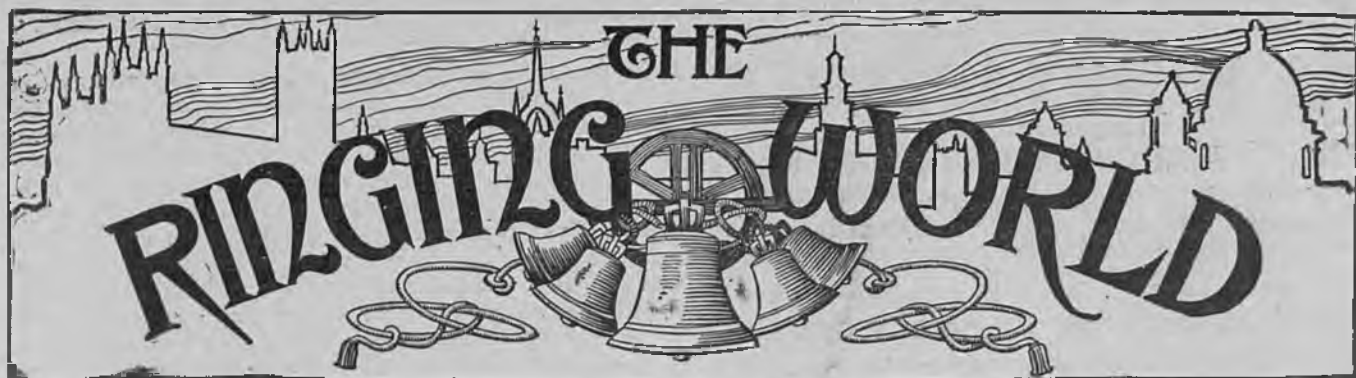




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DEANS AND THEIR WAYS.

The ways of Deans are sometimes wondrous strange. At Lichfield Cathedral, for instance, the bells are only available once in two years—and then only for about an hour—for the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, who meet regularly in the city for their annual meeting. At a dinner at Gloucester recently it was announced that the use of the bells of the Cathedral for the occasion had been refused by the Dean—"owing to the weakness of the tower." In the case of Lichfield it is said that the restriction is due to the dislike of bells which has been expressed by people in the Close, where, too, the Dean lives. It would probably be equally true to say that the same reason is paramount at Gloucester, and that the condition of the tower is a convenient excuse. If the tower is sufficiently safe to allow the bells to be rung twelve times a year, there can be no additional risk to the fabric to ring the bells to a limited degree on one more occasion. This is not the first time that visitors to Gloucester have received a rebuff when applying for the use of the Cathedral bells. We recall an instance when a party of ringers who desired to call there and take part in the Sunday ringing were flatly refused. Instead of being welcomed, as visitors usually are to a belfry, definite orders were issued that they were on no account to be admitted to the tower.

Outsiders are not in a position to dictate to church authorities as to the times when their bells shall be rung or who shall ring them, but there are occasions when refusal of permission to ring, except for the very gravest reasons, is in bad taste and quite contrary to the spirit which ought to be fostered—and happily is in most places—between co-workers in the church. We can never believe that the people in the vicinity of Lichfield Cathedral would have, as a whole, any serious objection to the ringing of the Cathedral bells for an hour or two on one day a year, or that it would affect their nerves any more than does the ringing there in alternate years. Similarly at Gloucester there was good ground for the protest made against the ban. It is perfectly absurd to say that a short spell of ringing on one extra day would add one iota to the risk to the stability of the tower itself. If it would, it is the bounden duty of the Cathedral authorities to take immediate steps to safeguard the building, otherwise it may tumble about their ears on any of the other twelve occasions in the year when the Cathedral ringers ring the bells.

As a matter of fact the type of excuse to which we have referred does not 'go down' with ringers. The authorities might just as well say, 'We don't want you here,' but that, perhaps, would not appear quite so courteous.

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It is, however, a selfish attitude, and it is fortunate for the art of ringing that such cases are few and far between. The general experience is a much happier one, and has done a good deal in the creation of the good relations which now exist between ringers and the Church. But where cathedrals are concerned it is especially unfortunate if the diocesan ringing association cannot have access on special occasions to the belfry of their mother church. It is the place above all where the diocesan tie should be strongest and where the diocesan organisation should be most readily welcomed. Even a Dean, we think, ought to be prepared to sink his personal objection to bells or ringers outside his own band for the sake of occasionally helping to promote the spirit of co-operation between the ringers and the Church.

TEN BELL PEALS.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 28, 1934, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5051 CHANGES;

Tenor 2½ cwt. in D.

JOSEPH B. FENTON Treble	J. LESLIE WILLARS 6
R. HENRY BARTRAM 2	FREDERICK H. DEXTER 7
DR. F. STEDMAN POOLE 3	A. JAMES HARRIS 8
* R. FREDERICK ROE 4	JOSEPH A. FENTON 9
J. FREDERICK MILNER 5	JOHN CRANT Tenor

Composed and Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

* First peal on ten bells. This composition is now called for the first time.

OLDHAM, LANC.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 5, 1934, in Three Hours and Eight en Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 35 cwt.

* FRANK LAWTON Treble	JAMES LEES 6
WILLIAM BRAMMER 2	ROBERT GREENWOOD 7
* HAROLD HAMER 3	VERNON SYKES 8
WILLIAM H. SHORER 4	RICHARD F. DEAL 9
BENJAMIN THORP 5	* HARRY MELLOR Tenor

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD.

Conducted by VERNON SYKES.

* First peal of Caterers and first attempt. First peal as conductor and first attempt. Arranged for Mr. R. F. Deal, of London.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CRADLEY.

On Tuesday, April 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

* THOMAS COX Treble	SAMUEL F. HEAD 5
† ARTHUR GROVE 2	ARTHUR WYRE 6
HAROLD J. SHUCK 3	JOSEPH H. BLOOMER 7
HARRY WYRE 4	* WILFRED COX Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH H. BLOOMER.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal 'inside' on eight bells. Rung to celebrate the completion of the restoration of the church and the dedication of the stained glass windows in the chancel. All the ringers are members of the local band.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 28, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SOULS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt.

*ERNEST PIKE	Treble	JOHN E. MARKLAND	5
ROBERT HOLDEN	2	HERBERT JOHNSON	6
*JOHN HELME	3	JACK KAY	7
*CHARLES BROWNLOW	4	NORMAN CRITCHLEY	Tenor

Conducted by JACK KAY.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung to welcome the new Vicar and his wife (the Rev. and Mrs. G. A. Harper). All are Sunday service ringers at the above church.

GREAT TEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 28, 1934, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt. in G.

*HARRY TREEDOM	Treble	JOSEPH DYER	5
AMBROSE MASON	2	GEORGE EVANS	6
CLAUDE SNOWDEN	3	WALTER ARNOLD	7
CHARLES W. BURTON	4	CHARLES BUTTON	Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by W. ARNOLD.

* First peal of Bob Major. The above band are all bachelors, and wish to associate with this peal Bertie Webb, who was unable to stand in owing to recent illness. Rung as a wedding compliment to Bert Galley, nephew of one of the local band.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 28, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THÉ-VIRGIN, LEYTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*FRANK R. L. BLOWER	Treble	WILLIAM D. GRAINGER	5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	2	JAMES G. A. PRIOR	6
ERNEST J. KING	3	CHARLES A. HUGHES	7
ERNEST E. HOLMAN	4	PERCY J. DAW	Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal away from the tenor bellind.

HODDESDON, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 2, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSEPH LADLEY	Treble	STANLEY A. CARTER	5
ALFRED J. HOUSE	2	SIDNEY CARTER	6
GEORGE MAXIM	3	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM	7
CYRIL A. HOUSE	4	*GEORGE DITTON	Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER.

Conducted by A. J. HOUSE.

* First peal. First peal in the method by all the band except the conductor. First peal in the method as conductor.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 3, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS	Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN	5
CHARLES H. MOORE	2	WILLIAM J. CLOVER	6
WALTER R. FARROW	3	RUSSELL W. CURSON	7
GEORGE MAYERS	4	Cecil V. EBBERTSON	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

HEAVITREE, EXETER.—On Sunday, April 8th, at the Parish Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. R. Sandover 1, T. Laver 2, J. E. Lilley 3, F. M. Rogers 4, C. G. Glass 5, W. S. Lethbridge 6, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 7, A. Mitchell 8. A birthday compliment to the conductor and tenor man.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 3, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*JOHN E. CLARKE	Treble	DR. F. STEDMAN POOLE	5
WILLIAM J. ROOT	2	SIDNEY O. CHENEY	6
LESLIE J. WILLARS	3	FREDERICK H. DEXTER	7
DENNIS DALBY	4	HERBERT PERKINS	Tenor

Conducted by S. O. CHENEY.

* First peal in the method. † First peal.

KETHLINGBOROUGH, NORFOLK.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 3, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

CHARLES W. CLARKE	Treble	*B. JACK STUBB	5
FRANCES BALL	2	HARRY CHAMBERS	6
ALFRED H. MARTIN	3	WALTER PERKINS	7
MISS E. STEELE	4	G. DENNIS DEIGHTON	Tenor

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

* First peal in the method.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 4, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF IPSWICH SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	2	HARRY HOVERD	6
EDWIN A. BARNETT	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	7
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM

The first peal in the method by all the band and in the county.

PRIVETT, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 5, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM LINTER, JUN.	Treble	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY	5
JOSIAH D. HARRIS	2	C. ERNEST SMITH	6
CHARLES E. BASSETT	3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	7
JAMES TOPP	4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by FREDR. W. ROGERS

First peal in the method on the bells.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 5, 1934, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 20 cwt.

JACK CRIPPS	Treble	HARRY HOSKINS	5
HORACE BELCHER	2	JOSEPH MARKS	6
ERNEST BRETT	3	JAMES E. DAVIS	7
JOSEPH WAGHORN	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	Tenor

Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 5, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

DOROTHY R. FLETCHER	Treble	HARRY WINGROVE	5
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER	2	ROLAND BIGGS	6
FREDERICK G. BIGGS	3	GEORGE MARTIN	7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	4	WILLIAM HENLEY	Tenor

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN

Rung for the anniversary of H.M. the King's accession, May 6th, 1910.

HILLINGDON WEST, MIDDLESEX.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday May 5, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

JOSEPH J. PRATT Treble	ALAN R. MACDONALD 5
HERBERT LANGDON 2	WILLIAM H. JOINER 6
WILLIAM S. LANGDON 3	THOMAS LANGDON 7
EDGAR HANCOX 4	FRANK CORKE Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 5, 1934, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Laurence,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

OSWALD CLAYBROOKE Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
LESTER L. GRAY 2	JOHN E. BIBBY 6
THOMAS W. HAMMOND 3	G. RONALD EDWARDS 7
WILLIAM BIBBY 4	EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON

Rung on the eve of Accession Day. It was also a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Lewis and in honour of the Ven. Archdeacon Howson, of Liverpool, who recently attained his 80th birthday.

DODDERHILL, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 5, 1934, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Augustine,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WILDE'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

HENRY H. FEARN Treble	JOHN J. JEFFERIES 5
GEORGE HINTON, JUN. 2	REGINALD WOODYATT 6
* DENNIS SAYERS 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 7
GEORGE E. LARGE 4	FREDERICK G. YATES Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

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

WILESSEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 5, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN H. BOTHAM Treble	GEORGE B. COLLINS 5
* EDWARD LANKESTER 2	JOHN G. NASH 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	HARRY KILBY 7
CHARLES T. COLES 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

* First Surprise peal away from the treble.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 6, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WALTER CLAYDON Treble	CECIL NICE 5
JOHN W. STEADY 2	KENNETH SNELLING 6
GEORGE OLLIVER 3	ALFRED J. BOLL 7
NELSON ELLIOTT 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

Rung in honour of the anniversary of the accession of H.M. the King.

CAVERSHAM, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(St. Peter's Society, CAVERSHAM.)

On Saturday, May 5, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

F. POUNDS Treble	MISS PAT. HOLLOWAY 5
E. ESSEX 2	W. SIMMONDS 6
J. HANDS 3	A. D. COLLUM 7
G. ESSEX 4	C. J. D. COLLUM Tenor

Conducted by A. D. COLLUM.

This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Joseph Hands, who is 77, and George Essex, who is 70 years of age. They have now rung together at the Parish Church for 50 years.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 5, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of SS. SIMON AND JUDE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

* C. WILLIAM BALLARD Treble	FRANCIS R. DEACON 5
ALFRED BALLARD 2	T. KELHAM DEACON 6
WILLIAM NEWTON 3	G. STEDMAN MORRIS 7
GEORGE A. NEWTON 4	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Transposed by E. MORRIS. Conducted by GEORGE STEDMAN MORRIS

* First peal and first attempt. The above band consists of younger and elder brothers respectively.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

SUTTON, ISLE OF ELY.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 each of Double Court, Single Oxford, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr.

FRANK WARRINGTON Treble	* CLAUDE GIMBERT 4
RUSSELL KNIGHTS 2	MANSFIELD GINN 5
* STANLEY FEW 3	GEORGE FEW Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First attempt for a peal. First peal on the bells, the oldest of which date back to 1602. First 720 of College Exercise by all except treble man. Ringers of 2nd, 3rd, 4th and tenor belong to local company. Mr. and Mrs. G. Few kindly entertained the band to tea after the peal.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Sunday, April 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Gabriel,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, with ten callings.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

* GEOFFREY HUGHES Treble	* GEORGE GUNNELL 4
FRANK LAWRENCE 2	CHARLES YOUNG 5
JOSEPH LAWRENCE 3	* LEONARD DOVEY Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH LAWRENCE.

* First peal at first attempt. First peal as conductor.

BEASTED, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 29, 1934, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, called differently.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp.

* CYRIL E. TOWNER Treble	† LEONARD A. TIDY 4
* FREDERICK W. BUDGEN 2	* CHRISTOPHER BARKER 5
* CECIL WARD 3	† JOHN O. WELLER Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD A. TIDY.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Bob Minor. The ringers of treble, 2, 3 and 5 are members of the local company; of 4th and tenor from Limsfield Chart. Rung on the 25th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Lewis.

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 12 extents of Plain Bob (four variations) and 30 extents of Grandsire (ten variations). Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

JAMES PECK Treble	REGINALD R. GOLDSMITH ... 3
SIDNEY SHINGFIELD 2	CECIL H. DOWNES 4
NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor	

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal by all at first attempt except conductor. A compliment to James Peck, who was married the previous day.

SUTTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, May 2, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 12½ cwt.

MISS MILLICENT FEATHERS Treble	WILLIAM GAYES 4
*JOSEPH W. WITTAKER ... 2	JOHN W. L. SLACK 5
STANLEY NOBLE 3	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First attempt for a peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 5th.

GREAT GADDSDEN, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 3, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*CHARLES JEFFS Treble	FRANCIS KIRK 4
BERNARD H. SWINSON ... 2	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 5
STEPHEN H. HOARE 3	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal in seven methods and first attempt at the first two methods. First peal in seven methods on the bells.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 5, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 10½ cwt.

EDWIN GRINDALL Treble	CHARLES BAILEY 4
*ARTHUR WILLIAM BIRD ... 2	FREDERICK WADE 5
EDGAR BAILEY 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

* First peal and first attempt. Arranged and rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. William C. Bunn, a local ringer, to Miss Doris Bird, which took place at the above church the same afternoon.

CARHAMPTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 5, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5940 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, four callings. Tenor 14 cwt. 22 lb.

JAMES WATTS Treble	*SIDNEY WYBURN 4
WILLIAM HOYLE 2	*ISAAC FARMER 5
*HENRY W. LLOYD 3	*ALBERT J. STEVENS ... Tenor

Conducted by ISAAC FARMER.

* First peal of Treble Bob. The Vicar (the Rev. T. S. Dawson) congratulated the ringers after the peal.

HARLINGTON, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 5, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... Treble	*J. E. LEWIS COCKEY ... 4
MISS FRANCES HUMPHREY ... 2	WILFRED G. WILSON ... 5
GEORGE M. KILBY 3	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Tenor

Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

* First peal in seven methods.

PEASEMORE, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 5, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

*MISS MORJORIE C. FIELD Treble	*JAMES W. BERRY 4
*ROBERT W. WARWICK ... 2	*REGINALD W. REX 5
MARK ROSIER 3	GILBERT J. TOWNSEND ... Tenor

Conducted by MARK ROSIER.

* First peal of Doubles. Rung after meeting short for Minor. Miss M. Field kindly made up the band, and so becomes the first lady to ring a peal on the bells.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, May 5, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

FRANK E. PERVIN Treble	*WILLIAM C. RHODES ... 4
*CHARLES H. WEBB 2	JOHN W. TAYLOR 5
†H. CYRIL BURT 3	*WILLIAM A. STOTE Tenor

Conducted by F. E. PERVIN.

* First peal in four methods. † First peal of Minor.

BIGBY, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 5, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

*G. GABRIEL LINDOFF ... Treble	†ELVIN HOWSAM 4
FREDERICK HOLDSTOCK ... 2	†GEORGE DOBES 5
GEORGE L. HALL 3	GEORGE E. FEIRN Tenor

Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

* First peal of Minor. † First seven-method peal. First seven-method peal as conductor.

KNUTSFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 5, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Spliced, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

*RONALD HOUGH Treble	†NORMAN HOUGH 4
†KENNETH LEWIS 2	ALFRED FROST 5
ARTHUR WHITING 3	SIDNEY HOUGH Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY HOUGH.

* First peal in three methods. † First peal. † First in three methods away from treble. Rung on the occasion of the annual 'Royal' May Day festival.

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HONINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, May 6, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in A.

JOHN A. GODFREY Treble	GEORGE MAYERS 4
ERIC A. STEVENSON 2	HENRY TOOE 5
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	CECIL V. EBBERSON Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal by all in seven methods except the conductor, and first peal in seven methods on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

ARMLEY, LEEDS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, April 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,
 AT 28, ARMLEY GRANGE VIEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

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

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by JOHN W. MOORHOUSE
 * First peal 'in hand.' Miss Olive Renton checked off the bobs throughout.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, April 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
 AT LAVENHAM, WOODFIELD AVENUE,

A PEAL OF ERITH LITTLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

HERBERT E. ADDSLEY ... 1-2	GEORGE H. CROSS 5-6
EDWARD J. BEER 3-4	S. SANDFORD 7-8

HARRY HOVERD 9-10

Composed and Conducted by G. H. CROSS.

Umpires—Mrs. Cross and Mrs. E. J. Beer.

This method is rung to Royal for the first time. The band wish to couple the name of Mr. G. J. Butcher with the peal.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Wednesday, May 2, 1934, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,
 AT 18, CLISSON ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 8040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 13 in E.

*A. E. MILLS (King's) ... 1-2	W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 5-6
†REV. A. C. BLYTH (Selwyn) 3-4	REV. B. F. SHEPPARD (Trin.) 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' pair.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, May 2, 1934, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
 AT 'TRENTWOOD,'

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY 1-2	JACK BRAY 5-6
FRANK LORD 3-4	*ERNEST BRITAIN 7-8

Composed by GEO. WILLIAMS. Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal of Major 'in hand.' The conductor's 150th peal.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, May 6, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
 AT 326, NARBOROUGH ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 1-2	HAROLD J. POOLE 5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 3-4	ERNEST MORRIS 7-8

FREDERICK E. WILSON ... 9-10

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

Witnesses—Mrs. R. Richardson and Mrs. H. J. Poole.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. R. Richardson and the anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Morris.

PEALS OF MINOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In his letter in your last issue, Mr. Stephen Wood says, 'An extent is not only the full number of rows possible on a certain number of bells, BUT THE FULL NUMBER OF CHANGES.'

I wonder how he proposes to get the full number of changes into any extent?

There are only 720 rows available on six bells, but there are far more changes than that. Let me give a simple example. If we call two seven hundreds of Cambridge calling the first W.R.W., and the second L.N. 4th's we shall get the same rows in each, but not the same changes.

Take the first bob in the second seven hundred. It is
 146253

164235

Now that change does not come at all in the other seven hundred; nor is any bob-change in either seven hundred used in the other. No two seven hundreds in the same method can contain the same changes.

As a matter of fact there are 1,500 different changes on six bells in a Treble Bob method, though there are only 720 rows. For a plain method there are far more. It is impossible to introduce all these into an extent, with only 720 rows. Neither are we compelled to return to the row we started from, for we can have 720 true rows and 720 true changes without doing so.

I notice that Mr. Pulling, at the Guildford meeting, described my seven hundreds as false. I am wondering what his definition of false is? To my mind, if you never repeat a row and never repeat a change, the composition must be true. Now if Mr. Pulling will look at the first 720 rows in my peal he will find no repetition; neither will he find a change repeated in the first 720 changes. Where, then, does he find the falseness?

Mr. Wood suggests a definition for a peal of Minor in which, as he truly says, many arrangements would be included which the Exercise does not want. The following is the definition that I would suggest: 'A peal of Minor shall consist of seven or more blocks of 720 rows, in each of which no row or change is repeated.'

Seafeld Park.

E. BANKES JAMES.

THE BANKES JAMES ARRANGEMENT.

Dear Sir,—There has been a considerable amount of correspondence in 'The Ringing World' about what should be recognised as a peal of Minor; but, in spite of all that has been written about it, I have yet to meet the ringer who can tell me exactly what the Bankes James arrangement of Cambridge Surprise Minor is.

There may be a number of representatives on the Central Council who have but a hazy idea of this arrangement; yet they will be asked to vote on a motion (or motions) concerning it.

May I beg of you, sir, if space can be spared, to publish the Bankes James arrangement of Cambridge Minor in 'The Ringing World' in order that all those Central Council representatives who need to do so may have an opportunity of studying this arrangement thoroughly for themselves.

H. MILES.

Oxford University Society.

Here are the figures of the Bankes James Arrangement of Cambridge by the bob leads. The figures to the left of each column denote the number of leads between the bobs. The 5,040 is completed by the 'standard' 720.

23456	34256	42356	23456	34256	42356
1 35642	3 34562	3 42563	1 35642	2 62345	2 63425
4 42635	3 34625	3 42635	4 42635	5 36245	4 25163
1 23564	5 63425	4 35642	2 56423	5 23645	1 56342
4 64523	5 46325	1 54263	5 45623	2 56234	5 35642
1 42356	2 53462	5 25463	5 64523	5 25634	1 54263
4 56342	5 45362	1 56342	1 42356	5 62534	1 46325
1 64235	2 23456	1 64235	4 56342	1 23456	5 34625
4 35264	5 42356	5 26435	1 64235	5 42356	1 42563
1 56423		1 63542	5 26435		4 63542
5 45623		1 34253	1 63542		1 34256
1 52364		5 23456	1 34256		5 23456
1 26435					
1 63542					
1 34256					

Each of the above is a 720 beginning in turn with 23456, 34256 and 42356.

MINOR RINGERS INADEQUATELY REPRESENTED.

Dear Sir,—I have been much interested in reading your article in the current issue, 'Brass Button Brigade,' and in the sound 'logic' it contains on the indifference existing, and shown, with regard to this question. I could have agreed entirely with Mr. Melville had he said that not 5 per cent. of the ringers attending the Central Council meeting care a brass button about the whole thing, because that is, I believe, a fact—and the reason is not difficult to find. The great majority of Central Council members are interested only in such peal ringing as Double Norwich and other eight and ten bell methods. Minor ringing and all appertaining to it is not worth bothering about.

(Continued in next column.)

DEVON GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild was held at Collaton St. Mary on Saturday, when there was a good attendance of ringers from Exeter, Buckfastleigh, Plymouth, Brixham, Paignton, etc., as well as the local tower. The bells, which are a ring of five installed in 1923, were made good use of during the afternoon, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles being rung. A hearty service in church was conducted by the Rev. W. R. D. Mills (Vicar), who gave a very helpful address. This was followed by tea in the Parish Hall, and Mr. F. J. Laxton presided over the subsequent business meeting. Apologies for absence were received from the Rev. E. V. Cox (president), Mr. T. Laver (general secretary) and Mr. J. Olding, of Cockington.

For the next meeting, to take place on October 20th, Ashburton and Brixham were proposed, and, on a vote being taken, Brixham was chosen.

One honorary member and four performing members were elected.

The Chairman extended a hearty welcome to the visitors from other branches, and Mr. E. W. Marsh suitably replied.

An appeal was made by the Collaton band for help to practise other methods, and this was promised by the more experienced members.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the arrangements made and to the organist, and the Vicar suitably replied. The members afterwards visited Stoke Gabriel and Paignton, where Grandsire and Stedman were rung.

(Continued from previous column.)

Minor ringers are very inadequately represented on the Central Council. It matters but very little what excellent characteristics (other than ringing) a ringer may possess, if he hails from a six-bell tower in many cases he will not be considered anything near enough of a 'god' to even get nominated for Central Council honours, and it is largely owing to this indifference to Minor matters and Minor ringers generally on the Council that this question gets continually shelved. I have just picked up at random from my collection only three Guild reports (neither of them are up to date), and I find that in those three Guilds there are 236 towers affiliated, and out of that number 82 are six-bell towers—more than a third. I find it very difficult to agree with Mr. Melville when he states that not 5 per cent. of the ringers attached to those 82 towers care a brass button about what intimately concerns them. If Minor ringers had a third representation on the Central Council I believe this question would have been settled long ago.

R. WHITTINGTON.

Cranleigh.

THE YOUNGSTERS' PEAL AT CRAYFORD.**A RECORD LIKELY TO STAND FOR ALL TIME.**

Mr. F. E. Dawe, who was largely responsible for the arrangements made for the youngsters' recent peal at Crayford, writes: I feel in duty bound to thank you for the excellent account you published on the 27th ult., together with the able leading article of encouragement extended to the young people concerned. Yes, it was a magnificent performance and reflects the highest credit on all the band, for many of us who heard the peal were agreeably surprised at the measured 'beat' and fine and accurate striking from first to last! The band was perfectly placed; never once was the issue in doubt, and we had it afterwards from all the band that, beyond the necessary 'calls,' the conductor only whispered *once*—and that was of a trivial nature!

I have, as you know, gone very carefully into the details of the birthday of each ringer, and the age works out at an exact average of 15 years and two weeks! This, of course, constitutes a distinct record, and one which I think will stand for all time—especially considering the many obstacles and difficulties to be surmounted in the multiplicity of arrangements that are necessary for success.

We cannot but admire the praiseworthy action of the conductor, who, without any suggestion beforehand, repeated the usual 'Ringers' Office' before calling 'Go'! Who amongst us will be bold enough to deny that this may not have had something to do with the marvellous success attained—for the clean run into 'rounds' was perfection itself!

True it was only 'Bob Major,' but this musical method was so well rendered that I am sure all who had the good fortune to hear it must have been quite as pleased as if it had been a band more advanced in years in the 'Surprise' category—say, for instance, 'Double Timbuctoo Astonishment,' 'Limerick Confusion,' or even 'Loch Ness Mystery'!

May I add that I am gratified with the splendid letters of thanks from the youngsters—together with certain local newspaper reports—entirely written by themselves!

The picturesque old stone tower at Crayford, partly covered with ivy, looked majestic when this peal was rung, for it was bathed in the glorious sunlight of a lovely afternoon and formed a beautiful picture. This, together with the mellow old, sweetly-toned bells, was unforgettable, and I trust the bells may never attract the attention of some 'anonymous and generous donor,' over-anxious that they 'be recast and IMMENSELY improved'!

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Just 25 years ago—on May 13th, 1909—Harry Withers, of Birmingham, did a thing which nobody had done before or has done since. At Selly Oak he 'called' a peal of Superlative Surprise by standing in the churchyard and pulling a cord which rang a small bell in the ringing chamber whenever a bob had to be made.

Thirty-one years ago to-day the record peal of 14,112 London Surprise Major was rung at King's Norton. Several attempts have since been made to ring a peal a lead longer, but up to now success has not been achieved.

Success can be a very elusive thing. Just 50 years ago Mr. F. E. Dave rang a peal at Chester Cathedral, and since then one of his ambitions, which he has been gradually fulfilling, has been to ring a peal at every Cathedral in England—every Cathedral that is that was not until recently a parish church. He has very nearly completed them, but Durham eludes him.

Four times within the last two years he has made the long journey from London for the purpose, and each time has come away empty-handed. Last Saturday week an attempt was lost after 2½ hours. But he has not yet lost hope. Like Bruce's celebrated spider, he will 'try again.'

The Bournville carillon is to be enlarged from 42 bells to 48, and 29 of the old bells are to be recast. Three heavy ones are to be among the additions.

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES. DEDICATION OF CHAPEL AND BELLS AT TEWKESBURY ABBEY.

The dedication of the Memorial Chapel and the augmented, retuned peal at Tewkesbury Abbey will take place on Saturday, May 19th.

The original eight bells will be available for ringing from 2 p.m. until 3.30 p.m., at which time the service will commence. The memorial bells will be given into the hands of the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Gloucester to dedicate by the president of the Central Council (Mr. E. H. Lewis), on behalf of the ringers of England and overseas, and Mr. J. Gould, Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, on behalf of the Davies Memorial Committee. The preacher will be Canon G. F. Coleridge.

The dedication ringing will be carried out by representatives of twelve ringing societies. The opening touch will be rung by prominent officials of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

Mrs. Davies invites all those attending the ceremony to tea at 5 p.m. Ringing after tea will be arranged in numbered groups, some Stedman Cinques and some rounds and Queen's.

Application for teas and ringing, stating whether Stedman or round ringing required, can only be arranged by writing before May 12th.

Special train leaves Bristol at 1 p.m., Bath 12.42. For down line visitors there is a special from Cheltenham at return fare 1s, leaving at 2.35, returning from Tewkesbury at 7.55 p.m. Bus service between Tewkesbury and Cheltenham is not frequent, viz., 6.45 and 9.45, arriving at Cheltenham 30 minutes later.

Buses leave Tewkesbury for Gloucester at 7.26 and 9.26, time taken 18 minutes. For visitors going on to Warwick or Birmingham, train leaves Tewkesbury at 7.8 p.m., arrives Birmingham 9.42. (There is also a fast train from Cheltenham at 8.42 p.m., arrive Birmingham 9.55 p.m.)

Please apply early for tea and ringing to

EDGAR GUISE, Hon. Sec.
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MOULTON'S NEW BELLS.

DEDICATED TO THE GREAT MISSIONARY, DR. WM. CAREY.

The new bells at Moulton, Northants, will be dedicated at 3 p.m. on June 9th, when the Rev. J. White, M.A., Rector of Pitsford, Rural Dean and president of the Northampton Branch of the Diocesan Guild, himself a keen ringer, will perform the ceremony. A unique feature of the occasion will be the presence of Dr. William Carey's great-grandson, the Rev. S. Pearce Carey, who has accepted the invitation to preach on this historic occasion, which will be an open-air service outside the belfry door, where the ceremony of handing the ropes may be seen by all. The lessons will be read by two prominent Baptists, both Church and Chapel thus uniting in this act of worship.

The singing will be led by an ex-Service member of the church on his cornet, the bellringers' hymn being led by the ringers on their four octave set of handbells.

A procession round the village will precede the service.

'LOCAL' PEALS AT HILLINGDON.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The footnote of the peal of Grandsire Caters, rung at Hillingdon, Middlesex, in last week's issue of 'The Ringing World,' reads as the first peal ever rung at the church by an entirely local Sunday service band.

I should like to point out that a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. John's by an entirely local Sunday service band. There were only eight bells there at that time—on January 3rd, 1901. It was conducted by J. J. Pratt.

EDWARD T. GRIFFIN.
Bournemouth.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

WHAT VISITORS TO WARWICK SHOULD SEE.

The annual meeting of the Central Council is to be held at Warwick at Whitson. In addition to the day's business on Tuesday, an interesting programme has been arranged for members and their friends. Details of the arrangements appeared in our last issue, but for the benefit of those intending to share in the excursion here are some of the places of interest in and around Warwick which are worth a visit.

WARWICK CASTLE, which rises like a sheer precipice above the waters of Shakespeare's Avon, is the chief attraction of Warwick to visitors, not merely on account of its interest as a building, but for the rich collection of works of art, armour, old furniture, historical relics and curiosities which it contains. The dominating situation of the Castle is best appreciated from the stone bridge which carries the Banbury Road over the Avon, while if one wanders down Mill Street—a wonderful panorama in itself of old English architecture—and stands at the foot of Caesar's Tower, it is possible to understand how virtually impregnable such a fortress as this must have been before modern high explosives were invented.

According to tradition, there was a fortress here in Roman times. St. Dubritius, about 477 A.D., established his episcopal seat at All Saints' Church, within the Castle walls. In 916 Ethelfreda, daughter of Alfred the Great, made a fortress here, and this was extended in the time of the Conqueror. In 1264 the walls and buildings were destroyed, but were rebuilt by Thomas de Beauchamp in Edward III.'s reign. In 1469 the Earl of Warwick (the Kingmaker) brought Edward IV. to the Castle as a prisoner. The Castle eventually became the property of the Crown and fell into decay, but in 1605 James I. granted it to Sir Fulke Greville, who set about rebuilding and repairing it. The Castle has been visited by many Sovereigns, including Henry III. (during the Siege of Kenilworth), Henry V., Richard III., Elizabeth I., James I., William III. and Queen Victoria.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, WARWICK.—The chief features are: (1) The tower rising from four arches, three of which are open to the street, the other forming the principal entrance to the church; (2) the choir, a lofty and magnificent structure, and part of the church which escaped the fire of 1694; (3) a fine Norman crypt; and (4) the Beauchamp Chapel, the most magnificent part of the church. Mr. E. H. Adams, the sexton and head ringer at St. Mary's, will be pleased to show parties over the church at suitable times.

Other places in Warwick well worth a visit are:—

Leycester Hospital and West Gate, which dates back to the 14th century, and contains many relics of interest.

The Court House, built about 1725 on the site of an older one at the corner of Jury Street and Castle Street.

The County or Shire Hall in Northgate Street, built about 1757.

LEAMINGTON SPA is a very close neighbour to Warwick, the towns practically joining, although each is a separate borough. Leamington, in contrast to Warwick, is a thoroughly modern town in every respect, and the chief places of interest are the Jephson Gardens, bordered by the River Leam, the classic Pump Room building opposite, the Parish Church and the handsome Town Hall in the style of the Italian Renaissance.

KENILWORTH CASTLE.—It is probable that a fortress of some sort stood on this site in Saxon times. The earliest portions of the Castle now in existence were built by the Clintons in the 12th century, and King John extended the buildings. Henry III. used Kenilworth Castle as a royal palace, and the governorship of the Castle became an office of honour and dignity granted by the King to important personages in the State. It was in the Great Hall of the Castle that the weak and unfortunate Edward II. was forced to renounce the Crown. Queen Elizabeth granted the Castle to Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON.—Among the places of special interest in Stratford are Shakespeare's birthplace in Henley Street, the Grammar School, which celebrated its quinquenary in 1928, Holy Trinity Church, where the poet and his family lie at rest, and the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre, Library and Picture Gallery.

COVENTRY.—The Cathedral.—St. Michael's Church became the Cathedral Church of the revived See of Coventry in 1918. St. Michael's is believed to have been founded in the middle of the 12th century. The original church was of Norman architecture. Then came the Early English church, with the enormous proportions which have made it a rival with the great parish edifices of the land.

St. Mary's Hall belongs to the 15th century, and was erected at the expense of the Craft Guilds. It is immediately opposite the entrance to the Cathedral and is well worth a visit. It is from the steps of St. Mary's Hall that Lady Godiva is supposed to have started on her triumphant journey through the town.

WALTHAM ABBEY.—On Sunday morning, May 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): Mrs. Berry 1, G. Peace 2, C. House 3, W. Newnham 4, Miss G. Church 5, F. Perrin 6, A. House 7, G. Thurgood 8, G. Radley (conductor) 9, W. Perry (first quarter of Caters) 10. Rung to celebrate the 874th anniversary of the consecration of the church.

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE LONDON MEETING.

Minutes of the First Session of the Fifteenth Council (41st annual meeting) held in the Skinners Hall, Dowgate Hill, London, on Whitson Tuesday, June 6th, 1933, at 11 o'clock.

The Council was welcomed by the Worshipful Master of the Skinner's Company, Mr. R. D. Poland, who, on behalf of his company, placed the hall at the disposal of the Council and extended a cordial welcome. The thanks of the Council were expressed by the president.

The president took the chair, and prayers were offered by the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge.

Present:—

Ancient Society of College Youths: W. T. Cockerill, A. B. Peck and C. F. Winney.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association: H. W. Brown, J. T. Dyke and J. Hunt.

Bedfordshire Association: A. King and A. E. Sharman.

Cambridge University Guild: E. M. Atkins and E. H. Lewis.

Chester Diocesan Guild: J. Norbury and T. Wilde.

Devon Guild: T. Laver, E. W. Marsh and the Rev. E. S. Powell.

Durham and Newcastle Association: W. H. Barber and W. J. Davidson.

East Derbyshire and Notts Association: T. Clarke.

Ely Diocesan Association: The Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake and Miss K. Willers.

Essex Association: E. J. Butler, C. H. Howard, W. J. Nevard and G. R. Pye.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association: J. Austin, E. Guise and W. Rose.

Guildford Diocesan Guild: G. L. Grover, A. C. Hazelden and A. H. Pulling.

Hertford County Association: W. Ayre.

Kent County Association: J. H. Cheesman, T. Groombridge, F. M. Mitchell and T. E. Sone.

Ladies' Guild: Mrs. E. K. Fletcher and Mrs. R. Richardson.

Lancashire Association: The Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee, W. H. Shaker and A. Tomlinson.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild: G. Chester and the Rev. Canon H. T. Parry.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association: D. G. Clift and J. W. Jones.

London County Association: A. D. Barker, F. E. Dawe and T. H. Taffender.

Middlesex County Association: C. T. Coles, G. W. Fletcher, W. H. Hollier and W. Pickworth.

Midland Counties Association: E. C. Gobey, J. H. Swinfield, E. Denison Taylor and W. E. White.

Norwich Diocesan Association: A. L. Coleman and F. Nolan Golden.

Oxford Diocesan Guild: The Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, R. T. Hibbert and A. E. Lock.

Oxford Society: W. Collett.

Oxford University Society: H. Miles.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild: H. Baxter, R. G. Black, T. Tebbutt and F. Wilford.

Romney Marsh and District Guild: P. Page.

St. Clement Youths: G. Cross.

St. Martin's Guild: A. Paddon Smith.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild: The Rev. F. L. Edwards, S. Hillier, G. H. Jennings and F. W. Romaine.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths: J. Parker and F. Smith.

Sherwood Youths: A. Coppock.

Stafford Archdeaconry Guild: T. J. Elton and H. Knight.

Suffolk Guild: The Rev. H. Drake, C. J. Sedgely and S. H. Symonds.

Surrey Association: D. Cooper and C. H. Kippin.

Sussex County Association: J. T. Rickman.

Warwickshire Guild: F. W. Perrens and J. H. W. White.

Winchester and Portsmouth Guild: H. Barton, G. Pullinger, F. W. Rogers and G. Williams.

Worcester and Districts Association: H. G. Bird, R. G. Knowles and J. D. Johnson.

Yorkshire Association: J. Cotterell, P. J. Johnson, the Rev. Canon C. C. Marshall and S. F. Palmer.

Honorary members: W. A. Cave, C. Deau, J. S. Goldsmith, J. Griffin, Major J. H. B. Hesse, A. A. Hughes, C. F. Johnston, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, J. A. Trollope, A. Walker, S. H. Wood and E. Alex Young.

The societies unrepresented were Barnsley and District Guild, Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, Dudley and District Guild, Hereford Diocesan Guild, Irish Association, North Notts Association, North Staffs Association, Scottish Association, Shropshire Association, Swansea and Brecon Guild, Truro Diocesan Guild.

REPRESENTATION OF SOCIETIES.

The Hon. Secretary reported that 51 associations and guilds were now affiliated to the Council, with 128 members. Honorary members numbered 12. The alterations in membership were: Winchester and Portsmouth Guild from two to four members, the Truro Diocesan Guild from four to one member, the North Wales Association had lapsed, and all other subscriptions had been paid.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

President.—It was proposed by Canon G. F. Coleridge and carried that Mr. E. H. Lewis (Cambridge University Guild) be president of the fifteenth Council.

Honorary Secretary and Treasurer.—On the President's motion, seconded by Mr. W. T. Cockerill, Mr. G. W. Fletcher (Middlesex County Association) was re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer.

Honorary Librarian.—The Standing Committee recommended the election of the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake (Ely Diocesan Association) in place of the late Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn. On the motion of the president the recommendation was adopted.

Honorary Members.—The Standing Committee recommended the re-election of the retiring members, viz., Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Messrs. J. S. Goldsmith, J. Griffin, C. F. Johnston, J. A. Trollope and E. A. Young, and the election of Mr. C. Dean (a member of the Analysis Committee) who had not been re-elected by the Surrey Association. The recommendation was adopted on the proposal of Mr. A. Paddon Smith, seconded by Mr. G. T. Coles.

On the President's motion it was agreed to leave one place vacant.

For the one remaining place the following were proposed: Mr. James George, proposed by Mr. J. Hunt, seconded by the Rev. H. Drake, supported by Alderman J. S. Pritchett and the Rev. F. L. Edwards.—Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, proposed by the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake, seconded by Mr. J. A. Trollope, supported by the Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee.—Mr. C. W. Roberts, proposed by Mr. C. J. Sedgeley, seconded by Mr. H. Knight. The voting was by ballot, and resulted as follows: Mr. James George 30, Mr. Hooton 26, Mr. Roberts 40. The president declared Mr. Roberts duly elected.

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS.

In accordance with Rule 10, the following new members were presented to the president: Messrs. J. Norbury, T. Wilde, T. Laver, W. J. Davidson, T. Clark, Miss K. Willers, Messrs. T. E. Sone, D. Clift, E. C. Gobey, R. T. Hibbert, A. E. Lock, H. Baxter, P. Page, F. W. Romaine, D. Cooper, G. Pullinger, A. Walker and S. H. Wood.

Apologies for absence were received from the Rev. W. H. Ingham, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, and Messrs. T. Metcalfe, J. C. Pollard, J. W. Parker, G. R. Newton, J. Phillips, R. Richardson, J. D. Matthews and S. T. Rackham.

LOSS OF MEMBERS THROUGH DEATH.

The President referred to the deaths of the following members: The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Messrs. E. Barnett, H. W. Wilde, T. Faulkner, F. Hopgood, C. Player; and former members, Messrs. A. E. Parsons, W. Walmesley, H. Haigh and E. P. O'Meara. In memory of these, members stood in silence.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

It was proposed by Mr. W. T. Cockerill, seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes and carried, that the minutes as published in 'The Ringing World' on March 31st, 1933, and afterwards circulated to affiliated societies, be taken as read and be approved.

REPORTS.

REPORT OF HON. LIBRARIAN.

The hon. secretary presented accounts for the year, since published in 'The Ringing World,' June 23rd, 1933, page 393. On the president's motion the accounts were adopted. On the proposal of Mr. J. A. Trollope, seconded by Mr. C. J. Sedgeley, it was agreed to supply copies of the Council's publications to the various libraries, i.e., British Museum, Bodleian, Oxford and Cambridge Universities, and Trinity College, Dublin, to make up complete collections.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

The accounts for the year, duly audited, were presented by the hon. treasurer, showing balance of £67 12s. 2d., and investments valued at £138 3s. 9d. On the proposal of Mr. A. A. Hughes, seconded by Mr. W. A. Cave, the accounts were adopted.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE CARTER RINGING MACHINE.

Mr. E. A. Young reported for the trustees (see report published in 'The Ringing World,' June 23rd, 1933, page 393). On the proposal of Mr. E. A. Young, seconded by Mr. A. Walker, the report was adopted, and it was also agreed that a fee of £1 be paid to the demonstrators for the official inspection made on May 27th.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

The committee reported that, as instructed by the Council at the 1932 meeting, it had considered its constitution and the constitution of the various committees. (a) It recommended that the Standing Committee consist of (1) the president, hon. secretary and treasurer, hon. librarian and conveners of committees ex officio, (2) twelve elected members (chosen by ballot if more than 12 names are proposed). The twelve retiring members to be the first names to be proposed. The committee to have power in the event of the services of any other members of the Council being considered by them desirable, to co-opt not more than two members. (b) It recommended that, as regards the other committees, the Council should appoint the convener in the first instance, but changes may be made at any time by the committees.

On the proposal of the Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee, seconded by Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, the report was adopted, and on the proposal of Mr. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre, the following members were re-elected: Canon G. F. Coleridge, Canon H. J. Elsee, Alderman J.

S. Pritchett, Messrs. W. T. Cockerill, W. A. Cave, G. T. Coles, J. Griffin, A. A. Hughes, C. F. Johnston, J. D. Matthews, A. Paddon Smith and E. Alex Young.

REPORT OF PEAL COLLECTION COMMITTEE.

No formal report was presented, the absence being explained by a letter from the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson. Arising out of this letter the Standing Committee recommended the re-election of the committee with the addition of Mr. G. Lindoff and Mr. G. E. Pye, with Mr. Lindoff as convener.

On the motion of the president, the Standing Committee's recommendation was adopted and the following members were re-elected: The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Rev. E. S. Powell, Mrs. E. K. Fletcher and Mr. J. A. Trollope; elected, Messrs. G. Lindoff and G. R. Pye.

REPORT OF METHODS COMMITTEE.

Mr. J. A. Trollope reported progress and proposed that the following addition be made to the statement under the Council's definition of a method, which states, 'Methods are formed from principles in two ways,' the addition to be, 'An illustration of this statement is to be found in the Little and Alliance methods, which have come into prominence of late years. In appearance their form places them outside the definition of Plain and Bob Leads, but, properly speaking, they are in logical succession of such methods as Bob Major. Thus a Little method is one which follows the rule except in so far as this is qualified by the restriction of the hunt to fewer places than the number of bells employed; an Alliance method is one in which the hunt has a composite path comprising portions of more than one principle.'

The proposal was seconded by the Rev. E. S. Powell and carried.

The Rev. E. S. Powell reported as to progress on the Triples book (see report in 'The Ringing World,' June 23rd, 1933, pages 393-4), and recommended, on behalf of the committee, that the book be completed and forwarded to the Standing Committee for publication. The book to include Stedman and Erin and all Triples methods with two hunts symmetrical about the leads—of methods with one hunt eight of nineteen which run to the natural six leads—of compositions, about eight quarter-peals and six peals of Stedman and shorter touches—Erin, two quarter-peals and three peals—Grandsire and Reverse Grandsire about twelve quarter-peals and ten peals, to include Holt's ten-part peal—Double Grandsire, one quarter and two or three peals, and in methods with one hunt, one quarter and two or three peals of each. The names of composers to be attached to their peals, except in the case of peals composed by members of the committee. Mr. Trollope supported the recommendation. On the president's motion the recommendations were adopted.

The Standing Committee recommended the election of the committee, consisting of Mr. J. A. Trollope (convener), Rev. E. S. Powell and Mr. S. H. Wood, and on the motion of Mr. S. F. Palmer, seconded by the Rev. H. Drake, the recommendation was adopted.

REPORT OF THE VARIATIONS COMMITTEE.

Owing to the death of Mr. H. W. Wilde during the year, no report was presented.

The Standing Committee recommended that this committee be amalgamated with the Peals Collection Committee, and that Mr. G. R. Newton be asked to serve on the amalgamated committee. On the motion of Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, seconded by Mr. W. A. Cave, the Standing Committee's recommendation was adopted, and it was also agreed to ask Mr. C. W. Roberts to serve on the committee.

REPORT OF PEALS ANALYSIS AND RECORDS COMMITTEE.

The report (published in 'The Ringing World' on May 26th and June 2nd, 1933) was formally presented. Mr. P. J. Johnson requested, and it was agreed, that the words 'silent and non-conducted' be added to a peal of Double-Norwich Court Bob Major rung on handbells by the Yorkshire Association. On the motion of Mr. E. K. Fletcher, seconded by Alderman J. S. Pritchett, the report as amended was adopted.

The Standing Committee recommended the re-election of the committee, Mrs. E. K. Fletcher (convener), Messrs. C. Dean, G. R. Pye and G. L. Grover, and on the President's motion the recommendation was adopted.

REPORT OF THE TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE.

The report of the committee was presented by the individual members of the committee, and the report and the discussions on the points arising were published in 'The Ringing World' on June 30th, 1933, page 409. On the President's motion, seconded by Major J. H. B. Hesse, the report was adopted.

The Standing Committee recommended the re-election of the committee, Mr. E. H. Lewis (convener), Major J. H. B. Hesse, and Mr. E. A. Young, and that Mr. J. Hunt be asked to serve. The recommendation was adopted on the President's motion.

REPORT OF THE STEDMAN COMMEMORATION COMMITTEE.

The report of the committee consisted of final accounts, presented by the hon. secretary on behalf of the committee, since published in 'The Ringing World,' June 30th, 1933, page 409, which showed that the sum of £13 16s. 1d. had been advanced by the Council to pay accounts. The President proposed that the fund be now closed by the Council voting the sum of £13 16s. 1d. and any further subscriptions received be paid into the Council's fund. The proposal was seconded by Mr. A. Paddon Smith and carried.

After considerable discussion regarding the use of St. Benedict's bells by beginners, it was proposed by Mr. E. M. Atkins, seconded by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards and carried, 'That this Council expresses the hope that the Stedman bells be rung regularly to the glory of God by a local band of ringers.'

REPORT OF THE LITERATURE AND PRESS COMMITTEE.

The report of the committee was presented by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards and has since been published in 'The Ringing World,' June 30th, 1933, page 410. The committee recommended that a letter of thanks be sent to the B.B.C. for the broadcasts and references to bells during the year, and a suggestion be sent for still more use of ringing in the programmes.

The report and recommendation were adopted on the motion of the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, seconded by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith.

The Standing Committee recommended the re-election of the committee, the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards (convenor), Messrs. J. S. Goldsmith, C. H. Howard and A. Paddon Smith, and on the motion of the President, the recommendation was adopted.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards suggested the formation of a separate Broadcasting Committee, and on the motion of the President it was decided to give the committee power to co-opt two or three members who were wireless experts to take over this side of the work.

REPORT OF THE RULES COMMITTEE.

The report of the committee embodying the proposed new rules was published in 'The Ringing World' on April 7th, 1933. The report had the support of the Standing Committee, and the adoption was moved by the President, seconded by Mr. C. T. Coles. The motion was carried *nem con*.

On the motion of Mr. E. J. Butler, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre, it was agreed that as far as the general business of the Council was concerned the rules come into force for next year's meeting. In reply to a question, the President stated that the new rules did not imply that affiliated societies must ring changes.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO PREPARE PAMPHLET ON GOOD STRIKING.

The Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge reported that the committee had prepared the pamphlet, and this, together with photographs, had been sent to the hon. secretary. The printing had been delayed as the book did not actually carry out the terms of the resolution passed last year, inasmuch as that it did not contain information on how to ring and call Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor for the benefit of young bands. He moved that the pamphlet as now presented be approved without any addition. This was seconded by Mr. J. T. Dyke. The Standing Committee recommended this course, and that the price be restricted to 2d. per copy post free. The resolution was agreed to and printing authorised.

GENERALLY AS TO COMMITTEES.

On the motion of the President a vote of thanks was passed to all members of committees for the work done by them during the past three years.

MOTIONS.

It was proposed by Mr. F. E. Dawe, and seconded by Mr. E. A. Young, 'That this Council deprecates the breaking-up of church bells renowned for their tonal qualities and historic interest, urges Church authorities not to assent to their destruction except for the gravest reasons, and, furthermore, recommends that independent expert advice be obtained in all such cases before action is taken.' By permission of the proposer and seconder, the following amendment, proposed by Mr. C. F. Johnston, seconded by Mr. A. L. Coleman, was substituted: 'That this Council deprecates the breaking-up of church bells of proved good tone and of real historic interest, urges the Church authorities not to assent to their recasting except for the gravest reasons structurally or musically, and, furthermore, recommends that independent advice, qualified to advise on historic, engineering and musical grounds, be obtained in all such cases before action is taken.' The resolution was carried.

In the absence of Mr. G. R. Newton it was proposed by the President: 'That this Council uses its influence to encourage five and six-bell companies to ring peals in more than one method. It also urges them to include whenever possible at least seven methods in their peals.' The motion was seconded by Mr. A. Tomlinson and carried.

It was agreed on the President's motion to debate items Nos. 13 and 14 together.

It was proposed by Mr. S. H. Wood, and seconded by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith: 'That peals of Minor shall in general consist of seven or more separate extents rung consecutively and without interval. That compositions arranged in what is known as the "Bankes James Principle," notwithstanding that they do not conform to the above definition, shall be recognised as peals.'

The following note should have been added to the above proposal: 'This arrangement consists of a number of successive blocks of 720 true rows, not necessarily round blocks themselves, but which when joined together consecutively, form a round block, starting from and ending with rounds. It is recommended that such compositions should only be used when there is considered to be some definite gain from the point of view of variety or music.'

It was proposed by Mr. C. T. Coles, seconded by Mr. E. M. Atkins: 'That a peal of Minor should normally consist of seven true and complete round blocks of 720 changes each, in a recognised method or methods, rung consecutively and without interval, rounds thus occurring at the beginning and end of and at regular intervals throughout the peal.'

That a peal of Doubles should consist of 42 true and complete round blocks of 120 changes each, in a recognised method or methods, rung consecutively and without interval, rounds thus occurring at the beginning and end of and at regular intervals throughout the peal.

That peals as above may be lengthened by the addition of one or more true and complete round blocks of 720 (or of 120) changes, each fulfilling the same conditions, with or without one true round block having less changes.

That any departure from the above standards is not encouraged; notwithstanding this, however a peal of Minor or of Doubles may consist of any arrangement of 5,040 changes in a recognised method or methods, provided that no change is rung more (or less) than seven times in a peal of Minor, or 42 times in a peal of Doubles, and that the whole starts from and ends with rounds. Such peal may be lengthened, provided that no change is rung more than once for each additional 720 (or 120) changes, and that the whole ends with rounds.'

As an amendment to the above two proposals, it was moved by Mr. W. E. White, and seconded by Mr. E. Denison Taylor:—

'That a peal of "Doubles" must consist of not less than forty-two true and complete round blocks of 120 changes each, rung consecutively and without interval, each 120 commencing from and finishing with rounds. It may be lengthened by the addition of any number of 120's and/or by the addition of one shorter touch fulfilling the above conditions. It may be rung with or without a cover bell.'

'That a peal of "Minor" must consist of not less than seven true and complete round blocks of 720 changes each, rung consecutively and without interval, each 720 commencing from and finishing with rounds. It may be lengthened by the addition of any number of 720's and/or one shorter touch fulfilling the above conditions. It may not be rung without a cover bell.'

It was stated by the President that the question had been raised as to what, if the amendment was carried, was going to happen with regard to the various peals that had been rung containing these special compositions which were not true round blocks of 720, and there was confusion as to what was meant by the Council recognising peals or otherwise.

The peals that were rung came before the Council in the Report of the Analysis Committee, but this committee did not attempt to discriminate between legitimate or regular peals or otherwise, and included all peals published. The Council was not legislating for the past, and in his view they had taken no steps either to recognise or not recognise the various peals that had been rung.

Under the new rules there was a possibility of the Council recognising a peal in the future, as all guilds, societies and associations would be definitely affiliated to the Council, and agree to abide by its decisions. Being loyal to the Council they would withdraw from their records any peals not so recognised. What was most important was that what was rung should be recorded so that future generations could decide on the merits of it.

The amendment was carried, and on being put as a substantive motion was carried, but failed to obtain the necessary two-thirds majority under Rule 11.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

The following places were proposed: Wolverhampton, proposed by Mr. H. Knight, seconded by Alderman J. S. Pritchett; Warwick, proposed by Mr. J. A. Trollope, seconded by Mr. J. H. White. The voting was in favour of Warwick.

GRANTS TO MEMORIALS.

On the motion of the President, the Standing Committee's recommendation was adopted to make the following grants: £5 5s. to memorial to Rev. H. Law James, £10 10s. to memorial to Sir A. Heywood, £3 3s. to memorial to Mr. H. W. Wilde, and £3 3s. to memorial to Mr. E. Barnett.

VOTES OF THANKS.

To the president, on the motion of Canon H. J. Elsee.
On the President's motion to the Worshipful Master of the Skinners' Company for his welcome; the Worshipful Master and the Skinners' Company for the use of the hall, and to Mr. J. J. Lambert (clerk) for making arrangements; to the following societies for their co-operation and generous subscriptions to defray expenses, thanks to members of committee: Ancient Society of College Youths (Mr. A. A. Hughes), Society of Royal Cumberland Youths (Mr. G. Cross), London County Association (Mr. T. H. Taffender), St. Clement Youths (Mr. E. A. Young), Essex Association (Mr. E. J. Butler), Kent County Association (Mr. F. M. Mitchell), Middlesex County Association (Mr. C. T. Coles), Surrey Association (Mr. C. H. Kippin); to the Middlesex County Association for their hospitality in inviting members and friends to tea; the St. Paul's Cathedral authorities in making arrangements for the roll of honour to be inspected; the authorities at the Science Museum for permitting a demonstration of the Carter machine; H.M. Office of Works for allowing the use of the bells at the Imperial Institute; the authorities at all churches for allowing the use of the bells, and to the steeplekeepers; the Rector of St. Clement Danes for use of vestry for Standing Committee meeting.

NEW TOWER AND BELLS AT ST. HELENS.**LANCASHIRE GAINS ANOTHER PEAL.**

The Lord Bishop of Liverpool on Saturday dedicated the new tower and peal of bells which have been added to complete the Church of St. Thomas, St. Helens, Lancs.

The first Church of St. Thomas was erected 95 years ago, but the new church has been without a tower for nearly 20 years. The new tower and bells have cost close on £4,000, most of which has been raised.

There was a crowded congregation. The Mayor and Mayoress (Councillor and Mrs. Thackray) attended with the Deputy Mayor (Councillor T. Wood). The Bishop was accompanied by Archdeacons Howson and Twitchett, the Vicar (the Rev. J. W. Glendening), the Vicar-designate (the Rev. S. Winsland) and many other clergy.

Dr. David, in his sermon, said their church tower was a witness, an outward sign of something which could not be seen, but could be shown lifted high above the town to catch the eye and lead it upwards, and with it the thoughts of the heart. In a few years the outline of their half-finished Cathedral in Liverpool would be broken by the tower rising up from it, a witness in stone, and he would always think of those two towers together. Both had come at a time when they would not naturally expect great things to be done.

Then the tower served the particular purpose of sheltering and making available for use their bells. There was something peculiarly English about bells. The beautiful and fascinating art of peal ringing was invented and brought to perfection in this country. It was a great thing for them in the diocese that there should be one more team of change ringers there. The best bells in the world were made in England, and in the church towers of England there were more bells than any other land could boast.

The collection realised £79 5s., and on Sunday special services were held, the preachers being Archdeacon Twitchett in the morning and the Rev. Canon Child in the evening. The total collections amounted to £113.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**EASTERN BRANCH SUCCESSFUL MEETING.**

On Saturday, the annual meeting of the Eastern Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association was held at Acle. There was ringing during the afternoon, followed by tea, served at the Rectory. The Rev. J. E. H. Williams presided over the business meeting and expressed his great pleasure in having the meeting at Acle, as the bells had been recently rehung. It would also put life into the local company to have other ringers come to visit them.—In the election of officers for the district Mr. Denison Hayward was chosen as chairman, Mr. J. G. W. Harwood as secretary and Messrs. E. R. Goate, W. J. Lee, Clayton Parnell, J. Taylor and R. T. Woodley as committee.

The Rev. J. E. H. Williams was elected an honorary member, and Thomas William De Ville and Stanley William Gall, both of Halvergate, were elected members of the association.

Great Yarmouth was chosen for the next meeting on August 18th.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for presiding at the meeting. Mr. A. L. Coleman, the secretary of the association, expressed pleasure at the presence of Mr. Denison Hayward, who is one of the three surviving members of the association who joined at its formation in 1877.

The branch would like to thank the Rector and also Mrs. Williams for the cordial way in which they received the company and also the enjoyable tea provided, to which 25 sat down.

This was the most successful meeting which the branch has held, and altogether 37 ringers attended. Ringing was carried on after tea till 9.30, everyone having a good word for 'the go' of this fine peal of six. Ringers attended from Norwich, Yarmouth, Reedham, Marham, Halvergate, Norton, Wymondham and Wroxham. Some of the methods rung were London and Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Spiced, Stedman Doubles and St. Simon's.

DEATH OF WHITTLE-LE-WOODS RINGER.

The death occurred on Saturday, April 21st, of Mr. Arthur Hartley, who had been a ringer at St. John's, Whittle-le-Woods, since the bells were installed in October, 1910, except for a short period when he answered the call to arms in the Great War.

The interment took place on Wednesday, April 25th, when he was borne to the grave by six of his fellow ringers, the service being conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. T. H. Priestnall, M.A.). After the funeral, short touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung on the fully muffled bells, and in the evening a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung by the following: W. Beaver 1, Thos. Barker 2, Wm. Sharples 3, E. Lawson 4, Adam Blogg 5, P. G. Bradley 6, John Charnock 7, Alfred Blogg (conductor) 8.

The deceased, whose lifelong interest in sport (he was a footballer of no mean ability and a very useful member of the local cricket club until Anno Domini drove him to the less strenuous pastime of bowling, in which he also excelled) eminently fitted him for the team work in the belfry. His cheery disposition and readiness to help both in the service ringing and in peals, and also his kindness and patience with learners, will long be a pleasant recollection to those whom he has left for a time in the tower at Whittle-le-Woods.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**BRISTOL BRANCH MEETING AT MARSHFIELD.**

A very pleasant meeting of the Bristol Branch was held at Marshfield on Saturday, April 28th, about 46 members and friends being present. The bells, a nice ring of eight, were set going at 3 p.m. and some useful practice was put in in the usual standard methods.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. S. C. H. Staley), and Mr. J. H. Beazer read the lesson. The organist also assisted in the service, which was exceptionally bright, while the Vicar's address was very interesting and helpful.

Tea was partaken of in the Parish Hall, having been very kindly provided by the local ringers and friends. A short meeting followed, at which, by the invitation of the branch chairman (Mr. J. G. Jefferies), the Vicar presided.

The Vicar was elected an honorary member, and a vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. John W. Jones (Newport), and suitably replied to by the Vicar and Mr. J. H. Beazer.

The secretary (Mr. F. Skidmore) reminded the meeting of the Davies Memorial dedication and opening at Tewkesbury on Saturday, May 19th, and gave particulars of the arrangements which had been made for travelling. He urged whoever wished to go to let Mr. E. Guise or himself know not later than Saturday, May 12th.

The members were very pleased to have with them Mr. J. T. Dyke, Mr. D. G. Taylor (Bath and Wells), Miss N. G. Williams and Miss I. Hastie (Ladies' Guild), Mr. John W. Jones (Llandaff and Monmouth Association), and others from Bath and surrounding district. Some of those present accepted the Vicar's invitation to walk round the Vicarage garden, whilst others continued ringing.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION**NORTHERN DIVISION MEETING.**

A meeting of the Northern Division was held at Bocking on Saturday, April 21st, when 49 ringers were present from 17 parishes. Ringing commenced with a touch of Bob Major with one of the local hand, and afterwards various methods, including four Surprise, were successfully brought round.

A service was held in St. Mary's Church, conducted by the Very Rev. Dean Rogers, assisted by the curate. Master J. Barkaway presided at the organ, and Mr. B. Holdaway read the lesson. Everyone appreciated the excellent address given by the Dean.

Tea was provided at the Church Hut, Mrs. Holdaway being responsible for an excellent repast. The Dean very kindly took the chair, and, with the curate and organist, the company numbered 54.

Mr. B. Holdaway, on behalf of the local company, gave the visitors a hearty welcome and wished them an enjoyable time.

The District Master (Mr. A. Saunders) reported that since the last meeting they had lost through death one of their old ringing friends, Mr. Lewis Wiseman, of Sible Hedingham, and, as a mark of respect, he asked the company to stand in silence for a few moments.

At the business meeting the Rev. C. W. Barlow, Vicar of Witham, was elected an honorary member, and five ringing members were elected from Pebmarsh. This is believed to be the first time this tower (5 bells) has been in union with the association.

The next meeting was arranged to be held at Colne Engaine, the date to be fixed later by the district secretary.

Mr. A. Saunders proposed a vote of thanks to the Dean for the use of the bells, for his excellent address and for presiding at the tea and business meeting, also to the curate, organist and organ blower, and to the ladies for preparing the tea.—The Dean, in reply, said it was a very high compliment that such a large number should be there that day. Perhaps it was they had the best church, the best bells, the best ladies and the best Dean at Bocking (laughter). He was very pleased to hear that the health of the Master, Mr. C. H. Howard, was improving, but he was sorry he was not sufficiently recovered to attend that meeting. He hoped the secretary would write and convey those remarks to him.

MEETING AT BOREHAM.

A meeting of the South-Eastern Division was held at Boreham on Saturday, April 14th, by kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. A. Stone). Eighteen members were present from Broomfield, Great Baddow, Boreham, Chelmsford, Danbury, Ford End, Maldon and Great Totham. The service was taken by the Vicar, who welcomed the ringers very heartily and gave an interesting address.

Tea at the Queen's Head was presided over by the Vicar, who also took the chair at the business meeting, at which it was decided to hold the next meeting at Danbury on June 16th.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, taking the service and presiding at tea, also to Mrs. Stone for playing the organ at the service. Handbell ringing followed, after which a return was made to the tower.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.—At the Parish Church on Sunday, April 8th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: G. L. Coleman 1, Miss P. Hind 2, E. Clarke 3, B. Wayman 4, R. Barnes 5, L. J. Flint 6, F. Warrington (conductor) 7, H. Fields 8. All of local company except 4th and 7th ringers.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**DEVIZES BRANCH.**

The branch monthly meeting was held at Longbridge Deverell on Saturday, May 5th, representatives attending from Devizes (St. John's and St. James'), Southbroom, Bratton, North Bradley, Westbury, Rowde, Warminster, Holt, Melksham, Longbridge Deverell, Buckland Newton, Stourton and Bourton. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. D. Vincent, M.C.). Tea (which was a bountiful one) was arranged by Mr. W. A. Avery and was laid in the Village Hall.

Mr. C. D. Heginbotham presided at the usual short business meeting. The Vicar voiced a welcome to the Guild at the conclusion, and the members returned to the tower. Methods up to Oxford and Kent Treble Bob were rung during the meeting.

Although the attendance was smaller than usual, a very enjoyable time was spent, and some good practice was put in.

DORCHESTER BRANCH.

About 40 ringers, representative of various towers of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, were present at the branch meeting at Charminster. A service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. D. F. Clemeck, R.D.). The surpliced choir and lady chorists were in attendance, and the accompaniment was rendered by the church organist, Mr. F. W. Kibbey. The Vicar based an impressive sermon on the text, 'I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end' (Rev. xxi., 6).

After the service the members sat down to tea in the Parish Hall, arrangements for which were admirably carried out by Mrs. J. Watts and a willing band of helpers. In the absence of the branch chairman (the Rev. T. S. Tarrant, Vicar of Wool), the Rev. D. F. Clemeck was voted to the chair for the business meeting.

Four new ringing members were elected from Buckland Newton. The Vicar of Bradford Peverell (the Rev. A. F. Godley) extended an invitation to the branch to hold its next meeting, to be held in July, at Bradford.

Mr. C. H. Jennings (branch secretary) reported on the progress that had been made in connection with the Dorset Ringers' Fellowship meeting at Milton Abbey on June 9th, when an address is to be given by the Bishop of Salisbury.

Mr. R. J. Tompkins, the secretary of the Charminster tower, voiced the hearty appreciation that was felt for the invaluable help of Dorchester members in going to Charminster and giving instruction.

A vote of thanks to the chairman for conducting the service and allowing the use of the bells and supplying tea, and to the organist, choir and organ blower, was proposed by the Rev. A. F. Godley and seconded by Miss L. R. Clapcott.

A practice was afterwards held, during which some higher methods were rung, and practice was continued at St. Peter's, Dorchester.

The towers represented at the meeting were Bradford Peverell, Buckland Newton, Charminster, Dorchester, Fordington St. George, Frampton, Sydling, Upwey, Wyke Regis, Evershot and Rampisham.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**ALTON AND PETERSFIELD DISTRICT'S FIRST MEETING.**

The first quarterly meeting of the Alton and Petersfield District was held at Blackmoor on Saturday, April 28th. Members were present from Alton, Bramshott, Blackmoor, Fareham, Petersfield, Prevett, Steep and Wickham. The bells were kept going to the standard methods until 4.30 p.m., when the Guild's service was conducted by the Vicar of Blackmoor (the Rev. F. G. Eyres), who gave an interesting address based upon the tuning of church bells. Tea was served at 5 p.m. in the Parish Room and the usual business meeting followed. About 30 members attended.

The company were invited by Lord Selborne to look over the grounds of Blackmoor House, and, after enjoying the beauties of nature for an hour or so, ringing was resumed until late in the evening.

FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

KILBURN, LONDON.—At St. Augustine's Church, on Low Sunday, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples: E. M. Atkins (conductor) 1, *Miss B. Hart 2, *Miss R. Shelvey 3, Miss F. Clayton 4, *S. Pacey 5, Miss E. K. Fulton 6, G. R. Goodship 7, *G. Hart 8. * First quarter-peat. † First quarter-peat on a working bell.

HALEWOOD, LIVERPOOL.—On Monday, March 5th, a quarter-peat of Stedman Triples: T. Robinson 1, J. Robinson 2, H. Ludkin (conductor) 3, G. Hesketh 4, C. Lomax 5, W. Robinson 6, J. W. Gardner 7, G. Young 8. First quarter-peat in the method by all except 3 and 4, and first quarter-peat of Stedman by a local band.—On Monday, March 19th, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples: G. Young 1, J. Robinson 2, T. Robinson 3, G. Hesketh (first quarter-peat as conductor) 4, H. Ludkin 5, W. Robinson 6, J. W. Gardner 7, J. Barker 8.—On Monday, April 30th, a quarter-peat of Bob Major (1,376 changes): G. Young 1, J. Robinson 2, T. Robinson 3, G. Hesketh 4, H. Ludkin 5, W. Robinson 6, O. Lomax 7, J. W. Gardner (first quarter-peat in the method as conductor) 8. First quarter-peat in the method by a local band and first quarter-peat in the method by ringers of 1, 3, 4 and 7.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on May 29th, St. Magnus on the 17th and 31st, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 15th, and St. Andrew's on the 24th at 7.30 p.m. * Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brookfield Unitarian, Gorton, on Saturday, May 12th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. and meeting to follow. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The festival will be held at Bradford-on-Avon on Saturday, May 12th. Service in the Parish Church at 12.30. Preacher, Rev. Canon Clarke. Luncheon and annual meeting in the Town Hall at 1.30 p.m., price 1s. 6d. Towers open: Holy Trinity and Christchurch, Bradford, Melksham, Westbury, Warminster (8), Holt, Hilpertown, Keevil, Steeple Ashton, Heytesbury, Longbridge Deverill (6). All ringers welcome.—F. Llewellyn Edwards, Hon. Sec., Kington Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting of the district will be held at Whatton-in-the-Vale, Notts, on Saturday, May 12th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please look up your methods.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

SILEBY, LEICS.—The ring of five bells, restored and augmented to six by John Taylor and Co., will be dedicated by the Bishop of Leicester on Saturday, May 12th, at 3 p.m.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting, Northaw, May 12th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Bus service, No. 629 Victoria, Hornsey, Southgate, etc., to Potters Bar Garage, one mile. Train, L. and N.E. Railway to Cuffley from King's Cross, Finsbury Park, etc.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Great Crosby, on Saturday, May 12th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. For tea, please notify the Vicar. Special method, Double Court. A good muster is desired and will be heartily welcomed by the Vicar.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The pre-Whitsun meeting will be held at West Hartlepool on Sat., May 12th. Meet at St. Oswald's at 3 o'clock. Committee meeting in the Vestry at 4, and service in St. Oswald's Church at 4.30. Tea in the Parish Hall at 5 o'clock, after which bands will be made up for St. Aidan's and All Saints'.—G. S. Taylor, Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Lytham on Saturday, May 12th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. A short service will be held, with tea to follow.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—The annual festival will be held at Wicken on Saturday, May 12th. Bells (8) available from 12 o'clock. Lunch 1.15 (2s. 6d. to non-members). Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30.—Rev. R. Howes, Cold Higham Rectory, Towcester.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Potton on Saturday, May 12th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at the Rectory at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—A meeting will be held at Great Shefford on Saturday, May 12th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at 1s. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting of the above Guild will be held at Cuckfield on Saturday, May 12th. Tower opened 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Pirbright on Saturday, May 12th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, Surrey.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Lutterworth on Saturday, May 12th. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at a moderate charge. Notify me, if possible. A good meeting is hoped for.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Local Hon. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Battle on Saturday, May 12th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, 1s. 3d. per head.—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Dis. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at All Saints', Isleworth, on Saturday, May 12th. Bells (10) from 3.30 p.m. Service at 5. Tea in Church Hall at 5.45. A 'bumper' attendance is earnestly requested.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Polesworth, near Tamworth, on Saturday, May 12th. Bells (6) available during afternoon and evening. Tea provided at a moderate charge.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will take place at the Cathedral, Sheffield (bells 12), on Saturday, May 12th, at 2.30 p.m. Plenty of cafes for tea close by. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield, 3.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch, Hants.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Brockenhurst on Saturday, May 12th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., Christchurch.

MANATON, DEVON.—Ring of six (tenor 9½ cwt.). Frame repaired and bells rehung with new fittings by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon. Re-dedication by the Venerable J. L. Cobham, Archdeacon of Totnes, on Sunday, May 13th, at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A by-meeting will be held at Barming on Saturday, May 19th. Tower open 3 o'clock. Service at 4.45, followed by tea. Please notify me by or before Thursday, 17th.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Linton, Maidstone.

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES MEMORIAL.—Tewkesbury Abbey, Saturday, May 19th. Dedication service 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Bells available (8) before service and (12) after service by application only. All those requiring tea and a pull upon the 12 must apply before May 12th to Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 46, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol, 2.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A district meeting will be held at Stowmarket on Saturday, May 19th. Bells (8) available 2 till 8 p.m. Tea at Temperance Hotel.—B. Chilvers, Hon. Dis. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at the Parish Church of All Saints, Pilgrim Street, Newcastle, 1, on Saturday, May 19th. Bells available between 3 p.m. and 9 p.m., and tea in the Parish Hall at 4.30 p.m., followed by a short discussion on any business that may have arisen. Short festival service at 6 p.m. All those desiring tea will please notify the hon. district secretary not later than the first post on Wednesday, May 16th. The charge will be 1s. per head.—K. A. Nicholson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Nuns Moor Crescent, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 4.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, is the venue of the next meeting, to be held on Saturday, May 19th. Bells from 3 p.m. Short service 5 p.m. Tea, etc., in the Church Hall 5.30 (1s. per head). Trains from Liverpool Street to St. James' Street, thence by tram or ten minutes' walk.—J. G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., 77, Anthony Street, E.1.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Barthomley (eight bells) on Saturday, May 19th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me know by the 16th inst?—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berkshire Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Harwell on Saturday, May 19th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify before 16th.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks.

ROTHLEY, LEICS.—The ring of five bells restored and augmented to six by John Taylor and Co. will be dedicated by the Bishop of Leicester at evensong on Whit Sunday.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival at Hereford, Whit Monday, May 21st. Service in Cathedral 12.15 p.m. Hot dinner, Booth Hall Hotel, 1 p.m., 2s. 6d. (1s. 6d. to members who notify secretary beforehand). Business meeting afterwards. Towers available: All Saints' (8) and S. Nicholas' (6), morning and afternoon; Cathedral (10), 5 p.m.—H. S. T. Richardson, Hon. Sec., S. Nicholas' Rectory, Hereford.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Northampton on Whit Monday. Committee meet St. Sepulchre's Church Institute at 11 a.m. Service in St. Sepulchre's Church at 12 noon, when the Vicar (Rev. G. P. H. Rowson) will preach. Hot lunch at 1 p.m. at the Angel Hotel (tickets 2s. 6d. each), followed by the business meeting. Application for tickets, with remittance, to be made not later than Wednesday, May 16th, to Mr. F. Browning, Cold Higham, or to the general secretary. The following towers will be open for ringing: St. Sepulchre's (8), St. Edmund's (8), St. Peter's (8), St. Giles' (10), Duston (6), and Kingsthorpe (6).—R. G. Black, Gen. Hon. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Torquay, on Whit Monday, May 21st. Service in the Parish Church at 12.15 p.m. Luncheon and meeting in Parish Hall at 1.15. Towers open: St. Mary's Church (8), Upton (8), Babbacombe (8) and Tormshun (6). Tickets 1s. each to members.—T. Laver, Gen. Sec., 21, Cross Park, Heavitree, Exeter.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The 55th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, May 21st. 11.30 a.m., service at the Cathedral, with address by the Rev. Canon I. L. Seymour, Vicar of All Saints', Maldon, Essex. 12.30 p.m., lunch (members 1s. 6d.), to be followed by the annual meeting at the Golden Fleece Hotel, Duke Street. It is most important that notice of intention to be present should be sent to the hon. secretary not later than first post previous Tuesday, May 15th, in order that proper provision for lunch can be made.—Chas. H. Howard, Master; F. J. Pitstow, General Sec. and Treas., 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Northallerton on Whit-Monday, May 21st. Bells (8, tenor 17 cwt.) are available all day. Service 12 noon. Address by the Vicar of Northallerton. Dinner will be provided at the Russell Cafe at 1 p.m. Members 2s. 3d., non-members 2s. 6d. Those intending to be at dinner please notify the Secretary not later than Wednesday, May 16th.—T. Metcalf, Hon. Sec., Hewick House, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Southern Division will be held at Seaford on Wednesday, May 23rd. Tower open 3 p.m. Service conducted by the Vicar, and tea and business meeting 5. Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.) to members. Names for tea (1s. 3d.) by Saturday, May 19th, please.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Sec., 1b, Chester Terrace, Brighton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Weedon (six bells) on Saturday, May 26th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Wimbledon, on Saturday, May 26th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. St. Mary's, Merton (5), also available after tea. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, May 23rd.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

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BROXBORNE.—At the Parish Church on Sunday, April 8th, for evening service, 1,036 Grandsire Triples by the local band: C. Byatt 1, C. Gouldsmith 2, Miss N. Radley 3, A. Radley (conductor) 4, D. Hammond 5, H. Curtis 6, G. Radley 7, W. Pedder 8.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—On Sunday, April 8th, for morning service, at the Cathedral Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. W. Stemp 1, J. H. Cassidy 2, Miss A. M. Eager 3, E. R. Warner 4, W. Tata 5, C. H. Shepherd 6, F. W. Burnett (conductor) 7, W. A. Theobald (first quarter-peal) 8.—On the same day for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Miss A. M. Eager 1, J. H. Cassidy 2, F. A. Burnett 3, W. Tata 4, L. P. Cook 5, C. H. Shepherd 6, F. W. Burnett (conductor) 7, W. A. Theobald 8.

DOVER, KENT.—On Sunday, April 22nd, for the evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Haley's): H. J. Saunders 1, H. Whitehead 2, J. Eagles 3, G. George 4, R. T. Clark 5, C. E. Millway 6, C. Turner (conductor) 7, C. Hardeman 8. Also arranged in honour of the marriage of Dorothy Sybil Whitehead (third daughter of the ringer of the 2nd bell), which took place at St. Martin's Church the previous day.

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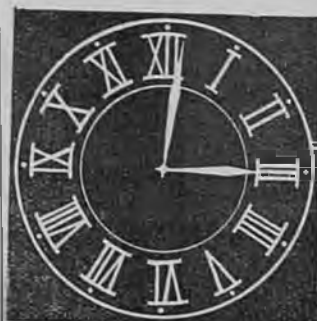
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