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WORK OF THE COMMITTEES.

The work of the Committees of the Central Council is by no means the least important part of the doings of that body. But for the labours of the Peals Analysis Committee, any serious comparison of the results achieved by the various associations would be out of the question, and much of the interest in the peals would be lost. The task of that Committee is both laborious and continuous, and the Exercise owes the members a deep debt of gratitude. The work of the Peal Collection and Methods Committees involves the exercise of great pains and diligence, although, perhaps, not such constant application as is required from the Analyses Committee. Nevertheless, their task is one of importance, and, when completed, will be of interest and great value to the Exercise. The Collection of Treble Bob Peals has been placed in the Library, and is available for the use of any ringer who desires it. It loses some of its value at present from the fact that the printing of it is necessarily held up on account of cost, but now that this collection is temporarily, at any rate, out of the way, the Council might well consider whether they cannot publish for the benefit of the Exercise the collection of methods which is the product of many years of labour of the Methods Committee.

As far as it has gone, the work is complete, and for several reasons it is a pity that it should not reach the hands of ringers. It would be a big step forward in enabling eight-bell ringers to extend the methods which they can practise; it would, to a large extent, settle all future disputes as to methods, about the authorship of which questions constantly crop up, for all the possible regular plain methods are included, and such a collection, in the hands of an enterprising band, is bound to increase interest in the practice of the art. The question of 'ownership' will in future disappear if we accept the dictum laid down by Mr. Trollope to the Council. He argues that there is no such thing as ownership of a method, or a composition for that matter, and a good many ringers will agree with him, for a method or a peal is simply the result of the application of a mathematical formula which is already in existence. There is no reason why the person who first gives the product of his investigations to the public should not put his name to it, but it is no more his personal property than is the fact that twice two are four. This argument may come as rather a rude shock to some composers, but they will find it difficult to disprove. Turning to the practical question of the publication of the Committee's work, so far as it has gone, the

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Council might well adopt the suggestion put forward in this column last year, and publish the Collection in parts, thus to some extent easing the strain on their exchequer by reaping a portion of the revenue from one part before embarking on the next. It would enable the Exercise more gradually to absorb the new methods, and would make it easier for the average ringer to acquire the Collection, while the Council would have the satisfaction of turning the Committee's work to good use.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 16, 1921, in Three Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 38½ cwt.

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| WILLIAM H. HEWETT 2 | GEORGE RADLEY 7 |
| MISS EDITH K. PARKER 3 | WILEY J. HAZELL 8 |
| GEORGE WILLIAMS 4 | JAMES PARKER 9 |
| JOHN THOMAS 5 | GEORGE W. FLETCHER 10 |
| WILLIAM E. GARRARD 6 | JAMES E. DAVIS 11 |
| *CHARLES V. HARE 7 | HARRY CHAPMAN Tenor |

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal on twelve. This is the first peal of Cinques on tower bells for the Association.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 14, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON, STEPNEY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

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| WILLIAM A. ALPS 2 | ERNEST BRETT 6 |
| HERBERT LANGDON 3 | FRANK BALL 7 |
| WILLIAM S. LANGDON 4 | CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 8 |
| ALFRED B. PECK 5 | THOMAS LANGDON 9 |
| JAMES SCHOLES 6 | GEORGE BARRELL Tenor |

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 28, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt.

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| HAROLD J. POOLE 2 | FRED WILFORD 6 |
| GEORGE CLEAL 3 | HORACE STUBBS 7 |
| *PRYCE TAYLOR 4 | JAMES HUTCHBY 8 |
| JOHN W. JONES 5 | EDWARD READER 9 |
| HARRY BROUGHTON 6 | JOHN OLDHAM Tenor |

Composed by JAMES GEORGE.

Conducted by E. READER.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. Ringers of 1, 2 and 5 are from St. Martin's, Leicester, 4th from Newport, Mon., and 6th from Northampton; the remainder are of the local company.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, May 28, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

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| PERCY O. LAFLIN 2 | JAMES E. GROVES 6 |
| THOMAS RUSSAM 3 | ALBERT WALKER 7 |
| GEORGE F. SWANN 4 | *J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 8 |
| *ALBERT E. NORMAN 5 | ALF. PADDON SMITH 9 |
| MORRIS J. MORRIS 6 | JOHN NEAL Tenor |

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by P. O. LAFLIN.

* First peal of Royal. A. E. Norman's 50th peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.**HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Wednesday, May 11, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

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| OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. Treble | WILLIAM WATTS... .. 5 |
| JOHN FEIST 2 | ALFRED J. TURNER 6 |
| GEORGE ELLIS 3 | KEITH HART... .. 7 |
| GEORGE LUCAS 4 | WILLIAM H. STENNING ... Tenor |

Conducted by KEITH HART.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.**THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Thursday, May 12, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Ignatius-the-Martyr,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

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| THOMAS STEPHENSON... .. Treble | ROBERT WALKER... .. 5 |
| GEORGE S. TAYLOR 2 | JOHN J. LEIGHTON 6 |
| THOMAS H. NAISBY 3 | JOSEPH W. PARKER 7 |
| MICHAEL F. HARRISON ... 4 | ROBERT L. PATTERSON ... Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

First peal in the method by all the band and by the Association.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, May 14, 1921, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

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| A. YORKE BRAMBLE Treble | ALFRED W. GROVES 5 |
| ARTHUR MASON 2 | RICHARD STREDWICK 6 |
| EDWIN F. PIKE 3 | OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 7 |
| GEORGE ELLIS 4 | KEITH HART... .. Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Monday, May 16, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

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| ALFRED J. BOLL Treble | ARTHUR MASON 5 |
| EDWIN F. PIKE 2 | ALFRED J. TURNER 6 |
| GEORGE ELLIS 3 | OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 7 |
| ALFRED W. GROVES 4 | KEITH HART... .. Tenor |

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

This was A. J. Turner's 300th peal.

CRAYFORD, KENT.**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Monday, May 16, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paulinus,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

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| *ARTHUR J. MORTON Treble | JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5 |
| *HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... 2 | ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... 6 |
| *WILLIAM J. WHEADON ... 3 | HERBERT AUDSLEY 7 |
| JOHN WHEADON... .. 4 | EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Tenor |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by J. H. CHEESEMAN.

* First peal of Double Norwich.

CLAPHAM.**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**

On Monday, May 16, 1921, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Stephen, Clapham Park, S.W.,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

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| EDWIN HORREX Treble | CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 5 |
| WILLIAM S. LANGDON ... 2 | HERBERT LANGDON 6 |
| WILLIAM A. ALPS 3 | THOMAS LANGDON 7 |
| CHALLIS F. WINNEY 4 | *REV. GEORGE H. ENSOR ... Tenor |

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

* First peal.

DERBY.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

On Monday, May 16, 1921, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

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| GEORGE TOMLINSON Treble | WILLIAM POYSER... .. 5 |
| WILFRED H. BUXTON... .. 2 | WILLIAM A. PARSONS... .. 6 |
| GEORGE WM. BRAME 3 | JOHN W. GLEW 7 |
| J. ARTHUR ORGILL 4 | JOSEPH LORD... .. Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOSEPH LORD.

First peal in the method by all and on the bells.

BIRMINGHAM, WARWICKSHIRE.**THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**

On Saturday, May 21, 1921, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At Bishop Ryder's Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

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| ALBERT T. SCRIVENS Treble | SAMUEL GROVE 5 |
| BERNARD W. WITCHELL ... 2 | OLIVER G. NORMAN 6 |
| WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT... 3 | JAMES GEORGE 7 |
| ALFRED DAVIES 4 | JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (No. 230). Conducted by J. E. SYKES.

This composition, now rung for the first time, contains the extent of the 5th and 6th in 5-6, with the 6th five times right. There is not a course in the peal without either the 5th or 6th one way or the other in 5-6. It was rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. D. F. E. Sykes, of Marsden, the conductor's mother. The conductor has now rung a peal in 100 different towers, in 25 counties, for 25 associations.

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

On Saturday, May 21, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
At the Parish Church of St. Barnabas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 15½ cwt.

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| JONATHAN PRESTON Treble | *JAMES PRATT 5 |
| THOMAS H. REEVES 2 | WILLIAM J. MEERS 6 |
| GEORGE F. SWANN 3 | ARTHUR GARDNER 7 |
| HARRY DICKENS 4 | GEORGE F. GARRISON ... Tenor |

Conducted by THOMAS H. REEVES.

* First peal in the method away from tenor. This is the 50th peal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. E. Preston, mother of the ringer of the treble.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.**THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, May 21, 1921, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

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| HUGH J. BALCOMBE Treble | R. ALDER GOFTON 5 |
| RICHARD A. GOFTON 2 | JOSEPH A. GOFTON 6 |
| GEORGE R. HOLMES 3 | *STEPHEN S. STRATFORD ... 7 |
| JAMES E. GOFTON 4 | THOMAS T. GOFTON Tenor |

Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

* First peal of Cambridge. First peal of Cambridge on the bells. H. J. Balcombe was proposed a member of the Association before starting for the peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. and Mr. J. A. Gofton, whose birthdays fell on the 19th & 21st respectively.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, May 21, 1921, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

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| ARTHUR S. BOAR... .. Treble | GEORGE BENNETT 5 |
| ALBERT A. FLEMING 2 | HENRY C. GILLINGHAM ... 6 |
| FRANK L. FISHER 3 | CHARLES E. FISHER 7 |
| GEORGE A. FLEMING 4 | WILLIAM BURGESS Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by CHARLES E. FISHER.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 21, 1921, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5162 CHANGES.

Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

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| ARTHUR J. BARTLETT... ..Treble | JOHN H. B. HESSE 5 |
| THOMAS MACK 2 | GEORGE W. STEERE 6 |
| RICHARD HAYES 3 | WILLIAM BEESON 7 |
| THOMAS ATTWELL 4 | ALFRED H. PULLINGTenor |

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

The company take this opportunity of thanking Major Hesse for his kind hospitality after the peal.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1921, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

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| JAMES S. WARD... ..Treble | JOHN J. MAWBY 5 |
| *JOHN CLAYPOLE... .. 2 | GEORGE BASFORD 6 |
| JOHN R. MAIN 3 | ANDERSON Y. TYLER 7 |
| †THOMAS ABBOTT 4 | ARTHUR TOMPKINSTenor |

Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.

* First peal away from the treble. First peal in the method away from the tenor. Messrs. Ward, Mawby and Tyler belong to Irtlingborough. The remainder, for whom this peal was arranged, hail from Finedon.

MOUNTSOREL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1921, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

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| FREDERICK H. DEXTER ...Treble | HAROLD J. POOLE 5 |
| *SHIRLEY BURTON 2 | JOHN OLDHAM 6 |
| LOUIS E. ALLEN 3 | R. HENRY BARTRAM 7 |
| GEORGE CLEAL 4 | HARRY BROUGHTONTenor |

Composed by the late N. J. PRISTOW. Conducted by H. BROUGHTON.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Major on the bells. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Rector for the use of the bells and Mr. T. Collins for having them in readiness.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 21, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 26 lb.

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| ERNEST DUMPERTreble | OWEN H. GILES 5 |
| REGINALD BROWN 2 | GEORGE WILLIAMS 6 |
| JOHN W. FAITHFUL 3 | JAMES PARKER 7 |
| WALTER G. ROWE 4 | WILLIAM T. TUCKERTenor |

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1921, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

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| WILLIAM H. HOADTreble | ALBERT E. EDWARDS 5 |
| THOMAS HOAD 2 | EDWARD MILLS 6 |
| *REGINALD E. LAMBERT 3 | TRAYTON BOOTH 7 |
| FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 4 | JAMES GOODSELLTenor |

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

* First peal of Triples with a bob bell. Messrs. Lambert hail from Burwash and Horsmonden and were elected members of Association previous to starting. The rest belong to Salehurst.

RAINHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1921, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

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| *H. SPRINGATETreble | W. WALKER... .. 5 |
| F. BELSEY 2 | C. NORRIS 6 |
| R. PAIN 3 | F. RICHARDSON 7 |
| C. WINSOR 4 | W. HAIGHTenor |

Composed by F. HOLDEN. Conducted by F. RICHARDSON.

* First peal of Treble Bob. Also first peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

WITNEY, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 21, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICAR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

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| RICHARD KEENTreble | WILLIAM JUDGE 5 |
| THOMAS BULL 2 | JOHN MONK 6 |
| ROBERT ROSE 3 | REV. CYRIL W. O. JENKYN 7 |
| GEORGE A. KING... .. 4 | GEORGE BROOKSTenor |

Conducted by JOHN MONK.

COLN ST. ALDWYNS, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 22, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

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| FRANCIS J. LEWISTreble | VICTOR R. WILLIAMS... .. 5 |
| †JAMES BUTLER 2 | SYDNEY M. LOXTON 6 |
| *WILFRED G. COOK 3 | EX-SGT. J. WILLIAMS... .. 7 |
| CHARLES H. AUSTIN... .. 4 | CHARLES MUSTOWTenor |

Conducted by JAMES BUTLER.

* First peal on a Bob bell. First peal as conductor.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 23, 1921, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THOMAS DAY'S SIX-PART. Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in E.

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| JOHN DAVIESTreble | †ARTHUR STEWART 5 |
| THOMAS BRATBY 2 | PETER CROOK 6 |
| *FRED ABBOTT 3 | ERNEST CUTHBERT 7 |
| GEORGE PINCOTT 4 | JOHN NUTTALLTenor |

Conducted by P. CROOK.

First peal on the bells since recasting after the fire. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar and the ringer of the 5th. * 50th peal. † First peal with a bob bell.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 24, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Ignatius-the-Martyr,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt.

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| *THOMAS STEPHENSON ...Treble | ROBERT WALKER... .. 5 |
| THOMAS H. NAISBY 2 | JOSEPH W. PARKER 6 |
| MICHAEL F. HARRISON 3 | ROBERT L. PATTERSON 7 |
| JOHN J. LEIGHTON 4 | HAROLD B. DITCHBURNTenor |

Conducted by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung for Empire Day, also in honour of the birthday of Mr. John Naisby and the silver wedding of Mr. Thos. W. Ditchburn, two Sunderland ringers.

THE LATE MR. W. WISE.

The following amounts have been contributed to the fund to assist the widow of Mr. Walter Wise:—Winchester Guild, per Mr. Mr. G. Williams, 25s.; Mr. G. Lucas, 5s.; Anon., 5s.; W. Lawrence, Ealing, 1s.; Mr. Fitzjohn, Thetford, 2s. 6d.; J. S. Goldsmith, 5s.; Mr. Keith Hart, 2s. 6d.; Mr. R. Knight, Leytonstone, 10s.; Mr. H. N. Davis, late Master, Waterloo Society, 5s.; Mr. W. Watson, 2s.; Mr. J. Hart, 5s.; a Sympathiser, 2s. 6d.; Mr. C. Slingsby, Hythe, 2s. 6d.; A. Mason, 10s. 6d. Further donations are earnestly appealed for, and should be sent to Mr. Arthur Mason, 99, Northcote Road, West Croydon.

AEHTRAD, SURREY.**THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, May 28, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,****A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;****8 PRITCHARD'S FOUR-PART.****Tenor 14 cwt.**

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| ALFRED H. WINCH Treble | GEORGE COOK 5 |
| JOHN BEAMS 2 | ALBERT HARMAN 6 |
| *WILLIAM COOK 3 | JOHN HOYLE 7 |
| GEORGE MARRINER 4 | ARTHUR DEAN Tenor |

Conducted by G. MARRINER.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to the ringer of the 5th. * First peal in the method with a bob bell. First peal as conductor.

TYLDESLEY, LANCASHIRE.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, May 28, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,****WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.****Tenor 11½ cwt.**

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| GEORGE POWNALL Treble | JOSEPH LOWE 5 |
| JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... 2 | JOHN POTTER 6 |
| TITUS BARLOW 3 | THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... 7 |
| GEORGE PINCOTT 4 | ROBERT ALLRED Tenor |

Conducted by THOMAS B. WORELEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Maggie Allred, and as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. John Potter, on the 28th anniversary of their wedding day.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.****THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, May 18, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes.***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,****A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of London, Ipswich, Bourne, Cambridge, Annable's London, Netherseale and Norwich Surprise.

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| CHARLES NUNN Treble | ALPHAEUS J. BERRY ... 4 |
| WILLIAM CLOVER 2 | ERNEST F. POPPY ... 5 |
| WILLIAM ROSE 3 | GEORGE CATTERMOLE ... Tenor |

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLE.

First peal of Surprise Minor by all and first on the bells.

ROXTON, BEDS.**THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.****(BIGGLESWADE BRANCH.)***On Saturday, May 21, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes.***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,****A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 14 six-scores each of St. Simon, Grandsire and Bob Doubles.

Tenor 10 cwt.

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| *W. SMITH Treble | *F. HULL 3 |
| T. BARTRAM 2 | *W. HOLDEN 4 |
| A. R. SOWDEN Tenor | |

Conducted by A. R. SOWDEN.

* First peal.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, May 21, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,****A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being three 720's of Oxford Single Bob, and four 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

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| *GEORGE OLIVER Treble | *GEORGE STREETEYER ... 4 |
| †ERNEST STONER 2 | CECIL J. E. GASSON ... 5 |
| ALBERT STEELE 3 | ALBERT E. T. GASSON ... Tenor |

Conducted by A. E. T. GASSON.

* First peal. † First peal on 'inside' bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

HOOLE, CHESHIRE.**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.****(CHESTER BRANCH.)***On Saturday, May 21, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes.***AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,****A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 16 120's of Stedman, 16 120's of Plain Bob and 20 120's of Grandsire.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

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| FRANK FOX Treble | GEORGE R. JONES ... 3 |
| ROBERT SPERRING 2 | JAMES MORGAN 4 |
| HENRY W. WILDE Tenor | |

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

First peal on the bells. First peal on five bells by all. H. W. Wilde has now rung peals on all numbers from 5 to 12 bells.

GRENDON, WARWICKSHIRE.**THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.***On Saturday, May 21, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.***AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,****A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 12 cwt.

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| G. SINGLETON Treble | E. TIGWELL, SEN. ... 4 |
| P. ALBRIGHTON 2 | H. HARPER 5 |
| W. J. TIGWELL 3 | E. TIGWELL, JUN. ... Tenor |

Conducted by E. TIGWELL, JUN.

First peal of Minor as conductor. Rung on the occasion of the engagement of the ringer of the 3rd, also on the anniversary of the conductor's wedding.

DENNINGTON, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.***On Sunday, May 22, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,****A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and two 720's of Bob Minor, each called differently.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

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| NORMAN R. BAILEY Treble | *WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 4 |
| *ALFRED H. WATSON 2 | JAMES WARDLEY 5 |
| ALBERT J. LINCOLN 3 | FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor |

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

* First peal in three methods.

BEDFORD.**THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, May 24, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER DE MERTON,****A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt.

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| *THOMAS HARPIN Treble | MISS EVELYN STEEL ... 4 |
| HERBERT L. HARLOW 2 | ALBERT ROBINSON ... 5 |
| CHARLES WM. CLARKE 3 | WILLIAM STAPLETON ... Tenor |

Conducted by W. STAPLETON.

* First peal. Rung in honour of Empire Day.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.****(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)***On Wednesday, May 25, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.***AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Roystone Delight, London Scholars' Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, College Pleasure, Duke of York, New London Pleasure and Oxford.

Tenor 14 cwt.

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| WILLIAM BRANHAM Treble | HERBERT CHAMBERLAIN ... 4 |
| ARTHUR GILL 2 | ROBERT J. RICKETTS ... 5 |
| ARTHUR PANTHER 3 | CHARLES WALSH Tenor |

Conducted by A. PANTHER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Wm. Woodcock, an old Darfield ringer and frequent visitor to Wath tower, who was interred at Darfield on May 24th.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 19, 1921, in One Hour and Forty-One Minutes,
IN THE TOWER,**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven 720's each called differently.

ARTHUR SYMONDS ... 1—2 | STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 3—4
WILLIAM R. J. POULSON ... 5—6

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

Umpire: L. POULSON.

First peal for the Association.

CAMBERWELL, S.E.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.) (SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)
ST. GILES', CAMBERWELL, SOCIETY.On Friday, May 20, 1921, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
IN THE TOWER OF THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. GILES,**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTAN'S ONE-PART.

ERNEST J. KING ... 1—2 | ISAAC J. ATTWATER ... 5—6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 3—4 | ROBERT G. CHAPPEL ... 7—8

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

Umpires: Messrs. WILLIAM H. PICKETT and JEFFREY R. GAMMON.

LITTLE WALDINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 23, 1921, in Two Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF W. HEAD.**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being three 720's of Grandsire and four 720's of Plain Bob.

*MISS EDITH E. G. HEAD... Treble | WALTER HEAD ... 3
VICTOR CORNELL ... 2 | *BARNARD ROPER ... 4
HARRY DAY ... Tenor

Conducted by V. CORNELL.

Witness: PERCY KING.

* First peal and first attempt. This was rung as a birthday compliment to W. Head.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.) (ST. GILES', CAMBERWELL, SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, May 25, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. GILES', CAMBERWELL,**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;**ERNEST J. KING ... 1—2 | ISAAC J. ATTWATER ... 5—6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 3—4 | WILLIAM H. PICKETT ... 7—8
JEFFERY R. GAMMON ... 9—10

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by I. J. ATTWATER.

Umpires: R. G. CHAPPEL and T. W. TAFFENDER.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 26, 1921, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE NORMAN TOWER,**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;**J. LEVITT ... 1—2 | F. J. LEVITT ... 5—6
J. SPARROW ... 3—4 | *W. GOODSHIP ... 7—8

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by F. J. LEVITT.

Umpire: F. L. HUNT.

* First peal.

HARWICH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 26, 1921, in Two Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,
AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tapped on handbells by

ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by the performer.

Umpire: WALTER SPARROW.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

OFFICIAL INSTRUCTORS ABOLISHED.

Considering the extremely attenuated railway service, an excellent attendance of 50 was present at the annual general meeting of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, at Torquay on Whit-Monday. General regret was expressed at the absence of the President (the Rev. M. Kelly), who found at the last minute, after he had made all his arrangements, that it would be impossible for him to get to London from Torquay in time for the Central Council meeting.

Ringers were present from Exeter, Hampton, Sidmouth, Holbton, Plymouth, Paignton, Cockington, Dartmouth, Ottery St. Mary, Topham, Buckfastleigh, Christow, and Buckorell.

During the morning a service was conducted at St. Luke's Church by the Rev. J. W. Metcalfe, and later there was ringing at Babba-combe, St. Marychurch, Upton, Torre, and Cockington, the methods being Stedman and Grandsire.

Mr. E. Shepherd (Exeter) presided at the annual meeting, when the formation of local branches was stated by the general committee to be the outstanding feature of the past year. It was satisfactory to know that peal ringing was reviving, especially in the Exeter district.

Exeter local branch reported that three new hands had affiliated during the year. Inquiries were being received from several intending associate hands, with a view to instruction in change ringing.

Reports from the various districts showed general progress, including the instruction of the smaller bodies in the higher methods of the art.

With one exception, the six branches showed a balance in hand, the total amount being just over £88.

The officials were elected as follows: President, Rev. Maitland Kelly; vice-president and chairman, Rev. H. L. Pigot; hon. treasurer, Mr. T. G. Bartlett (Exeter); hon. secretary, Rev. E. S. Powell (Holbton); hon. members' representatives, Revs. H. B. Clark, W. E. Cox, H. W. Millett, M. Shaw, and Mr. H. B. Kindersley; representatives on the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers: Rev. M. Kelly, Rev. E. S. Powell, and Mr. A. W. Searle.

The next annual meeting will be held at Ilfracombe.

One important alteration was made in the rules, the official Guild instructors being abolished. In past years these instructors who were sent about by the Guild to hands wishing to learn change ringing have done splendid service for the advancement of the art; but recent developments, and in particular the formation of local branches, have relieved the general committee from the responsibility in most cases of furnishing instructors; and, in fact, a good many capable teachers of change ringing who have been doing excellent service in various parts of the county of Devonshire have been placed in rather an invidious position, beside the official instructors.

In addition to members resident in Devon, there were ringers attending the meeting from Bristol and Swindon. A great deal of the bitter opposition to change ringing has been broken down by the war, the bands of young ringers, who have seen something of the world, naturally being imbued with somewhat higher ambitions than their seniors; but there remains, even to an increased extent the difficulty of inter-communication and the consequent heavy expense of bringing together learners and teachers. This progress at the best must always be a slow business in a county such as Devon, with its widely scattered villages, separated by almost impassable roads and but few railway connections.

THE NEW SUFFOLK ASSOCIATION.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

On Whit-Monday, a meeting of the newly-formed Suffolk County Association was held at Bury St. Edmunds, when 40 visitors attended from Bildeston, Clare, Earl Soham, Horringer, Palgrave, Long Melford, Ixworth, Thornham Magna, Coggeshall, Croydon, Tharston, Kelvedon, Great Horkeley, and Great Yeldham, as well as the local companies of the Cathedral Church of St. James and St. Mary's. The business meeting was held in the Abbot Anselm Institute. The Rev. Canon R. F. Wilson, M.A., Vicar, presided, and accorded a very hearty welcome to the visitors.

The Chairman temporarily accepted the presidency of the association pending the appointment of the new Bishop.—The Archdeacon of Sudbury (the Ven. G. Hodges, M.A.) and the Archdeacon of Suffolk (the Ven. J. G. R. Darling, M.A.) were appointed vice-presidents.—Mr. A. Symonds was elected general secretary and treasurer.

It was agreed that each resident ringer on joining the association should pay an entrance fee of 2s. 6d., and subscribe 2s. annually, due on the 1st of January in each year; non-resident life members, 5s.; hon. members, 5s. entrance, and 2s. 6d. annually. The following companies were elected: St. James's and St. Mary's, Bury St. Edmunds; Lavenham (St. Peter's and St. Gregory's), Sudbury, Great Barton, Ixworth, Horringer, and Little Waldingfield. The committee was elected as follows: A. Moore (Bury St. Edmunds), G. Moore (Clare), E. Ambrose (Long Melford), G. Tatum (Sudbury), E. Jenkins (Earl Soham), H. Foulger (Great Barton), Rev. H. Drake (Ufford), S. H. Symonds (Lavenham). Mr. S. H. Symonds was appointed the Ringing Master of the Association.

Two propositions for the next meeting were Stowmarket and Sudbury on August Bank Holiday, and Sudbury was chosen.

The Chairman was then thanked for presiding, and for placing the Cathedral bells at the disposal of the ringers.

The Vicar of St. Mary's was also thanked for the use of the bells at that church.—The Chairman thanked the meeting for electing him temporary president, and hoped they would soon have a new Bishop to be the President of the new association.

Mr. A. Symonds thanked the ringers for electing him as secretary, and promised to do his best for them in the future.

The Chairman asked everyone present to do his best to get as many hon members of the association as possible.

The Hon. Secretary wishes, through 'The Ringing World,' to thank the Cathedral ringers for their help, and the visitors for their attendance.

POSITION OF THE ELY ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In order to define the position of the Ely Association, in relation to the new Suffolk Association, I should like to say that at the annual meeting of the Ely and St. Edmundsbury Association, Mr. Symonds, of Lavenham, announced the decision of the Suffolk ringers to form a separate association.—The Rev. H. B. Woolley expressed his regret at this, but at the same time conveyed the best wishes of the Ely Association for the success of the Suffolk Association. The title of the Ely and St. Edmundsbury Association was altered to 'The Ely Diocesan Association.'—Yours truly,

V. SHORTER, Hon. General Secretary.

EMPIRE DAY TOUCHES.

Empire Day was celebrated in many towers by special ringing. Below are some of the touches rung:—

CANTERBURY.—At Christ Church Cathedral, in 48 mins., a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Casters (1,260 changes): P. J. Paine 1, H. G. Fairburn 2, F. G. Brett 3, E. G. Buesden (conductor) 4, C. W. Brett 5, Rev. F. J. O. Helmore 6, W. F. Jenkins 7, F. A. Fairbeard 8, G. G. Jenkins 9, G. H. Simpson 10. First quarter-peal in the method by all. Rung also for the 70th birthday of Mr. A. A. Andrews, secretary of the Cathedral company.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—At the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: C. Bower 1, J. Mellor 2, S. Wood 3, Wm. Brammer 4, S. Booth 5, A. Adams 6, B. Thorp 7, T. Jackson (conductor) 8.

SALEHURST.—At the Parish Church, 720 Bob Major, in 28 mins.: J. Goodsell 1, W. Hoad 2, F. Lambert 3, R. Lambert 4, T. Booth 5, T. Hoad 6, E. Mills 7, A. Edwards (conductor) 8. Messrs. J. Goodsell's and E. Mills' first 720 in the method, and T. Booth's first 720 in method with a bob bell.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DIVISION MEETING.

A quarterly meeting of the Eastern Division was held at St. Peter's, Bexhill, on Saturday, May 28th. Members attended from Battle, Bexhill, Christ Church, Blacklands, Christ Church St. Leonard's, Eastbourne (St. Saviour's and St. Mary's), Pevensey. Mr. G. H. Howse, unattached member of Eastbourne, was also present. Good practice was had in Grandsire, Plain Bob, Treble Bob and Stedman, and double-handed ringing upon the handbells during the afternoon and evening. A short service was held in the church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. W. Maycock, M.A.), who gave a very appropriate address.

A most excellent tea was provided by the kindness of the Rector and churchwardens at the Bell Hotel, and was followed by the usual business meeting, the Rector occupying the chair, supported by the churchwarden (Mr. C. P. King).

Westham, where the bells have recently been recast, was elected as an affiliated tower.

It was proposed by Mr. Smith, and seconded by Mr. Howse, that in view of the financial state of the society, and also the increased cost of postage, the notice to towers of meetings by postcard be discontinued. After some discussion, this was put to the meeting and carried.

It was also resolved that in future the only notice of meetings will be that appearing in 'The Ringing World,' and members are asked to note this.

The place for the next quarterly meeting was discussed, Mayfield being proposed by Mr. Pankhurst, and Battle by Mr. Franks.—On being put to the vote, Battle was decided upon.

The Hon. Secretary, Mr. G. W. Stokes, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and also for the very bountiful tea which had been provided. This was supported by Mr. W. D. Smith, who spoke in felicitous terms of the good effected by such meetings, and the freemasonry that as a rule predominated amongst ringers generally. These meetings, he continued, cemented good fellowship not only among ringers themselves, but was also productive of an excellent understanding between them and the incumbent and churchwardens of the churches concerned.

In acknowledging the vote of thanks, the Rector thanked the company, on behalf of the churchwardens and himself, saying what a pleasure it was to them to welcome the visitors. He expressed the hope that more frequent visits of a similar nature would be made in future.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Among the anniversaries which fall next week are the following: June 5th, 1911, 13,440 Bob Major on handbells, at Pudsey, in 7 hrs. 7 mins.; June 6th, 1892, 16,608 Oxford Treble Bob Major at Debenham, in 10 hrs. 32 mins.; June 8th, 1906, 16,800 Kent Treble Bob, at Mottram, in Longdendale, in 9 hrs. 40 mins.; June 9th, 1850, 5,048 Grandsire Triples, at Christ Church, Philadelphia. This last was the first peal rung on the American Continent. It was conducted by Henry Haley.

Of the amount required for the Oxford Diocesan Guild War Memorial, £76, just over £50 has been subscribed from hon. members, and, approximately, one-third of the towers in union. It is intended, if all's well, to unveil the memorial tablet in the cloisters of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, on the occasion of the annual festival, to be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 23rd. It is earnestly hoped by the Memorial Committee that the memorial will be quite free of debt by that date. Therefore, 'buck up,' ye men of the Oxford Guild who have not yet subscribed.

The ringer of the 8th in the peal of Grandsire Cinques at Shore-ditch, on May 21st, was Harry Sear, not Lea, as printed.

The summer meeting of the Berks and Bucks branch of the Oxford Guild is to be held at Beaconsfield on Saturday, June 25th.

The London County Association hope to attempt a peal of Stedman Cinques at Southwark Cathedral to commemorate the opening of Southwark Bridge on Monday next.

The ringers at Pirbright Parish Church, Surrey, have presented Mr. H. J. Chaffey, of Longcross, with a travelling clock, in recognition of his services as instructor to the band in change ringing.

NEW BELLS AT MANGOTSFIELD.

DEDICATION BY BISHOP CLIFFORD.

The bells at Mangotsfield, Gloucestershire, have been augmented from six to eight, by the recasting of the old peal and the addition of two new trebles. The tower has been strengthened, and the bells hung in a 'Warner' patent steel frame, specially adapted for use in weak belfries, by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of Spitalfields Bell Foundry, whose work has received the highest commendation from those who have heard the new bells. The tenor of the new peal is about 10 cwt., and the whole ring weighs over two tons. The cost of the scheme, including the strengthening of the tower and the restoration of the interior, has been about £1,500, and the Vicar announced at the dedication, which took place on May 14th, that owing to the generosity of a lady whose name was well known in the parish, it was possible to pay the contractors in full that day for the work done. He explained, however, that there was still a sum of £50 owing to the architect, and about £300 was required for work still to be done to the exterior of the tower, spire and parapet, and that the collection would be devoted to that purpose.

There was a crowded congregation at the special service, which included the Lord Mayor of Bristol and the Lady Mayoress, and Mr. Robert Warner, of the Spitalfields Bell Foundry. The church has been skilfully and tastefully decorated, and presented an appearance in keeping with the Whitsuntide Festival. The service, which was fully choral, was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. F. R. H. Crews, and the other clergy present were the Rev. C. C. Griffiths, the Rev. B. M. Bankes, the Rev. T. Rogers, and the Rev. M. E. Thorold (late Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association). The service commenced with the processional hymn, 'All people that on earth do dwell.' The procession of the choir and clergy which was formed outside the church entered by the west door. The office of dedication preceded that of evensong, the Vicar, as the representative of the church, thankfully acknowledging the receipt of the bells, and formally placing them under the care and guardianship of the churchwardens. Bishop Clifford then read the prayers of dedication. This was followed by the ringing of a short touch, and some idea of the excellent quality and tone of the bells was obtained.—The Vicar, on behalf of the parish, said how grateful they were for the good work done in the tower of the church by the bell founders and the builders, and asked the representatives of the firms to come to the chancel steps and receive payment, remarking: 'In God's house they have worked, and in God's house they should be paid.' Evensong was then proceeded with. The special psalms were the 138th and the 150th, the first lesson was read by the Lord Mayor of Bristol, and the second lesson by his secretary (Mr. Reed). The hymns sung were 'When morning gilds the skies' and 'Lift the strain of high thanksgiving,' and Bishop Clifford gave an impressive address, based upon Exodus xxxix 25: 'They made bells of pure gold.' After the service, the bells were rung, and there was tea in the schoolroom, followed by a programme of sports for the school children in the new recreation field. A large gathering of ringers was present from all parts, and much enjoyable ringing was indulged in.

The following members of the Gloucester and Bristol Association rang at the dedication service, and took part in the opening touch: Miss Annie Brown, St. Philip's, Bristol; Mr. W. A. Cave (Master of the Association), St. Stephen's, Bristol; Mr. O. Walton, St. James', Bristol; Mr. S. Abrahams, St. Thomas', Bristol; Mr. H. T. Howell, St. George, Bristol; Mr. F. K. Howell, Thornbury; Mr. C. Harnell, Wormley; and Mr. E. Palmer, Mangotsfield.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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THE OWNERSHIP OF METHODS.

The Rev. H. Law James, reporting for the Methods Committee, said they were in the same position as last year—they were waiting until there were funds in hand to print. When this was done they could go on, but until then there was nothing more to be done.

Mr. J. A. Trollope, referring to new methods, said there was really no such thing as a new method. They had all been worked out, and nobody had the slightest chance of getting anything that had not been got before. Moreover, there was no such thing as ownership of methods, but if a band wanted to ring a method—it was open to anybody to work out a method independently, although it would not be new—that band was entitled, provided the method had not been previously rung, to call it what they liked, and nobody had a right to challenge it. The only exception to that was, he thought, in the case of the old methods which had been in the standard ringing books. If anybody wished, for instance, to ring a peal of 'New Bob Major,' or which a peal had not been rung, they were not entitled to call it by any other name. There was no such thing as making a new method, and no such thing as ownership of a method.

Mr. T. Faulkner: What about Stedman?

Mr. Trollope said Stedman did not lay claim to the method. He simply gave the result of his investigations—what he had done and what other people had done. The man who composed a song put something into it himself and to some extent; therefore, he was its creator, but the man who composed a peal was not the creator at all, he was simply the discoverer of the result of certain laws.

Mr. Willson asked if the committee were a tribunal to decide what a legitimate method was or what a variation of a method was? He did not see how some of these quack variations called Treble Bob could be Treble Bob when the treble was pulled all over the place. Let them call it James's Mixture if they liked (laughter), but he objected to calling it Treble Bob. 'The Glossary' said Treble Bob was the name given to methods with a peculiar path of the treble. In one variation he saw the other week the treble was in the slow, and he objected to any man, whether he was Tom, Dick, Harry or James (laughter), having the right to distort any method and claim the original name for it.

Mr. Trollope said as far as the word 'legitimate' was concerned they decided to drop that name altogether, but so far as those variations were concerned they were legitimate—legitimate, he meant in the general sense and not the technical—variations of Treble Bob peals. It was a tendency to get back to the original style of the time of Stedman, when, in the first instance, a peal was the method and the composition together. A peal was so many changes, and the idea of a certain exact bob and single, such as we have at present, was a later and arbitrary introduction. Mr. Bankes James had got back towards the original idea, and he did not think they could find any fault with that, as far as the principle of Treble Bob was concerned.

The Rev. H. Law James said he had rung a peal of Major and a peal of Royal in the Granta variation, and, while he had made up his mind he was not going to ring another peal of Treble Bob, because of the row in the middle of the course, he was quite willing to ring as many peals of Granta as he could get the chance of ringing. They had music from beginning to end, and, after all, that was what they had to consider.

The committee, comprising the Rev. H. Law James, Mr. J. A. Trollope and Mr. E. H. Lewis, was re-appointed.

WHAT IS 'WORCESTER TREBLE BOB'?

The adoption of the Peals Analysis Committee's report, which has been published in these columns, was moved by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, who urged ringers, when sending reports of peals for publication, to be careful of their accuracy, and when errors did appear to correct them at once. With reference to the claim of Mr. W. Page made in 'The Ringing World' to have conducted seven peals, the committee did not wish to deny it, but the committee could find only four peals published with his name as conductor. Mr. Carpenter added that in two or three peals published lately a method had been described as 'Extreme.' None of the committee knew what 'Extreme' meant, and would like to be informed. He always understood an 'Extreme' was a call, but apparently there was a method called 'Extreme.' There were a number of methods, continued Mr. Carpenter, that had the same name, as, for instance, Cambridge Treble Bob, Cambridge Delight and Cambridge Surprise. So far as the analysis was concerned they had decided that when a method was mentioned as Cambridge, without any further distinction, they would give it the lowest value in points, as they could not conclude that it was Cambridge Surprise if it was simply called Cambridge. That was another reason why conductors should see that the reports of peals were absolutely correct.

The Rev. H. Law James said several people had rung peals of what they were pleased to call Worcester Treble Bob. He would like to see a

plain course of Worcester Treble Bob. He called it simply spliced Oxford and Kent.

The Rev. E. W. Carpenter: You agree with the Analysis Committee, then?

The Rev. H. Law James: I do. A method must have a plain course and the plain course of Worcester is either Oxford or Kent, it can't be both.

The report, which was seconded by the Rev. O. W. O. Jenkyn, was adopted, and on the motion of the President, the committee were accorded a hearty vote of thanks for their work.

METHODS TO BE NAMED.

The Rev. A. T. Beeston asked the Council to give the committee authority to name the methods in the Collection of Regular Methods, which were at present unnamed.

Several members urged the necessity for this being done, and Mr. A. T. King said this would be putting entirely new duties on the committee. One of their present difficulties was that the same method, particularly in Minor ringing, was often rung under several different names. If the committee had to search back into the past and find out what the original names were they would not get through much work in a single year. He thought, therefore, it was only possible for the committee to deal with what were already unnamed. With those that were gone before, what were they to do? There was another point about peals rung in 720's, in which, perhaps, four methods were rung dovetailed together. They might ring a peal in nineteen or twenty methods like this, and it paid, so far as points were concerned; but, while it might be very clever, he did not see why ringing a number of methods spliced together should count for more than a peal rung in the fair and square way.

The Rev. H. Law James said he thought six weeks should be given to anybody to send in the name of any method from the Council's Collection, which they had rung, to the honorary librarian, and at the end of six weeks the members of the Analysis Committee should be at liberty to name those not then named.

Mr. J. A. Trollope said he would second this if the time were made six months instead of six weeks, for, he added, 'you know what ringers are' (laughter).

The Rev. H. Law James agreed to this suggestion, and the Rev. A. T. Beeston suggested that in order to facilitate the matter each association secretary should be asked to bring the matter before his members, for there were many men who were skilful ringers who knew little about the proceedings of the Council.

The motion was carried, and the committee, consisting of the Revs. E. W. Carpenter and A. T. Beeston, and Messrs. A. T. King and G. Williams, was re-appointed.

Mr. T. Faulkner asked what the committee were doing with reference to the peals that were being tapped week by week. Were the committee taking them into account, and were they going into the analysis?

The Rev. E. W. Carpenter: The analysis that we make up is an analysis of the peals rung.

TOWERS AND BELFRIES.

Major J. H. B. Hesse said there was no formal report from the Towers and Belfries Committee, but during the past year he had been asked three times to inspect towers. In one where a tower was split right down a partial restoration took place. At Banstead there was a complete restoration, the bells being recast and rehung. At St. Andrew's, Holborn, as a result of his inspection, a new frame was put in.

The President: A very satisfactory bit of work.

The committee (the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Messrs. E. H. Lewis, J. H. B. Hesse, and E. A. Young) was re-elected.

A letter from the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings was read, and referred to the Towers and Belfries Committee.

A COMMITTEE GOES OUT OF EXISTENCE.

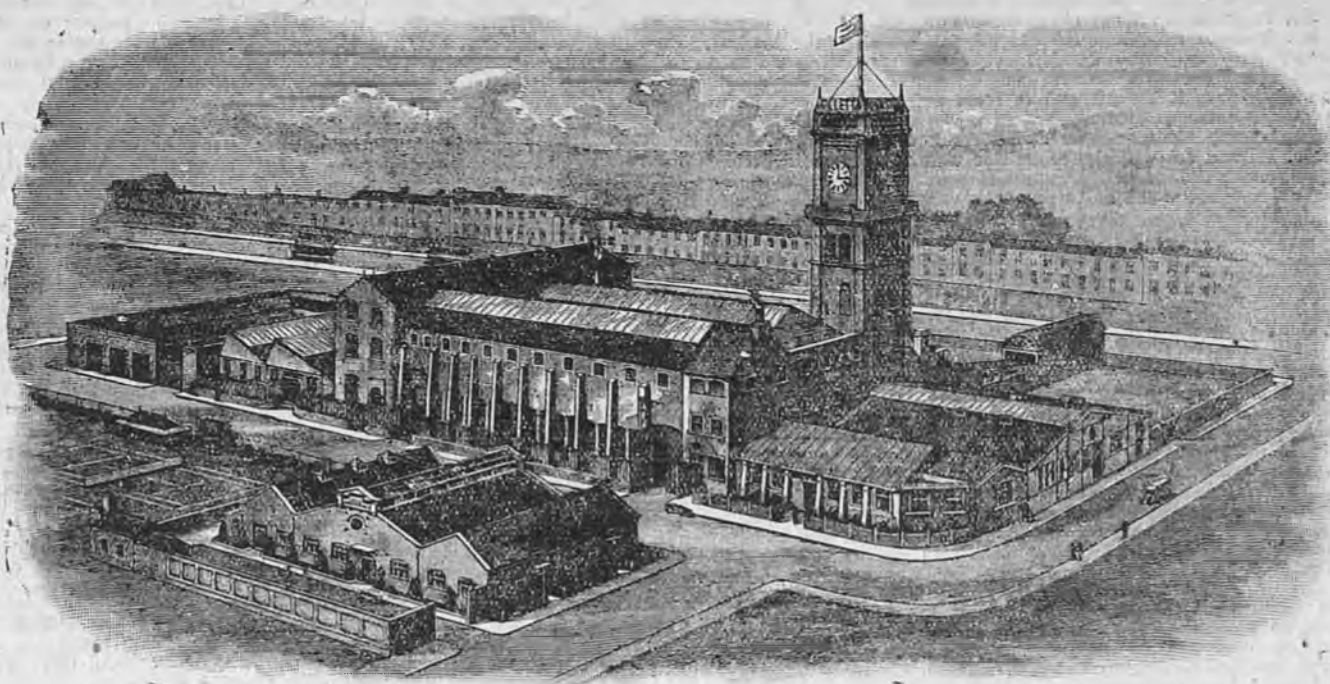
Canon Elsee, a member of the Bells of Belgium Committee, said he thought the time for doing anything effective in the matter of supplying a bell or carillon to Belgium to replace bells lost in the war had gone past. When the committee was appointed they were under some misapprehension as to what had happened to the bells in Belgium. They were then in the middle of the war, and were under the impression that most of the bells in Belgium had been taken away and melted down. Later they had some grounds for thinking the damage done to the bells was very much less than they had expected, and at the last meeting Mr. Lewis informed them that he hoped to be able to get authentic information of what had happened there. He (Canon Elsee) gathered that there had not been anything like the damage done to the bells that they had thought was the case, and there was no special reason for raising a fund to help the Belgians in this way. His suggestion, therefore, was that the committee should be allowed to go out of existence.

The President said he entirely agreed with this, and he did not think the present was a time for appealing to ringers for subscriptions. The course suggested was approved, and the committee was not re-appointed.

(To be Continued.)

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**THE CROYDON
BELL FOUNDRY
1921.**

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**WAR MEMORIAL BELLS DEDICATED.**

The annual meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, at Berkeley, Gloucester, on Whit-Monday, was held with a record attendance, and will stand out as the most conspicuous meeting of the association. The association's memorial to fallen ringers, viz., the two additional bells cast and hung by Messrs. Meares and Stainbank, were dedicated at the service, which preceded the business meeting. The service was opened with the hymn, 'Who are these like stars appearing,' after which the clergy, choir and officials proceeded to the tower, where the hon. secretary and hon. treasurer handed to the Very Rev. the Dean of Bristol the ropes of the two new bells, the Master requesting the Dean to dedicate the new bells to the glory of God, and in loving memory of the members who gave their lives in the Great War.

The Dean thereupon dedicated the bells, and following prayers and the hymn, 'O Heavenly Jerusalem,' an address was given by the Dean, the service concluding with the hymn, 'For all the Saints.' At the dedication ceremony, the bells were rung 'whole pull and stand' 30 times by the following: W. A. Cave (Master), treble; Edgar Guise (hon. secretary), 2; F. K. Howell (hon. treasurer), 3; W. Yeend (Cheltenham), 4; H. T. Howell (Bristol), 5; F. Russell (Wotton), 6; A. W. Seviour (Peal Secretary), 7; A. Buscombe (Wotton), 8; J. Williams (North Forest), 9; E. E. Davis (Gloucester), 10. The local ringers opened the ringing after service.

Dinner having been served at the Berkeley Arms Hotel, the business meeting was held, and the Vicar of Berkeley said how proud Berkeley parishioners were that they should have been chosen as the receivers of the memorial bells.—Mr. Lewis (Cirencester) proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Berkeley (the Rev. H. C. Armour) for his kindness to the association, both for accepting memorial, and for his hospitality, which was always shown to ringers.

The Master (Mr. W. A. Cave) referred to the progress made by the association during the past year, to the memorial to the late Rev. H. A. Cockey, and to the satisfactory state of the War Memorial Fund, and concluded with a sympathetic reference to the serious illness of Mr. R. J. Wilkins.—A vote of sympathy was passed with Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins.

The balance sheet was adopted, and Mr. W. Hale, of Painswick, was elected a vice-president. This honour was also later conferred upon the past Master, the Rev. M. E. Thorold and the Rev. T. C. Fowler.—Mr. H. T. Howell (Bristol) was elected Master, and Mr. E. Guise and Mr. F. K. Howell were re-elected hon. secretary and hon. treasurer respectively.

Mr. Geo. Condict, junr., was appointed hon. peal secretary, and Mr. W. A. Cave as Central Council representative.

The fund for the War Memorial was not completely subscribed, but Mr. J. Tyler, after conferring with the secretary as to how much was needed apart from promises outstanding, kindly agreed to remove the deficit by giving the remainder as a further donation. This enabled the meeting to declare the fund closed, and provided a very happy and unexpected completion of the scheme.

It was resolved to issue reports this year, although at an enormously advanced price on pre-war days.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Very Rev. the Dean of Bristol, and all who assisted at the service, and the ringers then proceeded to the tower to test the new bells, of which everyone expressed the opinion that the splice and hanging were alike superb. The party then had tea, from which time onward charabanes and all other types of vehicles gradually reduced the numbers, and a very successful and happy meeting terminated.

DEATH OF AN OLD DARFIELD RINGER.

We regret to record the death of Mr. William Woodcock, of Darfield, near Barnsley, who passed away on May 20th, at the age of 84 years, after a brief illness. The deceased took up ringing at the early age of nine years, and was keenly interested in the art up to the time of his death. He was an accomplished peal ringer and composer, also a very able conductor. He rang in two peals of 5,040 changes as recently as the month of April. The very last method he rang was his latest composition. He was always ready to give a helping hand to young ringers.

An interesting biography of the Woodcock family could be written, for Mr. Wm. Woodcock's father and grandfather were ringers before him, their connection with the art covering a period of upwards of a hundred years.

The interment took place at the Parish Church, Darfield, on May 24th, deceased's fellow ringers acting as bearers. Many ringers attended from towers in the neighbourhood. A plain course of Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung on handbells at the graveside, after the service. Afterwards a 720 of Violet Treble Bob was rung in the tower, with the bells deeply muffled, conducted by Mr. Woodcock's closest friend, Mr. C. Walsh.

Owing to the Darfield bells being unfit for peal ringing, a peal of 5,040 changes, with the bells half-muffled, was rung at Wath-on-Donne on the following day.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**THE ANNUAL MEETING.**

Owing to the lamented death of the Bishop of Salisbury, the arrangements announced for the annual festival of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild at Marlborough had to be cancelled at the last moment. The day appointed for the festival was, in fact, the very day of the Bishop's funeral. It was hurriedly arranged to hold the annual meeting in Salisbury on that date, so that ringers attending would have the opportunity of paying their tribute of respect to one, who during his comparatively short tenure of the See had proved himself the best of friends.

At the burial, the Guild was represented by the Master (Major Hugh D'Aeth), the hon. secretary (Rev. F. L. Edwards), and a number of members, and muffled touches were rung on the bells of St. Thomas' Church.

The annual meeting was subsequently held in the Church House. The Master opened the proceedings by referring, in feeling terms, to the sad loss sustained by the Diocese, and paid an eloquent tribute to the saintly character and sympathetic spirit of the late Bishop.—A vote of sincere condolence with the family so sorely bereaved was carried, by all standing in respectful silence.

The officers of the Guild were re-elected, the Dean's name being added to the list of vice-presidents.

It was resolved to draw up a short office for use in belfries, and authority was given to the Master and Secretary to organise a ringing festival in the early autumn, if circumstances should prove favourable.

On the subject of finance being brought up for discussion, it was unanimously decided to increase the subscription for ringing members to 1s. 6d.—A special vote of thanks was passed to the Wimborne Branch for having wiped out an adverse balance in the previous year by a handsome donation to the general fund of the Guild, to which the Rev. C. A. Phillips, hon. secretary of that branch, replied, in a few appropriate words.

After the meeting, touches of Grandsire and Stedman were rung half-muffled on the bells of St. Martin's Church, and muffled bells were rung throughout the whole Diocese in the evening, in many cases also on the Sunday before and at the time of the funeral.

While the Diocese of Salisbury, and indeed the whole Church of England, mourns the loss in Bishop Ridgeway of a truly great and good man, who simply exhausted his physical powers in untiring devotion to the duties of his sacred office, the ringers of the Diocese have special cause to lament his death. To them he was from the first a true and warm-hearted friend. He delighted in the sound of the bells, and entered with enthusiasm into the activities of the Guild. Only last year he shook hands with some 300 ringers after entertaining them all to tea, and exchanged a few friendly words with each one. The Bishop's deeply impressive sermon at the Guild service on that occasion will ever remain a cherished memory in the minds of those who were privileged to hear it.

It was during the last year of the late Bishop's tenure of the historic See of Sarum that the use of the peace bell was restored in many parishes of the Diocese, and the revival of this ancient custom will constitute an enduring memorial of his eventful episcopate.

BARNSELY & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The May meeting of this association was held at Cawthorne, a veritable garden village, placed on the verge of a beautiful valley. Houses and the venerable church rise amongst trees which create a beautiful and attractive scene. Members were present from Barnsley, Darfield, Crofton, Sandal, Wath, Hoyland-Swaine, Royston, Felkirk, South Kirby, Darton, and the local company.

A business meeting was held in the tower, at which the Rev. G. V. Cotton kindly occupied the chair. Eleven new members were elected.—Mr. Rayner (Sandal) proposed, and the President (Mr. C. Normington) seconded, a hearty thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for the preparations made.—The Vicar suitably replied, and assured the meeting, also the local members, that as a young clergyman it was his most earnest wish to be tolerant on all matters concerning the bells and ringers, and on any future occasion that the bells were required he would be pleased to welcome the association.

South Kirby was selected for the next meeting.

DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.

A successful meeting of the Doncaster and District Society was held at Adwick-le-Street on Saturday last. There were about 40 members present, representing twelve towers. Touches of Bob Minor, Violet, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor, Grandsire, and Stedman Doubles, were rung during the afternoon and evening. Tea, which was served in the Institute, was presided over by the Rev. A. E. B. Wade, Vicar of Bentley, who was present with his ringers. After tea, hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar of Bentley for presiding, to the Rector of Adwick for the use of the bells, and to the local band for providing the tea.—Tukhill was fixed for the next place of meeting.

A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

CHICHESTER.—At the Cathedral, for morning service, on May 29th, 504 Grandsire Triples: W. Falconer 1, F. B. Tompkins 2, L. C. Best (Havant) 3, E. J. Hedger (Havant) 4, H. D. Falconer 5, W. Ticehurst (conductor) 6, J. H. Blake 7, G. Marshall 8.

LITTLE MUNDEN.—On Sunday, May 29th, for service, a quarter-peal of Minor (1,260 changes), in 40 mins., being 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 360 Kent, and 180 Plain Bob: W. Williams 1, S. Carter 2, A. Lawrence 3, W. H. Lawrence 4, E. A. Overall 5, G. H. Carter (conductor) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to G. H. Carter.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On Sunday, May 29th, for morning service, 360 Double Court, conducted by E. Bright; and 360 St. Clement's Bob, conducted by D. Bowyer. For evening service, 360 Double Court, conducted by D. Bowyer, and 360 Oxford Treble Bob, conducted by W. Butler. The ringers taking part, in addition to the conductors mentioned, were: A. Chalk, W. Mellin, H. Dorking, A. Evers and V. Glass.

BARNES, SURREY.—On Sunday, May 29th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): M. Jacobs 1, H. Barrett 2, W. H. Stevens 3, R. Mackrill 4, H. Cook 5, F. Skevington (conductor) 6, C. Hunt 7, J. Willmott 8.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Sunday, May 22nd, for evening service, 1,280 of Bob Major, in 1 hr., at the Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs: H. Hazell 1, E. Hibbins 2, Miss V. Shorter 3, W. Welch 4, T. R. Dennis 5, W. H. Hooton 6, G. Bridges 7, R. Lathbury (composer and conductor) 8.

NORWICH.—On Sunday, May 22nd, at the Church of St. Peter Mancroft, for evening service, 267 Stedman Caters. Also 264 Grandsire Cinques: G. H. Cross (conductor) 1, Miss H. L. Durrant 2, Miss F. L. Bill 3, Miss H. W. Bill 4, Fr. Knights 5, A. Rought 6, J. Rampley 7, G. P. Burton 8, F. H. Knights 9, F. J. Howchin 10, G. Mayers 11, F. W. Curtia 12.

LONDON.—At St. Andrew's, Wells Street, for evening service, on Trinity Sunday, 1,260 Stedman Triples, in 48 mins.: P. E. Clark 1, F. G. Symonds 2, H. Dyas 3, H. R. Newton 4, C. F. Winney (conductor) 5, A. R. Macdonald 6, H. Belcher 7, F. S. Palmer 8.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.—At St. Mary's Parish Church, on Whit-Sunday evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 46½ mins.: J. R. Fryers 1, H. Gibson 2, J. B. Tarlton (North Wingfield) 3, J. B. Park (Ormskirk) 4, H. Ferguson 5, M. Berry (Walkden) 6, J. R. Barton (conductor) 7, T. Cole 8. Messrs. Tarlton, Berry and Park were visiting Scarborough as delegates, from their respective Co-operative centres, at the Scarborough conference.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist, on Sunday, May 22nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: A. G. Bennington 1, J. Crowder 2, S. Wright (Peterborough) 3, J. Law 4, E. J. Pannett 5, T. A. Easterby 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, C. H. Macklin 8.

LONG EATON.—At St. Lawrence Church, on Sunday, May 29th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob (1,280 changes), in 46 mins.: W. R. Drage (conductor) 1, J. Andrews 2, B. C. Chasty 3, C. Geary 4, H. E. Green 5, R. A. Hickton 6, J. R. Ward 7, N. H. Widdowson 8.

STAMFORD HILL.—On Sunday, May 29th, for morning service, at St. Ann's Church, 720 Bob Minor (42 singles), in 25 mins.: E. G. Hibble 1, T. G. Deal 2, A. Howell 3, T. Langdon 4, F. Fenson 5, C. H. Ross (conductor) 6.

STOURBRIDGE.—On Sunday, May 29th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes): H. Bridgens 1, R. Mathews

(conductor) 2, A. J. Skelding 3, G. D. Skelding 4, J. Bass 5, A. W. Dodd 6, A. E. Whatmore 7, A. W. Pugh 8.

NORTHAMPTON.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, May 29th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): J. C. Dean 1, A. P. Hereman 2, W. J. Allen 3, W. Atterbury 4, H. Blundell 5, H. Rainbow 6, W. Farey (conductor) 7, W. G. Farey 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (1,280 changes): W. G. Farey 1, A. P. Hensman 2, W. J. Allen 3, J. C. Dean 4, W. Atterbury 5, H. Rainbow 6, H. Blundell 7, W. Farey (conductor) 8.

NORTHAMPTON.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, May 8th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (1,280 changes): W. Farey 1, W. Atterbury 2, H. Rainbow 3, J. C. Dean 4, J. Metherell 5, F. Hopper 6, J. Hensman 7, W. J. Allen (conductor) 8. First quarter in the method on the bells.

SHREWSBURY.—Salop Archidiaconal Guild.—On Sunday, May 29th at St. Chad's Church, 305 Grandsire Caters: H. Baggley (longest length) 1, R. Pole 2, G. Brown 3, J. E. Lilley 4, G. Jones 5, A. Short 6, S. Snelson 1, W. Fairhead 8, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 9, J. Evans 10. For evening service, 503 Grandsire Caters: A. Short 1, G. Byolin 2, R. Pole 3, J. E. Lilley 4, J. Lees (Oldham) 5, G. Jones 6, S. Snelson 7, W. Fairhead 8, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 9, R. Chelton 10. Also 224 Bob Major: A. Short 1, J. E. Lilley 2, S. Snelson 3, R. Pole 4, J. Lees 5, G. Jones 6, W. Fairhead 7, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 8.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Sunday, May 29th, for evensong, at the Church of St. Andrew-the-Great, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): Miss V. Shorter 1, T. R. Dennis 2, A. Page 3, C. Patten 4, E. G. Hibbins (conductor) 5, G. Bridge 6, W. H. J. Hooton 7, W. Welch 8. First quarter of Major as conductor.

HILLINGDON.—At St. John the Baptist's Church, on May 29th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. Lawrence 1, Miss N. Williams 2, W. Henley 3, P. Jones 4, C. Mayne 5, H. Chandler 6, E. Hancox (conductor) 7, W. Honor 8.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, May 29th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples, from 'The Ringing World' of May 20th: R. Walker 1, H. Golding (conductor) 2, F. Walker 3, H. Gates 4, J. Floyd 5, W. Shephard 6, W. Floyd 7, W. D. Butler 8.

WATFORD, HERTS.—At the Parish Church, on Whit-Sunday, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: E. Jones 1, R. Darlow 2, W. E. Oakley 3, J. R. Taylor (Penwortham) 4, W. Norris 5, W. Hewitt 6, F. Edwards (conductor) 7, Rev. C. F. Ayerst 8.—On Sunday, May 29th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 53 mins.: J. A. Howard 1, E. Jones 2, R. Picton 3, E. Elliott 4, W. Norris 5, W. E. Oakley 6, F. Edwards (conductor) 7, W. Hewitt 8. This is the first quarter-peal on the bells by an entirely local band.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Whit-Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Miss Ida Woodrow (longest length in the method) 1, G. Edser 2, G. Woodless 3, W. A. Woodrow 4, A. Woodrow 5, W. Shepherd 6, F. J. Shepherd (conductor) 7, J. Emery 8.

CHELTENHAM.—On Whit-Sunday, at the Parish Church, 504 of Stedman Triples (42 singles): W. T. Pates (composer and conductor) 1, W. Brinkworth 2, G. Pearce 3, J. Ballinger 4, W. Harley 5, J. Parsons 6, A. W. Humphries 7, S. Hayward 8.

BOLSOVER.—On Whit-Sunday, for morning service, 768 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. V. Moore 1, H. E. Robbins (longest touch) 2, C. Mason 3, E. Robbins 4, F. Wagstaff 5, J. J. Moss 6, W. Lambert 7, J. Flint (conductor) 8.

USEFUL TOUCHES FOR SERVICE RINGING.

1,440 DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

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| 2345678 | 1 | 2,3 | 4,5 | 6 |
| 4365278 | 1 | | | |
| 7352468 | | x | | |
| 3572468 | 3 | | | |

Twice repeated.

Reduced to 1,216, 992 or 768 by omitting 3 bobs at 1 in one, two, or three parts. The call at 2 causes tenor to make the bob, the bob at 3 becoming really a bob at 6.

A. Coppock.

504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

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| 234567 | |
| 572634 | 1S |
| 325746 | 3S |
| 523746 | 4S |
| 435267 | 3S |
| 274635 | 1S |
| 532467 | 2S |
| 235467 | 4S |

Repeated.

J. George.

504 STEDMAN TRIPLES.

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| 23145 | 12 |
| 24135 | 8 |
| 23415 | — |
| 21345 | — |
| Repeated. | |

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| 23145 | 3 |
| 53142 | 8 |
| 43125 | — |
| 23154 | — |
| Repeated. | |

J. Carter

720 DOUBLE OXFORD OR ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MINOR.

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| 23456 | |
| 46235 | 8 |
| 24563 | — |
| 52346 | — |
| 63524 | — |
| 45632 | — |
| 64253 | — |
| 32645 | — |
| 56324 | — |
| 35462 | — |
| 43256 | — |

Repeated five times with extra bobs at end of 2nd, 4th and 6th parts.

H. W. Wilde.

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL BELLS.**FINE NEW PEAL OF TEN DEDICATED.**

As already briefly recorded, Rochester Cathedral bells, recast, increased to ten, and rebung in modern fittings, were dedicated on Saturday before Whitsun. The two new bells are the gift of Ald. and Mrs. Chas. Willis, in memory of their son, Second-Lieut. George White Willis, R.A.F., who was killed in France, Jan. 4th, 1919. The old bells were recast by friends in memory of the late Dean Lane, Archdeacon S. Cheetham, Mr. Bertram Luard-Selby and others associated with the Cathedral, with the exception of the Dean Hole bell, the expense of the recasting of which was borne by the officers and men of U.S.S. Pittsburg in memory of their visit to Chatham last year. The work was carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, who have made a splendid job of the undertaking. The bells are hung on iron headstocks, with ball bearings, and are tuned on the Simpson principle. The old total weight of the bells has been redistributed so that the recast tenor weighs 30 cwt. 0 qr. 12 lb., as against 26½ cwt. before, thus giving a still more sonorous effect to the whole peal. The total weight of the peal is approximately 119 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. The note of the tenor is D.

In addition to the trebles mentioned above, the eight recast bells have been provided as follows:—

No. 3, by U.S.S. Pittsburg, in memory of 1920.

No. 4, given by Mrs. Hobson and family in memory of Frederick Wade Hobson, died May 25th, 1913; and Eliza Keyworth Hobson, died Sept. 18th, 1914.

No. 5, as a gift from the Cathedral ringers.

No. 6, given by old choristers and friends in memory of Harold Albert Brand and Charles Walter Edwards, Cathedral choristers, who fell in the Great War.

No. 7, given by Mrs. Luard-Selby and members of the family in memory of Bertram Luard-Selby, Cathedral organist and choir-master, died Dec. 26th, 1918.

No. 8, given by Lord Northbourne and family in memory of Ernald Lane, D.D., Dean, died Jan. 16th, 1913.

No. 9, given by Mrs. Cheetham in memory of Samuel Cheetham, D.D., Archdeacon and Canon, died July 19th, 1908.

No. 10, given by the Dean and Mrs. Storrs and members of the family in memory of Francis Edmund Storrs, R.N.V.R., son of the Dean, died Nov. 10th, 1918 (eve of the Armistice).

The dedication of the bells was attended by a large and representative congregation, including representatives of the families in whose memory the bells have been hung, the civil and naval authorities and clergy from all parts of the diocese, those present including Lord Northbourne, the Countess of Darnley, the Commander-in-Chief at Chatham (Admiral Sir Hugh Evan-Thomas), and Lady Thomas, Commodore G. W. Vivian, a representative of the United States Navy, and the Mayors of Rochester and Gillingham.

The first part of the service took place in the choir. Evensong was followed to the end of the Third Collect with the exception that Psalm 145 was substituted for the ordinary psalms of the day, and then the clergy, choir and congregation proceeded to the nave, the processional hymn being 'We love the place, O God.' The Dean took up a position on the choir steps under the central tower, and Ald. Chas. Willis addressed him in the following terms: 'Mr. Dean, in virtue of your office we request you to dedicate to the glory of God and the use of the Cathedral, this peal of bells now newly hung.'

After a prayer, the Dean dedicated the bells 'to the glory of God, to the benefit of His Holy Church, and in memory of those whose names are thereupon inscribed.'

The bells rang out for a minute, and in the course of the prayers which followed, there was mentioned Geo. White Willis, Fredk. Wade Hobson, Eliza Keyworth Hobson, Harold Alb. Brand, Chas. Walter Edwards, Bertram Luard-Selby, Ernald Lane, Samuel Cheetham and Francis Edmund Storrs.

The hymn, 'Ring forth, Holy Bells,' was sung, and after an interesting address by the Bishop, in the course of which he referred at length to the history of Rochester Cathedral bells, came the hymn, 'Lifted safe within the tower.' The Bishop said the concluding prayers and pronounced the Blessing, after which the National Anthem was sung, and the hymn, 'For all the Saints,' as a recessional.

ALFRED BOWELL,
CHURCH BELL FOUNDER,
IPSWICH.

NOTICES.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A meeting will be held at Hunton on Sat., June 4th. Bells available at 3. Service at 5, with an address by the Rector (Rev. F. A. Dale). Tea at the Court at 5.45, given by Mrs. Bannerman; business meeting after.—Stephen Hayzelden, Hon. District Sec., Lower Street, East Farleigh.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Summer meeting of the Newbury Branch will be held at Bucklebury on Saturday, June 4th. Evensong 4.30. Tea at 5. Special preacher, Canon Coleridge. Intending visitors kindly notify Rev. E. M. Thorp, Bucklebury Vicarage, Reading, not later than June 1st.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Rodmersham on Saturday, June 4th. Bells available from 3 to 9. Service at 5, followed by a tea kindly provided by the Vicar, The Rt. Hon. Rev. A. H. T. Massey. Business meeting afterwards. Half fares up to 2/- will be paid at this meeting.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dist. Hon. Sec., 66, Peacock Street, Gravesend.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The Quarterly meeting will be held at Robin Hood's Bay on June 4th. Bells of the Parish Church (10), available from 12 o'clock. Service in the Church 4 p.m. Tea 4.30, at Church Room, followed by a business meeting in the same room.—A. L. Henderson, Hon. Dist. Sec., Mayfield, Pickering.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Farnborough Parish Church, on Saturday, June 4th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea and meeting at Jubilee Hall. All ringers welcome.—G. Miles, Owlsmoor, Camberley.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.—Halesworth District.—A practice meeting will be held at Wenhamston (6 bells) on Saturday afternoon, June 4th. Bells available from 2 p.m. All ringing friends welcome.—F. C. Lambert, District Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Croston on June 4th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Business meeting at 5.30. All ringers welcome.—E. R. Martin, Branch Sec.

SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The June meeting will be held at Killamarsh on Saturday, June 4th. Six bells from 3 o'clock.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A district meeting will be held at Over on Saturday, June 4th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Swavesey bells (6) also available.—A. E. Austin, District Sec., 4, Hills View, Great Shelford, Cambridge.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Parbold (6) on Saturday, June 4th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—J. Halsall, Branch Sec., 97, Platt Lane, Hindley.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A mid-week meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Hornsey, on Monday, June 6th. Bells available from 7 to 9.30. Short business meeting.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for practice on Mondays at 7.30 p.m.: St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, June 6th; St. Clement Danes, June 13th and 27th. Sundays at 10 a.m.; St. Clement's, 1st and 3rd; Bishopsgate, 2nd and 4th.—A. D. Barker, Hon. General Sec., Oak Cottage, Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The bells of Monks Kirby (tenor 24½ cwt.) will be reopened after rehanging and the two new trebles dedicated on Thursday, June 9th, at 3 p.m. A band has been selected for the opening touch, after which all members and friends of the Guild will be welcomed.—A. Wilkerson, Hon. Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on June 9th and 23rd; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 14th; Southwark Cathedral on the 21st; and *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 28th, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards at the headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The Quarterly meeting will be held at Thornbury, on Saturday, June 11th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea should let me know *without fail*, not later than Sunday, June 5th.—Edith Smith, Sec., St. Michael's Rectory, 16, West Park, Clifton, Bristol.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held on Saturday, June 11th. Service at 3.30 p.m. It is hoped that the Bishop of Buckingham will be the preacher. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than June 7th. All ringing friends welcome.—W. Sear, Secretary, 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Sunbury-on-Thames on Saturday afternoon, June 11th, by kind permission of the Vicar. This is an ideal place with its sweet-toned bells. Will try and arrange tea for 5.30 for all who let me know by the 6th, and welcome to all.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A district meeting will be held at South Weald on Saturday, June 11th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting at the Tower Arms. Will all members intending to be present please notify Mr. A. Rainbird, Old Crown Lane, Kelvedon Hatch, near Brentwood, on or before Wednesday, June 8th?—P. Timson, District Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at West Derby on Saturday, June 11th. Bells ready at 4.30. A good meeting is requested.—Walter Hughes.

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. Services, 2nd and 4th Sundays, 5 p.m. Special financial meeting at King of Denmark after practice at St. Bride's, June 11th.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7D, Morgan Mansions, N.7.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at South Kirby on Saturday,

June 11th. All ringers are invited.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec., Doncaster Road, Barnsley.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A district meeting will be held at Gosforth on June 11th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at cost price. Members intending being present please notify the undermentioned not later than June 8th.—Jas. E. Gofton, 25, Ashbrooke, Monkseaton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at New Romney on Saturday, June 11th. Bells will be available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Will all those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, June 7th?—C. Tribe, Hon. District Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the above will be held at Maxey on Saturday, June 11th.—Bells (6) ready at 3 o'clock. Glinton (6) in the evening. Service at Maxey at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30. Ringers are asked to bring their own food. Hot tea provided. Motor bus leaves Broadway, Peterborough, at 1.30 and 4.3. All ringers welcome.—John J. Jutson, Hon. Sec., St. Mary's Schoolhouse, Peterborough.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Northampton District.—The annual meeting will be held at Old Duston on Saturday, June 11th. Usual arrangements. Those requiring tea please let me know by Tuesday, June 8th.—S. J. Lawrence, District Sec., 7, Castilian Terrace, Northampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Heywood on Saturday, June 11th.—Bells ready at 3. Meeting at 6.30. All ringers welcome.—T. K. Driver, Middleton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Great Staughton on Saturday, June 11th. Bells available from 2.30. All ringers welcome.—H. L. Harlow, District Sec., 14, Newnham Lane, Bedford.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.—Ipswich Branch.—The bells of Stonham (10) will be open for practice on Saturday, June 11th, from 2.30 p.m.—E. Evans, Hon. Branch Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A special meeting will be held at Southwell on Saturday, June 11th, it being a bi-centenary of the Cathedral bells. Ringing from 2.30 to 8.30 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea at 4.30. The Ven. Archdeacon Conybeare will preside. All wishing for tea please notify Mr. H. F. Clulow, Easthorpe, Southwell, by June 9th.—T. H. Kirkby, 7, Belkirk Street, Carrington.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The usual meeting will be held at Bennington on June 18th, when the bells will be available during the afternoon and evening.—Tea will be provided free by the Rev. Canon Mills at 5 o'clock. All will be heartily welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. District Sec., Little Munden.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Stokesay on Saturday, June 18th. Service at 12. Preacher, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Rector of Hopesay. Lunch (3s.) at Castle at 1. Meeting at 2. Those wishing to attend must notify Rev. G. W. Turner, Hon. Sec., Madley Vicarage, Hereford, by June 11th.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Late the St. James' Society (Established 1824).—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, June 18th, at Christ Church, near the Wandle Bridge, from 2.30 to 4 p.m., and SS. Peter and Paul, Mitcham, from 4 to 8 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., tea at 5.30, at 1/6 per head. Will those requiring tea kindly let me know not later than June 14th? All ringers welcome.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., 14, Oxford Avenue, Merton Park, S.W.20.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The Quarterly meeting will be held at Duffield on June 18th. Ringing from 2 o'clock. Committee meeting 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., and general meeting to follow, in the Church Hall. Mr. C. Draper, 25, Western Road, Derby, will kindly arrange for tea, at 2/6 per head, for those who advise him by June 14th.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallen, Darley Dale.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The Quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Doncaster on Saturday, June 18th. Bells (8) ready at 3 Service at 5; preacher, the Rev. Archdeacon Sandford. Tea 5.45 p.m., at 1/9 each, for those who notify Mr. G. Halksworth, 1, Morley Road, Doncaster, by Tuesday June 14th. Will those who ordered reports and have not had them try and get them at this meeting. Subscriptions received.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 18, Royston Avenue, Bentley Road, Doncaster.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Thornhill on Saturday, June 18th. Bells available: Thornhill, all day; Dewsbury and Earlsheaton, from 2.30 p.m. Short service in church, 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Members requiring same must apply to Mr. H. Parkinson, 69, Hall Lane Cottages, Thornhill, near Dewsbury, before June 14th. All ringers welcome.—P. L. Cooper, Hon. Dist. Sec.

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