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Next Wednesday the bells of Great Britain will be celebrating the Coronation of the King and Queen. That they will do it worthily we have not the slightest doubt. There is no event in the life of a nation when the bells more fittingly represent the feelings of the people than when they ring with gladsome clangour for the crowning of a well-loved Sovereign who undertakes the burden of the throne with high hope and expectation. There is something inspiring about the sound of bells heard as part of a people's rejoicing, and nowhere else in the world can bells give such nation-wide expression to this jubilation as in this country. The discordant jangling of the bells in other countries, which sometimes is heard on occasions of festivity, even the playing of the great carillons of Holland and Belgium, cannot convey either in expression or so extensively the spirit of rejoicing as do the hundreds, nay, thousands of peals of bells in city, town and village, far flung throughout this land of ours, when they join their voices in the glad celebrations of the people.

Exactly for how long the church bells have played a part on such occasions, as that in which they will share next Wednesday, it is difficult to know—certainly for nearly four hundred years. The accounts of St. Thomas', Bristol, record ringing for the Coronation of Queen Mary Tudor in 1553 and the accounts of many another church will bear evidence to the ringing of bells for many Coronations, especially after the Restoration, when bell ringing began to make real headway. In the centuries that have passed since then Coronations have always been the occasion for a great ringing of the bells, not only because the ringers themselves have been minded to celebrate the event in that way, but because the public have wanted it and have felt that in the bells was the expression of their own loyalty and rejoicing—that the loud voices of the bells proclaimed, as no other speaker or preacher could, that on that day a Sovereign was crowned and that they were sharing in the nation's pride and joy.

We are sorry for those towns and villages—and there will be just a few—where local circumstances will compel the bells to be silent next Wednesday. These will be chiefly through lack of ringers, but some, like the county town of Oakham, in Rutland, find it impossible to ring the bells through danger to the structure of the tower. Long neglect must have caused this condition of affairs and now, when the bells are wanted, they have got to remain dumb. Oakham has known of the state of the building for at least two years, but nothing was done,

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and unless the considered advice of the architect is to be
ignored, Oakham's bells will not share in the Coronation
rejoicing.By happy contrast many places throughout the country
have for long past been 'putting their house in order,'
in anticipation of the auspicious occasion, among them
such important centres as Winchester, Leicester and
Birmingham, where the Cathedral bells have in each case
been recast. Humbler towns and villages have also done
their part in getting their bells ready to acclaim our new
King and Queen and to join in the nation's heartfelt ex-
pression of love, loyalty and goodwill. Next Wednesday
will be one of the greatest days in ringing history.
Ringers, however humble, will be proud to take their
part, to put their best into the task which lies before
them, and to join in the prayer,

GOD SAVE THE KING.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 23, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

MISS MARIE R. CROSS...	Treble	ERNEST J. BUTLER ...	7
FRED HAYES ...	2	STAFFORD H. GREEN ...	8
GEORGE R. PYE ...	3	*ALBERT LAWRENCE ...	9
CHARLES T. COLES ...	4	GEORGE W. STEER ...	10
RALPH COLES ...	5	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ...	11
EDWARD R. COLES ...	6	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ...	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES

* First peal on twelve bells.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 1, 1937, in Three Hours and Forty-two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

WILLIAM SHORT...	Treble	†HECTOR G. BIRD ...	7
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ...	2	*WILLIAM LEWIS ...	8
SIDNEY T. HOLT...	3	†REGINALD WOODYATT ...	9
JOHN BASS ...	4	ROBERT MATTHEWS ...	10
*GEOFFREY J. LEWIS ...	5	THOMAS W. LEWIS ...	11
CHARLES H. WOODBERRY ...	6	†CHARLES CAMM ...	Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.
* First peal of Maximus. † First peal in the method. † First peal
of Treble Bob Maximus. First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus
by the rest, on the bells and for the association.

TEN BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 24, 1937, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, WEST HAM, E.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

GEORGE HAYDEN ...	Treble	*NORMAN H. MANNING ...	6
WILLIAM D. GRAINGER ...	2	*FRANCIS D. BISHOP ...	7
ERNEST W. FURBANK ...	3	HENRY T. WILSON ...	8
ERNEST J. KING ...	4	EDWARD D. SMITH ...	9
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ...	5	FRANK E. DARBY ...	Tenor

Composed by G. R. FARDON.

Conducted by ERNEST J. KING.

* First peal on ten bells.

WYE, KENT.—On Saturday, April 3rd, a quarter-peal of Stedman
Triples: Mrs. G. W. Everett 1, A. Lancefield (first quarter-peal of
Stedman) 2, P. Page 3, H. C. Castle 4, G. Swaffer 5, T. Tabrett 6,
C. W. Everett (conductor) 7, J. Ashby (first quarter-peal of Sted-
man) 8.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

PETER CHARMAN 1 Treble	RAYMOND WOOD 5
WALTER CHARMAN 2	JOHN COOE 6
*ERNEST TREAGUS 3	KENNETH SNELLING 7
REGINALD JOHNSON 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal in the method with a bob bell. Rung to commemorate the 49th anniversary of the first peal of Oxford Treble Bob by the Sussex Association, in which the ringer of the second rang the same bell and the father of the treble man rang the treble.

AYLESFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

CHARLES H. SONE 1 Treble	ROBERT COLLINS 5
*DORIS E. COLGATE 2	†FREDERICK S. MACEY 6
THOMAS E. SONE 3	BENJAMIN F. BAKER 7
TOM SAUNDERS 4	LUTHER J. HONESS Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † 50th peal and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. S. Macey. The conductor has now 'completed the circle' in nine towers. The composition, No. 431, is rung for the first time.

WOODFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 15 cwt.

*JOHN C. PETTY 1 Treble	JOHN V. CROSS 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	JOHN E. BLAY 6
JOHN WERADON 3	JOHN G. NASH 7
JOHN H. CRAMPION 4	JOHN W. CORNFORD Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.

* First peal. First peal of Cambridge by a band of this Christian name.

PONTYPRIDD, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

JOHN W. JONES 1 Treble	GEORGE POPNELL 5
JOSEPH LOVETT 2	WILLIAM PAGE 6
HERBERT DAVIES 3	JOHN PHILLIPS 7
ERNEST STITCH 4	WILLIAM L. LAMBERT Tenor

Conducted by JOHN PHILLIPS.

Rung as a birthday peal for the conductor, by whom hospitality was extended after the peal.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 24, 1937, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOHN J. L. GILBERT 1 Treble	JACK TURLEY 5
*CHARLES METCALFE 2	JESSE J. MOSS 6
PERCY JERVIS 3	SIDNEY BRIGGS 7
†GORDON GRAHAM 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK Tenor

Composed by H. TUCKER. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal on the bells since being recast and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston in March, 1937.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*ARTHUR S. LANCASTER ... Treble	DEREK M. SHARP 5
ALAN J. HOPPER 2	EDWIN A. BARNETT 6
*GEORGE W. FOGDEN 3	HARRY HOVERD 7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY 4	†PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by J. E. BERTON.

Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

* First peal. † First peal of Bob Major and as conductor.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

KENNETH A. ROE 1 Treble	*DR. F. STEDMAN POOLE ... 5
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 2	RICHARD F. ROE 6
J. FREDERICK MILNER 3	HARRY BROUGHTON 7
HAROLD J. POOLE 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Bristol Surprise Major.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES 1 Treble	EDWIN JENNINGS 5
STEPHEN H. HOARE 2	WALTER AYRE 6
WALTER G. PAUL 3	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 7
FRANCIS KIRK 4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

CHATHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1937, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT ... Treble	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ... 5
EDWARD A. G. ALLEN 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER 6
FREDERICK G. SOUTHGATE ... 3	FRANK BELSEY 7
*GEORGE NAYLOR 4	MRS. V. A. JARRETT, R.E. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BELSEY.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung in honour of St. George's Day. A birthday peal for V. A. Jarrett. The conductor's 30th peal in this tower. W. A. J. Knight is from Milverton, Somerset.

NORTH ELMHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK R. WILBY ... Treble	ROBERT MARSH 5
JACK R. HINDRY 2	JOHN A. GODFREY 6
WILLIAM COPEMAN 3	WILLIAM R. WEST 7
LESLIE V. PAGE 4	ERNEST V. BLAKE Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by E. V. BLAKE.

The composition has the 4, 5 and 6 their extent in 6th place and the 2nd never there.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, April 28, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

MRS. DORICE KELLY ... Treble	JOHN J. L. GILBERT 5
*ALFRED W. H. BOWLER ... 2	LESLIE HAYWOOD 6
FREDERICK CARDWELL 3	*HERBERT CHADDOCK 7
NORMAN CHADDOCK 4	FRED WATKINSON Tenor

Composed by W. H. WILDE.

Conducted by F. WATKINSON.

* First peal in the method.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 28, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.

R. WILLIAM BARBER ... Treble	† LEONARD C. WEBB ... 5
CHARLES F. SAYER ... 2	ANDREW L. WHATLING ... 6
HAROLD J. JERRY ... 3	RICHARD R. W. COATES ... 7
ARTHUR G. KING ... 4	ALBERT E. COLEMAN ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by ALBERT E. COLEMAN.

* First peal of Kent Major. † First peal of Kent Treble Bob and third peal at third attempt.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 1, 1937, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb.

FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. Treble	REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 5
ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 2	FRANK BENNETT ... 6
STAFFORD H. GREEN ... 3	HERBERT MARKWELL ... 7
ALFRED W. DURHAM ... 4	FREDERICK WHITE ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Norfolk on the bells. Arranged as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. Markwell.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCs.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 1, 1937, in Three Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 6176 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

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

Composed by J. S. WILDE.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

Rung in honour of the forthcoming Coronation. A birthday compliment to the ringers of the 7th. Longest length in the method by all the hand. This composition, which contains the 6th its extent wrong and 1 right in 5-6 at 12 course ends, is now rung for the first time.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 1, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

WILLIE GREEN ... Treble	LEONARD STILWELL ... 5
* GEORGE H. GUTTBIDGE ... 2	ALBERT NASH ... 6
ALAN R. PINK ... 3	ARTHUR GILL ... 7
ARTHUR PANTHER ... 4	WILLIAM WELLING ... Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in the method. Specially arranged for Messrs. Green, Panther, Nash and Gill on a visit from Rotherham and district. The conductor's 200th peal and a farewell to him on leaving the district.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE GUILD OF STEPNEY, ST. DUNSTON'S, SCHOLARS.)

On Saturday, May 1, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON, STEPNEY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICAR'S.

Tenor 31½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. FICKEN ... Treble	ARTHUR A. JARVIS ... 5
HERBERT E. THOMPSON ... 2	LEONARD J. FOX ... 6
THOMAS G. FOX ... 3	GEORGE W. CECIL ... 7
HENRY A. PINCHBECK ... 4	CHARLES AUDUS ... Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD J. FOX.

Rung on the back eight bells in honour of the Coronation of their Majesties. First peal by all the band and first attempt. First peal for the Guild of Stepney Scholars, which was formed in October, 1935.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

WICKHAM MARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 21, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

EDGAR C. PIZZNEY ... Treble	HENRY J. VINCE ... 4
OLIVER J. KIDBY ... 2	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 5
JOSEPH H. W. PREASTNER ... 3	JOHN R. CROOKS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. G. BROWN.

WILLERSEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, April 22, 1937, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal, Overton, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN C. PERKINS ... Treble	† RALPH HARRIS ... 4
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 2	† JOSEPH E. NEWMAN ... 5
* MISS AMY R. JOHNSON ... 3	* J. WILLIAM HEATH ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON

* First peal in seven Treble Bob methods. † First peal of Minor and a birthday compliment to them both. Believed to be the first peal on the bells, cast by A. Rudhall, and recently rehung in a new steel frame by Mears and Stainbank, the 'go' leaving nothing to be desired.

COCKINGTON, DEVON.

On Thursday, April 22, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

* L. S. HOWARD ... Treble	* L. S. WENSLEY ... 4
H. S. LEWIS ... 2	* G. R. BROWNING ... 5
C. R. LILLEY ... 3	E. J. TAYLOR ... Tenor

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

* First peal. The ringer of the 5th is in his 76th year.

COPPULL, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 16½ cwt.

A. TOMLINSON ... Treble	* J. BLACKBURN ... 4
F. RIGBY ... 2	* E. W. YATES ... 5
* A. CARPENTER ... 3	J. BOOTH ... Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal in three methods, rung at first attempt. F. Rigby's 100th peal. Rung in honour of the birth of a son to the 4th ringer.

WHATLEY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

JOSEPH T. DYKE ... Treble	ALEC MUNDAY ... 4
NORAH G. WILLIAMS ... 2	EDWIN H. NASH ... 5
RAYMOND RHYMER ... 3	KENNETH FORD ... Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

First peal on the bells.

PERRANARWORTHAL, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 24, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PIRAN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores in ten different callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

ARTHUR S. ROBERTS ... Treble	MISS E. JESSIE C. ANGWIN ... 4
* VIVIAN WILLIAMS ... 2	CYRIL E. LANKON ... 5
WILLIAM H. SCREEMAN ... 3	PERCY R. C. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL E. LANKON.

* First peal 'inside.'

WEST DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 24, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Norfolk and Primrose Spliced, and 720 each of York, Hull, Ipswich, Durham, Cambridge and Bourn. Tenor 10 cwt.

HORACE M. DAY Treble	WILLIAM OLDMAN 4
CHARLES W. WOODS 2	ALBERT E. SCOTT 5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON 3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

First attempt for a Surprise peal 'inside' by the ringer of the 4th. Arranged for the wedding of Mr. Charles H. Tozer and Miss Margery M. Neal, second daughter of the tower captain, who were married in this church the same afternoon.

NEWTON-IN-THE-ISLE, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

SIDNEY FLINT Treble	*JOHN BUCKENHAM 4
WALLACE COUSINS 2	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM 5
FRED WIGMORE 3	CLAUDE COUSINS Tenor

Conducted by FRED WIGMORE.

* First peal in seven methods on an 'inside' bell.

POWICK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1937, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Double Court, College Single, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 25½ cwt. in E flat.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 4
GEORGE E. LARGE 2	THOMAS W. LEWIS 5
GEOFFREY J. LEWIS 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY J. LEWIS.

STEBBING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Double Court, 720 Kent Treble Bob, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob called differently.

DONALD JENNINGS ... Treble	DODGLAS JENNINGS 4
VICTOR MORLEY 2	RONALD SUCKLING 5
HOWARD SAMMS 3	JOSEPH JENNINGS Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH JENNINGS.

BUCKNALL, STAFFS.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In seven methods, viz., Durham, York, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Duke of York, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

J. WALLLEY Treble	J. G. CARLIDGE 4
J. E. WHEELDON 2	T. HURD 5
W. CARNWELL 3	A. W. HALL Tenor

Conducted by A. W. HALL.

T. Hurd's 100th peal.

NORTON CANON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, April 25, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 21 differently called 240's. Tenor 8½ cwt.

JAMES P. HYETT Treble	WILLIAM H. SYMONDS 3
CHARLES L. SADLER 2	ERNEST F. SALMONS 4

JOHN J. WEBB Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

Rung for evening service. J. P. Hyett has now called a peal of Grandsire Doubles from each bell in the tower.

GREAT FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 27, 1937, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*CLEM CRACKNELL ... Treble	ROBERT J. STEED 4
ARTHUR R. WOODARD ... 2	FRANK ROPER 5
EDWIN CRACKNELL 3	FRANK BORLEY Tenor

Conducted by FRANK ROPER.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of seven methods by the band and on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to C. Cracknell and A. R. Woodard.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 1, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt.

MISS KATH. BURCHNALL ... Treble	*FRANK VERNON 4
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 5
*CHARLES MC GUINNESS ... 3	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ... Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. VESSEY.

* First peal in seven Treble Bob methods. Quickest peal on the bells.

GREAT EASTON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 1, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford and two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOSEPH C. JENNINGS ... Treble	*RICHARD PORTWAY 4
DONALD JENNINGS 2	GEORGE SAUNDERS 5
RONALD SUCKLING 3	H. WALTER SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by H. W. SMITH.

* First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GREAT SHELFORD, CAMBS.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Saturday, April 24, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT HARLESDOWN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

The 'Barrabool' Peal. Tenor size 14 in D.

R. D. St. J. SMITH (Selwyn) 1-2	REV. E. BANKES JAMES (Caius) 5-6
C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) ... 3-4	B. P. TYRWBITT-DRAKE (Fem.) 7-8

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY

GREAT SHELFORD, CAMBS.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 27, 1937, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT HARLESDOWN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

*R. D. St. J. SMITH (Selwyn) 1-2	REV. E. BANKES JAMES (Caius) 5-6
C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) ... 3-4	REV. B. F. SHEPPARD (Trinity) 7-8

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY

* First peal in the method 'in hand.' This composition, a one-part, is now rung for the first time.

WOODDITTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 27, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT SUNNY VIEW, WOODDITTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

*SIDNEY BROWN 1-2	*REGINALD SHARPE 5-6
ALBERT E. AUSTIN 3-4	ALWYN BEALE 7-8

Composed by J. E. BURTON (C.C.C. 116). Conducted by A. E. AUSTIN

* First peal of Major on handbells. † First peal on handbells as conductor.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over)

FOR BEGINNERS.

METHOD GROUPS.

There are many methods which run in groups. They are internally of similar construction, but the various portions are linked together in different ways, it may be by 2nd's or 6th's place when the treble leads, or (in Minor) 5th's place when the treble lies its whole pull behind (7th's in Major when the treble is behind), or it may be by both 5th's and 2nd's or 6th's. In such groups the changes in a course are the same, but the blocks into which they are formed come in a different order, so that in actual ringing the various pieces of work are in a different sequence and a different 'method' is the result. But a knowledge of one method is often a great help in ringing another.

The insertion of a place in the type of methods we are now dealing with causes other bells to dodge; for the same reason the omission of a place eliminates a dodge and the bells, instead, hunt straight off to another position.

In Oxford Bob, which was the subject of an article last week, 4th's place is made twice in each lead and each place compels the bells behind to make a dodge. Between the 4th's places, while the treble leads, 2nd's place is made, which imposes a dodge in 3-4 and 5-6 as well. It is because of these three successive 'places,' 4th's, 2nd's and 4th's, that the two bells behind have a three-pull dodge.

The 4th's places are part of the integral construction of the method, but the 2nd's place is only a link between the leads. In combination with the 4th's places it makes 'Oxford Bob,' but this 2nd's place is not necessary to the construction of a symmetrical method, and when it is omitted it is given the name of Court Bob. But, as was pointed out above, the elimination of a place cuts out a dodge (in this case both in 3-4 and 5-6), and consequently the work occurs in a different order and is linked together in leads, not by a place (2nd's) and two dodges (3-4 and 5-6), but by plain hunting.

Here is a table by which you can ring Court Bob, if you prefer to ring it by that means:—

Pass the treble in 5-6, dodge 6-5 down.

Pass the treble in 4-5, dodge 5-6 up, lie a whole pull behind and dodge 6-5 down (this is sometimes called dodging each way behind).

Pass the treble in 2-3, dodge in 5-6 up.

After the dodging, hunt straight down to lead each time, then:—

Pass the treble in 1-2, make 4th's and lead.

Pass the treble in 3-4, make 4th's and lead.

Observe there is no dodging anywhere but in 5-6.

The natural result of omitting the 2nd's place when the treble leads is to make a 6th's place essential, and in Minor methods, which have 6th's place at the lead end, the bob is made by the bells behind. Whether you have a method with 2nd's place at the lead end or 6th's place, the bob must be made by a bell 'lying still,' that is, making a place, in 4th's. Here are the two forms of bob:—

2nd's Place at Plain Lead	Bob
516342	516342
153624	153624
156342	136642
513624	316524
6th's Place at Plain Lead	Bob
516342	516342
153624	153624
135264	135642
312546	316524

If you want to ring a 720 of Court Bob your observation bell is called In, Out and In, instead of, as in Oxford Bob, Wrong, Right and Wrong; 'In' being, of course, when it runs in to take the treble off the lead, and the 'Out' when the treble takes the observation bell from lead.

Now if you wrote out the full course of Oxford Bob last week, as we suggested, and drew a diagram over it, try an experiment. Cut your strip into five pieces between the changes when the treble is leading; where, in fact, the line appears in the figures above. Then see if you can join these pieces together as Court Bob. Or, if you haven't got your Oxford Bob diagram, write out a course of Court Bob, cut it up in the same way, and transpose the five leads into Oxford Bob. The figures of a lead of Court Bob are the same as those given above the line in the article on page 282 last week. To continue the course, make 6th's place instead of 2nd's in the first row below the line.

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THE CORONATION.

PEALS AND OTHER PERFORMANCES.

Important Notice.

It is certain that a large number of peals will be rung on Wednesday and other days next week in celebration of the Coronation.

We urgently request those responsible to forward us the reports immediately after the peals have been rung, and not to wait for several days before posting the details to us.

We are making special arrangements to print as many as possible in the succeeding week's issue, but the intervention of the Whitsuntide holiday will prevent our dealing with them adequately unless those rung on Wednesday are received in this office by Friday.

We shall also do our best to publish Coronation Day touches of not less than 720's on six bells and quarter peals on the higher numbers. We shall also be glad to receive any interesting items relating to ringers or ringing on that day—but all this information must reach us promptly.

Next week, owing to the Coronation, 'The Ringing World' will go to press a day earlier than usual. All matter for insertion must reach the Editorial Office, Lower Pyrford Road, Woking, not later than Monday. The paper will be published on Friday.

HEAVIEST RING OF FIVE IN SOMERSET.

REDEDICATION OF KINGSDON BELLS.

The heavy ring of five bells at Kingsdon Parish Church, Somerset, has been rededicated by the Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells (the Rt. Rev. St. J. B. Wynne Willson). At the same time the Bishop also dedicated an oak tablet bearing the inscription: 'This tablet was placed, and the electric light installed, in this church in memory of John Franklin Neal, died November 29th, 1919, by his widow and children.' In addition to the Rector, the Rev. A. D. Millen, the clergy present at the service were the Rev. C. Large (Ilchester), who acted as Bishop's chaplain, the Rural Dean, the Rev. L. J. Jackson (Vicar of Somerton), the Rev. A. H. Bell (Yeovilton) and the Rev. S. A. Bruce (Pitney), the lesson being read by the Rural Dean.

In his address the Bishop congratulated the parish, the Rector and his helpers on the completion of a 'great task for a small country parish. The glory of Somerset is its towers, and these towers are built for bells. In no diocese is there such a fine collection of towers and bells as here in Somerset. I hope for all time interest will be taken in that fine old English art of bellringing, and that there will always be men and boys coming forward to learn the skill of ringing.'

Among the many ringers present were Messrs. H. Pring (Kingsdon), J. Merritt (Somerton), F. G. Sparks (Charlton Mackarel), W. A. Osborn (North Cadbury), E. T. P. Field and Miss Davis (Thornford), and representatives from Martock, Hewish Episcopi, Yeovil, Tintinhull and Drayton.

Touches of Bob Singles were rung before the service, and Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, in which Mr. Cyril Johnston, of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, took part, kept the bells going to a late hour.

The bells are reputed to be the heaviest peal of five in Somerset, the tenor weighing 24 cwt. They have been rehung in a new metal frame, which replaces the previous 500-year-old oak frame, which had been severely damaged by the death-watch beetle. No. 4 bell has been recast and now weighs 20 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. The other four bells have been carefully tuned and Kingsdon now has a majestic ring of five.

The 'go' and 'tone' reflect the greatest credit on the bellfounders' art, and Messrs. Gillett and Johnston received many congratulations on the excellence of their work.

NEW HYMN FOR RINGERS.

A new hymn for use at ringers' services has been published. The words are by James Benson and the music by A. W. Owen, organist and choirmaster of St. Martin's Priory and Parish Church, Ruislip, Middlesex. The four six-line stanzas are set to a pleasing air. Copies with music can be obtained at the rate of 3s. 6d. for 50 and 6s. per hundred (post free) from Mr. Owen, 17, Lime Grove, Ruislip. The profits will go to the Ruislip Church tower restoration fund. Although the title is 'Ruislip Bells,' the words have no special reference to this Middlesex church, and the hymn adds welcome variety to the limited number of ringers' hymns.

DEATH OF MR. HENRY STAPLETON. WELL-KNOWN BEDFORDSHIRE RINGER.

The death of Henry Stapleton, of Turvey, Beds, took place at his home on Monday, April 26th. He was the esteemed leader of the Parish Church ringers and was only 49 years of age. Born at Keysoe, Beds, he went to Turvey in his early days and had been employed for many years by the L.M.S. Railway Co.

Deceased was taken ill on Christmas Day with heart trouble and was confined to his bed until his death. Of a cheerful nature, he was a man whose company one enjoyed and who could always be relied on. He had marvellous patience with beginners, and during the whole of his connection with the tower he has been continually teaching recruits to maintain the band, for generally as soon as they became a bit proficient his pupils had to leave the village in search of work.

He had kept no record of the peals he had rung, but no doubt they reached a total of one hundred or more, ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Major. He was found mostly on the heavy end, as he was a fine heavy bell ringer. He was a member of the Bedfordshire Association, the Peterborough Diocesan Guild and the Oxford Diocesan Guild. He leaves a widow and grown-up family to mourn their loss.

He was laid to rest in Turvey Cemetery on April 29th amid many tokens of the love and esteem he so much merited, Miss E. Steel and Mr. H. L. Harlow representing the Bedfordshire Association.

Touques of Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled were rung on Turvey bells during Thursday morning by his old friends and colleagues, and on Friday evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung with the bells half-muffled at St. Mary's, Keysoe, where his last peal was rung in August last year. It was the first peal on the bells. The quarter-peal was rung by S. Stapleton 1, E. Asque 2, G. Seth 3, A. Stapleton 4, D. Cockings (conductor) 5.

EDINBURGH CATHEDRAL BAND'S SUCCESS.

The first quarter-peal rung by St. Mary's Cathedral band, Edinburgh, without outside help since before the war was achieved on Sunday, April 18th. The ringers are all drawn from the Cathedral congregation, and six of those who took part have been ringing for less than two years. The same band hope to make their first attempt for a peal of Caters on Coronation Day. The method was Grandsire: *G. Duncan 1, *J. Irwin 2, J. Middlemas 3, M. A. K. Simpson 4, H. White 5, B. F. Vernon 6, J. Marshall 7, G. Marshall 8, C. E. Raine (conductor) 9, J. Pryde 10. *First quarter-peal of Caters.

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION.

NEW MILL WIN CONTEST AT LINDLEY.

The quarterly meeting and six-bell contest of the Halifax and District Association was held at Lindley on Saturday, April 24th. Six teams entered the contest to ring 600 changes, with a Plain Course for practice. The draw for the order of ringing was as follows: No. 1 Holmfirth, No. 2 Liversedge, No. 3 Friezeland, No. 4 New Mill, No. 5 Meltham, No. 6 Shelley. All the teams rang Oxford except Liversedge, who rang College Exercise. After the contest the meeting was held in the Parochial Hall, the president (Mr. E. Earnshaw) being in the chair.

It was decided to hold the next committee meeting at Longwood on June 19th and the six-bell prize contest at Almondbury on July 24th, subject to the necessary permission being obtained.

The best thanks of the association were accorded to the Vicar, churchwardens and local company of Lindley.—The Rev. J. B. Elkin, Vicar of Lindley, suitably replied.

The judge (Mr. H. H. Smith) then announced his decision as follows:—

Holmfirth: 72 faults, 5 penalty, total 77.

Liversedge: 241 faults, total 241.

Friezeland: 85 faults, total 85.

New Mill: 58 faults, 10 penalty, total 68.

Meltham: 95 faults, 10 penalty, 105.

Shelley: 205 faults, 5 penalty, total 210.

New Mill were, therefore, declared winners of the cup, and the Vicar of Lindley presented the trophy to the New Mill conductor.

Further ringing on the bells brought another enjoyable day to an end.

RAUNDS RINGER'S WEDDING.

On Easter Monday a pretty wedding was solemnised at the Parish Church, Deeping St. Nicholas, Lincolnshire. The contracting parties were Phyllis Maud, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ford, Deeping St. Nicholas, and William James, eldest son of Mrs. A. Nunley and the late Mr. G. J. Whitmore, of Raunds, Northants.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by two sisters, Miss Emily and Miss Edith Ford. The best man was Mr. E. E. Whitmore, brother of the bridegroom. A reception was held afterwards at the bride's parents' home.

To celebrate the occasion, touches of Triples and Major were rung during the day at Raunds Parish Church by the local band and Mr. G. H. Roberts, Ringstead.

The bridegroom is secretary of the Thrapston Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, and both he and the best man are members of the Raunds St. Peter's Society. Their future address will be 80c. High Street, Raunds, Northants.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Congratulations will be extended to the Guild of Stepney Scholars, who ring the bells of St. Dunstan's Church, upon successfully accomplishing their first peal. Last Saturday they rang Vicars' peal of Grandsire Triples, the first by all the band and at the first attempt.

The Guild was only formed in 1935 and they would like to express their thanks to those ringers from outside who have given them so much help and encouragement.

The Windsor district will miss Mr. Alan Pink, who has removed to Ealing, on transfer from the Eton to the West Ealing branch of the Westminster Bank. During his stay in the Windsor area Mr. Pink put a great deal of enthusiasm into ringing, and, as our readers are aware, pioneered the ringing of many new Surprise methods.

A new composition of 6,176 Bristol Surprise Major, with the 5th and 6th their extent in 5-6, has been rung at St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne. It is the composition of that old ringer, Mr. J. S. Wilde, who for so many years now has been residing in Dunedin, New Zealand. It shows that his interest is still as deep as ever, and that he has lost none of his skill as a composer.

Mr. G. R. Browning, who has just rung his first peal—a peal of Grandsire Doubles at Cockington, Devon—is 75 years of age. He must be nearly if not quite the oldest 'first pealer' on record.

In our report of the hallowing of the bells of Leicester Cathedral the tenor was given as 24 cwt. 0 qr. 20 lb.; it should have been 25 cwt. 0 qr. 20 lb.

Here is another instance of enthusiasm for ringing. Some members of the Yorkshire Association have made a point for some years of travelling to London by a cup final excursion and ringing somewhere outside London. This year four went to Old Windsor for an attempt for Yorkshire Major (and got it). Previous peals have been rung at Ashted and Ewell, and meetings have been attended at Fulham, Mitcham, Leatherhead, Guildford, Lambeth, etc. How's that?

The Exercise will join in offering congratulations to Mr. George Williams, Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, who is 80 years old to-day, and, like a celebrated advertisement character, 'still going strong.'

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS' TRICENTENARY FESTIVAL.

A LORD MAYOR WHO WAS MASTER OF THE SOCIETY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reference to your recent remarks upon the above, we shall all welcome the work of Mr. J. A. Trollope, to whose researches we are much indebted.

I do not know what his reference will be in respect to our Master for 1684, Sir Henry Tulse, who served during his Lord Mayoralty. But I have discovered a few interesting facts as to his life and death. It may suffice, however, for the present if I say that he was held in the greatest respect by both King and citizens, and that he was remarkable for his straight dealing and his attachment to the Church. In enlarging on the latter, I would refer to the now demolished Church of St. Dionis, Backchurch.

On the destruction of the church in the Great Fire, Sir Henry was active in its rebuilding (among his gifts was the font, now at St. Dionis', Parsons Green, S.W.). It was natural, therefore, that he should have been interred in the church. At its demolition, some 60 years ago, his and some other slabs were reset in the small, and still existing, churchyard. It is now indecipherable, but I find that it read thus:—

In a Vault Underneath
this Stones Lyes Buried the Body
of Sr. Henry Tulse who Departed
this life the 31st Day of
August, 1689.

May I suggest that this year (say in August) some suitable notice be taken of this neglected gravestone? I, for one, should be happy to contribute to its recutting as an honour to a famous Master and Lord Mayor of London.

Bromley, Kent.

E. ALEX. YOUNG.

NO BELLS FOR CORONATION DAY.

OAKHAM TOWER UNSAFE FOR RINGING.

The Coronation Committee of Oakham, Rutland, voicing the feeling of their townsmen, desired to have the bells of the Parish Church rung for the Coronation festivities. But Oakham tower in 1935 was declared to be unsafe for the ringing of the bells. At the request of the Coronation Committee, the Vicar (the Rev. C. O. R. Wormald) recently communicated again with the architect, Mr. Leslie T. Moore, F.R.I.B.A., asking his advice concerning the ringing of the bells for the Coronation.

In his reply, Mr. Moore wrote: 'As I presume that the tower is in the same state as when I saw it in 1935, and the balance of the forces produced by bellringing is the same, I must point out that the effect of ringing even for a short period undoubtedly shortens the life of this mediaeval tower and the whole structure of the nave.'

'I am personally very fond of bells, and much regret that those at Oakham should be silent, but, as an architect, I am certain that the whole structure has suffered, and will do so from the mechanical forces set up if the bells, as now hung, are rung.'

BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL'S NEW BELLS.

A FINE RING OF TEN.

Broadcast on Opening Night.

A large congregation gathered at St. Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham, on Saturday evening (St. Philip's Day), when the Lord Bishop of Birmingham dedicated the new peal of ten bells, recast to commemorate the Coronation of King George VI. The scheme was made possible largely through the generosity of one of Birmingham's leading citizens, Sir Charles Hyde, Bart., a newspaper proprietor, and the Cathedral now possesses one of the best peals of ten bells at their weight in the country. The work was carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who are to be congratulated upon producing such an excellent ring of bells; a peal well worthy of the great city over which they will be heard.

As many of our readers know, the old ten bells, most of them dating from 1750, besides being of very inferior quality, had got into a dilapidated condition. Indeed, no band had tackled a peal on them since the year 1903—and no one wanted to. It was no pleasure to ring there. All this, however, has been changed, and with a ring increased in weight and of the very highest tonal quality—the tenor is now 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D—Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have worthily upheld their high reputation. The resistance of the tower has been substantially increased by lowering the bell frame level some 10ft., coupled with the insertion of massive steel girders to carry the new iron frame.

The service at 6 o'clock was conducted by the Provost (Bishop Hamilton Baynes), and among the congregation was the Lord Mayor of Birmingham. Many ringers were present from a distance, Bath, Swindon, Coventry, Derby, even Scotland being represented, as well as the numerous towers in the Birmingham district. Unfortunately, Mr. Cyril Johnston was prevented by illness from being present. The service began with the ringers' hymn, 'Unchanging God,' and after the verses, Psalm cxii, was sung. The Bishop, preceded by the choir, churchwardens and clergy, then proceeded to the west end of the church during the singing of the hymn, 'O God, our help.' After the dedication, the bells were heard for the first time and created a very satisfying impression. They were rung in rounds, as clergy and choir returned to the chancel, by members of St. Martin's Guild, under the direction of Mr. George Fearn, who has recently been appointed Tower Warden.

After the hymn, 'Rejoice with one accord,' the Bishop offered the special prayers customary to these occasions, including those for the worshippers, the newly-married, the sick, the absent, the departed and the ringers. The anthem, 'Rejoice in the Lord,' was beautifully sung by the choir, and after further prayers the impressive service concluded with the hymn, 'We love the place, O God.'

Subsequently an opening touch of Stedman Caters was rung by the band who had earlier rung the rounds: G. E. Fearn 1, F. E. Haynes 2, D. T. Matkin 3, A. Walker 4, E. T. Allaway 5, H. H. Fearn 6, T. H. Reeves 7, F. Price 8, A. E. Norman 9, W. T. Froggatt 10. The critical listeners outside heard the full beauty of the bells and passed appreciative comments upon them.

THE BROADCAST.

Subsequently other touches were rung, and then, at 7.45 p.m., the bells went 'on the air' through the Midland Regional wavelength for a quarter of an hour, and thousands far beyond the confines of Birmingham heard them.

The broadcast included a talk given by a vice-president and former secretary of St. Martin's Guild, Councillor Paddon Smith, and he gave the public much interesting information, with the sounds of the bells as a background. When he had finished the bells were tuned in at full volume, and the broadcast of Stedman Caters, 'Queen's' and 'Rounds' went on until eight o'clock.

The microphone for the bells was on the roof of the Cathedral; the talk was delivered into another placed near the lectern. The control panel was in the vestry. Some points from Mr. Smith's broadcast will be of interest to those not fortunate enough to have heard it for themselves.

The Cathedral, better known perhaps to the older generation as St. Philip's Church, is a building of stone in the Italian style, commenced in 1711 and consecrated in 1715. It is said that the church was called 'St. Philip's' because it stands on land, formerly called 'The Horse Close,' which was conveyed for the purpose by a family named Philips.

Over the south-west door is a tablet which reads: 'His Most Excellent Majesty, King George, upon the kind application of Sir Richard Gough to the Right Hon. Sir Robert Walpole, gave £600 towards finishing this church, A.D. 1725.' (This was, of course, King George I.)

As a mark of appreciation of his services in this and other directions, the crest of the Gough family, a Boar's Head, was used in the handsome weathervane which surmounts the dome.

The Cathedral is a dignified building, a prominent architectural feature of the city, and Hutton, the historian, was most eloquent in its praise. He says: 'This curious piece of architecture, the steeple of which is erected after the model of St. Paul's in London, but without its weight, does honour to the age which raised it and to the place that contains it. Perhaps the eye of the critic cannot point out a fault which the hand of the artist can amend; perhaps, too, the attentive eye cannot survey this pile of building without communi-

cating to the mind a degree of pleasure. If the materials are not proof against time, it is rather a misfortune to be lamented than an error to be complained of, the country producing no better.'

THE TWO OLD PEALS.

The old peal of bells dated from 1750 to 1823, several of them having been recast at different dates. They were put in the tower to replace a still earlier peal, of which it is recorded under date 1750 that 'the ten bells now being in the said Church of St. Philip, two of which are untunable, and some unfit for use, shall be taken down and sold, and ten other new bells shall be purchased.'

If those words had been written in 1936 about the peal that, in its turn, had just been replaced, they would have been equally true, for a more unmusical, unmelodious ring of bells it is impossible to imagine. In fact, there was only one good one among them, the tenor, or largest bell, which weighed about 29 cwt., and was dated 1772.

In addition to the name of the founders, Pack and Chapman, of London, 1772, this bell bore the inscription:—

In wedlock bands all ye who join
With hands your hearts unite
So shall our tuneful tongues combine
To laud the nuptial rite.

For several years the old bells, besides being untunable, had been unringable, and with the approach of the Coronation, in connection with which it was naturally desired that the bells should be rung, the Church authorities took advice as to what would have to be done in order that the Cathedral bells should play their part in Birmingham's celebrations. Experts were called in and they advised to the effect that not only were the old bells a very poor lot, requiring recasting, but that the old frame, which had done duty for upwards of 200 years, was much decayed and no longer safe.

The firm of bell founders at Croydon, to whom the work was entrusted, guaranteed to have them ready for the Coronation, and they have carried out their contract with a thoroughness and dispatch that are a credit to them.

The new ring of ten bells, which are hung in a massive steel frame, range in weight from the treble, or smallest, which weighs 5 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb., to the tenor or heaviest (the one with the deepest note), which turns the scale at 31 cwt. 21 lb., whose note is D.

The inscriptions on the old bells have been reproduced, and the new tenor bears the following in addition:—

'These bells were recast for the Coronation of King George VI. chiefly through the generosity of Sir Charles Hyde, Bart.'

Then follows the founders' name and the date 1937. The total weight of the peal is 6 tons 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

Several prominent Birmingham men visited the Croydon Foundry to witness the casting of the Cathedral bells, among whom were the late Rt. Hon. Sir Austen Chamberlain, K.G., M.P., Sir Patrick Hannon, M.P., and the Rt. Hon. L. S. Amery, M.P.

Mr. Smith went on to refer to the tuning of bells and added: 'The bells you are listening to have been tuned by the very latest method and are being rung by members of the St. Martin's Guild of Campanologists, one of the oldest ringing societies in the country. It was established in the year 1755, from which date its records have been preserved intact. Many of the records are beautifully embellished and are wonderful specimens of the art of calligraphy, well worth inspection. The books are preserved in the bellry of St. Martin's Church.'

BROADCAST SUCCESS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was agreeably surprised and simply delighted with the excellent broadcast of St. Philip's (Birmingham Cathedral) bells on Saturday evening. From first to last it was remarkably clear and distinct, and certainly by far the best example of 'bells on the air' I have ever listened to!

I would also like to congratulate the ringers of St. Martin's Guild on their magnificent striking on a new ring of bells, especially considering that it was an 'opening,' with the usual difficulties to contend with, such as new ropes, etc.—but we all well know their ability!

Special mention must be made of the exceptional and interesting commentary of Mr. Paddon Smith (which could not have been improved upon). It was typical of his well-known ability as a speaker, the pitch of his voice being simply perfect. Every word came over clearly and distinctly, coupled with actual facts and commonsense, so very different to other 'announcers' we have sometimes been obliged to listen to, whose only aim appears to be to talk a great deal too quickly, thus drowning the music we are supposed to hear, with a lot of senseless twaddle telling us in affected tones about the 'er-a-missege of the-er-a-Billz'—as if we do not know a great deal more about 'Billz' than they do!

Woking.

F. E. DAWE.

FALSE PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I regret that the peal of Cambridge Surprise rung at Edenbridge on April 3rd is false, for which I am personally responsible. I tender to the band my sincere apologies for the unfortunate error.

CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

Croydon.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

NEW CATHEDRAL BELLS FUND.

Bishop Unveils Ringers' Memorial to late Provost.

The annual meeting of Guildford Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday week, when, during the customary service, held in the Cathedral, the Bishop of Guildford dedicated a memorial tablet in the ringing chamber to the late Provost E. O. Kirwan. The tablet records a half-muffled peal rung on the occasion of the Provost's death, and has been erected by the Cathedral Society. The unveiling took place in the presence of the members of the society, those who took part in the peal and the principal officers of the Guild.

Preaching afterwards, the Bishop, basing his remarks on the text, 'I was glad when they said unto me we will go into the house of the Lord,' paid a tribute to the late Provost. In him, he said, the outstanding characteristics of kindness, humour, love of the young, devotion to duty, public-spirited interest in the town in which he lived and served all came quite natural and simply out of the renewal of his mind, heart and spirit as he came day by day, as a vital part of his life, to lead and share in that worship. He found in prayer, praise and sacrament the vital essentials of life and the centre of all was worship.

'You have done the right thing in placing your record of him in the bell chamber, remembering what manner of man he was,' the Bishop continued. 'I am sure he would have appreciated this gift of affection, friendship and loyal remembrance. He was very deeply interested in your work; he often spoke to me about it.'

Expressing his appreciation of the work the Guild was doing for the service of Christ in the diocese, the Bishop said: 'I think all of us who have in one capacity or another to serve outwardly the religion of the Church of Christ, whether a Bishop or a bellringer, have to say we have our special need, and quite humbly and sincerely to think about the deepening of our own faith and life. Don't you feel that one needs to say to one's self sometimes, "God help me to keep inwardly loyal to the cause I serve outwardly"? If this Guild of Bell-ringers helps us in our membership and by our gathering for prayer and praise to be more loyal and sincere, then thank God for it—it is giving the greatest thing for God, and may God prosper its work, counsel and endeavours.'

The business meeting of the Guild was held at the Royal Grammar School. Mr. Walter Harrison (vice-president) was in the chair and was supported by Major J. H. B. Hesse (Master), Mr. J. Corbett (hon. treasurer) and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (hon. secretary). There was an attendance of 80 members.

MESSAGE TO THE KING AND QUEEN.

At the outset the following resolution of loyal congratulation to their Majesties the King and Queen was passed by the members standing:—

'The members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell-ringers, in annual meeting assembled, humbly beg to offer to your Majesty and to Queen Elizabeth their loyal congratulations upon your accession to the Throne and your approaching Coronation. They pray that your Majesty may have a long and peaceful reign over this country and the Empire.'

The annual report stated that there are still a number of churches in the diocese which are not affiliated to the Guild and where the ringers are not members. In these cases the committee appeal to the church authorities to encourage their ringers to join, and to the ringers to take a wider view of their office than the four walls of their own tower.

The year 1936 was marked by a steady pursuit of the objects of the Guild, but the membership again showed a slight decline. The number who paid their subscriptions for 1936 was 71 honorary and 392 ringing members. This compared with 81 honorary and 396 ringing members in 1935. The falling off in the honorary members was a matter of rather serious concern, for without the help of the honorary members the Guild's work must suffer severely. The committee felt that the ringers at their respective towers should themselves make an effort to bring in more honorary members. The hon. treasurer's statement of accounts showed that the general balance has been increased from £23 12s. 9d. to £25 8s. 3d.

The deficit on the annual dinner continued to grow. This year it was £4 16s. This was due to the diminishing attendance, and, if the function was to be maintained, the committee felt that members must give it better support.

The New Cathedral Bells Fund stood at £5 1s. 6d., but it was hoped to increase this more rapidly from now onward. This fund was one way in which ringers could take their special share in helping forward the completion of the new Cathedral.

The Benevolent Fund had greatly benefited from the collecting boxes placed in the towers. This source produced an addition of £11 5s. 5d. to the fund, which now stood at £29 2s. 9d. Happily there had been no demands upon it up to the present.

The districts were in a healthy financial condition. The aggregate cash balances had increased from £42 11s. 8d. to £46 19s. 11d.

Twenty-three district meetings were held, including two joint meetings with neighbouring guilds and associations. Admirable work was being done in all the districts by the officials, but there was still need for a more general support from the members.

There had again been considerable activity in bell restoration in the diocese, and once more the services of the Master of the Guild (Major

J. H. B. Hesse) had been invaluable to the Church authorities in these matters.

During the year 21 peals were rung, of which three were on hand-bells. This was the lowest number in the history of the Guild, and only once before have peals been rung in so few towers. There were 58 churches with rings of bells in the diocese; in only 11 of them were peals rung in 1936. While service ringing should play the most important part in a ringer's activities, peals could be a valuable training in making an efficient ringer, and the committee would like to see much greater interest shown in this direction by all members capable of peal ringing. Four members rang their first peal during the year.

NEED OF MORE HONORARY MEMBERS.

Submitting the annual report, the Chairman called attention to the decline of honorary members owing to deaths and removals, the numbers having dropped from 81 to 71. He thought it would add to the strength of the Guild, and the Guild's finances, if the towers would endeavour to obtain more honorary members and try to raise the number to 100. He congratulated the Guild on the position of its Benevolent Fund, which now stood at £29 12s. 3d. Fortunately they had had no calls on the fund. For the presence of that fund they were indebted to their Master (Major Hesse), who had done such very good work. Mr. Harrison asked the meeting to remember the faithful departed, particularly mentioning the Provost.

The report was seconded by Mr. R. Whittington (Cranleigh) and adopted.

The balance sheet, submitted by Mr. J. Corbett, recorded a balance of £25 8s. 3d., as compared with £23 12s. 9d. at the beginning of the year.

The following officers were elected: Vice-president, Mr. W. Harrison; Master, Major J. H. B. Hesse; hon. treasurer, Mr. J. Corbett; hon. secretary, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith; and hon. auditor, Mr. R. Hasled.

The hon. secretary gave notice that he proposed to retire at the end of the present year, when he would have held the office for 10 years.

Upon the suggestion of the hon. secretary, Archdeacon Newell and Bishop C. H. Golding-Bird were added to the list of vice-presidents.

The Library Committee, consisting of Messrs. C. Hazelden, W. Harrison, S. Radford and S. Petter, was re-elected. The librarian (Mr. C. Hazelden) said they had some interesting and exceedingly valuable books in their library, but there was not a very big demand for them. The library is open every Thursday evening and at other times by arrangement.

It was decided to hold the summer festival at St. Martin's, Epsom, on July 10th.

CATHEDRAL BELL FUND.

Mr. G. Grover said the Cathedral Bell Fund was launched in a humble way with a contribution of one guinea a year. Now that progress was being accelerated on the Cathedral, he proposed that all towers in the Guild should be invited to contribute annually to the fund a minimum of 1s. a year.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith seconded, and appealed to the Guild, as churchmen and churchworkers, to contribute their quota towards the fund. They would have to put in a lot of work if they were going to provide one or two bells. The resolution did not make it compulsory on any tower to contribute.

Major Hesse supported the scheme, and asked if they could find out whether the architect and bellfounders were going to confer. Was the tower going to be right for sound or ventilation? He could not find anyone who had seen the plans.

Mr. Goldsmith: We have committed ourselves to the principle. The architect is a gentleman who is amenable to reason.

Major Hesse: Can we put it on the minutes that we confer when the time comes?

Mr. Goldsmith: It is on the minutes that the sum is available for the disposal of the Guild for this purpose if they are satisfied with the scheme.

The resolution was then carried.

The Chairman proposed vote of thanks to the Bishop for coming to preach and dedicate the memorial; to the Rev. H. D. Pilcher for arranging the service; to Mr. A. J. B. Green for the use of the Grammar School; to the incumbents of St. Nicolas' and Shalford for the use of the bells, and to Mr. A. H. Pulling for preparing the room.

CONTINUANCE OF ANNUAL DINNER.

Discussion followed on the question of the continuance of the annual dinner in view of the fact that there was a deficit of £4 16s. on the dinner account last year. The meeting decided to continue the dinner.

Major Hesse announced that Mr. W. R. Melville was shortly leaving the district. He felt certain that every one of them would regret his departure. He had been a hard worker for the Guild and a regular attendant at its meetings. They wished him and his family well wherever they went (applause).

The Chairman endorsed the sentiments of Major Hesse, and recalled his long association with Mr. Melville dating back to the time when the meetings of ringers were held at the Star Hotel.

Mr. Melville thanked the company. He said that ringing had always been his greatest pleasure, and he always put his heart into it to do his best for his own tower. He would endeavour to come up for the annual meeting.

Tea was afterwards served at Abbot's Kitchen. Ringing took place during the afternoon and evening at the Cathedral and St. Nicolas' and Shalford Churches.

WILLENHALL'S NEW BELLS.

STAFFORDSHIRE TOWN GETS CORONATION PEAL OF TEN.

The little Staffordshire town of Willenhall, tucked away in the Black Country a few miles from Birmingham, has risen to a great occasion by providing a ring of ten bells at the old Parish Church of St. Giles in time for the Coronation. Formerly its smoke-grimed tower contained a peal of eight with a tenor of just over 12 cwt. These bells have been recast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston with extra metal, the new tenor being just over 16 cwt., and they are an extremely musical ring in F sharp. Two of the bells have been hung over the other eight, and, as the old clock case, which previously formed a serious obstruction in the ringing room, has been transferred to the floor above, an excellent circle has been made possible.

The dedication of the bells took place on Sunday in the course of the morning service, the Lord Bishop of Stafford performing the ceremony. There was a large congregation, including many ringers. The Vicar (the Rev. C. A. Turner) conducted the service, and after the dedication choral Eucharist was celebrated.

The local band rang the opening rounds on the new bells when the dedication had been completed, those taking part being C. Wallater 1, I. Evans 2, E. Hortin 3, A. Evans 4, J. Luck 5, B. Munday 6, S. H. Coley 7, R. Sidebottom 8, W. Edge 9, A. E. Reed 10. At the conclusion of the service an opening touch of Stedman Caters was rung by H. Knight (hon. secretary of the Society for the Archdeaconry



ST. GILES' CHURCH, WILLENHALL.

of Staffs) 1, J. S. Goldsmith (Woking) 2, W. Fisher 3, F. Perrens (Coventry) 4, H. Howell 5, B. G. Key 6, H. Boswell 7, B. Horton 8, A. Paddon Smith (Birmingham) 9, T. J. Elton (Walsall) 10. The touch was conducted by Mr. Frank Perrens, who learned to ring at Willenhall.

Afterwards other visitors had the opportunity of ringing and warmly praised the bells, which are a real delight to hear and ring.

The bells hang in an entirely new metal frame, and have, of course, all the most modern fittings. The back bells bear the inscriptions of the old eight, some of which had done service for a hundred and fifty years. The additional bells are memorial gifts.

The details of the bells as they now hang in the tower are as follow : Treble.—Inscription : Given by his daughters, Emily Fox and Mary Ethel Dyke, in memory of Henry Vaughan, died 1919. Weight, 3 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

2nd.—Given by her daughters, Emily Fox and Mary Ethel Dyke, in memory of Hannah Vaughan, died 1886. 3 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

3rd.—Mears and Stainbank, founders, 1873. We for other churches three. Are ready to make sounds of glee. 4 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

4th.—Come away make no delay, 1786. 4 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

5th.—1786. 4 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

6th.—Peace and good neighbourhood, 1786. 5 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

7th.—Mears and Stainbank, Founders, London, 1873. 6 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

8th.—John Beebe and Thos. Reynolds, Chapel wardens 1786. 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

9th.—To the church the living call and to the grave do summon all. 1786. 10 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

10th.—Mears and Stainbank, Founders, London. This peal increased from six to eight by addition of treble and tenor, 1873. George H. Fisher, Vicar. Ralph D. Gough, John F. Seyde, Churchwardens. These bells were recast to commemorate the Coronation of King George VI. 16 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.

Total weight of the peal, 68 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

Bells Nos. 3 to 10 have also inscribed on them : 'Recast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1937.'

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

RECORD YEAR OF PEALS.

The annual meeting of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at Lincoln on April 24th. Ringing commenced on the twelve bells at the Cathedral, and at the six-bell towers of St. Peter-at-Gowt's and St. Botolph's at two o'clock, and at 3.15 a special service was held in the Morning Chapel of the Cathedral, when the address was given by the Very Rev. the Dean of Lincoln, president of the Guild. Ninety-four members and friends afterwards sat down to tea at the Co-operative Hall in Silver Street, and the business meeting immediately followed, presided over by the Dean of Lincoln.

The officers were all re-elected, namely, the Dean of Lincoln, president; Mr. Rupert Richardson, Master; and Mr. F. W. Stokes, hon. secretary and treasurer.

The meeting unanimously confirmed the election of 14 non-resident life members. The report and balance sheet were also adopted. The report shows that the Guild has established another record, 118 peals having been rung during the year 1936, as against the previous record of 108 in 1935. The record for the number of methods rung in a peal of Minor is now again held by the Guild, due to the achievement of members of the Eastern Branch in ringing a peal in 70 methods. Another noteworthy performance was the ringing of a peal of Bob Major at Barton-on-Humber by eight churchwardens from the Diocese of Lincoln. The number of 'first pealers' has increased from 15 in 1935 to 26 in 1936, which is a sign of good progress. There were 31 conductors.

Ringings were continued at the several towers during the evening. The Master took charge of the ringing at the Cathedral, although by reason of a broken wrist, sustained in an accident in London recently, he could not himself take an active part in the proceedings.

THE DEATH OF MR. A. E. WREAKS.

LONG SERVICE TO LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

As already briefly recorded, the death took place on April 11th of Mr. Albert E. Wreaks, of Paisley, who was formerly, from 1886 to 1911, assistant and general secretary of the Lancashire Association. Mr. Wreaks was on his way to ring for service when he was suddenly taken ill in a tramcar and passed away almost immediately.

Mr. Wreaks was born at Pendleton, Manchester, and began his ringing at Pendleton Church in 1879. Subsequently, from 1880 to 1889, he was a member of the band at Manchester Cathedral, then for a short time he was at St. Alban's, Rochdale, followed by some 14 years at The Saviour's Church, Bolton. In 1904 he returned to Pendleton, and in 1911 his business took him to Paisley, Scotland, where he had ever since been attached to St. James' Church.

He rang his first peal at Manchester Cathedral (the first in the present tower) on June 19th, 1880, and had rung in all 215 peals, many of which he had conducted. His 60th peal as conductor was rung for the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria.

In addition to his long membership of the Lancashire Association, which he represented on the Central Council in the years 1895 and 1896, Mr. Wreaks joined the Ancient Society of College Youths in 1883 and had thus been a member for 54 years. He was also a member of the Yorkshire Association, the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association and the Scottish Association. When he retired from the secretaryship of the Lancashire Association he was presented with a clock as a mark of appreciation of his long services.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

FAREWELL MEETING TO VICAR OF FELKIRK.

The Barnsley and District Society held their monthly meeting at Felkirk, near Barnsley, on Saturday, April 10th, when about 30 members attended from Adwick-le-Street, Barnsley, Badsworth, Cawthorne, Darfield, Earlsheaton, Hoylandswaine, Sandal, South Kirkby, Wath, Wragby and the local company.

The bells were rung in the afternoon, and a short service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. H. R. H. Coney, whose address was most encouraging and very appropriate to the occasion.

At the business meeting, which followed tea in the adjoining school-room, the Vicar presided.

The usual business was disposed of and Mr. C. D. Potter moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the kindness he had always shown towards the society. As everyone present was aware, it would be the last meeting at Felkirk with the Rev. H. R. H. Coney as Vicar, and the members were more than sorry to lose him. It was, however, nice to think he was not going out of the diocese altogether and that they should be able to keep in touch with him. They wished him much happiness in his new post as Canon Commissioner to Wakefield Cathedral.

The Vicar suitably replied. He said he appreciated very much that the meeting was specially arranged before his departure. He was proud to be present at such a gathering, and in his new work, which would take him far and wide, he hoped to meet many ringers and help them all he could.

Darton was chosen as the next place of meeting, to be held on May 8th. Further ringing continued until 9 p.m. in a great variety of methods.

At a committee meeting held after the usual meeting it was decided to hold the annual shield contest on Saturday, July 10th, at Cawthorne, entries for the contest to close on June 26th.

A 'QUEEN MARY' BELL.**SIR PERCY BATES' GENEROSITY.**

A new tenor bell has been added to the ring at Charles, North Devon. It is the gift of Sir Percy Bates, chairman of the Cunard White Star Company and patron of the living of Charles, as a thank-offering for the successful launching of the great liner, 'Queen Mary.'

The bells of Charles were formerly a ring of five, cast by William Evans, of Chepstow, in 1733, the tenor weighing approximately 6½ cwt. The new bell, weighing approximately 9 cwt., sounds a whole note below the old tenor, and the old 3rd has been tuned down half a note to suit the key of the augmented peal. The old bells have been rehung with new gudgeons and ball bearings, whilst the new tenor is equipped with modern fittings throughout.

The work has been carried out by John Taylor and Co., of the Loughborough Bellfoundry, and everyone present at the dedication on April 28th expressed their satisfaction as to the 'splice' and at the much improved ringing order of the five original bells.

The dedication was performed by the Bishop of Exeter (Dr. C. E. Curzon), who, in his address, spoke of the beautiful peals of bells in Devon. He said he had discovered there were more bellringers, and therefore, he supposed, more bells, in that diocese than in any other diocese in England. He was very proud of that.

The Rev. W. W. Joyce, the Rector, at a typical Devonian social function which followed the dedication, said their patron had been very munificent. When he (the Rector) came into the parish their patron had paid £500 for dilapidations and other sums ranging from £100 to £25 for other purposes, in all totalling over four figures. He wished publicly to thank Sir Percy Bates for his great benefactions.

The Bishop of Exeter also referred appreciatively to the generosity of Sir Percy Bates, and said he might suggest to other patrons they could equally care for the parishes which were in their charge.

After the service the West Buckland School Guild rang touches of Stedman and Grand sire Doubles. The boys were complimented on their standard of striking. The only other ringers present were from the local and neighbouring bands, who all rang call changes.

GUILDFORD RINGER'S DEPARTURE.**RETIREMENT OF MR. W. R. MELVILLE.**

Guildford Cathedral and Guildford Diocesan Guild are losing one of their stalwarts by the departure of Mr. W. R. Melville from the town. Recently Mr. Melville retired from employment with Messrs. Dennis Bros., Ltd., the celebrated makers of motor fire engines and commercial vehicles, where he has been engaged in the coachbuilding department for 21 years.

Mr. Melville came to Guildford from Tring, Herts, where he was employed by the late Lord Rothschild for 15 years. Since he has been in Guildford he has been closely identified with the Holy Trinity (now the Cathedral) band of ringers, campanology being his almost life-long hobby. He was for many years steeplekeeper at the tower, and lately was Master of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, a position he resigned about three years ago. Prior to the formation of the Guild he was actively identified with the Guildford District of the Winchester Diocesan Guild.

He has rung in many parts of the country, and on the occasion of the visit of H.M. Queen Mary to Guildford on April 1st he rang his hundredth peal at Holy Trinity Church.

Mrs. Melville is also a ringer, having taken up ringing during the war years. She is one of the few women to have rung a peal in the Cathedral Church.

For about 15 years Mr. Melville has been a sidesman at Holy Trinity, and was at one time a member of the Parochial Church Council. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the Guildford Diocesan Guild. Mr. and Mrs. Melville have two daughters. The elder, Miss Melville, is assistant superintendent of the Queen's Nurses at Birmingham, and the younger, Mrs. C. H. Kippin, is well known for her ringing ability.

On April 20th, his 65th birthday, Mr. Melville attended a social at the Stoke Hotel, Guildford, to receive parting gifts from colleagues in the coach-building department of Messrs. Dennis Bros. On behalf of the staff, Mrs. A. Whittitt, wife of the manager of the department, presented him with a chiming clock inscribed as follows: 'Presented to W. Melville on his retirement by the coach department of Dennis Brothers, Guildford, 1937.' Mr. Whittitt gave Mrs. Melville a handbag, and the staff also sent two oak fireside chairs.

On Sunday week in the belfry, the Cathedral Society presented Mr. Melville with a case of pipes and Mrs. Melville with a 'Pyrex' dish on silver stand. On Tuesday evening Mr. and Mrs. Melville, with the Rev. H. D. Pilcher, priest in charge of the Cathedral, and members of the Cathedral band, were entertained to supper by Mr. T. W. White (tower hon. secretary) and Mrs. White. The loyal toast was drunk and good wishes expressed by Mr. White to Mr. and Mrs. Melville, to whom the Rev. H. D. Pilcher presented a pair of candlesticks made from the old oak frame removed from Holy Trinity tower at the bell restoration in 1913, and which since that time had been in possession of the late Provost. These candlesticks will be one of Mr. and Mrs. Melville's most prized possessions in their new home.

Mr. and Mrs. Melville left Guildford on Wednesday week for their new home at Kingsworthy, near Winchester.

RINGERS' MEMORIAL.**TRIBUTE TO LATE MASTER OF BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**

A memorial to the late Rev. E. S. C. Lock, who was for ten years Master of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, has been erected at the entrance to the tower at West Pennard Church, and was dedicated on April 17th by the present Master, the Rev. W. M. K. Warren.

The inscription on the memorial is as follows: 'This tablet was erected by the Bath and Wells Association of Change Ringers in grateful memory of Ernest Seppings Cardew Lock, M.A., Priest, Master of the association 1925-1935.' Mr. Lock was Vicar of West Pennard and Rural Dean. He died on July 19th, 1935. Upon his gravestone in the churchyard were placed a cross and wreath composed of gorse blooms.

Amongst the towers represented at the gathering were those of West Pennard, Glastonbury, Street, Evercreech, Castle Cary, Diinder, Croscombe, Kilmersdon, Radstock, Frome, Chilcompton, Chewton Mendip, Bath, North Cadbury, Bruton, Ilminster and Taunton. The clergy present, in addition to the Rev. W. M. K. Warren, were the Revs. L. S. Lewis, chairman of the Glastonbury Branch, C. L. Buckingham, W. Bromham, Street, C. C. Angell, of Evercreech, with the Vicar of West Pennard (the Rev. T. H. Richards). Members of the family of the late Rev. E. S. C. Lock who attended were Brig.-Gen. Lock and Mrs. Lock (brother and sister-in-law), Mrs. Codner (sister), Mr. E. Lock (nephew), and Miss C. E. Lock (niece). There was a large congregation of parishioners and friends.

Before and after the ringers' service touches in various methods were rung on the peal of six bells in the tower.

The lesson during the service was read by the Rev. W. M. K. Warren, taken from Revelation vii., 9. This was preceded by an appropriate psalm and followed by the Nunc Dimittis. Various collects and prayers followed, and after the hymn, 'O heavenly Jerusalem,' the choir and the robed clergy, the Revs. T. H. Richards, W. M. K. Warren and L. S. Lewis, proceeded to the vestry, and grouped around the tablet were also the official representatives of the association, Messrs. D. G. Taylor (hon. secretary, Ilminster), E. H. Nash (Frome Deanery), W. A. Osborn (Castle Cary Deanery), F. D. Rickards (Jurisdiction of Glaston), P. Merson (Taunton Deanery), J. Hunt (committee member) and J. T. Dyke (hon. general secretary). The dedication was performed by the Rev. L. S. Lewis with appropriate special prayers. The procession then returned to the chancel, where the service proceeded.

An address was given by the Rev. W. M. K. Warren, who said they had dedicated that tablet to the late Master of the association as an offering of their affection for him, that his name might be remembered there, as they would all do though he had gone from among them. He was a man whom they had honoured for his good works. He was a clergyman who had worked in that parish and with them. There were few clergymen who took the interest that he did in their work as ringers. When last week it was necessary to select a clergyman for an office amongst the ringers of one of their deaneries, and they looked through the list of the clergy, it was surprising how few there were who were ringers themselves. Mr. Lock was a ringer as well as a clergyman, and he was valued by their members for his brotherly attitude towards them. That brotherly attitude was characteristic of ringers. They were ready to welcome a stranger who visited the towers, and any clergyman who did so, or a ringer from another place, might be sure of being heartily welcomed, as he had found recently. Those who lived in that parish could tell of his faithful labour among them as a parish priest, and how much work he did for his Master in that place. Through all he was a humble minded man. The last thing that would ever have entered his mind was to think of his name being recorded on such a tablet as they had just dedicated. But they desired to recognise his work as a fellow-labourer with them, as their Master and for his brotherly love to them.

Following the service, tea was served in the Parish Schoolroom, and at its conclusion, whilst other ringers returned to the tower, a meeting of the Glastonbury Branch was held, presided over by the Rev. L. S. Lewis, supported by the secretary, Mr. F. D. Rickards. About a score of members were present. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Street on Saturday, July 17th.

Thanks were accorded to the Vicar, choir and churchwardens, to Mr. Warren for his address, to those who catered for the tea, and other helpers, on the motion of the Rev. L. S. Lewis, seconded by Mr. W. Marsh, of Street. The Rev. W. M. K. Warren briefly responded.

TILEHURST BELLS RESTORED

Messrs Mears and Stainbank have restored the bells at Tilehurst, Berks. The frame has been taken to pieces and re-erected in a quarter-turned position on a double foundation of steel girders. The bells have been rehung on ball bearings.

They were reopened on Saturday, April 17th, and the first quarter-peal since the rehanging was rung on them by the local band on April 19th as a compliment to their foreman, Mr. Harry Goodyear, on the fortieth anniversary of his wedding. The method was Grand sire Triples, and the ringers were: A. Bowers 1, J. Barnes 2, H. Hunt 3, E. H. Langley 4, H. Barnes 5, R. W. Runham (conductor) 6, H. Goodyear 7, D. Sellar 8.

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**THE TRICENTENARY FESTIVAL.
PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT.**

A service will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on Saturday, Nov. 6th, at 4 p.m. Dinner at Cannon Street Hotel at 6 p.m. Tickets to members 10s. each, to non-members 12s. 6d. each. The maximum seating capacity is 400. Application should be made as early as possible, as no tickets can be issued in excess of that number.

William T. Cockerill,
Hon. Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Singleton (6 bells) on Saturday, May 8th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea in Institute at 5.30. Business meeting after. — C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool, S.S.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Chrishall on Saturday, May 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Will those intending to be present kindly advise me?—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 73, Rye Street, Bishops Stortford, Herts.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Kirkby-Lonsdale on Saturday, May 8th. Tower open for ringing at 2 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. All members and friends are cordially invited to attend.—E. Swain, Hon. Sec., 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, May 8th. Towers available: Bedford (6), 3.30 to 4.30; Stanwell (5), 4.45 to 5.30, 6.30 to 7, and Harmondsworth (6), 7.15 to 8.30. Tea at Wheatheaf Inn, Stanwell, at 5.30, 1s. each. — Bus 116 leaves Hounslow Garage at 8 and 38 minutes past the hour for Bedford and near Stanwell.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Meppershall on Saturday, May 8th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 (free). This meeting has been arranged to welcome the new Rector. All ringers are welcome. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Norton Cuckney (6 bells) on Saturday, May 8th. Methods for practice: Oxford Plain Bob, Sandal T.B.—R. Towler, Ollerton Road, Retford.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting of Southampton District at Dibden on May 8th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Eling and Fawley bells available. — G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at Beddington, Surrey, on Saturday, May 8th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea to follow. Gentlemen cordially invited.—M. L. Cross, Hon. Sec.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Speldhurst on Saturday, May 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Grimsby district will be held at Alford (6 bells) on Saturday, May 8th. Service 4.15. Address by the Vicar (the Rev. W. Whitehead). Tea 5 p.m., at 1s. per head, in Church Hall. Business meeting to follow. All welcome to try this lovely peal.—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hoghton, May 8th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m.—A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bickington, Newton Abbot, on Saturday, May 8th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in Laver's Café at 5.15 p.m.—A. L. Bennett, Branch Sec., Cornerways, Elliott Plain, Buckfastleigh.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A monthly meeting will be held at Exhall on Saturday, May 8th. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m. The Vicar (Rev. E. W. Bryan) is hoping to see a good number present and has kindly offered to give the tea.—M. Melville, Highfield House, Exhall, Coventry.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Next meeting will be held at St. Thomas's, St. Helens, on Saturday, May 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Meetings and tea in schools.—H. Grundy, Branch Sec., Alness, Green Leach Avenue, St. Helens.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Mary-le-Bow on May 11th; St. Magnus' on the 13th and 27th; St. Andrew's on the 20th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 25th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Walsden St. Peter's NOT available on May 15th. Therefore the meeting will take place at St. Paul's, Cross Stones, Todmorden, on that date. All ringers and

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friends welcomed. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.; business at 6.45 p.m. By the way, keep June 5th in mind. Great Ringing Day at St. Mark's, Glodwick, Oldham. Further announcement with full particulars will be given later.—S. Lloyd Parry, Branch Sec., 24, St. James Street, Milnrow, Rochdale.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The pre-Whitsun meeting will be held at Hexham on Saturday, May 15th, when the bells of the Abbey will be available. Those requiring tea should notify Mr. H. W. Robson, The Abbey Press, Hexham, by the morning of Wednesday, May 12th.—R. Park, Hon. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, May 15th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., tea at 5.30. All ringers and friends welcome.—W. Nash, North Mimms, Hatfield, and H. V. Frost, 4, Kimberly Road, St. Albans, Dis. Secs.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Thrapston on Whit-Monday, May 17th. Committee meet Parish Room 10.45. Service, Thrapston Church, 12 noon. Lunch at King's Arms Hotel at 1 p.m., followed by meeting. Non-members and non-resident members 2s. 6d. each. All tickets to be applied for by May 10th. Bells available: Islip (6), Thrapston (8) 10 a.m. to 11.45 a.m. and after meeting, Raunds (8), Tichmarsh (8), Lowick (6) after the meeting. — Robt. G. Black, Gen. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—The annual general meeting will be held at Newton Abbot on Whit Monday, May 17th. Service in St. Leonard's Chapel 12.15. Dinner and meeting at Globe Hotel 1 p.m. Woborough (8), St. Leonard's Tower (8), Highwick (8) and Kingsteignton (8) bells available. Visitors will be allotted a time for ringing if they give notice by May 10th.—T. Laver, Gen. Sec., 21, Cross Park, Heavitree, Exeter.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The 58th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit-Monday, May 17th. 11.30 a.m. Service in the Cathedral, preacher Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow; 12.15 p.m., approx., meetings in the Chapter House; 1.15 p.m., approx., lunch at The Golden Fleece (members 1s. 6d., non members 2s. 6d.). It is most important that those requiring lunch should notify the Hon. Sec. not later than Thursday, May 13th, in order that adequate arrangements can be made. Towers open for ringing during the day: Cathedral (12), Boreham (8), Great Baddow (8), Galleywood (8), Great Waltham (8), Widford (8), Writtle (8), Broomfield (6), Danbury (6), Springfield (6), Little Waltham (6).—L. J. Clark, Hon. Gen. Sec., 36, Lynmouth Avenue, Chelmsford.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Llangollen on Whit Monday, May 17th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 3 p.m., followed by business meeting and tea. Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, May 11th.—W. Cathrall, Hon. Sec., 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival on Whit Monday at Ludlow. Bells available from 12 noon. Service 3.30 p.m. (the Guild's new form of service will be used). Tea at Queen's Head Hotel 4.15 p.m., price 2s. Members applying for tickets before May 14th to Mr. W. J. Beniams, Ben-Ail, Henley Road, Ludlow, will be charged 1s. only. Money should not be

sent with applications. Business meeting after tea. Ringers and friends wishing to view Ludlow Castle please write to Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Hon. Sec., S. Nicolas' Rectory, Hereford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—Please note:—The next meeting will be held at OVERSEALE on Saturday, May 22nd. Measham bells not available. Time 3 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m., followed by meeting. A hearty welcome awaits all visitors. Don't forget p.c. for tea arrangements to be sent to me by Thursday, May 20th.—Joseph Wm. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Preliminary notice.—A meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Whitley Bay, on Saturday, May 22nd. Special method: London Surprise Major.—K. Arthur, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Oswestry on Saturday, May 29th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. All requiring tea to notify me not later than Tuesday, May 25th.—R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., Craigmore, Upper Road, Neole Brace, Shrewsbury.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Ex-Chief Inspector W. Bottrill, vice-president of the National Police Guild, has removed to 38, Rugby Avenue, Greenford, Middlesex. Tel. Byron 1170.

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CRONDALL, HANTS.—A RINGERS' OPENING on Saturday, May 8th, at 3 p.m. Guildford Diocesan Guild (Farnham District) and Ladies' Guild (Southern District) joint meeting. Service 4.30. Tea and business at the Cricketers. A good muster of ringers and friends requested.—C. W. Denyer and H. L. Mills, Hon. Secs.

DALWOOD, NEAR AXMINSTER, DEVON.—On Saturday, May 8th, the bells will be rededicated by the Bishop of Crediton at 3 p.m. Ring of 6 rehung in new framework by John Taylor and Co.

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