, Marton Road, Middlesbrough, at 1 p.m.: members 2s., non-members 2s. 6d. Will all ringing friends please note change of address? — T. Metcalfe, Hewick House, Ormesby Road, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Northampton on Whit Monday. The Central Committee will meet in St. Giles' Buildings at 11 a.m. Service at 12 noon in St. Giles' Church. Lunch at the Plough Hotel, Bridge Street, at 1 p.m., followed by business meeting. Bells available 10 a.m. to 11.45 a.m.; St. Edmund's (8), St. Peter's (8), St. Giles' (10), St. Sepulchre's (8) from 3 p.m. onwards; St. Giles' 5 to 6; St. Edmund's 6 to 7; Duston (6) from 4 to 6. Frequent bus service to Duston from Horse Shoe Street and St. Andrew's Road. — R. G. Black, General Secretary, Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Halesworth on Whit Monday, May 16th. Bells (8) available from noon; also Wenhamston (6), Wissett (6), and Chediston (6) all day. Tea at Town Hall (near church) at 5, 1/- each, for all sending word by May 13th to F. C. Lambert, 54, Thorofare, Halesworth.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival at Hereford on Whit Monday. Service in the Cathedral at 12. Dinner at the Booth Hall Hotel at 1 p.m., 2/6, 1/6 to members obtaining tickets beforehand. Business meeting afterwards. Towers available: All Saints' (8) and St. Nicholas' (6), 10.30-12 and 3-8.30; Cathedral (10) 5-8.30.—H. S. T. Richardson, Hon. Sec., St. Nicholas' Rectory, Hereford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The 53rd annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, May 16th. 11.30 a.m.: Service at the Cathedral, with address by the Very Rev. Edgar Rogers, M.A., Dean of Bocking. 12.30 p.m.: Lunch (members 2s.), to be followed by the annual meeting at the County Hotel, Rainsford End. Towers open for ringing during day: Cathedral (12), Writtle (8), Widford (8), Galleywood (8), Great Baddow (8), Great Waltham (8), Springfield (6), Broomfield (6), Boreham (8). No ringing permitted during service and meeting.—Chas. H. Howard, Master; F. J. Pitstow, General Secretary and Treasurer, 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Brighton on Whit Monday, May 16th. Towers of St. Peter's and St. Nicholas' open for ringing from 2 till 3.45 and after meeting; the Good Shepherd, Dyke Road, 7.30 till 9 p.m. A special service will be held in St. Peter's Church at 4.15. Address by the Vicar of Brighton (Canon A. C. W. Rose). A meat tea will be provided at the Parish Hall, adjoining the Church, at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Tea, 2/6 each (1s. 3d. to members).—A. D. Stone, Hon. Gen. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Bideford on Whit Monday, May 16th. Service in St. Mary's Church at 12.30. Dinner and meeting at Bromley's Restaurant at 1.15. Towers open: Bideford (8), Northam (8), Appledore (8). Central Council members invited as members of the Guild.—T. Laver, Gen. Sec., 21, Cross Park, Heavitree, Exeter.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Shalford on Saturday, May 21st. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to Mr. L. Hunter, Bradstone Brook Cottage, Shalford.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., Merrow Cottage, East Clandon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Leigh on Saturday, May 21st. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea (1/- per head) followed by business meeting at the Brickmakers' Arms after service. Members requiring tea must notify the Dis. Sec. not later than Tuesday, May 17th.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Forest Branch.—Next meeting will be held at Littledean on Saturday, May 21st. Bells (6) open 3.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting afterwards in Church Room. All ringers who require tea must let me know certain by May 18th, so that arrangements can be made.—Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—The annual general meeting will be held at Faringdon on Saturday, May 21st. Service 3.30. Tower open 2.30. Those requiring tea please notify G. A. Webley, Ferndale Street, Faringdon.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Heath on Saturday, May 21st. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at a moderate charge to those who notify me by Wednesday, May 18th.—J. W. England, The Common, South Normanton.

HALESOWEN PARISH CHURCH.—The tablet in memory of three old ringers will be unveiled on Saturday, May 21st. Service at 4 p.m., after which the bells will be available. All ringers are invited.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A quarterly meeting at Soham on Saturday, May 21st. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Please look up Little Bob Royal.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District.—A meeting will be held at Isham on Saturday, May 21st. Bells available early. Service 4.15, followed by tea. Numbers should be sent in by May 18th, please.—S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury Branch.—A meeting will be held at Long Melford on Saturday, May 21st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea arranged. Short business meeting in ringing chamber at 4.30 p.m. All ringers welcomed.—Harold G. Herbert, Hon. Sec., 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Barthomley on May 21st (8 bells). Ringing from 3 o'clock. Will all those who intend to be present kindly inform me by the 18th inst.?—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Runcorn on Saturday, May 21st, commencing at 3 p.m. Kindly advise me before the 18th inst. the number requiring tea.—J. E. Ashcroft, Grappenhall.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Huntingdon.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Huntingdon, on Saturday, May 21st. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Will those requiring tea please advise me by Wednesday, 18th inst.?—D. Clarke, 36, Cromwell Gardens, St. Neots.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A joint meeting with the Warwickshire Guild will be held at Wolvey on Saturday, May 21st. Tea will be provided. It is hoped that this Association will be well represented.—A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Batcombe (6 bells) on Saturday, May 21st. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. F. Creed, Hon. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Grantham on Saturday, May 21st. Bells (10) available during afternoon and evening. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting at the Church House. Will those who require tea please consider the caterers, and notify me by Thursday, May 19th, latest.—C. T. H. Bradley, The Lodge, Folkingham, Lincs.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern and Western Districts.—A joint meeting of the above will be held at Chester-le-Street on Saturday, May 21st. Bells of St. Cuthbert's (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please drop p.c. to Mr. H. Tyson, 23 Bungalow, Tanfield Lea, by May 19th. This will greatly help arrangements. They always come again to our meetings.—H. Tyson, F. Robson, Joint Dis. Secs.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Creech St. Michael on Saturday, May 21st. Bells (6) from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. For tea please notify by the previous Tuesday.—P. Merson, Bishops Hull, Taunton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch. — A monthly practice will be held at South Marston on Saturday, May 21st. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me. — S. Hopper, 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch. — A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Liscard, on Saturday, May 21st. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5.30. Tea and meeting afterwards (8 bells). — Harry S. Brocklebank, 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. — A joint meeting with the Midland Counties Association (Hinckley District) will be held at Wolvey on Saturday, May 21st. Bells available during afternoon and evening. Tea provided. — D. E. Beamish, Greenways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — North-Western District. — The next meeting will be held at Wandsworth on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available: Holy Trinity, West Hill, 3.15 to 4.30; All Saints', 3 to 5, and after meeting. Service at All Saints' Church, 5 p.m., tea and meeting following in Church Hall. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. W. G. Gray, 34, Merton Road, Wandsworth, S.W.18, not later than Wednesday, May 25th. All are welcome. — D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

LADIES' GUILD. — Lincolnshire Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at North Collingham on Saturday, May 28th. Bells (6) will be available from 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea to follow. Will those requiring tea please notify Mrs. L. East, Low Street, North Collingham, Newark-on-Trent, not later than Wednesday, May 25th? — A. Richardson, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District. — A by-meeting of this district will be held at Staplehurst on Saturday, May 28th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.45, followed by tea and meeting. All ringers welcome. Please notify me early. — C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — A ringing festival will be held at Dunmow on Saturday, May 28th. Ringing commences at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. A hearty welcome is extended to all ringers. Will all those intending to be present please notify Mr. H. W. Smith, 11, Causeway, Dunmow, not later than first post Thursday, the 26th? — F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch. — The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Peter's, Swinton, on Saturday, May 28th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Meeting in the tower 7.30. A good tea can be obtained at 1s. 6d. each. For tea please notify Mr. W. Collier, 235, Manchester Road, Swinton, Manchester, by Friday, May 27th. Uncertainties can also be accommodated. It is specially requested that a good attendance be assured for service. — P. Brown, Branch Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Canterbury District. — The next by-meeting will be held at Herne on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. — Percy W. Smith, Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

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DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

SUGGESTED MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MR. F. T. GOVER. A quarterly meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild was held on Saturday last, when ringers were present from Exeter, Topsham, Whimple, Christow, Kenn, Bramford Speke, Cockington, Torquay, Paignton, Brixham, Dean Prior, etc. The bells, a handy ring of eight, were made good use of during the afternoon, touches of Grandsire Triples and Doubles being rung, whilst rounds were rung for the benefit of the less experienced members. A service was next held in church, which was conducted by the chaplain of the Torbay Hospital, Torquay. The reverend gentleman apologised for the absence of the Vicar of Chudleigh, who was called away from home at the last moment. He based an excellent address on the text, 'Come unto me.'

Tea was served in the Lodge Room, and the subsequent business meeting was presided over by Mr. W. C. Wakley, of Torquay, in the absence of the chairman (Mr. F. J. Laxton) through indisposition.

At the commencement of the business the Chairman referred to the great loss the branch had sustained by the death of Mr. F. T. Gover, of Torquay, and the meeting stood in silence as a token of respect. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Paignton on Saturday, October 15th.

The Chairman extended a welcome to the visitors, and proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Chudleigh for the use of the bells, to the organist for his services, and to the preacher for his address.

Mr. A. C. Taylor, of Brixham, suggested that some memorial should be erected to the memory of the late Mr. Gover, and after a discussion it was decided to leave the question until the next meeting, the secretary in the meantime to make further enquiries.

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