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THE STATISTICS OF PEAL RINGING

Perhaps the most disappointing thing about the peals rung in the year 1934, as revealed by the tables published last week, is the continued growth in the number of peals of Minor rung in one method only, and that method Plain Bob. In 1933 the number was 88; in 1934 it was 114; and in something like the same proportion peals in one method of Doubles also rose. Granted that the ringers who take part in these peals have little opportunity to extend their practice to a higher number of bells, we feel that there is a lack of enterprise shown by these figures. All kinds of argument may be put forward, not only to justify the large number of one-method peals rung on five and six bells, but also, maybe, to endeavour to show that these peals are actually as good as any other peals that are rung. We agree that there are conditions under which a peal of Bob Minor may be as meritorious as a peal in seven Surprise methods, and when it may be even more useful in the development of a band, but we cannot believe that, given the will to progress, it is the limit of attainment of any company. There are, we feel sure, instances where the ringers are just content to ring this one thing, and seem to have no ambition to rise to greater heights. To paraphrase a well-known quotation: 'It is better to have tried and lost than never to have tried at all.' It is often better to lose a peal in a higher class than to ring one in a lower category which requires little or no effort. The material at the disposal of a band to-day is so extensive and progress can be made by such easy stages that there is no real excuse for marking time by a company that have once rung a one-method peal.

The number of ringers who rang their first peal was about the same proportion as in the peals of the preceding year, so that, although the actual number was smaller, there was no falling off in the percentage of 'first pealers.' While this may not be entirely satisfactory in the view of some people, it is a check upon what appears to have been a downward tendency in past years, and we hope it may mark a turning of the tide by which the interest and keenness of a greater number of ringers may be stirred, for there are few things which act as an incentive to ringers to a greater degree than the ringing of one's first peal. In addition to the fall in the 'first pealers,' there is also a drop—again, more or less proportionate—in the number who rang their first peal in a new method or in a method on a different number of bells. The figures under this head, interesting though they are, are not a very reliable guide to progress or otherwise. It does not follow that, because a man rings a peal in

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some method in which he has not rung a peal before, he is doing something better than he has previously accomplished. There are not infrequent instances of men who have rung a considerable number of Surprise peals coming back to ring a peal in something much simpler. But while these details provide no exact indication of progress, there is a certain amount of general value in the comparative figures, for there is no doubt, on balance, statistics of this kind average themselves out and, taken over a period of years, show how far peal ringers are maintaining a desire to ring more methods.

ROYAL JUBILEE PEALS.

In honour of the Silver Jubilee of His Majesty King George V., the following peals have been rung:—

TEN BELL PEALS.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5077 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

ROBERT EDWARDS ...	...*Treble*	LODIS HEAD	6
ERNEST SPILLER	2	FREDERICK LEESON	7
WILLIAM SPICE	3	KENNETH PATTENDEN ...	8
LEONARD MANNERING ...	4	BENJAMIN BAKER...	9
GEORGE KENWARD	5	HENRY DUNN	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 11, 1935, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

SEPTIMUS RADFORD ...	...*Treble*	CHARLES HAZELDEN	6
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH	2	GEORGE TOMSETT	7
CHARLES W. DENYER... ...	3	FREDERICK W. RADFORD ...	8
STAFFORD H. GREEN	4	SYDNEY J. ELTON	9
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	5	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.

The composition was rung for the first time.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 11, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5200 CHANGES;

Tenor 25¾ cwt.

JOHN HOLMAN	...*Treble*	WILLIAM BARTON	6
J. WILLIAM CUNDALL ...	2	JOSEPH BROADLEY	7
ARTHUR KNIGHTS	3	*GEORGE AMBLER	8
PERCY J. JOHNSON	4	†AMBURN WILSON	9
*FREDERICK SEAGER	5	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS	...*Tenor*

Composed by AMBURN WILSON. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

* First peal of Oxford Royal. † First peal of Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WILTON, TAUNTON.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*WILLIAM T. CLARK	*Treble*	†RONALD W. HAYWARD ...	5
DUDLEY F. SHELDON ...	2	WILLIAM A. SIVIER	6
SIDNEY A. WYATT	3	ARTHUR W. HAYWARD ...	7
ALFRED J. WYATT	4	S. GEORGE COLES ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by A. W. HAYWARD.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major 'inside.' First peal of Superlative by all the band. First peal on eight bells as conductor. First peal of Superlative west of Bristol by a resident band all attached to the same tower.

WEST DIDSBURY, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. (approx.).

GEORGE WHITELEGG ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE NEWTON...	5
OSWALD J. HUNT...	2	SAMUEL HOLT	6
HAROLD JONES	3	THOMAS JONES	7
ALFRED FROST	4	ROBERT DAVIES	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by R. DAVIES.

WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.

THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN WALLER	...*Treble*	GEORGE WHITE	5
HARRY SHORT	2	ALFRED E. B. OXLEY	6
ALBERT V. COATES	3	WM. A. BRECKON	7
SIDNEY ELWICK	4	RICHARD HANSELL ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. A. BRECKON.

First peal in the method on the bells, and by all the band, excepting the conductor. All the above are members of the local company.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

*GEORGE ARROWSMITH	...*Treble*	GEORGE LUFF	5
†RICHARD T. CARPENTER ...	2	MAURICE B. SMITHER... ...	6
CHARLES W. TROSSLER ...	3	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT	7
THOMAS ATTWELL	4	WILFRED BARTLETT ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. J. BARTLETT.

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

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

JOHN E. S. MORETON	...*Treble*	†PERCY STONE	5
JAMES DRAYCOTT	2	ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ...	6
*JOHN GIBBONS	3	†HARRY HARRIS	7
CHARLES E. RAYSON... ...	4	‡WILLIAM BARRETT ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR H. BEAMISH.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' † First peal in the method ‡ First peal.

HALEWOOD, LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE YOUNG	...*Treble*	JOHN W. GARDNER	5
JOHN ROBINSON	2	GEORGE HESKETH	6
*THOMAS ROBINSON	3	WILLIAM ROBINSON	7
HERBERT LUDKIN	4	JAMES BARKER	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE HESKETH.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' First peal as conductor and first attempt.

BENENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*ALFRED BALLARD ...	...*Treble*	ARCHIBALD STEVENSON ...	5
WILLIAM GORRINGE	2	HERBERT POPE	6
JAMES G. POWELL	3	GEORGE SIMS	7
LESLIE W. JARVIS	4	JAMES AVERY	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. GORRINGE.

* First peal.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(Newcastle Cathedral Guild.)

On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of St. Nicholas,

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

On the Dixon Eight. Tenor 17 cwt. 16 lb. in G flat.

John Foreman ... ...*Treble*	Robert T. Anderson... ... 5
William H. Barber 2	Adam Deas 6
William J. Davidson ... 3	Joseph E. R. Keen 7
John Anderson 4	Richard Thompson ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by W. H. Barber.

Rung after meeting short for Stedman Caters.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Oxford Society.)

On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Ebbe,

A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Worcester Variation.

*Samuel Hounslow ... ...*Treble*	*George Horwood 5
*John R. Harris 2	*William G. E. Collett 6
Francis E. Taylor 3	Francis E. May 7
William H. B. Wilkins... 4	Frederick A. H. Wilkins *Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by F. E. Taylor.

* First spliced peal.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 7, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15¾ cwt.

Ernest Cotsforth ... ...*Treble*	Peter Nuttall 5
Edward Webster 2	Arthur Heywood 6
*William Tyson... 3	John Nuttall 7
James Yates 4	James Leather ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by John Nuttall.

* First peal.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 7, 1935, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

Walter Elsey ... ...*Treble*	Albert G. Harrison 5
Frederick Roper 2	David Whiting 6
George Archer 3	Clement J. More 7
William Musk 4	Eric Bennett ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by C. J. More.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 7, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Day's Six-part. Tenor 17¼ cwt. in E.

Everest Ford ... ...*Treble*	Jack Kay 5
Miss Annie Potter 2	William Baxendale... ... 6
Harold Gorton 3	Peter Crook, sen. 7
Albert E. Sandiford ... 4	Richard Wm. Mosley ...*Tenor*

Conducted by Peter Crook, sen.

GODALMING, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 8, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part.

Tenor 25 cwt.

Alfred H. Pulling ... ...*Treble*	Raymond J. Overy 5
John S. Goldsmith 2	William T. Beeson 6
John H. B. Hesse 3	C. Ernest Smith 7
Charles W. Denyer... ... 4	Arthur J. Bartlett ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. Ernest Smith.

First peal of Stedman Triples as conductor.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 8, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 10½ cwt.

Frank L. Barnes ... ...*Treble*	Ralph Harris 5
*Miss Maggie J. Johnson 2	Joseph E. Newman 6
Miss Amy R. Johnson ... 3	Joseph D. Johnson 7
Mrs. Ralph Harris ... 4	Miss Florence A. Johnson *Tenor*

Conducted by Ralph Harris.

* First peal of Grandsire. First peal on the bells by an entirely local band.

LYTHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 8, 1935, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Cuthbert,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Day's Six-part. Tenor 14 cwt.

Charles Sharples ... ...*Treble*	*John Boardman 5
*Jonathan Allanson ... 2	John H. Foster 6
Robert Parkinson 3	Peter Crook, sen. 7
Jack Kay 4	Bernard Hall ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. H. Foster.

* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor.

FARNHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 8, 1935, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20¼ cwt.

*Frederick Hammett ...*Treble*	†Allan Hardiman 5
Herbert H. Alexander... 2	Frank Kemp 6
George Upshall 3	Richard Hasted 7
Charles Wells 4	Thomas Upshall ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Richard Hasted.

* First peal. † First peal of Bob Major.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 9, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

At the Church of St. James, Clerkenwell,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 24¾ cwt.

*William D. Prockson ...*Treble*	Charles T. Coles 5
*Miss Mabel A. Prockson 2	Ernest Brett 6
George R. Pye... 3	Albert W. Coles 7
*George A. Parsons... ... 4	*George A. Donaldson ...*Tenor*

Conducted by George R. Pye.

* First peal.

LITTLEPORT, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 9, 1935, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. George,

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

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

William Bavin ... ...*Treble*	Arthur G. Bason 5
Berry Wayman 2	Robert Smith 6
Charles Robinson 3	Frank Warrington 7
*Francis G. Gleaves ... 4	Mansfield Ginn ... ...*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by Frank Warrington.

* 100th peal.

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HEREFORD.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, May 9, 1935, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

CHARLES H. COX	*Treble*	CHARLES L. SADLER	5
JOHN J. WEBB	2	ALFRED T. POULTON	6
WILLIAM J. BENIAMS	3	WILLIAM POSTON	7
WILLIAM H. SYMONDS	4	*FRED E. J. REYNOLDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. POSTON.

* First peal on eight bells.

PONTEFRACT, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, May 9, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

HAROLD DYSON	*Treble*	FRED NEWTON	5
ARTHUR WALKER	2	THOMAS HOLDER	6
JOHN H. LENTON	3	HARRY C. WALTERS	7
WILLIAM TATE	4	CHARLES BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY C. WALTERS.

GORTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, May 10, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT BROOKFIELD CHURCH,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13⅜ cwt.

ALFRED BARNES	*Treble*	JOHN FEARNHEAD	5
WILLIAM BRAMMER	2	ERNEST SEDDON	6
CHARLES OLLIER	3	EDWARD F. MAWBY	7
ARNOLD S. FEARNHEAD	4	FREDERICK PAGE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by F. PAGE.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, May 10, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAY'S SIX-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

*RICHARD M. YOUNG	*Treble*	†CYRIL ROBERT BROWN	5
†CLIFFORD HORROCKS	2	JOSEPH EDWARD OWEN	6
MISS G. ANNIE CROOK	3	PETER CROOK, SEN.	7
EVEREST FORD	4	†JOHN EDWIN THORNTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by Miss G. ANNIE CROOK.

* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal.

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, May 10, 1935, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S No. 1. Tenor 14½ cwt.

CLIFFORD ELLISON	*Treble*	HARRY WILDE	5
*ARTHUR SKELTON	2	ALBERT PICKLES	6
EDGAR WHITELEY	3	WILLIAM AMBLER	7
HAROLD PEARCE	4	SAM LONGBOTTOM	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD PEARCE.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

BISHOP'S CANNINGS, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, May 11, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt. in E flat.

THOMAS MERRITT	*Treble*	*A. ERNEST STEVENS	5
SIDNEY HILLIER	2	NORMAN V. ANDREWS	6
GEORGE J. WINTER	3	WILLIAM C. WEST	7
JESSE FRANCIS	4	A. JAMES CULLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM C. WEST.

* First attempt for peal. Arranged and rung to conclude the week's celebrations.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 11, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb.

HARRY D. LISTER	*Treble*	GEORGE W. ABLITT	5
ARTHUR GRIMWOOD	2	JAMES ROSE	6
EDWIN A. CRACKNELL	3	KEITH W. WHITTELL	7
GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	4	HERBERT SHEMMING	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

CHURCH STRETTON, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, May 11, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

CHARLES L. SADLER	*Treble*	*WILLIAM A. FARMER	5
JOHN J. WEBB	2	ERNEST COX	6
WILLIAM J. BENIAMS	3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	7
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	4	†WILLIAM POSTON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by W. POSTON.

* First peal of Major. † 200th peal.

WHITWORTH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 11, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

*HAROLD HAMER	*Treble*	THOMAS WALLWORK	5
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	HERBERT DAVENPORT	6
ROBERT WALLWORK	3	WILFRED MOSS	7
WILFRED HALLIWELL	4	THOMAS B. WORSLEY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by T. B. WORSLEY.

* First Surprise peal.

MILFORD-ON-SEA, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, May 11, 1935, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

O. NEVILLE CURTIS	*Treble*	WILLIAM E. CHEATER	5
A. F. MARTIN STEWART	2	REGINALD C. H. CONNOLLY	6
D. CECIL WILLIAMS, MUS. BAC.	3	GEORGE WILLIAMS	7
GEORGE PRESTON	4	*TOM PIKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by D. CECIL WILLIAMS.

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

BRADING, ISLE OF WIGHT.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, May 11, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 10½ cwt.

HAROLD A. NOBES	*Treble*	ALBERT R. WARNER	5
FREDERICK A. BURNETT	2	FREDERICK W. STEMP	6
ERNEST R. WARNER	3	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	7
FRANK TAYLOR	4	CECIL L. GUY	*Tenor*

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by FREDK. W. BURNETT.

CARDIFF, SOUTH WALES.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 11, 1935, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

*EVAN COLES	*Treble*	ERNEST STITCH	5
GEORGE LARGE	2	JOHN PHILLIPS	6
GEORGE POPNELL	3	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON	7
JOHN W. JONES	4	SEYMOUR R. BARKER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. Rung on the occasion of the Welsh nation's celebrations of His Majesty's Jubilee, when the Prince of Wales attended as representative of the King.

WEST MEON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, May 11, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

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

Composed by Rev. H. E. BULWER. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS

THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, May 11, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5104 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

*JAMES M. NICKERSON	*Treble*	CHARLES M. WHITNEY ...	5
WALTER PERKINS	2	CYRIL WILSON	6
GEORGE W. JEFFS	3	CHARLES W. BIRD	7
WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ...	4	FRANK WARRINGTON ...	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by F. WARRINGTON.

* 80th peal. This arrangement, on the five-part plan, is now rung for the first time.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, May 11, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5026 CHANGES;

ARTHUR C. OTWAY ...	*Treble*	JOHN HOYLE...	5
ALFRED H. WINCH	2	WILLIAM NEWBERRY	6
WILLIAM WHITING	3	ARTHUR H. SMITH	7
GEORGE MARRINER	4	ALBERT HARMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by F. HOLDEN. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

First peal in the method on the bells.

WINGHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 11, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

*PERCY BRANFORD ...	*Treble*	*JOHN SHARP	5
HARRY PARKES	2	‡SYDNEY WALTER	6
JABEZ WALTER	3	FREDERICK G. BRETT ...	7
†PERCY W. SMITH	4	A. PATRICK CANNON ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by A. P. CANNON.

* First peal of Major. † First peal on eight bells. ‡ First peal of Plain Bob Major.

OAKHAM, RUTLAND.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 11, 1935, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 28 cwt.

JAMES GEORGE	*Treble*	*JOHN H. BLOFF	5
*REGINALD A. ALEY	2	R. HENRY BARTRAM	6
WILLIAM HECTOR	3	C. ARTHUR MANNING ...	7
JOSEPH A. FENTON	4	ALBERT L. WARD ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. ARTHUR MANNING.

* First peal of Stedman.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 11, 1935, in Three Hours and Nine-and-a-Half Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 21½ cwt.

FREDK. J. LAMBERT, SEN.	*Treble*	FRANK BENNETT	5
HERBERT MARKWELL	2	REGINALD E. LAMBERT ...	6
EDWIN H. LEWIS	3	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ...	7
A. WINGFIELD DURHAM ...	4	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

GODSHILL, ISLE OF WIGHT.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

EDWARD H. THORNE ...	*Treble*	CHARLES H. DENNESS ...	4
SIDNEY M. HOLLIS	2	CLIVE C. CALLAWAY	5
LESTER BAILEY	3	CHARLES H. MORRIS ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. H. DENNESS.

First peal for all the band and rung at first attempt. All are local men.

WOODSTON, HUNTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's with varied callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

WILLIAM H. WALDRON	*Treble*	HERBERT HOARE	4
STANLEY HOARE	2	HERBERT GOAKES	5
JOHN J. JUTSON	3	WILLIAM ROSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST MARY.
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 of Kent Treble Bob, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob, with varied callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMSON ...	*Treble*	HERBERT GOAKES	4
WILLIAM ROSE	2	WILLIAM H. WALDRON ...	5
WILLIAM ALDERMAN	3	FRANK ROWLINSON ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

BARLEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5280 CHANGES;
Being 2,880 of Grandsire and 1,200 each of Oxford Singles and Plain Bob.

WALTER CHAPMAN ...	*Treble*	HARRY HOWARD	4
ROBERT HOWARD...	2	FRANK HAYES	5
WALTER MANSFIELD	3	VICTOR G. LEE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

Longest peal on the bells.

HARDINGTON-MANDEVILLE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and 4,320 of Grandsire, in ten callings. Tenor 8 cwt. 4 lb.

L. J. HAWKINS	*Treble*	F. MARSH	4
*MISS V. K. TURNER	2	G. W. RENDELL	5
MRS. G. W. RENDELL ...	3	D. W. RANSOM	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. W. RENDELL.

* First peal in two methods.

BERRINGTON, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*JAMES LLOYD	*Treble*	WILLIAM DOWNES	4
SYDNEY WEAR	2	WILLIAM H. LLOYD	5
PHILIP PURSLOW	3	HERBERT EVANS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WM. H. LLOYD.

* First peal.

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THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two 120's, with 10 different callings.

GEORGE BRAYINGTON ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM WILLIAMS	4
LEN HULBERT	2	REGINALD ADDIS	5
EDWARD BARKLEY	3	CHARLES LINTON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by R. ADDIS.

First peal by all the band except the conductor. First peal as conductor and first peal on the bells by a local band.

ALGAKIRK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Single Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Single Court and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE R. BURRELL ...	...*Treble*	VERNON TAYLOR	4
HARVEY E. BURRELL	2	WILLIAM E. CLARKE	5
HAROLD BARSLEY	3	CYRIL R. BURRELL ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL R. BURRELL.

First peal of Minor as conductor. First peal on the bells, which have been rehung and augmented to six by Mears and Stainbank, London.

LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 of Woodbine and two each of Cambridge, Kent and Oxford.
Tenor 10½ cwt.

F. BODMAN	...*Treble*	A. E. ROWE	4
L. A. TIDY	2	W. ASHDOWN	5
A. E. EVEREST	3	J. O. WELLER	...*Tenor*

Conducted by L. A. TIDY.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, 6-8 covering. Tenor 21 cwt.

*J. HARDEN	...*Treble*	†J. BALCOMBE	5
A. HIBBEN	3	A. BRIDGER	6
H. HARRINGTON	4	J. T. MEDHURST	7
*R. STEVENS	...*Tenor*		

Conducted by J. T. MEDHURST.

* First peal. † First away from treble.

BEDFORD.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, May 7, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-DE-MERTON.
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford and Plain Bob.

THOMAS HARPIN	...*Treble*	LEONARD WILLIAM	4
MISS EVELYN STEEL	2	*WILLIAM STAPLETON ...	5
CHARLES W. CLARKE	3	HERBERT SHARP	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM STAPLETON.

* 60th peal on the bells.

CALNE, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, May 8, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 26 cwt.

*W KING	...*Treble*	L. A. WILSON	5
H. BURY	2	W. HAINES	6
F. HACKER	3	R. BARRY	7
*F. WALKER	4	W. PAINE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by L. A. WILSON.

* First peal. Rung with 4-6-8 behind, 4-6 dodging throughout.

WILBURTON, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, May 9, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's each of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and one 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*LAURIE NORFOLK	...*Treble*	ALBERT HAZEL	4
GEORGE MARKWELL	2	HENRY SHARP	5
STANLEY SHIPP	3	FRED THULBORN	...*Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY SHARP.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. All are regular Sunday service ringers.

HAZELBURY BRYAN, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Friday, May 10, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND JAMES,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire, 14 callings.
Tenor 16 cwt.

H. CHARLES CLUETT	...*Treble*	H. JIM RALPH	4
*J. JOHN PAUL	2	†E. T. PAUL FIELD	5
H. DENNIS W. BISHOP ...	3	WALTER J. GOSNEY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. T. P. FIELD.

* First peal and first attempt. † 25th peal. First peal on the bells since their augmentation from five in March, 1934, and 13 minutes quicker than the only previous peal.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, May 10, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's. Tenor 10 cwt.

ARTHUR C. WILSON ...	...*Treble*	HAROLD J. HAZEL	4
KITTY WILLERS	2	MANSFIELD GINN	5
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES	3	FRANK WARRINGTON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

CROSCOMBE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 11, 1935, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's, viz.: London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Double and Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 17 cwt.

KENNETH FORD	...*Treble*	DAVID MACKAY	4
MISS NORAH G. WILLIAMS	2	RONALD G. BECK	5
JOHN E. METCALFE	3	JOSEPH T. DYKE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by R. G. BECK.

KINGTON MAGNA, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, May 11, 1935, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being four extents each of New Doubles, Stedman Slow Course, St. Bartholomew, Reading, St. Simon's, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Stedman, and ten of Grandsire, each extent called differently. Tenor 16½ cwt.

HAROLD C. R. VINE ...	...*Treble*	E. T. PAUL FIELD	3
H. DENNIS W. BISHOP ...	2	H. JIM RALPH	4
WILLIAM C. SHUTE ...	... *Tenor*		

Conducted by E. T. P. FIELD.

First peal in nine methods by all the band and for the Guild. Quickest peal on the bells. The Rector, the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, kindly entertained the band after the peal.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

VICE-PRESIDENT TALKS ON HANDLING A BELL.

The spring meeting of the Tonbridge District of the Kent County Association was held at Tunbridge Wells on Saturday, May 4th. About 40 members attended, representing 15 towers. Service in St. Peter's Church was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. L. Fenn), and at the conclusion the first verse of the National Anthem was sung.

At the business meeting after tea 17 new members were elected.

The district secrtary (Mr. A. Richardson) asked the members to consider holding practice meetings so that they might become acquainted with some of the Triples methods, recently published by the Central Council. The idea seemed to take on, and it was arranged to begin with a practice at Tonbridge in June and to start with Court Triples.

The tower secretaries were warmly thanked by the secretary for their quick response to his appeal for subscriptions for 1935, and were informed that every tower in the district had sent in their subscriptions in full.

Mr. E. H. Lewis, president of the Central Council and vice-president of the association, made some observations in regard to the booklet, 'Hints for Instructors and Beginners,' and said that from what he had seen in the belfry during the afternoon the ringers who had the booklet had not taken the trouble to read it. He noticed in a touch of Triples that only one ringer out of the eight was handling the rope in the correct way.

Asked by the secretary whether he could enlighten the members in regard to their faults, Mr. Lewis endeavoured at some length to do so.

Mr. W. Latter, who gave up the district secretaryship last year, remarked how glad he was to be present, and thanked everybody for the kind messages and sympathy which he had received during his recent illness.

Mr. A. Battin proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar, and votes of thanks were also passed to the churchwardens for kindly providing tea and to the ladies who served it. Thus concluded a very pleasant meeting, and the members returned to the tower for more ringing.

A GUILD OF BELL LOVERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I fully agree with what C. F. J. says about the proposal to form a Guild of Bell Lovers, but my opinion is that some of the present Guilds do not want honorary members very badly. They wouldn't demand such big subscriptions if they did.

LESLIE LUNN.

Gainsborough.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

MR. FRED WILFORD RESIGNING MASTERSHIP.

By kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. F. T. B. Westlake, the Wellingborough branch held a quarterly meeting at the quiet little village of Easton Maudit on Saturday, May 4th. It is off the beaten track, but about 30 members and friends took advantage of a nice day to visit the beautiful old church, with its peal of five nice-toned bells, which were kept going during the afternoon and evening to Stedman Doubles, etc.

The Vicar being away from home ill, the Guild service was conducted by the Rev. J. H. Marlow, of Bozeat, and a very interesting address was given by the Rev. Hudson, who had only arrived the night previous to take charge of the parish until the Vicar is well again. It was a new thing to the locum tenens to speak to a meeting of bellringers, but he gave them something worth thinking about. He mentioned the many phases of the nation's life, such as the Jubilee celebrations, in which the bells had a part to play, and went on to say that, although of pagan origin, bells were introduced into our church towers and consecrated to the service of God. They were to be used for the praise and glory of God, also to announce the various activities of our church life, and he very fearlessly but kindly brought home to the ringers the necessity of taking part in some at least of the services for which they rang.

Tea, afterwards served in the Schoolroom, had been prepared by the local ringers, their wives and friends.

After tea Mrs. Allebone (Vicar's warden), who was present to represent the Vicar, kindly welcomed the members to Easton Maudit, and said it was a great disappointment to the Rev. F. T. B. Westlake not to be with them, but he sent his best wishes.

The business proceedings were presided over by the Rev. J. H. Marlow, and Great Doddington was chosen for the July meeting.

It was announced that Mr. F. Wilford was definitely resigning his office of Master of the Guild at Whitsuntide and that the Central Committee were recommending the Rev. E. S. Powell, of Staverton, near Daventry, to fill the vacancy; also that it was necessary to apply early for tickets for the annual luncheon at Northampton.

The vote of thanks to all responsible for the success of the meeting was proposed by Mr. T. Hensher, of Finedon, supported by the secretary (Mr. A. Bigley), who hoped that the Vicar would soon be well and strong again.—The Chairman suitably replied on behalf of himself and Mr. Westlake.

A set of ten lovely handbells was then produced and gave great pleasure, a few tunes and a course of Grandsire Caters being rung.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Members of the Central Council who desire to make any peal attempts while visiting Shrewsbury at Whitsun should communicate at once with the hon. secretary, Mr. G. W. Fletcher, 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield. We understand there will be no peal attempt on St. Chad's ring of twelve.

In the peal of Minor rung at East Peckham, Kent, on April 20th, Oxford Bob and not Oxford Treble Bob was rung.

Mr. F. E. Dawe thanks the many ringing friends for their congratulations. Incidentally it is interesting to note that among the cathedrals at which he has yet to ring a peal are York Minster, where 52 years ago a peal of Grandsire Cinques was lost half-way owing to the 11th going very badly, and Exeter, where a peal of Grandsire Cinques failed eight years ago after ringing 3½ hours.

We regret that we are compelled to hold over a number of peal reports and reports of meetings.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION'S JUBILEE.

TO-MORROW'S CELEBRATION AT BRIGHTON.

This year the Sussex County Association joins the ranks of those territorial ringing organisations which have been established half a century, and to-morrow the jubilee is to be celebrated at Brighton, where the association was first brought into being.

Sussex is a big county with many towers and there has from the outset been a large membership of the association, which figured conspicuously in its early days, when Surprise ringing was a rarity, as a pioneer in exploiting advanced methods.

To-morrow's programme includes the annual meeting, a festival service at St. Peter's Church and a dinner in the evening. The Bishop of Chichester, who is president, is taking a share in the celebration of the auspicious event.

REV. A. T. BEESTON MEMORIAL.

As it is intended to close the fund for this memorial on May 31st, I should be glad if any intending subscribers would let the secretary to the fund, Mr. A. Whiting, 26, Church Street, Marple, Cheshire, have their contributions as early as possible.

Full details regarding the opening of the memorial will be given later.

NORTH LONDON SOCIETY REVIVED.

OLD AND NEW MEMBERS JOIN UP AT HOLLOWAY.

Many older London ringers will be glad to know that a revival has been effected at St. Mary Magdalene's, Holloway. Before the war this tower was well known as a training ground for many North London ringers and would-be ringers. For some considerable time prior to the beginning of this year, it was often difficult to get sufficient ringers even to get the bells 'up' on a Sunday morning.

On the first day of the New Year, however, 'The St. Mary Magdalene's Society of Change Ringers' came into existence with 17 ringing members and five beginners. These latter have now been elected to membership, having passed the prescribed test.

Mr. Bert Turner, who is well known in the Exercise, is the Ringing Master of the new society. He has been ringing at Holloway for something like 30 odd years. Others of an equally mature vintage include Messrs. George and Reuben Charge.

The main point of this announcement is to let London (and more particularly North London) ringers know that they will be very welcome at St. Mary Magdalene's if they care to come along. Ringing takes place on Tuesday evenings from 7.30.

It is very gratifying to the learners (of whom the writer is one) to see the scheme outlined in the 'Beginners' Page' of 'The Ringing World' of April 26th. It should help to get over a difficulty which is more real than would at first appear. It is this. When a learner puts a question to the 'older hands,' he is answered at some length and with every intention of helpfulness. But—and this is the snag—very few ringers can explain *without using ringing terms.* These, from long use, trip off their tongues (sometimes as a mere jumble of sound), and the poor beginner, from sheer embarrassment, says, 'Ye-e-s,' and hopes for the best. Admittedly it is impossible not to use one or two terms, but it would be a great help if (a) everyday language is used whenever possible, and (b) indispensable technical terms were themselves carefully explained and perhaps illustrated by an example.

Well, there we are. St. Mary Magdalene's Society is once again on the way to being in the news as often as before. The society can still do with some help and looks forward to seeing some of those who, it may be, remember the tower in the years before 1914.

The president of the society is the Vicar (the Rev. Thomas C. Ralph), the treasurer Mr. J. W. C. Johnson (one of the churchwardens), and the secretary Mr. A. E. Williams, who will be pleased to hear from any who would like to come along. A letter addressed to the church will find him.

ASTON TO HAVE TWELVE BELLS.

TREBLES AS JUBILEE THANKOFFERING.

It has now been definitely decided to increase the bells at Aston Parish Church to a ring of twelve.

The work of recasting and rehanging the peal of ten has been in the hands of Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., and the addition of the two extra bells will complete a great restoration scheme. The new trebles are being hung as a thanksgiving for King George's Silver Jubilee, and the dedication will take place on St. Peter's Day, Saturday, June 29th.

Aston has many interesting associations for ringers and particularly for Birmingham ringers. It was here that Henry Johnson learned to ring and in the churchyard he lies buried. The stone which marks the grave was erected by the ringers of England in grateful memory of a man 'to whose ability and perseverance the art of change ringing is widely indebted.'

Among famous peals which have been rung at Aston have been 15,360 Bob Major in 1793 and 10,047 Stedman Caters in 1859, while in addition there have been such performances as peals of Treble Bob Caters and Grandsire and Stedman Royal rung there.

Aston will make the 53rd ring of twelve bells in England, and in addition there are twelve at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, and St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ALTERATIONS OF RULES.

The annual meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Swindon on Saturday. Service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Rev. J. Gilbert, assisted by the organist and choir. Tea was arranged in the Parish Hall, which the Bishop of Malmesbury visited. He welcomed the association to Swindon.

At the subsequent business meeting the following were elected vice-presidents: The Rev. E. Saleby, the Rev. N. Hope, Messrs. C. H. Gordon, W. Hale, J. Gould, S. Romans and the Rev. E. J. Phillips.

All the officials were re-elected, and Mr. A. E. Reeves was elected hon. peal secretary.

Interesting reports from Central Council representatives were given, and Mr. Austin thought that the motion concerning first peal ringers was very applicable to the association.

Mr. E. Guise spoke of the motions down for Whitsuntide meeting, and expressed a hope that if the hon. members' list was augmented to 20, care should be taken to see that the Standing Committee did not contain too many hon. members. He considered that the committee should be composed pro rata.

It was agreed that the association should alter its rules concerning fees from clergy, inasmuch as in future they would pay as much as they felt they could afford.

Branch rules were altered so that all accounts could be closed on December 31st of each year. It was also decided that expenses of the branches should not exceed 33 per cent. of total income.

Newnham-on-Severn was chosen for the next annual meeting, but, if the bells were not in good going order, the meeting would be held at Bristol on Easter Monday, 1936.

Votes of thanks to clergy, choir and organist were accorded, and mention must be made of the excellent arrangements of Mr. W. B. Kynaston and the ladies who arranged tea. Ringers attended from Gloucester, Cheltenham, Bristol, Cirencester, Wotton, Wootton Bassett and Swindon.

TO BE, OR NOT TO BE?

RINGERS DEBATE GUILD MEMBERSHIP.

A meeting of the Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was held at Thames Ditton on Saturday. It was characteristic of the district that there were only half a dozen resident members of the district present, and three of these were officials. Usually the meetings in this part of the diocese are made successful by visitors, but on this occasion they were few. One encouraging feature was the presence of three members of the local band, and most of the business meeting was spent in discussing the pros and cons of membership of the Guild. The Vicar (the Rev. J. Blackbourn) was keen about the company joining, and himself became an honorary member, but the local ringers adjourned a decision until the rest of the band could be consulted. The officials are hoping for a happy outcome of the discussion.

The hon. secretary was authorised to go forward with arrangements for a joint meeting with the Middlesex Association and Oxford Guild at Staines and Egham on September 28th, and with the Surrey Association at East Molesey on September 7th.

Prior to the meeting, service had been held in the interesting church, famous for some early Norman work (including the tower) and some ancient brasses. It was conducted by the Vicar, who formerly as a Chaplain to the Forces had seen active service in South Africa and the Great War, and who accompanied the singing on a harmonium which has been under shot and shell.

The ringing practice was of a very useful character. Plenty of Grandsire Doubles, with Bob Minor, Treble Bob, Double Court and St. Clement's thrown in.

FEWER RINGERS IN NORTH NOTTS.

BUT ASSOCIATION PROGRESSES.

The opinion was expressed in the annual report presented by the hon. secretary (Mr. R. W. Stockdale) to the North Notts Association that ringers in North Notts are rather on the decline in numbers than on the increase. Nevertheless, the association's year was a successful one from many points of view.

There was an excellent attendance at the annual meeting held at East Retford on Saturday week, when the service was conducted by the Vicar (Canon A. Parkinson), and the preacher was the Rev. C. G. Walmsley (Vicar of Barlborough), who, referring to the Jubilee celebrations, remarked that our rejoicings, which had reached the pitch of national enthusiasm and unity, would have been shorn of their great value if bellringers in the towns and villages in the land had not taken their part. The ringing of bells was an essential part of any sort of corporate rejoicing.

Tea was served in the Ebsworth Memorial Hall, after which the Vicar, in extending a welcome, said that this was the best attendance at an annual meeting held at Retford, and it was very gratifying to all concerned. Bellringers had shown an extraordinary spirit of loyalty and devotion in the ringing of bells, and it was a source of great joy and pleasure that in East Retford tower on the day of the Jubilee a team had succeeded in ringing a peal of 5,040 changes of Bob Royal. It had given the townspeople a great deal of satisfaction by their accomplishment. A peal on these bells by a local band had not been rung since 1911.

The report showed that eight peals had been rung during the year. The first peal of Doubles for the association was rung at North Muskham. Mr. J. Flint again introduced a new method at Sutton-on-Trent by ringing a peal of Yorkshire Surprise.

Tuxford were again welcomed into the association, and the secretary wished them success in the progress they were making. A grant of £2 2s. was made to Harworth, who had had their six bells rehung. They had rejoined the association.

YOUNG RINGERS WANTED.

'Ringers in North Notts are,' stated the secretary, 'rather on the decline in numbers than on the increase. There are several towers with a less or just the same number of ringers as there are bells in the tower. May I appeal to members to make up your band and to try to encourage young ringers? We must ask each tower to introduce change ringing into their belfry, if they have not already done so, as it is the best way to keep the young ringers interested.'

The membership up to the end of 1934 consists of four honorary life members, 22 vice-presidents, 87 non-resident life members, 111 performing members, and three unattached members, a total of 227.

The Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, Rector of Ordsall, commenting on the report, congratulated Mr. R. W. Stockdale, the capable and energetic hon. secretary, upon recording the information he had gleaned respecting the bells in the towers of the different churches and the weights. They were fortunate in having such an ideal secretary. He was doing a splendid work, and he did not know what the association would do without him. He offered congratulations to the Misses Grace and Katharine Burchnall, of Sutton-on-Trent, who had taken part in all but five of the 26 peals which had been accomplished during the last three years.

The officers, including the Bishop of Southwell as president; the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, representative on the Central Council; Mr. R. W. Stockdale, East Markham, hon. treasurer and secretary; and Mr. C. R. Smith, Retford, hon. assistant secretary, were re-elected. Mr. Stockdale was congratulated upon having rung in two peals on Jubilee Day, viz., at East Retford and at East Markham, being the first member of the association to accomplish this feat.

GREAT HELP TO THE ASSOCIATION.

Mr. Stockdale acknowledged the assistance he received from the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson in the carrying out of his duties. 'As a ringing clergyman, Mr. Wilkinson is a great help to our association. He is keen on bell restoration, and travels miles in the good cause.'

Mr. G. R. Winter, Retford, was elected a vice-president of the association.

Mr. G. G. Lindoff, Brigg, and P.C. T. Anderson, Stapleford, and formerly of Retford, were made non-resident members.

Mr. J. Edwards and Mr. H. Nicholson, Barlborough, Mr. E. W. Vessey and his son, Mr. C. A. Vessey, of Barnby-in-the-Willows, Newark, were elected members.

The list of meetings for the year were fixed as under: June 8th, Norton Cuckney; July 13th, Everton; August 10th, Edwinstowe; September 14th, Misson; September 28th, Anston (Crawford Cup competition); October 12th, Sutton-on-Trent; November 9th, Worksop; December 14th, West Retford; January 10th, 1936, Ordsall; February 8th, Shireoaks; March 14th, Winthorpe; April, annual meeting at Retford.

There was some excellent ringing during the afternoon and evening on the bells of East Retford, West Retford and Ordsall Churches, some 'good striking' being prominent in the towers. The ringing at East Retford included Cambridge Royal.

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THE KING'S JUBILEE JOY BELLS.

RINGING HAPPENINGS IN MANY PLACES.

We give below further paragraphs of interesting events in connection with the ringing for His Majesty's Silver Jubilee.

At Godshill, Isle of Wight, six of the local band rang their first peal on Jubilee Day. They rang Grandsire Doubles with ten callings, and it was the first peal on the bells since restoration by Messrs. Taylor and Co. The ringers are anxious to know if this is the first peal of Doubles in the Isle of Wight.

Stanley Hoare will remember his Jubilee Day peal at Woodston, Hunts. It was his fourteenth birthday and his first peal. He did well to ring the 2nd and seven 720's of Bob Minor, for he had never before attempted a peal.

A NICE JUBILEE.

The youthful hon. secretary of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild had a very nice Jubilee. He participated in seven peals in celebration of the event, and they included Doubles (2), Minor, Triples, Major and Caters (2). In these peals, of which he called three, eleven ringers rang their first peal.

One ringer, at least, overstept on Jubilee morning. Perhaps it was excusable, as the meeting time was 5 a.m. for a peal of Doubles. This was at Tonbridge, Kent, and as the band were one short, instead of ringing the peal with 7.4.8 behind, they left out the 2nd and rang it with 6.8 behind.

The Jubilee peal at Farnham, Surrey, on May 8th was also a wedding peal for Mr. Sidney Meadows and Miss Dora Alice White, who were married in the church earlier in the day. Mr. Meadows is the towerkeeper and a member of the local band.

Wingham, Kent, has a peal of eight bells all cast in 1720 by Richard Phelps. They have never been recast and are, therefore, probably the second oldest ring of eight in the country, all coming from the same founder. A peal of Bob Major was rung on them for the Jubilee —the first in the method in the tower for 120 years.

Mr. James George rang a Jubilee peal at Oakham. It was his 13th peal since his 81st birthday last November, and brings his total to 1,237. It is interesting to note that his Jubilee peal was rung at the county town of the smallest county in England.

At the Parish Church, Cirencester, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): C. W. Price 1, F. W. Bond 2, H. L. Cooke 3, F. J. Lewis, sen. (conductor) 4, J. C. Eden 5, W. G. Cook 6, F. J. Lewis, jun. 7, H. S. Parsons 8, W. H. Hayward 9, F. Blowing 10. At Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. J. Lewis, sen. 1, H. S. Parsons 2, H. L. Cooke 3, J. E. Waters 4, J. C. Eden 5, F. J. Lewis, jun. 6, W. H. Hayward (conductor) 7, F. Blowing 8. At both churches a royal salute of 21 'shots' was fired.

FAILURES AND SUCCESSES.

Among the large number of peals attempted and lost during Jubilee week was one at Hereford Cathedral, where Grandsire Caters was lost after ringing 3 hours and 20 minutes, when only three courses from the end, on Wednesday, May 8th.

On Jubilee Day a peal of Stedman Caters was lost at Cardiff after ringing 1½ hours.

On Friday, May 10th, Grandsire Triples went the same way at Usk, Monmouthshire, after 1½ hours' ringing.

Mr. John W. Jones, hon. secretary of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association, shared in all three of these disappointments, but he had the satisfaction of taking part in a peal of Stedman Triples at Cardiff on the occasion of the Prince of Wales' Jubilee visit on Saturday.

Prior to a thanksgiving service at 9.30 a.m. at St. Mary's, Rickmansworth, Herts, 240 Grandsire Doubles, with 7.6.8 covering, after which the bells were 'fired' several times, breaking out alternately into rounds and 'Queens' change. This was followed by 168 Grandsire Triples: E. Nobbs, C. Lord, J. Foster, F. W. Elliott, W. A. Howlett, A. E. Millett, E. Hookham (conductor), T. Gander. At the conclusion of the town procession and the ceremony of 'breaking the flag' on the playing fields, the same band rang several short touches of Grandsire Triples, conducted by A. E. Millett.

At Christ Church, North Shields (Tynemouth Parish Church), a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. L. Gray 1, G. W. Dix 2, M. Lievesley 3, J. Scott 4, R. M. Gray 5, A. Cook 6, J. E. Scott (conductor) 7, R. A. Skeoch 8. Also 1,080 Stedman Caters: J. Scott 1, S. Hewitt 2, T. Burns 3, G. W. Dix 4, A. Cook 5, J. E. Scott (conductor) 6, R. M. Gray 7, M. Lievesley 8, J. L. Gray 9, R. A. Skeoch 10.

An attempt for a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Over, Cambs, came to grief on the afternoon of Jubilee Day after 3 hours 7 minutes' ringing at the fourth treble lead from end of peal. The band were: F. Warrington (conductor) 1, B. Wayman 2, M. Ginn 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, A. W. T. Ginn 5, R. Smith 6, A. J. Ginn 7, C. Robinson 8.

YOUTHFUL CRAYFORD RINGERS' BUSY DAY.

On Jubilee Day, five young members of Crayford band contributed their full share towards celebrating the event. Miss M. Redpath rang a peal of Bob Major in the morning at Crayford, a peal of Cambridge at Northfleet in the afternoon, and a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples at Woolwich in the evening. Her sister, Miss R. Redpath, took part in the peal at Crayford and the quarter-peal at Woolwich.

J. A. C. Abson scored his 'first as conductor' with the Crayford peal and formed one of the band at Woolwich. G. V. Murphy rang in the Crayford peal in the morning, and was successful in ringing his first peal of Double Norwich in the evening at Erith, while E. A. Barnett rang three peals, Bob Major at Crayford, Cambridge at Northfleet, and Double Norwich at Erith, thus probably creating another record for youthful performances.

At Burbage, Leicestershire, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. L. Campton 1, G. Dudley 2, W. Clough 3, E. Clough 4, E. Rivitt 5, C. Payne 6, F. Measures (conductor) 7, P. A. Aldham 8.

At St. Mary's Church, Westerham, Kent, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Cosgrove 1, J. Igglesden 2, G. Selby 3, W. Cosgrove, jun. 4, W. Matthews 5, F. Nicholas 6, J. Weller (conductor) 7, W. Cosgrove, sen. 8. Also a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples for evening service: J. Agglesden 1, W. Matthews 2, G. Selby 3, W. Cosgrove, jun. 4, F. Nicholas 5, J. Weller 6, H. Selby (conductor) 7, G. Steer 8.

A peal attempt at Mannecan, Cornwall, having to be cancelled owing to a member having to go to work, a royal salute was 'fired' on the bells during ringing for service, whilst the British Legion was parading.

Five ringers rang their first quarter-peal of Doubles at Lytchett Matravers, Dorset. The 1,260 Grandsire Doubles was rung with ten callings: Miss V. Marsh 1, L. H. Pink 2, H. E. White 3, W. G. Young 4, W. M. Light (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5, M. A. Martin 6.

At St. Ignatius' Church, Sunderland, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: T. Stephenson 1, G. S. Taylor 2, M. F. Harrison 3, H. B. Ditchburn 4, F. Ainsley 5, J. W. Parker 6, R. L. Patterson (conductor) 7, G. Harvey 8.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung at Petersmarland, Devon, by the local band: Rev. W. H. Smale 1, W. H. R. Smale 2, F. Jennings 3, F. C. Smale 4, S. Britton 5, A. Ward and W. Jennings 6.

LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

An attempt was made at Norbury, Cheshire, for a peal of 10,080 Bristol Surprise Major, but it was lost after more than three hours' ringing: K. Lewis 1, W. Fernley 2, W. Stevenson 3, J. Fernley 4, J. A. Milner 5, L. Clough 6, W. W. Wolstencroft 7, J. Worth (conductor) 8.

This Silver Jubilee year is also the golden jubilee of Mr. J. Norbury as a ringer at Macclesfield Parish Church. On May 7th he took part in a Jubilee quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,349 changes): H. Lomas 1, J. Worth (conductor) 2, J. Tipper 3, T. Potts 4, W. Stevenson 5, A. Burgess 6, H. Dean 7, V. Norbury 8, J. Norbury 9, W. Gayes 10. Other Jubilee ringing at this church included 1,132 Bob Major on Sunday evening, May 12th, when the Bishop of Chester was the preacher, and on May 12th, when a thanksgiving service was attended by the Mayor and Corporation, 1,242 Grandsire Caters: G. Bottomly 1, W. Matthews 2, J. Tippen 3, T. Potts 4, W. Stevenson 5, A. Burgess 6, H. Lomas 7, V. Norbury 8, J. Worth (conductor) 9, W. Gayes 10.

Before the Jubilee service, held in a nearby field, by the massed churches of West Wickham, Kent, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung at the Parish Church: P. S. Davis (first quarter-peal) 1, Hugh Mackinder 2, H. K. Mackinder 3, A. S. Richards (conductor) 4, J. Page-Wood 5.

At St. Michael's Church, Yorktown, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, 4.6.8 covering: J. Martin 1, S. Beck 2, F. Marchant (conductor) 3, H. J. Hunt 4, H. Noakes 5, A. Holden (first quarter-peal) 6, F. J. Ewens 7, Edwin Hunt 8. Also 720 of Grandsire Doubles, 4.6.8 covering: H. J. Hunt 1, F. Marchant 2, F. Farr 3, Edwin Hunt 4, J. Martin 5, *V. Wilkinson 6, F. J. Ewens (conductor) 7, *J. E. Atkin 8. * First 720.

Mr. William Ireland, who has been a member of the Diss, Norfolk, company for 63 years, attained his 83rd birthday on Jubilee Day.

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A peal on his Parish Church bells for the Jubilee celebration was rung the next day.

It was intended to ring a Jubilee peal of Caters at Pontefract, but Triples had to be substituted after meeting short.

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER.

The Metropolitan Police, whose strenuous duties kept them fully employed during Jubilee week, have not failed to mark the national celebrations with a peal, but they were unable to do so until Tuesday of last week.

The first clerical peal of Grandsire Triples ever rung, which was accomplished at East Hagbourne, Berks, on Wednesday week, while several of the ringing parsons were having a week's relaxation, was a Silver Jubilee event.

Four ringers for their Majesties' Coronation 25 years ago rang for the Jubilee celebrations at Harwich. They were C. J. Ellis, B. Elmer, J. Alderton and G. Thompson. Others who took part in the Jubilee ringing were F. Chaplin, E. Scarfe, A. Alderton, S. Jennings, G. House, F. Ramplin and B. Good. Attempts for a peal of Grandsire Triples came to grief, but altogether 3,500 changes were rung, and at noon the bells were 'fired' 25 times.

At Barnwood, Gloucestershire, the day's rejoicings were opened by the 'firing' of a royal salute on the bells of the Parish Church at 9 a.m. Afterwards an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples by the local band unfortunately failed after two hours' ringing. After further ringing another royal salute was 'fired,' and the bells were then lowered in peal. A 'Jubilee' peal has since been successful.

There are only three bells at Caversfield, Oxfordshire, but they were rung on Jubilee Day, when three enthusiasts rang 720 of Stedman Singles in 35 minutes: F. Sharpe 1, J. Evans 2, E. Kinch 3.

As part of the Jubilee celebrations, short touches were rung at Bicester, Ambrosden, Piddington, Islip, Kirtlington, Bletchington and Lower Heyford in the Deanery of Bicester. A quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung at Stratton: Audley H. Timms 1, R. Stevens 2, C. Stockley 3, F. Timms 4, J. Sausome 5.

For the Jubilee celebration at Barking, Essex, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Worboys 1, W. Beard 2, E. G. Moore 3, C. Fenn 4, D. C. Wardell 5, C. E. Faulkner 6, E. G. Cottis (conductor) 7, E. H. Lucas 8.

At St. Lawrence's Church, Bradwell, Bucks, on May 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (ten callings): A. Lathall 1, E. Whitlock (conductor) 2, W. French 3, A. May 4, C. Alderman 5, T. Bird 6.

Before a special thanksgiving service at Launton, Oxfordshire, 720 Union Doubles by F. Sharpe 1, E. Castle 2, T. Marriott 3, H. Gregory 4, J. Marriott, sen. 5, T. Massey 6. The bells were also rung for an hour as part of the Jubilee celebrations.

In connection with the local celebrations of the Jubilee at Colchester, the bells of St. Peter's Church were rung during the morning, commencing with a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major: V. Kerridge 1, R. Cadamy (first quarter-peal) 2, G. M. Rashbrook 3, F. L. Bumpstead 4, G. A. Wightman 5, W. Dent 6, W. Chalk (conductor) 7, E. P. Duffield 8. After which the bells were 'fired' in a royal salute of '21 shots,' with H. T. Pye taking the treble. During the afternoon and evening touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and a touch of 672 Superlative Surprise, etc., were successfully rung, the bells being 'fired' again on both occasions.

THANKSGIVING TOUCHES.

On Jubilee Day for the thanksgiving service at Pulborough, Sussex, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by the local band: L. D. W. Attfield 1, C. S. Greenfield 2, A. V. Corden 3, W. Tyson (first quarter-peal) 4, H. C. Greenfield 5, A. E. Holden 6, A. C. Greenfield (conductor) 7, H. J. Doick 8.

The first quarter-peal for all except the conductor and the first on the bells was rung on Jubilee Day at St. Mary's Church, Highley, Kidderminster: E. Howe 1, J. Davies 2, E. Brown (conductor) 3, W. Turner 4, W. E. Unitt 5, J. Blount 6. The method was Grandsire Doubles.

At Streatham, on Saturday, May 11th, at St. Leonard's Parish Church, for Jubilee united thanksgiving service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: E. E. Bish 1, H. Mance 2, W. Essery 3, L. Franks (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 4, D. Barnard 5, T. W. Welbourne 6, J. W. Chapman (conductor) 7, E. Wright 8.

COLLEGE YOUTHS' MASTER'S BEREAVEMENT.

DEATH OF MRS. E. P. DUFFIELD.

Mr. E. P. Duffield, who holds the two important offices of Master of the College Youths and Master of the Essex Association, has sustained a great bereavement by the death of his wife, Mrs. Martha Ann Duffield, who succumbed in a nursing home last Friday after undergoing two operations for appendicitis and peritonitis. Her illness was only of about twelve days' duration, and in this tragically sad loss of a devoted wife Mr. Duffield will have the sincere sympathy of ringers throughout the country.

Mrs. Duffield, who was only 36 years of age, will be much missed in Lexden, Colchester, where they lived, for she was always willing to assist in any good work.

The funeral took place on Tuesday, the officiating minister being the Rev. D. W. Langridge, M.A., of Union Church, Brighton, a personal friend, and until recently minister at Lion Walk Congregational Church, Colchester, which Mr. and Mrs. Duffield attended.

FOR BEGINNERS.

HOW TO RING STEDMAN.

There are probably many ringers, beginners or otherwise, who can ring Grandsire and Plain Bob, but who have not yet 'got hold' of Stedman. There are a few people (no less an authority than Canon Coleridge among them, if we are not mistaken) who argue that Stedman should be the first method taught to a beginner in change ringing. Be that as it may, Stedman should be learned early. It is one of the oldest and most interesting of the odd-bell methods, and is not so extraordinarily difficult to ring if properly understood.

The method is based upon the production of the changes on three bells. These, as readers well know, are six in number, and Stedman is divided into 'sixes.' When three bells come together on the front they ring all the possible six changes before parting company, and while they are doing this the bells above them are double dodging in pairs. There are two ways in which the six changes can be rung, one the reverse of the other:—

123	123
213	132
231	312
321	321
312	231
132	213

At the end of each 'six,' one bell goes away into the dodging in 4-5 up and another comes from the dodging in 4-5 down to take its place. Thus all the bells in turn share in the work of the 'sixes' in front.

The two ways of ringing the sixes shown above are rung alternately—not, of course, on the same three bells, as one goes away at the end of the first six and another takes its place in the second. This alternate work results in one bell remaining in front only for the six changes, before going off again into the dodging. It hunts straight to lead from the completed dodging in 4-5 down, leads a whole pull 'right,' that is, at hand stroke and back stroke, and then goes straight out to double dodge in 4-5 up. This is called a 'quick-bell.'

The bell that comes next into the work of the 'six' is called a 'slow bell,' for the reason that its work keeps it on the front for five consecutive sixes, and it is this slow work which requires careful memorising.

It is divided into two 'whole turns' (first and last) and two 'half-turns' (first and last), the latter two coming between the two former while between each third's place (a whole pull) is made.

A 'whole turn' consists of two whole pulls at lead with one blow in second's place between; and a 'half-turn' consists of one blow at lead, made while the whole turn bell is doing its one blow in second's place.

The beginner, therefore, must carefully learn the order in which these pieces of work come. The 'slow' work begins and ends with 3rd's place and can be memorised as follows:—

Make 3rd's; FIRST WHOLE TURN, which means: Lead a whole pull wrong (back and hand), strike one blow in 2nd's, and lead a whole pull right (hand and back).

Make 3rd's; FIRST HALF TURN, which means: Lead one blow at hand stroke.

Make 3rd's; LAST HALF TURN, which means: Lead one blow at back stroke.

Make 3rd's; LAST WHOLE TURN, which means: Lead a whole pull right (hand and back), strike one blow in 2nd's, and lead a whole pull wrong (back and hand).

Make 3rd's (and go up into 4-5 dodging).

It does not matter how many bells Stedman is rung on, whether 5, 7, 9 or 11, the quick and slow work is the same. In a plain course each bell does it alternately—if you were a quick bell last time you will be slow next, and vice versa.

The double dodging which comes between hardly needs detailed description. You step back twice in each dodging place before going on to the next, and when you are behind, having dodged in 4-5 up in Doubles or 6-7 up in Triples, you turn round, by lying a whole pull, and begin to dodge down.

NEW RING OF TEN FOR LANCASHIRE.

St. Mark's Church, Worsley, will soon possess a fine ring of ten bells, tenor 24 cwt., the order having been placed with Messrs. John Taylor and Co. to recast and rehang the existing eight into a heavier peal and add two trebles to make ten.

BLETCHLEY RINGER'S DEATH.

Mr. Jack Day, one of the ringers at St. Mary's, Bletchley, Bucks, has passed away, and with the bells half-muffled his colleagues rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in his memory before the morning service on Sunday: L. Stonton (first quarter-peal and aged 13 years) 1, H. Sear (conductor) 2, F. Stonton 3, H. F. Morris 4, H. V. Sear 5, A. G. Crane 6, W. Scar 7, R. W. Scar 8.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE WHITSUN MEETING.

The following arrangements have been made in connection with the visit of the Central Council to Shrewsbury:—

Peal attempts: Names to be sent to me by Monday, May 27th. Please state method and tower preferred.

Towers available: Ten bells, Coalbrookdale (tenor 19 cwt.), up to 6.45 on Saturday, any time on Monday. Eight bells, Condover (tenor 14 cwt.), any time Saturday or Monday; Ellesmere (tenor 14 cwt.), Saturday and Monday; Market Drayton (tenor 18 cwt.), Saturday and Monday; Oswestry (tenor 17 cwt.), 9-5 Saturday, 12-5 Monday; Shifnal (tenor 20 cwt.), both days, ropes bad; Wistanstow (tenor 14 cwt.), both days; Wem (tenor 14 cwt.), both days. Six bells, Clive (tenor 25 cwt.), any time Saturday and Monday; Moreton Corbett (tenor 8 cwt.), Saturday or Monday.

Saturday.—St. Chad's bells will probably be available from 7.30 to 9 p.m.

Sunday.—Service ringing, St. Chad's 10-11 and 5.30-6.30; St. Mary's (10 bells), 5.45-6.30, touches not to exceed 20 minutes.

Monday.—Conducted tour of Shrewsbury, 10.30-12.30 and 2.30 to 4.30. It is hoped to arrange some ringing.

Tuesday.—Meeting at 11 o'clock. Will members please sign the roll and be in their seats by 10.55?

Official reception of the Australian tourists at 12.45.

Lunch, Lion Hotel, 1.15. Please send names to me. The charge is 2s. 6d.

Afternoon session at 2.30. Members and friends will be the guests of the Shropshire Association to tea. Please send names to me.

Social evening at the Lion Hotel. It is hoped to arrange some ringing.

A demonstration will be given by Mr. G. F. Woodhouse on his change ringing machine. Times later.

At the lunch on Tuesday the Australian tourists will be the guests of the Council.

It is very important that names for peal attempts, lunch and tea be sent to me forthwith, in order that arrangements may be completed.

Members are also asked to forward any change of address, as various papers are being circulated shortly.

GEORGE W. FLETCHER, Hon. Sec.

45, Walsingham Road, Enfield, Middlesex.

THOMAS HEARNE.

BICENTENARY OF THE DIARIST.

Most of our scanty knowledge of ringing in Oxford in the early eighteenth century we owe to Thomas Hearne, a Berkshire diarist. This year is the bicentenary of his death, and it is to be commemorated by the erection of a tablet to his memory in White Waltham Church, near Maidenhead, by the Berkshire Archæological Society.

Hearne's enthusiasm for ringing makes it appropriate that bells should be associated with this commemoration, and ringers are invited to the proceedings, which begin at 3 p.m. The proceedings will open with a short touch on handbells, Dr. Inge (late Dean of St. Paul's and president of the Archæological Society) will explain the object of the function, and in the dedication service the tablet will be unveiled and an address given by Dr. H. E. Salter, M.A., Hon.D.Litt. Tea will follow and the five bells of the church will be open for ringing.

Contributions to the memorial will be welcomed, and those desiring tea must communicate with Mr. F. M. Underhill, Loxley, Grenfell Road, Maidenhead, Berks.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

TRURO BRANCH MEETING AT ST. AGNES.

Glorious weather marked the half-yearly meeting of the Truro Branch of the Truro Diocesan Guild, which was held at St. Agnes (properly pronounced with a silent 'g') on Saturday, May 11th. The bells are a light ring of six (tenor 6½ cwt.), recast in 1905 by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., and hang in a somewhat small tower, crowned with a finely tapering spire. There were exactly fifty present, including Dr. J. Symons (president) and Miss Eileen Symons, Mr. W. H. Southeard (vice-president), Lt.-Col. C. F. Jerram, C.M.G., D.S.O. (Master), the Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella (diocesan secretary), and ringers from Gulval, St. Gluvias, Redruth, Camborne, Tuckingmill, Illogan, Perranzabuloe and Truro Cathedral.

The usual service was conducted and the address was given by the Vicar (the Rev. C. G. Roffe-Silvester), after which tea was most generously provided in the Church Hall by the Vicar and Mrs. Roffe-Silvester, who were heartily thanked for their kind hospitality.

At the business meeting a suggestion was brought forward to organise a charabanc party to give all a chance to attend the annual festival, which is to be held at Stratton, near Bude, in the extreme north-east of Cornwall, on Saturday, July 20th. Mr. Southeard undertook to do his best to arrange it.

Lt.-Col. Jerram commended the recent appeal from Redruth to rehang the bells (will the two trebles be added—there is a frame for eight?), and urged all to give to this deserving case.

St. Kea (eight bells) was suggested for the autumn meeting, and arrangements were left for the district secretary for the last Saturday in September if possible.

A. S. R.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on May 30th, St. Andrew's on the 23rd, St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 21st, at 7.30 p.m., and on Sunday the 26th at 5.30 p.m., *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 28th at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (1885-1935). — Jubilee arrangements on Saturday, May 25th, at Brighton are: Ringing, St. Peter's and St. Nicholas', 1.30-3.30; Good Shepherd, 2.30-3.30; annual meeting, St. Peter's Parish Room, 3.45; special service, St. Peter's, 5.15, address by the Bishop of Chichester; dinner and concert, Old Ship Hotel, 6.30.—A. D. Stone, Hon. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District. —The next meeting will be held at Kingston-on-Thames on Saturday, May 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., tea following at the Oak Cafe, Church Street. All ringers heartily welcome.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Harrow Weald on Saturday, May 25th. Bells, recently augmented to eight, from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. Stanmore bells after tea. All welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, May 25th, at Clavering. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me. —H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 73, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—A meeting will be held at Redbourn on Saturday, May 25th. Usual arrangements.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Henlow on Saturday, May 25th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come and make the meeting a success.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch. — A meeting will be held at Winchcombe on Saturday, May 25th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30, kindly provided by the Vicar (Rev. E. Meurig Davies).—W. Yeend, Branch Hon. Sec., Mellfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District. — The next meeting will be held at Peatling Parva on Saturday, May 25th. Bells (5) available afternoon and evening. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. A good meeting is requested.—Ernest H. Bagworth, 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch. — The next 6-bell meeting has been arranged on Saturday, May 25th, at Clewer, 3 p.m., and Winkfield 6.30 p.m. Tea 1s.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berkshire Branch. — Annual meeting will be held at Appleton on Saturday, May 25th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting.—Albert E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Deane, on Saturday, May 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Taunton Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bishops-Lydeard on Saturday, May 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. —P. Merson, Bishop's Hull, Taunton.

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Downham Market (eight bells) to-morrow, Saturday, May 25th. Tea, 1s. per head, at 5.15 p.m. Meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—Edward Barker, Dis. Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The spring meeting at Benington will be held to-morrow, Saturday, May 25th. Come and see the old-world village in its spring beauty. All will be heartily welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's Church, Mountsorrel, to-morrow, Saturday, May 25th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD. — Southern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Aldershot on Saturday, June 1st. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Gentlemen heartily invited. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, May 29th?—H. F. Mills, Maiden Combe, Northbrook Road, Aldershot.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A by-meeting will be held at St. Vincent's, Littlebourne, on Saturday, June 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. As the Vicar (Rev. C. A. Manley) has very generously invited those attending to tea at the Vicarage, it is particularly requested that those intending to be present notify me on or before Thursday, May 30th.—Percy W. Smith, Fair View, Littlebourne.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Newdigate on Saturday, June 1st. The usual arrangements for ringing, service and tea. Please notify Mr. E. Vine, Newdigate Village Club, near Dorking, for tea by May 29th.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec., Tudor House, Howard Road, Great Bookham, Surrey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next branch meeting will be held at Whalley on Saturday, June 1st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bilston on Saturday, June 1st. Bells available from 3. Service in church at 4.30. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, May 28th. Business meeting afterwards. Kindly let us have a large muster.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 49, Hellier Street, Dudley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, June 1st, at St. Cuthbert's, Halsall. Bells available at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Maudsley, Post Office, Halsall, by Wednesday, May 29th. Please remember that this date is set apart for your convenience and enjoyment. Business important.—William O. Farrimond, Branch Sec.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Cockington, Torquay, on Saturday, June 1st, 1935. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m.; also St. Saviour's, Torre (6), from 6.30 p.m. Service Cockington Church 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting at Orient Cafe, Union Street, Torquay, at 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea to reach me not later than first post Tuesday, May 28th.—A. L. Bennett, Branch Sec. (pro tem), Cornerways, Elliott Plain, Buckfastleigh.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Long Sutton on Saturday, June 1st. Bells (8) 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 28th?—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. —The monthly meeting will be held at Bromham on Saturday, June 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringing friends welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Semington Road, Melksham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Sharnford on Saturday, June 1st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.45, followed by tea (8d. each) and meeting. A good meeting hoped for.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Pitsford on Saturday, June 1st. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to Secretary by Tuesday, May 28th.—J. C. Dean, Branch Sec., 16, St. Peter Street, Northampton.

BEARSTED, KENT.—Maidstone District.—A practice meeting will be held on June 1st at 6.30 p.m. Methods for special practice, Stedman and Kent Treble Bob. Every ringer welcome.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Malthouse Farm, Egerton.

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BICENTENARY OF THOMAS HEARNE.—A tablet to the memory of Thomas Hearne, the diarist, who died in 1735, will be unveiled in White Waltham Church, Berks, on Saturday, June 1st, at 3 p.m. The five bells will be available, and the Berkshire Archæological Society will welcome any ringers. Those requiring tea must communicate before May 30th with Mr. F. M. Underhill, Loxley, Grenfell Road, Maidenhead, Berks.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Pre-Whitsun meeting at Allendale, Saturday, June 1st. Particulars next week.—G. S. Taylor, Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A quarterly meeting at Sawston on Saturday, June 1st. Bells (8) available any time after 2.30 p.m. Time of service to be arranged later. Tea in the Institute, price 1s. each, proceeds to be given to the Church Hall Fund. Please look up Sawston Imperial.—K. Willers, Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A meeting will be held at Fordham on Saturday, June 1st. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—S. G. Shipp, Branch Sec., Wilburton, Cambs.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Meeting at Tirley, Saturday, June 1st. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Intending visitors please notify secretary by Wednesday, May 29th.—H. Wakeford, 63, Gloucester Road, Cheltenham.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Wincanton on Saturday, June 1st. Bells 6. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. F. Creed, Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Kingsley, on Saturday, June 1st. Tea will be provided for all who notify Mr. H. Carnwell, Sunnyside, Kingsley, near Cheadle, Staffs, before May 30th.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Kirby-le-Soken on Saturday, June 1st. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30, and tea at 5.15 p.m. Bus service from station, also from Colchester. Will all those intending to be present please notify me as soon as possible.—James R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Wivenhoe.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Stanton-by-Dale on Saturday, June 1st. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. A. Barton's bus leaves Ilkeston quarter past the hour, and also from Sandiacre Square quarter to the hour. Will those who intend coming kindly notify me early, as the Rector has kindly promised to provide tea and would like to know how many are coming. He is also very interested in the ringing. Please come.—E. C. Gobey, 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—The annual festival will be held at Newport Pagnell on Saturday, June 1st. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify in good time. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—The next meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at Capenhurst (6 bells) on Saturday, June 1st. Tower open at three o'clock. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ledbury Parish Church on Saturday, June 1st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Short service in church at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m., to be followed by business meeting. Please notify regarding tea not later than May 30th.—A. Jones, jun., Dis. Hon. Sec., The Reddings, Colwall, Malvern.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ropley on Saturday, June 1st. Service in the Parish Church at 4 p.m., followed by tea in the Parish Hall. The splendid peal of six bells available at 2 o'clock. Please let us know if you are coming.—G. and Miss Noice, Hon. Dis. Secs., 6, Cathedral View, Highcliffe, Winchester.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Bolsover (8 bells) on Saturday, June 1st. For tea notify Mr. J. Saxton, Moorfield Lane, Bolsover. Please send in.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield, 3.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—There will be a practice meeting at Tonbridge on Saturday, June 1st, for the purpose of practising Court Triples. Tower open at 2.30. Diagrams of this simple method will be sent on application to me.—Alec Richardson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—On Saturday, June 1st, by kind permission of the Dean, a meeting is being held at the Cathedral (St. Albans) to open the newly augmented peal of twelve. Ringing from 2.30 until 4 p.m., when the usual service is held, and then from 6 until 8.30 p.m. Tea at Bugler's Rooms, Market Place, at 5 p.m. To ensure making ample arrangements for tea, it is essential to let either of the undersigned know by Thursday, May 30th. Come and have a ring on this grand peal, the only peal of 12 in the county.—H. Goodenough, 31, Oster Street, St. Albans; W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting at Highclere on Saturday, June 8th. Bells from 2.30. Service

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice. — The 56th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit-Monday, June 10th. — F. J. Pitstow, Gen. Sec. and Treasurer, 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual meeting will be held at Northampton on Whit-Monday, June 10th. The Central Committee meet in All Saints' Upper Vestry at 10.45. Service in All Saints' Church at 12 noon, conducted by the Rev. J. P. de Putron, R.D. Lunch at the Angel Hotel at 1 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Will those requiring lunch tickets please apply (with remittance, 2s. 3d. each) by June 3rd to Mr. J. C. Dean, 16, St. Peter's Street, Northampton, or the general secretary? Towers open for ringing: St. Giles' 10 to 11.30 and 3 to 5.45; All Saints' 10 to 12; Holy Sepulchre 10 to 11.30; St. Edmund's and St. Peter's 3 to 7; Kingsthorpe and Old Duston 3 to 6.—R. G. Black, Gen. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering.

25th ANNIVERSARY of dedication of Truro Cathedral bells, June 21st.—A festival will be held at the Cathedral to commemorate this event. All ringers are invited to attend, especially life members of the Diocesan Guild. Ringing 2 to 9 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names please by June 1st to C. E. Lanxon, Hon. Sec., 11, Ferris Town, Truro.

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