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GREAT RECORD PROVED FALSE.

Occasionally the ringing Exercise gets a nasty shock, when some treasured and worthy record is brought crashing to the ground by the discovery that what was believed to be a good and true performance was in fact false. Today the peal at Southwark Cathedral on May 21st, 1923, when the Ancient Society of College Youths rang 12,675 Stedman Cinques in 9 hours 47 minutes, and thus created a new Stedman Cinques record, has been found to be false. Such happenings are always a minor tragedy. That nearly thirteen years should have elapsed before the discovery was made makes it doubly disappointing. There have been instances of " record " peals being found to be false after the publication of the figures, but we do not recall any case in which the discovery has been made so many years after the public appearance of the composition. The figures of this peal were set out in ' The Ringing World ' a few weeks after it had been rung, and one imagines it was subjected to the scrutiny of the ' experts ' of the day. It has, however, been left to the present time for the error to be brought to light.

There will be every sympathy with the band who thus unavailingly put up what was, despite this present discovery, a great performance. There have been a number of memorable achievements on twelve bells, both before and since, in which the number of changes has been exceeded, but there has been no other peal of such length rung on bells of this weight. The tenor at Southwark weighs 50 cwt. It is regrettable and, indeed, sad, that this great effort has now turned out to be abortive, but it is just one of the things which, however careful men may be, are liable to happen in ringing. Sometimes peals have turned out to be false through carelessness and even ignorance on the part of composers, but even if every apparent care is exercised, as we imagine was the case in regard to this peal, it would appear that the risk of error can never be entirely eliminated where new long lengths in such methods are produced. The unfortunate happening at Painswick in 1930 is still fresh in the minds of many people, but that ' tragedy ' was quickly discovered. In the case of the Southwark peal, however, the composition has been open for inspection for more than twelve years, but no one has detected the fault until now.

Some day, perhaps, another band will put up an equal performance to that at Southwark—that remains to be seen—but the men whose record has now got to be expunged from ringing annals will probably never be able, as a band, to attempt again what they did thirteen years ago. But though their ' record ' as a true peal has gone, their performance will ever remain as one of the greatest in ringing history.

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TEN BELL PEAL.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 4, 1936, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ...	...*Treble*	A. F. MARTIN STEWART ...	6
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ...	2	*REGINALD C. H. CONNOLLY	7
GEORGE PULLINGER	3	REGINALD BROWN	8
ERNEST J. TAYLOR	4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ...	9
REGINALD W. REX	5	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ROLVENDEN.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, March 14, 1936, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

ROBERT EDWARDS ...	...*Treble*	JAMES POWELL	5
MRS. H. BAKER	2	PERCY PAGE	6
FRANK CONLEY	3	CHARLES W. EVERETT ...	7
WILLIAM GORRINGE	4	ROBERT GOLDUP	...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. W. EVERETT.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. Baker's father, aged 83.

NORTHOP, FLINTSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 21, 1936, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. ERGAIN AND PETER,

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

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

*GEORGE SPERRING ...	...*Treble*	JAMES SWINDLEY	5
ROBERT SPERRING	2	SAMUEL JONES	6
MARTIN HARRIS...	3	JAMES MORGAN	7
*FRED HARTMAN	4	PERCY SWINDLEY	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First 'touch' in the method.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 26, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13¾ cwt.

JAMES LAKER	...*Treble*	ALBERT E. LAKER	5
GEORGE OLIVER	2	KENNETH SNELLING	6
NELSON ELLIOTT	3	OLIVER SIPPETTS	7
LEONARD LAKER	4	CECIL NICE	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS. ∞

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 1, 1936, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE DUBLIN SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19¼ cwt.

GEORGE WHITING ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE BENNETT	5
ALBERT E. WHITING	2	LESLIE G. BRETT...	6
GEORGE PRYKE	3	T. WILLIAM LAST	7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ...	4	JAMES BENNETT, JDN. ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by T. W. LAST.

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CLEATOR MOOR, CUMBERLAND.
THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, April 2, 1936, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.

*WILLIAM NORMAN ...	...*Treble*	*STANLEY RICHARDSON ...	5
ALFRED EILBECK ...	2	JOHN H. ROTHERY ...	6
WILLIAM H. COOK ...	3	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ...	7
GEORGE W. TEMBERY... ...	4	JAMES E. BROWN ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by the REV. C. D. P. DAVIES. Conducted by C. GUDGEON
* First peal in the method. First peal of Stedman on the bells. The conductor's 150th peal.

MARKET HARBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, April 2, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DIONYSIUS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb

G. DENNIS DEIGHTON ...	...*Treble*	FRANCIS BALL	5
*BURLEY P. MORRIS	2	WALTER PERKINS...	6
B. JACK STUBBS	3	CHARLES W. BIRD	7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ...	4	C. ARTHUR MANNING ...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* Fiftieth peal. Rung on the 48th anniversary of Mr. Perkins' wedding.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, April 2, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 13 cwt.

JOSEPH W. PARKER ...	...*Treble*	HAROLD B. DITCHBURN ...	5
GEORGE S. TAYLOR	2	*DONALD F. MAY	6
MICHAEL F. HARRISON ...	3	THOMAS H. REEVES	7
THOMAS STEPHENSON	4	†LESLIE DIXON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS H. REEVES
* First peal in the method. † First peal.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)
On Saturday, April 4, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES W. WILKINS	...*Treble*	ROLAND BIGGS	5
*REGINALD BLABY	2	WILLIAM HENLEY	6
†GEORGE MARTIN	3	HARRY WINGROVE	7
FREDERICK G. BIGGS ...	4	PERCY NEWTON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † 450th peal.

MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, April 4, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES:
THE 'BARRABOOL' PEAL. Tenor 11 cwt.

*JOHN W. LANGLEY	...*Treble*	*GEORGE A PARSONS	5
GEORGE R. PYE	2	*FREDERICK A. BARKER ...	6
CHARLES T. COLES	3	CHARLES W. WARD	7
BURLEY P. MORRIS	4	JOHN G. NASH	...*Tenor*

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES
* First peal of Major.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, April 4, 1936, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

E. DENNIS POOLE ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE R. NEWTON	5
HARRY F. HOLDING	2	WILLIAM A. FARMER	6
*GEORGE PACKER	3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	7
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.
* First peal of Major in the method. The band wish to thank Mr. W. Edge for his welcome. Rung after meeting short for Grandsire Caters.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 4, 1936, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation.) Tenor 18½ cwt.

ALFRED POTTER	...*Treble*	ALFRED POTTER, JUN. ...	5
MISS ANNIE POTTER	2	ARTHUR BURTON	6
BEN WELSBY	3	JOHN POTTER	7
JAMES DENNER	4	ROBERT DENNER	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.
Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect to Mr. Samuel Oakes, one of the old ringers. All the above are service ringers at St. Paul's Church.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 4, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

GEORGE HOWLETT	...*Treble*	RUSSELL RICHES	5
*FREDERICK C. GUNTON ...	2	GEORGE GOWER	6
ROBERT RICHES	3	WILLIAM FLATT	7
STANLEY COPLING	4	ERNEST WHITING ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. ROBINSON. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.
* First peal.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 4, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in E.

FREDERICK J. LAMBERT ..	*Treble*	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	5
HERBERT MARKWELL ...	2	FRANK BENNETT	6
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ...	3	STAFFORD H. GREEN	7
*WINGFIELD A. DURHAM ...	4	FREDERICK WHITE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
* First peal in the method, also on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. White and Master P. F. White, wife and son of the tenor ringer.

DORE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY)
On Saturday, April 4, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS	...*Treble*	PERCY J. JERVIS	5
A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ...	2	JOHN W. SYKES	6
*HARRY WARBURTON	3	WILLIAM H. TURTON	7
WILLIAM A. WOOLER ...	4	THOMAS E. LEE	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.
* First peal of Kent. The composition, No. 277, composed in 1891, is now rung for the first time. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. A. S. Robinson and Miss Revill, members of the local band, which took place at the above church earlier in the day.

SOUTHGATE.—At Christ Church on Sunday, March 8th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes): Mrs. E. H. King 1, J. Armstrong 2, Mrs. N. A. Tomlinson 3, G. E. Plater 4, H. Miller 5, E. H. King 6, J. E. Miller 7, J. G. Nash (first in method as conductor) 8.

SIX BELL PEALS.

ROCKWELL GREEN, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 21, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores. Tenor 11¾ cwt.

ALBERT TOOT	...*Treble*	CLAUD W. TARR...	4
JOHN SUMMERHAYES	2	†CYRIL J. STEVENS	5
*WALTER STEVENS	3	WILLIAM NORMAN ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL J. STEVENS.

* First peal. † First of Doubles and as conductor.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, March 22, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. (approx.).

*EDWARD LEGGETT	...*Treble*	*WILLIAM CHALK	4
†REGINALD G. SIMMONDS ...	2	ALBERT L. DIXEY	5
ALEC M. GENERY	3	GEORGE R. TOWNES ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by G. R. TOWNES.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal in seven methods 'inside.'

BARLEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, March 26, 1936, in Three Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 22 six-scores of Grandsire, 10 of Plain Bob and 10 of Oxford Singles.

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

Conducted by WILLIAM H. TACK.

* First peal away from tenor. Rung with bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. Ellis Wilkerson, churchwarden, whose interment took place on the same day.

MARHAM, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

ALFRED BACON	...*Treble*	WALLACE COUSINS	4
JOHN BUCKENHAM	2	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM... ...	5
FRED WIGMORE	3	CLAUDE COUSINS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRED WIGMORE.

TENDRING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, March 29, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

HAZEL LITTLEWOOD...	...*Treble*	VICTOR E. KERRIDGE	4
*WILLIAM A. ROUSE	2	ALAN R. ANDREWS	5
HARRY J. MILLAY	3	GEORGE TOWNES	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE TOWNES.

* First peal of Minor.

BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, March 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of seven extents in 28 methods, viz.: (1) Northumberland, Carlisle and Sandiacre; (2) Munden, Canterbury, Newcastle and Chester; (3) Beverley, Hexham, Surfleet, Durham, York and Berwick; (4) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne; (5) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Stamford and Rossendale; (6) Lincoln and Goldstream; (7) London, Cunecastre and Wells.
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

JOHN POLLARD	...*Treble*	JAMES OSBORN	4
JOHN W. LAKE	2	ALBERT S. ALLEN	5
FREDERICK W. FRENCH ...	3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

LEYTONSTONE.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Monday, March 30, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Beverley, London, Wells, York, Durham, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE DAWSON... ...	...*Treble*	JOHN MOULE...	4
ALFRED PRIOR	2	PHILIP H. AVEY	5
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ...	3	EDWARD D. SMITH ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD D. SMITH.

Rung with bells half-muffled to the memory of the late Mr. R. K. Knight, who was a member of the society for 70 years.

ADWICK-LE-STREET, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, April 4, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

ERNEST COOPER	...*Treble*	WILLIAM FAY	4
HARRY GOODALE	2	FOORD P. NEWTON	5
EDWIN E. LEE	3	*CHARLES NOTTAGE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. COOPER.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal on the bells. First peal of Minor by all the band and a birthday compliment to H. Goodale.

GORRAN, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, April 4, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GORONUS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Ten different callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

*PERCY R. C. WILLIAMS ...	...*Treble*	FREDERICK HARRIS	4
CYRIL E. LANXON	2	ARTHUR S. ROBERTS	5
MISS E. JESSIE C. ANGWIN	3	JOHN TRELOAR	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL E. LANXON.

* First peal away from the tenor. First peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEAL.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
n Saturday, April 4, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MRS. F. J. JOHNSON,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor size 12 in F.

*KATHLEEN M. JOHNSON ...	1-2	AMY R. JOHNSON	3-4
†MAGGIE J. JOHNSON	5-6		

Conducted by AMY R. JOHNSON.

Umpire—Arthur J. Martin. Witness—Mrs. F. J. Johnson.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor. First peal 'in hand' by all. Believed to be the first handbell peal rung by ladies. Rung to commemorate the birth of their niece, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Johnson.

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MORE DOUBLES.

There is a method very little rung, called New Bob. It is closely allied to Double Grandsire, if bobs were possible both behind and in front at every lead, the likeness coming from the fact that 3rd's place is made both before and after the treble's lead, and before and after its whole pull behind. But, in addition, New Bob has a 2nd's place made when the treble is leading, which causes the bell behind to lie a whole pull.

This is necessary, otherwise the bells would come round at the first lead end, as, in fact, they do if you ring Double Grandsire and call a bob both back and front. Perhaps the man who designed New Bob conceived this way of ringing Double Grandsire. But however that may be, New Bob will make a change for those who want something fresh on five bells.

The method starts off as does Grandsire, but 2 and 3 continue to dodge together on the front; that is the 2nd in 1-2 (up) and the 3rd in 2-1 (down) until the treble comes back to lead again. This is actually a double dodge.

While this is going on, the other bells coming from behind, being unable to get down to lead, have to make 3rd's place and go up again, but, except for the bell that turns the treble from behind, these bells have only one blow behind (made at hand-stroke).

There are two of them in each lead which make this odd blow behind, and this causes one other bell to do a curious piece of work. This bell is the one that turns the treble from behind. It lies a whole pull, makes one blow in 4th's, lies another whole pull, makes a second blow in 4th's and then lies yet another whole pull, the last blow of all being over the treble. This piece of work may well be described as 'full work behind.'

The result of this double dodging on the front and the full work behind is that every bell (except the treble) reaching 3rd's has a whole pull in that position. Remember, therefore, in ringing the method you cannot go into and out of 3rd's without a whole pull in that place—it helps you when you are in doubt. If the second of the two blows in 3rd's is over the treble you go *down* (and double dodge on the front). If it is not over the treble you have to go *up*; then, unless you turn the treble from behind, you have only one blow in 5th's.

The only other thing to remember, unless a bob is called, is that when the treble leads, the bell that has dodged in 2-1 (down) makes 2nd's and dodges in 1-2 (up).

This may seem a rather long explanation of a Doubles method, but we have tried to show something of its construction. If you understand the construction of simple things like this, you accumulate knowledge which helps you to understand other more difficult things later on. But you can summarise the work in New Bob quite easily thus, beginning with the 3rd :—

(1) Make 3rd's, double dodge in 2-1 (down).
(2) Make 2nd's, double dodge in 1-2 (up)
(3) Make 3rd's, one blow behind.
(4) Make 3rd's, full work behind.
(5) Make 3rd's, one blow behind.
Make 3rd's (which is once more the starting point).

Although the calls in New Bob are designated bobs, they are, in effect, singles, for only two of the working bells change; the other two 'lie still.' The bell doing the 'long work behind' is not affected, but the bell that comes from behind to make 3rd's and double dodge on the front, marked (1) above, makes 4th's instead and after one blow behind becomes (4) above. The bell that had dodged 1-2 (up) and made 3rd's, instead of going up behind, returns to the front, and, after leading, double dodges in 1-2 (up) as (2) above. The bell that would have made 2nd's makes 3rd's and goes back to the dodging on the front, as (1).

To produce 120, call a bob at any one lead in the first course, and at the corresponding place in each of the two succeeding courses. Below are the figures of a plain lead and a bobbed lead. Write out the full course, based on the first column, draw a diagram as explained last week and study it.

Plain	Bobbed
12345	12345
21354	21354
23145	23145
32415	32415
23451	23451
32541	32541
23514	23514
32154	32154
31245	Call Bob 31245
13254	13254
13524	12354
31542	21345
35124	23154
53214	32514
35241	23541
53421	32451

Having studied the construction of the method, as apart from the diagram which enables you to ring it, try and do a little method

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THE BANKES JAMES CAMBRIDGE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am writing this on the evening of the publication of my dream, in anticipation of a possible reply in next week's issue of 'The Ringing World.' In my opinion, the only possible objection to the Bankes James composition of Cambridge Minor is the one voiced by Mr. P. J. Johnson at a Central Council meeting, viz., that the first row (rounds) is not Cambridge, and that the method does not commence till the conductor says, 'Go, Cambridge.'

However, in deference to you, sir, and to your readers, I appeal to you to discourage any further controversy in your columns on this worn-out subject, but I should be quite prepared to debate the question by post with any one correspondent, and to notify you of the final result if it is of any interest. W. COLLETT.

45, Latimer Road, Headington, Oxford.

[It may save space, and perhaps postage for someone, if we say at once that those who take the opposite line of thought to Mr. Johnson and Mr. Collett hold that the first row (rounds) is as much a part of the method as 156342 and corresponding rows, that you cannot get the first change without it, and that the conductor has already said, 'Go, Cambridge,' when the essential row of rounds is rung. The overwhelming force of this theory will be realised by anyone who tries to construct a symmetrical even-bell method without including in it the initial row of rounds or an equivalent.—EDITOR, 'Ringing World.']

LINCOLN GUILD.

The Grimsby District of the Northern Branch held a combined practice meeting at Barton-on-Humber on Saturday. A fairly large gathering, representing most of the towers in the district, was present. Visitors from Hull (Holy Trinity), Lea (Gainsborough District), Leverstock Green (Herts) and Sutton-on-Hull were heartily welcomed. The methods for practice were Double Norwich Court and Cambridge Major, which were well exploited during the evening, several having their first course in these methods. Everyone present appeared to have enjoyed this very instructive practice when the bells were lowered at 9 p.m.

Thanks are due to Canon W. E. Varah for the use of the bells, and to Mr. A. Hoodless for making arrangements. A.B.C.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MIDDLESEX RINGERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The Middlesex County Association accepted me as a member in 1899. Since then I have taken a very keen interest in all its doings, especially of the peals. Their members have accomplished some outstanding performances. The seven-method Surprise Major peal rung at Staines, and published in the current issue of 'The Ringing World,' in my opinion is the best ever. Seeing that it was rung by members residing in the county, I sincerely congratulate them. It shows progress on the right lines. J. HUNT.

Taunton.

BROKEN CLAPPER ENDS PEAL ATTEMPT.

A peal of Doubles at Slaugham, Sussex, on Saturday week, came to an end in the 22nd six-score when the clapper of the tenor broke and fell out. The ringers were George A. Packham (conductor) 1, Fred Packham 2, Frederick Godsmark 3, Charles Wickens 4, Ernest Packham 5, Joseph Mansbridge 6. The peal was being rung on the back six.

Trouble, through clappers breaking, has been experienced at many places since the war. It is not the fault of the makers, but arises, we understand, from the quality of the iron that is now produced. It is extremely difficult to get a product that will stand up in all cases to the constant shock imposed upon the shank of a bell clapper.

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construction for yourself. New Bob is one method; Reverse New Bob is another. Until the treble gets to 5th's, the changes are the same, but while the treble lies its whole pull behind in Reverse New Bob, 4th's is made instead of, as in New Bob, 2nd's when the treble leads; then, working backwards, make corresponding places. This gives you a method in which the double dodging appears in 4-5 and the 'full work' is done on the front. Next week we will give you the figures in order that you may check your own.

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THE ROLL OF HONOUR.

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The invitation which we issued last week to those of our readers who have been regular subscribers to ' The Ringing World ' from the first issue until the present time has been quickly responded to, and the intimations which we have received have been accompanied in many instances by interesting letters and comments, extracts from some of which we hope to give next week.

We print below the first list of those whose names are qualified for inclusion in this roll of honour, and invite those who have not yet sent in their names and addresses to do so at once:—

Mr. E. A. G. Allen, Frindsbury, Rochester.
Mr. Wilfred Andrews, Winchester.
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Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Kington Magna, Dorset.
Mr. R. Edwards, Tenterden, Kent.
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Mr. W. Essery, Battersea, London.
Mr. T. Fitzjohn, Scartho, Great Grimsby, Lincs.
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Mr. A. J. Holmes, Edenham, Lincolnshire.
Mr. W. S. Hornbrook, Plymouth, Devon.
Mr. C. H. Howard, Braintree, Essex.
Mr. J. Hunt, Taunton, Somerset.
Rev E. Bankes James, Seafield Park, Fareham, Hants.
Mr. C. H. Jennings, Wyke Regis, Dorset.
Mr. J. W. Jones, Newport, Mon.
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Mr. A. W. Osborne, Reading, Berks.
Mr. S. F. Palmer, Sheffield.
Rev. W. Pearson, Henley, Suffolk.
Mr. E. F. Peppy, Stoke Ash, Eye, Suffolk.

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'THE RINGING WORLD' SILVER JUBILEE.

At a meeting of the Ancient Society of College Youths, held last week, a resolution was adopted congratulating the Editor of ' The Ringing World ' upon the silver jubilee of the paper, offering the society's best thanks for the great service he is rendering for the welfare of the Ringing Exercise, and wishing him every success in the future.

Congratulations have also come to us from the Liverpool Branch of the Lancashire Association.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

INTERESTING EVENT AT BOLTON.

On Saturday week there was a large attendance of ringers at the monthly meeting of the Bolton Branch of the Lancashire Association, held at St. George's Church, Bolton.

At 3 p.m. the bells were going, and ringing continued until about 8.45 p.m., except for tea and service. The Vicar, the Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee, M.A., who is also president of the association, very kindly provided tea and conducted a short service.

Immediately after the service, the Vicar dedicated two peal tablets, one recording a peal of Stedman rung in October, 1900. This is the only peal of Stedman rung on the bells, which were installed in 1806. Four of the band were at the meeting, Mr. Albert E. Wreaks having travelled from Paisley in Scotland, and Mr. Thomas Peers from Heysham, the Rev. Canon Elsee and Mr. Henry Moss. The only other survivor is Mr. Joseph Potter, now in U.S.A. The late Rev. F. E. Robinson conducted the peal, and the late Mr. Titus Barlow and the late Mr. John Makin completed the band. The other tablet records a peal of Grandsire Triples rung on May 10th last year to celebrate the Royal Silver Jubilee of the late King. The band consisted of six local members, assisted by two from Holy Trinity, Bolton.

The tablets are of oak lettered in gold leaf and are the very kind gift of Mr. Richard W. Mosley, a ringer of the district.

Canon Elsee gave a brief history of the bells, cast by Rudhall. He said not many peals had been rung on the bells. They were in a part of the town in which peal ringing could be a nuisance.

Mr. Claude J. Davies, of Liverpool, moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar for providing the tea, for the service and for granting the use of the bells; also to the organist and ladies who helped.

The meeting passed a resolution congratulating the Editor of ' The Ringing World ' upon celebrating his silver jubilee as Editor, and conveying many kind wishes. Speakers pressed for more members to take the paper, the value of which was pointed out.

ROLL OF HONOUR

(Continued from previous column.)

Mr. P. Price, Beeston, Notts.
Mr. A. H. Pulling, Guildford, Surrey.
Mr. J. Puplett, Tring, Herts.
Mr. E. Raddon, Guildford, Surrey.
Mr. E. Reader, Loughborough, Leicestershire.
Mr. F. J. Reeve, Tring, Herts.
Mr. G. Robinson, Adel, Leeds.
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Mr. H. Rumens, Walthamstow, Essex.
Mr. T. Russam, Sparkbrook, Birmingham.
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Mr. G. Yeo, Long Ashton, Bristol.

MR. G. R. NEWTON'S 400 PEALS.

LIVERPOOL STALWART'S FINE RECORD.

The following is the list of the 400 peals rung by Mr. George R. Newton, one of the oldest and best-known ringers of Lancashire. His peals have been rung for 20 societies and associations.

	Rung.	Conducted.
Doubles in three methods	1	1
Minor in one method	2	2
Minor in three methods	4	4
Minor in four methods	8	8
Minor in five methods	5	3
Minor in seven methods	31	26
Minor in ten methods	1 (7,200)	—
Cambridge Surprise Minor	3	3
Seven Surprise Minor methods	3	1
Oxford Bob Triples	1	1
Union Triples	1	—
Bob Triples	1	1
Spliced Oxford and Kent Major	1	—
Double Oxford Bob Major	1	—
Little Bob Major	2	1
Grandsire Triples	33	25
Grandsire Caters	7	4
Grandsire Cinques	1	1
Bob Major	23	15
Bob Royal	2	2
Kent Treble Bob Major	42	26
Kent Treble Bob Royal	9	5
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	4	1
Oxford Treble Bob Major	17	14
Oxford Treble Bob Maximus	1	—
Stedman Triples	49	22
Stedman Caters	18	10
Stedman Cinques	4	1
Cambridge Surprise Major	33	9
Cambridge Surprise Royal	5	1
Cambridge Surprise Maximus	5	1
Double Norwich Major	48	35
Superlative Surprise Major	18	3
New Cambridge Surprise Major	2	—
Bristol Surprise Major	2	—
Yorkshire Surprise Major	3	—
London Surprise Major	9	—
Total	400	226

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WHEN PEALS AND MEETINGS CLASH.

The annual meeting of the association is, as usual, to be held at Norwich on Easter Monday. In the fifty-eighth report, which is then to be presented to the meeting, it is stated that the year had no remarkable events to record. The balance sheet shows a balance of £10 12s. 2d. in hand, against £9 3s. 10d. the previous year, with invested reserve funds of the present value of £142 5s. 6d.

During the year 12 members were lost by death, 10 members resigned and there was the usual deletion of members for non-payment of subscriptions. The election of 44 new members leaves the total membership of 867, against 868 for the previous year. The peal performances for 1935 total 80 peals, rung in 19 different methods, at 32 towers, conducted by 26 members, 168 members taking part in the peals. The peals included the first peal by the association of Chesterfield Bob Major, rung at St. Mary Magdalene's, Fulham.

Regular Sunday service ringing by many companies is maintained. The report stresses the important duty of making every effort for the maintenance of regular ringing of the bells for the main services on Sundays. The clergy and parishioners like to hear their bells on Sundays calling the people to worship. 'We ringers,' says the report, 'owe a debt of gratitude to the incumbents who always so generously grant us their kind permission for peals. As office holders in the Church, it becomes our duty to be in our place in the belfry on Sundays.'

In quoting from branch secretaries' reports, it is stated in the North and South Norfolk branches more and more ringers are getting the habit of attending every meeting they can, with most pleasant results. The standard of ringing throughout the branches has been well maintained and advanced methods have gained ground.

On the other hand, West Norfolk Branch reported that the number attending the meetings was not altogether encouraging, and showed a drop on the average attendance of the previous year. Reference is made to the eleventh-hour cancellation of a meeting at Wells-on-the-Sea, on account of a peal having been rung there a fortnight before and nearby residents strongly objecting to a further long spell of ringing. The incumbent had been on holiday and did not know the feelings of his parishioners until the last minute; on the other hand, the peal ringers most probably never thought for one moment that any objection would be raised, but it does seem to raise the question as to whether it is in the best interests of the association and of ringing generally to run these events too closely together, particularly in those places where the inhabitants have not been schooled to hearing the bells so regularly as we ringers think they should have been.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Reports of peals rung on Monday should be posted to 'The Ringing World' the same day.

Those who desired to hear the fine peal of bells at Ripon Cathedral over the air on Sunday evening were disappointed at the brevity of the broadcast. The pianoforte recital which preceded it extended beyond its time and the bells were heard for barely two minutes!

The Rev. R. Sherwood, who was precentor of St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, and with whom the tourists to Australia in 1934 were closely in touch during their stay in that city, is on his way with his family to England, where he is taking up parochial work. At a farewell gathering Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood received a cheque for £100 subscribed by friends of the Cathedral, and the Cathedral choir presented him with an illuminated address.

Had it not been for the false peal of London rung in 1901 and just recently discovered, Mr. George Williams, Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, would last Saturday have scored his 1,000th peal as conductor. As it is, his recognised total is now 999! We imagine it will not be long before that extra one is made up.

The handbell peal of Doubles rung at Hinton-on-the-Green last Saturday is another 'milestone.' It is believed to be the first handbell peal rung by ladies.' Coupled with this is the fact that they are all members of the same family—a family well-known in Worcestershire ringing.

The peal at Titchmarsh on March 21st was rung in 3 hours 23 minutes. The ringer of the 4th in the peal at Gorseinon on March 28th was John H. Hanson, not Harrison as printed.

Mr. J. Corbett, hon. treasurer of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, has been elected hon. secretary of the Forest Artisans' Golf Club, attached to the Royal Berkshire Club. He will now dream of 'birdies' and 'eagles' as well as 'bats.'

The historic slave bell, which is used by St. Michael's, Fort Wellington, British Guiana, and the broken clapper of which nearly killed the verger recently, has been repaired and replaced in the church. The inscription on the bell can still be plainly read, 'Thomas Mears and Son, Fecit,' with the date 'London, 1805.'

BELLS OF CROYDON PARISH CHURCH.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As no reader appears to have commented upon Mr. R. H. Dove's letter with regard to Croydon Parish Church bells, perhaps you will allow me that privilege.

A few years ago I was called in to inspect the tower and bells of that church, which I did and reported generally. The bells are a sound ring of eight by Taylor's, and, it is said, initiated by Grimthorpe. They are on the heavy side and of 'old standard' tuning, but when going in peal have a bold, round tone of good carrying power.

If the anonymous lady who desires to defray the cost of their recasting were to confine her generosity to rehanging the bells and to the rearranging and strengthening of the oak cage, etc., it would, I am sure, be Croydon's gain. Incidentally the town has already a fine 'Simpson' peal at South Croydon, and it might be, too, a matter of interest to retain this sister ring, tuned upon the other system. I believe that they are within hearing distance of each other.

E. ALEX. YOUNG.

Bromley, Kent.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN DIVISION MEETING AT HORSHAM.

The annual meeting of the Northern Division was held at Horsham on Saturday. Members totalling 45 were present from Arundel, Bolney, Balcombe, Billingshurst, Brighton (St. Peter's and Good Shepherd), Crawley, Cuckfield, Capel, Godalming, Horley, Lingfield, Lindfield, Lower Beeding, Maresfield, Merstham, Rotherfield, Shoreham, Turners Hill, Uckfield, Warnham and West Grinstead.

Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., and a short service was held at 4.30, the address being given by the Vicar (the Rev. R. W. O. Lee, M.A.). Tea was partaken of at the Queen's Head, and at the meeting which followed the chair was taken, in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, by Mr. W. Charman.

The officers for the ensuing year were re-elected and are as follows: Divisional secretary, Mr. O. Sippetts; committee, Mr. G. Apps, Mr. W. Charman, Mr. G. Olliver; Committee of Advice, Mr. G. Apps, Mr. W. Charman, Mr. O. Sippetts.

Two new members were elected, viz., Mr. J. Lovell, of Rotherfield, and Mr. F. Roberts, of West Grinstead.

After the meeting the tower was again visited, and ringing continued till 8.45. The methods ranged from rounds to Spliced Surprise Major.

FAMOUS PEAL WITHDRAWN.

12,675 STEDMAN CINQUES RUNG IN 1923.

Composition Now Proved False.

Fate has dealt a cruel blow at what, for nearly 13 years, has been looked upon as a great record and certainly one of the finest performances in ringing history. On May 21st, 1923, a record peal of Stedman Cinques, consisting of 12,675 changes, composed by Mr. H. G. Miles, of London, was rung at St. Saviour's Cathedral, Southwark, in 9 hrs. 47 mins., by 12 members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and it has stood since then as one of the greatest achievements in the annals of the art, not only for the powers of endurance exhibited by the ringers, but also for the excellence of the ringing throughout the peal.

Now, after all this lapse of time, a further examination of the composition, which was published a few weeks after the peal was rung, has revealed that it was false. The announcement is made in the following communication, which we have been asked to publish :—

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

Sir,—After a period of nearly 13 years since its performance, it has been discovered that the composition of the long peal of Stedman Cinques rung at Southwark Cathedral on Whit Monday, 1923, by members of this society, is false.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Secretary.

March 31st, 1936.

The ringers who took part in the peal were Messrs. C. F. Winney 1, C. W. Roberts 2, W. S. Langdon 3, W. Rushton 4, H. Langdon (conductor) 5, W. Hibbert 6, R. F. Deal 7, T. Langdon 8, T. Groombridge 9, R. T. Hibbert 10, H. R. Newton 11, A. B. Peck 12.

We understand that the falseness of the peal was discovered by Mr. C. W. Roberts, who, recently looking over the figures, found that just one six, in the last turning course, four courses from the end, repeated with an earlier part of the peal. He communicated his discovery to the composer, who reported it at the meeting of the College Youths last week. Naturally the announcement was heard with great regret and no little consternation.

The society, while recording the facts in the minutes and acknowledging Mr. Roberts' part in the discovery, decided to seek permission to have a small brass plate attached to the peal board in Southwark tower to record the fact of the falseness.

To all concerned, we feel sure, ringers everywhere will extend their sympathy, on being robbed of the full reward of a great achievement, which was thus described in 'The Ringing World' at the time :—

'The intention was to ring a peal of 15,051, if possible, and although this length was not accomplished, a peal of 12,675 changes was brought round in 9 hours 47 minutes. The task was a stupendous one, and one which deserves the admiration of all ringers. For more than nine and three-quarter hours those twelve men rang some of the finest Stedman Cinques that ever were heard, for all listeners agree that from first to last the ringing was magnificent. The bells went off into changes at two minutes past nine in the morning, and so even was the ringing that the first ten courses came up in 62 minutes, the next ten in the same time, and each of the two succeeding ten courses in only one half-minute more. Hour after hour the ringing went on with clocklike regularity, but after the record had been broken it was deemed wise to bring the bells round, for Mr. Alfred Peck, on the tenor, was feeling the strain of the long sustained effort. No one wonders at that. To ring a 50 cwt. bell for that length is a tremendous triumph, and everyone must agree that a 12,675 in hand is worth a good deal more than 15,051 in the bush, so to speak. Great credit is due to everyone of the band, and it should not be forgotten that there were, in addition to men of tried merit and long experience, two youths in the peal, one of whom, Wilson Rushton, is only 17½ years of age. One of the things which enabled the peal to be rung was the attention given to the bells by Mr. Albert Hughes, who four or five times during the peal went up among the bells, and with great coolness and dexterity oiled the bearings.'

BIRTHDAY COMPLIMENT TO VICAR.

At Thorne, Yorks, on Tuesday, March 31st, 1,260 changes Grandsire Triples were rung as an 82nd birthday compliment to the Vicar, Canon J. J. Littlewood. For several years this annual compliment has been paid the Vicar: R. A. Andrews 1, J. Thorley 2, A. Woods 3, T. A. Hepworth 4, C. H. Thorley 5, W. Hobson 6, C. Thorley (conductor) 7, R. Ward 8.

TWELVE BELLS FOR LEICESTER CATHEDRAL

NEW RING TO BE CAST AT LOUGHBOROUGH.

King's Special Consent to Name the Tenor 'The Coronation Bell.'

The ten bells at the Cathedral Church of St. Martin, Leicester, are to be recast and made into a ring of twelve, which are to be ready for the Coronation.

The Provost (the Ven. F. B. Macnutt) summoned the Cathedral ringers to meet him in the Church House last Thursday night, when he announced the splendid news that work was to be put in hand at once to recast, rehang and augment to twelve the Cathedral peal.

This came as a complete surprise to the ringers, as, owing to other financial schemes in the diocese, it had been thought that it would be a long time yet before the renovation of the bells could be tackled. However, things have evidently been moving quietly but rapidly behind the scenes during the past week or two, and various generous donors have promised to see the whole thing through with regard to the cost of the scheme. It is confidently expected that the Cathedral will now possess a fine ring of 12, and various improvements are to be effected in the belfry which will make it an ideal tower from the ringers' point of view.

His Majesty the King has graciously given his special consent for the tenor bell to be named 'The Coronation Bell of King Edward VIII.' His Majesty has made this conditional upon the bell being used for the first time on Coronation Day. It is also interesting to note that one of the new trebles is to be named 'The Bell Founder's Bell.'

All those who have rung at Leicester Cathedral, or St. Martin's as it was formerly known, are only too familiar with the present poor peal and the unsatisfactory ringing order. Congratulations will therefore be extended to Mr. Fred Dexter by his many ringing friends throughout the length and breadth of the country that he is now to have a peal worthy of the band which he has brought to such a high standard.

The Cathedral authorities, who are proud of the fact that the Loughborough Foundry is in their Diocese, have, of course, placed the work in the hands of John Taylor and Co.

The completion of this new scheme will give the city of Leicester two rings of twelve, the other being at St. Martin's Church.

DEATH OF AN OLD WALKDEN RINGER.

On Saturday, March 28th, there passed away one of the old Walkden ringers, Mr. Samuel Oakes, who had reached the age of 72 years. He had been a member of the Walkden company since 1884, but had not rung during the last three years owing to ill-health. He had taken part in 41 peals for the Lancashire Association.

The funeral took place on Wednesday, April 1st, at St. Paul's Church. He was carried to his last resting place by his brother ringers. The floral tributes, which were very beautiful, included one in the form of a bell from the ringers.

After the committal a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by Miss A. Potter 1-2, A. Potter, jun. 3-4, John Potter 5-6, A. Potter, sen. 7-8. While the mourners were leaving a short touch of Stedman Triples was rung. A muffled peal was rung on Saturday.

BARWELL.—At the Parish Church on February 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in honour of Mr. Charles Belton's 73rd birthday: *Miss D. Belton 1, William White 2, A. Lucas 3, F. Deacon 4, *Charles Belton 5, *Richard Belton 6, Kelham Deacon (conductor) 7, Harry England 8. * Three generations.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE SHREWSBURY MEETING.

Minutes of the Third Session of the fifteenth Council (43rd annual meeting), held in the Council Chamber, Shrewsbury Castle, Shrewsbury, on Whitsun Tuesday, 11th June, 1935, at 11 o'clock.

The Lord Bishop of Lichfield extended a cordial welcome on behalf of the Church and also on behalf of the Mayor, who was prevented from being present.

The President, in his reply, congratulated the Lord Bishop of Lichfield on the completion of 25 years as Bishop of the Diocese.

Apologies from the Mayor and the Lord Bishop of Hereford were read by the President.

The Lord Bishop of Lichfield opened the meeting with prayer and the President took the chair.

Present:—

Ancient Society of College Youths: Mr. A. B. Peck.

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

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

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

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

Devon Guild: The Rev. E. S. Powell, Mr. T. Laver, Mr. E. W. Marsh and Mr. G. C. Woodley.

Dudley and District Guild: Mr. F. Colclough.

East Derbyshire and Notts Association: Mr. T. Clarke.

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

Essex Association: Mr. E. J. Butler and Mr. G. R. Pye.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association: Mr. J. Austin and Mr. W. Rose.

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

Hertford County Association: Mr. W. Ayre.

Irish Association: Mr. G. Lindoff.

Kent County Association: Mr. T. Groombridge, Mr. F. M. Mitchell and Mr. T. E. Sone.

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

Lancashire Association: Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee, Mr. G. R. Newton, Mr. W. H. Shuker and Mr. A. Tomlinson.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild: Ven. Archdeacon Parry, Mr. G. Chester and Mr. R. Richardson.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association: Mr. J. W. Jones.

London County Association: Mr. A. D. Barker and Mr. F. E. Dawe.

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

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

Norwich Diocesan Association: Mr. A. L. Coleman.

Oxford Diocesan Guild: Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, Mr. W. Evetts, jun., and Mr. A. E. Lock.

Oxford Society: Mr. W. Collett.

Oxford University Society: The Rev. C. E. Wigg.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild: Mr. T. Tebbutt and Mr. F. Wilford.

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

Salisbury Diocesan Guild: The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Mr. S. Hillier, Mr. C. H. Jennings and Mr. F. W. Romaine.

Shropshire Association: Mr. W. Saunders.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths: Mr. G. H. Cross and Mr. J. Parker.

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

Suffolk Guild: The Rev. H. Drake.

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

Truro Diocesan Guild: The Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella.

Warwickshire Guild: Mr. J. H. W. White.

Winchester and Portsmouth Guild: Mr. H. Barton, Mr. G. Pullinger and Mr. G. Williams.

Worcester and Districts Association: Mr. R. G. Knowles.

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

Honorary members: Mr. W. A. Cave, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Mr. A. A. Hughes, the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Mr. J. A. Trollope, Mr. E. C. S. Turner, Mr. A. Walker, Mr. S. H. Wood and Mr. E. Alex. Young.

HIS MAJESTY'S SILVER JUBILEE.

On the President's motion the following telegram was despatched to H.M. the King:—

'The Central Council of Church Bellringers, assembled for its annual meeting in Shrewsbury Castle, respectfully offers its congratulations on the attainment of your Majesty's Silver Jubilee, in the happy celebration of which the ringers of Great Britain and Ireland have taken their part, and on their behalf the Council expresses the earnest hope that for many years to come your Majesty's reign over a loyal and united people may be prolonged. —Edwin H. Lewis, President.'

Later in the day the following reply was received:—

'The message of good wishes contained on your telegram was much appreciated by the King, whose sincere thanks I am commanded to convey to you and all who joined in these congratulations.—Private Secretary.'

MEMBERSHIP AND REPRESENTATION.

The Hon. Secretary reported that no subscription had been received from the Cleveland and North Yorks Association, and the North Staffs and District Association. Including these societies the membership was:—

Affiliated Societies, 51, represented by 128 members.

Honorary Members, 15.

(Note.—The North Staffs and District Association subscription was received on August 2nd.)

HONORARY MEMBERS.

On the President's motion, the retiring members, Messrs. W. A. Cave and A. Walker, were re-elected.

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE PRESIDENT.

In accordance with Rule 11, the following were presented: The Rev. C. E. Wigg (Oxford University), Messrs. W. Saunders (Shropshire), G. H. Cross (Royal Cumberland Youths), J. Hardcastle (Yorkshire) and E. C. S. Turner (Honorary).

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Alderman J. S. Pritchett, the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, Messrs. H. Baxter, H. G. Bird, R. G. Black, C. E. Borrett, J. H. Cheeseman, J. Clark, D. G. Clift, W. T. Cockerill, A. Coppock, W. J. Davidson, F. Nolan Golden, E. Guise, R. T. Hibbert, J. D. Johnson, Gwyn Lewis, W. J. Nevard, J. W. Parker, F. W. Perrens, J. Phillips, W. Pickworth, S. H. Symonds, T. H. Taffender, and Honorary Members, Messrs. C. Dean, J. Griffith, C. F. Johnston, C. W. Roberts.

LOSS OF MEMBERS THROUGH DEATH.

The death of the following members and past members was reported and the members stood in silence as a tribute to their memory: Mr. E. Bishop (1922-28, 1932-34), Mr. J. Cotterell (1918-1934), Mr. E. P. Debenham (1894-1902), Mr. G. R. Fardon (1906-1911), Mr. F. F. Linley (1891-1897), Mr. W. Pye (1912-1923).

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.

On the motion of Canon G. F. Coleridge, seconded by Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, the minutes published in 'The Ringing World' on April 12th, 1935, were approved and taken as read.

Arising out of the minutes, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith reported that the letter of greetings, illuminated on vellum by Miss Kathleen Hughes, was duly presented to the St. Paul's Cathedral Society, Melbourne. The presentation was made by Mrs. R. Richardson (Ladies' Guild), and the Australian tourists were asked to convey to the Council the grateful thanks of the society.

Mr. Goldsmith also reported that the stock of publications was distributed among the various towers visited.

In answer to a question by Mr. E. M. Atkins, the hon. secretary stated that no steps had yet been taken to prepare a census of ringers.

REPORTS.

The following reports, etc., were circulated to all members and associations and have been published in 'The Ringing World.' They are preserved in the Council's records and are available for inspection.

REPORT OF THE HONORARY LIBRARIAN.

The report by the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, hon. librarian, was published in 'The Ringing World' on June 21st, 1935, page 398.

The report was adopted on the motion of the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, seconded by Canon Elsee.

The Standing Committee recommended: 'That the booklet, "Law Affecting Church Bells," be reprinted after reference to Alderman Pritchett with regard to revision, and with particular reference to the question of insurance of ringers who are purely voluntary.'

'That the "Collection of Doubles and Minor" be reprinted after revision by the Methods Committee.'

'That a copy of the Library Catalogue, when ready, be sent to all members of the Council and all secretaries of associations.'

On the President's motion, the recommendations were adopted, and it was also agreed to ask Alderman Pritchett to agree to the inclusion of the Rev. H. Drake's pamphlet on 'Faculties' in the reprinted 'Laws Affecting Church Bells.'

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

The hon. treasurer presented the annual accounts (see 'The Ringing World, June 21st, 1935, page 398), which had been audited by Messrs. C. T. Coles and A. A. Hughes.

On the motion of Mr. A. A. Hughes, seconded by Mr. W. A. Cave, the accounts were adopted.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE CARTER RINGING MACHINE.

Mr. E. A. Young reported for the trustees (see 'The Ringing World,' June 21st, 1935), and referred to the death of Mr. G. R. Fardon (demonstrator).

The Standing Committee recommended that a fee of 10s. 6d. be paid to Mr. Sharman, and that the trustees endeavour to find a suitable successor to Mr. Fardon.

The report and recommendations were adopted on the motion of Mr. E. A. Young, seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes.

DEMONSTRATION BY MR. G. F. WOODHOUSE.

Canon Elsee reported that Mr. Woodhouse would not be able to give the proposed demonstration of his ringing machine, owing to

an accident which occurred when leaving home for Shrewsbury, and, on the president's suggestion, it was agreed that Canon Elsee be asked to convey the Council's great regret and sympathy.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

(The formal report was published in 'The Ringing World' on June 21st, 1935, page 398.)

The committee recommended that the 'Pamphlet on Variations' by Mr. Trollope which had now been received be printed and the price be fixed at 1s. per copy.

On the President's motion, the report and recommendations were adopted.

REPORT OF THE PEAL COLLECTION COMMITTEE.

The report (see 'The Ringing World,' 21st June, 1935, page 398) was presented by Mr. G. Lindoff.

The Standing Committee recommended that in the Collection of Peals now being prepared the committee be given power to increase the number of compositions in any one method, but endeavour to keep within the limit proposed by the committee in their 1934 report.

On the motion of Mr. G. Lindoff, seconded by Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, the report and recommendation were adopted.

REPORTS OF THE METHODS COMMITTEE.

The hon. secretary reported that a letter, dated May 21st, 1935, had been received from the Rev. E. S. Powell tendering his resignation from the committee.

The report (see 'The Ringing World,' 7th June, 1935) was presented by Mr. J. A. Trollope, who moved the adoption. Mr. S. H. Wood seconded.

An amendment, proposed by the Rev. H. Drake, seconded by Mr. P. J. Johnson and accepted by the committee, that the report be received, but not adopted, was carried.

Mr. J. A. Trollope stated that the result of the committee's investigation of Surprise methods had been included in two volumes of a book, and these he now presented to the Council Library.

Mr. E. C. S. Turner proposed and Mr. S. H. Wood seconded on behalf of the committee that the Methods Committee be authorised to prepare a book on the Surprise Major methods and to hand the same to the hon. secretary, and that the hon. secretary be authorised to take the necessary steps for publishing the same.

An amendment was proposed by the Rev. E. S. Powell and seconded by Mr. G. Lindoff: 'That it be an instruction to the Methods Committee to prepare a MS. collection of 500-800 Surprise Major methods, which shall include an adequate proportion of methods representing the most recent research, and that this collection be made available to members of the Council through the library for their suggestions and criticism, with a view to the ultimate publication of a book containing 100-200 representative Surprise Major methods.'

The amendment was lost and the committee's recommendation was adopted.

REPORT OF THE PEAL ANALYSIS AND RECORDS COMMITTEE.

The report (see 'The Ringing World,' May 17th, 1935, page 319) was adopted on the motion of Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. G. R. Pye.

REPORT OF THE TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE.

The report published in 'The Ringing World' on July 5th, page 431, was presented by the president, who moved the adoption.

The committee, on the suggestion of the Rev. H. Drake, agreed to consider the question of silencers in connection with sound modification.

REPORT OF THE LITERATURE, PRESS AND BROADCASTING COMMITTEE.

The committee's report (see 'The Ringing World,' July 12th, 1935, page 445) was presented by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, who also moved the adoption.

The committee, in their report, recommended that a letter be written to the British Broadcasting Corporation congratulating them on the broadcasts given at Christmas and at royal functions, and on the interval signal, but expressing regret at the omission of bells at Easter and at the discontinuance of the transmissions from the Midlands and chiefly from Birmingham.

The motion was seconded by Mr. A. Paddon Smith and carried.

TO ALL COMMITTEES.

On the President's motion, a vote of thanks was passed to members of all committees for their work during the year.

RECEPTION OF AUSTRALIAN TOURISTS.

Prior to the luncheon adjournment, the business of the Council was adjourned to receive the members of the party which had recently visited Australia and New Zealand. The President congratulated them on the success of the tour, and a short account of the visit was given by Mr. W. H. Fussell. The tourists were afterwards the guests of the Council at lunch.

ALTERATION OF RULES.

It was proposed by the President (Mr. E. H. Lewis), seconded by Mr. G. W. Fletcher, that the following alteration be made in the rules:—

To amend Section 2 of Rule 2 by deleting the word 'fifteen' and substituting the word 'twenty.'

The rule to read 'Of honorary members not exceeding twenty in number elected by the Council.'

The motion was carried nem con.

MOTIONS.

It was proposed by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, and seconded by Mr. C. H. Jennings:—

'That an address be presented by the Council to the Diocesan Bishops, requesting them to take measures to ensure that the designs prepared for churches to serve new centres of population shall include due provision for the ultimate erection of substantial towers to accommodate peals of bells properly hung for ringing, at such points as to place every group of houses within hearing of a peal of bells; at the same time directing their lordships' attention to the fact that all cause of annoyance from the sound of bells can be effectually eliminated, if architects' designs conform to the recommendations of the Towers and Belfries Committee.'

On the understanding that the wording of the actual address be modified, the resolution was carried.

It was proposed by Mr. C. T. Coles, and seconded by Mr. E. C. S. Turner:—

'That in view of the extension of the practice of splicing methods this Council resolves that the term "Spliced" shall be applied only to those peals in which there are at least as many changes of method as there are courses in the peal, subject to the following stipulations:

'(a) In peals in even-bell methods in which singles are used, the number of changes of method before a single shall be at least equal to the number of courses preceding the single, and, similarly, after a single, equal to the number of courses which follow it.

'(b) In peals in odd-bell methods, the number of changes of method shall be at least equal to the number of changes of the bell in the hunt, or of the courses in the peal. Subject only, in peals in which less than six methods of Triples are rung, to any reduction of the number necessitated by two or more hunt bells, relating to the same method, being consecutively called into the hunt.

'(c) The conditions relating to even-bell methods shall apply in peals of Minor to each 720 individually, and for the purposes of this rule each 720 with a Treble Bob hunt shall be considered to have six courses, and each 720 with a Plain hunt or with an Alliance and Little hunt, twelve courses.

'(d) Peals of Doubles shall be deemed to comply with this rule if there is at least one change of method within a 120 and not more than half a six-score is rung without changing into a different method.

'Peals which contain more than one method, but which do not conform to the foregoing, shall be called "Combined" peals.

'That as splicing involves changes of methods at plained, bobbed and singled leads alike, it is further resolved that peals in which the change of method is not made at the lead-end, such as certain peals of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, shall not be termed "spliced peals."

'These decisions shall apply to peals on all number of bells.'

Note.—The above motion is given in its amended form, permission having been given to amend paragraph 2, and an amendment proposed by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, seconded by Mr. G. L. Grover, in respect of paragraph 1 having been accepted by the proposer and seconder of the motion.

The following amendment was proposed by Mr. J. Hunt, seconded by Mr. J. Parker:—

'That a spliced or laminated peal shall contain a full course of each method rung.'

On the suggestion of Mr. S. H. Wood, it was agreed that the discussion on the motion be postponed until the next meeting, and the following amendment, proposed by Mr. S. H. Wood, seconded by Mr. T. Clarke, was carried:—

'That all peals which contain more than one method shall be called "Spliced Peals." That reports of all Spliced Peals shall include a reference to the number of methods rung and the number of changes from one method to another during the peal.'

It was proposed by Mr. W. H. Hollier, seconded by Mr. C. T. Coles, and carried:—

'That in the opinion of the Council it is desirable that a record should be made of old and valuable peal boards, and that a committee be appointed to prepare this record.'

The Standing Committee recommended that the committee consist of Mr. W. H. Hollier, the Rev. C. E. Wigg and Mr. W. Ayre, and that all members of the Council be asked to co-operate. On the motion of Mr. Hollier, seconded by Mr. A. D. Barker, the recommendation was adopted.

It was proposed by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, seconded by Mr. A. C. Hazelden, and carried:—

'That to ensure the accuracy of the Council's Peals Analysis and as a matter of general interest, those responsible for sending the reports of peals for publication in the ringing Press be urged to denote all 'first peals' and 'first peals in the method' both by any of the ringers and 'as conductor.'

It was proposed by Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. G. R. Pye, and carried:—

'That a record be prepared of past members of the Council, giving a short account of their work, and where possible a photograph, and that a committee be appointed to undertake this work.'

The Standing Committee recommended that the committee be Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, Mr. W. A. Cave and Mrs. Fletcher, and that these consult with Canon Coleridge in the case of earlier members.

On the President's motion, the recommendation was adopted.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

The President formally stated that the next meeting was, by rule, to be held in London, when the new rules would be operative and all affiliated societies must pay affiliation fees based upon the number of members to which they were entitled.

OTHER BUSINESS.

As to New Rules.—The Rev. W. H. Trewhella stated that the membership of the Truro Diocesan Guild was not individual, but by towers, and out of 800 members of towers, only 55 were change ringers. If, for the purposes of the new rules, their membership was taken as 800, financial difficulties might render it impossible for his Guild to remain affiliated.

The President asked Mr. Trewhella to report to the Council if these difficulties arose, in order that these special circumstances could be considered.

As to proposed memorial to Mr. W. Pye.—On the President's motion, the Council endorsed the scheme which was being launched by the Middlesex County Association, supported by the Essex Association.

As to reports of Affiliated Societies.—The President invited all societies to send copies of their annual reports to the hon. secretary.

As to 'The Ringing World.'—In reply to an inquiry by Mr. C. H. Kippin, it was stated by the President that the committee appointed to consider the question of advancing the circulation was still giving its attention to this matter.

VOTES OF THANKS.

On the President's motion, the thanks of the Council were accorded to the Mayor and Corporation for the use of the Council Chamber, the Bishop of Lichfield for his presence, the Shropshire Association for their hospitality, and Major Trevor Corbett, Mr. R. R. Pole and committee for the excellent arrangements, the incumbents of the various churches for the use of the bells and to all towerkeepers.

A vote of thanks to the president was carried with acclamation, on the motion of Canon Coleridge.

On the motion of Mr. W. Ayre, a special vote of thanks was given to the Methods Committee for the enormous amount of time spent in the interest of the Council.

On the motion of Mr. W. H. Shuker, thanks were accorded to the hon. secretary and Mrs. Fletcher for secretarial work.

The meeting concluded at about 6 o'clock, after which members and friends were entertained to tea by the Shropshire Association.

THE WILLIAM PYE MEMORIAL.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS (SEVENTH LIST)

	£	s.	d.
Amounts previously acknowledged	167	7	0
St. Mary's, Walthamstow, Society (second donation)		10	6
Mr. Thomas Lincoln		5	0
Mrs. C. D. P. Davies (in memory of her late husband)	1	1	0
St. Andrew's, Kingsbury, Ringers	1	0	0
Mr. J. H. Riding		5	0
Mr. William Willson	1	1	0
Col. C. F. Jerram		10	6
Mr. W. J. Nudds		2	6
Mrs. Osborne (Loughton)		2	6
Mr. F. W. Elliott		2	6
Mr. A. G. Driver		5	0
Mr. F. Boreham		5	0
Mr. Charles Dean	1	1	0
Mr. C. C. Mayne		5	0
Mr. Sidney Hillier		2	6
The Salisbury Diocesan Guild	1	1	0
The Fryerning Parish Church Ringers		7	6
Mr. A. H. Ward		10	0
St. Andrew's, Derby, Ringers		10	0
Mr. Thomas Laver		10	0
Mr. and Mrs. John Austin		5	0
Mr. H. J. Skelt		5	0
Mr. Charles Mee		10	0
Mr. Henry A. Hopkins		10	0
St. Michael's, Braintree, Ringers		12	6
The late Mr. R. K. Knight and friends (second donation)	3	5	0
Mr. L. Stilwell		5	0
Mrs. Lovings, nee Watson, New Zealand (late Walthamstow)		5	0
Mrs. Boulter, nee Watson, New Zealand (late Walthamstow)		5	0
The Hereford Diocesan Guild	1	1	0
The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson		5	0
The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths	1	1	0
Mr. C. F. Johnston	1	1	0
The Ringers of Hillingdon and Uxbridge	1	1	0
	£187	16	0

Acknowledged with sincere thanks by the undersigned, to either of whom further donations should be sent.

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Hon. Secretaries.

NOTICES.

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WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 13th. Business meeting in the College Hall at 2.15 p.m. prompt. Chairman, the Very Rev. A. Davies, D.Litt., Dean of Worcester. Service in the Cathedral at 4.15 p.m., with address by the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Rector of St. Nicholas, Hereford. Tea (non-members 1s. each) will be provided at 5.30 p.m. Bells available: Cathedral (12) 1-2 p.m., All Saints' (10), St. John-in-Bedwardine (8), St. Nicholas' (6), and St. Swithin's (6). Central committee meeting in St. Helen's Church House at 11.30 a.m. Subscriptions should be paid and reports obtained in St. Helen's Church House between 12 noon and 1 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Hon. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting on Easter Monday at Derby. Bells of St. Andrew's (10), St. Alkmund's (8), St. Peter's (8) open from 11 a.m. all day, subject to weddings. Cathedral (10) from 6.45 to 8.45 p.m. Committee meet at St. Andrew's Schools 2.30 p.m. Meat tea (2s. per head), Pierpont Restaurant, Midland Road. Admission by ticket only, to be had from Mr. G. Freebrey, 81, Roe Street, Derby. Ticket holders to be in room by 5 o'clock. General meeting follows tea.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—A meeting will be held at Ewell on Easter Monday, April 13th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea in Church Room at 6 p.m. Notifications for tea to Mr. C. E. Read, 58, High Street, Ewell, not later than Saturday, April 11th.—F. W. Housden, Hon. Sec., 134, Park Lane, Carshalton.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hursley on Easter Monday, April 13th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4. Tea at 4.30 in the Village Club Room. Please let us know if you are coming.—G. and Miss Noice, Hon. Dis. Secs., 6, Cathedral View, Winchester.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The Annual Meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday. The Abbey (12), St. Peter's (10), St. Michael's (6), and St. Stephen's (6) available from 2 p.m. Will ringers desirous of ringing at the six-bell towers advise me, so arrangements can be made with ringer in charge? Service in Cathedral at 4.30. Please do not be late. Tea and business at the Abbey Institute close by. Notification of attendance is necessary if ample tea arrangements are to be made.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, Russell Avenue, St. Albans.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting at Wisbech on Easter Monday, April 13th. Bells (10) available from 10 a.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea at 4 o'clock in Smith's Cafe, price 1s. each, followed by business meeting. Elm and Leverington bells available from 10 a.m. to 3.15 p.m., and in the evening. No ringing allowed during service and meeting.—K. Willers, Gen. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The 56th annual general meeting will be held at Westerham on Easter Monday, April 13th. Tower open at 10 a.m. Committee meeting at 11. Association service in the church at 12 noon, conducted by the Vicar, Rev. J. A. Castle; preacher, the Right Rev. the Dean of Rochester. Luncheon in St. Mary's Hall following the service. Business meeting afterwards. Tickets for luncheon free to practising members, visitors 2s. 6d. All pay for their liquid refreshment. Other towers open for ringing: Cudham (10), Sevenoaks (8), Edenbridge (8), Brasted (6), from 10 to 11 a.m. and after the meeting; Sundridge (6), 10 to 11 a.m. only.—Fred M. Mitchell, Gen. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Ottery St. Mary on Easter Monday, April 13th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5, Church Institute. All ringers heartily welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday. Bells available: St. Paul's (10) from 10.30, St. Peter's from noon. Luncheon at 1 p.m., to be followed by the annual meeting.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Thornaby-on-Tees on Easter Monday, April 13th. Bells (8) available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Lunch provided in the Parish Hall. Members 1s. 3d., non-members 1s. 9d. Those intending to be at lunch must notify the acting secretary. — J. Reed, Acting Sec., 42, Eskdale Terrace, Guisborough.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting of the association will be held at Norwich on Easter Monday, April 13th. By kind permission of the incumbents, the ring of bells at St. Peter Mancroft, St. Michael-at-Coslany, St. Giles' and All Saints', will be placed at the disposal of the members from 10 o'clock a.m. Divine service will be held at St. Peter Mancroft at 12.30 p.m., when the address will be given by the Rev. Thomas Bayden Singleton, M.A., Rector of Swafield. Luncheon will be served at the Bell Hotel, Orford Hill, at 1.30 p.m.; tickets, 2s. per head, followed by the annual business meeting.—Arthur L. Coleman, Sec. and Treas.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Sutton-in-Ashfield on Easter Monday. Bells available at 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea in the Parish Room at 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. W. Allin, 19, Gill Street, Sutton-in-Ashfield?—J. W. England, Hon. Sec.

KEEP FIT is the accent of youth. Church bellringing is good for you. Midland Counties Association.—Annual meeting at Derby on Easter Monday. The Cathedral Church bells (10) available for ringing 6.45 to 8.45. Lady ringers especially invited. Sunday service ringing 10 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. Monday's practice night, 7.30 p.m. punctual. No disappointments. Visitors welcome.—James Pagett, Ringing Master, 107, Abbey Street, Derby.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Newnham-on-Severn, Glos, Easter Monday, April 13th. Bells (8) available any time. Service 2.30 p.m. Business meeting 3.15 p.m., followed by tea in The Hut. Election of officers, Central Council representatives and alteration of rules.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 46a, Tankards Close, Bristol, 2.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on April 16th and 30th, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 14th, *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.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—A by-meeting of the above will be held at Shrivenham on Thursday, April 16th, at 7 p.m.—R. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting of the above branch will be held at Unitarian Church, Garton, on Saturday, April 18th. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bridgend on Saturday, April 18th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Alteryn View, Newport, Mon.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Milborne Port on Saturday, April 18th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch (Newport Pagnell Rural Deanery).—A meeting at Weston Underwood, Saturday, April 18th, at 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Please send notice to the Rev. J. E. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Maidwell (6 bells) on Saturday, April 18th. Usual arrangements. Please notify me for tea by Tuesday previous.—Geo. A. Hollick, Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Taxal (Whaley Bridge) on April 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. For tea, please advise Mr. W. J. Grove, Lodge Wood Cottage, Whaley Bridge.—A. Whiting and K. Lewis, Joint Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Kirkham on Saturday, April 18th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.30. A good attendance desired.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James', Leyland, on Saturday, April 18th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. Charnock, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Brinkworth on Saturday, April 18th. Heavy peal of six. Usual arrangements. Please advise for tea if possible.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting of the West Norfolk Branch will be held at Gaywood on Saturday, April 18th.—W. J. Eldred, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Whitchurch, Saturday, April 18th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. All requiring tea to notify me by Tuesday, April 14th.—R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., 88, North Street, Castle Fields, Shrewsbury.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—North-East Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Cullompton on Saturday, April 18th. Bells (10) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Numbers for tea to reach me by April 13th. Roll up in large numbers.—R. Harris, Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Rushton (6 bells) on Saturday, April 18th. Usual arrangements. Please notify me if you require tea.—H. Baxter, 256, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge, on Saturday, April 18th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. All names for tea by Wednesday, April 15th.—C. M. Meyer, Dis. Sec., 87, Norfolk House, Regency Street, S.W.1.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, April 18th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea 5.30. Everybody welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, April 18th, at the Parish Church, Llanbadarr Fawr, Radnorshire. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec., Belle Vue, Brecon.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—A meeting will be held at Over on Saturday, April 18th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. A good attendance requested. Will all those who intend to be present kindly notify Mr. W. H. Sadler, The Bungalow, Over Hall, Winsford, before Thursday, April 16th, for tea arrangements?—H. Parker, Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hartford on Saturday, April 18th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. T. Parker, Dis. Sec., Gt. Staughton, St. Neots.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Prescot Parish Church on Saturday, April 18th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at a local cafe. Service in church at 5 p.m. Meeting in the Parish Room.—H. Grundy, Branch Sec., Alness, Green Leach Avenue, St. Helens, Liverpool.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wootton St. Lawrence on Saturday, April 18th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify Mr. H. Balaam, Wootton St. Lawrence, Basingstoke, by April 15th.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec.

PAULERSPURY, NEAR TOWCESTER.—The Bishop of Peterborough will re-dedicate the bells on Sunday, April 19th, at 3 p.m. Ring of five restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

COSGROVE, NEAR BLETCHLEY.—The new treble to make a ring of six, installed by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be dedicated on Sunday, April 19th, at 6 p.m. Ringers' Day, Saturday, April 25th. Tea will be provided for those who notify Mr. E. C. Lambert, Church Cottages, Cosgrove, by Wednesday, April 22nd.

FOBBING, ESSEX.—Two new bells installed to complete the peal to eight by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Barking on Wednesday, April 22nd, at 8 p.m.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Chilvers Coton on Saturday, April 25th. Please note the change of date. Further details next week.—Malcolm Melville, Gen. Hon. Sec., Highfield House, Exhall, near Coventry.

GUILD OF DEVON RINGERS.—Ayesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Rockbeare on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m., also Honiton Clyst (8 bells) at 2.30 p.m. Service will be held at 4.30 p.m. Address by the Vicar, the Rev. T. Caldwell. Tea (1s.) at 5 p.m. in the Public Hall, meeting to follow. Those requiring tea, please notify me not later than Saturday, April 18th.—R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, April 25th. Ringing: Cathedral (8), 4 to 5 p.m.; S. Nicolas' (10), 3 to 4.45. Tea 5 p.m. (1s. each), in Holy Trinity Hall. Service in the Cathedral 6 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. Numbers for tea not later than April 21st to J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Woking.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Ealing, on Saturday, April 25th. Full particulars later.—C. T. Coles and F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Secs.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Lambeth, on Saturday, April 25th. Ringing to commence 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, the 22nd? Gentlemen cordially invited.—M. L. Cross, Hon. Sec., 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, Kent.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Felstead on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present please notify me not later than first post, Wednesday, 22nd inst., and oblige.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Walsall on Saturday, April 25th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Short service at 4.45, with address by the Rev. H. J. Carpenter, M.A., Vicar. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Please send word not later than Tuesday, 21st inst.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The BRIGHT YOUNG PEOPLE'S ANNUAL, Saturday, April 25th, at Wooburn, Bucks. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Note the date, and don't be late with your postcard to A.D.B. Come and drive away those droops.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Steeple Aston on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Lower Heyford and Rousham (6) bells available in the evening. If requiring tea, please notify.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Pershore on Saturday, April 25th. The eight bells, which have recently been restored, available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by the Tuesday previous.—J. E. Newman, Hinton, Evesham.

SOUTHWARK, ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR.—The re-opening of the bells is included in the bi-centenary celebrations, and will take place after evensong on Sunday, April 26th. Ring of eight, tuned and rehung by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—The postponed luncheon of the Guild will be held at Trinity, on Tuesday, April 28th. Will all those non-resident members wishing to attend inform the secretary as soon as possible?—A. N. Peter Woodard (Jesus), Sutton Vicarage, Ely, Cambs.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Marlborough on Saturday, May 2nd. Fuller details will be published in due course.—F. Ll. Edwards, Hon. Sec.

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LATE NOTICES.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sleaford Branch.—A meeting will be held at Ewerby, near Sleaford, on Saturday, April 18th. Bells of St. Andrew's Church (10) open from 2.30 to 8.30. Tea 5 o'clock (1s. each). Will those intending to have tea please notify undersigned by Wednesday, April 15th?—H. S. Hinkins, 41, The Grove, Sleaford, Lincs.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Curdridge on Saturday, April 18th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business meeting. All requiring tea please notify me by Thursday, April 16th. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, 6, Sheffield Road, Portsmouth.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The annual meeting will be held at the Parish Church of St. Michael, Ashton, on April 25th. Bells at 3 o'clock.—T. Jackson, Hon. Sec., 100, Blandford Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.



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