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THE DAVIES MEMORIAL.

Esteem and admiration for the life and work of the late Rev. Charles Douglas Percival Davies was manifest at Tewkesbury on Saturday, when the ringers' memorial, provided by national effort, was dedicated at an impressive service. To the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, of which Mr. Davies was a co-founder more than fifty years ago, was due the initiation of the scheme and with its officers rested the carrying out of the project, but the Exercise at large has joined readily in providing a suitable memorial to one of its greatest intellectual figures and one of its most valued members. Mr. Davies devoted a large part of his fairly long life to the furtherance of the art of ringing and the raising of ringers to an acknowledged place in the organisation of the Church. To him, indeed, was in no small measure due the idea of building up modern ringing associations on diocesan lines, and the Gloucester and Bristol Association was the first to be given a diocesan title. But this was only one of the directions in which he rendered service to the Exercise. By his investigations into many knotty problems, his writing and the diligent manner in which he served the Central Council for nearly twenty years as its Secretary, he left his mark upon our art, and there are few who have an equal claim upon the recognition of the ringers of this country.

Of the place and form of the memorial there could have been no happier choice. Tewkesbury Abbey was to him the dearest place on earth, and, as Canon Coleridge, speaking from personal knowledge, said in his address on Saturday, he loved every stone of it. The furnishing of the remaining deserted chapel of the old Abbey is an act in which Mr. Davies would have delighted and seems to complete the wonderful work of restoration which his father began more than half a century ago. The augmentation and improvement of the bells was a natural direction in which his memory should be perpetuated; for it was at Tewkesbury that he learned to ring. It is to the interest in the art which Tewkesbury bells gave him that the Exercise to-day owes much of its knowledge and was enriched by a personality so kindly, so lovable and so universally respected.

Those who seek to master some of the intricacies of the science of change ringing in these days have had their way made easier by the work done by Mr. Davies and some of his contemporaries, but the patience and meticulous care exercised in the work he did for the benefit of ringers are things which others might well endeavour to follow. Many of the problems of Mr. Davies' time have been settled, through his and others' investigations,

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but there are fields remaining to be explored in which men of knowledge and mathematical attainments can utilise their skill. But for all time the name of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies will stand out as one of the most conspicuous in the annals of ringing. St. Dunstan's Chapel in Tewkesbury Abbey will remain a hallowed spot to ringers, while the bells will be a constant reminder, that, in the words of their inscription, 'He being dead yet speaketh,' recalling the lines of Longfellow:—

Lives of great men all remind us,
We can make our lives sublime,
And, departing, leave behind us
Footprints in the sands of time.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 19, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY TOWER,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES;
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

JOHN H. SWINFIELD ...	...*Treble*	EDWARD C. GOBEY	6
J. FREDERICK MILNER ...	2	COLIN HARRISON	7
ERNEST MORRIS	3	JOSIAH MORRIS	8
G. STEDMAN MORRIS	4	CHARLES H. JENNINGS ...	9
ALFRED BALLARD	5	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	...*Tenor*

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Specially arranged for Mr. C. H. Jennings, of Wyke Regis, Dorset.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, May 21, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 25½ cwt.

KEITH HART	...*Treble*	NELSON ELLIOTT	6
STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG ...	2	JACK M. CRIPPS	7
WILLIAM H. HEWETT... ...	3	C. ERNEST SMITH...	8
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...	4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ...	9
KENNETH SNELLING	5	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, April 21, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

W. COX	...*Treble*	F. H. ABBOTT	5
H. K. WHITE	2	A. H. WEBB	6
G. F. JAMES	3	W. V. WEBB	7
W. LAMBELL	4	W. GOODENOUGH	...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. H. WEBB.

PLYMPTON, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
(ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.)
On Tuesday, May 15, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in D.

JOHN GLUYAS	...*Treble*	G. HARRY MYERS	5
H. FREDERICK MYERS	2	WILLIAM HAMLYN	6
SIDNEY O'SHAUGHNESSY ...	3	THOMAS G. MYERS	7
ALFRED MITCHELMORE ...	4	A. WILLIAM MYERS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by T. G. MYERS.

The first peal on the bells since restoration by Gillett and Johnston.

ALFRETON, DERBYSHIRE.—At St. Martin's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Key 1, J. Williamson 2, W. Padley 3, E. Brooks 4, C. Allsop 5, W. Allsop 6, F. Fretwell (conductor) 7, R. Hopson 8. Rung for evensong and in honour of the christening of the son of J. Williamson.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, May 15, 1934, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM J. WEBB	...Treble	ALBERT W. BOND	5
OWEN H. GILES	2	STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG	6
BURLEY P. MORRIS	3	KEITH HART	7
ALFRED W. GROVES	4	EDWARD D. CHARMAN	...Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.
The ringer of the 3rd is from Warkton, Kettering.

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, May 16, 1934, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt.

*REG. C. H. CONNOLLY	...Treble	*ERNEST G. WHITEMAN	5
JOHN W. FAITHFUL	2	WALTER LINTER	6
WILLIAM LINTER, JUN.	3	GEORGE WILLIAMS	7
THOMAS W. THIRKELL	4	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN.	...Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.
* First peal of Major.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, May 17, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18¾ cwt.

AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	...Treble	CHARLES JEFFS	5
*BERNARD H. SWINSON	2	HENRY GOLDING	6
FRANCIS KIRK	3	HERBERT GATES	7
†FRANCIS TOMPKINS	4	WALTER AYRE	...Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † First peal of Treble Bob. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Golding.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, May 18, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12¾ cwt.

*MOLLIE REDPATH	...Treble	HARRY HOVERD	5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.	2	ALFRED G. HILL	6
EDWIN A. BARNETT	3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	7
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	4	WILLIAM E. BOND	...Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.
* First attempt for a peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. T. Groombridge, jun.

STANDISH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 19, 1934, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

ERNEST BIRCHALL	...Treble	WILLIAM SHARPLES	5
JOHN JACKSON	2	JOHN BOOTH	6
JOHN CHARNOCK	3	FREDERICK G. BRADLEY	7
E. ROGER MARTIN	4	JAMES W. GROUNDS	...Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 416). Conducted by WM. SHARPLES
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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, May 19, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

*JAMES L. BOYLIN	...Treble	C. HOWARD STANLEY	5
GEORGE WILLIAMS	2	JOHN E. EATON	6
JOHN F. ATKINS	3	WALTER FARLEY	7
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT	4	*KENNETH J. DAVIS	...Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT.
* First peal. Rung after meeting short for Stedman Triples, the treble man kindly standing in at a moment's notice. The peal was arranged for the Hampshire veteran, who was on a visit to the Midlands in connection with the Central Council meeting.

HARLOW, ESSEX.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 19, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND HUGH,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

STANLEY A. CARTER	...Treble	ALFRED J. HOUSE	5
GEORGE MAXIM	2	JOHN H. BOTHAM	6
CYRIL A. HOUSE	3	JOSEPH LADLEY	7
FREDERICK C. PERRIN	4	JOHN WELCH	...Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by A. J. HOUSE.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 19, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

OLIVER SIPPETTS	...Treble	JACK M. CRIPPS	5
STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG	2	C. ERNEST SMITH	6
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	7
KENNETH SNELLING	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	...Tenor

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

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)
On Saturday, May 19, 1934, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E.

FRANK BUCKLAND	...Treble	WILLIAM H. FOSSELL	5
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER	2	JESSE HARRISON	6
GEORGE MARTIN	3	HARRY WINGROVE	7
FREDERICK G. BIGGS	4	WILLIAM HENLEY	...Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.
A peal for the Whitsuntide festival, with birthday compliments to the ringers of the 2nd and 6th bells. The band thank Mr. and Mrs. W. Fletcher for the welcome tea after ringing.

SIX BELL PEALS.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 12, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being six 120's of Plain Bob and 36 of Grandsire.
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

*MISS MARIE E. DUNN	...Treble	WILLIAM A. WOOD	4
FRANK BAILESS	2	JOHN H. BAILESS	5
†GEORGE A. CHARLTON	3	SYDNEY BAILESS	...Tenor

Conducted by J. H. BAILESS.
* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. First peal in two methods by all the band. First peal as conductor. Rung by local band for the sixth anniversary of the installation of the three new bells.

NEWBURN-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 12, 1934, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different callings. Tenor 16 cwt.

HERBERT P. CLIFF ...	...*Treble*	STEPHEN THOMPSON	4
*JACKSON EWBANK	2	ROBERT W. LEIGHTON ...	5
†THOMAS W. DODD	3	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

* First peal. † First peal away from the treble. This peal was specially arranged for Mr. Ewbank, of Birstwith, Yorks.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 16, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being a 720 each of Bourne Surprise, Annable's London Surprise, Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 16½ cwt.

*DAVID SLEET	...*Treble*	LEONARD STILWELL	4
†MISS K. M. BRADFORD ...	2	†EDWARD S. T. FARR	5
†WILLIAM WELLING	3	ALAN R. PINK	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in seven Treble Bob methods. First peal of seven Treble Bob methods on the bells.

NORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 18, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Biddulph, London, York, Wells, Durham, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

SAMUEL B. BAILEY ...	...*Treble*	CHARLES S. RYLES	4
JAMES STANWAY	2	WILLIAM C. LAWRENCE ...	5
JOHN E. WHEELDON	3	JAMES WALLEY	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES WALLEY.

This is the conductor's 50th peal, 47 of them having been rung with Mr. J. E. Wheeldon.

HANDBELL PEALS.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 8, 1934, in One Hour and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT 9, PEMBROKE ROAD,

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

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

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 15, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT 'LAVENHAM,' WOODFIELD AVENUE,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

GEORGE J. BUTCHER	1-2	EDWARD J. BEER	5-6
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ...	3-4	STUART SANDFORD	7-8

GEORGE H. CROSS 9-10

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

First peal in the method 'in hand' by the association and by the ringers of the 1-2, 3-4, 5-6 and 7-8. First peal of Royal 'in hand' in the method by the conductor.

BIGBY, LINCS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Friday, May 18, 1934, in One Hour and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. G. E. FEIRN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and Oxford Treble Bob, and two extents each of Kent and Plain Bob. Tenor size 16 in B flat.

FREDERICK HOLDSTOCK ...	1-2	ELVIN HOWSAM	3-4

GEORGE E. FEIRN 5-6

Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

Witness—William Middleton.

First peal in five methods by all. The ages of the above are 19, 18 and 20 respectively.

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The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn Memorial Committee are hoping that all the subscriptions will be paid in before the annual festival, July 21st. They should be sent to the hon. treasurer, Mr. A. J. Wright, 31, Priest Hill, Caversham.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

TRURO BRANCH MEETING AT ST. NEWLYN EAST.

A meeting of the Truro Branch of the above Guild was held at St. Newlyn East on Whitsun Eve, by a coincidence the last meeting here being on the eve of the same festival three years ago. Those present included Lt.-Col. C. F. Jerram (Diocesan Ringing Master), the Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella (general secretary), Mr. H. Dunstan (treasurer), and ringers from Truro Cathedral, Camborne, Tuckingmill, St. Gluvias, and the local band. During the afternoon and evening the splendid ring of six, which within recent years have been augmented from five and hung in a new frame with entirely new fittings by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., were rung in rounds, call changes, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. G. Montague May), who also gave a 'straight from the shoulder' talk on the words, 'Whatever you do, do it unto perfection.' Tea followed, after which Mr. A. S. Roberts proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and lady helpers, and also took the opportunity of extending the best wishes of the branch to the Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella, who would be representing the Guild at the Central Council meeting at Warwick on the following Tuesday. The Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella seconded the vote of thanks. Mr. W. H. Southeard (vice-president) occupied the chair for the business meeting, and Gwennap was chosen for the next meeting, with Illogan as an alternative. It was decided to restart the monthly combined practices, and arrangements were left in the hands of the Ringing Master.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ANOTHER TOWER FOR NEWBURY BRANCH.

A very successful meeting of the Newbury Branch was held at Great Shefford on Saturday, May 12th. This was the first meeting at Shefford for nearly 30 years. The following towers were represented: Bucklebury, Brightwalton, Beedon, Compton, Chieveley, East Ilsley, East Garston, Newbury, Peasemore, Thatcham and Great Shefford. Visitors were present from Abingdon, Bramley and Overton. Service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. T. Dewe), who gave a very helpful address, the lesson being read by the Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford. Miss E. Brown was at the organ. Tea was served at the Swan Hotel by Capt. and Mrs. Pobgee, and 45 sat down.

The business meeting followed, the Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford (chairman of the branch) presiding.

The Rev. T. Dewe was elected an honorary member, and six new ringing members from Shefford tower were also elected.

Votes of thanks to the Rev. T. Dewe for his address and welcome to the ringers, to the organist, and to Capt. and Mrs. Pobgee for the tea, were proposed by the chairman, seconded by the secretary (Mr. H. W. Curtis), and carried with applause.

Mr. G. Caudwell and Mrs. A. E. Lock played tunes on the handbells, which were much appreciated. Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Minor were rung during the afternoon and evening.

CHIPPING NORTON DEANERY BRANCH.

The spring meeting was held at Kingham on Saturday, May 12th.

There was ringing in the afternoon, followed by a service conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Hugh B. Richardson), Rev. E. C. Freeman being also present. The Guild's special form of service was used. The Rev. Wade gave a very interesting address to a large congregation. After tea, partaken of in the Village Hall, and to which upwards of 55 sat down, the annual business meeting was presided over by the chairman (Rev. C. Freeman). The Branch Secretary presented his report and balance sheet for the past year, which were passed and considered most satisfactory.

The Secretary said he was pleased to welcome Mr. Shute from the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, Alderman Hemming and Mr. George King (Badsey), of the Worcestershire Association, and visitors from other branches of the Oxfordshire Guild.

The officers were all re-elected, viz.: Rev. E. C. Freeman, chairman; J. Keyte, secretary; A. Miles and F. Green, Guild committee representatives.

It was proposed to hold the autumn meeting at Charlbury.

Mr. R. T. Hibbert, the Guild secretary, referred to the Jenkyn Memorial Fund, and stressed upon all to contribute a little and attend the dedication of the memorial in Christ Church cloisters on Saturday, July 21st.

Mr. Wright (Guild treasurer) spoke of the strong financial position of the branch, and asked for a grant towards the memorial fund. The sum of £3 3s. was then voted.

The Rev. Elliott Wigg (Deputy Master of the Guild) said how pleased he was to be there with the branch for the first time, and hoped he would be able to be with them again.

Special votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar of Kingham for welcoming the Guild that day, to the Rev. Wade for his address, and to the organist and blower. They all suitably replied, and this concluded the business.

The ringers then returned to the towers at Kingham, Shipton-under-Wychwood and Churchill, where some excellent practice was put in, and brought to a close a most successful day.

DEATH OF MR. A. W. CUTMORE.

A VETERAN LONDON RINGER.

Death has removed a veteran London ringer in the person of Mr. Arthur William Cutmore, who passed to his rest on May 14th. The deceased, who was 73 years of age and had been a cab driver, was a native of Stisted, Essex, but he learned to ring at Bow-in-the-Road, Stratford. Of late years he had been a member of the band at St. Mary Abbott's, Kensington. Mr. Cutmore had rung about 50 peals altogether, his last having been at St. Olave's, Hart Street, City, on December 10th, 1932, when a band of veterans, whose aggregate ages totalled 594 years, rang a peal of Stedman Triples. This record age was exceeded in another peal at the same church last October, but Mr. Cutmore was not in this. He was, however, ringing up to a short time before his death, his last quarter-peal being rung for service at Barnes at the end of April. He was a keen and devoted service ringer.

The funeral took place on May 17th at Fulham Cemetery, North Sheen, the mourners being his daughter and son-in-law, his brother and sister-in-law. He was buried in the same grave as his wife, who predeceased him some four or five years ago. After the committal, four College Youths, Messrs. W. Roughton, C. F. Winney, H. R. Pasmore and H. Langdon, rang on handbells over the open grave three whole pulls in rounds thrice, in slow time, and then a course of Stedman Triples. Other ringers who were present were Mr. A. B. Bennett, an hon. member, and Mr. Percy Miles, of the St. Mary Abbott's company.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

BIG MEETING IN GUILDFORD DISTRICT.

Youth again gathered in force on Saturday week, when a meeting of the Guildford District was held at Pirbright. Several of the neighbouring towers in the district were represented, but there was a big contingent from places over the border in the Farnham District. Pirbright is on the extreme edge of the Guildford District and almost inaccessible by train, except by long detour, but the ubiquitous bus, motor-cycle and car and push bike brought an almost record gathering, which made an impressive congregation in church. The choir (Capt. H. J. Cann, nephew of Canon Coleridge, is choirmaster) was augmented by several of the ringers, and the musical portion of the service was really enjoyable. The Vicar's sermon emphasised the fact that the ringing was not just a preliminary to a service, but really an act in the service itself, and should be regarded as such by the ringers.

The choirboys joined the tea party at the Village Hall, where over 70 sat down. Afterwards the Vicar (who presided) welcomed the Guild and thanked them for the donation which the Guild had given towards the restoration of the bells. The cost had been something like £224, of which £118 had been raised. He also thanked the ringers of Aldershot, Ash, Seale and Worplesdon for allowing the Pirbright members to practice at those towers while their own bells were out of order, and the ringers of Aldershot and Worplesdon who had since given instruction to Pirbright beginners. There were, he said, many young people present at that gathering, some of them too young, perhaps, yet to begin ringing, but he hoped in time they would take up that branch of service to the Church and always remain faithful members of the Church of England.

Misses Winifred, Amy and Hazel Thompson, Miss Phyllis Sayers and L. Wiggins, of Pirbright, were elected members of the Guild.

A sum of two guineas was voted from the district funds towards Pirbright bells.

A vote of condolence was passed with Mr. G. Cole, a Woking ringer, who had recently suffered a double bereavement. One daughter, who was married and leaves a husband and four children, died and her sister expired suddenly on the day the other was buried.

On the motion of Mr. J. Corbett (hon. treasurer), a vote of thanks to the Vicar, organist and choir and those who had made the arrangements was passed and acknowledged by Capt. Cann, while the Vicar expressed thanks on behalf of the guests.

The ringers then returned to the tower, but ringing had not been long in progress when, while a band of six ladies were ringing Treble Bob, the tenor clapper broke in the shaft. This effectually put an end to the ringing at Pirbright, but a telephone call to the Rev. G. J. Chitty in Worplesdon, three miles away, gained a ready consent to the use of the bells there for the rest of the evening, and motor-cycle and car quickly transferred a large party to the fresh tower, where a very nappy time was spent. Among the welcome visitors were the Misses P. and J. Kingdon, formerly attached to Worplesdon tower, but now living at Brede in Sussex, who made the long journey on purpose to be present at the meeting.

ANCIENT ORDER OF FORESTERS FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

NEW BELLS AT BECKENHAM TO CELEBRATE CENTENARY.

The members and friends of Court 'St. George' No. 5,106, of Beckenham, Kent, are completing their scheme to perpetuate the centenary of the society, which was founded in 1834. Two treble bells are to be given to the Parish Church of St. George, Beckenham, and these will be dedicated by the Bishop of Rochester during the 'Forester's service' to be held on June 3rd. A suitable tablet is also being provided in the church to record the gift.

Another £50 is still required to complete the scheme in every detail, so that assistance from any 'ringing brother' will be very welcome. Subscriptions will be acknowledged direct by the secretary of the court, Bro. W. J. Rawlings, 41, Monivea Road, Beckenham, Kent.

A 'FAMILY' AFFAIR.

At Benhilton, Surrey, on Easter Sunday, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: P. Williams (first quarter-peal) 1, G. Reed 2, F. Randall 3, G. Rayner 4, E. Enticknap 5, H. Smerdon 6, W. C. Smith 7, R. Foreman 8. This quarter-peal was also rung to commemorate the birth of the undermentioned: To the ringer of the 2nd, a daughter; to the ringer of the 5th, a son; to the ringer of the 6th, a son; and to G. Chiverton (another member of the company), a daughter. Mrs. Enticknap, mother of one of the infants, is also a member of the local band.

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

Members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild from all parts of Wiltshire and Dorset attended the annual festival at Bradford-on-Avon on Saturday week.

The Guild service was held in the Church of Holy Trinity at 12.30, conducted by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards (Rector of Kington Magna and hon. general secretary of the Guild).

Canon Clark (Vicar), giving the address, based it upon an extract from the lesson (Ephesians iv. 1-17), 'Speaking the truth in love.'

Lunch was provided in the Town Hall, and was followed by the annual meeting, over which the Rev. R. H. Gundry (Master of the Guild) presided, supported by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Canon Clarke (Vicar of Bradford), and Mr. F. Green, Devizes (assistant hon. secretary). Amongst others present were the following: Mr. C. D. Heginbothom (Devizes), Mr. W. C. West and Mrs. West (Melksham), the Rev. C. F. H. Brewis and Miss Brewis (Holt), the Rev. H. V. White (Broad Hinton), Canon Peters (Bremhill), Mr. L. A. Willson (Wootten Bassett), Mr. C. H. Jennings (Wyke Regis), Rev. C. A. Phillips (Bournemouth), Mr. F. W. Townsend (Poole), Mr. H. J. Ralph (Kington Magna), Mrs. F. Green (Devizes), Messrs. W. Bolwell (Ealing), S. Hillier (Devizes), J. T. Dyke (Chilcompton), F. W. Romain (Salisbury), etc.

Apologies for absence were received from Lord Shaftesbury, the Rev. C. C. Cox (Vicar of Lyme Regis) and Mr. Scott. Before commencing the business the Master gave the toast of 'The King.'

The balance sheet was adopted. The retiring officers were re-elected en bloc, with thanks for past services, the hon. secretary being congratulated on completing 21 years in office. Amongst other matters discussed, mention was made of a huge ringers' rally which is being held at Milton Abbey in June.

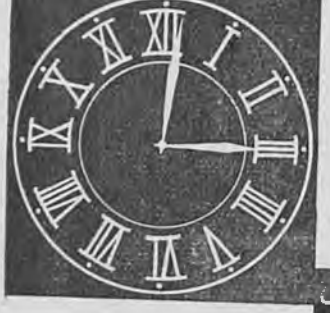
The secretary was asked to send a letter of congratulation to the Earl of Shaftesbury on the Masonic honour conferred upon him in recognition of his long and distinguished record of service as Provincial Grand Master of Dorset.

With the usual votes of thanks the meeting closed. The Vicar opened the Vicarage grounds and conducted members to the Saxon church, which was greatly appreciated.

The members subsequently dispersed to the various towers in the district for ringing. The towers available, besides the two Bradford churches, were those at Warminster, Melksham, Holt, Keevil, Steeple Ashton, Hilperton, Devizes St. John's, Longbridge Deverell and Heytesbury. The number of members attending during the day was between 150 and 160.

SHROPSHIRE RINGER'S DEATH.

We regret to record the sudden death of Mr. George Williams, of Oswestry, Shropshire, who passed away on May 15th, at the age of 57 years. Deceased was a native of Montgomery, where he learned to ring a bell, and had been a ringer at Oswestry Parish Church for 30 years. He was a very safe and steady ringer of Grandsire and Stedman, and had rung several peals in those methods. He was a regular Sunday service ringer whenever his duties as railway engine driver allowed, and will be greatly missed in the tower. The funeral took place on May 18th, the bearers being two ringers and four G.W.R. footplate men. The bells were rung muffled before and after the funeral service, and as a last token of respect a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on Whit Sunday by Miss A. Kynaston 1, R. Edwards 2, R. Kynaston 3, E. H. Kynaston 4, H. Jarman 5, R. T. Evans (conductor) 6, W. B. Kynaston 7, T. Marshall 8.



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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WELL-ATTENDED MEETING AT OVER, CAMBS.

A joint meeting of the Hunts and Central Branches of the Ely Diocesan Association was held at Over on Saturday, April 14th, about 35 ringers attending. The association service was held, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. F. G. Weston, M.A.), who based his address on Galatians v. 13, 'But by love serve one another.' All enjoyed the Vicar's words. He laid stress on the maintainance of a body, or band, of workers to a common cause, in this case to the cause of God. He welcomed the ringers to the meeting.

Among those present were Rev. E. B. Shepard, Messrs. W. H. J. Hooton, F. E. Haynes (Birmingham), Mr. H. Chapman (Kingston), Mr. R. King (Royston), Mr. and Mrs. F. Hurry (Sawston), Mrs. F. W. Lack (Great Staughton). The methods rung included Bob Minor and Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise.

Tea was partaken of in the schoolroom, and no twelve baskets were left.

There was no business meeting, but votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and taking the service, to Mrs. Weston for kindly acting as organist, and to the ladies for looking after the needs of the company.

The secretary has been invited to hold the next meeting at Wilburton, and due notice will appear in the proper columns of this paper.

CYCLE TOUR IN NORTH BUCKS.

The Stagsden bellringers and Mr. A. P. Cannon, of London, recently had a very successful cycle tour in North Bucks. A start was made at North Crawley, but, owing to illness, no ringing was done. Then over to Chicheley, where 720 Bob Minor was rung. These are an old-fashioned peal, with a timber 'diamond' frame (tenor 17½ cwt.). After 360 Bob Minor and tea at the local public-house, Sherington was visited. The church, dedicated to St. Laud, and one of the few so dedicated (presumably to Archbishop Laud, martyred in 1643, approx.), contains a pleasant peal of five bells (tenor 14 cwt.). Here touches of Bob and Grandsire Doubles were rung, after obtaining permission in about five minutes from the sexton, Mr. Watts, the Vicar being away.

Proceeding to Emberton, where the party were met by Mr. F. C. Mynard, the local captain, 720 Bob Minor was rung and touches of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. The last tower to be visited was Clifton Reynes at 8 p.m. The Vicar kindly led the way into the church and switched on the electric light. The 720 Bob Minor rung here enabled a young Stagsden ringer, aged 14, to ring his first 720 on the treble, which he did without a trip. The ringers were: H. Clarke 1, F. C. Tysoe 2, H. Walsh 3, P. Bazley 4, P. C. Bonnett (conductor) 5, A. P. Cannon 6 (tenor 10½ cwt.). Mr. P. Beard took part in the previous 720's. Altogether a very pleasant afternoon was spent.

SHERWOOD YOUTHS.

The annual meeting of the Society of Sherwood Youths was held at the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Nottingham (the headquarters of the society) on Saturday, April 14th. The Master, Mr. Albert Coppock, presided at the business meeting, at which all the retiring officers were re-elected, with Mr. W. E. White as trustee. Several new members were also elected.

A suggestion was put forward that a visit, on similar lines to a very enjoyable one made a few years ago, might be made to Norton-by-Galby, known locally as King's Norton, a village somewhat famous in the history of Mr. W. D. Crofts, Nottingham's celebrated ringer and composer of former days. The suggestion was favourably received by the members present, and it was decided to think the matter over and bring it forward again at a future meeting.

Mottesford was chosen for the next meeting to be held on May 26th, provided permission could be obtained.

Good use was made of the bells during the time available, but, owing to the heavy going, ringing was confined to the simpler methods.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells brought the meeting to a close.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Portsmouth District was held at Soberton on Saturday, April 21st, when members attended from Alton, Alverstoke, Bishopstoke, Bishop's Waltham, Fareham, Hambledon, North Stoneham, Petersfield, Portsmouth (Cathedral and St. Mary's), Soberton, Swanmore and Wickham. The Guild's service was held in the Parish Church, at which the Vicar (the Rev. J. Godefray) officiated. After tea in the Parish Hall the business meeting was held, the Vicar, who occupied the chair, being elected an honorary member of the Guild. A. Steele (Bishop's Waltham) was elected a ringing member.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Titchfield on July 21st.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for officiating at the service, also for the use of the bells and Parish Hall. Members afterwards returned to the tower for further ringing, which consisted of rounds and methods up to Cambridge Surprise Major.

SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR.

MORE NEW PEALS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I sincerely congratulate Mr. Turner on having composed and conducted his peal of Spliced Surprise Major. His composition is a very good one.

I have a few compositions not yet published, and send below the figures of two, which may also be useful to conductors.

A. J. PITMAN.

5,280.

23456	M.	W.	H.
36452	1		2
45362		1	1
53462			2
42635	1	1	2
64235			1
43265		2	
46532	2	1	1
56234	1		
63542	2	2	
54632		1	1
65432			1
43652		1	1
43526	2	2	1
35426			2
42356		1	1

Repeat twice.

Reduced by calling one Home lead of Bristol anywhere which cuts out next course, viz.:—

36452	M.	W.	H.
53462		1	3
or			
63542			
65432		1	2

This is the first three-part peal in these four methods.

5,440.

23456	M.	W.	H.
52436		1	
34625	1	1	
23645		*1	
65432	*1	1	2
43652		1	1
35642		2	
36452		1	2
53462		1	
46532		1	1
34562		1	

Repeat four times.

Ring Bristol from the bob Wrong marked * to the bob Middle *. All other courses consist of London, Cambridge or Superlative, London, with leads of Bristol inserted where more than one bob is called at M., W., or H. Reduced by calling one Home lead of Bristol anywhere, which cuts out next courses, thus:—

65432	M.	W.	H.
36452		1	3

These compositions may also be reduced by omitting three consecutive bobs M. or W.

BOURNEMOUTH.—At St. John's Church, on Sunday, May 6th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Brooks'): Miss F. M. Child 1, E. Griffin 2, Miss M. White 3, P. Witham 4, A. C. Rose 5, C. F. Turner (conductor) 6, H. R. Mitchell 7, F. Longman 8.

RINGING AT KENT SCHOOL, U.S.A.

PROGRESS BY THE STUDENTS.

The ringing at Kent School, Connecticut, U.S.A., where Mr. I. J. Attwater is instructor, progressed slowly and steadily through the winter term, although the short periods available there for ringing during this term stopped the students from attempting long touches. Numerous shorter ones have, however, been rung at the regular times.

There are some promising ringers in the second band, but, being very young, it is rather difficult for them to strike their bells correctly and to acquire the necessary ropesight. For this reason Caters have not been attempted on the tower bells, but in the next school year, beginning in September, it is hoped to have all ten bells going in change ringing if present progress is maintained.

On Sunday morning, March 18th, 742 Grandsire Triples was rung, and on Tuesday, March 20th, for evensong, 840 Grandsire Triples by: A. H. Terry 1, I. J. Attwater (conductor) 2, W. Abbe 3, A. D. Bosson 4, R. Westlake 5, R. Abbe 6, S. M. Wheelock 7, R. Davies 8.

For practice on handbells on March 22nd, 532 Grandsire Triples: H. Van Rensselaer 1-2, I. J. Attwater (conductor) 3-4, A. D. Bosson 5-6, S. M. Wheelock 7-8. These three touches on the tower and handbells are the longest yet rung by the Kent School Guild.

PRESENTATION TO MR. H. A. HEYWOOD.

AN ORIGINAL MEMBER OF CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

An interesting ceremony took place at Christleton on Saturday, April 28th, when Mr. H. A. Heywood was presented with a silver bell-shaped inkstand by his fellow-members of the Chester Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild on the occasion of his retirement from the office of vice-chairman.

Mr. Heywood, who is a cousin of the late Sir Arthur Heywood, although not a ringer himself, has been keenly interested in all things appertaining to bells and ringers for many years, especially in the welfare of the Chester Guild. He is one of the few now with us who were present at Chester Cathedral in 1887 when the Guild first came into being, and he has held office in one way or another, including that of Master, ever since. Recently he reluctantly resigned from the office of vice-chairman of the Chester Branch, a position which he has occupied for over a quarter of a century.

The presentation was made by Mr. James Morgan, the only other member of the branch who was present at the inaugural meeting of the Chester Guild 47 years ago.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Members of the Essex Association, at their annual meeting on Monday, accepted with deep regret the resignation of the Master (Mr. C. H. Howard). Mr. Howard held the office for 25 years, and during that time did yeoman service for the association. Recently Mr. Howard has been incapacitated by illness. He is succeeded in the mastership by Mr. Edward P. Duffield.

'Twenty-stone Bell-ringing Canon wants a 7ft. Bed!' was' the heading of an article on Canon G. F. Coleridge which appeared in the 'Sunday Pictorial' on Sunday. It was spoken of as 'a delicate problem' which had arisen at Warwick in connection with the Council meeting, as 'no one in Warwick seemed to have a 7ft. bed specially reinforced to hold a man weighing 20 stone.'

The article spoke of 'pulling a noise 5,000 times out of a Cathedral three-ton bell,' and was illustrated with an excellent photograph of the Canon holding a model of Exeter Cathedral tenor. Naturally Canon Coleridge had put in a good word for ringing, which he emphasised as 'the finest exercise out.'

In the peal at Gorton, on May 7th, the name of the ringer of the 3rd was Edward F. Mawby, and of the 4th Charles Ollier.

Is it true that the mysterious Kate has made a capture at last? The bachelors' band, who rang a peal on February 29th, 1932, agreed to meet again on the same date in 1936. We hear on good authority, however, that they will be 'let down.' One of them is shortly to be married!

The peal of Stedman Triples rung at Soberton on May 12th, and recorded in your issue of the 18th, should have recorded for the ringer of the 4th his first peal of Stedman. Mr. Linter rang his first peal (Grandsire Triples) on these bells 45 years ago.

TAUNTON RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

FORTY YEARS' SERVICE AS RINGER, STEEPLEKEEPER AND VERGER.

On Friday, April 13th, Mr. and Mrs. Fowler, of Taunton, celebrated their golden wedding, and St. Mary's Guild of Change Ringers, of which Mr. Fowler is a member, presented him with a handsome chiming clock. On the eve of the wedding anniversary a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung on St. Mary's Church bells by: W. White 1, A. Wyatt 2, A. Reed 3, E. Wyatt 4, W. H. Tarr 5, F. J. Sadd 6, P. Merson (conductor) 7, J. Fowler 8. Mr. Fowler has put in 40 years' service at St. Mary's Church as ringer, steeplekeeper and verger.

BEGINNERS NEED PROPER TEACHING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The motion down for discussion at the Central Council meeting, and with which you dealt so ably in your leader of April 27th, as to how ringers may help and encourage beginners to progress and so reach the peal ringing stage, must be of interest to ringers everywhere. But does not the trouble lie long before the learner reaches the peal ringing stage? There must be hundreds of ringers who have learnt to handle a bell improperly and have found it impossible to progress in change ringing and have either lost interest or given up in despair, simply because when they need all their attention looking at the other ropes they are trying to handle their own. If every learner is taught to handle his bell PERFECTLY and is given more attention and help in ringing rounds and hunting, both in the home tower and at meetings, beginners will be encouraged by the progress they will easily make, and will not be afraid to enter fresh towers or attend meetings as they are at present. Then we shall get better ringing, more progress and enthusiasm which end in peal ringing.

W. H. COLES.

Hayes.

C. W. PLAYER MEMORIAL FUND.

The following subscriptions to the fund for providing a memorial to the late Mr. C. W. Player are acknowledged: Mr. E. P. Smith, Stone-in-Oxney, £5; the Rev. R. C. J. White, Stone-in-Oxney, £2 2s.; Miss V. Gill, Stone-in-Oxney, 3s.; Mr. A. G. Cooke, Stone-in-Oxney, 5s.; Anonymous, 3s. 6d.; Mr. V. Williams, Stone-in-Oxney, £1 1s.; Miss Morgan, Stone-in-Oxney, 10s.; Mr. and Mrs. E. Bates, Stone-in-Oxney, £1 1s.; Lord Wakefield, Hythe, £5; Mrs. E. G. Titterton, Stone-in-Oxney, £2 2s.; Mr. E. Holden Stutely, Rye, £1 1s.; Mrs. Pelham Papillon, 10s.; Romney Marsh and District Guild, £3 3s.; Mr. F. White, Cranbrook, £1 1s.; the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, Canterbury, 5s.; Stone-in-Oxney School Children's Lenten Services, 13s.; Kent County Association, £5; Dr. G. D. Lander, Tenterden, £1; Mr. F. M. Isemonger, Stone-in-Oxney, £5: Mothers' Union, Stone-in-Oxney, 5s. 8d.; whist drive, organised by Mrs. Kenneth Pattenden, £11 1s. 4d.; collection at the Kent County Association annual meeting, £3 16s. 9d.; Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Sone, Paddock Wood, 10s.; Mr. W. Button, Rolvenden, 7s. 6d.; Mr. F. Bennett, Brighton, 4s.; collection by Mrs. Burt, Stone-in-Oxney. 10s. 8d.; collection by Miss V. Gill, Stone-in-Oxney, 5s.; Mr. G. Johnson, Appledore, £2 2s.; Mr. and Mrs. T. Underdown, Stone-in-Oxney, 5s.: Mr. T. Dennis, Cambridge, 10s.; Mr. R. Dawe, Lewes, 2s. 6d.; Mr. H. S. Humphery, New Romney, 2s. 6d.; Anonymous, £4. Total to April 22nd, 1934, £59 3s. 5d.

NATIONAL MEMORIAL TO REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.

DEDICATION OF BELLS AND CHAPEL AT TEWKESBURY ABBEY.

Ceremony Attended by Representative Gathering of Ringers.

The venerable Abbey of Tewkesbury was, on Saturday, the Mecca of ringers from all parts of the country, gathered there to do honour to the memory of one who, far above most others, did so much during a long life for the art of change ringing — Charles Douglas Percival Davies, Priest, who was born at Tewkesbury in 1857, whose last resting place is in the quiet cloister garth of the Abbey he knew so intimately and loved so well, and

THE LATE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES

who through more than fifty years devoted his great talents to furthering the science of ringing and uplifting the status of the ringer. The occasion was the dedication of a national memorial, which consists of a ringers' chapel, the provision of two bells to increase the ring to twelve and the recasting of the two former trebles, as well as the tuning of the other eight.

There are in Tewkesbury Abbey fourteen chapels which, during the last fifty years or so, have gradually been refurnished until but one remained. In the lights of one of its windows is the stained-glass memorial to the Rev. C. G. Davies (father of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies), Vicar of Tewkesbury, under whose fostering care the great restoration of the Abbey was begun, and who died at the age of 73 years in 1877. What more fitting, then, than that, as part of the memorial to his son, this remaining chapel should be equipped, henceforth to be known as St. Dunstan's Chapel? And how better could his association with bells, and particularly with the bells of Tewkesbury Abbey, where he learned to ring, be commemorated than by raising them to the dignity of a twelve-bell peal?

The memorial scheme was promoted by the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, of which the Rev. C. D. P. Davies was one of the founders, and, so greatly is the lifelong work of Mr. Davies valued throughout the Exercise, that the suggestion to make the appeal on a national basis met with a ready response, and the Central Council and associations and guilds throughout the country contributed. The total cost has been £328, of which £75 went to the refurnishing of the chapel, and when the dedication took place on Saturday, the whole of the necessary funds had been raised.

The furnishing of the chapel has included provision of an altar—a marble slab supported on stone corbels—upon the embroidered frontal cloth of which is a design emblematic of bells, while the adornments include a cross and candlesticks.

The work in the tower, whose massive proportions are the crowning glory of a wonderful pile begun in the days of the Normans, was carried out by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. All the old bells were removed to the foundry, and a vast improvement has been effected in them by the retuning to which the back eight have been subjected, and the recasting of the trebles. With the two new bells, a very pleasant ring of twelve has been made, whose mellow tones fall in nicely modulated sound over the old town and in the ringing chamber are perfectly comfortable for the ringers.

On each of the memorial bells is the inscription:—

A.M.D.G.
IN PIAM MEMORIAM.
C. D. P. DAVIES, M.A.,
FEBRUARY 5th, 1931.
'He Being Dead Yet Speaketh.'

A tablet in bronze mounted on oak is to be erected in the ringing chamber. It is worded as follows:—

To the Glory of God and in thankful remembrance of the life and work of the
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES, M.A.,
Co-founder of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, and its Master, 1885, 1903, 1927,
The two treble bells were added and the whole peal retuned by ringers and friends at home and overseas.
For over 50 years he devoted his Great Talent to the furtherance of the Art and Science of Change Ringing.
May 19th, 1934.

Some idea of the huge size of the tower of Tewkesbury Abbey may be gained from the fact that it would hold four rings of twelve all on one level. The bells are in one corner of the tower, nearest the stairway, and the ringing chamber has been made into a comfortable apartment by a partition which encloses a portion of the available space, although in the days when there were only eight bells there the ringers were open to the great area of the chamber and stood in insignificant occupation of a fraction of a huge and gloomy hall. The climb to the ringing room is a fairly big one, which takes the ringers up two long spiral stone staircases, connected by a 'gangway' over the vaulted ceiling of the abbey and among the roof timbers.

The dedication was arranged to coincide with the meeting of the Central Council at Warwick, and consequently the large gathering of ringers that attended the ceremony of Saturday was representative of the whole Exercise—from Yorkshire to Somerset, from South Wales to Kent, with a large contingent of Midland ringers, and, of course, a big muster of members of the Gloucester and Bristol Association. Before the service short touches were rung on the back eight bells, and when the service began the great nave of the Abbey was well filled with ringers and members of the public. The congregation included the Mayor of Tewkesbury, Mrs. J. Davies (widow of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies), and the following members of the family: Lt.-Comdr. John D. R. Davies, R.N. (younger son), Mrs. Cole (daughter), Mr. W. Cole (grandson), Miss P. Cole and Miss M. Davies (granddaughters), Mrs. Handcock (cousin), Mrs. John Davies (daughter-in-law), Major F. W. Cole (son-in-law), etc. The first portion of the service, which began with the processional hymn, 'All people that on earth do dwell,' consisted of evening prayer. Then the Lord Bishop of Gloucester, attended by the clergy and choir, proceeded to the chapel, where the altar and its ornaments were dedicated. Next, from the central space in the chancel beneath the tower, the dedication of the bells took place.

The president of the Central Council (Mr. E. H. Lewis) and the Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association (Mr. J. Gould) handed ropes to the Bishop, with the request that he would dedicate the bells 'to the Glory of God and the memory of the late Rev. Charles D. P. Davies, who devoted his life to our Art and Science of Church Bellringing.'

The Bishop, having received the ropes, offered suitable prayers and then performed the act of dedication in these words: 'In the faith of Jesus Christ we dedicate these bells to the Glory of God and in memory of Charles Douglas Percival Davies, priest and church bellringer.' Then, when the Bishop had committed the bells as a sacred

trust to the Vicar, the sound of the augmented peal, faintly as from a distance, fell upon the ears of the hushed congregation. A representative band of visiting ringers, selected from twelve different ringing societies, was entrusted with this task, which consisted of two minutes of well-struck rounds. The ringers were: A. Walker (Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham) 1, Mrs. E. K. Fletcher (hon. secretary, Ladies' Guild) 2, C. T. Coles (hon. secretary, Middlesex County Association) 3, G. R. Pye (Central Council representative of Essex Association) 4, J. W. Jones (hon. secretary, Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association) 5, F. Wilford (Master, Peterborough Diocesan Guild) 6, F. W. Perrens (Central Council representative of Warwickshire Guild) 7, W. H. Shuker (hon. secretary, Lancashire Association) 8, S. Holt (Worcestershire Association) 9, J. S. Goldsmith (hon. secretary, Guildford Diocesan Guild) 10, G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary, Central Council) 11, R. Richardson (Master, Lincoln Diocesan Guild) 12.

The service was resumed with the anthem 'Ye watchers and ye holy ones,' the solo being magnificently sung by Lt.-Comdr. John Davies, and after some further special prayers the hymn, 'O Heavenly Jerusalem,' preceded the sermon.

It was more than appropriate that the address should be given by Canon G. F. Coleridge, Mr. Davies' closest friend for more than half a century. He took for his text, Ecclesiasticus xli. 19, 'In my doings I was correct.'

It is recorded, he said, that when Calais, the last English possession in France, was taken by the French, Mary, the Queen, was so overcome that she averred that the name 'Calais' would be found, at her death, engraven on her heart. If that were true, it would be equally true to say that the hallowed name 'Tewkesbury' was engraved on the heart of him who is foremost in our thoughts to-day. He loved this stately Abbey from boyhood to old age. His thoughts were ever reverting to it all through his life. I never knew him in boyhood days, when he lived here during the incumbency of his father. It was at Oxford, near 58 years ago, when I met him first, whether in belfry or at handbell practice I cannot remember, but I thank God for that meeting in that he then began to impart his knowledge of change ringing to me, teaching so painstaking and exact that I feel I should never have been asked to speak to you to-day had it not been for the thorough grounding I received from him during four years of undergraduate life, happy years to follow all through life, even to the end—a friendship I valued more than I can say.

Having given some brief, biographical details of Mr. Davies, Canon Coleridge proceeded: I like to think first and foremost of that pure, fragrant and high-souled life; of his very real and deep devotion to the things of God. His religion was a very real thing with him; it meant everything to him: so in the practice as well as in the knowledge of the Faith 'he was exact'; careful, too, in the ordering of the services in the churches in which he led his people; reverent in all things; careful of small things if only they would add dignity to the service. I do not now dwell on his life as a faithful parish priest, continued the preacher, nor his work in the realm of astronomy as a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society and president of the British Astronomical Society. Such offices are 'out of course' to-day. It is as a ringer, a leader of the Exercise, that we recall him to-day—the mathematician and scientist, the writer and speaker on all that pertains to our art. It was here in Tewkesbury that he began his ringing career as a boy, mainly with the aid of his old friend, Josiah Wathen, engineer at the waterworks. At Oxford, as Master of the Oxford University Society of Change Ringers, he had the happiness of bringing on several of us for a peal Grandsire Triples, he himself conducting—the first peal by the society, on June 9th, 1879. Never shall I forget his excitement as the last single came up, nor his ecstatic leap into the air as he called, 'That's all.' At Oxford, too, in the second year of his residence as scholar of Pembroke College, he, with his old friend, G. H. Phillott, three years our senior, and then in an architect's office at Cheltenham, founded the first purely diocesan association of ringers. What joy was his when he was elected as Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association—a still greater joy when he was re-elected as Master for the year of its jubilee; its anniversary festival kept at St. Mary Redcliffe, with a notable service, and much enthusiasm at the subsequent proceedings; verily, it was a great day in his life: verily has the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association good cause to be grateful to him for all he did for it.

But a larger interest among ringers claimed the exercise of his talents. The Central Council of Church Bellringers had lost its secretary, a man of outstanding personality, Rev. H. Earle Bulwer. Another well fitted to cope with the onerous task had to be found. No wonder the choice fell on our good and trusty friend. For 19 years he carried on the work so effectually and so well that I one day, after a Council meeting, heard our chief, Sir Arthur Heywood, say to a few of us gathered round, 'I have nothing to do except sit in the chair; Davies does it all.' It was true. Only those behind the scenes know with what care and labour and toil he prepared the work for each meeting of the Council, to the great satisfaction of its members. No wonder they presented him with a piece of plate in token of appreciation of the wisdom and skill, cheeriness and affability with which he carried out his duties—duties well performed, for 'In my doings I was exact,' an exactness greatly appreciated by all of us. And all through those years, as well as for years before, and even afterwards, when bodily health was declining and his office as secretary had perforce to be given up, his pen was ever busy, not merely in articles and letters in the Ringing Press but also in more solid literature, for example, his volumes on Grandsire and Stedman Triples, on Surprise Methods, and towards the end the composition of a peal of Grandsire Triples with properties never before attained by any composer. Truly his pen did much to further the art and science of change ringing. Truly 'his "works" do follow him.'

We meet to-day, continued Canon Coleridge, to render praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God for his life and work among us. We meet, moreover, to do honour to his memory here in the Abbey he loved so well. It is natural for us so to do; it is natural that the association which he founded should take the lead and inaugurate a scheme for commemorating him for all time; it is natural that those who honoured, revered and love him should meet here to-day to take their part in the dedication of his memorial, set up in the one place most fitting in the whole earth. Others there are, unable to be present, who are joining with us in spirit, notably at Deane, his last parish, where a memorial service is at this very hour being held, with ringing on the six bells, the treble added by our friend in memory of a deeply-loved grandson. On the day of its dedication he conducted a 720 of Bob Minor, ringing the new treble, hearing the voice of the little lad singing out clear and sweet above the rest in that country tower, set in the midst of most peaceable surroundings. Here to-day are two bells added in his memory, bearing the words, 'He being dead yet speaketh'—a voice among us clear and pure in tone, ever to remind us of him in the years to come. Here, too, is 'furnished and prepared' a ringers' chapel in which the holy sacrifice may be offered on an altar with frontal emblematical of the mystic voices of the bells. Little did he think that such a memorial would be set up here; yet I know well he would have desired nothing better. I can tell you why I can say that. Fifty years ago last December I paid him a short visit at Chaceley. One whole morning we spent in this sacred building. Then it was that I first learnt the secret of his love. Every stone almost, every bit of carving, every tomb and effigy, every window—he knew them all; he revelled in telling me the Abbey's history and all its former glories. But there was one thing which made him sad—sad beyond measure, and that was the neglected state of the chapels. Funds for their thorough restoration to their former glories were not, as I imagine, sufficient, and so far as I know chantry chapels were not, 50 years ago, deemed necessary. How different to-day. A deserted chapel becomes a ringers' memorial, a thing of beauty, a memorial after his own heart, a place where ringers may go and, remembering him and all that he did for the lasting benefit of the ringers of England, may offer an offering of praise and thanksgiving, coupled with the heartfelt, good old prayer, 'Grant him eternal rest, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him.'

I began with a line from the prayer of Jesus, the son of Sirach, known among his fellows as Ben Sira, 'In all my doings I was exact.' Let me end with a few of the lines which follow. I don't think they are familiar to most of those present to-day. They speak of wisdom, but I should like to use them as an apt illustration of the love our revered friend had for this sacred building. 'I have had my heart joined with her from the beginning, therefore I shall not be forsaken. My heart was troubled in seeking her, therefore have I gotten a good possession.' Here is the story of his life as regards his well-loved Tewkesbury: 'My heart joined with her from the beginning,' 'My heart was troubled in seeking her.' Yes, indeed! No longer able to minister actively as a priest in the Church of God, he longed with a longing deep and yearning that his tired body might some day rest at least within sound of the Abbey bells. He had to resign his living; he came to end his days in the near neighbourhood, and there he had his desire fully satisfied. Appointed to an office pertaining to the belfry, he indeed got 'a good possession'—a little strip of hallowed ground in the cloister garth, a possession granted to but three or four since the Reformation. There we laid him in God's gracious keeping, the ardent desire of his heart abundantly satisfied, yet not before another lasting joy has come to him, the privilege of preaching from this pulpit on a Sunday morning in commemoration of the jubilee of the Abbey restoration begun by his father and carried on by his successor, Archdeacon Robeson, whose son in turn preached at the evening service. That was indeed a joy to him, the crowning joy of his life. A long letter told me all about it, how his enfeebled frame was assisted into the pulpit by his son and the verger, and how, seated in a chair he preached his sermon—his last—and that in the place he loved best on earth.

The sound of that voice is still, concluded Canon Coleridge, but is ever eloquent. 'He being dead yet speaketh.' The message he would give to you and to me to-day, we may well believe, would be found in the last line of the prayer of Ben Sira, as he lifted up his voice to God, the Giver of Wisdom and of all good gifts, 'Work your work betimes, and in His time He will give you your reward.'

During the singing of the hymn 'For all the saints,' a collection for the memorial fund was made, and the impressive service came to a close with the Blessing, pronounced by the Bishop.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

TUESDAY'S MEETING AT WARWICK.

The Central Council held their 42nd annual meeting at Warwick on Tuesday, the attendance numbering exactly 100—88 representative and 12 honorary members. Warwick is a centre of great interest, and many of the members and their friends had spent an enjoyable week-end, visiting such places at Stratford-on-Avon, Kenilworth and Warwick Castles, and ringing at many of the churches in the district.

The business meeting began on Tuesday morning in the Court House, where the members were welcomed by Alderman Malins (Deputy Mayor), on behalf of the Mayor of Warwick, and the Bishop of Coventry. Mr. E. H. Lewis (president) presided over the meeting. The attendance was as follows:—

Ancient Society of College Youths: Mr. A. B. Peck.
Bath and Wells Diocesan Association: Messrs. H. W. Brown, J. T. Dyke and J. Hunt.
Bedfordshire Association: Messrs. A. King and A. E. Sharman.
Cambridge University Guild: Messrs. E. M. Atkins and E. H. Lewis.
Chester Diocesan Guild: Messrs. J. Norbury and T. Wilde.
Devon Guild: Rev. E. S. Powell and Messrs. T. Laver, E. W. Marsh and G. C. Woodley.
Dudley and District Guild: Mr. F. Colclough.
Durham and Newcastle Association: Mr. W. H. Barber.
East Derbyshire and Notts Association: Mr. T. Clarke.
Ely Diocesan Association: Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake and Miss K. Willers.
Essex Association: Messrs. E. J. Butler and G. R. Pye.
Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association: Messrs. J. Austin, E. Guise and W. Rose.
Guildford Diocesan Guild: Messrs. G. L. Grover and A. C. Hazleden.
Hereford Diocesan Guild: Messrs. J. Clark and A. W. Davis.
Hertford County Association: Mr. W. Ayre.
Irish Association: Mr. G. Lindoff.
Kent County Association: Messrs. T. Groombridge and F. M. Mitchell.
Ladies' Guild: Mrs. E. K. Fletcher and Mrs. R. Richardson.
Lancashire Association: Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee and Messrs. G. R. Newton, W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson.
Lincoln Diocesan Guild: Messrs. R. Richardson and J. Phillips.
Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association: Messrs. D. G. Clift and J. W. Jones.
London County Association: Messrs. A. D. Barker and F. E. Dawe.
Middlesex County Association: Messrs. C. T. Coles, G. W. Fletcher, W. H. Hollier and W. Pickworth.
Midland Counties Association: Messrs. E. Denison Taylor, E. C. Gobey, J. H. Swinfield and W. E. White.
Norwich Diocesan Association: Mr. A. L. Coleman.
Oxford Diocesan Guild: Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge and Messrs. W. Evetts, jun., R. T. Hibbert and A. E. Lock.
Oxford Society: Mr. W. Collett.
Oxford University Society: Mr. H. Miles.
Peterborough Diocesan Guild: Messrs. H. Baxter, R. G. Black, T. Tebbutt and F. Wilford.
St. Martin's Guild: Mr. A. Paddon Smith.
Salisbury Diocesan Guild: Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Messrs. S. Hillier, C. H. Jennings and F. W. Romaine.
Society of Royal Cumberland Youths: Mr. J. Parker.
Stafford Archdeaconry Society: Messrs. T. J. Elton and H. Knight.
Suffolk Guild: Rev. H. Drake and Mr. C. Mee.
Surrey Association: Messrs. D. Cooper and C. H. Kippin.
Swansea and Brecon Guild: Mr. Gwyn Lewis.
Truro Diocesan Guild: Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella.
Warwickshire Guild: Messrs. F. W. Perrens and J. H. W. White.
Winchester and Portsmouth Guild: Messrs. G. Williams, H. Barton and G. Pullinger.
Worcester and Districts Association: Messrs. H. G. Bird, R. G. Knowles and J. D. Johnson.
Yorkshire Association: Messrs. J. Cotterell, P. J. Johnson and S. F. Palmer.
Honorary members: Messrs. W. A. Cave, C. Dean, J. S. Goldsmith, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Messrs. A. A. Hughes, C. F. Johnston, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Messrs. J. A. Trollope, A. Walker, S. H. Wood and E. Alex. Young.

The Hon. Secretary reported that there had been no change in the membership of the Council since the last meeting, and the subscription of the Shropshire Association was the only one unpaid.

A NEW HONORARY MEMBER.

The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Mr. A. A. Hughes and Mr. S. H. Wood were re-elected hon. members of the Council, and on the recommendation of the Standing Committee a vacancy was filled by the election of Mr. E. C. S. Turner, of Ealing, who, later, was appointed a member of the Methods Committee for the purpose of assisting in the work of preparing a 'Collection of Surprise Major Methods.'

Members who had not previously attended a meeting of the Council were presented to the president, and the following apologies for absence were received: Archdeacon Parry (Lincoln Guild), Canon C. C. Marshall (Yorkshire Association), Messrs. W. T. Cockerill (Ancient Society of College Youths), J. W. Parker (Durham and Newcastle Association), T. Metcalfe and J. C. Pollard (Cleveland and North Yorks Association), W. J. Nevard (Essex Association), F. W. Rogers (Winchester and Portsmouth), J. Griffin (hon. member), F. N. Golden (Norwich Diocesan Guild), G. H. Cross (St. Clement's Youths), G. Chester (Lincoln Diocesan Guild), T. E. Sone (Kent County Association), C. W. Roberts (hon. member), A. Coppock (Sherwood Youths), C. E. Borrett (Norwich Diocesan Guild), J. H. Cheesman (Kent County Association), T. H. Taffender (London County Association), W. J. Davidson (Durham and Newcastle Association), A. H. Pulling (Guildford Diocesan Guild), E. Bishop (Gloucester and Bristol), C. Matthews (Royal Cumberland Youths), and Rev. J. B. Frith (North Staffs and District).

It was reported that one member (Mr. J. D. Matthews) and two former members (the Rev. A. T. Beeston and Mr. Joseph Waghorn, sen.) had died during the year, and the Council marked their regret by standing in silence.

After the minutes had been disposed of, the Hon. Librarian presented his report, which showed that the year had been one of great activity. The publication of 'Hints' provoked a large demand. Nearly 3,000 sales, the report said, must surely be a record for one year, but a vast quantity of books remained in stock and seemed to be wanted at a very slow rate. The sales had realised £35 12s. 10d., and a balance of £24 0s. 10d. had been handed over to the general fund.

GIFTS TO THE COUNCIL'S LIBRARY.

The Librarian added that Mrs. Jenkyn (widow of the late hon. librarian) had presented to the Library the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn's copies of 'The Ringing World' up to 1932, and Mr. Fletcher had kindly given the volume for 1933. A copy of a county bell history had been acquired, and the Standing Committee thought it desirable that other similar histories should be obtained as opportunity offered.

The Standing Committee recommended that the hon. librarian be given power to renew stocks of publications that were in demand, and that a sum of £5 be available in any one year for the purchase of books for the library; also that the officers may at their discretion reduce the price of surplus stocks.

The librarian's report was adopted and the recommendation of the Standing Committee agreed to.

The hon. treasurer's statement of accounts showed a balance in hand of £64 11s. 9½d., against £67 12s. 2d. last year, and investments of the present value of £143 14s. 7d. The accounts were adopted, and Messrs. A. A. Hughes and C. T. Coles elected auditors under the new rules until the end of the Council's term of office.

The trustees of the Carter Ringing Machine (Messrs. E. A. Young and A. A. Hughes) reported that it was in a satisfactory condition, and the Council gladly accepted an offer by Mr. G. F. Woodhouse (of Sedbergh), made through the Rev. Canon Elsee, to exhibit and operate his ringing machine at the next meeting of the Council.

The Standing Committee, in their report, stated that the MS. of the 'Collection of Triples' had been received from the Methods Committee, and that they had ordered 750 copies to be printed. They recommended that Mr. E. Denison Taylor should be elected to fill the vacancy on the committee caused by the death of Mr. J. D. Matthews.

Mr. G. Lindoff presented the report of the Peals Committee, which proposed the publication of a small collection of peals of Plain Bob, Grandsire, Double Norwich, Stedman, Treble Bob, Superlative, Cambridge, London, Bristol, Yorkshire, Pudsey, Rutland and Lincolnshire, and, on the recommendation of the Standing Committee, it was resolved that the articles on 'Variation' by Mr. J. A. Trollope, published in 'The Ringing World' in 1930 and 1931, should be the basis of a pamphlet to be issued on this subject.

The Methods Committee's report, which has already appeared in 'The Ringing World,' came up for consideration, and the committee withdrew the references in it which appeared to commit the Council in future publications to the printing of peal compositions without the names of the composers. With this amendment the report was adopted.

The report of the Peals Analysis Committee, which has also appeared in these columns, was adopted.

The Towers and Belfries Committee report dealt with the dangers of Ellacombe chiming hammers if not properly attended to, and the Council decided to send a letter on the subject to all Archdeacons and secretaries of Diocesan Advisory Committees.—The President made an interesting statement on the effects of lengthening clapper flights; the frictional differences between plain and ball bearings on bells, and the action of some church authorities who, on the ground of 'danger' to towers, permit ringing only at intervals.

The Literature, Press and Broadcasting Committee presented a lengthy report dealing with the Press and bellringing and upon ringing broadcasts, which was adopted.

The committee business was completed before lunch, and in the afternoon there were animated discussions on the motions of which notice had been given.

Mr. J. A. Trollope proposed 'That no decision of the Council relating to the ringing of peals shall be binding unless passed by a two-third majority of the meeting.'—Mrs. E. K. Fletcher seconded.

An amendment was accepted altering the last words to 'two-third majority of the members present.'

Opposition was forthcoming on the ground that what applied to peals should apply to all resolutions of the Council, and also that such a provision was likely to be a bar to progress.

An amendment to apply the motion to all resolutions of the Council was defeated, and, on being put after further discussion, the motion itself was rejected by a considerable majority.

'BANKES JAMES ARRANGEMENT' ACCEPTED AS A PEAL.

The chief interest in the day's business centred in a motion relating to the 'Minor Controversy.' Mr. J. S. Goldsmith proposed 'That, notwithstanding any definition to the contrary, peals in any recognised Minor method or methods containing compositions in what is known as the "Bankes James Arrangement" are, in the opinion of this Council, permissible.'

Mr. J. A. Trollope seconded, and a rider was added, at the suggestion of the Standing Committee, defining as the Bankes James Arrangement the compositions of Minor in the Appendix of the 'Collection of Minor Methods,' with the exception of those known as the 'Law James London.'

Mr. W. Ayre, the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Mr. G. R. Newton, Mr. S. H. Wood, Mr. J. W. Jones, Mr. C. T. Coles and Mr. R. Richardson spoke in favour of the motion, and Mr. P. J. Johnson, Mr. J. Hunt, Mr. A. E. Sharman, Mr. T. Clarke, Mr. C. Mee and Mr. W. A. Cave against.

On being put it was adopted by a large majority, the President declaring that it was 'carried by a two-thirds majority.'

A motion proposed by Mr. E. M. Atkins, seconded by Mr. J. Parker, was agreed to, nem con., in the following terms: 'That this Council views with concern the comparatively small number of ringers ringing their first peal, and suggests that all ringers, mindful of their high calling, should do all in their power to encourage their less proficient brethren.'

The Council accepted the Standing Committee's recommendation that the next meeting should be held at Shrewsbury.

On the suggestion of Mr. F. E. Dawe, a small committee was appointed to confer with the Editor on the best method of increasing the sale of 'The Ringing World.'

The President proposed that in view of the forthcoming centenary celebration in Melbourne the greetings of the Council be sent to the ringers of Australia, and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith outlined a scheme, which the Council approved, to send a suitable collection of photographs of notable cathedrals and churches to the ringers at Melbourne and Hobart, Tasmania.

An omnibus vote of thanks to all who had organised the proceedings and helped to make them so enjoyable, particularly to Mr. Frank Perrens, who had been indefatigable in arranging and supervising the social programme, was accorded by acclamation.

A vote of thanks to the president terminated the meeting.

Afterwards the members and their friends were entertained to tea by the Warwickshire Guild, when the president of the Guild and the Mayor of Warwick expressed pleasure at the visit of the Council to Warwick.

Mr. E. H. Lewis replied and thanked the Warwickshire Guild for their hospitality and for the arrangements made for the comfort and pleasure of the visitors. To this Mr. Perrens replied.

Ringing on the fine bells at St. Mary's Church was followed by a social at the Woolpack Hotel (which had been the headquarters during the visit), and in the course of the evening much interest and entertainment was got from Mr. R. Richardson's exhibition of his 'movies,' in which many well-known ringers figured.

DEVON GUILD.

ORIGINAL TITLE TO BE RETAINED.

The 60th annual general meeting of the Devon Guild was held at St. Marychurch, Torquay, on Whit Monday, and, the weather being fine, drew an attendance of 222 members from 30 towers in union with the Guild.

The Vicars of St. Marychurch, Babbacombe, Upton and Torre had kindly granted the use of their bells for ringing, and these were made good use of throughout the day.

Service in the Parish Church of St. Marychurch was conducted by the Rev. E. V. Cox (president of the Guild) and Rev. R. A. H. Bate, with an address by the Archdeacon of Totnes. The Archdeacon aptly pointed out how the good qualities of a bell in being in tune with itself as well as the other bells in the ring should be imitated by members in their upright conduct and harmony with their brethren.

Luncheon was served in the Parish Hall, followed by the meeting, with the president in the chair.

The Rev. E. V. Cox was re-elected president, and the general secretary, treasurer, auditor and vice-presidents, with three additions, all re-elected. Ilfracombe was selected by vote as the place for the annual meeting in 1935.

The revised 'Code of Rules,' as circulated among members, was adopted, and it was resolved to retain the original title of the society as the 'Guild of Devonshire Ringers.'

The report and financial statement as published, showing a balance in hand of £45, was adopted. The President mentioned that he had recently made an enjoyable visit to a meeting of the Tamar Valley Guild, and he hoped that a message of fellowship would promote a real friendly spirit between all engaged in the work of the Church.

A LEICESTERSHIRE RESTORATION.

MEMORIAL TO FORMER VICAR.

At evensong, on Sunday, May 20th, the dedication took place at Rothley Parish Church, Leicestershire, of the Rev. L. H. Pearson memorial bell and five bells restored, by the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Leicester, D.D.

After the third collect, Mrs. Pearson (who attended the service with her two daughters) accompanied the Bishop and Vicar to the tower for the dedication ceremony.

The Vicar, addressing the Bishop and handing him the ropes, asked him to dedicate the bells, 'one being in memory of Lewis Henry Pearson.'

The brass plate recording the memorial bell was then unveiled by Mrs. Pearson.

After the dedication the opening rounds were then rung by the local Sunday service band, while the Bishop and Vicar returned to their seats.

After the prayers, the hymn, 'Lifted safe within the tower' was sung, and the service proceeded. After the service the bells rang out again and were kept going till nine o'clock.

The old five bells have been retuned and rehung with the most up-to-date fittings, the ball bearings being totally enclosed, the carriages being fixed to strong bed-plates securely bolted to the old wood frame. The tone of the bells was very much admired by all who remembered them before the tuning. The new bell is in perfect accord with the old five, making an excellent ring of six, their 'go' being splendid.

Lewis Henry Pearson, in whose memory the new bell was dedicated, was Vicar of Rothley 1916-1926. Being a ringer himself, he did much for the Rothley band, and was greatly respected by them. His two daughters were also ringers.

The restoration work has been carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, in their customary efficient manner.

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National Memorial to Rev. C. D. P. Davies—Continued from page 330.

Immediately afterwards the bells were heard again, rung this time by twelve officials of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, consisting of J. Gould (Master), S. Romains (Master elect) and A. Maggs (vice-presidents), P. C. Williams (hon. treasurer), A. Wright (hon. peals secretary), E. Bishop, J. Austin and W Rose (Central Council representatives), F. G. Leaker and J. H. Shepherd (bell advisers), W. H. Fussell and J. Williams (branch officers).

In the adjoining Parish Hall a large party sat down to tea as the guests of Mrs. Davies, who unfortunately was unable to be present, as she has not yet fully recovered from her recent serious operation. She was, however, represented by her son and daughter, and among those present were the Vicar of Tewkesbury (Rev. E. P. Gough), Canon Coleridge, Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mr. J. Gould, Mr. E. Guise (hon. sec. of the Gloucester and Bristol Association), Mr. J. S. Pritchett (Master of St. Martin's Guild), Mr. H. Miles (representing Oxford University Society), and Mr. E. Denison Taylor (representing the bell founders).

Afterwards the Vicar thanked Mrs. Davies for her hospitality and the Gloucester and Bristol Association and the ringers of England for having provided for the Abbey so excellent a memorial.

Lt.-Comdr. Davies, on behalf of his mother, welcomed the ringers, and in expressing delight at the presence of the Vicar said it was a great happiness to his father to know, before he died, that the Abbey was in the safe keeping of the Rev. E. P. Gough. They were all delighted also to have Canon Coleridge with them. In a few jocular remarks Lt.-Comdr. Davies said in his childhood's days Canon Coleridge was known to him as 'Uncle Fred,' and he was taught to regard him as the final limit of human stature. He, however, always hoped that one day he would grow sufficiently tall to be able to look down on the top of uncle's head (laughter). But Nature ordained otherwise, and having grown to complete manhood he was only able to look into his ear (laughter). Comdr. Davies welcomed Mr. Lewis, the president of the Council, and congratulated Mr. Taylor on the excellent work which his firm had carried out. The speaker added that his mother and he had the privilege of seeing the new bells cast, and he felt that for many years to come they would ring out, and, as they had been reminded in the sermon, would say of his father, 'He being dead yet speaketh' (applause).

The bells were available to ringers throughout the evening, and various bands rang touches of Stedman Cinques, while others used them in rounds and queens.

There were many apologies for absence. Mrs. Laura Snowdon and Miss Snowdon, of Cartmel, Lancs, in expressing sorrow that they could not be present, added that 'the memory of a very gracious and dear friend will be in their minds as they rejoice with you in so befitting a memorial at Tewkesbury.'

A letter was also received on behalf of Mr. R. K. Knight, of Leytonstone, who, having been practically bedridden for the past eleven years, was quite unable to accept the invitation. His daughter wrote: 'He personally knew the Rev. C. D. P. Davies and was acquainted with many of the founders of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. Although he is now in his 90th year, he takes the keenest interest in bellringers and bellringing. He sends his kind regards and warm thanks, and wishes every success to the gathering; his thoughts will be very much with you all.'

NOTICES.

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 31st. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

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.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—The monthly meeting of the branch will take place at Ramsbury on Saturday, May 26th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30. All ringing friends welcome, but please send a card to A. Taylor, Branch Sec., 12, Salisbury Road, Marlborough, Wilts.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Brampton on Saturday, May 26th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea five o'clock. Bells (5) just rehung.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—A meeting will be held at St. John's, Egham, on Saturday, May 26th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, if possible. Tea and meeting after.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec., 4, Temperance Cotts., Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Kirkham Parish Church on Saturday, May 26th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A combined meeting of the Western and Eastern Districts will be held at Chester-le-Street on Saturday, May 26th, when we hope for a good attendance. The bells will be available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.—H. Tyson and F. Robson, Secs.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton and Bedford Districts.—A combined meeting will be held at Maulden on Saturday, May 26th. Bells (6) will be available at 3 p.m. A good meeting is hoped for.—Frank C. Tysoe, Bromham, Bedford, and A. E. Sharman, Dunstable, Dis. Secs.

SALISBURY GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Marnhull on Saturday, May 26th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (by kind invitation of Canon and Mrs. Hellins) at 5. All ringers cordially invited. Please notify early.—J. Ralph, Kington Magna, Gillingham, Dorset.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Hinckley on Saturday, May 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at moderate charge at 5 p.m., followed by meeting. — A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Clewer, Windsor (six bells) on Saturday, May 26th, at 3.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Aldington on Saturday, May 26th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Barkston on Saturday, May 26th. Bells (6) available during afternoon and evening. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., The Lodge, Folkingham, Lincs.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery Branch will hold their next quarterly meeting at West Lydford on Saturday, May 26th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—E. F. Creed, Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary, Somerset.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Stow Bardolph, Norfolk, on Saturday, May 26th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5, 1s. each. All ringers welcome.—E. Barker, Branch Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Great Chishill on Saturday, May 26th. Bells (5) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's, Bolton, on Saturday, May 26th. Bells available from 5 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Harpenden on Saturday, May 26th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made. All ringers and friends welcome.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Bexhill on Saturday, May 26th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. All ringers are welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Abbots Leigh on Saturday, May 26th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Frequent bus service from Prince Street.—Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Bristol, 5.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The meeting advertised to be held at North Perrott to-morrow (Saturday, May 26th) has had to be cancelled owing to the serious illness of the local ringers' captain.—F. Farrant, Branch Sec., Martock.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. James', Grimsby, on Saturday, May 26th. Service 4.15. Tea at the Church House, Bull Ring, 5 p.m. (resident members free, non-members 1s. 6d.). Bells (8) available 2.15 to 4.10 and 7.45 to 9 p.m. All welcome.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 43, Etherington Street, Gainsborough.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Pontesbury, Saturday, May 26th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m.—R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., 88, North Street, Castle Fields, Shrewsbury.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—Rousham bells (6) recently rehung by T. Bond, of Burford will be dedicated by the Right Rev.

Bishop E. D. Shaw, D.D., on Trinity Sunday, May 27th, at 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome. Bells available during the evening. If requiring tea, please notify in good time.—E. Pearson, Deddington, Oxford.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Joint practice at St. Mark's, Dalston, on Thursday, May 31st. Bells from 7 to 9 p.m. All ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Ockley on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, and tea at the Red Lion afterwards. Please let me have numbers for tea as early as possible.—A. H. Smith, Tudor House, Howard Road, Great Bookham.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at High Ongar on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. The Rector is kindly entertaining the members to tea, and it is essential that all those intending to be present must notify me by Wednesday, May 30th, without fail.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Hastings on Saturday, June 2nd. All Saints', Hastings, open for ringing 2 p.m. and after meeting; Christ Church, St. Leonards, 6.30 till 8 p.m. Special service at All Saints' 4.30. Meat tea, Corner House Restaurant, Fishmarket, 5.15, followed by meeting. Tea 2s. 6d. (members 1s. 3d.). Half rail to resident members (maximum 2s. 6d.). Those intending to be present should notify the undersigned not later than Tuesday, May 29th.—A. D. Stone, Hon. Gen. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Cavendish on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea (1s. each) and meeting at the George Hotel.—Harold G. Herbert, Dis. Sec , Sudbury and Clare.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whalley on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch. — The quarterly meeting will be held at Holbeach (8 bells) on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by May 29th?—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Sunbury-on-Thames, on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells (8) from 3.30. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, in Parish Room, at 5 p.m. Shepperton bells (5) available between 4.15 and 5.15. A pleasant outing for your family!—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at The Oaks-in-Charnwood Church on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Ecclesfield (8 bells) on Saturday, June 2nd. For tea please notify Mr. T. Kitson, Church Street, Ecclesfield. Cup contest at Clowne July 21st.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield 3.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District. — The annual general meeting will be held at St. George in the Borough, Southwark (' Little Dorrit's ' Church) on Saturday, June 2nd. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea to follow. Will those intending to be present please notify me, Marjorie L. Cross, 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, Kent?

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of the Winchester District will be held at King's Somborne on Saturday, June 2nd. Service at 4 p.m., followed by tea, at the Vicarage, by kind invitation. Please let me know if you are coming. Stockbridge and Longstock bells open to the members.—George Noice, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Cathedral View, Highcliffe, Winchester.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Benington on June 2nd. Bells ready during afternoon and evening. Tea provided by the Rector (Rev. W. E. Mills). All ringers heartily welcomed.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Barlborough on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells ready from 2 p.m. Tea provided for those who notify Mr. P. P. Morris, Sycamore Lane, Barlborough, Chesterfield, by May 30th. All ringers welcome.—C. R. Smith and R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Silverdale on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells at 2 p.m. Tea at 4.30. Meeting at 5.15 p.m.—E. Swain.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Newton, on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Tea may be had at the café close to the church at a nominal charge. All ringers welcome.—Wm. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Urchfont on Saturday, June 2nd. Usual arrangement for service and tea. Chirton and Marden bells also available during the evening.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wombourne on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service in church 4.30. Tea will be provided, for which a small charge will be made. — Herbert Sheppard, 49, Hellier Street, Dudley.

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KING'S BIRTHDAY.—The Oxford Society extends a hearty invitation to all desirous of an opportunity for a day's ringing in Oxford on Sunday, June 3rd. Ringing as follows:—Carfax (6) 8 a.m., Christ Church (12) 9 a.m., New College (10) 1 p.m., Magdalen (10) 2 p.m., Merton (8) 3 p.m., St. Mary's (6) 4 p.m.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Pinner, June 9th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea at 5.40 at 1s. Please advise me by June 6th. Frequent trains from Baker Street. All ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Rotherfield on Saturday, June 9th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Those requiring tea please notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday previous to meeting. Half rail fare, maximum 1s. 6d. — R. Swift, Hon. Div. Sec., Iping, Ifield Road, Crawley.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Bentley (not Bagshot) on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting at The Lindens. Notifications for tea by June 6th.—C. W. Denyer, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Grundisburgh on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Tea, 1s. each, at the Dog Inn at 4.30. Meeting follows.—Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By the kind permission of Rev. C. Magraw, the next by-meeting will be held at Ash, on Saturday, June 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Please let me know of your intention to be present by Thursday, June 7th.—Percy W. Smith, Fair View, Littlebourne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will take place at Walsden on Saturday, June 9th. Tower open for ringing from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. This is the first meeting of the branch at the above tower and a good attendance is expected. Tea will be served in the school at 1s. per head to all who send the names to Mr. H. Davenport, Spring View, Walsden, not later than Wednesday, June 6th. — H. Hamer, Hon. Branch Sec., 3, Nall Street, Milnrow.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—A joint fellowship gathering of the four Dorset Branches will be held at Milton Abbey on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (8), also Bere Regis, Hilton and Puddletown, available from 2.30 p.m. Special service at 4 p.m., preacher the Lord Bishop of Salisbury. Tea to follow in the Mansion House, chair to be taken by the President of the Guild, Lord Shaftesbury. Parties will be shown over the Mansion House, St. Catherine's Chapel, gardens and grounds. Those travelling by motor-cars must obtain printed slip to display on the vehicle; pedestrians and cyclists must obtain a card of admission. Entrance by South Lodge. Application for cards and slips must be made early to Mr. C. H. Jennings, Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.—F. H. Edwards, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Reopening North Forest Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Newent, Glos, on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (6) available. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea and business meeting to follow. Election of officers, etc. Please notify by June 2nd how many will attend from your tower so that I can make arrangements for tea, which is by kind invitation of the Rector, the Rev. C. J. K. Burnett.—Edgar Guise, Gen. Hon. Sec., 46, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol, 2.

MOULTON, NORTHAMPTON.—Dedication of the two Carey bells, June 9th, 3 p.m. (Carey Centenary), by Rev. J. White, Rural Dean. Great united service in churchyard, address by Carey's great-grandson. Tea 4.45 (1s.). Handbells. Tickets, Moulton Vicarage. Apply early. Bells available. A musical ring of 8.

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