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**BELLS,
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THE COMING COUNCIL MEETING.

The notice which appears in another column reminds us of the near approach of the Central Council Meeting, which this year should prove of a very interesting character. Not least in importance in the business will be the choice of a successor to the present Hon. Secretary, who has definitely announced his intention of resigning. So much depends upon the holder of this office that there is not likely to be great competition for it, and whoever the choice of the Council falls upon, will find it no easy task to follow in the footsteps of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, whose services to the Council and the cause of ringing have been invaluable. As the meeting in London is the one at which the triennial elections take place, there will be much business on the agenda, but we hope there will be room for discussion on subjects beyond the routine affairs of the Council.

One suggestion, as a subject for the Council to consider, has reached us this week from a North Bucks ringer. It is that there should be published annually under the authority of the Council, a handbook and directory, which should contain, among other things, a calendar giving the dates of the principal meetings of the various associations and a list of churches with particulars as to the bells and ringing. This is not a new idea, although we are not sure that the Council has ever taken up the suggestion officially. The important question, however, is the financial one, and in view of the fact that nearly every association publishes this information so far as it relates to its own towers in its annual report, it is doubtful whether there would be sufficient demand to make such an undertaking a paying proposition. Here, however, is an instance where the Council, as we have so often urged, might be provided with a matter for consideration from outside. If 'North Bucks' would get his Guild to send up a recommendation and induce his own representatives on the Council to introduce the subject, he would be taking the initiative in a policy that has too long been lacking in the relations between the Associations and the Council.

Another proposal which has been made, but which, if it is to be acted upon, cannot be left open for discussion at the Council meeting itself, is one which we think will be likely to meet with approval of the members. It is that when the Council adjourns at the luncheon hour, the members should walk in procession from the Church House to the Cenotaph and deposit there a wreath to the memory of fallen ringers, and that a selected band should ring a course on handbells round the monument. This suggestion strikes us as being one of those things which must appeal to every ringer and, as the Council happens to be meeting in London this year, a fitting opportunity

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is provided. It would be a simple but impressive act, and the handbells would provide a unique climax. We hope the President and Secretary, in conjunction with the Standing Committee, will, if possible, take the necessary steps to act upon the suggestion, for the ringers of England gave of their best in large measure in the war.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 16, 1921, in Three Hours and Forty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-BOW, CHEAPSIDE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANGES;

Tenor 52 cwt.

HERBERT LANGDON Treble	ERNEST BRETT 7
FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ... 2	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 8
WILLIAM S. LANGDON ... 3	ALFRED B. PECK 9
WILLIAM HIBBERT 4	THOMAS LANGDON 10
FREDERICK G. NEWMAN ... 5	HENRY R. NEWTON 11
HENRY G. MILES 6	ALBERT A. HUGHES Tenor

Composed by JOHN NELMS.

Conducted by H. G. MILES.

TEN BELL PEALS.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 9, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... Treble	JOHN E. MILLER 6
EDMUND G. TOMLINSON ... 2	NORMAN A. TOMLINSON ... 7
GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 3	WILBY J. HAZELL 8
* EDWARD H. KING 4	JOHN ARMSTRONG 9
JOHN THOMAS 5	ALFRED G. CRANE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by Miss E. K. PARKER.

* First peal in the method on tower bells and first attempt.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 9, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

* CECIL J. MATTHEWS ... Treble	HARRY BROWNJOHN 6
† JOHN D. MATTHEWS ... 2	† FRANK SMITH 7
ALFRED E. REEVES 3	GEORGE CONDLICK, SEN. ... 8
WILLIAM A. CAVE 4	JOHN A. BURFORD 9
† EDWIN J. BROWN 5	GEORGE CONDLICK, JUN. ... Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by JOHN A. BURFORD.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Cambridge Royal. The ringers of 1, 2 and 7 were visitors from London. Rung as a birthday compliment to George Condllick, sen.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 12, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 43 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

* MISS A. MAY DERRANT ... Treble	GEORGE H. CROSS 6
ALBERT ROUGHT 2	* FREDERICK KNIGHTS, JUN. ... 7
FREDERICK KNIGHTS, SEN. ... 3	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 8
JOHN E. BURTON 4	GEORGE MAYERS 9
CHARLES E. BORRETT 5	* FREDERICK W. CURTIS ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Rung a birthday compliment to Mr. F. Knights, jun. * First peal in the method. First peal of Stedman in which a lady has taken part for this Association. This is the first true peal of Stedman Caters rung by an entirely local company in this city.

SURFLEET.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 16, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Laurence,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

GEORGE LADD Treble	WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ... 6
*F/S. P. A. HOLDEN ... 2	FREDERICK W. STOKER ... 7
KATHLEEN A. JUTSON ... 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 8
JOHN W. WOOD 4	WALTER WOOD 9
REV. E. BANKES JAMES ... 5	REV. H. LAW JAMES ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by the Rev. H. LAW JAMES.

* 250th peal. This is the first peal in this method in the county, by the Guild and by all the band. Rung at the first attempt without previous practice, the first course being Real Double.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 16, 1921, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
At St. Martin's Pro-Cathedral,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

HAROLD J. POOLE Treble	JOHN OLDHAM 6
LOUIS E. ALLEN 2	*THOMAS H. VALLANCE ... 7
WILLIAM H. B. MONDY ... 3	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... 8
*PERCY HARRISON 4	ALFRED MARTIN 9
HARRY BROUGHTON 5	THOMAS TAYLOR Tenor

Composed by FRED H. DEXTER. Conducted by HARRY BROUGHTON.

* First peal on ten bells. 50th peal by T. H. Vallance and the conductor. Rung in honour of the appointment of St. Martin's as the pro-Cathedral of the new Diocese of Leicester.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

**BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Thursday, April 7, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JAMES W. WASHBROOK, JUN. Treble	RICHARD F. DEAL 5
MISS EMMA TONGE 2	HARRY CHAPMAN 6
SAMUEL WOOD 3	SAM BOOTH 7
JAMES W. WASHBROOK, SEN. 4	AMOS TRIPPIER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, SEN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Samuel Wood. Miss Tonge is the first lady to ring a peal of Stedman in the county and for the Association, credit being due to her for excellent ringing throughout.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 7, 1921, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Edmund,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN MACKAY Treble	BERTIE O. SODEN 5
FRED HOPPER 2	JOHN W. METHERELL ... 6
FRED WILFORD 3	HENRY BLUNDELL 7
JOHN T. HENSMAN 4	WILLIAM J. ALLEN Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by W. J. ALLEN.

This composition is No. 116 in the Central Council Collection, and was specially arranged to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. J. Mackay and Mrs. Mackay, who were accorded the hearty congratulations of the band.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 9, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

ALBERT A. FLEMING Treble	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 5
GEORGE A. FLEMING 2	CHARLES W. PARKER 6
WILLIAM P. GARRETT 3	ARTHUR S. BOAR, M.P.S. ... 7
WILLIAM BURGESS 4	FREDERICK J. TILLEY Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by G. A. FLEMING.

ASHTED, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 9, 1921, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

*GEORGE A. COOK Treble	JOHN HOYLE 5
GEORGE MARRINER 2	AMOS W. CLARK 6
*JOHN BEAMS 3	ALBERT HARMAN 7
JOHN H. WHITE 4	ARTHUR DEAN Tenor

Composed by the late Dr. A. B. CARPENTER.

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method with a bob bell.

ROTHWELL, NEAR LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 9, 1921, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

WALTER CHAPMAN Treble	GEORGE H. ABBISHAW ... 5
*GEORGE COPLEY 2	FRANCIS BARKER 6
ALFRED CHAPMAN 3	WILLIAM E. H. ASH 7
*THOMAS STRANGEWAY ... 4	GEORGE W. STEEL Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE W. STEEL.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to William E. H. Ash. The ringers of the 6th and 7th belong to Leeds, the rest to the local company.

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 9, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM ASTLE Treble	FRANK FOX 5
EDWARD HARRISON 2	GEORGE R. JONES 6
ROBERT SPERRING 3	ARTHUR NEWELL 7
*GEOFFERY MILTON 4	ARTHUR HARRISON Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. JONES.

* First peal with a bob bell. Rung as a birthday peal for A. Newell.

PORTSEA, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 9, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

JOSEPH D. HARRIS Treble	WILLIAM TATE 5
EDWIN J. HARDING, JUN. ... 2	THOMAS E. SONE 6
HENRY G. REYNOLDS 3	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. ... 7
FREDERICK W. ROGERS 4	GEORGE H. COOPER Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH D. HARRIS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th. T. E. Sone, who hails from Maidstone, Kent, was elected a member previous to starting. Rung after meeting short for Major.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 9, 1921, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

A. HAGUE, ex-R.A.M.C. ... Treble	HAYDN THORPE, ex-Y. & L. 5
J. E. L. COCKEY, ex-Y. & L. 2	†C. RYDER, ex-K.O.Y.L.I. 6
†WINIFRED M. HAGUE, ex- ...	*C. R. WRIGHT, ex-R.F.A. 7
V.A.D. 3	C. HARRISON, ex-R.G.A. ... Tenor
†SIDNEY BRIGGS, ex-N.F. ... 4	

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by A. HAGUE.

First peal on the bells, which were erected as a war memorial, and rung by the same band who rang the opening touch at the dedication. * First peal in the method. † First in the method on tower bells.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 9, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

*ARTHUR FRENCH Treble	†ARTHUR TENNANT 5
WALTER G. MATTHEWS 2	CECIL V. EBBERSON 6
HARRY KILBY 3	THOMAS NEWMAN 7
BENJAMIN FOSKETT 4	GEORGE M. KILBY Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS NEWMAN.

* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal for 23 years.

SALISBURY, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 9, 1921, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

D. C. WILLIAMS Treble	GEORGE WILLIAMS 5
†REV. H. WHITFORD 2	CHARLES W. GOODENOUGH 6
FREDERICK W. ROMAINE 3	ROBERT P. KNIGHT 7
LEONARD HARRIS 4	*FREDERICK HISCOCK Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal. † First peal of Stedman.

HEATHFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 9, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
TAYLOR'S BOB AND SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 11 cwt.

JAMES GOODSSELL Treble	THOMAS HOAD 5
FREDERICK MORGAN 2	*ALBERT E. EDWARDS 6
TRAYTON BOOTH 3	EDWARD MILLS 7
WILLIAM H. HOAD 4	CHARLES G. CREASEY Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

* 50th peal as conductor, in 19 different towers. All the ringers belong to Salehurst.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 14, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

ERNEST DUMPER Treble	†D. C. WILLIAMS, F.R.C.O. 5
WILLIAM G. EDWARDS 2	GEORGE WILLIAMS 6
*REV. H. WHIFORD 3	WILLIAM T. TUCKER 7
WALTER G. ROWE 4	OWEN H. GILES Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by W. T. TUCKER.

* First peal of Major away from treble. † First peal of Bob Major.

BRIDGINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, April 16, 1921, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE R.C. ABBEY OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5312 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE GARRISON Treble	JAMES GEORGE 5
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS 2	OLIVER G. NORMAN 6
JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON 3	BERNARD W. WITCHELL 7
THOMAS H. REEVES 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (No. 342.) Conducted by J. E. SYKES.

This was the 2nd peal in the method that Mr. Knights composed. It was composed on February 18th, 1882, contains the 6th the extent each way in 5-6, the 5th the extent right and 18 times wrong, and is now rung for the first time.

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ROTHWELL, NEAR LEEDS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 16, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

WALTER CHAPMAN Treble	GEORGE H. ABBISHAW 5
GEORGE COPLEY 2	FRANCIS BARKER 6
ALFRED CHAPMAN 3	*WILLIAM E. H. ASH 7
THOMAS STRANGWAY 4	GEORGE W. STEEL Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE W. STEEL.

* First peal in the method. The ringers of the 6th and 7th belong to Leeds, the rest to the local company.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE BLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 16, 1921, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILTYD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAVID REES JAMES Treble	CHARLES H. PERRY 5
REGINALD W. GREGORY 2	FRED CHAMBERLAIN 6
JOHN W. JONES 3	ALBERT J. PITMAN 7
RICHARD EVANS 4	BENJAMIN J. TOBY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by A. J. PITMAN.

First peal of Stedman on the bells. First peal of Stedman for all excepting the ringers of the 3rd, 5th and 6th. First peal of Stedman as conductor and rung at the first attempt. The ringer of the 3rd belongs to Newport, Mon., the 6th to Cardiff, the 7th to Aberavon and the rest are members of the local band.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 16, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 23 cwt.

FRANK HAMMOND Treble	CHARLES BRASIER 5
*CECIL HARMAN 2	ARTHUR CAUSLEY 6
HAROLD HAMMOND 3	JAMES A. HART 7
ALFRED J. PIERPOINT 4	EDWIN BISHOP Tenor

Conducted by J. A. HART.

* First peal. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Buckingham, who is leaving the parish.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 16, 1921, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 23½ cwt.

WILLIAM A. COX Treble	FREDERICK G. JAMES 5
THOMAS EAST, SEN. 2	THOMAS EAST, JUN. 6
JAMES BUTLER 3	JAMES S. NAPPER 7
WILLIAM J. NAPPER 4	WILLIAM A. GOODENOUGH Tenor

Conducted by T. EAST, SEN.

With the exception of the ringer of the 5th, who is a member of the Blewbury company, all the above are members of the local band. This is the first peal since the induction of the Rev. H. A. Smith-Masters as Vicar.

EYNSFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 16, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. Treble	ARTHUR H. PALMER 5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 2	JOHN WHEADON 6
WILLIAM J. WHEADON 3	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH 7
GEORGE DERLING 4	RICHARD SMITH Tenor

Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

First peal of Stedman as conductor

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

HARLINGTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 9, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;Consisting of one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, and two 720's each of
Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Single Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

EDGAR HANCOX Treble	*HOBERT J. CHAFFEY... .. 4
PERCY JONES... .. 2	CECIL C. MAYNE 5
WILLIAM HENKEY 3	WILLIAM WELLING Tenor

Conducted by H. J. CHAFFEY.

First peal on the bells. * 50th peal.

HOUGH-ON-THE-HILL, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 9, 1921, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;Being one 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, two 720's of
Oxford Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR PALMER Treble	JOHN H. HAYNES... .. 4
HENRY SQUIRES 2	SIDNEY WHALLEY 5
ARTHUR DREY 3	ARTHUR MACKEARS Tenor

Conducted by A. MACKEARS.

AYLESTONE, LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 9, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in F.

ARTHUR CATTELL Treble	WILLIAM HECTOR 4
WALTER WALLINGTON 2	JOSIAH MORRIS 5
*CHARLES ALLSOP 3	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal on these bells, which were augmented to six in the Jubilee
year of 1897. Several previous attempts failed on account of the
heavy 'go' of the tenor. * First peal of Minor.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 9, 1921, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;Comprising two 720's of Canterbury Pleasure and Oxford Bob, and
three of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. Treble	RICHARD HOPE 4
GEORGE WAGHORN 2	REGINALD E. LAMBERT 5
ROBERT T. LAMBERT 3	*JAMES WAGHORN Tenor

Conducted by JAMES WAGHORN.

* First peal as conductor. George Waghorn was proposed a mem-
ber of the Association previous to starting for the peal and it was his
first peal.

KIRKBY MALLORY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 10, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

*SAM COE Treble	CHAS. H. WEBB... .. 3
CHAS. H. BRIGGS 2	*JOHN WM. REYNOLDS 4
HARRY WRIGHT Tenor	

Conducted by CHARLES H. WEBB.

* First peal and first attempt. Kirkby Mallory is mother church to
East Shilton, and the peal was rung half-muffled as a token of respect
to the late Rev. J. Slade Maughan, Vicar of East Shilton for 29 years.

NORTON, CUCKENBY, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 11, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

RICHARD F. REECE Treble	WILLIAM STURMAN 4
GEORGE ASHBY 2	PHILIP HIBBARD 5
WILLIAM KIRK 3	WILLIAM KENNAN Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP HIBBARD.

First peal in the method by the Association on the bells. All the
ringers belong to the Harborough company.

BREASTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 16, 1921, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob
and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

HERBERT FAWCETT Treble	EDWARD C. GOBEY 4
JAMES F. GEORGE 2	*T. HAROLD DOAR 5
EDWARD SCATTERGOOD 3	FREDERIC A. TANSLEY Tenor

Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

* First peal and first attempt, and was elected a member previous
to starting for peal. First peal on the bells.

SANDHURST, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 16, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;Being 720 of Cambridge Surprise, and two 720's each of Woodbine
Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor. Tenor 8 cwt.

CYRIL W. BARLOW Treble	ERIC H. BARLOW... .. 4
*GEORGE A. RICHES 2	GEORGE ENGLEFIELD... .. 5
CHARLES DOE 3	JOHN MOY Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES DOE.

* First attempt for a peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the
conductor's wife.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 16, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;Being two 720's of Plain Bob, two of Kent and three of Oxford
Treble Bob, each called differently. Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN D. BOCKINGHAM Treble	CHARLES J. MANN 4
*HUMPHREY B. GARDNER 2	HORACE J. MANSFIELD 5
*ARTHUR C. LANGFORD 3	FRED CHALK... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. D. BOCKINGHAM.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. B. Gardner, son of the
Rector. * First peal.**HANDBELL PEALS.**

HARWICH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 5, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tapped on handbells by

ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Composed by E. MORRIS of Leicester. Conducted by the performer.
Witness: GEORGE JORDAN.

HARWICH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 8, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tapped on handbells by

ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Composed by E. MORRIS of Leicester. Conducted by the performer.
Witness: GEORGE JORDAN.

**SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.**

*On Friday, April 8, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,
AT THE VICARAGE.*

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5392 CHANCES:

GRANTA VARIATION.

REV. E. BANKES JAMES (Caius) 1—2 | W. H. J. HOOTON (Queen's) 5—6
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY (Trin.) 3—4 | REV. H. LAW JAMES (Caius) 7—8

Composed and Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

This is the first peal ever rung in this variation.

**SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.**

*On Monday, April 11, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE VICARAGE.*

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

*REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY (Trin.) 1—2 | W. H. J. HOOTON (Queen's) 5—6
REV. E. BANKES JAMES (Caius) 3—4 | REV. H. LAW JAMES (Caius) 7—8

Composed and Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

* 200th peal.

**SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.**

*On Tuesday, April 12, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE VICARAGE.*

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

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY (Trin.) 1—2 | W. H. J. HOOTON (Queen's) 5—6
REV. E. BANKES JAMES (Caius) 3—4 | REV. H. LAW JAMES (Caius) 7—8

Composed by the REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

**SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Tuesday, April 12, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
AT THE VICARAGE.*

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5030 CHANCES;

GRANTA VARIATION.

W. H. J. HOOTON ... 1—2 | RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 5—6
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY ... 3—4 | REV. E. BANKES JAMES ... 7—8
REV. H. LAW JAMES ... 9—10

Composed by the REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

This is the first peal of Royal in this variation.

**BIRMINGHAM.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF
BIRMINGHAM.**

*On Thursday, April 14, 1921, in Three Hours,
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY.*

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5017 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 size in B flat.

THOMAS RUSSAM ... 1—2 | PERCY O. LAPLIN ... 7—8
ALBERT WALKER ... 3—4 | ALBERT E. NORMAN ... 9—10
JAMES E. GROVES ... 5—6 | GEORGE F. SWANN ... 11—12

Composed by FRANK W. PERRENS. Conducted by G. F. SWANN.
Referee: MORRIS J. MORRIS.

G. F. Swann has now conducted a peal of Stedman from each pair of handbells in Triples, Caters and Cinques.

**SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD**

*On Friday, April 15, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE VICARAGE.*

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

Size 16½ in B flat.

*KATHLEEN A. JUTSON ... 1—2 | W. H. J. HOOTON ... 5—6
REV. E. BANKES JAMES ... 3—4 | *RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 7—8

Composed by the REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

Umpire: REV. H. LAW JAMES. Witness: CAPTAIN BAYLISS.

* First peal of Double Norwich 'in hand.' First peal in the method 'in hand' by the Guild.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
ROCHESTER DISTRICT MEETING.**

What was considered as the most successful meeting of recent years in this district was held at Frindsbury on Saturday week, and was largely attended. Among the visitors was Mr. J. Wagbourn, of West Ham, who informed some of the ringers that his father was married at this church 108 years ago—a record of which he was justly proud. Until the end of last year the Church of All Saints, Frindsbury, possessed only five bells. By a big effort three more were obtained, and two of the old ones recast, and now a fine peal of eight are hung in a steel frame, the work having been successfully carried out by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich.

At the meeting, methods from Grandsire to Cambridge and Superlative were rung. The Association form of service was conducted by the Rev. A. P. Pascoe, M.A., Vicar, a ringing member of the association, and the district representative, Mr. E. A. G. Allen, presided at the organ. At the close, a collection for the Kent Ringers' War Memorial realised £1 0s. 2d.

Tea, generously provided by the Vicar, was partaken of in the Parish Hall, and 46 sat down to the sumptuous spread. The Vicar presided at the business meeting which followed, supported by the District Representatives (Messrs. E. A. G. Allen and W. Spice). The Chairman welcomed the visitors to Frindsbury, and recounted some of his early reminiscences of ringers. He said the church owed much to the various associations for uplifting the standard of ringing and ringers, and gave his opinion that to-day no finer body of men existed. When the district were tired of visiting other towers he would again be pleased to welcome and entertain them if they chose to come (applause).

Sixteen new members were elected, and, after spirited voting, Rodmersham was selected for the next meeting to be held on June 4th.

On behalf of the district, the District Secretary (Mr. F. Mitchell) offered their congratulations to Mr. W. Harper, the leader of the Swanscombe band, on his election to the post of People's church-warden.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Mr. W. Hugh proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the chairman for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, and for his liberality in supplying such an excellent tea; and to the ladies who had rendered such excellent service.—This was seconded by Mr. Harper, and carried with loud applause.—The Vicar briefly responded.

Fourteen towers in the district were represented at the meeting, in addition to other visiting ringers.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

A successful quarterly meeting was held at Sedgley on Saturday week, when the following towers were represented: Bilston, Brewood, Cannock, Cosley, Erdington, Dudley, Netherton, Oldbury, Sedgley, Selly Oak, Stoke-in-Covertry, Walsall, Wednesbury, West Bromwich, Willenhall, Woollaston, Wolverhampton, Wombourne and Wordsley. The bells were made good use of, and touches rung of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Kent Treble Bob Major; also a course each of Superlative, Cambridge, Bristol and London Surprise. A short service was held in church; and a helpful address given by the Rev. Dr. Swindell, Vicar. A capital tea was provided in the Schoolroom, to which 50 sat down.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the address, and the use of bells, etc., to the organist for his kindly help, and to the ladies for preparing and serving tea.—The Vicar replied in a humorous vein.—Then followed a course of Grandsire Enters and a touch of Stedman Triples on the handbells, and tunes upon the same instruments, four in hand, were given by Messrs. R. Matthews, S. Grove and A. Davies, which gave much pleasure to the company.

The next meeting—annual—is provisionally arranged to take place on June 18th, at Lichfield.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The Vicar of St. Mary's, Ealing, gave an invitation to the members of the Middlesex County Association to take tea with him and ring on the bells of the Parish Church on Saturday afternoon, April 9th. Forty-one members—including the District Master (Mr. C. S. Bird, of Heston), and the Misses Williams, Chandler, and Baker, of Hillingdon, accepted the invitation, the following towers being represented: Acton, Chertsey, Christ Church, Ealing; Fulham, Greenwich, Heston, Hillingdon, Isleworth, Norwood Green, Willesden, St. Giles-in-the-Fields, St. Stephen's and St. Mary's, Ealing.—A service was held in the Parish Church, when the Vicar (the Rev. C. J. Sharp, M.A.) and the Rev. F. I. L. Rees were present.—The Vicar gave a very instructive address, and during the service some well-known hymns were heartily sung, Mr. W. Lawrence (one of the ringers) presiding at the organ.

The tea, which was served in the Church Room, was much enjoyed, both Mrs. and the Misses Sharp kindly assisting.—At the conclusion of the tea business was discussed, and Sunbury was selected as the place for the next meeting.—The Hon. Secretary (Mr. W. H. Holber) made reference to some important financial matters, and his action was highly approved by every member present.—Handbell ringing was afterwards done on Mr. J. A. Trollope's sweet-toned bells.

HINTS FOR BEGINNERS.

Having explained what constitutes plain hunting, let us see how the beginner should set about learning to pilot a bell through this piece of straightforward work. There is 'hunting up' and 'hunting down,' the former being the passage of the bell from the lead to the place farthest from lead, i.e., 6th's place when there are six bells; 8th's place when there are eight, and so on. 'Hunting down' is the opposite process, and when a bell turns from hunting up to hunting down it has to strike two blows, or a whole pull in the same place, which is termed 'lying a whole pull behind.'

Hunting up is perhaps easier for a beginner than hunting down, for, at the outset, the bells are easier to find. When hunting up, a simple rule is followed, viz., strike next after the bell that strikes after you this time. In other words, if you are ringing the treble and you start into changes, your first blow will be after the 2nd, which, in rounds, follows you. When striking after the 2nd you must look for the bell that is striking after you, and if the first change has been 214365, the 4th will be the next bell to strike over, when the change will be 241635. Then you have the 6th as the next bell in the change 426135, and afterwards the 5th, in 462513, and the 3rd in 645231. That com-

pletes the hunting up, for the treble has reached the last place. It is well that the beginner should notice in hunting up that when he has once struck over a bell, he will not strike over that one again while going in the same direction. Thus, by each change, one bell is eliminated, and there is, therefore, one less to look for, which helps to simplify things. When you have struck over the 2nd in the first change, you need not trouble further about that bell until you have completed your hunting up. In the same way, having struck over the 4th in the second change, ignore that bell as well as the 2nd until you come to hunting down.

As I have already indicated, hunting down is not always found to be so easy as hunting up, for while one may lay down as a simple rule, the reverse of that for hunting up, viz., strike, in the next change, in front of the bell that goes before you in this change, this cannot be applied so easily in practice, because to get good striking you must know the bell you have to strike after. One of the best ways for the beginner to adopt is the process of elimination, which applies as much to hunting down as to hunting in the opposite direction. Having followed a bell once, he will not follow that bell again until he has reached the lead. If you look at the figures of the plain hunting course given above you will notice that

when the treble has completed the hunting up, it has reached 6th's place, where it lies a whole pull, but that whole pull is over two different bells. At both hand and back strokes, however, the ringer will have seen all the other five bells pull in front of him. At the back stroke he pulls after the 2nd, and when he begins hunting down, he eliminates the 2nd and looks for the last of the other four. He finds it in this case to be the 4th, so that in the next change he ignores the 4th as well as the 2nd and looks for the last of the other three. In the same way he takes first the 6th and then the 5th in the two next changes till he finds himself with only one bell left, which is the 3rd, and, having struck after this bell, he has to lead a whole pull, when this plain hunting course comes round.

We have dealt above with the actual work of the treble, but, except that one has to begin in a different place, exactly the same remarks apply to all the rest of the bells. Thus, the 3rd, already in 3rd's place in rounds, begins by going up into 4th's place, after the 4th, and then into 5th's over the 6th, which struck after the 3rd in the first change. In the case of the 4th the work begins by hunting down instead of up. While ringing in rounds there are three bells in front of the 4th, and when a start is made into changes the 3rd is eliminated, and the ringer looks only for the last of the two others in front of it (which would be the treble), and then for the remaining one, which must, of course, be the 2nd.

This explanation is put into quite simple language to enable the most elementary student to understand, and I hope that those who are beginning change ringing will be able to apply it when in the belfry. I have dealt with plain hunting on six bells, but plain hunting on any number can be accomplished by the application of the same rules, and the correspondent who asks me to give him and his band a helping hand with Grandsire Doubles can begin with the practice of plain hunting as here explained, except that he will have one bell less. There is one thing, however, worth remembering, and that is that while the whole pull behind on an even number of bells is at handstroke and backstroke, on an odd number of bells it is the reverse way, at backstroke and handstroke. If, in my correspondent's tower there are six bells he can practise the plain hunting course on both five and six. When ringing it on five the tenor will, of course, be used to 'cover' the others, and will be the bell off which the rest will always lead. When ringing on six, the ringer at lead must look for the last bell each time, and his backstroke lead will be off a different bell to his handstroke lead. Let me just add this, throughout all the practice let the aim be not only to learn by method, but also to strike the bells well, for, remember, there is a large audience outside who are compelled to hear your efforts. CONDUCTOR.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The analysis of peals rung in 1920, compiled by the Committee of the Central Council, will be published next week.

Mr. George F. Swann, of Birmingham, has completed the performance of conducting a peal each of Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques 'in hand' from every pair of bells. This is an achievement which few can claim to have accomplished. We believe, speaking without 'the book,' that it has been done only by two ringers, Messrs. W. Pye and H. Langdon, although it is not possible to be quite certain on points like these on the spur of the moment.

A band of enthusiasts have established themselves at St. Nicholas' Church, Arundel (eight bells), and are making steady progress. The band, entirely novices, except two who are teaching the learners, is just advancing over that stage when all changes usually terminates interest, and now that 120 Grandsire Doubles has been mastered further advancement is eagerly looked forward to, and the young band is anxious to get on with Minor, and so gradually climb the ladder. We wish them every success, and hope to learn of their joining the Sussex Association in the near future. The company consists of nine ringers.

There is, we believe, at Arundel a somewhat unusual feature about the church, the chancel being bricked off from the nave on account of some former disagreement between the House of Norfolk and the church authorities. Thus, part of the same building is used by the Established Church, and part belongs to the Catholic Church. The bells, a peal of eight, were the gift of the Duke and Duchess of Norfolk in 1835.

To-day is the anniversary of one of the famous long peals, viz., the 15,227 Grandsire Caters, rung on Easter Monday, April 22nd, 1839, at Cheltenham, in 9 hours 43 minutes. Some of the best known men of thirty years ago were in that peal, which was rung by F. Musty 1, G. H. Phillott 2 S. Reeves 3, H. Roberts 4, F. E. Ward 5, C. H. Hattersley 6, J. Plant 7, W. T. Pates (conductor) 8, T. Reynolds 9, A. W. Humphris 10. Cheltenham now has twelve bells, and W. T. Pates is still there as leader.

The first 'family' handbell peal was rung on April 22nd, 1895, seven 720's of Bob Minor at Ottery, Suffolk, by Miss Constance Meadows (aged 14) 1-2, Frederick E. W. Meadows (aged 15), conductor, 3-4, Sidney R. W. Meadows (aged 18) 5-6. Miss Meadows was the second lady to ring a peal, Mrs. George Williams having been the first.

Fifty-three years ago next Wednesday, viz., on April 27th, 1868, the College Youths rang the then longest length of Treble Bob Major, 15,840 in 9 hours 12 minutes, at Bethnal Green. One of that band, then a strapping young fellow not long since arrived in London from Ipswich, is still active amongst us—Mr. Ted Horrex. The remainder have passed to their rest, but their memory is with us still: Henry Halcy, William Cooter, James Pettitt, Henry Booth, R. Hopkins, Matt. Wood and Murray Hayes.

The same day is the anniversary of another great performance by the College Youths, accomplished seven years earlier at Cornhill, 8,580 Stedman Cinques, in 6 hours 41 mins. Haley and Matt. Wood were in that peal also, in which Jimmy Dwight rang the tenor single-handed.

When speaking of ringers well advanced in age, we must not overlook the fact that there is a youth up at Mansfield, Notts, who rang his first peal of Stedman Triples in August, 1910, at the age of 83 years, and rang it in first-class style.

The bells of East Shilton, Leicestershire, are at the Loughborough Foundry being recast and augmented to a peal of eight. It was owing to this fact that a muffled peal to the memory of the late Vicar of East Shilton was rung at the neighbouring tower of Kirkby Mallory.

The Northern District of the London County Association, at the meeting at South Hackney, added four new members, and decided to hold the next meeting at St. Andrew's, Holborn, if permission can be obtained, on May 21st. This should be a great attraction.

It will interest many readers to know that Mr. R. Newton, of America (late of Manchester), left a U.S. dollar note to be presented to each successive ringer who rang the Manchester Town Hall tenor in a peal single-handed. On Saturday, April 9th, an attempt was made to gain the prize by a certain worthy Mancunian, but after a truly splendid effort, lasting 3 hours 10 minutes, it was decided to make another attempt later.

April 27th will be the 20th anniversary of the first occasion on which three Surprise peals were rung in a day by one band. These peals were rung in three different counties by the St. Stephen's Branch of the College Youths, with three different conductors, viz., at Old Windsor, Berks, London Surprise, conducted by J. N. Oxborough; at Wraybury, Bucks, Superlative Surprise, conducted by C. T. P. Brice; at Staines, Middlesex, Cambridge Surprise, conducted by H. R. Newton. The three peals contained 15,200 changes, and occupied eight hours 52 minutes: a really good day's work, and a record at that time.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

DEDICATION OF WAR MEMORIAL WINDOW.

The annual meeting of the Worcestershire and Districts Association, at Worcester on Easter Monday, was better attended than in previous years, and will be always remembered as the day on which the memorial to those members who fell in the war was unveiled. At the general meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House, the President, the Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., Dean, took the chair, and welcomed the association to Worcester, commenting on the number of lady members present.

The report and balance sheet contained two points which were noticed, firstly, that the number of performing members had increased to 442; and secondly, owing to the great increase in the cost of printing, etc., there had been a loss on the year's working of about £20.

A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. E. J. Dowler for his services as secretary of the Northern Branch since its formation, and a vote of sympathy was accorded the family of the late Mr. John Smith, who was secretary of the association for 22 years, and who did a tremendous amount of work in its formation.

Mr. W. Page was selected as conductor of the annual peal, and Worcester was again chosen for the next annual meeting.

The Treasurer of the Memorial Fund, Mr. A. E. Parsons, announced that the cost of the memorial window was £165, that he had received that amount, and that it would be unveiled that day free of debt. The number of subscribers to this fund was 449, and the fact that all the money was in hand to pay for it gave much pleasure to everyone.—A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the treasurer for his services in this matter. The roll of honour, which is to take the form of three cast bronze plates affixed to the sill of the memorial window, bearing the names of those who served, was left in the hands of the Dean, Mr. Parsons and the secretary.

An application for a grant towards the rehanging of the bells at Cradley Church was received, and from the Belfry Repairs Fund a subscription of £2 was made for this purpose.—Mr. W. Page most kindly offered to defray the cost of some new copies of the association's form of service.

The whole of the officers were re-elected, with the exception of the Master, Mr. A. E. Parsons, who wished to retire, and Mr. W. Page was elected to this office. Mr. Parsons has been a most able and enthusiastic Master for several years. He received a most sincere vote of thanks, and was elected a vice-president.—The meeting concluded with thanks to the Dean and those who had allowed their bells to be used.

Some few years ago the Dean and Chapter decided to allow the windows in the cloisters, which previously were all unglazed, to be used for the purpose of memorial windows, and adopted the excellent idea of using the upper lights to illustrate the history of the Cathedral. The design of each one has, therefore, to be left to them. The window put in by the association depicts the period from about 1215 to 1225, and includes the figures of Bishops Blois and Cantelupe, Henry III. and Simon de Montfort; one of the lights showing the procession at the dedication of the Cathedral on June 7th, 1218, passing the ancient belfry, an independent building containing five bells. Contrary to the Chapter's usual rule, a slight distinction has been allowed in this case, and in two of the small upper lights, designs of bells hung for ringing have been introduced. This, with a festoon of small bells along the top of the lower lights, makes it quite distinctive as 'The Bellingrings' Window.' In the centre of the lower lights are the names of the members who gave their lives.

At the unveiling and dedication service there were present the Dean, who unveiled the memorial; the Rev. Canon Wilson, who performed the dedication; the Revs. Barrington Baker (Precentor), and T. C. de la Hay (Minor Canon and Warden of the Cathedral ringers), together with the Cathedral choir.—The Dean, in his address, commented upon the fellowship among ringers, and remarked that they were not backward in offering themselves for the defence of freedom and for England.—At the conclusion of the ceremony the members accompanied the clergy and choir to the service in the Cathedral, at which the Dean preached.

The text chosen by the Dean as applicable to the memorial window and which is inserted at the head of the description of the period of history illustrated, is as follows: 'The sound of the bells shall be heard when he goeth into the holy place before the Lord.' May it always be so.

Thanks to the kindness of the Dean, the tea was served in the vaulted hall of the Deanery, which was originally the Bishop's Palace. The record number of 125 members was present. Throughout the morning and evening the bells of the city were kept going in methods ranging from Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Royal.

A peal rung at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, on April 12th, is recorded as the first true peal of Stedman Caters rung in the city by an entirely local company. This reads strangely, but is nevertheless roused for by our correspondent, who says that a peal of 5295 was rung at St. Andrew's in 1842, conducted by Henry Hubbard, but the composition was afterwards discovered to be false.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

NOTICE.

The first session of the Eleventh Council (29th annual meeting) will be held in the Chamber of the Upper House of Convocation at the Church House, Dean's Yard, Westminster, at eleven o'clock precisely in the forenoon, on Whitsun Tuesday, May 17th, 1921. The Council will sit till 1 p.m., when the meeting will be adjourned till 2.30, from which hour the Council will sit, if necessary, until 5.30 p.m. Entrance will be by DEAN'S YARD ONLY.

In view of the fact that the time for the meeting is fast drawing near, may I earnestly request that all remaining affiliation fees, together with names and full addresses of representative members not as yet sent to me, may be sent at the very earliest possible moment. At the time of writing, fees from the following Guilds and Associations have not reached me, viz., College Youths, Birmingham, Cleveland, Lincoln, North Wales, Peterborough, Surrey, Towcester, Worcester, Yorkshire.

A list of agenda will be forwarded for publication in 'The Ringing World' on April 29th.

Deane Rectory, Overton, Hants.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION.

RINGING CONTEST REVIVED.

The ringing contest of the Cumberland Association was revived on Easter Monday, at Hensingham, four teams competing for the shield, viz.: St. Bridget's, Bridekirk; St. Stephen's, Carlisle; St. Mary's, Egremont; and All Saints' Cockermouth, the last named having held the shield since the last contest in 1914. Bridekirk rang 720 Bob Minor in 27½ minutes, with 156 faults; Carlisle rang 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 28½ minutes, with 215 faults; Egremont had bad luck, as their attempt was interrupted by someone coming in the belfry whilst the ringing was in progress. They rang Bob Major for 19 minutes, and had about another course to go when the bells were brought to a stand. Up to then the faults numbered 150, which was a creditable performance, seeing they are a band of young ringers. Cockermouth rang 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 29 minutes, with 224 faults. Bridekirk was, therefore, awarded the shield for the ensuing year, and great credit is due to this band, as it was the first time they had rung in a contest, having only taken up change ringing a short while.

A meeting was afterwards held in the vestry, at which the Rev. E. Freeman, M.A., presided.—Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the Schoolroom, where a tea was afterwards held; also to Mr. Banks for coming again to judge.

The next meeting will be on July 2nd, at Crosthwaite, when it is hoped to have a good attendance.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Nottingham District was held at Sutton-in-Ashfield on Saturday, April 2nd, members being present from Arksey, Beeston, Bulwell, Cotgrave, Daybrook, Derby, Ilkeston, Nottingham, Mansfield Woodhouse, Radcliffe-on-Trent, and the members of the local tower. Two of the latter were made members of the M.C.A. The band is under the able tuition of Mr. S. Bettison, of Mansfield Woodhouse, and it is hoped it will not be long before they are all eligible to become members of the M.C.A. Ringing was indulged in during the day, the methods ranging from Stedman Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor. The bells, which are practically a new ring, were put in as a war memorial last year by the well-known Loughborough firm, Messrs. John Taylor and Co., to whom great credit must be given for the perfect 'go' and tone of the bells.

At the business meeting, Mr. E. C. Goby presided, in the absence of the vice-president.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at Bottesford, on Saturday, April 23rd.—A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to the local band for the arrangements was proposed by the secretary, and seconded by Mr. W. Spencer.

A monthly meeting of the Hinckley District was held at Hinckley on Saturday week, and was well attended by members from Burbage, Croft, Colton, Earl Shilton, Nuneaton, Stoke Golding, Stoney Stanton, South Wigston, and the local tower. Touches in standard methods were rung on the tower bells.

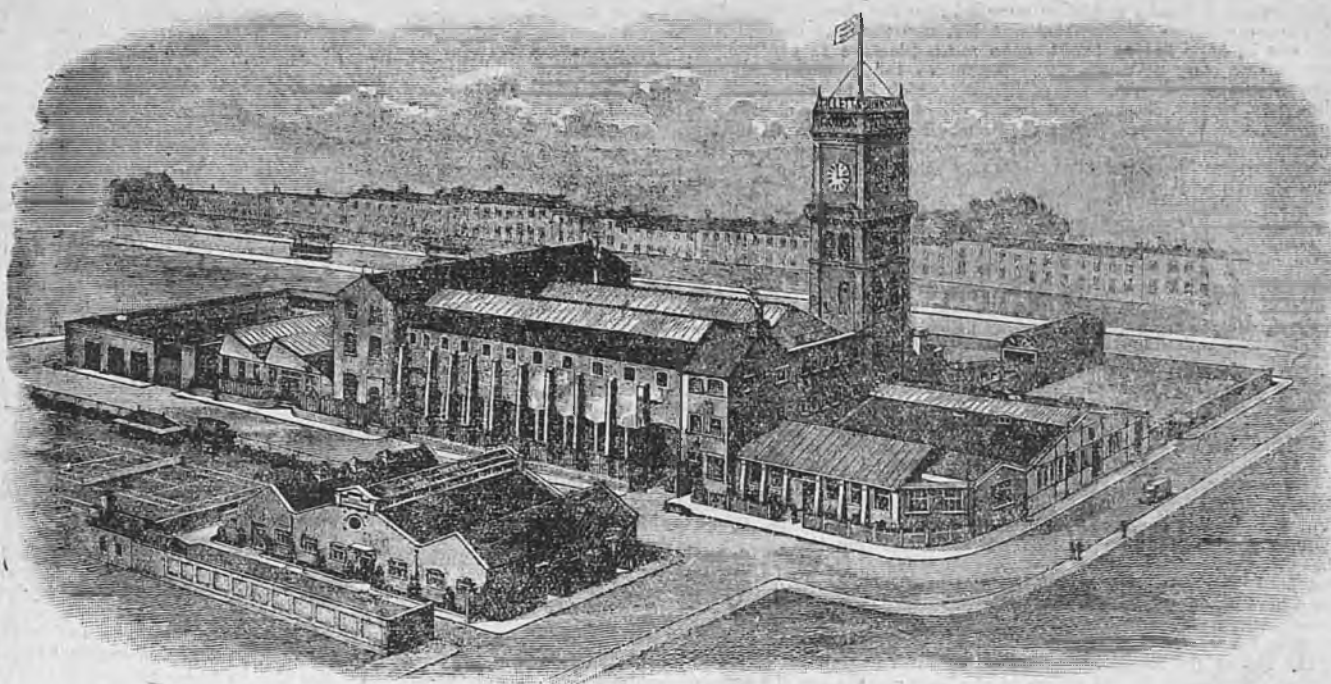
The business meeting was held at the ringers' meeting room, Mr. C. H. Webb, vice-president, presiding. — Nuneaton was unanimously selected for the next meeting, on Saturday, May 7th.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells.—Tunes on handbells by Messrs. C. H. Webb and H. Briggs, accompanied by Mr. J. W. Reynolds on the piano, songs by Messrs. W. Humphreys, H. Fullylove, S. Coe, J. W. Reynolds, brought a successful meeting to a close.

NEW EIGHT IN HANTS.

Another eight bell tower is being added to the Winchester Guild. Bishopstoke, Hants, being now in possession of an octave soon to be ready for ringing. The first 720 (Bob Minor) on the front six, which are already hung, was rung on Friday by: A. Wilson 1, E. Alfie 2, G. Pullinger 3, O. H. Giles 4, G. Crant 5, W. T. Tucker (conductor) 6. It was the first 720 by A. Wilson and E. Alfie. The 7th and tenor bells arrived the same day from the foundry of Messrs. Llewellyns and James, of Bristol, who are carrying out the work.

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**THE CROYDON
BELL FOUNDRY
1921.**

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SUGGESTED DIVISION OF E. BERKS AND S. BUCKS BRANCH.

Over 80 members attended the annual meeting of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild on Easter Monday. The towers represented included the Curlew Tower and Parish Church, Windsor; Chalfont St. Peter, Crowthorne, Farnham Royal, Hughenden, Hitcham, Binfield, Burnham, Penn, Staines, Caversham, Hillingdon, Slough, Stoke Poges, Old Windsor, Fulham, Ealing, Beaconsfield, High Wycombe, Maidenhead, Boyne Hill, Bray, Marlow, Warfield, etc.

The proceedings began at St. Mary's, Slough, at 10 a.m., where touches were rung before the early birds proceeded to Clewer, where there was more ringing. Finally all gathered at St. Peter's, Old Windsor, where touches were rung in several methods before and after service. This latter was conducted by the Rev. Cyril Jenkyn, M.C. (Master of the Guild). The lesson was read by the Rev. J. R. Napier, Vicar of Old Windsor, and a most direct and telling sermon was preached by Canon Coleridge, of Crowthorne, from the text, 'Make a chain.' The preacher remarked that this might seem a strange text to a congregation of bell ringers, although they would have no misconception if the word 'rope' was substituted, as every ringer knew what a rope was for. The Canon then proceeded to show how each church worker was a link in the chain which joined the Church throughout the ages, and dwelling upon the old adage that the 'strength of the chain is in the weakest link,' he asked them to consider their individual position. Were they strong links or weak? Enumerating the qualities which went towards the forging of a strong link, the preacher said that every ringer should be a regular communicant, punctual in arriving at the belfry, assiduous in learning and carrying out his duties.

Choirboys were in attendance, and Miss Feltham, of Hillingdon, officiated as organist.

At the conclusion of the service, the whole party walked to the Tapestry Hall, where an excellent tea was provided. Sir William Carter, of Windsor, presided, and was supported by the Rev. J. R. Napier and Captain W. Legge (Vicar and churchwarden of Old Windsor Church), Canon Coleridge, Revs. C. W. O. Jenkyn and W. S. Riddlesdell (Bray), Mr. C. A. Bennett (Beaconsfield), Mr. W. P. Routh (Reading), and Mr. W. H. Fussell (secretary). Amongst those present were: Messrs. J. J. Parker (Farnham Royal), W. C. Parker (Staines), G. Higgs (Warfield), R. A. Farndon (London), A. D. Cullum (Caversham), A. D. Barker (Slough), Miss N. G. Williams (Hillingdon), Messrs. W. Henley (Stoke Poges), J. W. Driver (Fulham), C. Farr and J. Harman (Windsor), W. Lawrence (Ealing), and R. T. Hibbert (Caversham) (Diocesan Secretary).

The balance sheet for 1920 was presented by the Chairman. This showed: Receipts, £53 4s.; expenditure, £36 4s., leaving a balance in hand of £17, which the Chairman remarked he considered very satisfactory (applause), and he congratulated Mr. Fussell on his successful management of the branch finances.

The election of officers next occupied the attention of the meeting, the Bishop of Buckingham being unanimously elected chairman, and Mr. W. H. Fussell secretary and treasurer. With regard to the office of vice-chairman, Mr. Fussell reported that he had received a letter from the Rev. E. M. Blackie, of Windsor, who asked to be relieved from that office owing to ever increasing duties, which left him but little time.—Mr. A. Martin proposed the Vicar of Bray, the Rev. W. S. Riddlesdell, who was unanimously elected, and in a brief speech accepted the office.

The whole committee of 1920, comprising Messrs. G. Alder (Burnham), J. Blackmore (Beaconsfield), J. Borcham (High Wycombe), R. Buckland (Beaconsfield), J. L. Kirk (Maidenhead), G. T. Leader (Slough), G. Martin (Boyne Hill), T. S. Smith (Windsor), J. C. Truss (Marlow), G. Twitchee (High Wycombe), W. Welling (Old Windsor), and G. White (Wycombe) was re-elected en bloc.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Mr. Fussell, in presenting his report, remarked that they had passed through a troublesome year. Everybody had been feeling a current from the Church Enabling Act. He supposed no branch of Church workers felt the onus more than ringers. It was proposed to destroy centuries of association between vicar and ringers. Referring to the February meeting in London, he was glad to tell them that there was no cause for uneasiness. The old order remained, and ringers would carry on their work with only one head, the Vicar. If control of the bells had gone to the parochial councils, friction as to times of ringing, etc., must inevitably have arisen, and their whole association must have crumbled away. It was now definitely settled that ringers were in the hands of the Vicar, and not under the parochial council. The questions had adversely affected their branch, in that on December 1st last 30 honorary members and towers had failed to pay their subscriptions owing to the uncertainty. During the year he had to thank Mr. C. A. Bennett, of Beaconsfield, the Rev. W. G. Riddlesdell, of Bray, the Wycombe ringers, the Cookham ringers and the Chalfont ringers, for generously entertaining members of the branch. Hitcham (10—12 ringers) and Boffow towers had joined the branch, and their present strength was 34 towers, over 400 mem-

bers, 50 hon. members and 87 non-resident members—all expert ringers—from London and other centres. He thought this a very fine record. He was sorry to say that Mr. Edwin Lucas, of Slough, had ended his days during the year, and there had been one or two removals. Their president had been created a Bishop. It was possible he would be unable to continue as president owing to increased duties, but he would put the proposition before him as the unanimous wish of the meeting (applause). Referring to the area covered by the branch, the speaker said that it was too wide, and they would have to consider the advisability of its being cut up. They were unable to cope with remote towers, and few men beyond Beaconsfield and beyond Warfield were able to attend their meetings. They could not expect men to travel across wide areas to practices. With regard to finance, he was trying to conserve funds, so as to have a balance in hand of £20, which he thought should be considered the minimum. He asked the committee to look up subscribers interested in bells, and finally he thanked them all for the patience with which they had received his sometimes hasty correspondence and pleadings (applause).

Mr. C. A. Bennett then proposed votes of thanks to the Vicar of Old Windsor, to Miss Feltham for her services as organist, and to Mr. J. Gutteridge, the steeplekeeper. Referring to the use of the bells, the speaker remarked that there were two classes of people—those who liked bells, and those who didn't. It was difficult to deal with a Vicar who disliked bells, but he thought it was always possible to interest him with the idea of the valuable example of co-operation as distinct from competition, which bell ringing entailed. He contended that the resources of the world were best developed by co-operation, and their Guild offered opportunities of co-operation which were badly needed.

The Rev. J. R. Napier, in acknowledgment, stated that he was most pleased and honoured at their choice of Old Windsor tower, and he was delighted to put the bells at their disposal. He was an honorary member of their association, but as a ringer he had an unfortunate beginning owing to a bell being upside down (laughter). He pulled the rope, and—well, that was the end of his bell ringing career (renewed laughter). All the same, he felt that England would never be the same without her bells, and he would be glad to see the Guild again at any time.

The Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, M.C.) gave a brief address, in which he congratulated the chairman, Sir William Carter, on recently celebrating his golden wedding (applause). He was sorry that Lady Carter was unable to be present. The speaker then dealt with the pleasures and advantages of these branch meetings, and complimented their excellent secretary on his indefatigable efforts. Referring to the area covered by the branch, he suggested that this matter be delegated to the committee for full discussion and a report at their next meeting. He had the welfare of the branch at heart, and was anxious that the work should not prove too much for the secretary. In the course of his sermon, Canon Coleridge had remarked that in 40 years the Guild had only had two masters and three secretaries. He wished to add that in that time they had only had one Canon Coleridge, and there was no one like him (applause).

Mr. Bennett proposed that the committee be instructed to consider the question of dividing the branch into two and report at the next annual meeting.

Mr. Barker suggested that it would be better to leave the branch as it is with the old title, and form sub-divisions instead of making two new branches.

Mr. Fussell stated his personal views of the matter. Owing to the huge district, he was unable to get about enough, and could not visit enough towers. The title, 'East Berks and South Bucks' was not a guild title, as it was in existence before the Guild was formed. If the branch was divided, the title need not be lost. The two secretaries could work in unison, and they would have the added advantage of two committees, with the prospect of remote towers receiving due attention.

Various arguments were put forward for and against, and the matter was finally referred to the committee for consideration, with the recommendation that a special general meeting be called during the summer months to decide the question.

A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting.

The ringing during the day included a course each of Cambridge at Slough, Sunbury and at Old Windsor, and London at Windsor.

An excellent photograph of the party was taken at Old Windsor, and copies may be had post free 4d. each from the secretary.

INFORMATION WANTED.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Could any of your readers furnish me with any information concerning a peal of Grandsire Caters, rung at St. Clement Danes London, half-muffled, for the late Lord Beaconsfield and conducted by the late John Cox? I have been asked to make this inquiry by an old Cumberland Youth, Mr. G. Flavell, who rang in the peal, and who would like to know if there are any more surviving members of the band.—Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM J. ATLEN.

38, Melbourne Street, Northampton.

A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

HIGH WYCOMBE.—At All Saints' Church, for evensong, on Sunday, April 17th, 1,057 Stedman Cinques, in 54 mins.: F. Hayes (conductor) 1, H. Butler 2, J. W. Wilkins 3, G. White 4, E. Markham 5, F. K. Biggs 6, A. J. Hoing (longest length in the method) 7, G. Twitchea 8, F. Boxell 9, J. Gransbury 10, S. T. Goodchild 11, H. C. Ingram 12.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, April 17th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Gill (first quarter-peal) 1, G. Edser 2, W. A. Woodrow 3, J. Emery 4, Miss Ida Woodrow 5, F. J. Shepherd 6, W. Shepherd (conductor) 7, A. Batty 8.

BRAINTREE.—For evensong, at the Parish Church, on Sunday, April 17th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 40 mins.: 11. E. Hammond 1, W. J. Sadler 2, C. H. Howard (conductor) 3, G. Melbourne 4, W. H. Dyson 5, G. Lindridge 6, W. H. Hammond 7, H. J. Collins 8. Rung in honour of the birthday of Mr. L. W. Wiffen, the highly esteemed vergor at the church.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.—On Sunday, April 17th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 minutes: J. H. Lane 1, T. E. Eades 2, S. R. Garner 3, R. Trendell 4, S. Rox 5, H. Baker 6, E. Trendell (conductor) 7, T. Harman 8.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—At Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, on Sunday, April 17th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), composed by A. P. Wakley: A. Parsons 1, H. Lewis 2, W. G. Cook 3, F. J. Lewis 4, S. Hicks (conductor) 5, H. C. Bond 6, V. R. Williams 7, J. Hayward 8.

HOUNSLOW.—On Sunday evening, April 17th, at St. Paul's Church, 1260 Grandsire Triples, in 42 minutes: D. G. Archer 1, C. Tricker 2, A. Beckensale 3, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 4, A. Price 5, A. Harding 6, G. Spencer 7, J. Hanks 8.

HORBURY, YORKS.—On Sunday, April 17th, for Divine service, at SS. Peter and Leonard's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: W. H. Mitchell 1, G. Hunt 2, G. F. Pickles 3, H. Rowley (conductor) 4, G. Barstow 5, J. Smith 6, R. Thickett 7, F. Lockwood (first quarter-peal) 8.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist, on Sunday, April 17th, for evening service, a 504 of Grandsire Triples: E. W. Pannett (longest touch) 1, A. G. Bennington 2, E. J. Pannett 3, J. Law 4, J. Crowder 5, E. B. Crowder 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, E. A. Easterby 8.

NEWBURN, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—At St. Michael and All Angels, on Sunday, April 10th, for evening service, 720 Plain Oxford, by the local band, in 26 mins.: A. Leedham 1, J. Oliver 2, H. G. Taylor 3, J. Lowrey 4, T. Colvin 5, E. Lowrey (conductor) 6. First 720 by the ringer of the 2nd, who is only 15 years old.

DERBY.—On Sunday, April 10th, for evening service, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major: F. Waidren 1, J. Haynes 2, W. H. Buxton 3, J. A. Orgill 4, W. Poyser 5, W. A. Parsons 6, J. W. Glow 7, J. Lord (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major by all.

NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.—On April 10th, for evening service, at St. James' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260), in 48 mins., by: T. O'Hara 1, W. Bingham 2, A. P. Knights 3, B. Fry (first quarter with inside bell) 4, T. Serral 5, W. Biggin 6, F. Allen (first quarter as conductor) 7, G. Butcher 8.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.—On Sunday, April 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Minor, being 300 Plain Bob, 240 Kent, and 720 Oxford Treble Bob: *A. Appleton 1, *H. B. Gardner 2, J. D. Buckingham 3, C. J. Mann 4, E. P. Buckingham 5, G. H. Neville (conductor) 6. * Longest length; also longest length as conductor.

DOVER, KENT.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, April 10th, for evening service, in 44 mins., a quarter-peal (1260 changes) of Grandsire Triples (by the late A. P. Wakley): J. Eagles (first quarter-peal) 1, C. Turner 2, E. L. Miles 3, F. W. Elliott 4, C. R. Millway (conductor) 5, H. Whitehead 6, H. J. Saunders 7, R. H. Stevens 8.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, April 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 50 mins.: W. Clifford 1, A. T. Scrivena 2, W. H. Jones 3, J. F. Smallwood (conductor) 4, O. Norman 5, J. Hopkin 6, H. Dickens 7, W. Kent 8, W. Davies 9, E. Plummer 10.

SOUTHGATE, Middlesex Association.—On Sunday, April 10th, for evensong, 1,259 Grandsire Caters, in 50 mins.: A. G. Crane 1, A. R. Glascock 2, W. Pickworth 3, G. Bester 4, S. Wade 5, J. E. Miller 6, J. Armstrong (conductor) 7, H. Miller 8, G. W. Fletcher 9, P. Bigg (first quarter-peal on ten) 10. First quarter-peal on ten away from tenor by

DUTY AND PRIVILEGE.

BY THE LATE MASTER OF THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

'I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness' (Ps. lxxxiv. 11).

The Psalmist sets the humblest office about the House of God before anything that the 'tents of ungodliness' can offer; and if the office of a door-keeper, much more the ancient and honourable office of the Ringer. For what is his duty and privilege? It is, first and foremost, to invite others to the House of Prayer, and he does it officially, as an office-bearer in the Church. Let us rise to the dignity of our calling. 'Prayer pulls the rope below, and the great Bell rings above in the ears of God.' So said the great Nonconformist preacher, C. H. Spurgeon. Ringing has its manifold lessons. We expect to hear the Bell sound when we pull the rope; with equal certainty we may expect prayer to be answered. No two Bells in the Tower have the same note, but when all are rung, the result is ever-changing melody; so the praises of a united congregation rise in ever-changing melody before the Throne of God. You are disappointed when you meet 'one short' for the method you wished to ring; is not our Master disappointed when His congregation meets 'one short' for worship? Never let it be said that the 'one short' was an office-bearer of the Church.

MICHAEL E. THOROLD.

treble ringer.

WOKING, SURREY.—At St. Peter's Church, Old Woking, on Sunday, April 10th, for evensong, 720 Bob Minor: W. Edwards 1, Mrs. Hazelden (first 720 of Minor) 2, C. Hazelden 3, W. R. Melville 4, J. Brackley (conductor) 5, T. Strudwick 6.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Sunday afternoon, April 10th, with the bells half-muffled, for the unveiling and dedication of the war memorial, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: W. Burrell (Uckfield) 1, A. J. Pierpoint (Uckfield) 2, G. Ades (Brighton) 3, W. Booth (Heathfield) 4, A. Reid (Waldron) 5, A. Causley (Buxted) 6, J. A. Hart (Uckfield), conductor. 7, A. Hunter (Buxted) 8.—On Sunday, April 3rd, by the local band, for afternoon service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: T. Green 1, J. A. Hart (conductor) 2, C. Taylor 3, E. Dadswell 4, A. Causley 5, A. Weller 6.

USEFUL TOUCHES FOR SERVICE RINGING.

1260 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

234567	
672453	2
346572	1
673425	3
546273	1
735624	2
467235	1
674235	4
526374	1

5 times repeated with S for B at end of 3rd and 6th parts. 12 7 4's; 12 4 6's; 12 6 7's.

H. W. Wilde.

504 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES.

234567	
752346	3
467352	1
674523	2
236574	1
452367	3
674362	1
526374	1

Twice repeated.

J. Beams.

789 STEDMAN TRIPLES.

23456	
514362	6 7 8 15 19
415263	4 13
413562	13
514265	4 13
315462	13
312564	13
213465	4 13
213564	8 4 13
214365	13

Round next change.

W. Shepherd.

1299 STEDMAN CATERS.

23456789	5	16
312564978	1	2 3 6 8 9 10 14 16 17
213465	—	—
312465	—	S
213564	—	—
214365	—	—
412365	—	S
215364	—	—
512364	—	S
213456789	2	5 8 9 15
312465	—	S
213464	—	—
214365	—	—

James George.

MORE SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday, April 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (1,280 changes), in 47 mins.: A. V. Moore 1, G. Hollis 2, C. Mason 3, E. Robins 4, W. J. Thynge 5, J. Moss 6, T. Riley 7, J. Flint (conductor) 8.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.—On Sunday, April 10th, for evening service (1,296 changes), Stedman Triples, in 50 mins., composed by A. J. Pitman, and published under service touches in 'The Ringing World': G. W. Sorrell 1, F. W. Edwards 2, F. G. Radley 3, J. Clark (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 4, H. Head 5, A. Head 6, W. Lincoln (conductor) 7, T. Lincoln 8. Arranged for J. Clark, of Chelmsford, and rung as a birthday compliment for F. W. Edwards.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Stephen's, West Ealing, no Sunday, April 10th, for evening service, and also as a birthday compliment to the mother of the ringer of the 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples, in 42 mins.: A. B. Peck 1, E. J. Watson 2, P. E. Clark 3, C. Edwards 4, H. R. Newton 5, H. Belcher 6, E. Hancox (conductor) 7, F. Palmer 8.

WORSLEY.—At St. Mark's Church, on Sunday, April 10th, for afternoon service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: W. Grundy 1, J. Ridyard 2, W. Oakes 3, S. Harrison 4, D. Clark 5, J. H. Ridyard (conductor) 6, P. H. Derbyshire 7, A. Burton 8. Rung with the bells fully muffled, on the occasion of unveiling the war memorial, by the Right Hon. the Earl of Ellesmere.

DOWN AMPNEY, GLOS.—At St. Augustine's Church, on Thursday, April 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): W. G. Cook 1, S. Hicks 2, B. R. Williams 3, W. C. Cus 4, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 5. Also several six-scores of Stedman, Plain Bob and St. Dunstan.

OLD BRADWELL.—On Easter Day, for 8 a.m. service, 720 Grandsire Doubles, by five of the ringers belonging to the tower, the tenor being rung by a visitor to the village: R. Spiers 1, E. Whitlock 2, C. Alderman 3, F. Bird 4, T. Wallas (conductor) 5, P. Leach 6. This is the first 720 ever rung by the band, who have only been practising a short time, their tutor being Mr. H. Sear, of Bleckley, Bucks, to whom all praise is due.

BATH, SOMERSET.—On Easter Sunday, for morning service, at St. Michael's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 43 minutes: C. Densley 1, G. Temple 2, T. F. Hing 3, C. Goodenough (first in the method) 4, H. W. Brown 5, G. H. Harding 6, R. J. Cousins (conductor) 7, T. Hoggsheth 8.

SHREWSBURY.—On Easter Day, at St. Chad's, for early service, touches of Bob Minor; for Matins, 503 Grandsire Caters: R. Pole 1, G. Brown 2, G. Jones 3, J. E. Lilley 4, P. Lane (Ludlow) 5, A. Short 6, S. Snelson 7, W. Fairhead 8, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 9, J. Evans 10. Also touches of Triples, H. Baggle and R. Clifton.

WESTERHAM, KENT.—On Easter Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: Jack Taylor 1, E. Stone 2, G. B. Selby 3, M. Whatley 4, G. A. S. Selby 5, A. V. Selby 6, H. J. Selby (conductor) 7, A. T. Lewis 8. On Sunday evening, April 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Jack Taylor 1, G. B. Selby 2, Charles Taylor 3, E. Hoag 4, G. A. S. Selby 5, A. J. Lewis 6, H. J. Selby (conductor) 7, Dudley Peters 8. * First quarter-peal.

ILMINSTER, SOMERSET.—At St. Mary's Church, on Easter Day, for morning service, and as a congratulatory touch to the ringer of the fourth on the birth of a grandson, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: D. G. Taylor (conductor) 1, C. Gummer (first quarter-peal) 2, V. Crabb 3, W. Coombes 4, G. Sibley 5, A. J. Grant 6, P. Bailey 7, H. Raison 8. The composition was by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, given on a recent 'Sunday Service Page.'

THE GRANTA VARIATION OF TREBLE BOB.

This variation was given in 'The Ringing World' very recently. Amongst its other advantages the method has a clean proof scale, which enables to ring a peal to be rung with the sixth 12 full courses at home.

The bob before is made as below. The quick return of the bell that makes the bob into the slow is interesting.

5392 by the Rev. H. LAWJAMES.			
THE BOB.	23456	B	W H
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8 1 7 6 5 4 3 2	32436	—	—
8 1 6 7 4 5 2 3	23654	—	—
1 8 7 6 5 4 3 2	23645	—	1
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NOTICES.

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MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham and District.—A monthly meeting of the above will be held at Bottesford on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells ready 2.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—Thos. H. Kirkby, Hon. Sec.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION (Southern Branch).—A quarterly meeting will be held at Evesham on Saturday, April 23rd. Service in All Saints' Church at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Parish Hall. The bells (10) available at 3 p.m.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Erith (St. John the Baptist's) on Saturday, April 23rd. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. and address by the Rev. W. F. Cobb (Vicar). Tea and business meeting to follow in the West Street Schools. Christ Church bells will be available also.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Beverley on Saturday, April 23rd. Minster bells (10) available from noon and St. Mary's (10) from 6 p.m. Service in the Minster at 4 p.m. Tea in Parish Room, Minster Yard, at 5 p.m. at 1/6 per head. Business meeting immediately after tea in same room.—A. B. Cook, District Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Stebbing on April 23rd. Short service with address at 4.30, followed by tea in Church Room, 1/6 per head.—B. Redgwell, District Sec., Rayne.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Cheshunt on April 23rd. Bells from 2.30. Tea at the Green Dragon, Church Gate, at 5 o'clock. Business after. Short service in church at 6.30. Address by the Vicar. All members and friends cordially invited.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. District Sec., Little Mundon.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.—By permission of the Rector, the bells will be available for ringing from 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 23rd.—Fred. R. Borrett.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next Quarterly meeting will be held at Pontypridd on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (8) available. Short service at 4.30, meeting and tea to follow.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The spring meeting of this district will be held at Teynham on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea will be provided at 6d. per head.—E. G. Buesden, Hon. District Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brindle on April 23rd. Bells ready at 3.—E. R. Martin, Branch Sec.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Thrapston District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Twywell on Saturday, April 23rd. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock.—J. Nickerson, Halford Street, Thrapston.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby Branch.—Saturday, April 23rd, at St. Alkmund's Church, Derby. Unveiling of peal boards. Ringing from 2 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—C. Draper, 25, Western Road, Derby.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on April 28th; and Southwark Cathedral on April 26th, all at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Annual meeting of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild will be held at Lincoln, on Saturday, April 30th. Tea in Co-operative Hall at 5.15, at 2/- per head. Members wanting tea must send their names to their Branch Secretaries, on or before Tuesday, April 26th. Visitors to advise me.—Reginald Bond, Hon. Sec., St. Peter's Rectory, Lincoln.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Mistley on April 30th. Service, with address, at 4.30, followed by tea at the Church Institute, provided for those sending me notice by April 26th. All ringers welcome.—H. T. Pye, District Secretary, 49, Wickham Road, Colchester.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—The Quarterly meeting will be held at Barking on Saturday, April 30th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Business meeting, 5.30 p.m.—W. H. Theobald, Hon. Sec.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Wellingborough District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Mears Ashby on Saturday, April 30th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock.—W. Perkins, Dis. Sec., 6, Addington Road, Irthlingborough.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—A meeting will be held at Hatfield (Stainforth G. C. Station), on April 30th. Bells (8) 2.30 to 8. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 at a charge of 1s. 6d. per head to all who notify Mr. H. Crowe, Town End, Heathfield, before April 27th.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Chipping Sodbury on Saturday, April 30th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The Annual meeting will be held at Ranmoor on Saturday, May 7th. Bells ready 2 o'clock. Short Service 5.30. Tea in Parish Room 6 o'clock. Will all who require tea kindly acquaint Mr. C. Haynes, 439, Sandygate Road, Sheffield, a few days before the meeting? The charge for tea will be 1s. 6d. per head.—Sam Thomas, 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Edmonton, on Saturday, May 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting.

Tea will be arranged, at a moderate charge, for all those who advise me by Monday, May 2nd. All members and friends welcome.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—By kind invitation, a joint meeting will be held at Peterborough on Whit Monday. It is proposed to journey by charabanc, via Huntingdon. All ringers wishing to attend please notify me as soon as possible. Further particulars later.—V. Shorter, Hon. Gen. Sec., 3, Pembroke St., Cambridge.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Radcliffe on Saturday, April 30th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock.—J. Hall, 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Branch Sec.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Est. 1755.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Aston on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (10) available from 3.30. Tea will be provided free in the Vicarage Rooms at 5 o'clock for those who send word not later than the 23rd inst. of their intention to be present.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11 Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY will hold their Annual meeting on Saturday, April 30th, at the Parish Church, Ashton-under-Lyne. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 7 p.m.—Chas. Bower, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. A Monthly meeting will be held at Keevil on Saturday, April 30th. Bells available at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. All requiring tea should advise me by April 28th.—Harold F. Brown, 45, West End, Westbury, Wilts.

SALOP RINGERS' GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Oswestry, Saturday, April 30th. Ringing and short service at St. Oswald's Church. Tea 1s. 4d. at Oswestry Castle Refreshment Rooms (if ordered before April 26th from Rev. F. Tennison, Hon. Sec. Alkmund's Vic. Shrewsbury) and meeting. Local ringers invited.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice:—St. Martin's, first Monday in the month, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Bride's, second Saturday, 5 p.m.; Shoreditch, 3rd Wednesday, 7.30 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7D, Morgan Mansions, N.7.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Southern District.—A meeting for practice will be held on Saturday, May 7th, at All Saints', Fulham. Tower open from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

OLDHAM AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Milnrow Parish Church, Saturday, May 7th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting 7.—I. Schofield, Hon. Sec., 12, Kersley Street, Oldham.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—S. & W. District.—A meeting will be held at Norwood Green on Saturday, May 7th, by the kind invitation of the Vicar, Rev. Thomas Parker. Ringing at 3. Tea at 5 p.m. Those requiring same let me know by May 1st.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, Chiswick.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Brighton on May 7th. Service at St. Peter's at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting St. Peter's Parish Room 4 p.m. Ringing, St. Peter's and St. Nicholas, 2 to 3.30 p.m., from 6.30 p.m. No tea arranged this year.—H. R. Butcher, Gen. Hon. Sec., Kent View, Crowborough.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Annual meeting and Opening War Memorial at Berkeley, Glos., Whit Monday, May 16th. Management Committee meeting at 11 a.m. Dedication Service at 12 noon, by the Very Rev. the Dean of Bristol. Dinner (hot 3s. 6d., cold 2s. 6d.) at 1.15 p.m. General meeting 2.15 p.m. Tea to follow 1s. 6d. (1s. allowed each member). Owing to the large numbers attending, members must order their meals through me on or before May 2nd. Headquarters, Berkeley Arms Hotel.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Eastern District was held on Saturday week at Barkway, when the bells were kindly placed at the disposal of the ringers by the Rev. H. Stubbs. In spite of the somewhat inclement weather and restricted railway facilities, twenty-one members attended from Barley, Royston, Sawston, Great Munden, Little Munden, Anstey, Peterboro', Newmarket, Melbourne, Cambridge, and the local band. The nice peal of eight, with tenor of 17 cwt., were kept going, and much useful practice was enjoyed.—At the tea and business meeting Miss V. Shorter presided, and one new member was elected, viz., Mr. H. Whitby (Barkway).—A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the welcome extended was unanimously carried.—Ringing in various methods was kept up until 9 p.m.

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