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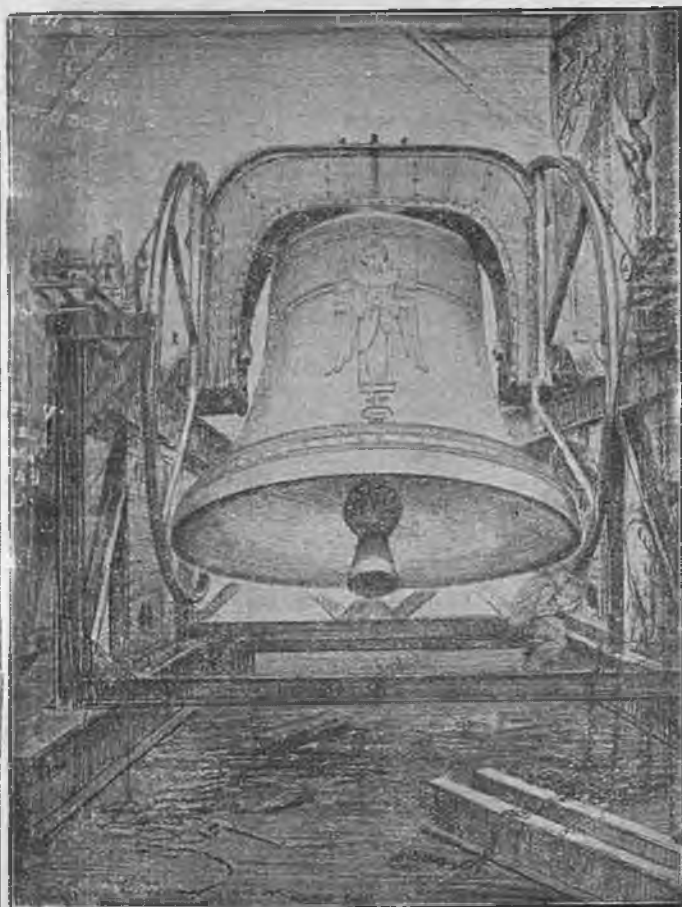
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THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.

The weeks that have passed since Easter have been full of important and interesting events to ringers. There has been the 'All England' gathering at Croydon, the jubilee of three important organisations, to say nothing of the many annual meetings that have been held, and most significant, perhaps, of all, the inauguration of the Scottish Association. The whole of Great Britain, as well as Ireland, is now covered by properly established ringing societies, and the latest step to embrace Scotland is a very welcome advance. There are many obstacles to the spread of change ringing over the border, chief of which is the scarcity of rings of bells and the distance separating the places fortunate enough to possess peals and bands of ringers. Edinburgh has been the chief centre of ringing in past years, and here the art has been practised more or less constantly for many years, but in the other centres what change ringing there has been has been of a spasmodic nature. The recent revival in Glasgow has been due to the leadership of an Englishman, in 'exile,' Mr. Stephen H. Wood, who has created a new company, and, having educated some of them up to the peal ringing stage, has, it is hoped, planted seeds which should give permanent results. Dundee, Paisley, Alloa and Leith all have bands, but change ringing has had a precarious foothold.

It is out of this material that the Scottish Association has been formed, and the new interest which has thus been stirred up will, we hope, give an impetus which will eventually bring the art on the other side of the Tweed to as high a level as it has reached south of the border. The association cannot, of course, remove the material difficulties which exist, but it can and doubtless will draw the ringers closer together by the intangible sense of brotherhood which membership of a ringing association is intended to promote, and will encourage a greater keenness in the art and science of change ringing. The association has been founded with every promise of success, and it must be as encouraging to the promoters as it is surprising to ringers in England to find that it starts with a membership of more than seventy-five, which qualifies it immediately for representation on the Central Council. That there are so many ringers in Scotland is proof that the association has not come any too soon, and now that the members are united by a real bond of fellowship, not only, we hope, will a new spirit be infused into the work, but a new outlook on ringing created, and a new appreciation of its possibilities and interests established.

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The formation of a Scottish Association had long been the desire of the late Mr. Cleveland Ellis, one of the bulwarks of ringing in Edinburgh. Unhappily he did not live to see his hopes realised, and it was left to another to take the initiative in bringing the association into being. It is the enthusiasm of Mr. Stephen Wood—a member of Cambridge University Guild—that has been largely responsible for the successful inauguration, and it is unfortunate for the association that he is so soon permanently removing to England. He has, however, done great service in helping to lay a foundation on which those who remain can continue to build. The association starts out with the good wishes and congratulations of the Exercise, and its progress will be watched with sympathy and interest by ringers everywhere.

TEN BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 14, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Magnus-the-Martyr, E.C.,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES G. A. PRIOR 1 Treble	THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	GEORGE CARD 7
ERNEST J. KING 3	GEORFREY R. GAMMON ... 8
GEORGE H. CROSS 4	JOHN A. WAUGH 9
WILLIAM H. THOROLD ... 5	EDWARD D. SMITH Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

First peal of Cambridge Royal by the ringers of the 3rd.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CHURCH, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

At the Church of St. James,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAMES PARR Treble	THOMAS ISHERWOOD ... 5
BERT GRIMSHAW 2	RICHARD BALDERSTONE ... 6
WILLIE AARON 3	FREDERICK COCKSHOTT ... 7
ARNOLD BRUNTON 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell. † First peal in the method. ‡ 50th peal. The ringers of 2nd and 5th are from Helmsore, 6th from Rishton, remainder local.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

FREDERICK BORRETT Treble	HERBERT FULCHER 5
WILLIAM FLATT 2	FREDERICK ROOPE 6
CHARLES BAKER 3	ERNEST WHITING 7
CYRIL BARBER 4	TOWNSON ADCOCK Tenor

Composed by J. PLATT.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 7, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDERICK A. COLEY Treble	FREDERICK J. CULUM ... 5
JOHN S. HORTON 2	EDWARD J. BEER 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	HARRY HOVERD 7
E. CHARLES PATTEN 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 30, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 19½ cwt.

*ERNEST H. EVEREST... ..Treble	JAMES BASSETT 5
TOM SAUNDERS 2	THOMAS E. SONE 6
CHARLES H. SONE 3	LUTHER J. HONESS 7
GEORGE EDWARDS 4	ALBERT RELFE Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. E. G. Buesden, of Canterbury Cathedral, and Mr. M. A. Stretfield, churchwarden for 30 years at the above church. This composition appeared in 'The Ringing World' on March 25th last.

BUCKLAND, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 30, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17 cwt. (approx.)

REV. A. J. DE DENNE ...Treble	HAROLD A. EDWARDS 5
FRANK WHEELER 2	HUBERT E. TAYLOR 6
CHARLES J. GARDINER 3	WILLIAM B. KYNASTON 7
*WILLIAM W. T. DANIELL 4	JOHN BRESLEY Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES J. GARDINER.

* First peal of Triples, and proposed a life member of the Oxford Guild before starting. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Reginald Kynaston, of Oswestry, Shropshire.

PENISTONE, YORKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 30, 1932, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble	FREDERICK A. ADAMS 5
WILLIAM A. WOOLER 2	*JOHN R. BREARLEY 6
WILLIAM T. PALMER 3	WILLIAM BIGGIN 7
NORMAN C. LEWIS 4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ...Tenor

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

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

BOLSTERSTONE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 3, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF COLLEGE SINGLE MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM A. WOOLER ...Treble	*ARTHUR CHAMPION 5
JOHN R. BREARLEY 2	*J. HILTON SYKES 6
JAMES H. CHARLESWORTH ... 3	JOHN A. BREARLEY 7
ARNOLD HAIGH 4	WILLIAM HARRISON ...Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. A. BREARLEY.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a wedding peal for Miss L. Champion, sister of the 5th ringer.

MASONIC PEAL.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD.)

On Tuesday, May 3, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THORSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

C. L. ROUTLEDGE, Hotspur Lodge, 1626, P.M., P.P.G.T. ...Treble	
H. G. FRAMPTON, Hotspur Lodge, 1626 2	
T. H. REEVES, Arts and Crafts Lodge, 4134 3	
WM. STORY, Hotspur Lodge, 1626, P.M., P.P.G.M. 4	
JOS. ROWELL, Eldon Lodge, 3187 5	
ADAM DEAS, Northern Counties Lodge, 406 6	
JOS. E. R. KEEN, Buddle Lodge, 3937 7	
M. ANDERSON, Prudence Lodge, 3424 Tenor	

Conducted by J. E. R. KEEN.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(TAUNTON DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Thursday, May 5, 1932, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, WILTON,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt.

SYDNEY A. WYATT ...Treble	S. PERCY MERSON 5
ARTHUR W. HAYWARD 2	WILLIAM G. GIGG 6
ARTHUR H. REED 3	S. GEORGE COLES 7
ALFRED J. WYATT 4	*JAMES HUNT Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

* 500th peal. Rung for Ascension Day. First peal in the method on the bells.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 6, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ...Treble	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 5
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. 2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT 3	HARRY HOVERD 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ...Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 6, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-AT-COSLANY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

ARTHUR J. SMALLS ...Treble	F. W. CECIL CURTIS 5
*MISS GWEN TUNNADINE 2	WILLIAM E. BASON 6
GEORGE MAYERS 3	WILLIAM G. MAYERS 7
GEORGE HOWCHIN 4	NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal 'inside,' and 14 years of age. 75th peal together by Messrs. Bason and Mayers.

BIRMINGHAM.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 7, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE, NORTHFIELD.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN WITHERS, SEN. ...Treble	JOHN WITHERS, JUN. 5
THOMAS HENNING 2	HECTOR G. BIRD 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 3	SAMUEL GROVE 7
ARTHUR CHAMBERS 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS ...Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by S. GROVE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mr. T. J. Salter, a highly esteemed member of the above association. It was Mr. Hector G. Bird's 100th peal.

RAUNDS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(THRAPSTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 7, 1932, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 22 cwt. 8 lb.

*STANLEY G. ROBINSON ...Treble	*WALTER COPPERWHEAT ... 5
FRED STUBBS 2	*CHARLES M. WHITNEY ... 6
*CYRIL WILSON 3	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... 7
*ERNEST E. WHITMORE 4	†WILLIAM C. NUNLEY ...Tenor

Conducted by WM. J. WHITMORE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. First peal of Triples as conductor. All the above are Sunday service ringers at this church except Mr. C. Wilson, who kindly stood in at very short notice. This was also the first peal of Grandsire Triples by a Thrapston Branch team.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

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

Tenor 18 cwt. 15 lb.

*JOHN FRIST... .. Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
*BERNARD SAUNDERS 2	ALFRED C. PANKHURST 6
HENRY STALHAM 3	ROBERT J. DAWES 7
STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG 4	REGINALD T. DENNIS Tenor

Composed by J. HUNT. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
* First peal in the method. This composition, a variation of the original, contains only the 4th and 6th in 6th's place.

PRESTBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM GAYES Treble	*JAMES A. MILNER 5
*ARTHUR CHALLINOR 2	*JACK TIPPER 6
WILFRED STEVENSON 3	JOHN WORTH 7
*ALBERT V. REES 4	*JACK WAUMSLEY Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

HERBERT FULCHER Treble	WILLIAM FLATT 5
CHARLES BAKER 2	ERNEST WHITING 6
FREDERICK ROOPE 3	CHARLES F. SAYER 7
CHARLES LOOME 4	EDWIN R. GOATE Tenor

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 7, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

CHARLES WHITING Treble	JAMES G. RUMSEY 5
REGINALD C. KERSEY 2	CHARLES F. BAILEY 6
JAMES M. BAILEY 3	ERNEST S. BAILEY 7
ALFRED KEEBLE 4	FREDERICK J. SMITH Tenor

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

A birthday compliment to A. F. Bailey, of Stockport.

SHIFNAL, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

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

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

HERBERT E. BOOTH Treble	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 5
WILLIAM H. JONES 2	HAROLD L. FLAVELL 6
HARRY BOSWELL 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 7
ALBERT D. COLLINS 4	JAMES SHAW Tenor

Conducted by E. V. RODENHURST

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Elsie Greenfield, eldest daughter of the ringers of the 5th.

BLOCKLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 7, 1932, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT 5
ARTHUR J. MARTIN 2	WILLIAM RANFORD 6
WILLIAM SHORT 3	HAROLD F. MARTIN 7
FRANK LAWRENCE 4	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal of Surprise Major. First peal of Major on the bells.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

LEONARD P. WHITEHEAD ... Treble	RONALD F. BULLEN 5
*WALTER F. JUDGE 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 6
JAMES BENNETT 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method.

KINVER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 7, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*BERNARD BOURNE Treble	CHARLES E. PERRINS 5
†HARRY PERRINS 2	†REGINALD CHANCE 6
JOHN BASS 3	FREDERICK HANDLEY 7
VICTOR HUBBLE 4	*RICHARD CRADDOCK Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK HANDLEY.

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Reginald Chance on attaining his majority.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

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

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

*HARRY WARM Treble	WILLIAM LINCOLN 5
WILLIAM KEEBLE 2	DR. SPENCER PHILLIPS 6
PERCY GREEN 3	GEORGE GREEN 7
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 4	ARTHUR HEAD Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by PERCY GREEN.

* First Surprise peal. This peal was specially arranged and rung as a welcome to the new Vicar (the Rev. R. H. Holmes) and Mrs. Holmes.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, May 7, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

JOHN GOODMAN Treble	NORMAN C. WILLIAMS 5
*FRANK WILLIAMS 2	HENRY GOODMAN 6
*HAROLD GRIFFITHS 3	HARRY GOODMAN 7
GEORGE HUGHES 4	†BENJAMIN WINDSOR Tenor

Conducted by HARRY GOODMAN.

* First peal of Grandsire 'inside.' † First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung for the 22nd anniversary of the accession of H.M. King George. J. Goodman has now completed the circle in this tower.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 12, 1932, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

AUGUSTIN V. GOOD Treble	J. WILLIAM SHEPHERD 5
*FRANCIS TOMPKINS 2	HERBERT GATES 6
JOSEPH CHATLEY 3	†HENRY GOLDING 7
VICTOR WILLIAMS 4	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal of Major. † 50th peal. Specially arranged and rung to mark the completion by Mr. H. Golding of 50 years' service as a ringer at the above church, for over 30 years of which he has been the leader.

DORE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

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

At CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 11½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble	WILLIAM J. THYNG 5
NORMAN C. LEWIS 2	FREDERICK A. ADAMS 6
WILLIAM T. PALMER 3	WILLIAM BIGGIN 7
WILLIAM A. WOOLER 4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... Tenor

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

First peal of Oxford on the bells.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

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

At THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN FLINT Treble	JOSEPH SAXTON 5
STANLEY SLANEY 2	EDWARD E. ROBBINS 6
CHARLES MASON 3	ERNEST WAGSTAFF 7
*BENJAMIN A. COOPER ... 4	JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

* First peal in the method.

SONNING-ON-THAMES, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 7, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in E flat.

PERCY J. DYKE Treble	GEORGE ESSEX 5
*GEORGE LIMMER 2	REGINALD W. REX 6
CHARLES POLLEN 3	WILLIAM T. BRESSON 7
HARRY W. SMITH 4	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First blow in Bob Major away from the treble. Believed to be the slowest peal on the bells.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 10, 1932, in Three Hours,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

MISS K. BURCHNALL Treble	ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN ... 5
REV. R. F. WILKINSON 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER 6
GEORGE E. FOSTER 3	EDWARD FOSTER 7
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 4	LEONARD PIERREPONT ... Tenor

Conducted by J. F. MILNER.

Rev. R. F. Wilkinson's first peal of Stedman Triples, he having rung a peal of Stedman Cinques first. First peal in the method on the bells.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 11, 1932, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TEN-PART, No. 27.

Tenor 28½ cwt.

CHARLES DRAPER Treble	T. ROLAND FLINT 5
JOSEPH BAILEY 2	*ARTHUR SHARP 6
MADRICE SWINFELD 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
JOHN H. SWINFELD 4	JOHN CURTIS Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

* First peal of Stedman. This composition is now rung for the first time.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Whit Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 49 mins.: Miss Amy Kynaston 1, W. B. Kynaston 2, E. H. Kynaston 3, R. T. Evans (conductor) 4, R. Kynaston 5, G. Williams 6, H. T. Hughes 7, T. Marshall 8. Miss Kynaston is the first local lady to take up bell-ringing, and this was her first quarter-peal.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

WOODFORD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(THRAPSTON BRANCH.)

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

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 17 cwt.

*REGINALD BUTCHER ... Treble	†ERNEST E. WHITMORE ... 4
HOWARD W. CHENEY ... 2	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... 5
CYRIL WILSON 3	GEORGE W. JEFFS Tenor

Conducted by WM. J. WHITMORE.

* First peal in three methods and first 720 of Treble Bob. † First peal in three methods 'inside.' First peal in three methods as conductor. After the peal the ringers were kindly entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. C. Wilson, of Woodford.

BLACKWELL.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

At THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

A PEAL OF BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*FRANK ROCKLEY Treble	FRANK OSBORNE 3
ARTHUR SMITHSON 2	WILLIAM PARKES 4
WILFRED RILEY Tenor	

Conducted by ARTHUR SMITHSON.

* First peal. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to F. Osborne.

SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 Cambridge Surprise, two 720's Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's Kent Treble Bob and two 720's Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

BERTRAM C. HINES Treble	ERNEST J. BUTLER 4
FRANK G. RING 2	ERNEST W. FORBANK 5
ALBERT RAINBIRD 3	HARRY TURNER Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to George Miles, a very highly respected churchman and ringer of St. Peter's church, who was interred at Sheafeld on this date.

CHURCHILL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 3, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN C. ROYDON Treble	RICHMOND ROBERTS 4
EDWARD J. AVERY 2	GEORGE GILLING 5
EDWARD G. NORTON 3	*REGINALD A. DARE Tenor

Conducted by E. J. AVERY.

* First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. G. E. Shallish, for many years a faithful ringer at this church, who was interred at Banwell on the same day.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE ISHAM SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 7, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*ARTHUR GARLEY Treble	TOM GARLEY 4
*MISS MARY BROWN 2	JOHN D. BELL 5
†MISS MARY RANDALL ... 3	E. MATRICE ATKINS Tenor

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' The ringers of the treble and 2nd are aged 13 and 15 respectively, and are the youngest members of the Guild to ring a peal. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Miss Dorothy M. Atkins and Mr. F. Boulton.

MARKET WEIGHTON, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 7, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*HARRY KNEESHAW Treble	ARTHUR H. FOX 4
*JOHN W. KNEESHAW 2	STANLEY WEBB 5
JOHN M. PICKERING 3	JOHN W. HOBSON Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY WEBB.

* First peal. First peal on the bells, which were cast and hung by Dalton, of York, in 1783.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, York, Lancashire, Wells, Durham, Cambridge and Ringers'. Tenor 14 cwt.

*WILLIAM BRAMHAM Treble	HAROLD CHANT 4
ARTHUR PANTHER 2	ARTHUR GILL 5
ALBERT NASH 3	DAN SMITH Tenor

Conducted by H. CHANT.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise as conductor. Rung to welcome an heir to the Vicar, the Rev. L. E. Meredith.

SHRIVENHAM, BERKS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 7, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings. Tenor 14½ cwt.

THOMAS DIKE Treble	CHARLES J. GARDINER 4
*RICHARD E. G. LUTON 2	WILLIAM B. KYNASTON 5
FRANK WHEELER 3	ALBERT E. W. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM B. KYNASTON.

* First peal of Doubles. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar (the Rev. C. G. Seymour Metford), to whom the band tender their best thanks for his kind hospitality after the peal.

GREAT DODDINGTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 7, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being five six-scores each of Antelope, St. Dunstan's, London Single, Canterbury Pleasure, April Day, Old Doubles, and Plain Bob, and seven six-scores of Grandsire.

ALFRED J. ELLIOT Treble	HENRY W. GAYTON 3
HORACE TYLER 2	JOSH J. PARTRIDGE 4

ALBERT MINNEY Tenor

Conducted by JOSH J. PARTRIDGE.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 16½ cwt.

BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... Treble	E. ROGER MARTIN 4
JOHN CHARNOCK 2	WILLIAM SHARPLES 5
*JOHN BOOTH 3	*JAMES W. GROUNDS 6

HAROLD DAVIES Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHARPLES.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor. Rung with the tenor covering, after meeting short for Cambridge Surprise Major.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1932, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

IN THE SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN MALYAN 1-2	FRANCIS KIRK 5-6
WALTER AYRE 3-4	CHARLES JEFFES 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.

RINGERS' FINE EFFORT.

TWO BELLS GIVEN AT WEST CLANDON, SURREY.

On Sunday week two new bells were dedicated at West Clandon Church, Surrey, and raised the peal to the full octave. The scheme thus brought to a successful conclusion is one for which the local ringers have been entirely responsible, and is the culmination of a long period of work and personal generosity. For several years the ringers have set aside their annual remuneration and, with the addition of funds raised by concerts, whist drives and other means, as well as a few subscriptions collected from friends, they have at length achieved their ambition. The spire and six bells of West Clandon Church were destroyed by fire on October 27th, 1913, and the spire was rebuilt and the six bells replaced in 1914. Before that time the tower was an active centre of six-bell ringing, and the local men raised their proficiency to Surprise peal ringing. Then came the fire and the war, but the band has been re-established, and although not quite so active in peal ringing it has recovered no small measure of its efficiency.

When the bells were restored in 1914 they were placed in a new timber frame for eight, and, with the treble recast, the two new bells have made a tuneful octave with a tenor of 17½ cwt. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have made an excellent splice, and the Guildford District has gained a useful addition to the number of its eight-bell towers. The new troubles have been hung on ball bearings, and the tenor has also been similarly rehung.

Sunday afternoon's ceremony was shared by a large congregation. The little church was crowded, and even the supplemented seating accommodation was insufficient. The many ringers present attended by invitation, as it was found that it would be impossible to accommodate all who would otherwise desire to be present, either for ringing or for tea. Among the visitors were practically all the officers of the Guildford Diocesan Guild and representatives from many neighbouring towers. Mr. A. A. Hughes represented the founders, and the Earl of Onslow (patron of the living) was among the congregation. The special service was that provided in 'The Ringers' Manual' for such occasions, and the hymns sung were 'Ring forth, Holy Bells,' 'Unchanging God,' and 'The Sacred Bells of England.' The Rector (Rev. Sir John Herschel) conducted the service, and the dedication ceremony was performed by the Bishop of Guildford who, in the course of his address, said he knew with great joy and pleasure that there was an increasing zest for taking part in the bellringing of the church. He went on to refer to the place which bells occupied in the Christian life, and said that bells could be numbered among the minor sacraments of outward and visible signs of inward and spiritual grace. The bells spoke of God, and of worship, and to all who heard them they were a reminder of heavenly things and of God's presence. They had added two bells in their belfry tower. That would call for more bellringers, and in these days the call was not confined only to men. He found everywhere a quiet, steady growth of women bellringers. He thought that among the means of grace which they could make most use of, the bells of the churches were not the least. If they could not go to church on some particular morning or evening, they could respond to the call of the bells, could join inwardly with the service, which would begin in the church when the bells ceased, and became worshippers with those in the church. A peal of bells could enlarge the circle of worshippers. There were hundreds who could not be in that House of God but they could turn wherever they happened to be into a temple of the Living God, when they heard the call of the church bells. The service of the ringers was a part of the great Christian ministry, and was a thing to be done with praise and gratitude and self-denial, and he rejoiced that in these days the belfries of the land were occupied by men and women who were filled with that spirit, so that the bells of the churches became means of grace, hopes of glory, bonds of union, calls to worship to the glory of God and the peace and goodwill of all mankind. 'May the bells of this church,' concluded the Bishop, 'be used, not only now, but for centuries to come, to the glory of God and the well-being of His people.'

During the singing of the last hymn a collection was taken towards defraying the cost of the incidental expenses of the augmentation, the Rector announcing that the cost of the bells had already been provided for.

The ringing after the dedicatory prayers was done by five of the local band, with Messrs. Pulling, Hazelden and Melville, of Guildford, and after the service the first touch on the eight was rung by Messrs. A. A. Hughes, J. Thomas, N. Harding, H. Hutton, W. J. Robinson, J. S. Goldsmith, A. H. Pulling and W. Melville. Other touches of Triples and Major followed, the ringing arrangements being supervised by the Master of the Guild (Major J. H. B. Hesse). The visiting ringers were entertained to tea by Sir John and Lady Herschel, the churchwardens and local ringers, and afterwards the Rector, on behalf of the Clandon band, presented to one of their number, Miss Ide, a silver-bell inlaid as a mark of appreciation of the services which she has rendered as secretary of the bell fund.

Ringings were then resumed until evening service, which was a continuation of the festival of dedication.

LONDON.—On Sunday, March 13th, at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, for evensong, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: R. H. Bullen 1, F. Digby 2, W. H. Hewett 3, F. Hoskins 4, E. F. Pike 5, W. R. Madgwick 6, C. W. Roberts 7, J. E. Davis (conductor) 8.

INVASION OF SHEPPEY.**KENT ASSOCIATION VISIT QUEENBOROUGH.**

The half-yearly meeting of the Rochester District, held at Queenborough, was typical of this district's recent gatherings, and manifests the keen interest taken by those engaged in this branch of the Church's work. Just five years, to the day, had elapsed since the association held a meeting at this extreme of the district, the attendance on that occasion being about forty, but upwards of ninety put in an appearance at the subsequent meeting, ringers coming from Tunstall, Teynham, Lynsted, Sittingbourne, Newington, Rainham, Chatham, Gillingham, Rochester, Frindsbury, Milton-next-Gravesend, Gravesend, Beckenham and Minster, together with the local band.

Holy Trinity has a light peal of six, tenor 9 cwt., and the very small ringing chamber necessitated a partial control, which was efficiently carried out by the local men.

The association form of service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. O. F. R. Strickland, the organist also being in attendance.

At the close of the service a bountiful tea was provided by the lady friends and churchworkers.

The business meeting followed, his Worship the Mayor of Queenborough (Mr. G. Mayland) being in the chair, Mrs. Mayland also being present. The Mayor welcomed the association to their ancient borough, and said that, although he did not know much about bell-ringing, he was very much amazed at the team spirit shown that afternoon, and advised the ringers to foster that spirit for all time.—The Rector also addressed a few words of encouragement to the company.

The Mayor was unanimously elected as an hon. member of the association, as was also Mrs. W. Beer and Mrs. W. Cooke.

The General Secretary announced that the collection taken at the service in aid of the Benevolent Fund amounted to 19s. 7½d., the Mayor thereupon making this up over the £1.

It was agreed to hold the next meeting at Newington.

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed and carried with applause to the Mayor for presiding, to the Rector of Queenborough for permission to hold the meeting and for arranging the service, to the ladies who had so generously provided such an excellent tea, and to the organist.

The Vicar of Minster was unavoidably debarred from attending the meeting, but had placed the bells of SS. Mary and Sexburga at the disposal of any who wished to avail themselves of the opportunity. Thanks were also accorded to him for this privilege.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**LEWISHAM DISTRICT.**

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District was held at Chislehurst on Saturday, May 7th, and was very well attended. Ringing at St. Nicholas' Church was continued throughout the afternoon and evening, and included rounds for the novices and touches of Grand-sire, Stedman, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge, London and Bristol Surprise.

The Rector (Rev. Dr. O. Hardman) officiated at the service, and his short address was much appreciated. Tea, generous both in quantity and variety, was provided by the Rector, who was present, supported by the churchwarden, the general secretary, and members of the committee of the association.

The Rector also presided over the business meeting, at which three ringers were elected members of the association, and the election of one previous to a peal was confirmed.

Mr. E. Barnett, jun., presented a report of the proceedings at a committee meeting held on Easter Monday.—West Wickham was chosen as the place of the next meeting, in July.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, for his address, for presiding at the meeting, and for his generous hospitality; to the choir and organist for their services; and to the churchwarden for presiding over the latter portion of the meeting.—This concluded the business. Some handbell ringing followed previous to returning to the tower for further ringing, which concluded an enjoyable and successful gathering.

MUFFLED RINGING AT HILLINGDON.

On Monday, April 25th, at the tower of St. John-the-Baptist, Hillingdon, Middlesex, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,295 changes) in 63 mins.: C. Over 1, F. W. Goodfellow (conductor) 2, R. W. Darvill 3, A. R. G. Twinn 4, E. G. Swift 5, G. H. Gutteridge 6, J. J. Pratt 7, W. Honor 8, F. Corke 9, F. T. Smith 10. The bells were rung with half-muffled clappers as a tribute to the memory of Mrs. J. Stilwell, who was interred that afternoon.

Mrs. Stilwell, who passed away on the previous Friday, was widow of the late Mr. John Stilwell, of Hillingdon. When Hillingdon bells were recast, augmented to ten, and rehung in 1911, the entire cost of the work was borne by Mr. Stilwell. He was an honorary member of the Middlesex Association, who, when they visited Hillingdon, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stilwell on numerous occasions.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. Thos. B. Hensher, who was to have taken part in the peal at Finedon on Saturday last, was taken ill with appendicitis during the week. An immediate operation was necessary. He is progressing favourably. Numerous friends all join in wishing him a speedy recovery.

The band who rang a peal of Bob Major at Monks Kirby, reported last week, wish it to be known that the remarks of Mr. E. H. Lewis re 'locked doors,' does not refer to them.

The peal of Superlative rung at Milton-next-Gravesend on Saturday, April 23rd last, was George H. Cross' 450th peal, and also his 300th peal as conductor.

ST. LAWRENCE JEWRY GUILD.

CHORISTERS AS RINGERS AT CITY CHURCH.

The City of London has few churches where the bells are rung regularly for service twice on Sunday, but St. Lawrence Jewry is one of the happy exceptions. After the bells were rehung about two years ago by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, a band was recruited from members of the choir, and under the instruction of Mr. A. A. Hughes, despite the disadvantages of having to learn on a heavy peal of bells, with a long draught of rope, excellent progress was made. The company, which started with eight members, now numbers twelve; not one has dropped out, and all, with the exception of Mr. Hughes, are members of the choir. A year ago they formed themselves into the St. Lawrence Jewry Guild, with the Rector (Rev. W. P. Besley) as president, and on May 11th last they rang their first quarter-peal—Grandsire Triples—which was called by a promising conductor, Mr. F. C. Shorter. The band was H. K. Markwick 1, E. S. Owen 2, A. A. Hughes 3, E. Murrell 4, S. F. Stonard 5, F. C. Shorter 6, G. T. Moody 7, W. C. Rose 8. With the exception of Mr. Hughes and Mr. E. S. Owen (who began to learn about 35 years ago at St. George's in the Borough but gave it up), none of the Guild had attempted to handle a bell before the band was started.

FAITHFUL SERVICE RECOGNISED.

On Tuesday, May 10th, a large gathering of people met in St. Mary's Hall, Hemel Hempstead, to do honour to Mr. Henry Golding, who has completed 50 years' service as a bellringer at St. Mary's Church.

Among those present were the Vicar and Mrs. Robson, Rev. G. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Williams, Mr. and Miss Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Lightbody, Mr. and Mrs. Horn, Mr. Barker, Mr. Butcher, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Clarke, and Mr. Hopkins, and a representative gathering of the congregation.

The proceedings were opened by Mr. W. F. Williams (churchwarden), who called upon the Vicar to read the inscription in the album, containing the names of 254 subscribers to the presentation fund, and to make the presentation.

The Vicar expressed his great pleasure in being privileged to perform this service, and spoke of the great work of Mr. Golding and of the esteem in which he was held by all. He asked him to accept the gift as a token of affection from them all.

Mr. Golding was greeted with loud applause, and said how grateful he was for this unexpected token of goodwill.

Mr. W. Ayre, representing the Hertford Association, read a letter of goodwill, greetings and appreciation from the general secretary of the association. He urged for more support for the belfry by getting young people to take an interest in ringing.

Mr. Jackson also added his appreciation of Mr. Golding's services. The gift—a magnificent mahogany cabinet gramophone—was then brought into action, the first record played being 'The Bells of St. Mary's' on handbells by Dr. Barnardo's boys. The inscription on the gramophone reads: 'Presented to Mr. Henry Golding by members of the congregation on his completion of 50 years' service as a bellringer at the Parish Church of St. Mary, Hemel Hempstead, May 10th, 1932.'

The remainder of the evening was occupied by a whist drive and dance. W. A.

DEBENHAM BELL FUND.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I append a further list of donations with our best thanks to the donors. The renovation is turning out to be a more costly matter than was at first anticipated, as four of the bells have to be recast, bringing the total up to about £630. In view of this, I am making an earnest appeal for further help, as I feel sure there are still other ringers who would like to do their little bit towards the restoration of our famous peal.—Yours,

Debenham.

W. C. RUMSEY.

Previously acknowledged £3 3s., Cecil Pipe 5s., Peter Laffin 2s. 6d., W. J. Nevard 10s., R. T. Dennis 10s., David Elliott 5s., W. C. Rumsey 10s., Leslie Brett 2s. 6d.; total £5 8s.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

TUESDAY'S MEETING AT PLYMOUTH.

The fortieth annual meeting of the Central Council was held at the Guildhall on Tuesday. The president, Mr. E. H. Lewis, occupied the chair, supported by Mr. G. W. Fletcher, hon. secretary and treasurer, and Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, hon. librarian. There were 63 members present, representing 31 associations, and, in addition, 9 honorary members.

The Mayor of Plymouth gave the Council an official welcome to Plymouth, and on behalf of the churches a welcome was extended by the Bishop of Plymouth, both of whom were thanked by the president.

The Hon. Secretary reported the affiliation of the North Staffs Association (one member) and the newly-formed Scottish Association (one member), also the reaffiliation of the Gloucester and Bristol Association (four members), while the Truro Diocesan Guild representation had been increased from one to four members.

On the recommendation of the Standing Committee, Mr. H. W. Wilde and Mr. W. A. Cave were re-elected hon. members, and Mr. A. Walker (Birmingham) was elected an hon. member.

A list of six associations who had not paid the affiliation fees was read, and the President intimated that under the rules the representatives of associations whose fees had not been paid were not entitled to vote at that meeting.

New members having been introduced to the president, reference was made to the death of members and former members who had passed away during the year, viz.: Rev. H. Law James, Messrs. T. T. Goffon, H. Argyll (members), S. Wood and T. J. Salter (former members).

The Hon. Librarian (Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) reported the largest sale of publications during the year that he had known. Including 272 copies of the Doubles and Minor Methods, the sales amounted to £58 17s. 1d., and there was a balance on the sales account of £42 9s. 5d.

The general account, presented by the hon. secretary and treasurer, showed that the balance in hand had increased from £47 14s. 9d. to £61 11s. 11d. The receipts included £5 from interest on investments, £28 5s. from affiliation fees, £2 7s. 6d. from hon. members, and £42 9s. 5d. from publications. The expenditure, including £10 10s. to the Stedman Tercentenary Fund, amounted to £64 4s. 9d.

The accounts were adopted.

Mr. E. A. Young, one of the trustees, reported on the condition of the Carter ringing machine, and a suggestion was made that a demonstration should be given whenever there was a large gathering of ringers in London.

The Peals Collection Committee, the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson reported, had received a lot of fresh material, mainly of Royal and Maximus, and he was going through it to pick out anything that was new.

The Methods Committee's report, which has already been published, was received, and later in the day authority was given for the publication of the collection of Triples methods as soon as it is completed.

The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson wrote expressing regret that he had been unable to take any steps in connection with the booklet on variations, and asked, on account of pressure of work, to be allowed to resign from the position of convener of the committee which had been appointed to deal with the matter.

At the suggestion of Mr. G. R. Newton, it was later decided to request the Peals Collection Committee to get together a collection of the best peals in all the usually practised methods, with a view to their eventual publication.

The Peals Analysis Committee's report (already published) was adopted, and Mr. G. L. Grover was appointed a member in place of Mr. G. J. Fletcher, now hon. secretary of the Council.

Interesting reports were presented by members of the Towers and Belfries Committee dealing with restorations on which they had been called in to advise.

The Stedman Tercentenary Committee's report, presented by the president, showed that subscriptions amounted to £437 19s. 4d., interest on bank deposit £4 16s. 9d., and sales of souvenirs (after paying costs) £9 5s. 4d. The total receipts were thus £502 1s. 5d. The cost of the scheme had been £533 6s. 11d., so that there was a balance of about £30 to be raised.

On the recommendation of the Standing Committee it was resolved that the Council should advance the sum in order that the remainder of the accounts should be paid. It is hoped that those who have not yet subscribed to the fund will contribute towards the sum required.

The Stedman Committee's report was adopted, with thanks to members of the committee for their labours.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards presented the Literature and Press Committee's report, which included recommendations as to ringing publications which should be purchased where it was desired to establish a tower library.

The Records Committee's report was presented by Mr. G. L. Grover, and it was resolved that, as the records had been brought up to date, the work should in future be handed over to the Analysis Committee.

Mr. E. W. Elwell presented, on behalf of the Rules Committee, the proposed new rules of the Council (published in our last issue). He asked that during the coming year members would study them, and if they had any criticism or suggestions to make that they would put them forward in time for the committee to consider them before the meeting of the Council in London next year, when they would be submitted for final adoption.

The President moved, and the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn seconded, the following motion: 'That this Council strongly deprecates the recording as a peal on a commemorative tablet any performance which does not conform to the accepted standard of a true and complete peal, and calls upon all affiliated societies to support the Council in this matter.'—Mr. E. W. Elwell made an eloquent speech in support of truth in the records of ringing placed in churches, and the motion was carried nem con.

Canon Coleridge, who attributed most of the bad ringing which took place to bad handling of the bells, proposed 'That in view of the great need for attention to good striking, the Council appoint a small committee to draw up a pamphlet on the proper handling of a bell.'

Mr. J. T. Dyke seconded, and a discussion took place, principally on whether the need was met by existing publications. It was pointed out that what was aimed at was something that could be sold for a few coppers, so that it was cheap enough to put in the hands of every beginner.

The motion was carried, together with a rider by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn that the pamphlet should include a simple explanation of Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor.

Canon Coleridge and Mr. Dyke were appointed the committee to draw up the pamphlet and given power to add to their number.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn moved: 'That in order to further the best interests of the Exercise, and to give all ringing matters the maximum publicity, all affiliated societies be requested to use their best endeavours to increase the circulation of the only ringing paper.'

Mr. F. W. Perrens seconded, and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith made a statement as to the additional circulation that would be needed to enlarge the paper, which was the most pressing need. What was wanted was an additional circulation of at least 3,500 per week.

The discussion showed that members were keenly desirous of extending the circulation of the paper, and the resolution was unanimously passed.

A vote of sympathy with the Rev. R. L. Gundry, Master of the Salisbury Guild, in his recent accident, was passed, and the meeting concluded with votes of thanks to all concerned in the successful arrangements for the Council's gathering.

After the meeting, members and their friends were entertained to tea by the Devon Guild, and in the evening a social gathering was held.

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

REOPENING AND REDEDICATION OF WESTERLEIGH BELLS.
On Saturday, May 14th, the above peal of bells was reopened and rededicated by the Bishop of Malmesbury.

The service, which took the form of special evensong, was taken by the Rural Dean, Canon E. J. Phillips, the lesson being read by Canon G. R. Wood (father of Stephen H. Wood). The service was fully choral, the organist and choir of St. Ambrose's, Bristol, having very kindly undertaken the responsibility.

The opening touch was performed by past and present officials of the association, viz.: Mr. J. Gould (Master), Mr. H. T. Howell (past Master), Mr. P. C. Williams (hon. treasurer), Mr. E. Guise (general hon. secretary), Mr. W. H. Thomas (Bristol Branch chairman), and Mr. J. G. Jefferies (Management Committee).

The rededication ceremony was performed by the Rt. Rev. Bishop of Malmesbury, who afterwards gave a very encouraging address. He said that the ringers were one of the organisations of the Church, and ought to be encouraged; also that Westerleigh had a lot to be thankful for and proud of in the fact that the Vicar, Rev. R. Stevens, and Miss E. C. Stevens (the Vicar's sister), both of whom are between 90 and 100 years of age, had defrayed the entire cost of recasting the treble and retuning the whole peal, and rehung in a metal frame on ball bearings with all the latest fittings by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, the generous gift being over £400. About two hundred and fifty attended the service, which taxed the accommodation of the small church.

After the service, the bells were made good use of till about 9 p.m., several touches of the usual methods being brought round.

An interesting feature of the gathering was the belfry election of the Bishop of Malmesbury as an hon. member. The proposition of Mr. J. Gould (Master), seconded by Canon E. J. Phillips (vice-president), was carried unanimously.

Messrs. Taylor are to be congratulated on a real good job, the 'go' of the peal being all that could be desired. The bell hangers were represented by Mr. J. P. Fidler.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**LEATHERHEAD DISTRICT.**

Cobham and Leatherhead were the only towers represented at the meeting at Cobham on Saturday, but real holiday weather brought visitors from Aldershot, Chiddingfold, Croydon, Farnborough, Guildford (S. Nicolas), Ottershaw, Thames Ditton and Weybridge, and a successful meeting resulted.

The Vicar, the Rev. J. du V. Brunton, conducted the Guild's service at 4.30.

Tea was provided in the Church Room, presided over by the Vicar, supported by the two churchwardens, and after the brief business meeting the local band, under the conductorship of Mr. W. James, entertained the company with a selection of handbell tunes.

Ringling continued until nine o'clock, when the bells were lowered in peal, methods rung ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Minor.

Members are reminded of their committee's resolution to support the Chertsey District's meetings. The next one is at Esher on June 4th.

SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR.

5,088 IN SEVEN METHODS. BY A. J. PITMAN.

23456	M.	W.	H.	Methods: One lead each of:						
52364	2	2	2	L.	B.	Y.	B.	L.	N.G.	
65243	2	2	2	L.	B.	Y.	B.	L.	N.G.	
46532	2	2	2	L.	B.	Y.	B.	L.	N.G.	
34625	2	2	2	L.	B.	Y.	B.	L.	N.G.	
42356	2	2		L.	B.	Y.	B.	L.		
65324	—	—	—	L.		C.		R.		
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(46325)	—	—	—	R.		Y.				
(36524)	—	—	—	N.		C.				
45623	—	—	—	N.		C.		L.		
53624	—	2		L.		C.		L.	N.G.	
26435	—	—	—	L.		C.		R. or L.		
54632	—	—	—	R. or L.	C.			L.		

Repeat as from 42356 four times, omitting last bob at H. in last part only.

B., Bristol; C., Cambridge; L., London; N., Norfolk; N.G., New Gloucester; R., Rutland; Y., Yorkshire. Norfolk is rung with a fourth's place bob, and as this cuts out the H. lead, the course-ends in brackets are not rung where shown.

Rung at St. Mary's, Willesden, by the Middlesex Association, on April 19th, 1932.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**FACILITIES FOR MID-WEEK PRACTICE.**

A meeting of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association was held at Heston on Saturday, May 7th. Some 35 members and friends attended during the afternoon and evening. Among the visitors were Mr. A. W. Coles (Master, N. and E. District), Mr. J. Herbert (hon. secretary of the Southern District of the London County Association), Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Mayne (Pinner), etc., whilst Messrs. C. Kippin and T. Price paid a flying visit (on a motor-cycle!) en route for home after an abortive peal attempt.

Ringling commenced at Norwood Green at 3 p.m., and for a couple of hours the musical ring of six were rung in various methods. The tenor is 7 cwt., and the trebles proved a 'handful' to even some of the experts! Heston bells were rung both before and after tea to a variety of methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to Surprise Major.

A bountiful tea was provided by the Vicar and the local ringers, an action that was greatly appreciated. The vice-president (Mr. J. A. Trollope) presided over the subsequent business meeting, supported by the Vicar of Heston (Rev. G. Craggs) and officers of the district.

Eight new ringing members were elected, and it was agreed that the next meeting be held at Sunbury on June 11th.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. F. W. Goodfellow) moved, and the hon. treasurer (Mr. C. S. Bird) seconded, that, commencing on May 26th, a joint practice be held at Heston on the last Thursday in each month at 7.30 p.m. It was explained that the main idea behind these practices was an endeavour to make progress. Those who attended were requested to come prepared to ring a method that they did not normally ring in their local tower. A special welcome was extended to members whose business precluded them from attending the ordinary Saturday meetings.—After a brief discussion the motion was adopted.

Mr. J. Herbert explained the action taken by the Southern District of the London County Association with reference to the bells of St. Andrew's, Wells Street.—Mr. Trollope expressed the satisfaction felt by those present at the co-operation of another London society on this important subject, and thanked Mr. Herbert for bringing the matter forward.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. G. Craggs (Heston) and the Rev. T. B. Parker (Norwood Green) for the use of their bells, and to the local ringers, particularly Messrs. Chandler (Heston) and Emmett (Norwood Green) for their assistance and co-operation, and, last but not least, to the ladies who prepared and served the tea.

WEDDING BELLS.**MARRIAGE OF WELL-KNOWN LEICESTER RINGER.**

Joyous peals rang out from the bells of St. Margaret's, Leicester, recently, when the well-known ringer, George Stedman Morris, son of the esteemed verger of the church, Mr. Josiah Morris, was married to Miss Edith May Oliffe. The bride looked very pretty in a dress of parchment satin, and carried a bouquet of lilies and heather. The bridesmaids—Miss Margaret L. Morris and Miss N. Ayris, niece of the bridegroom and cousin of the bride respectively—were arrayed in green suede georgette, their bouquets being of cream roses. The bridegroom—well! he was wrapped in thought, wearing a smile! The ceremony was performed by the Vicar, the Rev. G. L. Buchanan, and the organist played the wedding march at the conclusion of the ceremony, while the 12 bells in the ancient tower were rung by a mixed company from St. Margaret's, the Cathedral, St. John's, All Saints', Anstey, etc., and later a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal was rung at the Cathedral.

MASONIC PEAL AT NEWCASTLE.

The Masonic peal at Newcastle-on-Tyne on May 3rd was rung to celebrate the appointment of W. Bro. Cecil A. Cochrane, D.C.L., P.G.D., to be Provincial Grand Master of Northumberland, in succession to the late Col. C. W. Napier-Clavering. The announcement of Dr. Cochrane's appointment appeared in the daily papers on the morning of the day this peal was rung. He has been an hon. life member of the Durham and Newcastle Association since 1902, when he gave the peal of eight bells to All Saints', Gosforth, the church which his father had built a few years previously. Mr. Reeves, of Birmingham, who took part in the peal, is an hon. member of the Newcastle Cathedral Guild.

MUFFLED BELLS FOR APPLETON RINGER.

At Appleton, Berks, for evening service, on Sunday, April 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): F. C. White 1, H. C. White 2, G. Holfield, sen., 3, C. G. White 4, F. Messenger 5, A. H. White 6, F. S. White 7, G. Holfield, jun. (conductor), 8, R. White 9, F. White 10. All are Sunday service ringers. Rung with the bells muffled as a last mark of respect to Mr. R. Bennett, aged 76, who was interred at Appleton on the previous Tuesday. He was a much respected member of the Appleton band, and rang about 40 peals.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

VICAR OF PROBUS MAKES TWO PROMISES.

A meeting of the Truro Branch of the Diocesan Guild was held at Probus on May 7th, when about fifty ringers attended from Truro Cathedral, St. Gluvias, Illogan, Redruth, St. Dennis and St. Erme, and among those present were Lt.-Col. C. F. Jerram (Diocesan Ringing Master), Rev. W. H. R. Trewheila (diocesan secretary), Mr. W. H. Southeard (vice-president), Mr. Wm. Wood (Penzance district secretary), and Mr. J. Wood (Gulval). Probus is just five miles from Truro, and the tower, regarded as the finest in Cornwall and 123ft. 6in. in height, contains the heaviest ring of six in the county, the tenor being 21½ cwt. They are called (if the expression is permissible) 'a good old ring.'



Cornwall's heaviest ring of six hangs in this tower.

The local band commenced the ringing soon after two o'clock, and the bells were kept going, although a few, used to light bells on ball bearings, found it rather difficult, until 4.30. The usual service was then conducted, and the address given by the Vicar, the Rev. T. G. Hammond, whose subject was 'The Tower,' which could be seen for miles around, and marked the place where there was a building dedicated for the worship of God. In itself it was, he said, a silent witness, but the bells were the speaking witness.

Tea was partaken of in the Church Hall, after which Mr. A. S. Roberts proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for his welcome, and remarked how glad he was that the Vicar, who, as he had said previous to his address, could not find anything about bells to preach about, did not attempt to do so, because they had so often to listen to stories and particulars about bells which were not correct. He thought that very often ringers knew more about bells than the clergy.

They were looking forward to coming to Probus again, and hoped that then the bells would be a full octave and would 'go' a little easier, and that the tower would be affiliated to the Guild.

The Rev. W. H. R. Trewheila, seconding, said he considered work amongst ringers and the ringers' duty on Sundays, when there was at present such a disregard for church-going, were of the utmost importance.—In acknowledging the vote of thanks, the Vicar said he was going to make two promises, one was that in a short while Probus would become affiliated to the Guild, but it took a very long while to convert some of his ringers who had been in the tower nearly as long as the bells. The other promise was that the bells would be done in time, and he hoped two more would be added. During the short time he had been at Probus he had had Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, Gillett and Johnston and Taylor and Co., all wanting to restore the bells. It was very nice of them indeed, but he wanted the money first.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Redruth in September, and that each branch should have a branch fund instead of all payments being made at present from the central fund.

Ringing took place again in the evening, and also at Ladock, where the octave, tenor 12½ cwt., on ball bearings, were appreciated after the heavy 'go' at Probus.

SAVED!

To the Editor.

Sir,—Bow bell strickles were saved too long! So was the 'splendid gesture'! And mark this fact, the city has echoed of late years with the slogan, 'Save Bow bells'—a plaintive appeal which went on unheeded. Please don't shed any more 'grief gravy'! It won't wash away facts. Mr. Editor, pen-names are hardly necessary, but here it is—

IRENEUS.

THE LATE MR. T. J. SALTER.

AN APPRECIATION.

As a regular reader of 'The Ringing World' I was indeed deeply grieved to note the passing of that stalwart ringing enthusiast, 'Tom' Salter, of Kidderminster, and I feel that his demise will be equally felt by all with whom he came into contact. It was only about three weeks ago that I was gazing upon his photograph. You, too, Mr. Editor, were among those associated with one of the Winchester Diocesan Guild's ringing weeks, and little did I think, when looking upon those faces, that one I knew so well was so rapidly approaching his end. Would that my pen could speak of the abilities of 'Tom' Salter as a ringer. Unfortunately, my early associations with the art were not maintained, and beyond an occasional delve into ringing history, and the noting of passing events as recorded in 'The Ringing World,' I can claim no other associations. 'Tom' Salter, however, comes well within my ken, for it was in my early days that I first had the opportunity of knowing him. Steeped in ringing lore, as I was in those days, the receiver of valuable information from, among others, such men as the late John Carter and Henry Dams, I was interested in all new faces to that mecca of change ringing in those days, viz., Brighton. The St. Peter's band was then in its zenith, and all newcomers were watched with great interest by my youthful eyes. It was then that 'Tom' Salter came from Kidderminster. He was accompanied by John O. Bennett. Alas! he too has passed over. 'Tom' was a young man then—in his twenties—and enthusiastic to a degree. Those intricate methods attained by the Brightonians were an attraction to him. He wished to tread those wonderful paths. A great welcome was given him by those early pioneers into the present-day era of Surprise methods, and 'Tom' was not lagging. By concentration of his brain he was soon engrossed in those marvellous pieces of squared paper, covered with what looked like a 'zig-zagging' line, but which to the initiated was the true path to success. Without reference to records I cannot tell what methods 'Tom' succeeded in ringing peals upon that first trip South in 1896, but I believe that many of his early Surprise peals were accomplished with the members of the St. Peter's band. His appetite was whetted, and in 1897 and the following year he was again spending his holidays in Brighton with further successes in the Surprise methods. Again in 1900 the attraction was equally as great, and I have the word of my uncle, who participated in many, if not all, of the peals rung, that they were some of the best Surprise peals accomplished. From that time on I had not the chance of meeting 'Tom' Salter, but could only have the opportunity of watching his progress through the medium of the ringing papers. I do know, however, that his enthusiasm and energies were the means of stimulating many others. His keenness was infectious to a degree, and if only that infection could have spread towards me, perhaps my pen could have better written the appreciation he so well deserved. An excellent ringer has passed over, and his loss will, I am sure, be greatly felt, not only in the Midlands, but in many parts of the country. V. S.

THE FUNERAL.

Many ringers were present at the funeral of Mr. Salter, which took place on May 5th. The first part of the service was held in St. Mary's Parish Church, Canon L. B. Sladen officiating, assisted by the Rev. J. F. Hastings (Rector of Martley), with the Revs. A. C. Griffiths and Trippass. The mourners included Mr. Keith Salter (son), Mr. William Salter (brother), Mr. William Baker (brother-in-law), and Mr. Bernard Baker (nephew).

The churchwardens of St. Mary's Church (Messrs. W. Mackarness and J. C. May), members of the choir, Church Council, Mr. R. E. Grove, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Parsons (Old Hill), Messrs. A. Perkins and J. Anderson (Alma Bowling Club), Mr. H. Gaston, Mr. W. Pugh, Mr. J. Hunt, and some of his old workmates were among those present. The bearers were his old ringing friends, Messrs. J. Woodberry, C. H. Woodberry, J. Davies, A. Wright, J. Bass, R. Mathews and E. J. Brookes. In addition to the Kidderminster ringers, many were present from Old Hill, Brierley Hill, Wollaston, Hagley, Avelcy Kings, Wolverley, Stourbridge, Halesowen, Wordsley, Worcester and Clent, and took part in muffled ringing on the bells at the Parish Church before and after the funeral.

After the interment, which took place at St. John's Church, a plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung on the handbells at the graveside by Messrs. C. H. Woodberry (Kidderminster), W. Short (Clent), R. Mathews and J. Bass (Stourbridge).

There were many beautiful floral tributes.

Mr. Salter leaves a widow and one son, Mr. Keith Salter, who is a ringer, in bereavement, and they have received many expressions of sympathy, for Mr. Salter was widely known and much respected.

He had interests outside the art of ringing, for he had been a keen cricketer in his younger days, and latterly was one of the finest exponents of the game of bowls in Kidderminster. Mr. Salter was a carpet weaver by trade, and had been for nearly 20 years employed by the Carpet Manufacturing Co., while prior to that he was for some 30 years with another Kidderminster firm.

CRETINGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On handbells, 720 Double Court Bob Minor: J. Arbon (first in the method and first attempt) 1-2, W. Wightman 3-4, G. Wightman (conductor) 5-6.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MEMBERS WHO 'DROP OUT' AND REJOIN.

Speaking at the annual spring meeting of the Witney and Woodstock District Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, held at Tackley on Saturday week, the chief officers of the Guild made a strong appeal to members to maintain their subscriptions, instead of dropping out for a time and then rejoining.

A service was held in Tackley Church, at which the Master preached the sermon. The service was taken by the Rev. E. J. Lee, and others present included the Rev. G. H. Stuart-Gmelin (Rural Dean), who has just become a life member, the Rev. F. R. Marriott (Rector of Wootton), Mr. R. T. Hibbert (general secretary), and Mr. A. J. Wright (general treasurer). The Master referred to the ideal relations which should exist between the parish priest and the ringers, and went on to say that they were both workers in the cause of God. Before the Guilds came into being, ringers and parish priests were very far away from each other, but throughout the country the Guilds had been trying to break down the barrier between them. He was not going to pretend, however, that they did not still find instances where the ringers and parish priest, although not living very far apart, appeared to be a long way asunder spiritually, and to have no real sympathy one with the other. They ought to feel that they were engaged in the same work and working under the same great Master Builder. He would have them notice that both parish priest and ringers were preachers—preachers who were giving expression to the people of the trade of God. The ringer, however, had the bigger pull, because his sound went out all over the parish and reached those to whom the voice of the preacher did not reach when he preached in church. They must have sympathy with each other; he urged them to remember that their Sunday ringing was not merely to announce the time of service, but that it was really the work of God, and he thought that both ringers and priests must study their work. Another thing that was necessary was fellowship with others who were engaged in the same work. The parish priest might be able to get up and deliver Sunday by Sunday a very fine sermon, and if it was going to touch the hearts of those in the parish it would meet the needs of the times, and it would show that the priest had the fellowship of his parishioners. So it must be with the ringers. They must get to know what their brothers and sisters were thinking, and they must try to have sympathy one with another.

Tea was served in the Village Hall, and afterwards the annual meeting was presided over by the Rev. F. R. Marriott, Rector of Wootton. He congratulated the meeting on the fact that it was the largest he had seen since he had joined the Guild. He also congratulated the Master on the sermon he had delivered, remarking that it was most appropriate and helpful.

RESTORATION FUND GETTING LOW.

The hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. Evetts, jun., presented the balance sheet, which showed a balance in hand of £18 10s. 6d., compared with £19 4s. In his report he stated that the honorary members were dropping, and he urged foremen of towers to do their best to get new honorary members. He was pleased to see that the new Rural Dean (the Rev. G. H. Stuart-Gmelin) had become a life member. He pointed out that when a tower was in trouble it was always the hon. members to whom they looked for support. The general treasurer had said that the restoration fund was getting rather low, and he would like to see it increased again. The ringing members, he added, had also fallen considerably, there being 98 members compared with 136 last year. He was pleased, however, to see Cassington rejoining, but he was sorry to see that Tackley did not belong.

The chairman was unanimously re-elected, as was the secretary and treasurer. Mr. Marriott said he had a sort of feeling that perhaps the time had come when they ought to have a chairman from the other side of the district, but he was willing to carry on if the members wished him to.

The Master pointed out that no Branch stipulated that their chairman must be a ringer; if they did, the Guild would be pretty badly off, he added. All that was required of a chairman was that he should be willing to advise the secretary as to holding meetings and to preside over them.

A letter was read from the Banbury and District Branch asking that now Rousham had been joined with Lower Heyford, and that most of the ringing was in the hands of Lower Heyford, the tower should join that district, and Mr. Evetts said that what he felt about various towers gradually falling away was that it was a sort of beginning of the destruction of the deanery. He did not like to see towers dropping away, but in this case he felt it was only right, although he would be very sorry to lose the members.

Mr. Pearson, of Deddington, secretary of Banbury Branch, explained the situation, and the Master said that, while sympathising with Mr. Evetts, he thought that while Rousham was part of a tower which was already in the Banbury and District Branch, there was nothing to worry about.

Messrs. W. T. Bond, G. C. Clarke and N. Spindlow were re-elected representatives on the Guild General Committee.

Members from various towers who had lapsed were readmitted, and it was decided that the autumn meeting should be held on October 1st at Stanton Harcourt, which has not been visited since 1921.

THE MASTER'S APPEAL.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn expressed his pleasure at being present, and said that he was glad to see so many former members returning. He did regret, however, their absence during the years they had not paid their subscription. He wanted to stress the fact that that was not the way to do things—to pay one's subscription and then drop out for a time, and he did trust that those who were present as members and those who were now members once more would take this to heart and keep up their subscriptions.

Referring to 'The Ringing World,' the Master said he had come to the conclusion that there were a great many towers in the Guild where the paper was never seen. They could not say that they had a poor ringing paper by any means. It was run in such a way by Mr. Goldsmith that if he was to take up any other matter where very little education was required it would be a success at once. Mr. Goldsmith was a real journalist, and he had the interest of the paper at heart. It provided a real link for ringers throughout the country, and they were, in addition, able to see what was being done in different parts of the world. The reason for the price of the paper being rather high, he added, was that not enough took the paper. He had brought with him a number of the current issues, and he hoped that after seeing it members would be induced to take the paper each week.

Mr. Evetts also spoke in warm terms of the paper, and said that he looked forward to each Friday morning with great anticipation.

Mr. A. J. Wright, general treasurer, referred to the fact that in some towers there was a very strict rule that if members dropped out and then wished to rejoin they had to pay their subscriptions for the intervening period. He stated also that with regard to the restoration fund, there was now a balance in hand of about £13, and he wished to increase it so as to be able to meet any call that was made on it.

Mr. R. T. Hibbert, general secretary, also referred to lapsed members, and commented sharply on those members who allowed this to happen and then wished to rejoin. If they felt they were not getting anything out of it, he said, and did not want to pay a halfpenny a week, he would not try to get them back. He felt very sorry for the branch secretary, but stated that the captains of towers were as much to blame as anyone. If captains could not see that the halfpenny a week was forthcoming, there was something radically wrong with the tower. In most towers where people took an interest in change ringing and in the ringing for Sunday services they had a tower fund, from which, when necessary, subscriptions could be paid. He referred in warm terms to the branch secretary, and Mr. John Monk, of Witney, paid tribute to the chairman.

The Rev. E. J. Lee welcomed the Guild, and said he hoped they would come as often as they could. One of the reasons for this was that he hoped the visit would prove to be an inspiration to their own ringers. They in Tackley had fallen on evil times in the last two or three years; they used to have their bells rung regularly on Sundays, but at the present time they were only rung occasionally. If the visit did inspire their own ringers, no one would be more pleased than he at the result of the visit.

Touches were later rung on the bells of several churches in the district.

THE LATE MR. GEORGE MILES.

Mr. George Miles, of Brentwood, whose death we have already briefly recorded, passed away at the age of 55 years after a short and painful illness.

While living at Camberley, Surrey, he rendered yeoman service to the Winchester Diocesan Guild, acting for some years as secretary of a district which had its special difficulties. On going to Brentwood in 1923, he became an enthusiastic member of St. Thomas' Society. He helped to advance the standard of ringing in this tower, and conducted the first peal rung by Sunday service ringers at this church in 1924. He also inaugurated the first annual outing held by this society, which has since become an annual function greatly enjoyed by the members.

In 1928 he formed a Guild of ringers at the Church of St. Peter, South Weald, and had since done pioneer work in teaching the art of change ringing to young members.

Mr. Miles had rung about 60 peals in various methods. He will be missed by his many friends, who found him a very just and upright man, whose love was in the Church and her bells.

He was interred at St. Mary-the-Virgin's Church, Henfield, on Monday, May 2nd, and following the service a half-muffled touch of Boh Minor was rung on the bells by A. and C. Brackley, W. Palmer, C. Sharplin, A. Rainbird, E. J. Butler and F. G. Ringe.

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BROOKFIELD'S NEW BELLS.**BELL FOUNDERS TRIUMPH OVER DIFFICULTIES.**

The bells of Brookfield Unitarian Church, Gorton, Manchester, which were recast and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, were reopened on Saturday, April 25th, when a special meeting was held on the invitation of the trustees and committee of the church, to which all ringers and their friends were invited. The dedication service was conducted by the resident minister (Rev. Fred Cottier), assisted by the Rev. Stanley Mossop, of Sheffield, and attracted a large congregation, including many ringers and members of the church.

A stirring address by the Rev. F. Cottier, on the duties of ringers and the pleasure their work affords them, followed the dedicatory prayers and rounds on the bells. At the conclusion of the service the bells were rung by local ringers and visitors until 4.30 p.m., when an adjournment was made to the schoolroom, where an excellent tea was provided.

A short meeting, over which the Rev. F. Cottier presided, followed. In an address of welcome, Mr. Bick, a member of the church committee, thanked the visitors for their attendance, and expressed the hope that they would again visit Brookfield at no very distant date. He was supported by Mr. Hinchliffe, chairman of the church committee, who in the course of his remarks regretted the absence of Brookfield's oldest ringer, Mr. John Fearnhead, who had been prevented from being present on account of sickness, and added the hope that he would soon be restored to health and able to take his place among them again.

The Chairman, in a short and humorous speech, expressed his pleasure at seeing so many present, and added that, although this was only his second experience of a ringing meeting, he hoped it would not be very long before he attended another. He informed the meeting that he was seriously thinking of taking up ringing himself. (It is hoped that he will carry out this intention so that his ringers may have the opportunity of teaching him the meaning of touches.) He concluded his remarks by saying how pleased he was to hear the nice things which had been said about the bells, both for tone and 'go,' and he was sure that Mr. Johnston, who was present, must be a very proud man indeed.

Mr. C. F. Johnston replied with an excellent speech on the art and craft of bell hanging, and gave a lucid description of the bells.

A vote of thanks to the donors of the tea was proposed by Mr. C. Ollier, seconded by Mr. E. F. Mawby, and supported by Mr. W. Wolstencroft. Afterwards the tower was again visited, and ringing took place until 9.30 p.m.

There were 28 towers represented, and methods ranged from Grandsire to Cambridge Surprise. The meeting was, indeed, one of the most successful and enjoyable ever held in the Manchester district.

As for the bells, the whole peal has been recast and is now a splendid octave, with a tenor in F sharp, weighing 14½ cwt., representing the last word in the art of casting and tuning. The span of the tower is small, and the difficulties of rearranging the peal were increased by sundry obstructions, considerations of height in the ringing room, and many other problems affecting materially the ringers' comfort. The bells now hang in two tiers of four at each level, in a new self-contained metal frame of massive construction. The iron headstocks, ball bearings—to say nothing of the 'clapper control' on the tenor—all combine to complete a modern ring of eight which it will be hard to improve upon in the Manchester district, and Messrs. Gillett and Johnston received nothing but praise from the visitors throughout the day for this latest perfect specimen of their handiwork.

DEATH OF JOHN R. BARTRAM.**A GREAT LOSS TO MELTON MOWBRAY.**

It is with deepest regret we record the passing of John Robert Bartram (son of Mr. R. Henry Bartram, of Melton Mowbray), which occurred on May 12th at the early age of 34. Deceased was a first-class ringer and striker, and had rung seven peals in all. This total would have been considerably more had his occupation allowed, but whenever free one could find him taking his place in the belfry, especially at Melton Mowbray, where he will be sadly missed. He began ringing at the age of 15, and rang his first peal at 16. One peal is worthy of recalling, viz., Doubles at Harby by a father and four sons, of whom he was one. These five also rang in a peal of Triples. His peals were: Grandsire Triples 2, Minor 1, Doubles 1, Stedman Triples 2, Cambridge Major 1. Of a cheerful and pleasant disposition, he was liked by all with whom he came in contact, and his place in Melton belfry will be hard to fill. He was buried on Whit Monday, the first portion of the funeral service being taken at St. Mary's Church, Melton, by the Vicar, Rev. P. E. Robson, M.A., R.D. Many friends were present, including Messrs. R. Mount, of Waltham, S. Proctor, of Grantham, H. King, of Long Clawson, and the local ringers. Many floral tributes were sent. Muffled ringing took place in the evening. The deepest sympathy and condolence goes out to the deceased's widow and all the Bartram family in their bereavement.
E. M.

NOTICES.

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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.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on May 31st, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 26th, *St. Giles', Cripplegate, 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.

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.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

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.—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.

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.—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.—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.—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.—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.

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.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—A meeting will be held at Parbold on Saturday, May 21st. Bells ready at 3 o'clock.—Jas. Wm. Grounds, Branch Sec.

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.

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.

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.

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.

BLEDINGTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—Ring of 6, rehung in new frame by Mr. Bond, of Burford, will be re-dedicated by the Bishop of Gloucester on Saturday, May 28th. Service 3 p.m.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol and Wotton-under-Edge Branches.—A combined meeting will be held at Yate, Gloucester, on Saturday, May 28th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow, by kind invitation of Canon E. F. Smith. Kindly let us know for tea not later than Wednesday, 25th inst.—Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol, or Oliver E. H. Hill, Fleece Villa, Rook's Moor, Stroud.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Northaw, Saturday, May 28th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Tea, usual terms, at 5.30. Please do advise me. Nearest Station, Cuffley or Potter's Bar from King's Cross, or by bus from Barnet to Potter's Bar Police Station. All ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at North Mimms on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Short service 5 p.m., followed by tea at the Churchyard Cottage at 1s. per head. To facilitate tea arrangements a p.c. from intending visitors would be very much appreciated. All ringers and friends welcome.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A meeting will be held at All Saints' Church, Hastings, on Saturday, May 28th. Tower open at 3 p.m. All very welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Gedney on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by May 24th?—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildsborough Branch.—The branch annual meeting will be held at Guildsborough on Saturday, May 28th. Bells (6) at 2.45. Service in church 4.15. Tea and meeting to follow. For tea please notify R. Adams, East Haddon, Northants.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The next meeting will be held at Guiseley on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea can be obtained near the church. Other arrangements as usual. — H. Loft-house, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Frensham on Saturday, May 28th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting in Church Room 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, 25th.—C. W. Denyer, Dis. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Henlow on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available 2.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come and make the meeting a good one.—J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy, Beds.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Norton Cuckney on May 28th. Bells open 2.30 p.m. All requiring tea please notify Mr. W. Smith, Norton Cuckney, Mansfield. A good attendance requested. Special business.—R. W. Stockdale and H. Revill, Hon. Secs.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD. — The next meeting will be held at Aldington on Saturday, May 28th. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at the Rectory 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford.

ALDENHAM.—Saturday, June 4th.—Ringing from 3.30. Tea at Village Club, 5.30. Nearest station, Bushey. Bus to church. Cheap tickets from all stations, coach or train.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. City 4270.

PRYCE TAYLOR MEMORIAL, LOUGHBOROUGH. —Service at the Parish Church, Loughborough, on Saturday, June 4th, at 3 p.m. The rings of 10 of the Parish Church and of the bell foundry tower will be available after the service. By kind permission of the Rev. Canon Briggs, the Rectory grounds will be open. Tea will be provided in the Fearon Hall for those who apply for tickets by Thursday, June 2nd, to Mr. D. S. Collins, 145, Paget Street, Loughborough.

DEVON GUILD. — North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Huntsham on Saturday, June 4th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those requiring tea kindly inform me by Monday, May 30th?—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silvertown, near Exeter.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Cowden on Saturday, June 4th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Will all those intending to be present kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, June 1st? All ringers welcome. — G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—A special meeting will be held at Croydon on Saturday, June 11th, the nature of business being despatched to each member by post. Bells of St. John's Parish Church (8) available from 3 o'clock and during the evening. St. Peter's (10) during evening only. Service in Parish Church at 5 p.m. Address by the President (the Bishop of Croydon). Tea

(free of charge) and meeting following at Parish Hall, Sylverdale Road. Please notify Mr. D. Cooper, 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon, by June 8th, if you are coming to tea. It is the DUTY of every member to be present at this meeting. — Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec., 18, Guy Road, Beddington.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.—Joint meeting of districts of the Herts, Middlesex and Beds Associations will be held at St. Albans on July 23rd. Full details in later issues.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., Herts Association.

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