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THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF BEGINNERS

Among the resolutions which the Central Council is to discuss at the next meeting is one urging ringers to do all in their power to encourage their less proficient brethren. It is a subject upon which there can hardly be two opinions. Unless the less proficient ringers are encouraged, the art of ringing will ultimately become extinct, or, at any rate, the standard of its practice will sadly deteriorate. To maintain efficiency the constantly recurring gaps in the ranks must be filled and the beginners encouraged to improve by every possible means. The difficulties seem to arise in devising and applying the means, and we hope the discussion in the Council will reveal the best way, not only of giving effect to the motion itself, but of enabling ringers to give the encouragement so greatly needed.

Where there is a genuine intention of building up a band beginners get every encouragement, but it is also true that in cases where the ringers themselves are half-hearted—and there are plenty of these about—a good many recruits are lost to the Exercise. To maintain the interest of the beginner there must always be the incentive of progress, and, while it is a mistake to let the learner run before he can walk—to let him ring changes before he can ring rounds properly—he certainly needs the encouragement and opportunity to practise and advance. The discussion will do good if it will show not only the best methods of encouraging the beginner, but how ringers of the half-hearted type are to be induced to offer this encouragement.

When we referred last week to the three motions which have been placed on the Council's agenda we spoke of them as all relating to peal ringing, but we are informed by the proposer of this motion urging the encouragement of beginners that this is not correct. We are rather at a loss to understand why his proposal has nothing to do with peal ringing, when it begins by expressing concern at the comparatively small number of ringers ringing their first peal. On the face of it the motion appears to ask for the encouragement of beginners in peal ringing, but we are prepared to take the word of the proposer that this is not what is intended. Peal ringing, however, may be one form of encouragement, although not every beginner has ambitions in this direction, and even proffered help is rejected. That, at any rate, has been the recent experience of one district secretary. But whether the motion relates to peal ringing or not, the Central Council is likely, we imagine, to pass the motion without an opposition. It will be worthless, however, unless the discussion produces some practical suggestions. A mere pious expression of opinion will

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get us nowhere. What keen ringers will want to know is whether there are any ways still unexplored by which beginners may be encouraged; what keen beginners will be glad to learn is the means by which the half-hearted exponents of the art can be encouraged to help them on to higher things. If this is forthcoming, the debate will be of service, but its value will depend upon how far it can have a practical application.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 7, 1934, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor 28½ cwt.

FREDERICK H. DEXTER 1	...Trebble	WILLIAM H. CLARKE 6
JOHN H. SWINFELD 2		A. JAMES HARRIS 7
*ERNEST H. BAGWORTH 3		RICHARD H. BARTRAM 8
WALTER WALLACE 4		JOSEPH A. FENTON 9
†KENNETH A. ROE 5		JOHN GRANT Tenor

Composed and Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal on ten bells.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 14, 1934, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

ROBERT J. DAWE 1	...Trebble	*A. WINGFIELD DURHAM 6
*STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG 2		ALFRED C. PANKHURST 7
*FREDERICK H. DALLAWAY 3		*HERBERT MARKWELL 8
GEORGE W. STORES 4		*FREDERICK WHITE 9
FRANK BENNETT 5		STAFFORD H. GREEN... .. Tenor

Composed by J. S. GOLDSMITH. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
* First peal of Bob Royal. Especially arranged to celebrate the wedding of Mr. R. W. E. Dawe and Miss E. M. Morris, which took place at the above church on the same day.

LEEK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 14, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD-THE-CONFESSOR,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

ALFRED RIDER 1	...Trebble	WILLIAM P. DEANE 6
ROBERT G. LEWIS 2		JOHN RIDER 7
*WILLIAM CARNWELL... .. 3		EDWIN SHARRATT 8
JOHN E. WHEELDON 4		EDGAR SHARRATT, SEN. 9
THOMAS HURD 5		EDWARD A. RIDGWAY Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by J. RIDER.
* First peal of Royal. First peal of Royal as conductor. First peal of Oxford Royal by all the band except the ringers of the 2nd, 5th and 6th. R. G. Lewis' 60th peal. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. S. C. Stevens, who was recently inducted to the living of the Parish Church.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 14, 1934, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR J. MARTIN 1	...Trebble	HAROLD F. MARTIN 6
WILLIAM SHORT 2		WILLIAM RANFORD 7
MISS AMY R. JOHNSON 3		HARRY PRICE 8
ROBERT G. KNOWLES 4		JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 9
SIDNEY T. HOLT 5		CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by W. WILLSON. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.
Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. W. Short and R. G. Knowles.

SOUTHGATE.—On March 12th, for evening service, 1,260 Bob Royal: A. R. Glasscock 1, Mrs. Tomlinson 2, D. Pink 3, W. Bowdon 4, G. Slater 5, D. Ovington 6, H. Miller 7, W. Pickworth 8, J. E. Miller 9, J. Armstrong (conductor) 10.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

FELIXTON, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 2, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

STEPHAN PARRY Treble	EDWARD JENKINS 5
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	JOHN WORTH 6
WILFRED STEVENSON 3	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON 7
NORMAN HEAPS 4	DAVID VINCENT Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by D. VINCENT.
First touch of Cambridge Major by the conductor. Quickest Major peal on the bells.

STRETFORD, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 2, 1934, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

STEPHAN PARRY Treble	WILFRED J. MOSS 5
EDWARD JENKINS 2	FRED DUNKERLEY 6
CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON 3	NORMAN HEAPS 7
WILFRED STEVENSON 4	JOHN WORTH... .. Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by J. WORTH.
First peal in the method on the bells, and by W. Stevenson and J. Worth. Rung to celebrate the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Moss and the 30th wedding day of Mr. W. J. Moss.

ECCLES, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 2, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

STEPHAN PARRY Treble	WILFRED STEVENSON 5
CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON 2	WILFRED J. MOSS 6
FRED DUNKERLEY 3	DAVID VINCENT 7
NORMAN HEAPS 4	JOHN WORTH... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by C. GUDGEON.
50th peal for D. Vincent in 13 methods from Minor to Cinques for 10 associations in 11 years, five only being on a Saturday. Fiftieth peal together for W. J. Moss and C. Gudgeon.

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 7, 1934, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

Tenor 18 cwt. 18 lb.

WILFRED STEVENSON Treble	JOHN WORTH 5
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 6
STEPHAN PARRY 3	WILFRED J. MOSS 7
NORMAN HEAPS 4	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by C. GUDGEON.
Rung with double calls throughout. It is the first peal in the method by the Association and on the bells. First touch by all the band. The composition is rung for the first time.

ROSS, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 7, 1934, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

JOHN CLARK Treble	WALTER TAYLOR 5
CHARLES EDWARDS 2	WILLIAM POSTIN 6
WILLIAM J. BENIAMS 3	WILLIAM SAUNDERS 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... .. 4	CHARLES L. SADLER Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

The conductor's 200th peal. The band represent eight parishes.

HERTFORD.—On Sunday, March 11th, for matins, at the Church of All Saints, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,277 changes): M. Fulman 1, G. Freestone 2, C. Rush 3, C. A. House 4, R. Dore 5, G. Gray 6, S. A. Carter (first in the method as conductor) 7, A. J. House 8, J. Ladley 9, G. Dittan 10.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 9, 1934, in 1 hr 30 min and 13 min.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES

Tenor 20 cwt.

BERNARD H. SWINSON ... Treble	HARRY HOSKINS 5
ERNEST W. PYE 2	FREDERICK DIGBY 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
JAMES E. DAVIS 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by G. R. PYE.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Monday, April 9, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, BROMLEY COMMON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).

ISAAC EMERY Treble	ALLISON PURDOM 5
*RONALD H. VIGOR 2	†SIDNEY HUMPHREY 6
†ERIC J. BARRETT 3	JOHN E. LYDDIARD 7
PERCY J. SPICE 4	JAMES HURRELL... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. LYDDIARD.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal in the method 'inside.' First peal as conductor. A birthday compliment for the ringer of the fifth.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 9, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDERICK A. SALTER ... Treble	FRANK BRADLEY 5
THOMAS STORER 2	HORACE BYFIELD... .. 6
WILLIAM DICKINSON 3	WILLIAM STIRLAND 7
JOSEPH JOHNSON 4	TOM CLARKE Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by F. A. SALTER.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the fifth.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 9, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOHN H. CHRESMAN Treble	HARRY RAYNOR 5
MARCILLUS J. DIGBY 2	HERBERT E. AODSLEY 6
FRANK WALKER 3	HARRY HOVERD 7
*JAMES E. BAILEY 4	HARRY SIMMONS Tenor

Conducted by HARRY HOVERD.

* First attempt for a peal. First peal as conductor. Rung for the birthday of Miss Marjorie Mitchell, daughter of the Rev. Elliott and Mrs. Mitchell.

SCUNTHORPE, LINGS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, April 10, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

FRANK LORD Treble	GEORGE E. FEIRN 5
MRS. J. BRAY 2	ERNEST BRITAIN 6
GEORGE W. MOODY 3	JACK BRAY 7
GEORGE W. CREASEY 4	THOMAS WARR Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

A birthday compliment to Mr. G. E. Feirn.

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On Tuesday, April 10, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.	
C. EDWARD LANKESTER Treble	† WALTER F. HOLLOWAY ... 5
* THOMAS J. LOCK 2	* JOHN H. BOTHAM 6
ERNEST H. KILBY 3	GEORGE M. KILBY 7
MISS K. M. BRADFORD ... 4	HARRY KILBY Tenor

Conducted by T. J. LOCK.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' † First peal on eight bells.
First peal as conductor.

LEWISHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 12, 1934, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART, No. 1. Tenor 22½ cwt.	
* WALTER TYLER Treble	HARRY WARNETT, JUN. ... 5
HARRY WARNETT, SEN. ... 2	JOHN FOSKETT 6
ALFRED J. HOUSE 3	JACK DAFTERS 7
JAMES BENNETT 4	EDMUND MOUNTER Tenor

Conducted by JACK DAFTERS.

* First peal. First peal in the method by the ringers of 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 and 8. First peal in method as conductor. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Harold Robotham and Miss Diana Cotter, daughter of the Rev. C. R. Cotter, Vicar of St. Mary's, Lewisham. 50th peal by Alfred J. House.

DUNSTABLE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 13, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 24 cwt.	
* JAMES G. NEWMAN Treble	JAMES BENNETT 5
CHARLES W. CLARKE ... 2	CLIFFORD ROLLINGS ... 6
ALBERT FLEET 3	* ALBERT G. MATTHEWS ... 7
MISS EVELYN STEEL ... 4	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. SHARMAN.

* First peal of Cambridge. This and the peal at Woburn were arranged, with much pleasure, for Mr. J. Bennett.

WOBURN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 14, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.	
ARTHUR E. SHARMAN Treble	CLIFFORD ROLLINGS ... 5
* JAMES G. NEWMAN ... 2	JAMES BENNETT 6
MISS EVELYN STEEL ... 3	ERNEST HERBERT 7
CHARLES W. CLARKE ... 4	LEONARD FIDLER Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. E. SHARMAN

* First peal of Major 'inside.' The conductor has now rung a peal 'round the circle' in this tower, and is the first to do so.

SHERBORNE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 14, 1934, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE ABBY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 46 cwt. 5 lb.	
HENRY R. NEWTON Treble	MAJOR JOHN H. B. HESSE ... 5
REV. C. CARW COX 2	ALBERT A. HUGHES 6
ALAN R. MACDONALD ... 3	HERBERT LANGDON 7
WILLIAM C. SHUTE 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Lt.-Col. F. J. B. Wingfield Digby, D.S.O., chairman of the Board of governors of Sherborne School, also as a welcome to Mr. A. R. Wallace, the new headmaster of Sherborne School. The first peal on the bells since they were restored and the tenor recast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

CHIPPING BARNET.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 14, 1934, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 24 cwt.	
* MICHAEL PULLMAN Treble	† BERNARD H. SWINSON ... 5
CEALIS F. WINNEY 2	ALFRED J. HOUSE 6
CYRIL A. HOUSE 3	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... 7
ROBERT ROFFEY 4	JOHN DRYDEN Tenor

Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 14, 1934, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 14 cwt.	
* SYDNEY EDWARDS Treble	JAMES MORGAN 5
ROBERT SPERRING ... 2	EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... 6
JOHN GRIFFITHS 3	ROLAND PARK 7
GEORGE R. JONES 4	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

* First peal in method.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 14, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 12½ cwt.	
WILLIAM BIBBY Treble	† JOSEPH LITTLER 5
JOHN E. BIBBY 2	ALBERT CRAWLEY 6
NORAH M. BIBBY 3	RICHARD T. HOLDING ... 7
* GEORGE H. CRAWLEY ... 4	CECIL RADDOX Tenor

Conducted by J. E. BIBBY.

* First peal in the method. † First attempt for a Surprise peal. Rung after meeting at Daresbury, where illness near the church prevented ringing. A birthday peal for Miss Dorothy Holding.

HEANOR, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 14, 1934, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.	
WILLIAM THORNLY, JUN. Treble	WILLIAM DICKINSON ... 5
FRANK BRADLEY 2	JOHN E. HOBBS 6
* ROGER D. ST. J. SMITH ... 3	WILLIAM STIRLAND 7
THOMAS STORER 4	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by F. A. SALTER.

* First peal of Bob Major. Rung on the 30th anniversary of J. E. Hobbs' entry into the field of campanology.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 14, 1934, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.	
WILLIAM MILLER Treble	NORMAN BROWN 5
THOMAS HANNON 2	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 6
JOHN WOODS 3	JOSEPH A. TOMLINSON ... 7
* ROBERT HOLMES 4	JOHN BOOTH Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal. Rung on the eve of 'Bell Sunday' at the above church, and was arranged for the ringers of 2nd, 3rd and 4th, who hail from Lancaster.

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**HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Saturday, April 14, 1934, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

HARRY WINGROVE Treble	ROLAND BIGGS 5
FREDERICK BIGGS 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 6
WILLIAM WELLING 3	GEORGE MARTIN 7
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 4	CECIL C. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

**STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, April 14, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*CHARLES H. BRIGGS Treble	†CECIL E. CARR 5
ERNEST MORRIS... .. 2	†C. HENRY WEBB 6
*REV. R. P. FARROW 3	ALFRED BALLARD 7
GEORGE A. NEWTON 4	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS

* 50th M.C.A. peal. † 25th M.C.A. peal. ‡ 100th M.C.A. peal. The same conductor called his first peal in the same tower. 50th peal together by ringers of 7 and 8.

FAREHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 14, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*MISS JOAN PEARCE Treble	HENRY JENNINGS... .. 5
WILLIAM LINTER, JUN. ... 2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 6
CHARLES E. BASSETT ... 3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 7
TOWER R. TAYLOR 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS

* First peal and first attempt.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 14, 1934, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

*ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS ... Treble	*WALTER R. FARROW... .. 5
GEORGE MAYERS 2	NOLAN GOLDEN 6
*RUSSELL W. CURSON ... 3	ERIC G. BENNETT 7
†HENRY TOOKER 4	WILLIAM J. CLOVER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First Surprise peal at first attempt. † First attempt for a Surprise peal 'inside.' First peal in the method on the bells.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, April 15, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5168 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*CHARLES M. CLARKE ... Treble	FREDERICK C. CLARKE ... 5
HAROLD E. SYMONDS ... 2	JOHN F. TILLET 6
PHYLLIS E. TILLET ... 3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 7
CHARLES CLARKE 4	FREDERICK J. TILLET ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

* First peal. The ringers were three generations each of Clarke and Tillet and two of Symonds. Believed to be the first band thus constituted. Mr. Clarke, sen., is in his 82nd year.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.—For evensong, on Sunday, March 4th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: G. Basford 1, J. E. Main 2, H. Ette 3, C. Richardson 4, G. Ette 5, H. Pettitt 6, A. W. Boddington (conductor) 7, G. Warner (first quarter-peal) 8.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—At St. Peter's, a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Triples: H. Trower 1, Eric Morey 2, G. Payne 3, F. Parsons 4, A. E. Baker 5, W. Morey 6, C. Tyler (conductor) 7, E. Brown 8. First quarter-peal by treble and first in the method by ringers of 2, 6 and 8.

SIX BELL PEALS.

**BUTTERWICK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 2, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Canterbury Pleasure, Kent Treble Bob, Single Court, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

FRANK P. HARWOOD Treble	*HARVEY E. BURRELL 4
CYRIL BURRELL 2	HAROLD BARSLEY 5
JOHN J. L. GILBERT 3	WILLIAM E. CLARKE... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. E. CLARKE.

* First peal in seven methods on an 'inside' bell. The ringer of the treble has now 'completed the circle' at this tower.

**BILLINGBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Saturday, April 7, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's in eleven methods: (1) St. Clement's and College Single, (2) Double and Single Bob, (3) Double and Single Court, (4), Double and Single Oxford, (5) Kent, (6) Oxford, (7) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 7½ cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMSON ... Treble	ARTHUR I. HOLMES 4
HORACE M. DAY 2	WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... 5
*MOSES BILLINGS 3	JOHN G. AMES Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First peal in eleven methods.

ASHWELL, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 7, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Sandal Exercise, New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 17 cwt.

DONALD C. MBARS Treble	JOHN WELCH 4
ALBERT LAWRENCE 2	BARNARD PATMORE 5
SIDNEY CARTER 3	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ... Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY CARTER.

First peal of Treble Bob Minor on the bells.

**EXHALL, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**

On Saturday, April 7, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

*GORDON L. F. MELVILLE Treble	MALCOLM C. C. MELVILLE 4
†SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY ... 2	WILLIAM A. STOTE 5
‡JOHN GIBBONS 3	JOSEPH H. BEALE Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH H. BEALE.

* First peal away from tenor 'covering.' † First peal of Minor and rung at first attempt. ‡ First peal of Minor.

**BENINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 7, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM E. CLARKE... .. Treble	HARVEY E. BURRELL 4
JOHN J. L. GILBERT 2	HAROLD BARSLEY 5
*GEORGE W. BURRELL ... 3	FRANK P. HARWOOD Tenor

Conducted by W. E. CLARKE.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal of Doubles by all the band except ringers of treble and tenor.

SOUTHGATE.—On February 25th, for morning service, 1,280 London Surprise Major: A. R. Glasscock 1, S. Wade 2, J. G. Nash 3, G. E. Plater 4, N. A. Tomlinson 5, H. Miller 6, J. E. Miller 7, J. Armstrong (conductor) 8. For evening service 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Mrs. Tomlinson 1, D. Pink 2, G. E. Plater 3, D. Ovington 4, E. H. King 5, W. Pickworth 6, J. E. Miller 7, J. Armstrong (conductor) 8.

APPLEBY MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 7, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.).

CECIL G. SMITH... .. Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON 4
GEOFFREY W. CLAYFIELD 2	WILLIAM H. CURSON 5
*FRANK SHARPE 3	OLIVER HINES Tenor

Conducted by W. H. CURSON.

* First peal. A birthday compliment to G. W. Clayfield.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, April 8, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 21 different 240's. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*THOMAS BEAVER Treble	JAMES P. HYETT 4
G. JAMES R. PRICE 2	ALBERT E. JONES... .. 5
WILLIAM BEAVER 3	JAMES L. GOODE Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal.

WALLINGTON, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 9, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

DONALD C. MEARS Treble	SIDNEY CARTER 4
ALBERT LAWRENCE 2	JOHN WELCH 5
BARNARD PAYMORE 3	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 9, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. COEHERT, STELLA,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, St. Clement's Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt. in B.

A. DEAS... .. Treble	R. W. LEIGHTON 4
H. P. CLIFF 2	S. THOMPSON 5
K. W. CHEESEMAN 3	W. J. DAVIDSON Tenor

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

Rung to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the dedication of this church.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTTS, HUNTS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 11, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Plain Bob and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble and Oxford Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR J. ABRAMS Treble	*WILFRED YOUNG 4
FRANK WARRINGTON 2	JOE GRAINGER 5
STANLEY MURPHY 3	WILLIAM SEREINGS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SEEKINGS.

* First 'inside.' Mr. F. Warrington has now rung each bell in the tower in a peal.

BISHOP'S HULL, SOMERSETSHIRE.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(TAUNTON DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Thursday, April 12, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, called differently. Tenor 13 cwt.

JACK ROY Treble	*HORACE LEA 4
*G. LESLIE PRYKE 2	HARRY CHURCHILL 5
FREDERICK G. SPARKS 3	WILLIAM H. LLOYD Tenor

Conducted by W. H. LLOYD.

* First peal.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

STRETFORD RINGER'S DIAMOND WEDDING.

CELEBRATED BY THREE PEALS IN A DAY.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Moss, of Stretford, Manchester, celebrated their diamond wedding on Palm Sunday, having been married at Manchester Cathedral in 1874. Mr. Moss, who is 83, is still remarkably active. He was a member of the Loyal Brookes Lodge of the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows, and has held every office in the branch, including that of secretary, an appointment which he held for 50 years. He was also a ringer at Stretford Parish Church for over half a century, and has now left the captaincy of the band to his son, Mr. Wilfred J. Moss.

To celebrate the diamond wedding a band met at Flixton on Easter Monday morning and, on the old Rudhall ring, completed a peal of Cambridge Major, commencing at 10.30. Then after lunch at the Church Inn, where Mr. D. Vincent was host, they went on to Stretford. Here Mr. W. J. Moss joined in (he was himself celebrating his 30th wedding anniversary), and David, who had slain the giant, was allowed to rest. Here again success was met with in a peal which commenced at 2.25. The spare man had tea ordered when ringing ceased, and, this disposed of, the ringers journeyed on to Eccles, but the 'Tyke' could not be persuaded to stand in as his last train left at 9 p.m., and offers of digs would not tempt him. (It was rumoured 'Kate' was at Low Moor.) However, Mr. W. J. Moss kindly took the vacant rope, and a splendid peal was rung, commencing at 6.45—the third in one day!

ANOTHER DIAMOND WEDDING.

On Monday, April 9th, at the Church of St. James-the-Great, Shirley, Warwickshire, a quarter-peal of Doubles (1,260 changes, being 120 Stedman and 1,140 Grandsire, with nine different callings) was rung to commemorate the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Perry, who were headmaster and headmistress of the village school for 44 years. Mr. Perry was also choir-master and organist for nearly 40 years. The ringers were: Edgar C. Shepherd (conductor) 1, Kathleen Morris 2, John Jukes 3, Paul Newell 4, Arthur Morris 5, Charles Harrison 6.

RINGERS' WEDDING AT HIGH WYCOMBE.

BOREHAM—KENDALL.

The ever-growing total of happy marriages at High Wycombe has now added another ringers' wedding to its long list. This time, however, it was a pair of ringers, when Frank Donald Boreham and Norah Mary Winifred Kendall were united for better and better. Dressed in white satin, and carrying a bouquet of white carnations, arum lilies, and heather, the bride was so punctual that she was nearly early, and some of those who expected the usual late arrival missed the opening words of the ceremony, which was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. W. L. P. Float, assisted by Rev. G. E. Wigg, Deputy Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, of which the bridegroom is an active member. His 'best man' was Mr. A. D. Barker, who is not exactly unknown in these parts. The bridesmaids were Miss Joan Boreham (sister) dressed in yellow crepe-de-chine, and the Misses Joan and Hazel Neale (cousins of the bride), dressed in green taffeta. All three carried bouquets of daffodils.

Ringers from various parts were present in church, amongst whom were noticed Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Deal, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hawkins, Mr. T. J. Fowler (Branch Ringing Master), Mrs. A. D. Barker and Mr. W. E. Redrup.

A peal of Stedman Cinques was rung to commemorate the occasion, and has already been recorded in these columns.

After the ceremony the photographer had to have his time allowance, and then a large party of friends and relations adjourned to a nearby hall for refreshments. The bride and bridegroom's health was 'eaten with cake,' and no speeches (by the bride's orders).

When the tables were cleared an excellent course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells, followed by one of Stedman. Then a few tunes, followed by dancing. Piano, gramophone and wireless all served their turn, until the happy couple departed, everyone wishing them 'the best of luck.'

WEDDING AT CHRISTCHURCH.

At Christchurch Priory Church, on Saturday, the wedding took place of Mr. K. Derham (a member of the local company of ringers) and Miss E. M. Andrews (niece of the District Ringing Master).

The bride, who wore a blue costume, was given away by her uncle (Mr. George Preston) who, after the ceremony, conducted the quarter-peal. The best man was Mr. G. Spragg, a fellow-ringer. About 100 guests, including the ringers, were entertained by the bride and bridegroom at their new residence, the Avon Beach Cafe, at Mundford. The numerous presents were much admired, and the happy couple were 'toasted' in various beverages.

The honeymoon is being spent at Teignmouth, Devon. Before the wedding 395 Grandsire Caters was rung: F. Stonestreet 1, Miss C. Sparshott 2, Miss M. Hodges 3, E. V. Hinton 4, R. O. Street (conductor) 5, S. White 6, F. E. Pitman 7, F. Sparshott 8, W. Fowler 9, J. Wakom 10. After the ceremony 1,320 Grandsire Cinques was rung: *F. Stonestreet 1, R. O. Street 2, *Miss M. Hodges 3, E. V. Hinton 4, *A. V. Davis 5, S. White 6, F. E. Pitman 7, *A. F. M. Stewart 8, *E. T. Griffin 9, F. Sparshott 10, G. Preston (conductor) 11, W. Fowler 12. * First quarter-peal.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PROPOSED GIFT TO THE LATE HON. SECRETARY.

The bi-monthly meeting of the Shropshire Association was held on April 14th at Wem. Before the meeting the bells of the Parish Church, which were recently renovated and rehung, were rung to various touches. The Rector, the Rev. P. R. Turner, conducted a short service, and 37 members of the association subsequently took tea in the Church Hall. Mr. Turner was thanked for his interest and help, and for the tea which he kindly provided. Thanks were also extended to the ladies who had served tea, to the organist, Mr. Norman Chamberlain, and to the choir.

At the business meeting which followed, Mr. E. Barnett presided, and said that he was pleased to be able to inform the company that the whole of the money for the restoration of the bells had been raised.

It was decided to send a cheque to the late hon. secretary, the Rev. F. Tennyson, in recognition of his valuable services, the association to augment the amount subscribed to bring it up to £20.

Recent meetings of the associations have been well attended, and in order to further encourage beginners the society decided to pay half tea expenses when necessary.

Mr. S. Roper, of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, was present, and took part in the ringing, which embraced standard eight-bell methods, with Minor and Doubles, and rounds for the learners.

The next meeting is to be held at Pontesbury.

WORCESTERSHIRE RINGER'S TRAGIC DEATH.

We regret to announce the death, under tragic circumstances, of Mr. Ernest Gibbs, of Hanley Castle, Worcestershire, on March 29th, at the age of 57 years, through injuries sustained from a fall from a tree the previous day.

Deceased was a well-known member of the Worcestershire Association, and it was mainly through his influence that the bells of St. Mary's, Hanley Castle, were restored and rehung in 1925. His peals, which numbered well over 100, were rung chiefly on six and eight bells.

The funeral took place on Tuesday, April 3rd, at St. Gabriel's, Hanley Castle, and was attended by a large number of mourners. The Worcestershire Association was represented by Messrs. J. R. Newman (general hon. secretary), C. Camm (Branch Master), T. Hawkes (branch secretary), R. G. Knowles, W. Ranford, E. E. Barber, S. T. Holt, J. Rowlett, F. Lawrence, H. Bishop and E. Maund. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by F. Hawkes, S. T. Holt, R. G. Knowles and C. Camm, and later a half-muffled peal was rung on the tower bells.

MOULTON'S NEW BELLS.

TO BE DEDICATED TO MISSIONS PIONEER.

A year ago Dr. S. Madge, F.S.A., of London, promised Moulton Church a treble bell if the Vicar (Rev. J. M. Turner) would also give one. The Vicar promptly accepted the offer, ordered the bells to be made, drew the cost of one from Dr. Madge, started a subscription list, and after less than twelve months' effort has obtained all the money for the other bell. The bells are now to be seen near the belfry waiting to be hung. They are both dedicated to Dr. Wm. Carey, the pioneer of modern English missions, who thought out his schemes while working as a cobbler in Moulton.

As Wm. Carey died June 9th, 1834, they will be dedicated on that date at 3 p.m., which falls this year on Saturday. It is to be hoped that all the district ringers will rally at Moulton on that date and have a pull on the eight. The two new bells are by Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HOLIDAY MEETING AT MIDDLEHAM.

A very happy meeting was held at Middleham on Easter Monday. Middleham is noted for more things than bellringing. The Richard the Third memorial window, which is being inserted in the church, is to be unveiled to-day. The people of the district claim that Richard III. lived in Middleham, and was the founder of the present church. Another point of interest is that the Middleham people claim that their beautiful castle was demolished by Guy Fawkes.

Ringers attended the meeting from Middlesbrough, Darlington (St. John's), Holy Trinity, Ladcaster, Leeds, Thirsk, Ormsby, Croydon, and the local company.

Dinner was provided at the Commercial Hotel, and was presided over by the president, Mr. J. Stott (Thirsk), supported by Mr. J. C. Pollard and the secretary (Mr. T. Metcalfe).

This meeting is regarded as a holiday outing, and therefore no business is transacted. The president, however, offered a most hearty welcome to Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Johnston, of Croydon, and Mr. and Mrs. Percy Johnson, of Leeds, for their attendance.

Mr. Johnston and Mr. P. J. Johnson acknowledged the welcome.

Mr. J. C. Pollard proposed that the best thanks of the association be accorded to the Rector and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and hoped that Mr. H. Parrish (captain of the local ringers) would convey that appreciation to the headquarters.

The bells are a very nice peal of eight (tenor 17 cwt.) by Taylor and Co., installed about 1906. The meeting was most successful and enjoyable. The methods rung included Superlative Surprise, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob and Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The suggestion that Big Ben should be recast has again been revived in the Press. Even supposing there was a genuine public desire for a new bell to replace the one whose sound is now familiar to listeners throughout the world, there are expensive difficulties in the way. Big Ben could not be lowered, or a new bell hoisted into position, unless an aperture were cut in the side of the tower or part of the roof removed—an undertaking which would probably cost thousands of pounds.

Mr. Alfred H. Pulling has been presented with a clock by the old boys of Guildford Royal Grammar School, where he has been caretaker for more than 25 years. The clock bore the inscription, 'Presented to A. H. Pulling by the Old Guildfordians' Association as an expression of appreciation, 1908-1934. Time flies.'

Three generations of each of two families, together with two generations of another, rang a peal at Grundisburgh, Suffolk, last Sunday—three Tilletts, three Clarkes and two Symonds. The senior member of the band—Mr. Charles Clarke—is 81.

A peal of 'Real Double Norwich Court Bob Major,' at Moorside, Oldham, recorded this week, prompts one to ask if this is really the correct way to describe what was rung. The calling of bobs when the treble is behind does not alter the method.

The meeting of the Surrey Association, which was to have been held at Kingswood to-morrow, is transferred to Reigate, owing to illness at the former place.

The Rev. S. C. Stevens, who has proved himself to be a 'ringers' parson,' has recently been inducted to the living of the Parish Church of Leek, Staffs, and the ringers have welcomed him to his new benefice with a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal.

The peal rung at Rock Ferry on Thursday week was an achievement of which the band can be proud. The footnote reveals the reason.

The East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, noted for the 'bright young things' who enliven the meetings, is in a very flourishing condition. The balance sheet just issued shows receipts from hon. and ringing members' subscriptions of £27 2s. 6d., including a gathering in of arrears, one member having paid from 1923 onward. There's an example to 'defaulters'! Two hundred and forty-two ringing members paid for 1933, and the balance in hand has increased by £4 11s. 11d.

Mr. Harry Chapman is churchwarden for the third year in succession at Keyston, Hunts. Mr. A. J. Ginn, Mr. F. Warrington and Mr. G. Whybrow are on the Church Council at Over. Mr. F. Warrington has just finished a term of office with the Over Parish Council.

Beverley Minster bells were broadcast on Sunday evening from the Northern Regional station. While they were ringing the Bourdon bell, 'Great John,' was rung, and its deep note, harmonising with the other bells, added to the impressiveness of the sound.

The ringer of the seventh in the peal at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on March 26th, was Ernest Brett, and not Joseph Marks, as reported.

TWO PEALS IN A DAY.

MR. JAMES GEORGE HOLDS THE RECORD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Referring to your remarks in Belfry Gossip as to the oldest ringer to ring two peals in a day, I must heartily congratulate my young friend, Mr. Nevard, in ringing two peals in one day on April 2nd, 1934, on the 3rd and 4th bells. Mr. Nevard was 78 on February 8th, 1934.

I succeeded in ringing two peals in a day twice last year after I was 79. On August 10th, 1933, I rang the 21 cwt. tenor at Cleator Moor to Double Norwich Major in 3 hours 16½ mins., and the treble at Egremont to Cambridge Surprise Major in 3 hours 4 mins.

On September 9th I rang the 14½ cwt. tenor at Port Sunlight to Double Norwich Major in 3 hours, and the 12½ cwt. tenor at Frodsham to Cambridge Surprise Major in 3 hours and 2 mins. When these peals were rung I was close on 80. I did not think so much of these performances, as I still hope to ring four peals in one day.

JAMES GEORGE.

DEATH OF MRS. J. THOMAS.

The many ringers in all parts of the country who know Mr. John Thomas, one of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank's bell hangers, will deeply sympathise with him in the death of his wife. Mrs. Thomas, who had been ill for some time, passed away at her home at Suffolk Road, Ponders End, on Sunday.

Mrs. Thomas was herself a ringer, and a member of the Ladies' Guild and other ringing organisations. She had rung several peals, and although of recent years she had been unable to do a great amount of ringing, her interest in ringing matters never lessened, and she rang at Edmonton on Sundays when possible.

The funeral took place yesterday (Thursday) at Enfield Highway.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

900 MEMBERS AND £900.

The 54th annual general meeting of the Kent County Association was held at Maidstone on Easter Monday, when nearly 200 members attended.

The committee met prior to the service, and among other business £5 was voted from the Belfry Repair Fund to the Stone-in-Oxney restoration as a memorial to the late Mr. Chas. Player, £5 to Eger-ton, and £3 to Stouting, where it is proposed to add two trebles to make a peal of six.

The association service was held in the Church of All Saints at noon, conducted by Canon Sopwith, and an excellent address given by the Rev. C. W. Martyn (Vicar of St. Peter's, Maidstone). Canon G. C. E. Ryley officiated at the organ. A collection for the benevolent fund of the association realised £2 1s.

The annual dinner and meeting were held at the Corn Exchange. Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council and vice-president of the K.C.A.) presided, and was supported by Canon Sopwith, Canon Ryley, Rev. C. W. Martyn, Mr. G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary of the Central Council), Mrs. Fletcher, and the officers of the association.

After dinner had been disposed of, Mr. F. White, submitting the toast of 'The Archbishop of Canterbury and the Clergy of the County,' said the association always had the greatest assistance from the clergy. He coupled with the toast the names of Canon Sopwith, Canon Ryley and the Rev. C. W. Martyn.



LEEDS CHURCH, KENT,
where James Barham is buried.

Canon Sopwith, in reply, said he had met with nothing but kindness, consideration and good fellowship from the bellringers of the county.

The Rev. C. W. Martyn congratulated the association on the success of the meeting.

Canon Ryley said that as a member of the committee for many years, he had come into contact with many bellringers, and knew their worth. Kent had some wonderful bells.

NEARLY 900 RINGING MEMBERS.

Presenting the report, the Hon. Secretary, Mr. F. M. Mitchell, said that in 1933 there were 56 fewer practising members than during the previous year. They hoped all members would do their best to increase the membership. The reason for nearly a five per cent. drop was probably that they had not encouraged their young beginners. They asked the clergy of the county to induce new members to take up ringing, and as an encouragement to young members the subscription for members under 16 would be reduced to 1s. a year.

There were 110 towers in the association, and 899 practising members. They had lost ten members by death, and he specially mentioned the late H. G. Fairbrass, of Canterbury, one of the foundation members, and Chas. Player, of Stone-in-Oxney. £34 17s. had been subscribed to the memorial to the late Mr. Edwin Barnett, of Crayford, and it was shortly hoped to determine the form the memorial would take.

The association had come out on top in the peal analysis with 153 peals, an increase of seven on the previous year. Twenty-six ringers had rung their first peal, 140 their first in the method, three conducted their first peal, and 10 rung their first as conductor in the method.

FLOURISHING FINANCES.

The balance sheet showed the association to be in a flourishing condition. The balance on the general account showed an increase, and now stood at £41 2s. 1d. From the belfry Repair Fund £15 5s. had

been paid to tower restoration work, and the balance in the fund was now £127 14s. 9d. £13 3s. had been paid from the Benevolent Fund to aged and deserving members. By collections at meetings this fund had been augmented, and showed an increased balance of £19 4s. to £214 19s. 11d.

With invested funds and the balances of the various accounts the total funds of the association now stood at £931 0s. 5d.

In moving the adoption of the report and balance sheets, Mr. Lewis said they showed tribute to the work of their hon. secretary. He also gave welcome to one of the foundation members present (Mr. Philip Hodgkin, of Headcorn).

Mr. Steddy (Edenbridge), seconding, said it gave him pleasure to see so many young ringers present on that occasion.

The report and balance sheets were unanimously adopted.

Mr. F. Brett (Canterbury) proposed that Rule 4 be altered to allow young ringers joining the association to do so at a reduced subscription, viz., 1s. per year, until attaining the age of 16.—This was seconded by Mr. E. Barnett (Crayford) and carried unanimously.

The whole of the officers were unanimously re-elected, with thanks for their work during the past year.

Mr. S. Shellock (Chatham) made an appeal on behalf of a scheme for the restoration of the bells and tower at Newington, at a cost of £1,000.

A similar appeal was made on behalf of the parish of Stone-in-Oxney, a Romney Marsh parish, where it is proposed to rehang the bells in memory of the late Mr. C. W. Player, for many years a well-known ringer in the county. A collection was made in the room and realised £3 18s. 3½d.

AT BARHAM'S GRAVE.

The towers thrown open to the members of the association by the kindness of the clergy concerned were All Saints', Maidstone; St. Nicholas', Leeds; St. Peter's, Aylesford; St. Nicholas', Linton; St. Mary's, West Malling; St. Margaret's, Barming; Holy Cross, Bearsted; and East Farleigh.

After the business meeting some of the company went to Leeds to ring on the peal of ten bells.

Mr. E. H. Lewis had brought a peal of handbells, and before the party ascended the tower a touch of Bob Major, 240 changes, was rung over the grave of Mr. James Barham, who from 1744 to 1804 took part in ringing some 112 peals in Kent.

He is reported to have rung 17 hours during the celebrated peal of Bob Major at Leeds in 1761.

The ringers were Mr. E. H. Lewis 1-2, Mr. G. W. Fletcher 3-4, Mrs. Fletcher (conductor) 5-6, Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., 7-8.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEW BISHOP ASKED TO BE PRESIDENT.

The annual meeting of the Ely Diocesan Association was held at St. Neots on Easter Monday, when about 60 ringers (including several ladies) attended from towers in the diocese, and visitors from considerable distances. The clergy present were the general secretary, the Rev. B. H. T. Drake (Rector of Walsoken), Rev. E. B. James (Fareham) and the Rev. R. Copeman (Cambridge).

A ringers' service was taken by the Rev. H. T. H. Doggett (St. Neots), who gave an appropriate address, in the course of which he asked ringers to remember that their work was not a substitute for worship, but that each had something to contribute to the services in church. He commended ringers and their work to God, and hoped He would pour upon them the riches of His grace.

An Easter hymn was sung, the organ being played by a ringer—Mr. H. J. Hazell, A.L.C.M., of Cambridge.

Tea was provided at Mr. W. S. Shepherd's tea rooms, and after this the business meeting was presided over by Rev. R. Copeman.

The balance sheet, showing £23 in hand, and the report, were passed.

The new Bishop of Ely is to be asked to be president in the place of his predecessor.

The officers and committee were re-elected. Cambridge was agreed upon for next year's annual meeting.

It was agreed to grant from the funds two guineas each to the parishes of Somersham and Littleport towards bell restoration.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the incumbents of St. Neots, Eynesbury and Eaton Socon for permission to ring the bells.

During the afternoon and evening various methods were rung at St. Neots and Eaton Socon, and also 'rounds' for the beginners, the ringers expressing great satisfaction with the bells.

BRIDGWATER RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

Mr. and Mrs. Elsworthy, of Kendale Road, Bridgwater, have just celebrated their golden wedding. They were married on April 7th, 1884, at St. Peter's Church, Tiverton, Devon, where Mr. Elsworthy was a ringer over 38 years. He is now a ringer at St. Mary's, Bridgwater. The ringers offered congratulations by ringing a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, the band being: C. Evans 1, W. Evans 2, S. Russ 3, E. Chapman 4, F. Greedy 5, C. May 6, J. Elsworthy (conductor) 7, W. Parker 8.

Afterwards, Mr. Elsworthy entertained the ringers at the Mansion House, the ringers wishing Mr. and Mrs. Elsworthy continued health and happiness.

NEW RING OF TEN AT RANMOOR.

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE SAM THOMAS.

Within the memory of many still living, "Ranmoor," as it used to be called—"the edge of the moor," as its name signifies—was a picturesque piece of country on the outskirts of the growing town of Sheffield. A racecourse along what is now Fulwood Road attracted the grinders and cutlers of Sheffield; and the grandstand, of which 'Stand House' marks the site, was filled with the local patrons of sport, while through the woods and along the banks of Porter Brook and Oak Brook the children loved to wander in spring and summer.

With the growing prosperity of the cutlery town, many mansions sprang up in the district, and it was John Newton Mappin, of Birchlands, who conceived the idea of building in their midst the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist. The noble church, with its lofty tower and steeple, was completed in 1879 by his munificence, and a peal of eight bells was presented by William Smith, of Hallam Head.



RANMOOR CHURCH, WITH ITS GRACEFUL SPIRE.

Eight years afterwards, in 1887, the year of Queen Victoria's Jubilee, the church was burnt down, the walls and the tower alone remaining, and in 1888, twenty months following the disaster, a still more glorious building was reopened for public worship.

The spire rises to a height of 200ft., and is the highest in Sheffield, and in the tower was housed a ring of eight, with a 15cwt. tenor, that had been in urgent need for many years of rebanding and improvement in tone.

On Saturday, March 31st, the old bells, restored and augmented to ten, were rededicated by the Lord Bishop of Sheffield in the presence of a crowded congregation and 100 ringers of the district.

Ranmoor will always be associated with the late Mr. Sam Thomas, one of the early founders of the Sheffield District Association of Change Ringers and leader of the belfry for many years.

Sam Thomas was born in 1870 at Wath-on-Deerne and came of an old ringing family. He first learnt to ring at the age of nine, joined the Parish Church (now the Cathedral) company in 1889, rang his first peal with them, and was associated with the Ranmoor band from 1895 until his death on June 24th, 1924.

Among his many achievements was the first peal of Original Major, which he composed and conducted, and he was known not only in Sheffield but throughout the country for his ability in teach-

ing young learners as much as for his own excellence as a ringer and conductor of outstanding ability.

A fitting tribute has now been paid to his memory in the presentation of the two trebles to create a ring of ten by the Sheffield and District Society.

At the dedication service the Bishop was assisted by the Very Rev. the Provost of Sheffield (Dr. A. C. E. Jones), the Rev. Canon Bracewell (Rural Dean), the Rev. Canon L. T. G. Smith, and the Rev. H. C. Foster (Vicar of Ranmoor).

An impressive part of the ceremony was when the Bishop, accompanied by the Vicar and churchwardens, Lieut.-Col. R. O. Wever and other members of the Bells Committee, went to the bell tower, where Mr. Cyril Johnston, representing the bell founders, handed over the bell ropes.

An innovation was introduced by the erection in the church of loud speakers which were connected to a microphone in the ringing chamber in order that the vast congregation could hear the ceremony of the actual dedication and the handing over of the bells.

The opening rounds were rung by the local company and special visitors, whilst Messrs. C. Haynes (president), S. F. Palmer (treasurer) and M. E. Wilson (secretary) of the Sheffield and District Society were present in the ringing chamber at the special request of the Vicar.

In the course of an inspiring address his Lordship asked the question, 'Is the ringing of church bells for victory right?'

'I still think,' he said, 'that the ringing of church bells for victory is right. If you have entered into such a terrible thing as war with a good conscience and with a desire to do the right, and if God gives you the victory, I think it is right to ring the bells.'

Dr. Burrows said that it was quite clear from history that the sound of the bells was their original value.

He thought that sometimes in England we had lost a good deal in dropping some of our age-old customs which reminded us of the past and served as a link with it.

There were still great occasions when the bells were sounded. He said marriage bells were one of the best and truest uses of the bells of the church, because they showed to the whole parishioner that marriage was a solemn and sacred thing when performed in the church.

The Bishop also spoke of the moving effect of the muffled peals of bells sometimes still used at funerals. The most common use of the bells was to call people to worship.

The Bishop described the development of bells as the Church had grown, and how science and music had come in through change ringing and the tuning of bells. He paid tribute to the late Mr. Sam Thomas, who devoted much of his time to the perfecting of change ringing, which he introduced in the district.

Immediately after the service, and as the vast congregation was leaving the church, the bells burst forth into their first changes, a well struck touch of Stedman Caters being rung by a specially picked band of ringers, all of whom had been closely associated with the late Mr. Thomas.

A large number of people remained outside to listen to the bells, and all were loud in their praises of the magnificent tone of the new peal.

Tea was served in the Parish Room, at which all the clergy present at the dedication, the churchwardens, Mr. and Mrs. C. Johnston, of Croydon, and some one hundred ringers and friends sat down.

The Bishop again addressed the gathering, and, in addition to what he had already said from the pulpit, added a few words specially to the ringers for the part they had taken in that day's proceedings, and thanked them for their help and kindly interest, for, he said, he never lost sight of the valuable work being done by the ringers in his diocese in the service of the Church.

Mr. S. F. Palmer, on behalf of the Sheffield and District Society, gave a short resumé of the work done in connection with the addition of the two new trebles for the society, the members of which had made themselves responsible for the cost, in their desire to erect some tangible memorial to the memory of their late president. He specially thanked the Rev. H. C. Foster, Vicar of Ranmoor, for his great interest and warm-hearted co-operation, without which their desire could never have been accomplished. In congratulating Mr. Johnston on the fine quality of the peal and the excellence of his firm's work, Mr. Palmer jocularly referred to a previous announcement in the local press of the 'World's best bells for Sheffield Church.' He had sent that bill head to Mr. Johnston, with an addendum of his own, 'Mind they are,' and he hoped that time would prove that they were 'some of the best.'

After tea short touches were rung on the bells in various methods until 9 p.m., in order that every ringer present should have an opportunity of testing the new peal.

The towers represented included Sheffield Cathedral, St. Marie's R.C., Handsworth, Norton, Chesterfield, Bolsover, Rawmarsh, Rotherham, Eastwood, Ecclesfield, Staveley, Bolsterstone, South Anston, Brighton, Workshop and the local company. The visitors included Mr. F. J. Smallwood (Bolton), Mr. W. Dransfield (Almondbury), and Mr. Thomas, brother of the late Mr. Sam Thomas.

THE BELLS.

The inscription on each of the two new trebles runs: 'This bell was added to the original peal of eight bells by the Sheffield and District (Continued in next column.)'

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO THE LATE REV. A. T. BEESTON.**

A meeting of the Bowdon, Stockport and Mottram Branch was held at Mossley on Saturday, April 7th, by kind permission of the Rector. Owing to the inclemency of the weather, and the somewhat difficult geographical position of Mossley for many members, the attendance was rather smaller than usual, but those members who did attend had a thoroughly enjoyable meeting.

The service was conducted by the curate (the Rev. Harold Dawson), who, with the text 'The morning stars sang together,' spoke on co-operation with regard to work in the belfry and the church as a whole. After the service, tea was partaken of by twenty members and friends, and this was followed by the business meeting, under the chairmanship of the curate, at which three new members were elected.

The Chairman of the branch reported on the recommendations of the committee which had been formed to formulate a scheme for the erection of a memorial to the memory of the late Rev. A. T. Beeston, and the meeting gave the committee authority to proceed.

After a discussion on the broadcasting of ringing, the meeting expressed its appreciation of the B.B.C.'s efforts in this direction, and hoped that they could be extended. The secretary was instructed to write to the B.B.C. to this effect.

The meeting concluded with a return to the belfry, where the bells were kept going until 9 p.m. to the following methods: Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Double Norwich Court Bob, Kingston, Sandal and London Scholars' Pleasure.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS ACTIVITIES.**

The East Berks and South Bucks meetings being one long line of successful gatherings it is really only necessary to point out the exceptional ones. The last one held at Chalfont St. Peter was a real 'eye-opener,' over 40 ringers from various parts being present.

The Vicar and two churchwardens were admitted as hon. members, also the entire band from Clewer as ringing members.

This pleased the secretary, who has now got his 30 towers for the report, although unofficially there are two more.

A pleasant service, an excellent tea, and some handbell ringing will long remain in the memory of all those present.

Other features of the occasion were a 120 of Grandsire Doubles by six ladies and a touch of mixed Cambridge and London by a mixed band. Numerous other methods were rung from rounds to Surprise.

Another noticeable point was that about 70 per cent. of the ringers were young people.

A record attendance at the annual meeting is anticipated, and we would emphasise the importance of notifying the secretary early in order that adequate supplies are available for tea. The meeting is to be held at Boyne Hill on April 28th.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Southampton District was held at Lockerley on Saturday, when about 40 members attended from Bishopstoke, Dibden, Lockerley, King's Somborne, Mottisfont, North Stoneham, Farnborough, Southampton and Winchester. Service was held in the Parish Church at 4 p.m., a very pleasing feature being the number of parishioners who attended.

At the business meeting which followed the tea, the band at Mottisfont joined the Guild.

Mr. G. Williams (Ringing Master) congratulated the Lockerley band on the good progress that they had made in the art of change ringing.

It was reported that the Church Council at Broughton were appealing for funds to put their ring of five into order, and, if possible, to add a treble to make a ring of six.

During the afternoon and evening ringing took place in a variety of methods upon the bells at Lockerley, East Tytherley and Mottisfont.

The next meeting is to be held at Dibden on July 14th.

(Continued from previous column.)

Society of Change Ringers in memory of Sam Thomas in 1934.

The former inscriptions have been reproduced on the back eight bells, with the addition of 'Recast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon.'

The ring of ten is in the key of F with a total weight of 73 cwt., the tenor weighing 16½ cwt.

The space in the belfry is limited, but the whole peal has been hung skilfully on one level in a massive cast-iron frame on steel girders.

The fittings are of the latest type, and the tenor and trebles have been fitted with the firm's patent clapper control.

A special sound-deadening floor has been inserted between the belfry and the ringing room, which is just below, and the fine spire has been opened up.

The result of these improvements is well justified by the improvement of the conditions in the ringing room and the general musical effect outside the tower.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston were congratulated on all sides for the production of a fine peal with trebles of outstanding quality and a ring that can be handled with the greatest of ease.

RINGING CONTEST AT HALIFAX.**LIVERSEDGE BAND'S GOOD RINGING.**

A six-bell contest was held at Halifax Parish Church by the Halifax and District Association on April 7th. There were six competing bands, each of which had to ring 600 changes in any method. The judges were Mr. J. Broadley (Bradford) and Mr. Squires (Halifax), with Mr. Salmons (Halifax) as marker. The awards were as follows, the teams being given in the order of ringing:—

Holmfirth.—Penalty 10, faults 124, total 134.

Liversedge No. 1.—Penalty 20, faults 74, total 94.

Shelley No. 2.—Penalty 30, faults 292, total 322.

Shelley No. 1.—Rung out.

Meltham.—Faults 149, total 149.

Liversedge No. 2.—Penalty 20, faults 196, total 216.

Liversedge No. 1 were, therefore, winners of the cup. Their ringing was extremely good.

The first five bands rang Oxford Treble Bob Minor, and the other Kent Treble Bob Minor.

Comments were made on the state of the Halifax bells and surprise expressed that the clock had been stopped for several months owing to lack of funds.

After the ringing, a meeting was held in the vestry, presided over by Mr. E. Ernschaw (Meltham).

The meeting stood in silence for a few moments as a mark of respect to the late Mr. John Tinker (New Mill), a member of the association.

The President moved a vote of thanks to Bishop Frodsham and the churchwardens for the use of the bells and for making the contest such a success.—Mr. F. Townend (Kirkburton) seconded.

Bishop Frodsham, in reply, said it was a great privilege to him to be with the ringers. He said he could not understand the apathy that some people showed towards bellringing. It was an art that required selective skill and team work. Once a ringer, always a ringer. He said he knew from experience that the young men in large towns would not or could not learn ringing. It seemed rather a pity that Halifax, with twelve bells, could only muster six ringers, when places like Liversedge and Shelley had twelve ringers for eight bells.

The Halifax bells dated to 1487, and at the present time practically the same metal was in the bells. What was known as the 'Parson' bell at the Halifax Parish Church was once given in repayment of a debt to the Lacy family, but had since been returned to the tower. The Bishop thanked the ringers for their kind vote of thanks, and hoped they would soon pay another visit to Halifax.

Bishop Frodsham presented the cup to Mr. E. Betts, conductor of the winning band, and congratulated his team.—Mr. E. Betts replied.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION**SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.**

There was a good attendance at the meeting of the South-Western Division at Loughton on Saturday, April 7th, between 50 and 60 members putting in an appearance during the afternoon and evening from Leytonstone, Loughton, Woodford, Dagenham, Newmarket, Fulborne, Bentley, Harlow Common, Cumberwell, Barking, Wanstead, West Ham, Hornchurch, Romford, Edmonton, South Weald, Walthamstow and Exning, and touches in various methods were rung till 5 p.m., when an adjournment was made to the Church Hall for tea.

At the business meeting it was reported by the secretary that since the last meeting they had lost by death Mr. Albert Rainbird, of Bentley, and the members present stood in silence as a mark of respect.

Five new members were elected and High Ongar chosen as the place for the next meeting to be held on June 2nd.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for allowing use of tower and bells, to Mr. J. Rann, of the Loughton band, for having everything in readiness, to the organist and to the ladies for arranging the tea.

Afterwards the tower was again visited and the bells kept going to various methods from rounds for the beginners to Bristol Surprise for the experts.

The next meeting at High Ongar has been arranged at the express wish of the Rector, and it is hoped members will make every effort to attend.

LEWES RINGER'S WEDDING.

On Saturday, at Southover Church, Lewes, Mr. R. W. E. Dawe (a member of the local band and son of Mr. R. J. Dawe, one of the best known of Sussex ringers), was married to Miss E. M. Morris. As the bridal party left the church, Southover ringers, with Mr. F. Bennett and Mr. H. Rann, of Brighton, rang 321 Grandsire Triples and 120 Stedman Doubles. Later, a peal of Bob Royal, in honour of the event, was rung, and afterwards the band were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Dawe to a sumptuous repast at the King's Head. 'Health and happiness to the bride and bridegroom' was a toast enthusiastically honoured, and Mr. F. White, who expressed the good wishes of the band, also thanked Mr. and Mrs. Dawe for their kind hospitality.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

The first quarterly meeting of the year of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held on Saturday, April 7th, at the Parish Church, Shirley. Although only one mile outside the city boundary and on the main road to Stratford-on-Avon, Shirley until a year or so ago retained all the characteristics of an old-world village. But now, owing to the activities of the speculative builder, it is fast becoming a thriving suburb of the city.

The weather was pleasant with nice warm sunshine, and about 40 members were present, amongst them being an old friend, Mr. Vice-President Thomas Russam.

The bells, a pleasant ring of six, were raised at 3.30, and were kept going in various methods until 4.30, when the Guild's special form of service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. S. P. Riley, who also gave an interesting and instructive address.

An adjournment was made to the Church House, where an excellent tea had been prepared, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

A short business meeting followed, the Master, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., occupying the chair. He referred to the loss Mr. J. Johnson (son of Henry Johnson) had sustained by the death of his wife, and tendered to him the sincere sympathy of every member of the Guild.

Apologies for absence were received from Vice-Presidents James George and A. Paddon Smith, also from Mr. G. A. Martineau, of Solihull.

The following new members were elected: Messrs. W. J. Beniams, Ludlow; R. W. Daniels, Edgbaston; D. T. Matkin and S. O. C. Holloway, Smethwick; V. C. Hemus and J. E. Eaton, Selly Oak.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Sutton Coldfield on Saturday, July 7th.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and his address at the service, to Mr. A. Morris (who had recently been elected people's warden) for making the local arrangements, and to Mrs. Morris and her lady helpers in serving the tea, was proposed by the chairman, seconded by the hon. secretary (Mr. T. H. Reeves) and carried unanimously.

Further ringing then took place on the tower bells, whilst others indulged in change ringing on the handbells.

NEW TREBLE BELL FOR DANBURY CHURCH.**AN ESSEX AUGMENTATION.**

At the morning service, on Palm Sunday, the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford dedicated the new treble bell at Danbury, Essex, which has been provided in memory of the late Henry, 13th Baron Fitzwalter, who was patron of the living. There was a large congregation.

The bell was cast and installed by Mears and Stainbank. It weighs 4 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb., and bears the following inscription:—

'Ego, Campana, Dominus Fitzwalter, per multos annos resonabo. Mears et Stainbank me fecerunt, MCMXXXIV.' (I, the Bell, Lord Fitzwalter, will sound through many years. Mears and Stainbank made me, 1934.)

The service was conducted by the Rector, Rev. R. E. Fanshawe, the lessons being read by Dr. C. Armstrong Gibbs.

After the dedication ceremony the Bishop tolled the bell, and at the conclusion of the service touches of Bob Minor and Oxford Treble Bob Minor were rung, those taking part being Messrs. W. J. Nevard (Bentley), H. T. Pye (Colchester), F. Chalk and H. J. Mansfield (Maldon), E. E. S. Johnson (Goldbanger), H. Bowers (Broomfield), G. Coppen (Sandon), G. Cass (Chelmsford), and members of the local company.

Prior to the evening service a quarter-peal of Bob Minor was rung by: H. Joyce (Danbury) 1, H. W. Kirton (Chelmsford) 2, E. Runter (Springfield) 3, Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips (Great Baddow) 4, F. Chalk (Maldon) 5, W. Burgess (Danbury) (conductor) 6.

EASTER RINGING.

YORKTOWN, SURREY.—For evening service, on Easter Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles by an entirely local band: H. Noakes (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Martin 2, S. Beek 3, H. J. Hunt 4, F. Marchant 5, G. Prime 6, F. J. Ewens 7, E. Hunt 8. Rung with 4-6-8 covering.

LLANBRADACH, GLAM.—On Easter Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: *Wm. Waters 1, H. Cassel (conductor) 2, *G. Morse 3, J. Gwillim 4, G. Gwillim 5, F. Stevens 6, L. Stevens 7, J. Williams 8. * First quarter-peal.

BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS.—For evensong, on Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Reed (first quarter-peal) 1, G. Hutchinson 2, J. Hill (conductor) 3, G. Pullinger 4, E. Ayliffe 5, E. Wilson 6, G. Grant 7, R. Clark 8.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.—On Easter Day, 720 Kent Treble Bob: *Miss M. Garley 1, †Miss M. Brown 2, †Miss M. Randall 3, E. M. Atkins 4, †A. Garley 5, T. Garley (conductor) 6. * First 720. † First 720 of Treble Bob. Also 720 Double Court.—On Easter Monday, to welcome the Lord Bishop of the Diocese for the opening of a new Parish Room, 1,260 of Minor, comprising 720 Double Oxford and 540 Plain Bob: Miss M. Garley (first quarter-peal) 1, Miss M. Brown 2, Mrs. Boulton 3, Miss M. Randall 4, Arthur Garley 5, E. M. Atkins (conductor) 8.

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 26th, at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Ealing on Saturday, April 21st. Service at 4.30 at St. Mary's Church. Sermon by the Bishop of Willesden. Tea and meeting at the Good Shepherd Hall, Ealing Road, at 5.15. Charge for tea, 1s. Ringing at St. Mary's 2 to 4.30, St. Stephen's 2 to 4, and at St. Mary's and Christ Church after the meeting.—C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4, and F. W. Goodfellow, 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath, Hon. Secs.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Warwick on Saturday, April 21st. The bells of St. Mary's (10) will be available during afternoon and evening. Short service at 4.30 to be taken by Rev. A. D. Henwood, M.A. Tea at 5 o'clock at Ye Woolpack Hotel. Business meeting to follow. A good attendance is requested.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—A general meeting will be held at Diss on Saturday, April 21st. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Rounds to London Surprise. Everybody welcome, especially friends from over the border. Names for tea, please.—Nolan Golden, 39, Winter Road, Norwich.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Great Tew on Saturday, April 21st. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. Pearson, Hon. Sec., Deddington, Oxford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Bocking on Saturday, April 21st. Bells (8) at 2.30. Service 4.30, tea and business meeting to follow.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Yateley (not Odiham) on Saturday, April 21st. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4.—Major J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Dis. Sec., Lea Cottage, Yateley.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By the kind permission of the Rev. Canon C. Thomas, a by-meeting will be held at Northbourne on Saturday, April 21st.—P. W. Smith, Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A quarterly meeting will be held at West Ham on Saturday, April 21st. Tower open 3 o'clock. Service, if possible, 4.30. Tea 5.15.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec., 7, Gelstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Barrington on Saturday, April 21st. Bells (6) at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. All ringers welcome.—D. G. Taylor, Iminster.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wollaston on Saturday, April 21st. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. Barber, School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Woolwich, on Saturday, April 21st. Bells at 3. Service 5. Tea and meeting to follow.—J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Leighton Buzzard, on Saturday, April 21st. Bells (10) at 3 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Great Munden (6 bells) on April 21st by invitation of the Rector, who will provide tea. Bells open during afternoon and evening. Service and business. All heartily welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden, Herts.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chew Magna on Saturday, April 21st. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held in St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, on Saturday, April 21st. Service at 4 p.m. Tea 4.30, followed by business meeting. Tea by invitation of St. Mary's Society. All ringers welcome.—Wm. F. M. Stenhouse, Hon. Sec., 7, Brantwood Avenue, Dundee.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Please notice: The quarterly meeting arranged to take place at Kingswood is cancelled owing to illness, and will be held at Reigate to-morrow, Saturday, April 21st. Bells 3 to 9 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting after. All welcome.—G. F. Hoad, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Warren Road, Reigate.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Soberton on Saturday, April 21st. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in Parish Hall at 5, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, 14, Cobourg Street, Portsmouth.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The spring meeting of the above branch will be held at Midgham on Saturday, April 21st. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., at 1s. All ringers welcome. Half-hourly bus service from Reading and Newbury.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Checkendon on Saturday, April 21st. Bells available 2.30 to 9 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at the Rectory free to all members of the Guild. Service at 6 p.m. Bus (Kemp's) leaves Blagrove Street, Reading, near Station Yard, at 2.30 p.m.—E. G. Foster, Hon. Branch Sec., 401, London Road, Reading.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting of the above branch will be held at St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme, on Saturday, April 21st. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, Ranmoor, Sheffield. By kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. H. C. Foster) a Grand Ringers' Day will take place on Saturday, April 21st, when the new peal of ten bells, recently installed by

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be available from 2.30 p.m. A hearty welcome to all.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield, 3.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—A quarterly meeting is to be held at St. Giles' to-morrow, Saturday, April 21st. Ringing from 3. Tea in Parish Hall 5. Service at 6.15. Address by Rector, Rev. E. J. Janson Smith.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Joint practice at St. James', Clerkenwell, on Thursday, April 26th. Handbells 6.15 p.m. Tower bells 7.15 p.m. All methods, and all ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Easebourne, near Midhurst, on Saturday, April 28th. Bells available from 3 o'clock.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The next meeting will be held at Hoo, St. Werberg, on Saturday, April 28th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Those requiring tea (1s. per head) must notify me not later than Tuesday, April 24th.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, April 28th. Bells (13) ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m.—S. Thompson, Hon. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, April 28th. Bells, Cathedral (8) and S. Nicolas' (10), available from 3 p.m. Service in Cathedral 4.30 p.m. Tea (free to members, non-members 1s.) in Holy Trinity Hall 5.15, followed by business meeting. Numbers for tea must reach me by Tuesday, April 24th.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Woking.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Thomas' Church, Helmshore, on Saturday, April 28th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Horwich Parish Church on Saturday, April 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting at Lincoln, April 28th. Service in the Morning Chapel of the Cathedral at 3.15 p.m. Tea at 4.30 at the Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, at 1s. 8d. per head, followed by business meeting. Ringing at the Cathedral, St. Peter-at-Gowts and St. Botolph's from 2 p.m. All requiring tea please send their names without fail to Mr. G. Chester, 16, Carline Road, Lincoln, not later than Wednesday, April 25th.—F. W. Stokes, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Thurleigh on Saturday, April 28th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea at Vicarage 5 p.m. A good attendance is hoped for. All ringers are very welcome. Buses by church every hour. Number for tea, please.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Lane, Bromham, Beds.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Sapcote on Saturday, April 28th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea (6d.) at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting.—A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Great Paxton on Saturday, April 28th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at the Sacred Heart R.C. Church, Blackpool (eight bells), on Saturday, April 28th. Meeting 3.30. Ringing from 4 to 6 p.m. only. Members please come forward with current subscriptions.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool.

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leverington, near Wisbech, on Saturday, April 28th. Method, Double Court. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—Edward Barker, Branch Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The general meeting will be held at Leeds Parish Church on Saturday, April 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. and from 5.30 p.m. Business meeting in the tower at 7 p.m. All towers are requested to be represented.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds, 12.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Dallington on Saturday, April 28th. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

ALDENHAM.—Saturday, April 28th. Bells open from 3.30. Tea at Village Club 5.30. Nearest station, Bushey or Radlett. Frequent buses to church. Cheap tickets by rail from all stations.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. City 4270.

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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Christleton on Saturday, April 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Will those who require tea kindly notify me not later than the Thursday previous?—J. W. Clarke, Wayside, Circular Drive, Chester.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Brigstock on Saturday, April 28th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All members should make an effort to attend.—J. Nickerson, Halford Street, Thrapston.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Marshfield on Saturday, April 28th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Kindly let me know for tea by Wednesday, 25th inst. Bus No. 35, Old Market, 3.30 p.m.; No. 96, Kingswood, 4.20 p.m.—Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Bristol, 5.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at All Saints', Boyne Hill, Maidenhead (eight bells), on Saturday, April 28th, at 2.45 p.m. Tea at 1s. per head for those who notify me not later than Monday, April 23rd.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Brading on Saturday, April 28th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. All ringers welcomed. Will those requiring tea please notify me on or before Tuesday, April 24th?—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., Colingwood, 23, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Blackmoor on Saturday, April 28th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4.30 p.m. Will all those requiring tea please let me know by April 25th?—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, April 28th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service in Parish Church 4.30. Tea in Church Room 5. Business meeting follows.—Rev. F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Charminster on Saturday, April 28th. Bells (6) (also Fordington) available from 3 p.m.; St. Peter's, Dorchester (8), from 7.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Barnby Don on Saturday, April 28th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. A cheap tea can be arranged for those who require it. Look up your six-bell methods and let's have a good meeting.—E. Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Wormingford on May 5th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. and tea and meeting at 5.30. Buses leave Colchester at 2 o'clock and 4 o'clock, also Sudbury 2 o'clock and 4 o'clock. All members from Essex and Suffolk Guild are invited. Will all those intending to be present to tea please notify me as soon as possible?—J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Wivenhoe.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at East Peckham on Saturday, May 5th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea (by kind invitation of the Vicar) after service, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, May 1st.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Special meeting at Allendale, on Saturday, May 5th. Dedication by the Bishop of Newcastle of two bells to complete the octave at St. Cuthbert's. Service at 3 o'clock. The Rector invites members to tea in the Parish Hall at 5, after which the bells will be available. Members intending to be present kindly advise me at once.—George S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Farnborough on Saturday, May 5th (not April 21st). Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Notification for tea by May 2nd.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Middleton Stoney on Saturday, May 5th. Tower open afternoon and evening. Service 3.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Those requiring tea please notify F. Sharpe, Launton, Bicester, Oxfordshire.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Deaneries Branch.—The branch annual meeting will be held at Wootton, Oxon, on Saturday, May 5th. 3 p.m., service in the Parish Church. 4 p.m., tea at the School, at 1s. per head. Business meeting to follow. The following bells will be available during Saturday afternoon and evening, by kind permission of the incumbents: Woodstock (8), Bladen (6), and Tackley (6). Members who intend to be present must let me know by Thursday, May 3rd, 1st post. Subscriptions for 1934 should be in my hands on or before spring meeting.—W. Evetts, jun., Hon. Sec., Hill Court, Tackley, Oxon.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Thaxted on Saturday, May 5th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 73, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford, Herts.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Rishton on Saturday, May 5th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Fressingfield on May 5th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Tea 4.30 p.m. Meeting follows.—Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at New Romney on Saturday, May 5th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation of the Vicar) at 5.15 p.m. Business meeting after. Please notify me early so that tea arrangements may be made.—F. Conley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

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