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THE COLLEGE YOUTHS' HISTORY.

Ringers throughout the country, whether they are members or not, are greatly interested in this year's celebration of the Tercentenary of the Ancient Society of College Youths. The long history of the society, with the traditions surrounding it, have given it a place high in the esteem of the Exercise, and anything that is done to mark this auspicious year will be followed with the closest interest both inside and outside the ranks of the A.S.C.Y. The culmination of the celebration will, of course, be the annual dinner on November 6th, but we understand that there is a prospect of further marking the year by the erection of a suitable memorial, as suggested in this column, to the first Master of the Society, Lord Brereton, who was buried at Brereton Church, Cheshire, but whose association with the society remains uncommemorated. Lord Brereton was the leader of the little band of aristocrats who took up bell ringing as a sport, and who on November 5th, 1637, laid the foundations of an organisation which, despite inevitable vicissitudes, has come down to us through three centuries and provides us with an unbroken link with the earliest days of change ringing.

Hitherto only the scappiest of information has been available to the Exercise concerning the history of the old society. Those who have been fortunately placed have had the opportunity of examining the ancient records of the Youths, but even to the general body of members there has been nothing available in the shape of history except the sketchy outline, published in the rule book revised in 1928. For the ringer outside the membership, there has been up to the present no authentic history available, for at no time has there been published for all to read any account of the society, let alone one which did justice to its long existence and the important role which it has played in the art. That omission it is now hoped to make good. For many years Mr. J. Armiger Trollope worked upon a history of London Ringers and Ringing in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries, in which the activities of the College Youths and the personalities which made up its membership occupied a prominent place. Mr. Trollope's exacting researches led to the discovery of many hitherto buried facts, which have thrown an extensive light upon the art in those distant days. The portion relating to College Youths has been drafted into a separate volume, and, although it was completed without any idea of associating it with the society's tercentenary, there could be no more opportune time than this year to issue it to the world. It will prove one of the most deeply interesting,

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lished in connection with our art. It is no rehash of old
material. Established facts are treated with a freshness
that gives them new life, but the great value of the book
will be in the new material brought to light. Mr.
Trollope's style is well known to our readers; this book,
when it appears, will reveal him at his best. It will be
published by 'The Ringing World,' and later on our
readers will be invited to subscribe to the volume.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

READING, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 29, 1937, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 3/4 cwt.

RICHARD T. HIBBERT... .. 1	... Treble	REV. A. G. G. THURLOW 7
WILLIAM HIBBERT 2		HARRY W. SMITH 8
EDGAR HUMFREY 3		GEORGE HOLLIFIELD 9
CYRIL J. HIBBERT 4		CHARLES POLLEN... .. 10
ERNEST J. TAYLOR 5		RICHARD WHITE 11
REGINALD W. REX 6		JAMES S. NAPPER... .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.
* 150th peal.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 29, 1937, in Three Hours & Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 1	... Treble	WILLIAM C. DOWDING 7
ALBERT WALKER 2		WILLIAM A. CAVE 8
FRANK W. PERRINS 3		J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 9
CHARLES T. COLES 4		FRANK E. PERVIN... .. 10
GEORGE R. PYE 5		JAMES BENNETT 11
MRS. R. RICHARDSON 6		RUFERT RICHARDSON Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.
J. S. Goldsmith's 400th peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 20, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 1/2 cwt.

* ERNEST TREAGUS 1	... Treble	THOMAS ADAMS 5
WALTER CHARMAN 2		EDWARD J. CHARMAN 6
JOHN COOK 3		RAYMOND WOOD 7
PETER CHARMAN 4		RAYMOND WOOD, JUN... .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by R. WOOD, JUN.
* First peal of Treble Bob. A birthday compliment to the con-
ductor.

GORTON, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 20, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT BROOKFIELD CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 1/4 cwt.

WILLIAM FERNLEY 1	... Treble	JAMES A. MILNER 5
WILFRED STEVENSON 2		WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 6
JAMES FERNLEY 3		LIONEL CLOUGH 7
KENNETH LEWIS 4		JOHN WORTH... .. Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
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Surprise on the bells.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

On Monday, March 22, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		TENOR 11 cwt.	
* JAMES ROBINSON Treble	THOMAS HESKETH 5	JOHN ROBINSON 2	EDWIN C. BIRKETT 6
JOHN W. GARDNER 3	HERBERT LUDKIN 7	THOMAS ROBINSON 4	WILLIAM ROBINSON Tenor

Conducted by H. LUDKIN.

* First peal of Triples.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

ALFRED SMITH Treble	CHARLES LOOME 5	FREDERICK C. ROPER 2	FREDERICK C. GUNTON 6
CHARLES BAKER 3	ERNEST WHITING 7	STANLEY W. COPLING 4	FREDERICK ROOPE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING

BOREHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 29, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 19 lb. in F.

HIRZEL EDWARDS Treble	HERBERT DEVONISH 5	ARTHUR H. EVERETT 2	HARRY BRADLEY 6
HARRY WARR 3	HORACE MANSFIELD 7	SYDNEY TAYLOR 4	FRED CHALK Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by HIRZEL EDWARDS.
First peal in the method by all except the 3rd, 4th and 5th ringers.

BISHOPSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, March 29, 1937, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in F. sharp.

* HAROLD CLARK Treble	CHARLES J. FRAY 5	* MISS JOAN WHEELER 2	GEORGE WILLIAMS 6
GEORGE PULLINGER 3	ROWLAND F. CLARK 7	JOHN W. FAITHFULL 4	EDWARD C. WHEELER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

* First peal. Miss Wheeler is the first lady to ring a peal on these bells.

SIX BELL PEALS.

FENHAM, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(SS. JAMES AND BASIL'S GUILD.)

On Friday, March 19, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. JAMES AND BASIL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of an extent each of Thelwall, Double Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 10 lb. in F.

* STANLEY WALKER Treble	PETER WISHART 4	† DONALD REAY 2	THOMAS W. CROWE 5
REGINALD H. HEWITT 3	KENNETH ARTHUR Tenor		

Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First extent of Thelwall by all. First peal on the bells using the new set of silencers, which give entire satisfaction.

ABBOTS LEIGH.—On March 2nd, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. Bennet 1, N. Coombs 2, L. Moore (conductor) 3, Ed. Frampton 4, Eric Frampton 5, G. Chamberlain 6. Also 720 Bob Minor: G. Chamberlain 1, L. Moore 2, G. Bennet 3, N. Coombs (conductor) 4, Eric Frampton (first 720 of Bob Minor) 5, Ed. Frampton 6.

GREAT FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 20, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

SHELFBOROUGH SPARROW Treble	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD 4	ROBERT J. STEED 2	ARTHUR R. WOODWARD 5
FRANK W. J. ROPER 3	EDWIN A. CRACKNELL Tenor		

Conducted by EDWIN A. CRACKNELL.

First peal as conductor.

STISTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 20, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents called differently.

* DOUGLAS BARKAWAY Treble	VICTOR MORLEY 4	† DONALD JENNINGS 2	DOUGLAS JENNINGS 5
† HOWARD SAMS 3	RONALD SOCKLING Tenor		

Conducted by RONALD SOCKLING.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

THE CHART, LIMPSFIELD, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 20, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Oxford Single Bob, two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALFRED E. EVEREST Treble	LEONARD A. TIDY 4	* JOHN S. IGGLESDEN 2	JAMES W. KNIGHT 5
FREDERICK W. BUDGEN 3	JOHN O. WELLER Tenor		

Conducted by LEONARD A. TIDY.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

WELLINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, March 20, 1937, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 17 cwt.

* CHARLES H. TOMKINS Treble	* LESLIE EVANS 4	* GEORGE T. COUSINS, JUN. 2	WILLIAM DUGGAN 5
* STANLEY T. YAPP 3	ERNEST F. SALMONS Tenor		

Conducted by ERNEST F. SALMONS.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Minor as conductor. Also the first peal of Minor on the bells. The quarterly peal for the Hereford District of the Guild.

BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, March 22, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Woodbine Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

HARRY G. SMITH Treble	GEORGE R. FINCH 4	HENRY J. VINCE 2	WILLIAM F. SMITH 5
ALDERMAN LING 3	ARTHUR E. SMITH Tenor		

Conducted by ARTHUR E. SMITH.

First peal as conductor.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 26, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

* HAROLD NEWELL Treble	FRANCIS GLEAVES 4	* VICTOR CHAPMAN 2	ARTHUR WILSON 5
KITTY WILLERS 3	† FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor		

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † 200th peal for the Ely Diocesan Association. Rung with fully muffled clappers.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of College, St. Clement's Bob, Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Fulbeck Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 17 cwt. (approx.)

*ERIC WIGLEY 1 Treble	ARTHUR WHITING 4
†ARTHUR HIBBERT 2	KENNETH LEWIS 5
‡ALAN J. BROWN 3	JAMES A. MILNER... .. Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH LEWIS.

* First peal. † First peal in seven methods away from treble.
‡ First peal in seven methods. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. J. Costigan, a member of the local band, which took place at this church prior to the peal.

SILSDEN, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 27, 1937, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Plain Bob, two of Kent and three of Oxford Treble Bob (called differently). Tenor 12 cwt.

HERBERT HAINSWORTH Treble	KENNETH SIMPSON 4
MISS A. MARY WHITE 2	ERNEST H. SIMPSON 5
ALLEN RUSHWORTH 3	ARTHUR BAINSTOW Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR BAINSTOW.

First peal on the bells since 1921. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. G. Bainstow and Miss M. Hainsworth.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 29, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and two 720's each of Plain Bob, Oxford Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

GEORGE H. CRAWLEY Treble	*HARRY THELWELL 4
RICHARD T. HOLDING 2	*JESSE BAYLEY 5
*REDBERICK H. CRAWLEY 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

* First peal in four methods. Mr. A. Crawley's 200th peal, and his and his son's (F. H. Crawley) 80th peal together.

A QUARTER PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES.

(Continued from next column.)

The bell that 'makes' the first bob of either of these pairs—that is the bell that makes 5th's and turns round in 4-5—is always a *quick* bell, and, if four bobs are called, makes the last as well as the first bob, but being then (as the *second* of a pair) always slow.

Pairs of bobs called at Q. have precisely the opposite effect both on the bells in 6-7 and the bells making the bobs.

These are some of the simpler things which we advise young conductors to assimilate and then to make a further study of touches for themselves to see how the calling of bobs transposes the relationship of the bells.

Here is the calling of a famous quarter-peal which you may like to try your hand on:—

2314567	
2463517	S. L.
4325617	S. H. Q.
3425167	H.

(Repeat that calling four times. Your other part ends will be:—

4531267
5142367
1253467
2314567

We would ask those who are interested in calling Stedman to make a careful study of this quarter-peal, because we shall return to it later on.

SUSSEX WEDDING BELLS.

On Saturday, March 27th, at St. Deny's Church, Rotherfield, the wedding was solemnised between Miss Dolly Hammond, of Rotherfield, and Mr. Ernest Holt, of Mayfield. The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hammond, of Rotherfield. The bride's father, who is a local ringer, has been a member of the St. Deny's Guild of Ringers for over 25 years and is the steeplekeeper. As the bride and bridegroom left the church a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung: C. Brasier (conductor) 1, J. Hack 2, R. Mitchell 3, A. F. Lewry 4, E. Bishop, sen. 5, F. H. Hicks 6, H. Hinson tenor (covering).

On Sunday, March 28th, for evening service in honour of the occasion and with the bride's father taking part, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples was rung: J. Lovell (first quarter in the method) 1, R. Mitchell 2, A. F. Lewry 3, S. Russell 4, F. Hammond 5, E. Bishop, sen. 6, C. Brasier (conductor) 7, H. Hinson 8.

FOR BEGINNERS.

AIDS TO CALLING STEDMAN TRIPLES.

If the young conductor of Stedman will carefully study the method, he will find many things that will assist him in 'keeping the bells together.' He must not expect to see everything at once — only practice will enable him to become a master of his job—but there is no need to wait for things to become apparent by constant occurrence. Study of the figures will enable the 'bob caller' to pick up many useful hints to make himself a 'conductor.'

For example, you probably know that the bell immediately in front of you and the one immediately behind you in the dodging are going into the work in front, in the opposite way to you. If you are a 'slow' bell, they are 'quick'; if you are 'quick,' they are 'slow.' The mere knowledge of the fact will often enable you to prevent a trip when you see a hesitating blow on the part of either of these ringers.

Again, when you are dodging up, the bell you are dodging with will go *in*, the same way that you have come *out*. This applies on all numbers, but we are more particularly concerned here with Triples.

Another very useful thing to bear in mind is the relationship between two bells, not actually coursing in the dodging, but separated by a six. When you have trained yourself to know, subconsciously as it were, what the bells thus separated are doing, you have a very helpful knowledge of what the majority of the bells are doing.

You already know that the bell in front of you and the one behind go out into the 'slow' (for that is a general way of describing the work of the front three bells, even if the six happens to be a 'quick' six) the opposite way to yourself. If you are 'slow' they are quick and they are soon out of the way; if you are quick you leave them both in the slow, and, as they are separated in their work by a six, if you know what one is doing, you automatically know what the other should be doing. That, with your own bell, gives you a grasp of five of the seven bells.

The relationship between these 'separated' bells is not difficult to follow. In between the quick sixes—when one has finished and before the other begins the quick work—they dodge together in 4-5, and while one is in 'quick' the other is in 6-7. This dodge in 4-5 is the only time they dodge together while in this relationship. At other times when they are dodging one is in 4-5 (up) when the other is in 7-6 (down); when the latter is in 5-4 (down) the former is in 6-7 (up).

When they get into the 'slow' together the first one in does its last half-turn when the second one does its first whole turn; and when the first one does its last whole turn the last one does its first half-turn.

Now, when your own bell is in the 'slow,' you can, with the above in mind, keep your eye on both the slow bell ahead of you and the slow bell behind you. And in the spaces between you have a pair of 'quick' bells, in similar relation to each other.

Suppose you are ringing the 7th in the plain course, when you go into the slow you find the 4th there; as the 4th leaves the treble comes to its slow work. Here you will see it in figures:—

3467251	4175236
4376521	147
347	174
374	7142563
734	
745	1724653
4735612	127
	217
7453162	271
754	721
574	7126435
547	
457	1762345
4751326	716
	761
7415236	671
471	617
417	1673254

Examine the relationship between the 4 and 7 and then between 7 and 1. You cannot expect to get all the detail into your head in one 'go,' but study and practice will teach you quite a lot, which, presently, will become as much a part of your ringing as is the actual method itself.

The real difficulty in following Stedman, of course, is the rapid changes caused by the bobs; but here again you can go on picking up 'tips' if you use pencil and paper at home and use your eyes in the belfry.

The orthodox touches and peals of Stedman Triples have bobs only in pairs, and, although odd bobs can be used, we are not troubling about that now.

You remember what we said last week about the calling places for pairs of bobs being designated S. H. and L. for the three pairs 3-4, 5-6 and 7-8 respectively, and Q. for the 12-13. One useful thing to remember is that the bell dodging 7-6 (down) at either S. H. or L. is always a *quick* bell afterwards; and consequently the bell dodging 6-7 (up) is always a *slow* bell afterwards.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF THE LONDON MEETING.

(Continued from page 199.)

MOTIONS

It was proposed by Mr. S. H. Wood, seconded by Mr. C. T. Coles, and carried, 'That compositions which contain more than one method shall be called "Spliced," provided that the methods are so joined that the fundamental units of which they are constructed (i.e., the "leads" in the case of treble-dominated methods, the "sixes" in the case of Stedman, Duffield and similar methods, etc.) remain intact.'

'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.'

An amendment that the words 'provided' to 'intact' be deleted was lost.

The above motion was by permission substituted for the motions numbered 14 and 15 in the published agenda.

On the motion of Mr. F. E. Dawe, seconded by Mr. E. Alex Young, 'To call attention to the present very inadequate support given to "The Ringing World," and to consider what steps can be taken to increase the circulation,' the following resolution, proposed by Mr. G. W. Fletcher and seconded by Mr. F. E. Dawe, was carried: 'That this Council requests all members and secretaries of affiliated societies to send in suggestions with a view to increasing the circulation of "The Ringing World," that the suggestion be considered by the officers of the Council and Mr. Goldsmith, and that a report be circulated to all members.'

It was proposed by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith and seconded by Mr. G. W. Fletcher: 'That, with a view to providing future guidance, the officers of this Council be requested to consider the question of the correct method of muffling and ringing church bells on occasions of national and local mourning, and, after consulting at discretion those who may be able to give information, draw up a recommendation on the subject, which, if possible, shall be submitted to the Church authorities for approval, and laid before the Council at the next meeting.'

As an amendment, it was proposed by Mr. E. P. Duffield, seconded by the Rev. F. L. Edwards, supported by the Rev. H. Drake, and carried, that the words 'which if possible shall be submitted to the Church authorities for approval,' be deleted. This to give the Council the opportunity of agreeing the recommendations before they are submitted to the Church authorities.

The motion in its amended form was carried.

It was proposed by Mr. G. Pullinger and seconded by Mr. F. W. Rogers: 'That in the opinion of this Council the morning session of the Council meeting should where possible commence at 10 a.m.'

An amendment to fix the time at 10.30, proposed by the Rev. F. L. Edwards, seconded by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, was lost, no one voting.

The motion was also lost.

It was proposed by Mr. E. H. Lewis (president), seconded by Mr. G. W. Fletcher and carried: 'That all persons having collections of books on ringing matters be invited to supply particulars to the hon. librarian and to indicate whether they are willing to give access to their collection.'

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

It was decided on the proposal of Mr. F. M. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes, to hold the next meeting at Canterbury.

OTHER BUSINESS.

On the proposal of Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, seconded by Major J. H. B. Hesse, it was decided to send a letter of greeting and congratulation to the church and ringers of Hobart, Tasmania, on the occasion of the dedication of the new tower and bells of St. David's Cathedral.

On the president's motion, it was decided to convey the Council's congratulations to the handbell band at Oxhey, who had rung a peal in four Spliced Surprise methods 'in hand.'

Mr. C. T. Coles reported the completion of the William Eye Memorial, and, on behalf of the Memorial Committee, tendered thanks to all who had assisted the scheme.

VOTES OF THANKS.

On the president's motion, the thanks of the Council were accorded to the Lord Mayor and Corporation for the use of the Council Chamber, the Dean of St. Paul's for his welcome, H.M. Office of Works and Church authorities for the use of bells, and to all steeplekeepers.

To the following associations and their representatives for making arrangements: Ancient Society of College Youths, Mr. A. A. Hughes; Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, Mr. G. H. Cross; Essex Association, Mr. E. J. Butler; Middlesex Association, Mr. C. T. Coles; London County Association, Mr. T. W. Taffender; Kent County Association, Mr. F. M. Mitchell; Surrey Association, Mr. C. H. Kippin.

Thanks were also given to Mr. A. A. Hughes, who was solely responsible for obtaining permission to use the Council Chamber for the meeting.

On the proposal of Canon Coleridge, a vote of thanks was passed to the president, and, on the president's motion, thanks were accorded to the hon. secretary.

The meeting terminated at about 5.30.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

CORPORATE COMMUNION SERVICE AND MEETING AT ARMLEY.

The Leeds Society invaded Armley for their biennial visit on Saturday week, and at this meeting the nominations for officers for the forthcoming year were received. The bells were rung up at 3 p.m. and ringing continued until 4.15 p.m., when in place of the usual evensong, a ringers' corporate communion service was held. Twenty-two ringers attended. Instead of a sermon the Vicar of Upper Armley (the Rev. Dr. J. S. Hollingworth, M.A., D.L.L.) gave the society a warm welcome to the church and the ringing chamber. He referred to the service, which he understood to be an innovation, and said he was pleased to be associated with it. Although not held in the early morning, as some desired it, nor yet as a supper as when first instituted, the time was immaterial if the spirit of approach was right. He was glad that the ringers gathered that day were showing people that they not only invited others to church, but themselves attended.

After the service the Vicar showed some of the ringers the main points of interest of the church, which is of early English design with wonderful Gothic arches. The reredos is of Caen stone, the chancel and baptistry floors are laid with Italian marble.

Owing to insufficient numbers having sent in requests for tea, the members present were divided into small parties and invited to tea at the homes of the local company.

The business meeting was held in the tower, the president (Mr. Senior) being in the chair. Members were present from Batley, Birstall, Bramley, Burley, Bradford, Drighlington, Guiseley, Headingley St. Chad's, Holbeck, Idle, Leeds Parish Church, Rothwell, Shipley, Sherburn, Sutton and the local company. Two new members were elected, viz., Messrs. James Hodgson and Arthur Barlow, of Liversedge.

The usual vote of thanks to the Vicar of Upper Armley and the local company was proposed by the president and seconded by Mr. A. E. West.—Mr. Lofthouse replied for the local company.

Mr. R. H. Vigor proposed that special methods be named for practice at the monthly meetings, and after discussion (during which it was pointed out that claiming one meeting for one method did not help the society in ringing or attendance) it was decided that individual attention should be given to new methods with a view to trying them out at meetings.

The following nominations were received: President, Mr. W. H. Senior; three vice-presidents, Messrs. H. Davidson, T. W. Strangeway and S. Barron; Ringing Master, Mr. L. Drake; secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. Lofthouse; trustees, Messrs. F. Rayment and L. W. G. Morris; auditors, Messrs. F. Rayment and F. Hutchinson.

The general meeting is to be held on April 24th at Leeds Parish Church.

LINK WITH FOUNDATION OF BAGSHOT CHURCH.

RINGER FOR OVER FIFTY YEARS.

A link with the early history of St. Anne's Church, Bagshot, Surrey, has been severed by the passing of Mr. Thomas Gould, at the age of 79 years. He was a member of the band of ringers formed when the bells were dedicated in 1885, and previously had been a chorister from the foundation of the church, having been present at the laying of the foundation stone.

Although a cripple, Mr. Gould attained considerable skill in the art of change ringing. At the time when there were only six bells, Bagshot boasted an exceedingly efficient company of ringers, whose achievements are commemorated by records now hanging in the ringing chamber, and the name of T. Gould occupies a very prominent position.

Although in more recent years his health did not permit him to attend service ringing as regularly as was his custom for many years, his heart was always in the belfry, where his valued assistance and ready wit were always welcomed and appreciated.

His loss will be keenly felt by St. Anne's band of ringers, in which a gap is left that will be exceedingly difficult to fill.

Mr. Gould died suddenly in his chair on Sunday, March 14th, while the bells were ringing for evening service.

SHAFESBURY BELL RESTORATION.

On Sunday evening, March 7th, the bells of St. James' Church, Shaftesbury, were dedicated after restoration by Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon.

The Archdeacon of Dorset performed the ceremony and also preached to a large congregation. The collection for the bell fund amounted to £14.

After the service visiting ringers rang Grand sire and Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor.

The tenor is 6 cwt., and the inscriptions on the bells are:—

No. 1.—Draw near to God. 1875.

No. 2.—O praise God. 1597.

No. 3.—Sancte Iagobe Ora Pro Nobis (82).

No. 4.—N.C.E.C.I.D. O give thanks unto the Lord. 1629.

No. 5.—Serve God. 1875.

No. 6.—Hope in God. 1875.

SURPRISE METHODS.**MAJOR THAT EXTENDS TO 10 AND 12 BELLS.**

Below we print another Surprise method which is equally perfect on ten and twelve as it is on eight bells, and does not disturb the coursing order of the bells above 4ths.

It is Mr. Gabriel Lindoff's No. 61, as yet unringed on any number.

Major	Royal	Maximus
12345678	1234567890	123456789012
21436587	2143658709	214365870912
12463857	1246385079	124638507912
21648375	2164830597	216483057912
26143857	2614385079	261438507912
62418375	6241830597	624183057912
62143857	6214385079	621438507912
26418375	2641830597	264183057912
62481735	6248103957	624810395712
26847153	2684019375	268401937512
28641735	2864103957	286410395712
82467153	8246019375	824601937512
28647513	2864091735	286409173512
26845731	2684907153	268490715312
62487513	6248091735	624809173512
64285731	6428937153	642893715312
	4682970513	468297051312
46825371	4682795031	468279503112
	8426970513	842697051312
	8246795031	824679503112
False C.E.'s		
24365		
46253	2864759301	
65432		
53624		
32546		

Royal and Maximus have clean proof scale. Whole pull behind at lead end. The bob is made on the last three bells.

OKEHAMPTON'S NEW OCTAVE.**DEVON'S LEAD IN BELLS.**

The Bishop of Exeter (Dr. C. Curzon), on Wednesday, March 24th, dedicated two new bells and rededicated the six old bells in a ceremony which he stated to be the first he had performed.

Of the six old bells, four have been recast, the tenor being added to, to make its weight 16 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb., and the octave rebung in a metal frame with modern fittings.

The old peal of six was cast in the churchyard by T. Wroth in 1750. The old inscriptions have been added to by reference to the Coronation year of George VI. The additional trebles weigh 4 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. and 4 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. The total cost of the schema has been £253, of which only £50 is left to be raised.

The Rev. P. R. Burnaby, Vicar of Samford Courtenay, acted as the Bishop's chaplain, and the Revs. R. Y. Holmes (Monkeokehampton), C. Lister (Belstone) and the curates at the Parish Church of Okehampton were in the procession. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. B. Welchman).

In a short address the Bishop referred to the fact that the Exeter Diocese had more than 1,000 bells in excess of any other diocese in the country, and, therefore, he supposed, 1,000 more ringers. He rejoiced in the tongues of the bells because they seemed to voice 'the deeper things in life which cannot be spoken.'

At the dedication rite in the tower the patron of the living, Mr. Charles Calmady-Hamlyn attended with the Bishop and robed clergy. Mr. Cyril Johnston was also present.

The local band rang the opening rounds, after which teams from North Tawton and Winkleigh, as well as a band of 'Guild' change ringers, who rang touches of Stedman and Bob Major, continued the ringing. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston did the work in their usual excellent style and are to be congratulated on adding another fine and handy octave to the 53 or so octaves in Devon. The 'go' and 'tone' were appreciated by 'old hands.'

QUARTER PEAL AT QUEEN CAMEL.

On March 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung at Queen Camel by Dr. C. N. Vaisey 1, G. J. Hawkins 2, F. C. Mogford 3, G. H. Cross 4, S. Woodburn (conductor) 5, H. Ellis 6. Dr. Vaisey is from Freshford and it was his first quarter-peal.

BEVERLEY.—At the Minster for evening service on March 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1.259 changes): B. Weaver (first quarter of Caters) 1, C. P. Bradley 2, R. Owen 3, J. W. Braithwaite 4, F. W. Corney 5, G. J. Constable 6, L. Daggitt (conductor) 7, F. Osgerby 8, W. Middleton 9, J. Wilson (first quarter of Caters) 10. This quarter-peal was arranged for ringers of 1 and 5, who were on an excursion to Beverley from Woodford, Essex, and who wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Middleton for their hospitality before and after the ringing.

POYNTON BELLS REOPENED.**SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF RINGERS' EFFORTS.**

After months of untiring effort by the local ringers, the bells of Poynton Parish Church, Cheshire, were reopened on Sunday week, after having been rehung by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. Special services were held and the preachers were, in the morning, the Vicar, and in the evening the Rev. A. J. Humphreys, Rural Dean, who delivered an appropriate address, taking as his text verses from the 8th Chapter of Proverbs, beginning from 'Doth not wisdom cry out, understanding put forth her voice, etc.'

The preacher referred to the great number of church towers and steeples which are dotted all over our English countryside, and said he imagined that the bells from each tower called out to the other towers, like deep calling unto deep. Bells had also a peculiar interest in our literature, as, for example, in 'The Chimes' by Dickens, in Tennyson's immortal poetry, and in more recent years in the play 'St. Joan'. He said he thought, perhaps, the reason why some people disliked the sound of church bells could be traced to the fact that they recognised the invitation given to attend worship, and through neglect by getting out of the habit of thanking God for His mercies, they came to resent being reminded by the bells of their slackness. Then, in times of rejoicing, such as jubilees and coronations, where should we be without our bells? Throughout the ensuing Holy Week he thought the bells would remind us, and particularly on Good Friday, of the significance of the message of Easter, and he hoped they would say to the many people who were intent on getting abroad at this time, 'Is it nothing to all ye who pass by?'

There was a good attendance at both services, but, owing to it being Sunday, very few outside ringers were able to be present. Those who managed to attend, however, found that a decided improvement has been effected in the going of the bells, and the ringers of Poynton have good cause to be proud of their efforts so that their bells might be put in good order once more.

The first 720 on the bells since their rehanging was rung prior to evening service, being 720 Plain Bob: G. Turner (Poynton) 1, T. Downes (Poynton) 2, A. Barnes (Reddish) 3, S. Smith (Poynton) 4, K. Lewis (Marple), conductor, 5, H. Jackson (Poynton) 6. The method was Plain Bob.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION**SOUTHERN DISTRICT'S SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT LAMBETH.**

A very successful meeting of the Southern District was held at St. Mary's, Lambeth, on Saturday, March 20th. There was an attendance of nearly 40 members and friends, and 28 sat down to an excellent meat tea at the Parish Institute.

At the business meeting, presided over by Mr. H. Mance, the District Master, two new members were elected, viz., Mr. P. A. Corby, of Beckenham, and Mr. W. A. Stote, of Coventry.

The place of next meeting was fixed for Barnes, subject to permission being granted, and the date suggested was May 22nd, as the usual third Saturday was Whit Saturday.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. A. Llewellyn Jones, Vicar of Lambeth, for kindly granting the use of the bells, Messrs. W. Hardy and T. Wyatt for their valuable help with the arrangements, and Miss Hare and helpers for the first-class tea provided.

The hon. district secretary (Mr. A. P. Cannon) mentioned that he had a large number of the new reports for sale at 6d. a copy, and urged everyone present to buy one.

He was supported in this by Mr. P. E. Hawthorne, and their remarks apparently had the desired effect, as 25 were sold in a very short time.

The business meeting over, members returned to the tower and continued ringing until 8.45 p.m., with a break at 7.30 p.m. to attend the usual evensong.

During the proceedings touches and courses in the following methods were successfully accomplished: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Cambridge, Superlative and London.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**APPEAL FOR SUPPORT FOR MEETINGS.**

A meeting of the Eastern District of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held at Houghton-le-Spring on Saturday, March 20th, ringers being present from Sunderland, South Shields, West Hartlepool, Chester-le-Street, Whickham, Newcastle and the local ringers.

A short meeting was held, with Mr. R. L. Patterson in the chair. After the loyal toast, the Chairman said it was gratifying to see so many young ringers present, and it was up to the older members to help them and give them an interest to come to these meetings. He deplored the fact that some members did not support the meetings as they should do, and hoped they would come and see for themselves what happy meetings they were.

Mr. W. Robson proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, this being carried with acclamation.

The next meeting will be held at Gateshead on April 24th, and due notice will be given in 'The Ringing World.'

The bells were kept going from 2.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m., the methods rung being Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples.

Although there was only a fair attendance, it was an excellent meeting and all agreed it was a success.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**SOUTHERN DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING AT WATH.****Protest Against Peal Ringing on Meeting Days.**

The annual meeting of the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association was held at Wath on Saturday, March 20th, when the towers represented were Sheffield (Cathedral and St. Marie's), Eastwood, Wortley, Doncaster, Rawmarsh, Arksey, Adwick-le-Street, Felkirk, Penistone, Cawthorne and Wath. Previous to a short service a party was conducted over this fine old church by the Vicar (the Rev. Russell), who pointed out the various interesting features and gave a short history of the building. This inspection of the church was a real pleasure to all those who were present.

Tea was provided in the Church Hall and was followed by the business meeting. Owing to a previous engagement the Vicar was compelled to leave before the meeting and was heartily thanked for the use of the bells and Church Hall and for his very interesting address at the service.

In reply, he said how pleased he was to welcome the association, and while he was Vicar they need never be short of a meeting place. He would always be glad to see them at Wath.

Mr. G. Lewis (vice-president) took the chair at the business meeting, at which the following were elected members of the association: Messrs. R. Hill and J. T. White (Felkirk), B. Birckett (Arksey) and T. R. Hadon (Barnsley).

The Rector of Rawmarsh and the local company sent an invitation to the association to hold the annual joint meeting at their tower, and this was accepted, the date fixed being June 19th.

Owing to having been appointed hon. treasurer of the Yorkshire Association, the retiring Ringing Master (Mr. S. F. Palmer) was desirous of giving up the office, but no volunteer being forthcoming, he was persuaded to undertake another term of three years, with the best thanks of the members for his past services.

The retiring members of the local committee, Messrs. G. Halksworth (Doncaster), A. Panther (Wath) and T. C. Ryder (Rotherham), were also re-elected for a period of three years. Mr. Halksworth was also elected to the General Committee and all were heartily thanked for past services.

Some discussion took place on the subject of peal ringing by members on quarterly meeting days, and opinion was expressed very forcibly that it was not 'playing the game' for members to arrange peals on meeting days. It was decided to ask towers not to allow peal attempts on these days and to record this decision in the minutes of the district.

Votes of thanks to the local company for the arrangements made were moved, and replied to by Mr. Panther on their behalf.

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND THE LADIES' GUILD.**JOINT MEETING AT EDMONTON.**

Upwards of 40 ringers and friends attended an enjoyable meeting of the above societies, held at Edmonton on Saturday, March 20th. A short service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. C. Evill, at which Miss G. Church, a member of both societies, played the organ. The Vicar afterwards pointed out objects of great interest in this ancient and historic church.

To the regret of the company, the Vicar was unable to be present at tea, but Messrs. Edmunds and Barrett, churchwardens, attended.

Before the business meetings, the vice-president of the Middlesex Association (Mr. G. W. Fletcher) thanked the churchwardens for their attendance and asked them to convey thanks to the Vicar for his kindness in allowing the meeting to be held at short notice, and for conducting the service.

A brief interlude on handbells consisted of two courses of Stedman Caters, conducted by Mr. C. W. Roberts.

At the business meeting of the Middlesex Association, with Mr. Fletcher presiding, one new member was elected and four provisional elections confirmed.

Pinner was chosen for the next meeting on May 1st, and St. Laurence Little Bob Major as the special method. Mr. T. J. Lock, District Master, urged members to learn these special methods prior to the meetings. It should be noted that any, or all, of the usual standard methods may be rung at meetings; the special method is an attempt to widen the scope of ringing.

The hon. secretary made another appeal for volunteers for Coronation ringing from those members not engaged on that day. He would be glad to place such ringers with an otherwise short-handed band.

A question was asked about the bells at All Hallows', Lombard Street, and the hon. secretary stated that a letter sent to the Bishop of London had been forwarded to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners and acknowledged by them as being under consideration.

At the close of the Middlesex Association meeting the mere men withdrew, leaving the Ladies' Guild in possession.

The chair for this meeting was taken by Mrs. R. F. Deal, vice-president. The place selected for the next meeting was Beckenham on Saturday, May 8th, whilst a mid-week meeting was announced for Wednesday, April 7th, at St. George the Martyr, Borough.

Ringling during the day included rounds and methods ranging from Grandfire Triples to Bristol Surprise and Spliced Surprise, and included Cambridge Court Bob Major and St. Clement's Bob Triples. These latter methods caused some little trouble, possibly due to lack of study outside the tower, a matter which may easily be remedied.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The band who rang the peal at Trowbridge on Monday would like to associate with it the name of Mr. W. J. Prescott, who was one of those who received an invitation to take part. Mr. Prescott, however, was engaged on more important business, for that afternoon he gave his daughter, Miss Kathleen Prescott, in marriage to Mr. Harold Hatherill. The ceremony took place at Bath Abbey.

In view of the attempt for the Major record on Monday, it is interesting to recall that on April 3rd, 1899, a 15,072 Double Norwich was rung at Erith, Kent, in 9 hours 24 minutes, conducted by the late William Pye.

One of the very earliest 'long' peals was rung 210 years ago yesterday. This was 10,080 Oxford Treble Bob Major, rung by Norwich men at the Church of St. Michael Coslany, in 6 hours 28 minutes.

Next Wednesday and Thursday are the anniversary of the 40,320 Bob Major rung at Leeds, Kent, in which James Barham and 13 others took part, in the year 1761. It occupied 27 hours.

Much sympathy will be extended to Mr. James Hunt and his family, of Taunton, in their bereavement by the death of Mrs. Hunt. The deceased lady had been a great sufferer for many years.

The ringer of the tenor in the peal of Bob Major at Enderby, reported in last week's issue, was Arthur Debenham, of St. John's, Leicester, and not Alfred as reported.

DEATH OF MR. ALBERT COPPOCK.

LOSS TO NOTTINGHAM RINGING.

We much regret to record the death of Mr. Albert Coppock, of 33, Hazelwood Road, Nottingham, leader of the St. Mary's Society, who passed away on Easter Day, after only three days' illness, from pneumonia.

Mr. Coppock came of a ringing family, and had been a leading personality in Nottingham ringing for many years.

He was a great-grandson of James Coppock, one of the band who used to ring with William Doubleday Crofts and who were known as the Sherwood Youths. They made quite extensive journeys in the latter part of the eighteenth century to ring at distant churches. On one occasion in 1775 they opened the new ring of ten bells at Grantham with a peal of Grandsire Caters. It took two men to ring the 9th, one of whom was Crofts, and three to ring the tenor, one of whom was James Coppock, who, being mentioned first in the record, was presumably 'on the box,' the other two being strappers.

Mr. Albert Coppock after the war resuscitated the Sherwood Youths and became Master. For some few years an annual dinner was held, and the society continues to hold frequent meetings at the towers round Nottingham.

It was largely owing to Mr. Coppock's continued pressure that the authorities eventually took in hand the recasting and rehanging of the bells of St. Mary's, Nottingham, and he effected a vast improvement in the belfry arrangements there.

Mr. Coppock's keenness and leadership will be much missed at St. Mary's, and the sympathy of a large circle of friends will go out to the widow and two daughters thus suddenly left in bereavement.

SILENT BELLS.

SMALL HAMPSHIRE PARISH'S GREAT NEED.

An appeal has been issued for funds to restore the tower and bells of Soberton Church, Hampshire.

This peal has now been silent for about 12 months, and it is beyond the resources of the parish to raise the £500 required for restoration unaided.

There are eight bells. The tenor (14 cwt.) was cast in 1623. Numbers 6 and 7 bells date from 1527. The present oak frame is too slight to carry the peal, and its movement, when ringing, has weakened the tower, thus greatly increasing the cost of restoration. It is proposed to put in a steel frame and new fittings at a cost of £332.

There may be ringers interested in Soberton who can help in this work of restoration. Any donation will be gratefully received by the hon. treasurer, Major E. P. Bickford, Corner Cottage, Soberton.

BELL BROADCASTS HEARD IN INDIA.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Having read from previous issues of 'The Ringing World' much comment on the 'striking' during broadcasts of English church bells, I should like to know if many home listeners get St. Paul's on the air? I do, at the time of their Empire service relays. Congratulations to the College Youths on their well-struck Stedman Cinques. What a pity this band cannot 'ring the changes' with the interval signal. Some ringers have condemned 'stony' broadcasts; those we get very rarely, but the 'interval signal' daily.

On Sunday, March 7th, I much enjoyed the 'Grandsire' from Croydon Parish Church. The ringers did credit to a very musical peal.

To one who only has the pleasure of hearing daily the clanging of temple bells, the ringing from 'home' is a welcome change. I oftentimes wonder what many of our ringers would prefer. 'A mix up in change ringing' or 'a mix up of temple music'?—With best wishes,

L. H. BAYBUT.

Srinagar, Kashmir, India.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MR. G. RADLEY ELECTED PRESIDENT.

Plea for Wider Support for Benevolent Fund.

The annual meeting of the Hertford County Association was held at St. Albans on Easter Munday, and the members had the opportunity of ringing on the Abbey twelve, the ten at St. Peter's and at St. Michael's and Sandridge. The customary service in the Abbey was conducted by the Dean (the Very Rev. C. O. Thicknesse), who also gave an address.

Following tea in the Abbey Institute, the annual meeting was presided over by the retiring president (the Rev. R. F. R. Routh, Vicar of Hitchin).

The hon. secretary in his annual report had a very satisfactory state of affairs to reveal. The association, he said, in common with other ringing organisations, stresses the importance of Sunday service ringing as an essential duty of every member, and it is gratifying to



MR. G. W. CARTMEL,

Elected Hon. Secretary of the Hertford County Association for the 34th time.

record that they have again done their best to observe this rule of honour. The advance made in change ringing of recent years, both on tower bells and handbells, by our members, in the ringing of Surprise peals in Spliced and other complicated methods, has brought our association prominently before the whole Exercise. Peal ringing suggests, in my opinion, better service ringing, and the incumbents of our churches, agreeing, many of them, with this assertion, have generously given our members permission to attempt, at least, the ringing of a peal, and have accepted the aftermath sometimes supplied by a disgruntled parishioner. Let me assure any of the clergy who may have had to endure complaints that they have the ringers' gratitude and sympathy, and the assurance of their desire always to minimise even the possibility of complaint from the outside public.

The peals rung on tower bells, during 1936, number 45, and 11 on handbells, in a variety of methods. The outstanding performances of the year, both for our association and in the history of change ringing, have been the ringing upon handbells of four 'Spliced' Major peals in four Surprise methods, by Messrs. Hodgetts, Woolley, Cashmore and Brinklow.

On tower bells, first peals of Uxbridge Surprise and Cassiobury Surprise Major have been rung, both peals without any previous practice whatever, a most exacting and praiseworthy performance. First peals for the association of Darlaston Bob Triples and Little Bob Royal have also been rung. The Apsley band, under the skilled guidance of Mr. Walter Ayre, have also created records in ringing a

peal in nine Surprise methods, and another in 14 Spliced methods, both on six bells. Incidentally, the latter brought Mr. Ayre's total number of peals rung to 400.

The Aldenham company have also scored their first local peal, a peal of Grandsire Triples, conducted by Mr. C. H. Horton, and Lord Aldenham has generously given a tablet to commemorate the peal. Ten members have rung their first peal, and the number of members who have rung their first in a new method is too bewildering for me to analyse. The conductors of peals number 18 on tower bells and three on handbells.

REPORTS FROM THE DISTRICTS.

At the last annual meeting alterations made in the rules gave powers to each district to elect its own district secretary and committee, and, as far as I am aware, the scheme has worked successfully and given impetus in many directions.

From the Northern District, the secretary (Mr. D. Mears) reported that they had exceeded the usual balance in hand by approximately £4, partly owing to a number of members paying up arrears and partly owing to an increase in membership—some 24 new members having been added to the list—a good sign. The District Committee is also a new feature and has done good work. Eleven meetings were held and the average attendance had been good. The combined practices were something new for which the district deserved credit. It was a big venture, but, assisted by a president who takes such an active part, and the support which was received from the members, proved worth while. Some excellent work was done and very much appreciated by a great number.

These practices incurred no expenses upon the association, as a collection was taken at each meeting, which resulted in a balance in hand of 18s. 1½d. It was hoped these practices would be continued, as they are the only means of the association assisting members who do not attend the meetings. Next year it is hoped to see more of these meetings held in towers where ringers are really striving under difficulties or are at a standstill with regard to methods. A word of praise was added to Mr. R. T. Newman, of Baldock, who has taught a band of ringers at Baldock—and kept them interested.

From the Western District Mr. W. Ayre reported a very successful year of ringing, although mainly done by the Apsley band.

Mr. C. H. Horton reported from the Western District that during the year seven meetings had been held, at which 140 ringers attended. Peal ringing has been exceptionally good and the greatest praise should be accorded to the handbell band. Ten new members have been enrolled.

The secretary of the Eastern District (Mr. W. H. Lawrence) reported a successful year with good attendances at meetings.

From St. Albans District Mr. W. Nash reported that six meetings had been held with an average attendance of about 20. The joint meeting was a very happy affair, about 60 ringers attending. The general impression one got from these meetings was that the older ringers were attending and the proportion of young members very small.

Mr. Cartmel reported satisfactory progress of the Benevolent and Bell Restoration Funds, and said the library continued to flourish, and, after thanking Mr. George Debenham for his assistance, added words of appreciation of the services of the district secretaries. Between them, 30 to 40 district meetings had been arranged, which had meant a great deal of labour. Mr. Cartmel concluded: 'I am sure the members are grateful for all that is done for them, but in some districts greater support would bring cheer to the organisers. It is your society, and upon you rests its success, or otherwise. I would add my appreciation of the happy fellowship which I have enjoyed in common with you all, for so many years, and may I also express the hope that the truest and highest spirit of fellowship, which finds expression at Eastertide, may ever continue with the members of this association, for that is the only foundation upon which we can build and successfully maintain, the objects for which this association was formed.'

The financial statement, submitted by the treasurer (Mr. G. E. Debenham), showed that the balance in hand amounted to £7 9s. 11d., but actually on the year's work the association was 10d. down. Members' subscriptions amounted to £21 13s., while subscriptions from honorary and life members totalled £7 5s. 6d.

Mr. Debenham pointed out that the Benevolent Fund, which had a balance of £20 9s. 8d., was now getting to a position in which it could 'stand on its own legs' far better than in previous years, although there was still need for general support throughout the county. The Voluntary Bell Fund, which was now in its second year, had a balance of £2 16s.

Three new honorary members were admitted to the association, they being the Dean of St. Albans, the Sub-Dean (the Rev. G. W. Clarkson) and the Rev. A. M. Furguson (Vicar of St. Peter's, St. Albans).

The following officers, nominated by the committee, were elected: President, Mr. G. Radley (Broxbourne); treasurer, Mr. G. E. Debenham; hon. secretary, Mr. G. W. Cartmel; assistant secretary, Mr. G. W. Debenham; librarian, Mr. H. V. Frost; representative to the Central Council, Mr. A. Lawrence (Hatfield); auditor, Mr. W. Mercer.

The meeting concluded with thanks to the Dean for his address, expressed by Mr. G. E. Debenham, and a vote of thanks to the Vicars of St. Peter's, St. Michael's and Sandridge and churchwardens of St. Stephen's for use of the bells, and the steeplekeepers for their services, proposed by Mr. W. H. Lawrence and replied to by the Rev. Furguson.

A DERBYSHIRE BELL RESTORATION.

IMPROVEMENT OF THE PEAL AT ECKINGTON.

On Sunday afternoon, March 14th, in the presence of a large congregation, the Archdeacon of Chesterfield (the Very Rev. Dilworth Harrison) rededicated the bells and Westminster chimes of Eckington Church, Derbyshire.

The bells before the restoration were cast by John Warner and Sons, Ltd., London, in 1897, and, as on many other things in this world, time had taken its toll. Restoration became necessary. A meeting of the church authorities decided to make an appeal to the parishioners, who were asked to take a collecting box into their homes, and it was also decided to ask those interested in the bells of Eckington Church, round about the district, to support them in their effort.

The appeal was taken up with a spirit of enthusiasm by all, and left no burden for the church authorities to carry now the work has been finished.

As is usual when bells are dedicated, they were rung in rounds during the service by the Sunday service band: P. E. Tomlinson 1, A. Tomlinson 2, A. West 3, P. Jervis 4, H. Nelson 5, G. Graham 6, S. R. Morton 7, T. Howes Smith 8.

The company of ringers at Eckington are to be congratulated on the strides they have made towards the state of efficiency which all ringers like to hear when bells are rung.

The work done to the bells has been to recast 1 and 2, retune the rest, overhaul all the clappers and rehang the bells on ball bearings. The work was carried out in a highly efficient manner by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

An open meeting was held on Saturday, March 20th, when the bells were available for all who cared to try their hand on the newly-restored ring. About 60 ringers were present. Tea was provided in the Parish Room, the Rector and churchwardens joining the party.

After tea the Rector gave a hearty welcome to all who were present and hoped they would be satisfied with the manner in which the work had been carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. He also thanked the bellhangers and asked Mr. S. Roper to convey to the firm he represented his appreciation.

Mr. S. Roper thanked the Rector for his kind appreciation of the work done.

Mr. C. Haynes, president of the Sheffield and District Society, thanked the Rector and all concerned for the manner in which the ringers had been entertained.

Several touches on the handbells were rung, and then a move to the tower, where ringing until about 9 p.m. brought a most enjoyable day to a close.

THE TESTIMONIAL TO MR. C. T. COLES.

The C. T. Coles Testimonial Committee of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild ask that all who wish to subscribe to the testimonial to be given to Mr. C. T. Coles and have not already done so should send their contribution to either of the undersigned if possible by April 10th. The presentation is to commemorate Mr. Coles' 25 years' service as secretary of the Middlesex County Association, and is to be made at the annual meeting on April 17th:

W. H. Hollier, Hon. Treasurer, 29, Duke Road, Chiswick, W.4.

Ernest C. S. Turner, Hon. Secretary, 65, Kingsley Avenue, West Ealing, W.13.

All contributions will be acknowledged by the hon. treasurer.

CLERICAL RINGING WEEK.

TOURING ROUND EVESHAM.

What has now become an annual 'institution,' the Clerical Ringing Week, begins next Monday. The headquarters this year are Evesham, and the Rev. E. V. Cox (president of the Devon Guild) has again arranged an interesting programme.

The party meet at Ashchurch on Monday afternoon and afterwards visit Overbury, Bredon and Norton. On Tuesday they go to Elmley Castle, Little Comberton, Great Comberton, Eckington, Pershore Abbey, Norton and Hampton.

Wednesday's itinerary takes in Offenham, Badsey, Childs Wickham, Wellersey, Saintbury, Mickleton and Bretforton. On Thursday they go to Bidford-on-Avon, Alcester, Stratford-on-Avon, Snitterfield, Quinton, Chipping Camden, and, in the evening, ring at the Bell Tower, Evesham.

The only peal in the programme is arranged for Hinton-on-the-Green on Friday morning. Later in the day the party will visit Broadway, Stanton and Stow-on-the-Wold.

The party will comprise the Revs. E. G. Benson (Burghill, Hereford), H. G. Beunson (Nyasaland), C. Carrow Cox (Lyme Regis, Dorset), E. V. Cox (Brampford Speke, Devon), F. Ll. Edwards (Kington Magna, Dorset), E. Bankes James (Foreham, Hants), F. S. H. Marie (Deane, Hants), B. F. Sheppard (Cambridge), A. G. G. Thurlow (Wokingham, Berks), W. M. K. Warren (Binegar, Bath), C. Elliot Wigg (High Wycombe, Bucks) and R. F. Williamson (Owlsall, Notts).

THE RECORD MAJOR ATTEMPT.

'SHIFT COURSE' PUTS END TO PEAL.

The attempt on the Major record at Kingham, Oxfordshire, on Monday, was lost after 3½ hours' ringing, owing to a 'shift course' after about 5,600 changes had been rung.

It is hoped to make another attempt on this record in the near future.

The present Major record is 18,144 Bob Major, rung at Bennington, Herts, in 1933. The attempt at Kingham was for 19,040 Double Norwich.

WING AND QUEEN CAMEL BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Had the band that visited Wing said 'in their opinion' the bells were not pealable, no exception could have been taken. The definiteness of their statement makes them out to be an authority. In my first letter I gave an example of a definite statement made concerning a tenor bell as being unringable: then someone else rang it without any difficulty.

Here is another case of working hard at a peal of bells to make them pealable. In 1905 a party visited Lundy Isle on the off chance of ringing a peal. On arrival they found the bells in such a state it was no use thinking of ringing them, leaving out the question of a peal, without first putting in a lot of hard work. Then a start was made for Stedman Triples. But after half an hour's ringing it was found impossible, and the party, beaten and dispirited, prepared for their return voyage. Fortunately for them as it turned out, a gale had sprung up. The steamer could not risk the journey, and this gave the party another day on the island. Next morning, after an enormous amount of hard work, they made another start, and to their delight it was successful in 2 hours and 53 minutes. No one should, therefore, say definitely that any bells are unpealable.

With regard to Queen Camel, I am of the opinion that had the party gone there before the bells were rehung their verdict would have been the same as at Wing.

J. HUNT.

Taunton.

PEALS THAT DO NO GOOD.

Dear Sir,—Perhaps Mr. Hunt will agree there are peals rung where the bells are almost unpealable, but I would like to state that these peals do no good and hamper local authority from getting bells rehung.

There is much difference in ringing a heavy bell with the late Mr. Pye's band than with novices. I, for one, know. I have tried both.

F. WARRINGTON.

Over, Cambs.

AN OFFER.

Sir,—May I ask Mr. J. Hunt if he would like to bring a friend for a peal of Minor on the Wing, Bucks, bells? I should be pleased to get four ringers to ring the front four bells. If he comes over afterwards he will be able to write to 'The Ringing World' and say if the bells are pealable or not.

F. VICKERS.

Linslade.

FIGURES AND DIAGRAMS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was interested in your recent leader and Mr. Trollope's letter on the prohibitive cost of producing diagrams instead of the figures of methods. Perhaps I may be allowed to trespass upon your valuable space to show how any ringer, keen enough, can possess a diagram book of methods at practically no expense whatsoever, except his own time.

All the would-be 'diagrammatist' need do is to purchase a suitable book to fit the pocket, which can be obtained from a penny or so up to a few shillings for a super-book, then produce pen and ink and transfer his methods from figures into diagrams. He can write out as many methods as he wants, or as few; those he regularly rings, those he is learning and, if he likes, those he would like to ring. It is quite easy to write these out, and after a little practice one gets quite expert at the job.

Many years ago, when I commenced ringing, I purchased such a book and wrote out all the methods I could lay my hands upon, including standard methods and the Central Council's Collection of Minor Methods; and, as methods have appeared from time to time in 'The Ringing World,' these have been added to the book. I still have this book, and not only has it been a source of pleasure to me in writing it, but it has been seen by quite a lot of ringers and commented upon, and has, on numberless occasions, been the means of enabling a ringer at an outing or meeting to 'polish up' an obscure method which he had not rung for some years and had half forgotten.

The excellent series of method books published by the C.C. should be in every ringer's hands, but it is an unfortunate fact (in my experience, at any rate) that ringers will not buy these books, whether on account of price or apathy I do not know.

BERNARD H. WELLS.

Merstham, Surrey.

HIGH TIDES AND FLOODS IN FENLAND.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I am sure that many of us, during the flooding of the Fens, must have recalled those chapters of 'The Nine Tailors,' describing the bursting of the waters over the fenlands and the warning boom of the tenor bell.

Not only Miss Sayers, but another lady, Jean Ingelow, has also dealt with this theme, viz., in her 'High Tide on the Coast of Lincolnshire'—one of our most beautiful poems. If it were not that it runs to 22 verses, we might have had a reprint in your columns, for here again the bells play an important part. May I, however, give the first verse?

'The old Mayor climbed the belfry tower,
The ringers ran by two by three;
"Pull if you never pulled before;
Good ringers, pull your best," quoth he.
"Play uppe, play uppe, O Boston bells!
Ply all your changes, all your swells,
Play uppe 'The Brides of Enderby.'"

In no less than seven of the verses is there a reference to the bells of warning, they form a haunting curtain to the progress of the tragic story. Thus—

'And all the aire, it seemeth mee,
Bin full of floating bells (sayth shee)
That ring the tune of Enderby.'

'Till, floating o'er the grassy sea
Came down that kindly messago free,
The "Brides of Mavis Enderby."'

And, lastly, whilst clinging to the roof amidst the swirl of waters:—

'And awesome bells they were to mee,
That in the dark rang "Enderby."'

I have asked several of my ringing friends if they could throw a light on this curious reference to our art, but to no purpose. (The late Mr. Law James was doubtful about it.) Miss Ingelow has been dead nearly 40 years, and we may never know the genesis of 'Enderby.'

It is a beautiful poem. Try reading it (as I have done) to a Lincolnshire man and watch his face.

E. ALEX. YOUNG.

PEAL RINGING ON MEETING DAYS.*To the Editor.*

Sir,—It seems to be a sore point among many ringers that a local company or any band of ringers should attempt a peal on a day when the association or society of which they are members is holding its quarterly or annual meeting. Not only is it a sore point, but it shows bad taste and lack of interest in the association. It is also disappointing to the secretaries, who have more work to do than many ringers think and deserve all the praise they get; and to the local company where the meetings are held. It is a practice that, it seems to me, will be carried on for ever, unless these bands are penalised by all associations making a rule to have nothing whatever to do with or acknowledge any peal rung on a meeting day, unless, of course, they can show proof that it was for a very special occasion.

G. S. LEE.

Rotherham.

ST. MARY ABBOT'S GUILD.**KENSINGTON RINGERS' DINNER.**

The annual dinner of St. Mary Abbot's Guild, Kensington, was held at Slater's Restaurant, Knightsbridge, on Saturday, March 6th, when over 30 members and friends were present, some of them having taken part that afternoon in a peal of Stedman Caters, which was rung to celebrate the induction of the Rev. Prebendary A. E. Smith, M.A., as Vicar of St. Mary Abbot's in succession to the late Rev. E. Brooks Jackson. Prebendary Smith presided, and was supported by Mr. H. V. Kenyon, J.P., and Major N. L. Garratt, the churchwardens of St. Mary Abbot's, and the Rev. Kenneth Wood, the chaplain to the Guild. After an excellent dinner, the toast of 'The Guild' was proposed by Mr. Kenyon, and Mr. W. E. Judd, the Ringing Master, replied, giving a brief summary of the activities of the Guild during the past year and expressing gratification at the attendances for the Sunday service ringing.

The toast of 'The Church' was proposed by Mr. G. J. Strickland, who paid tribute to the constant and valuable work of the ministers of the Church.

An adjournment was afterwards made to an upper room, where, with Mr. J. A. Dart and Mr. Roberts Thomas successively presiding at the piano, an enjoyable musical evening followed, which also included touches on the handbells and tune ringing by Mr. J. R. Mackman and Mr. Howard Mackman.

The assistance at the piano of Mr. Roberts Thomas, who was a visitor for the second year, was much appreciated by those present.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At St. Andrew's, Backwell, Somerset, with bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to Mr. M. C. Lock, a quarter-peal of Doubles, four extents of Bob Doubles and six of Grandsire: W. Carpenter 1, L. Derrick 2, J. Young 3, E. Shearn (conductor) 4, J. Lott 5, R. Roberts 6.

NOTICES.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Glastonbury on April 3rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Street bells (8) available after tea.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Aston, Birmingham, on Saturday, April 3rd. Bells (12) available at 3.30 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham 11.

LADIES GUILD (Lincolnshire Branch) **AND LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD** (Lincoln District).—A joint meeting will be held at Dunholme, near Lincoln, on Saturday, April 3rd. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m.—Mrs. R. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Stoke Golding on Saturday, April 3rd. Bells will be ready at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea provided at 5 p.m. Names to Mr. H. Hill, Wykin Lane, Stoke Golding, Nuneaton.—Wm. A. Wood, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Sudbury on Saturday, April 3rd. Ringing all day at St. Gregory's (8 bells) and St. Peter's (8). 4.30, service at St. Gregory's, with sermon by Rev. Canon Round-Turner. 5, tea in the Parish Hall, 1s. each. 5.30, meeting follows. Names to H. G. Herbert (sec. pro tem.), 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting of the West Norfolk Branch will be held at Soham Toney on Saturday, April 3rd. Ashill bells will also be available.—W. J. Eldred, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn, Norfolk.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The newly recast bells of St. Cuthbert's, Darlington, will be open to ringers on Saturday, April 3rd, from 2.30 p.m. onwards. Tea will be at the invitation of the Vicar and churchwardens.—Roland Park, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Colne on Saturday, April 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Tempsford on Saturday, April 3rd. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcomed. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Coppull on Saturday, April 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. (9d. each), for which please notify Mr. J. Fisher, Ellandene, Park Road, Coppull, near Chorley. Special invitation to Preston branch.—S. Forshaw, Branch Sec., 38, Poolstock, Wigan.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A ringing practice will be held at Shenley (6 bells) on Saturday, April 3rd, at 5 p.m. A good meeting is desired. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY AND NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting will be held at Blyth (6) on Saturday, April 3rd, commencing at approximately 3 p.m. Rounds to London Surprise, but look up Double Oxford and York Surprise for practice. Please come and make this new venture a success, and send a card for tea to R. Towler, Ollerton Road, Retford.—E. Cooper and R. Towler, Hon. Secs.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—North Southwark Diocesan Guild.—Meetings for April: Service ringing, April 4th, St. Clement Danes', 10 a.m.; April 25th, Bow, Cheapside, 5.30 p.m. Practices: St. Clement Danes', 12th, at 6.45 p.m., followed by quarterly meeting at 8.15 p.m., and 26th; St. Mary, Lambeth, 27th, at 8 p.m.—T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at South Anston (8 bells) on Saturday, April 3rd. For tea notify Mr. H. Stenton, 32, Sheffield Rd., South Anston, nr. Sheffield. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronan's Rd., Sheffield 7.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Laverstoke on Saturday, April 3rd. Bells available from 2.30. Service in Parish Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows.—F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

THORLEY, near Bishop's Stortford.—On Sunday, April 4th, at 11 a.m., the Bishop of Bedford will dedicate the bells which have been restored and augmented to a ring of five by John Taylor and Co.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—A meeting of the district will be held at Blackmoor on Wednesday, April 7th, for practice. Bells (6) available from 6 to 9 p.m.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wednesday Afternoon Guild.—The next meeting of the Guild will be held at Newburn-on-Tyne on Wednesday, April 7th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—W. Sheraton, Hon. Sec., Roseville, Boundary Cottages, Philadelphina, County Durham.

LADIES' GUILD.—A meeting will be held at St. George the Martyr's Church, Southwark, S.E., on Wednesday, April 7th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m.; tea 5.30.—E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield, Middlesex.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on April 27th; St. Magnus' on April 15th, 29th, Southwark Cathedral on the 8th, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 13th, St. Andrew's on the 22nd, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—The meeting which was arranged for Saturday, April 10th, is postponed.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 73, Rye Street, Bishops Stortford.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Little Houghton on Saturday, April 10th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to me, please, by April 7th.—J. C. Dean, Hon. Sec., 16, St. Peter's Street, Northampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hornby on Saturday, April 10th. Bells (8) ready at 2 p.m. Tea at 4.30. A hearty invitation is extended to all members and friends to come and spend a profitable half day.—E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch (Newport Pagnell Rural Deanery).—At Lathbury (5), Saturday, April 10th; 2.30, begin; 4, service; 4.45, tea.—Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Helmsore, on Saturday, April 10th. The local captain informs me that his band will be in attendance from 3.30; so what about it? You will expect your secretary to be there, why not come and keep him company? You will be welcome.—J. Porter, 11, Chesham Bank, Huntley Mount Road, Bury, Lancs.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Sedgley on Saturday, April 10th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.45. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Please send word not later than Tuesday, April 6th.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Southern Division, for election of officers, etc., will be held at Southover, Lewes (10 bells) on Saturday, April 10th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, price 1s., 5 p.m. Those intending to be present please inform the undersigned by Wednesday previous to meeting. It is hoped that the proposed form of association service will be tried at this meeting.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Sec., 70, Hollingbury Park Avenue, Brighton 6.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Merstham on Saturday, April 10th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by service. Please send me numbers for tea not later than Tuesday, April 6th. All ringers heartily welcome.—W. Claydon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting of the Maidstone District will be held at West Malling (8 bells) on Saturday, April 10th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 5. Please send names or numbers for tea to Mr. W. A. Sloman, St. Leonard's Street, West Malling.—A. Waddington, Dis. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Desborough (8) on Saturday, April 10th. Usual arrangements. Please notify me if you require tea.—H. Baxter, 256, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Goole on Saturday, April 10th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service in church at 4.15. Tea in Hackforth's Café at 5 o'clock, 1s. 6d. per head. Please notify Mr. J. Drake, 29, Second Avenue, Goole, by Thursday, April 8th. Business meeting for election of officers, etc., after tea.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Eccleston on Saturday, April 10th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting after tea. All who intend to be present must send word not a day later than Wednesday, April 7th, to Mr. A. Rigbye, Tannersmith Lane, Maudesley, Ormskirk. A good attendance is hoped for.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Warnham on Saturday, April 10th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting afterwards. Election of officers, etc. All ringers welcome. Names for tea by April 7th, please.—O. Sippetts, 10, Albany Road, Crawley, Sussex.

WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Mickleton on Saturday, April 10th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea (1s. per head). Numbers for tea by Tuesday previous.—J. E. Newman, Hon. Sec., Hinton, Evesham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—Next meeting, Hathern, April 10th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea arranged for those advising me by April 8th. Subscriptions accepted.—H. O. Over, Dis. Sec., 130, Ashburton Road, Hugglescote, near Leicester.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Felkirk on Saturday, April 10th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Specially arranged at the Vicar's request before his departure. Make it a good meeting. All are welcome. For tea please notify me by April 8th.—Daniel Smith, Hon. Sec., Rock Cottages, Shafton, near Barnsley.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A Gainsborough District meeting will be held at Lea (6 bells) on Saturday, April 10th. Service at 4.15 p.m. Will all members requiring tea inform me by the Wednesday previous, as this tea is kindly provided by the Rector?—H. Morgan, Dis. Sec., 22, Grey Street, Gainsborough.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hemmingford Abbots on Saturday, April 10th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots, Hunts.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting at Purton on Saturday, April 10th. Heavy peal of six. On bus route. Tea at Vicar's invitation. Please advise if possible.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

PEAK DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Will all members and friends please note the adjourned general meeting will take place at Matlock, Saturday, April 10th, when a good attendance is desired? A card to Mr. V. Taylor, Rydal, Limeton Road, Matlock, not later than Wednesday, April 7th, will ensure adequate arrangement for tea.—H. L. Warburton, Hon. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Epsom, on Saturday, April 10th. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea in the Church Hall. Please send numbers for tea to Mr. W. Robinson, 23, Lower Court Road, Epsom, by next Thursday.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The above district will hold their first meeting at Ticknall on Saturday, April 10th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Special Minor method for practice: Double Court. The success of this new venture depends upon the attendance. All ringers invited. Tea, 4.45, can be arranged for those who notify me by Wednesday, April 7th.—Joseph W. Cotton, Coronation Street, Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Weedon (6), Saturday, April 10th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—A quarterly meeting will be held at East Brent on Saturday, April 10th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Divine service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—H. Minife, Hon. Sec., Royston, Uphill, Weston-super-Mare.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at South Petherton on Saturday, April 10th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. For tea please notify early.—F. Farrant, Martock.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Grimsby District will be held at Thornton Curtis on Saturday, April 10th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., at 1s. 6d. per head. Business meeting to follow. Please send notice for tea to Mr. G. Atkinson, West View, Thornton Curtis, Ulceby S.O., by Wednesday, April 7th, who cannot guarantee tea after that date. All welcome.—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Kirkham on Saturday, April 10th. Ringing at St. John's R.C. (6 bells) 3 to 4 p.m. 4 p.m., ringing and business meeting at the Parish Church. Tea in school 5.30.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Reddish on Saturday, April 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15. For tea please advise Mr. A. Barnes, 3, Longford Road, North Reddish.—Kenneth Lewis, Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Wrangle on Saturday, April 10th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at Angel Hotel at 5 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will all intending to be present please let me know by Monday, April 5th?—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Park House, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Cuckfield on Saturday, April 10th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Everybody welcome. Please notify me by the 7th for tea.—B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Retford on Saturday, April 10th, when the bells of East Retford (10), West Retford (6) and Ordsall (6) will be at our disposal. Service in East Retford Church will be at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5, followed by the business meeting. I hope all members will endeavour to be present. Please send a card for tea to R. Towler, Ollerton Road, Retford.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Compton Dando on Saturday, April 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 4.30 p.m. Roll up and support the new secretary.—E. H. Nash, The Talbot, Mells.

WHATLEY, SOMERSET.—A ring of 6, rehung in a new frame by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., will be dedicated by Prebendary W. H. F. Randolph, on Sunday, April 11th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Parish Hall for all those who notify me by Wednesday, April 7th. All ringers welcome.—E. H. Nash, The Talbot, Mells.

WALGRAVE, NORTHAMPTON. — The ring of 5 (tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.), rehung in a new frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Peterborough on Sunday, April 11th, at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Martin's, Chelsfield, on Saturday, April 17th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Further particulars next week.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, April 17th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, to be followed by the business of the day.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. — The annual meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Rugby, on Saturday, April 17th. Further details will be given next week, but meanwhile please keep the date open.—Malcolm Melville, Gen. Hon. Sec., Exhall, Coventry.

ALDENHAM, April 17th.—Ringing from 3.30. Tea at Village Club at 5.30. Herts Association. — C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey.

ALL SAINTS', KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.—Dedication of bells on Saturday, April 17th, by Lord Bishop of Southwark. Service 3 p.m. Ringing after service and again after tea. All ringers welcome.—T. W. Taffender, 26, Southway, Raynes Park, S.W.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Feering on Saturday, April 17th. 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, 14th? This is essential. — F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Glastonbury Deanery Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at West Pennard on Saturday, April 17th. **Divine service and dedication of Memorial Tablet to the late Master (1925-1935), the Rev. E. S. C. Lock, will be performed by the Rev. L. S. Lewis, with address by the Rev. W. M. K. Warren (Master) at 4 p.m.** Tea and business to follow. Those requiring tea must notify me by April 12th.—F. D. Rickards, 32, Burcott Road, Wells, Som.

ASHBURTON, DEVON.—On Saturday, April 17th, at 3 p.m., the bells will be re-dedicated by the Bishop of Crediton; ring of eight restored by John Taylor and Co.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Sherborne St. John and Monk Sherborne on Saturday, April 17th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in Sherborne St. John Church at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify by April 13th to Mr. G. C. Hammond, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Dis. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual general meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, April 24th. At a service at 3.30 p.m. the Lord Bishop of Guildford will dedicate a memorial, erected by the Cathedral ringers, to the late Provost E. C. Kirwan. Tea and meeting will follow the service. Full details later.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover Cottage, Pyrlford, Surrey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The half-yearly meeting will be held at Worsley (10 bells) on Saturday, April 24th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea in Café at 5 p.m. to all who notify before April 22nd, Mr. P. H. Derbyshire, Beesley Green, Worsley, Manchester; 1s. each. — W. H. Shaker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

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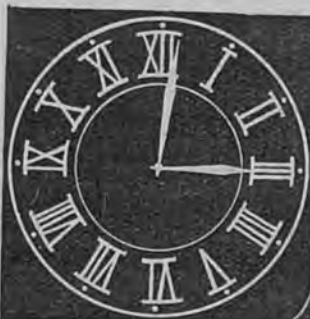
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