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### BUSINESS FIRST.

Easter, fast approaching, will, as usual, bring with it numerous gatherings of ringers, and among them, several annual meetings. In the weeks that follow the festival, also, there will be a number of important association meetings, and it is not out of place to remind ringers that it is by the keenness which they display in these proceedings that the measure of their interest, in the organisations to which they belong, can best be measured. The Associations exist for the promotion of change-ringing, and it is by associated action in dealing with the principles of belfry work that the best results will be attained.

Not infrequently, however, members who attend the annual meeting of their Association are much more anxious to get through the business and away to the towers, than to discuss matters which would be to the well-being of their organisation. There are many subjects of interest which could be debated with advantage, but the primary object seems to be to dispose of the agenda as quickly as possible so that there may be more time for ringing. In our opinion this is not the view that should be taken of the occasion of an annual meeting. The business should be, as in some cases, of course, it is, the main consideration, especially in those instances where an Association helps to defray railway expenses. Where the annual gathering is made merely an opportunity for an orgy of ringing, we think the two things should be divided. Have a ringing festival by all means, but when ringers assemble for an annual business meeting, let the business have first claim.

This would not only benefit the Associations themselves, by encouraging more discussion on questions which should be their serious concern, but might lead to a wider interest in ringing affairs. It would encourage ringers to introduce subjects affecting the general welfare of the Exercise and the advancement of the art, which could be forwarded to the Central Council for wider discussion. In this way the Associations, as we have pointed out before, could make the Council a more useful body, and extend its influence. At present, we should think, there is on an average not more than one motion a year which comes to the Council at the direct request of an Association—and there are some forty affiliated bodies. Those Associations which are meeting at Easter might lead the way for a fresh practice by ventilating subjects of general interest and getting them placed on the Council's agenda by their representatives. If this could be done, it might prove the opening up of a new phase of usefulness for the Council, which has been blamed in the past for inactivity, but which has been offered little or no encouragement by the bodies who are responsible for its existence, once the representatives have been elected.

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## TEN BELL PEALS.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(WESTERN DISTRICT.)

On Tuesday, March 14, 1922, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;**

Tenor 25½ cwt.

|                                  |                             |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| HERBERT C. BUCKLEY ... .. Treble | JOE HARCADISTE ... .. 6     |
| JOHN BODDY ... .. 2              | JOHN W. CUNDALL ... .. 7    |
| JAMES F. HARVEY ... .. 3         | JAMES COTTERELL ... .. 8    |
| GEORGE TITTERINGTON ... .. 4     | JOSEPH BROADLEY ... .. 9    |
| EDWIN WHEATER ... .. 5           | CHARLES BARKER ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. W. MOORHOUSE. Conducted by JAMES COTTERELL.

First peal on the bells since they were recast and rehung by Messrs. Taylor & Co., Loughborough.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(GUILDFORD DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, March 18, 1922, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;**

Tenor 23 cwt. in E.

|                              |                            |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| *GEORGE PETTER ... .. Treble | JOHN H. WHITE ... .. 6     |
| †GEORGE J. NICHOLS ... .. 2  | GEORGE TOMSETT ... .. 7    |
| EDWARD A. ETHERIDGE ... .. 3 | SEPTIMUS RADFORD ... .. 8  |
| EDWARD RADDON ... .. 4       | ALFRED H. POLLING ... .. 9 |
| GEORGE W. STEERE ... .. 5    | WILLIAM LYNCH ... .. Tenor |

Composed by W. WILLSON.

Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 3rd, 6th and 7th.

\* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal on ten.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BERKS BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, Feb. 28, 1922, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

|                              |                                    |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| WALTER V. WEBB ... .. Treble | G. FREDERICK JAMES ... .. 5        |
| THOMAS EAST ... .. 2         | RICHARD G. RICE ... .. 6           |
| WILLIAM J. NAPPER ... .. 3   | JAMES S. NAPPER ... .. 7           |
| ALFRED H. WEBB ... .. 4      | WILLIAM A. GOODENOUGH ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by RICHARD G. RUE.

Rung in honour of the Royal wedding.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BERKS BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, March 7, 1922, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

|                              |                                    |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| WILLIAM A. COX ... .. Treble | WALTER V. WEBB ... .. 5            |
| THOMAS EAST ... .. 2         | FREDERICK H. ABBOTT ... .. 6       |
| WILLIAM J. NAPPER ... .. 3   | JAMES S. NAPPER ... .. 7           |
| *KEITH WHITE ... .. 4        | WILLIAM A. GOODENOUGH ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by THOMAS EAST.

\* First peal. All the above are members of the local band.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 11, 1922, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 23½ cwt.

|                               |                                    |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| GORDON CAUDWELL ... .. Treble | WILLIAM STONE ... .. 5             |
| MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK ... .. 2  | ALBERT E. LOCK ... .. 6            |
| JACK HONEY ... .. 3           | *WILLIAM JUDGE ... .. 7            |
| *HARRY HOLIFIELD ... .. 4     | HOWARD J. R. FREEBORN ... .. Tenor |

Composed by W. HUDSON.

Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.

\* First peal in the method.

# HORNCHURCH, ESSEX. THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 11, 1922, in Three Hours,  
At the Church of St. Andrew,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES; 6th and 8th covering. Tenor 19½ cwt.

|                              |                            |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| CHARLES BARLOW ... .. Treble | *JOSEPH MCDUGAL ... .. 5   |
| *CHARLES BONE ... .. 2       | *JOHN ELLIS... .. 6        |
| *CHRIS. BAKER ... .. 3       | JOHN DALE ... .. 7         |
| *JOHN JARVIS ... .. 4        | *EDWARD RISEBY... .. Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN DALE.

Rung as a farewell to J. Jarvis, who was leaving for New Zealand on March 16th. The above are all service ringers, and was the first peal at Hornchurch ever rung by an entirely local band. \* First peal.

# BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE, THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY OF LECKHAMPTON.

On Saturday, March 11, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Lawrence,

## A PEAL OF STEOMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

|                                 |                            |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| *ALFRED G. HANNIS ... .. Treble | ARTHUR C. CAUDLE ... .. 5  |
| *CHARLES W. MARTIN ... .. 2     | WILLIAM TOWNSEND... .. 6   |
| GEORGE H. WALTERS ... .. 3      | JOHN F. BALLINGER... .. 7  |
| CHARLES H. AUSTIN... .. 4       | †WILLIAM HUNT ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM TOWNSEND.

\* First peal of Stedman. † First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to C. H. Austin. These bells are one of the most musical light rings in the county, and were augmented and rebung by Messrs. Taylor and Co. a few years ago. The ringers wish to thank Mr. A. A. Waite for having them in excellent order for the peal.

# HAGBOURNE, BERKS. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. (NORTH BERKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 11, 1922, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Andrew,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 22 cwt.

|                               |                             |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| FREDERICK S. MACEY ... Treble | EDGAR HUMFREY ... .. 5      |
| WILLIAM HIBBERT ... .. 2      | *JAMES S. NAPPER ... .. 6   |
| THOMAS EAST ... .. 3          | RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... .. 7 |
| †RICHARD G. RICE ... .. 4     | WILLIAM A. GOODENOUGH Tenor |

Conducted by RICHARD T. HIBBERT.

\* First peal of Stedman away from tenor. † 50th peal.

# LONDON. THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 11, 1922, in Three Hours,

At the Church of All Hallows, Barking, Tower Hill,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

|                              |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| THOMAS LANGDON ... .. Treble | CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 5     |
| HERBERT LANGDON ... .. 2     | ALFRED B. PECK... .. 6       |
| LOUIS ATTWATER... .. 3       | HENRY G. MILES ... .. 7      |
| HARRY R. PASMORE ... .. 4    | HENRY R. NEWTON ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by HARRY R. PASMORE.

# DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 12, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

|                               |                                |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| EDWARD GRINDELL ... .. Treble | GEORGE T. ROWE ... .. 5        |
| *SIDNEY C. HAMMOND ... .. 2   | WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... .. 6     |
| †PERCIVAL WOODS ... .. 3      | ERNEST E. GRIMES ... .. 7      |
| WILLIAM G. GROOM... .. 4      | †JOHN C. G. HAGGAR... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Bob Major. Believed to be the quickest peal of Major on the bells.

# WEST MEON, HAMPSHIRE. THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. (LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, March 16, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,  
At the Church of St. John the Evangelist,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in F.

|                                 |                           |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... .. Treble | JAMES BULLOCK ... .. 5    |
| GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 2        | FRANCIS E. DAWE ... .. 6  |
| THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... .. 3    | ARTHUR D. BARKER ... .. 7 |
| GEORGE A. CARD... .. 4          | JAMES GEORGE ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by FRANCIS EDWARD DAWE.

Rung on the 60th birthday of the conductor, who was born in this charming old-world village. At the conclusion of the peal the bells were 'fired.'

# BROMLEY COMMON, KENT. THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 16, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Luke,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVE'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

|                                |                               |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| WILLIAM LYDDIARD ... .. Treble | THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 5     |
| JOHN LYDDIARD ... .. 2         | EDMUND MOUNTER ... .. 6       |
| GEORGE F. JAMES ... .. 3       | GEORGE DURLING ... .. 7       |
| GEORGE W. HARRIS ... .. 4      | *GEORGE W. SMITH ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

\* First peal.

# WORTLEY, NEAR SHEFFIELD, YORKS. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, March 16, 1922, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Leonard,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5312 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                            |                               |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| LEONARD SHAW ... .. Treble | ARCHIE BREARLEY ... .. 5      |
| ALBERT HELLIWELL... .. 2   | JAS. H. CHARLSWORTH ... .. 6  |
| SAMUEL HARRISON ... .. 3   | JOHN PARKIN ... .. 7          |
| *WM. A. WOOLER ... .. 4    | JOHN R. BREARLEY ... .. Tenor |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN R. BREARLEY.

\* First peal of Bob Major. Rung with the bells deeply muffled for the Countess of Wharnccliffe, who died on March 12th, and whose remains were to be interred in the above church.

# BLEWBURY, BERKS. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. (NORTH BERKS BRANCH.)

On Friday, March 17, 1922, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Michael,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

|                              |                                  |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| ALFRED H. WEBB ... .. Treble | FREDERICK G. JAMES ... .. 5      |
| THOMAS EAST ... .. 2         | FREDERICK S. MACEY ... .. 6      |
| RICHARD G. RICE ... .. 3     | JAMES S. NAPPER ... .. 7         |
| WALTER V. WEBB ... .. 4      | *ROBERT N. ALDRIDGE ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by FREDERICK S. MACEY.

Arranged for the conductor on the eve of his departure from the district. \* First peal.

# NEWCHURCH-IN-ROSSENDALE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. (ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 18, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S NO. 9 FIVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

|                                 |                             |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| GEO. ED. ROLLERSON... .. Treble | GEO. H. HARGREAVES ... .. 5 |
| THOS. COLLINGE ... .. 2         | ALEX. RIDEBOUGH... .. 6     |
| JAMES ROLLERSON ... .. 3        | THOS. ROLLERSON ... .. 7    |
| HERBERT H. SHAW ... .. 4        | A. NEWMAN ... .. Tenor      |

Conducted by THOMAS ROLLERSON.

The above ringers all belong to St. Mary's Church, Rawtenstall, and it is the first peal by a Rawtenstall band away from home. It is also believed to be the first peal of Stedman Triples rung at Newchurch.

## LEWISHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 18, 1922, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5028 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

|                                  |                                 |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| *WILLIAM J. WHEADON ... Treble   | JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 5          |
| HARRY WARNETT, SEN. ... 2        | ISAAC EMERY ... 6               |
| JOHN WHEADON ... 3               | HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 7        |
| CLR.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. ... 4 | FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... Tenor |

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

\* 25th peal.

## WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

## THE DURHAM &amp; NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 18, 1922, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

|                                |                            |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| THOMAS M. WHITFIELD ... Treble | GEORGE R. HOLMES ... 5     |
| WILLIAM L. GOFTON ... 2        | THOMAS T. GOFTON ... 6     |
| JAMES E. GOFTON ... 3          | STEPHEN W. STRATFORD ... 7 |
| RICHARD A. GOFTON ... 4        | JOSEPH A. GOFTON ... Tenor |

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOSEPH A. GOFTON.

## GRANBROOK, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 18, 1922, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

|                          |                              |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| *JAMES POWELL ... Treble | LUTHER HONESS ... 5          |
| HARRY BAKER ... 2        | GEORGE BILLENNESS ... 6      |
| WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ... 3 | HARRY PARKES ... 7           |
| CHARLES TRIBE ... 4      | *EDWARD R. BURGESS ... Tenor |

Composed by J. W. MOORHOUSE. Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

\* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Parkes.

## BUXTED, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 18, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

|                             |                          |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| *STANLEY RUSSELL ... Treble | CHARLES BRASIER ... 5    |
| ALFRED J. PIERPOINT ... 2   | †EDWIN BISHOP ... 6      |
| ALBERT HORDEN ... 3         | JAMES A. HART ... 7      |
| FRANK HAMMOND ... 4         | PERCY MARCHANT ... Tenor |

Conducted by JAMES A. HART.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method.

## CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 18, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

|                            |                         |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| JOHN T. RICKMAN ... Treble | ALFRED W. GROVES ... 5  |
| GEORGE ELLIS ... 2         | OLIVER SIPPETTS ... 6   |
| EDWARD C. MERRITT ... 3    | STAFFORD H. GREEN ... 7 |
| WILLIAM WATTS, SEN. ... 4  | KEITH HART ... Tenor    |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by KEITH HART.

## RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 18, 1922, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

|                            |                         |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| HERBERT RAINBOW ... Treble | JOHN T. HENSMAN ... 5   |
| WALTER PERKINS ... 2       | FREDERICK SAWFOOT ... 6 |
| JOHN J. MAWBY ... 3        | WILLIAM J. ALLEN ... 7  |
| CHARLES W. BIRD ... 4      | FRED WILFORD ... Tenor  |

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by FRED WILFORD.

## WATTLINGTON, BERKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 18, 1922, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt.

|                         |                                 |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| ARTHUR HOING ... Treble | JAMES W. WILKINS ... 5          |
| MRS. A. E. LOCK ... 2   | FREDERICK S. MACEY ... 6        |
| HARRY HOLIFIELD ... 3   | GORDON CAUDWELL ... 7           |
| ALBERT E. LOCK ... 4    | FREDERICK W. WOODWARD ... Tenor |

Conducted by FREDERICK S. MACEY.

Rung as a farewell peal to the conductor, who desires to place on record his sincere thanks to the North Berks Branch ringers for their kindly interest towards him during his stay in the district for the past six months.

## NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 18, 1922, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 26 lb.

|                           |                              |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| *OWEN H. GILES ... Treble | EDWIN J. HARDING, JUN. ... 5 |
| *WILLIAM G. EDWARDS ... 2 | D. CECIL WILLIAMS ... 6      |
| FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 3 | *WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... 7     |
| *WALTER G. ROWE ... 4     | GEORGE WILLIAMS ... Tenor    |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\* First peal of Cambridge. Messrs. Rogers and Harding belong to St. Mary's, Portsea, the rest to the local band.

## STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 18, 1922, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

|                           |                               |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| *ERNEST MORRIS ... Treble | DET.-SGT. H. G. JENNEY ... 5  |
| HARRY BROUGHTON ... 2     | HAROLD J. POOLE ... 6         |
| SHIRLEY BORTON ... 3      | *THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 7      |
| JOHN OLDHAM ... 4         | FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor |

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

\* First peal of London. First in the method on the bells. The ringers wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells, and Mr. William Briggs for having them in readiness.

## WIGAN, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 18, 1922, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

|                         |                           |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| FRED ABBOTT ... Treble  | JAMES H. RIDING ... 5     |
| THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... 2 | TITUS BARLOW, SEN. ... 6  |
| ERNEST CUTSFORTH ... 3  | ALLAN F. BAILEY ... 7     |
| EDWARD JENKINS ... 4    | RICHARD F. DEAL ... Tenor |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by RICHARD F. DEAL.

The band wish to thank the Vicar for allowing the use of the bells, also Mr. Will Dickinson (of Deane, Bolton) for his hospitality after the peal.

## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

## NEALS, WILTS.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 4, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

|                          |                         |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| ARTHUR ROMNEY ... Treble | LOUIS A. PERRITT ... 4  |
| JOSEPH J. PARSONS ... 2  | HARRY S. PARSONS ... 5  |
| TOM PENNY ... 3          | EDWIN J. ROWE ... Tenor |

Conducted by HARRY S. PARSONS.

First peal on the bells, first by a local band and by all except the conductor. Rung in honour of the engagement of Miss Elizabeth Grace Troyte-Bullock, eldest daughter of Lieut.-Col. E. G. Troyte-Bullock, C.M.G., and Mrs. Troyte-Bullock, of Neals House, Wilts, to the Hon. Robert Power French, eldest surviving son of Lord and Lady Ashtown.



WICKHAM, HANTS.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 11, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being two 720's each of Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, and one 720 of College Single. Tenor 12 cwt.

|                             |                         |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| H. W. MERRITT ... .. Treble | *W. TATE ... .. 4       |
| H. J. SMITH ... .. 2        | J. W. RUSSELL ... .. 5  |
| *F. A. BURNETT ... .. 3     | H. BECKETT ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by H. BECKETT.

\* First peal of Minor.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(STOCKPORT AND BOWDEN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 11, 1922, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being the extent in each of the following methods: Neasden, Sandal, Wragby, Kingston, College Bob IV., London Scholars' Pleasure and Oxford.

|                              |                                |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| JOHN P. FIDLER ... .. Treble | WILFRED WILDE ... .. 4         |
| WILLIAM FERNLEY ... .. 2     | WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 5       |
| GEORGE HILL ... .. 3         | JOSEPH HECKINGBOTTOM ... Tenor |

Conducted by J. HECKINGBOTTOM.

DARLINGTON, DURHAM.  
THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION  
On Saturday, March 11, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720's. Tenor 10 cwt.

|                                |                         |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| WILLIAM BROADLEY ... .. Treble | ALBERT HUNTER ... .. 5  |
| ALFRED COATES ... .. 3         | THOMAS SCOLICK ... .. 6 |
| ROBERT B. ROBINSON ... .. 4    | HARRY TAYLOR ... .. 7   |

JOSEPH CRAVEN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TAYLOR.

First peal as conductor. Rung (with tenor covering after meeting short for Major) to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. T. Scollick.

HUNTON, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 11, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being four 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

|                              |                           |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... Treble | CHARLES W. PLAYER ... 4   |
| TOM SAUNDERS ... .. 2        | CHARLES H. SONE ... .. 5  |
| *LOUIS HEAD ... .. 3         | LEWIS NEWMAN ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by LEWIS NEWMAN.

First peal as conductor. \* First peal of Minor.

LIVERPOOL.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 14, 1922, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, GRASSENDALE,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of London, Beverley and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

|                              |                         |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| ARTHUR LINTOTT ... .. Treble | EDWARD CAUNCE ... .. 4  |
| THOMAS JENNION ... .. 2      | JAMES MARTIN ... .. 5   |
| GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 3    | JOHN ALLEN ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

J. Allen's 50th peal. This peal was unsuccessfully attempted for the Royal wedding, and, through the kindness of the Vicar, was rung on the first available opportunity after.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, March 16, 1922, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

|                        |                             |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| W. AARON ... .. Treble | A. INGHAM ... .. 4          |
| F. CHAMBERS ... .. 2   | A. TOMLINSON ... .. 5       |
| T. STANCLIFFE ... .. 3 | L. J. WILLIAMS ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.  
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 17, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Oxford, Kent and Woodbine Treble Bob, Merchants' Return, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

|                           |                          |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| *H. W. ELSE ... .. Treble | G. CHERRY ... .. 4       |
| G. T. CROFT ... .. 2      | W. J. CROFT ... .. 5     |
| A. W. LINDSAY ... .. 3    | F. W. CROFT ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by F. W. CROFT.

\* First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. W. Lindsay.

BROUGHTON.  
THE CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 18, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 16 six-scores each of St. Simon's and Plain Bob, and 10 of Grandsire.

|                             |                       |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| F. W. RANDALL ... .. Treble | H. BAXTER ... .. 3    |
| P. J. LENTON ... .. 2       | A. STAPLETON ... .. 4 |
| A. E. WYKES ... ..          | ... .. Tenor          |

Conducted by A. E. WYKES.

First peal in three methods on the bells. First peal as conductor. Quickest peal on the bells, also first peal for 11 years.

NEWHURCH, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 18, 1922, in Three Hours,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720's differently called. Tenor 9½ cwt.

|                                 |                                 |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... Treble | † WILLIAM HAMPSON ... 4         |
| WILLIAM GOULD ... .. 2          | JOHN YATES ... .. 5             |
| GEORGE POWNALL ... .. 3         | * P. C. GEORGE PYE ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by J. LEATHERBARROW.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal away from treble. P. C. Pye was a ringer at Newchurch before joining the Manchester City Police Force. This was his first attempt for a peal on the bells of his native parish.

## HANDBELL PEALS.

COVENTRY.  
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Friday, March 10, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. F. W. PERRENS, 45, ENGLETON ROAD, RADFORD.

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5009 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 size in C.

|                             |                              |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| *FRANK E. PERVIN ... .. 1-2 | † JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... 5-6 |
| FRANK W. PERRENS ... .. 3-4 | * HUBERT SOMMERS ... .. 7-8  |
| † JOHN TAYLOR ... ..        | ... .. 9-10                  |

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by F. W. PERRENS.  
Referee: WILLIAM SMITH.

\* First peal on handbells. † First peal of Caters 'in hand.' † First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal of Stedman on handbells for the Guild, and also the first peal of Stedman Caters for the Guild by a resident band. First handbell peal rung in the city of Coventry.

## CLAPHAM.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 11, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
At 63A, OLD TOWN.

## A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

|                             |                         |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| ARNIGER J. TROLLOPE ... 1-2 | FRANK I. HAIRS ... 5-6  |
| ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4   | HAROLD P. JAMES ... 7-8 |
| WALTER AYRE ... 9-10        |                         |

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.  
Witness: MRS. HAIRS, SEN.

## CAMBRIDGE.

## THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Saturday, March 11, 1922, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,  
In TRINITY COLLEGE.

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

|  |                                   |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| REV. A. H. F. BOUGHVEY (Trin.) ... 1-2 | W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') ... 5-6 |
| E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath.) ... 3-4       | J. B. WOOLLEY (Jesus) ... 7-8     |

Composed by J. HUNT. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

## CAMBRIDGE.

## THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sunday, March 12, 1922, in Two Hours and Seven Minutes,  
At 11, QUEEN ANNE TERRACE.

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

|                                   |                                  |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| E. G. BENSON (St. Cath.) ... 1-2  | E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath.) ... 5-6 |
| W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') ... 3-4 | H. G. BENSON (King's) ... 7-8    |

Composed and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

This is the first peal of Double Bob ever rung 'in hand,' and the first in the method by the Guild.

## HARWICH, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 13, 1922, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,  
At 5, KING'S HEAD STREET

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tapped on handbells by

ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Composed by EDWARD MULLINS. Conducted by the performer.  
Umpire: GEORGE JORDAN.

A peal in this method is now tapped for the first time.

## HIMNSTEAD, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 17, 1922, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,  
At THE RESIDENCE OF MR. E. BAILEY.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 13 in D.

|                            |                            |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| *SIDNEY BRIGGS ... 1       | GEORGE LEE ... 4           |
| FREDERICK WADE ... 2       | †ERNEST BAILEY ... 5       |
| EDGAR BAILEY ... 3         | ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... 6 |
| FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... 7-8 |                            |

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD. Conducted by F. W. NAUNTON.  
Witness: MRS. E. BAILEY.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Major. The ringer of the treble was elected a member of the above Association previous to attempting the peal.

## ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Ely Diocesan Association which was held at Tilney All Saints, was attended by members from Holbeach, Wisbech, Walpole St. Andrew, Shouldham and Watlington. Through the kindness of the Vicar (the Rev. E. V. Smith) the bells of the Parish Church were placed at the disposal of the ringers for the afternoon and evening, and the ringing included 720 Bob Minor, by: T. W. Williamson 1, W. G. Cross 2, J. B. Hallifax 3, F. Lightening 4, F. Rose (conductor) 5, T. Price 6. Touches of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob were also rung. Tea was provided at the Bell Inn, the Vicar presiding. A letter of apology for absence was received from the Diocesan Secretary (Miss V. Shorter).

It was arranged that the annual meeting of the Association should be held at Cambridge on Easter Monday, and the Vicar was elected an honorary member of the Association. Master Tony Price 'tapped' a course of Double Norwich Major on the piano.

## 'PRINCESS MARY' SURPRISE ROYAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Allow me to congratulate Mr. Craven on his new method, 'Princess Mary,' which I consider is one of the best ten-bell methods ever discovered. From the diagram it should be by no means difficult to ring, and I trust it will have the success it deserves. Personally, if it were my method, I should add 2nd's place at the lead end, so that 4th's place bob might be used instead of 8th's place; and then all the place-making would begin and end with a single dodge.

Curiously enough 'Bristol' was one of the methods I was thinking of when writing the letter published in to-day's 'Ringing World.'

Bristol Royal and Maximus both have different simple transposition rows at the lead-end, and both differ from Bristol Major. I discovered both of these in September last year, only to find that Mr. Trollope had discovered them nine or ten years previously. There can be no question whatever about the method being the same from Minor to Maximus, and later on, with your permission, I will illustrate how the method of 'Bristol' is evolved from Single Court Minor. — Yours faithfully,

GEORGE BAKER.

Brighton, March 3rd.

Dear Sir,—With reference to 'Princess Mary,' I find I have given the first lead end 1352749608, which ought to be 1573920486. The alteration is effected with making 2nd's place, when treble leads. I ought also to have mentioned that it will extend to Maximus or any number upwards.—Yours truly,

ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Mr. Fred Dench writes that the method published by Mr. A. Craven as Bristol Surprise Royal was published, together with the Maximus, in 'The Ringing World' on December 3rd, 1915.

## A 60th BIRTHDAY PEAL.

Born in a picturesque old thatched house in the quiet little village of West Meon, Hants, on March 16th, 1862, Mr. Francis Edward Dawe, who for many years was actively associated with ringing in London, and now resides at Guildford, returned to his native hearth last week to celebrate his 60th birthday by a peal on the church bells, as he did ten years ago on the occasion of his jubilee. To leave nothing to chance Mr. Dawe got together an excellent band of members of the London County Association, and thanks to the ready co-operation of London friends and Messrs. G. Williams (Southampton) and J. George (Birmingham) the peal was safely accomplished. Overnight, however, matters had not looked too promising. When Mr. Dawe reached the village he was given a hearty welcome by the local men, but while ringing was in progress the clapper of the tenor broke just above the ball, and the village blacksmith had to work late to effect the necessary repairs.

After the peal of Stedman Triples in the morning (for which Mr. E. Alex. Young, hon. secretary of the Central Council, kindly attended as reserve man), the bells were 'fired,' and a group photograph taken on the steps of the church.

A substantial lunch was partaken of at the Red Lion Hotel, and congratulatory speeches were made. The party then visited the thatched cottage where Mr. Dawe first saw the light, and afterwards drove by brake to East Meon, where a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was attempted at All Saints' Church—a grand old Norman structure. After nearly two hours' ringing, however, the attempt had to be abandoned, owing to the 'bumpy' go of the tenor when turned in. The band comprised: T. Walker 1, T. H. Taffender 2, C. F. Winney 3, J. Bullock 4, G. A. Card 5, A. D. Barker 6, J. George 7, F. E. Dawe (conductor) 8.

After tea, at West Meon, the party returned to town by the last train, and Mr. Dawe takes this opportunity of most heartily thanking the Rev. W. H. Thomas, Rector of West Meon, for his cordial permission to ring, and Messrs. Gregory and Todd for their assistance in making the visit a success; also the Rev. A. S. Crawley, M.C., Vicar of East Meon, for his ready permission, and Mr. H. Blackman, the head ringer, for his exceedingly kind attention.

The ringing chamber at East Meon Church can only be reached in church by means of an iron structure, which is unique, and has to be seen to be fully appreciated. The last part of the way is compared to the entrance to a tomb's nest!

Mr. Dawe has taken part in numerous excellent achievements in his long ringing career, but on this occasion it is particularly interesting to recall that he conducted a peal of Grand sire Caters on his 20th birthday at St. Clement Danes, and a peal of Stedman Cinques from the 11th at St. Saviour's, Southwark, on his 21st birthday. He also had the gratification of conducting a peal of Triples on the golden wedding day of his own father and mother, and a year later, on that of his wife's parents.

## BELLS' ANNIVERSARY.

The 25th anniversary of the opening of the bells at Chorley, Lancashire, was celebrated on Monday, March 13th, when 1,280 Grand sire Triples was rung in 45 minutes: G. Hewitt 1, G. Brindle 2, R. Clayton 3, T. Lofthouse 4, J. H. Gartsdo, junr. 5, F. Rigby (conductor) 6, J. Booth (Standish) 7, H. Southworth (longest length) 8. The ringers of 1 and 4 were present at the opening ceremony.

## THE EXTENSION OF METHODS.

Last week we considered the extension of Little Methods, and it will be noticed that I never mentioned the fact that the treble could make 2nd's place. I omitted that fact because it is the foundation of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. In clearing the ground of misconception before considering Double Norwich, I mentioned coursing order, and gave a series of diagrams, beginning with Minimus; now we must go back to those diagrams, and anyone who wishes to understand Treble Bob must put those diagrams into the proper shape and study them. The first is printed thus: 2 a 3 b 4 c 2.

Draw a clock face, put 2 at twelve o'clock, 3 at four o'clock, and 4 at eight o'clock, and the next 2 will come at twelve o'clock again; put a at two o'clock, b at six o'clock, and c at ten o'clock, and treat the other diagrams up to Minimus in the same way. Now go back to Double Oxford and notice that the place-making moves the treble from a to b, and then to c, etc., so that in Shipway's mistaken Minimus we get 14263850719e, as the first lead end, and we have gone completely round the clock face, as the clock goes a step at a time from a between 2 and 3 to k between 2 and 4.

Take the plain hunting course, hunt the treble up into 2nd's place and make it; 2 leads a whole pull and 4 dodges back into 4th's place; the treble is now at k between 2 and 4, but she has got there by moving one step backwards instead of going round the clock face a step at a time; she then leads again and we get the course on six bells as shown at side.

This is the foundation of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, the Treble being the bell in the slow, and you will notice that the Lead Heads and Lead Ends of this course of twenty changes are the same as those of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Now to develop the method, and we will take Oxford. We have 214365, and then write 124356. We make 3rd's and 4th's instead of 1st's and 2nd's, and the 2nd is now in the hunt instead of the treble, and so we ring the course, the treble being a working bell until she comes back into 1-2. She then dodges with the 2nd again, while 3rd's and 4th's are made, and we have got back to 214356, the treble being in the hunt once more. The same thing happens in every lead, and the bell in the hunt never gets above 2nd's place; therefore, in extending the method we must always move the treble one step backwards among the working bells, and there is only one shunt in Minor, and that a shunt backwards; and the Major, Royal and Minimus which have come down to us are easily seen to be the correct extension. Next week we will consider Cambridge. H. LAW JAMES.

123456  
214365  
214356  
124365

142635  
416253  
412635  
146253

164523  
etc.

## WHY ST. EDMUNDSBURY?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was surprised to see in 'The Ringing World' the peal rung at Wrentham, Suffolk, booked to the Norwich, St. Edmundsbury, and Ipswich Association, May I ask: Why the additional word St. Edmundsbury? If the ringers of St. Edmundsbury Branch had wished to amalgamate with the Norwich and Ipswich Association, they would have done so a year ago; instead of turning down the repeated offers extended to them by the N. and I.A. Surely this is plain to all concerned.

The Suffolk Association for the whole of the new Diocese of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich has come to stay, and with the help of its head, the Bishop (and, may I add, Suffolk ringers) intends to do its best to 'work up' a strong association, which I feel confident, the ringers of Suffolk will in the near future support and uphold, knowing it to be a just claim.—Yours, S. H. SYMONDS.

Lavenham.

P.S.—I am not blaming the ringer who sent the peal to 'The Ringing World.'

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

## PRESENTATION TO FOUNDER OF THE FURNESS BRANCH.

The half-yearly meeting of the Furness and Lake District Branch was held in the picturesque old town of Kendal, on Saturday, March 11th, when between 20 and 30 ringers, including four ladies, from Ambleside, Broughton-in-Furness, Dalton-in-Furness, Kendal, Penwortham, and Silverdale, were enabled to have an enjoyable day, and rang touches of Plain and Treble Bob, Grandsire and Stedman on the ten bells of the Parish Church until a late hour.

Following tea, kindly provided by the Kendal ringers the meeting was held, and over which Mr. Atkinson (Kendal) presided, Ambleside was chosen for the annual meeting in September, and Ulverston for the quarterly ringing meeting in June.

A vote of condolence was passed with the widow of the late Mr. John Braithwaite, an old and respected member of the Kendal tower.

Opportunity was also taken of presenting the former secretary of the branch, Mr. Robinson (Ambleside) with a silver inkstand with a suitable inscription thereon, and Mrs. Robinson with a silver brooch, as a slight appreciation of the services which he had rendered in forming the branch in 1905, and carrying out the secretarial duties until last year.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the Kendal ringers for their hospitality, concluded the meeting.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The incident mentioned by the Rev. E. Banks James in our last issue as taking place on the occasion of 'the first peal of Double Norwich in the City of Bristol,' on March 11th, 1893, brings the information from Mr. F. G. Newman that the first peal of Double Norwich in the city of Bristol was rung on May 19th, 1891, at the Church of St. Mary-le-Port. It was composed and conducted by Mr. J. W. Washbrook, and the other ringers were the Rev. H. A. Cockey, W. H. Paddeck, H. H. Tucker, Tom Blackbourne, F. G. Newman, Richard French and the Rev. F. E. Robinson. It was rung under the joint auspices of the College Youths and the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

On March 23rd, 1837, Elijah Roberts tapped the peal of 19,440 Kent Treble Bob Maximus ('the full extent of the changes with the large bells at home'), in 13 hours 43 minutes.

In view of the recent controversy, which we do not intend to reopen, we must be very careful what we say about this performance, but we may, perhaps, be permitted to note that in a carefully kept book of cuttings upon interesting ringing events, Mr. Henry Johnson, of Birmingham, has preserved the record of this and other peals tapped by Elijah Roberts.

The Press cutting under notice begins as follows: 'In the manly and scientific art of change ringing Elijah Roberts is the most accomplished and unparalleled change ringer upon the handbells the world has hitherto produced.'

The 27th March is the anniversary of two noteworthy long peals. One, 12,000 Treble Bob Royal, rung in 1784, stood for more than a century as the record in the method. It was rung by the Cumberland Youths at Shoreditch, and was the culminating effort of long rivalry between the Cumberlands and College Youths for the longest length to be rung single-handed.

The peal occupied 9 hrs. 5 mins., and the tenor was rung by Allen Grant. George Gross composed and called the peal and writing in 'Treble Bob' as late as 1878, the late Jasper Snowden says it 'is probably the most wonderful performance recorded in the annals of change ringing.'

The other long peal of March 27th was rung in 1815, a 10,008 Grand sire Caters at New College, Oxford.

Berks and Bucks ringers cannot go to Boyne Hill on Easter Monday, as the rehangings will not be completed by then. Wooburn, Bucks, offers the branch a welcome for the afternoon and evening, with service and tea, followed by business meeting. In the morning, Slough and Cookham towers will be open, via G.W.Ry., and Beaconsfield and High Wycombe via Great Central Railway. The programme will follow in 'The Ringing World.'

Thirty years ago to-day was rung the first peal in which a lady took a pair of handbells. This was at 49, Clifton Street, Brighton, then the residence of Mr. George Williams, and the quartette which rang the peal (Grandsire Triples) were Mrs. G. Williams, Tom Blackbourne, George Williams and A. P. Goldard. That was an epoch-making event, for Mrs. Williams led the way to ladies taking an interest in ringing, which large numbers have followed since.

A short time ago the 5th bell at Hodnet, Salop (weighing about 11 cwt.), came down in the frame with a broken gudgeon. It has since been 'rehung' by the local blacksmith.

## REAL DOUBLE SUPERLATIVE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The footnote to the peal of real Double Superlative rung at Sunderland, and published in your issue of March 17th, states, 'it is believed to be the first time the method has been rung in this form.'

At St. Martin's, Leicester, we have been ringing it for the last two years. I have compositions of Superlative constructed on the double bob plan up to and including several of over 10,000 in one, two and three parts, the best of which contains over 9,000 with tenors together, including 59 homes. It certainly liven's up Superlative having calls at both ends. The company who rang the peal at the first attempt are worthy of the best.—Yours truly, F. H. DEXTER.  
50, Stuart Street, Leicester.

## BRISTOL UNITED GUILD.

DATE OF NEXT ANNUAL DINNER.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your leader of March 3rd you refer to the hope that Bristol will avoid clashing with London, Birmingham, or, perhaps, a Northern dinner. The latter, of course, is out of our mind for the moment; but the committee responsible for the Bristol feast have decided to hold their dinners in future on the second Saturday in January. Next year it will be held on January 13th. We shall be about midway between London (College Youths) and Birmingham (Henry Johnson Memorial). Mr. J. Gould, of Henbury, is Master for 1923 dinner.—Yours faithfully,  
EDGAR GUISE.

Hon. Sec., Bristol United Guilds.



**NORWICH & IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.****THE PROPOSED SUFFOLK EXTENSION.**

A meeting of the Saxmundham District was held at Saxmundham on Saturday, March 18th, and was well attended, five districts and eleven towers being represented. Mr. C. F. Bailey (Leiston) presided at the business meeting, and welcomed the members, and explained the object of the meeting.

The Secretary (Mr. G. Wilson) read correspondence in respect of the Kelsall bells.—Several members protested against the attitude of the officials in giving way to one resident who had an objection to bells, thus allowing a good peal of eight to go into decay much to the regret of most of the parishioners.

The chief business was to discuss the newly-formed Suffolk Diocesan Association.—The Chairman and Secretary explained at some length the history of the association since its formation, and after several present had expressed disapproval of any kind of a split, and put forward the view that there ought to be joint working, it was proposed by Mr. W. Drew, and seconded by Mr. H. Hall, 'That this meeting approve of the resolution passed by the general committee of the Norwich and Ipswich Association, in January last, viz., that the Ipswich Branch be known henceforth as the St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Branch, the branch to remain as heretofore united with the Norwich branch, to be known as the Norwich Diocesan Branch, forming together one association, covering the two dioceses to be known in the future as the Norwich and St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Association.'—This resolution was carried unanimously.

It was decided to hold further meetings in the district, to be arranged by the secretary at an early date.

The bells of the parish church were well used, and good touches were brought round; also several touches on the handbells kindly lent by Mr. F. Watling.

A vote of thanks to the chairman, and to the Vicar for the use of the bells, brought a successful meeting to a close.

**SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE ROYAL.****THE FIRST PEAL.**

Conclusive evidence of the ringing of the first peal of Superlative Surprise Royal has reached us through Mr. William Lomas, of Sheffield, who sends us a copy of the record of the peal, apparently issued at the time of the performance, which took place at Wakefield Parish Church on March 27th, 1826. Mr. Lomas informs us that he found it among his late father's papers, and thinks it must have been forwarded originally by the Wakefield ringers to his grandfather, William Hudson.

In addition to the record, the method and composition are given, and the figures of the former show it to be the method published as Superlative Surprise Royal, by Shipway, in 1816. Surmounted by a small woodcut of the church where the peal was rung, the record, which we are sure will interest our readers, is as follows:

On MONDAY, March 27th, 1826, the COMPANY of All-Saints RINGERS, Wakefield, ascended the Tower of the Parish Church, and had the honor of Ringing, in a masterly style, a true and complete Peal of Superlative Surprise Royal, consisting of 5400 Changes, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes, by TEN MEN only. (Tenor weighing 31 cwt.) The great superiority of this Peal over any other is it being the only true Peal ever rung in the Kingdom in so intricate a method, and will be a standing laurel for the Society for ages to come. The Peal was composed by Mr. JOSEPH TEBBS, of Leeds, and was by him presented to this Society, and rung by them at the first attempt. The Peal was nobly conducted by Mr. WILLIAM WOODHEAD, and Rung by the following Persons:—

**THE BAND AS STATIONED:**

|                     |         |
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| Mr. William Fawcett | Treble. |
| — Joseph Sugden     | 2nd     |
| — Mark Blackburn    | 3rd     |
| — George Pickering  | 4th     |
| — John Hall         | 4th     |
| — James Gill        | 6th     |
| — Joseph Gill       | 7th     |
| — Thomas Netherwood | 8th     |
| — William Woodhead  | 9th     |
| — Robert Collett    | Tenor.  |

**THE PEAL.**

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| 45236 |                 |
| 62534 |                 |
| 56234 | First Part end. |
| 34562 | Second Do.      |
| 62345 | Third Do.       |
| 45623 | Fourth Do.      |
| 23456 | Fifth Do.       |

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.****BISHOP OF SHEFFIELD AT SOUTHERN DIVISION MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the Southern Division took place at Handsworth, Sheffield, on Saturday, March 18th, and was one of the most successful ever held in the area. Ringers and friends were present from Sheffield Cathedral, St. Maries' and All Saints', Sheffield, Ecclesfield, Rawmarsh, Norton, Bolsterstone, Wortley, Rotherham, Arksey, Doncaster, Ranmoor, Barnsley, Wath, Dore, Eckington, Mansfield, Chesterfield and Loughborough.

A service was held in the church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. W. A. Baker, M.A.), and the sermon was preached by the Lord Bishop of Sheffield, who referred to the great changes which had been brought about in church life in modern times. He said that those who had had to do with church matters as long as he had—over 45 years—knew perfectly well that the state of religion and the Church was far better now than ever it had been. He desired to impress upon them, contrary to what the newspapers said, and contrary to what many of our able and clever men said, that it was a pure myth to suppose that the times in church life were worse to-day than they were in the past.

After service, tea was partaken of in the Schoolroom, about 80 sitting down to a very substantial and well-served meal. The business meeting followed, the Bishop of Sheffield being in the chair, supported by the Rev. Lee Nicholls (Vicar of Ranmoor), the Rev. P. Wright (Vicar of St. Silas, Sheffield), the Rev. B. F. Sheppard (Sheffield Cathedral), and the Rector of Handsworth (the Rev. W. A. Baker).

Mr. G. Halksworth (Doncaster), the retiring Ringing Master, was elected for another term of three years, and Messrs. Cockey (Ranmoor), Panther (Wath-on-Deane), and Wooler (Wortley), were chosen to service on the committee for three years. Two honorary members, the Rev. W. G. Largie, M.A., Vicar of All Saints', Sheffield, and Mr. Smith, School House, Conisbrough, were elected, as were the following ringing members: Messrs. G. Nolin and B. Ditcher (Eckington), H. Hirst (St. Maries'), W. Bingham (Dore), A. Firth (Rawmarsh), J. A. Brearley (Bolsterstone), J. Parkin (Wortley), J. H. Last, and ten of the local company, viz., Misses M. Gough and E. Hopkins, and Messrs. W. Taylor, H. Buckler, W. Godden, H. Wilson, F. Cardwell, J. Garth, P. Downing and J. Taylor.

Tickhill was chosen for the next meeting, on June 17th.

Votes of thanks to the Bishop for his address, to the Rector and churchwardens for the use of the bells, to the local company and their ladies for the most excellent tea, and their hearty welcome brought a successful meeting to a close.

The methods rung during the afternoon and evening included Grand-sire and Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob, Bob Major, College Single Major and Double Norwich.

**ELLAND BELLS REOPENED.**

On Saturday last, the bells of St. Mary's Church Elland, were officially opened by a representative gathering of ringers from Selby, Tong, Bradford, Dewsbury, Earlsheaton, Birstal, Armitage, Bridge, Shelley, Kirkheaton, Meltham, Huddersfield, Kirkburton, Lightcliffe, Halifax, Leeds, and other places. A special service was held in the church, an address being given by the Archdeacon of Huddersfield (the Rev. R. O. M. Harvey) on the art of change ringing. He commented on the ignorance that prevailed among the outside public on the subject of change ringing, which was an exclusive art, and said that it ought always to be the aim of a ringer not to rest content until he had explored further fields.

After the service, over 100 sat down to tea in the Parish Room, and during the afternoon and evening, until 9 p.m., the bells were kept going in various Minor and Major methods, after which the handbells were brought into use, and brought to a close one of the most pleasant gathering of ringers that the town of Elland has had for some years.

The easy running of the bells added much to the pleasure of those who had the chance of having a pull. G. H. S.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, March 11th, the first monthly meeting of the Western District was held at Leigh, when about 25 members were present. A pleasant afternoon's outing and a useful practice was the result, touches in various methods from Doubles to Surprise Minor being rung, including Superlative, Cambridge, London and Wells Surprise Minor.

It was decided to hold the next practice at Upton Snodsbury on April 8th.

**A GOOD BEGINNING.**

At the Church of the Holy Cross, Milton, Northampton, on Thursday, March 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) was rung in 50 mins.: A. Turner 1, C. Yates 2, R. Asplin 3, J. Townsend (conductor) 4, P. Asplin 5. This was the first quarter-peal by all the ringers, and believed to be the longest touch on the bells. The average age of the band is 21 years. Change ringing was commenced last October.

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**APPLETON BELLS AND RINGERS.****KEEPING OF A CENTURY-OLD FESTIVAL.**

On Saturday, March 4th, this renowned Berkshire village duly celebrated the 104th anniversary of its famed bells and ringers. Commencing with a well-struck peal of Grandsire Caters in the morning, particulars of which appear in the usual peal columns, a cold luncheon was served at the Thatched Tavern, to which visitors and peal ringers sat down. Further touches of 'Trobles Ten, Stedman Caters, and Triples followed in the tower, and in the evening a company of 35 enjoyed a most sumptuous meal, well served by Host and Hostess Brown at the Thatched Tavern. The Rector (the Rev. F. C. R. Jourdain, M.A.), of Pittsburg expedition fame, presided, supported by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master), and Mr. R. T. Hiboert (secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), Mr. G. H. Philott, and Mr. W. T. Pates, of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, this being Mr. Philott's 50th attendance. Amongst others were Messrs. G. Caulwell (Drayton), F. Webb (Kidlington), Mrs. and Mr. A. E. Lock, and Mr. F. Barratt (Abingdon), Mr. J. W. Wilkins (High Wycombe), Mr. F. S. Macey (Smarden, Kent), Messrs. Holifields and Whites, of local fame, and others from neighbouring towers. The Master took the chair for the post-prandial proceedings, and after the toast of 'The King, the Master submitted 'The Appleton Society of Church Bell Ringers,' coupling with it the name of the Rector, whom he wished to thank for his presence, and also for the support and interest taken in his own band, and ringers generally, by permitting peals, especially long ones, to be attempted on his bells. He expressed pleasure at the splendid striking he had heard in the long peal attempt. He had hoped for its success, though he knew what difficulties had to be overcome in ringing such a long length, and the great strain on the conductor. With regard to the steeplekeeper, he could say of him that he looked after the bells in a most efficient manner, as evidenced by the excellent 'go' of the bells. Moreover, in Mr. R. White they had a very practical man doing good work in restoring bells in various parts of the country.

After the toast had been drunk, some really good ringing by the five brothers White on a peal of twenty handbells was enjoyed.—The Rector first responded, expressing his pleasure in taking part in their festival, and assuring the ringers of continued interest. He added the hope that the next attempt for the long peal would be successful.

The conductor, Mr. G. Holifield, senr., in responding, explained why they kept March 4th as an annual festival. In looking up old statistics he found that before the year 1818 Appleton tower contained only three bells, but in that year the lord of the manor either gave three more or had a new peal of six; and on the 4th of March, 1818, the village celebrated the event by holding a feast and general rejoicing. From that date, more than a century ago, the 4th of March has been an annual ringing festival. In 1858 two more bells were added by public subscription thus making a peal of eight. At a later date, the Rev. F. E. Robinson, the late Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, promised the Appleton men, on their ringing a peal of Stedman Triples, two more bells. This was accomplished, and the peal augmented to ten. That was the origin of these far-famed Appleton bells.

Finally, Mr. R. White thanked the company for mentioning his name in connection with the toast, and said he would always see that the bells could be rung with the same pleasure as at present.

The next toast was 'The Health of the Master.' Mr. Wilkins said they had in him one whom they loved, and who put his whole being into the many duties connected with his office. It could be safely said that his influence was felt in every part of the diocese, and in the matter of bells and ringing generally, throughout the ringing world.

Some first-rate glees and part-songs were given by the White and Holifield families, as well as courses of Grandsire Caters lapped by the five brothers White.—The Master, replying to the toast, expressed pleasure to be once more at Appleton. He imparted much valuable information appertaining to his official position as the Master of the Guild.

'The Guild Secretary, Mr. R. T. Hibbert,' was proposed by Mr. G. Holifield who said that, like their Master, Mr. Hibbert was the right man in the right place.

Mr. Hibbert briefly replied.

It may here be said that Mr. Jenkyn and Mr. Hibbert 'footed' the six miles from Oxford to Appleton, owing to the former gentleman's car 'shifting course,' but the return journey was made by Mr. Caulwell driving them in his car to Oxford.

As plenty of good songs were rendered, including some by the Master and secretary, the time passed pleasantly away, but before separating, 'The health of the Host and Hostess and those who kindly assisted to make "the 4th" a success,' was heartily pledged, and responded to.

A most enjoyable item was the rendering of a song composed by Mr. H. White about the peal 10,000 changes Grandsire Caters, rung in November, 1921, when he himself rang the sixth.

Mr. F. S. Macey, who has been staying in the district for some

months, and who has taken an active part in the ringing accomplished, said that he would be leaving shortly for his home at Smarden, in Kent, but before doing so desired to express his thanks for the great kindness shown him whilst among them. He would carry with him happy recollections which he would always cherish, and the knowledge gained from them he would be glad to impart in his own particular district.

Mr. J. W. Wilkins associated himself with this expression. The most successful '4th' on record closed with the National Anthem, and the hope that all might meet in the same way for many years to come.

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**

The annual meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held at St. Thomas' Parish Church, Dudley, on Saturday, March 4th. The bells (10) were kept going in various methods until 4 o'clock, when an adjournment was made to the Parish Hall, where the President (the Rev. A. H. Phelps, M.A., R.D.) conducted the Guild service, and also gave an inspiring address.

At the conclusion of the service, the company were entertained to tea in the Schoolrooms. The business meeting followed, with the President in the chair, the secretary reading an apology from the veteran ringer of the Guild, Mr. W. R. Small.

The annual report and balance sheet were read and adopted, with the usual thanks to the officers for their services during the past year.

The officers were all re-elected, with the addition of Mr. Cyril Lloyd to the list of vice-presidents.—Messrs. J. Hopson, R. Newton and A. Clarke, of Tipton, were elected ringing members.

The next quarterly peal is to be attempted at Dudley, and the next quarterly meeting held at Cradley.

It was also decided that reports of peals rung be sent to the secretary within one month, and that the monthly practice of the Guild be resumed, commencing on Monday, April 5th, and practices to follow on every first Monday in the month.—A hearty vote of thanks to the president, organist and the donors of the tea, and also to the ladies who had prepared same, was accorded, on the motion of Mr. H. Sheppard, seconded by Mr. Hughes.

The ringers, who included several ladies from Smethwick, then made their way to the belfry again, and concluded a pleasant meeting, with further touches on the bells.

**ST. GILES' SOCIETY, [READING.]**

On Saturday, February 25th, the annual meeting of the society was held at the Rising Sun Institute, when 23 members and friends, including the Vicar (the Rev. F. J. C. Gillmor) and the Rev. G. F. C. Bond, sat down to a capital supper, Mr. H. Egley being in the chair.

The balance sheet, etc., proved very satisfactory.—Mr. H. Egley was elected chairman; Mr. L. T. Osborne, secretary and treasurer; Mr. A. W. Osborne, captain; Mr. R. N. Runham, vice-captain.

Mr. Osborne thanked the members for their past support, and stated that good progress had been made during the last two years. Peals of Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and Double Norwich Court Bob Major had been successfully rung. Also a peal of Stedman Triples at Caversham by all ex-service ringers, five of whom were St. Giles' members, including Nurse E. M. Goodship. He also wished to take the opportunity of thanking their Vicar for his ready consent for a peal to be attempted.

The Vicar responded in words expressing good feeling towards his ringers.

The Rev. Bond also said he hoped to be able to come amongst them more in future now that he found he was welcome at any time to visit the tower.—Mr. H. Egley thanked the members for the honour conferred on him by being elected as their chairman, remarking on the very happy hours he had spent in the belfry with the ringers. He hoped to be among them for some years to come. He urged all to do their best in ringing and striking their bells, whatever the method they were attempting.

Harmony was indulged in for the rest of the evening, and two courses of Grandsire Triples were rung by H. Egley 1—2, L. T. Osborne 3—4, A. W. Osborne 5—6, H. Osborne 7—8. Songs were sung by Mrs. Wheeler, Mr. Egley, Mr. Cook, Mr. Coldrey, and last but not least, Miss D. Batten, whose vocal abilities were much applauded. Mr. Bond gave musical 'ditties,' as did Miss A. Titcombe and P. Barnes at the piano. The singing of Auld Lang Syne and the National Anthem brought to a close a most convivial evening.

**DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.**

The February meeting was held at Adwick-le-Street on Saturday week. Ringing on the peal of six bells commenced at three o'clock, and continued until 8.30. Touches of Grandsire, Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent, Oxford, Violet and Cambridge Surprise were rung in good style.

It is the first time the last-named method has been rung at a meeting of this society.

Tea was partaken of in the Institute, and was presided over by Mr. G. Halksworth. At the business meeting 16 new members were elected, this being a record number for a single meeting.

The usual votes of thanks were passed, and Tickhill was chosen as the next place of meeting.



# A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.**—On Sunday morning, March 19th, 560 Double Norwich Major: E. Munday 1, W. G. Edwards 2, G. Pullinger 3, W. G. Rowe 4, O. H. Giles 5, O. J. Fray 6, G. Williams 7, W. T. Tucker (conductor) 8; and for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: Rev. W. H. Helier 1, E. Dumper 2, O. H. Giles 3, W. G. Rowe 4, G. Williams 5, C. J. Fray (conductor) 6, W. T. Tucker 7, E. Munday 8.

**BIDDENDEN, KENT.**—On Sunday, March 19th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Mrs. H. Baker (Frittenden) 1, H. Baker (Frittenden) 2, E. Parsons (Tenterden) 3, H. Parkes (Mersham) 4, G. Sims (Tenterden) 5, E. R. Burgess (Tenterden) 6, G. Billenness (Hawkhurst), conductor, 7, L. Honess (Biddenden) 8. First quarter by Mrs. Baker, and rung at the first attempt.

**PETERBOROUGH.**—At St. John the Baptist's Church, for evensong on Sunday, March 19th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): V. Butler 1, T. Vaughan 2, S. Wright 3, F. Davis 4, W. Cross 5, H. Beechey 6, F. Cooke 7, R. Gamble 8.

**HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.**—Oxford Diocesan Guild. — On Sunday, March 19th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Cinques (1,323 changes), in 1 hour: F. Hayes 1, R. Coles 2, G. Twitchee 3, E. R. Coles 4, G. White 5, E. Markham 6, A. Hoing 7, F. S. Macey 8, J. W. Wilkins (composer and conductor) 9, J. Gransbury 10, S. Goodchild 11, F. Boxall 12. Mr. Macey hails from Smarden, Kent, and this was his first quarter-peal of Cinques.

**HILLINGDON.**—On March 19th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 49 mins.: Miss G. Baker (first quarter of Caters) 1, Miss D. Feltham 2, E. Hancock 3, P. Jones 4, J. J. Pratt (conductor) 5, H. Folkard 6, J. Milner 7, A. Harding 8, H. Chandler 9, A. Dudley 10.

**ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.**—At St. Denys' Church, on Sunday, March 19th, for evening service, and also to commemorate the 21st birthday of the daughter of the conductor, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: S. Russel 1, O. Harman 2, C. Bishop 3, F. Eade 4, E. Bishop, senr., 5, C. Brasier (conductor) 6, F. Hammond 7, H. Hammond 8.

**FAIRFORD.**—For Sunday morning service, March 19th, in 53 mins., a 1,260 of Doubles, in five methods: 240 Old Grandsire, 240 Plain Bob, 240 Canterbury, 240 Grandsire, 300 St. Dunstan's: G. Law 1, B. Guy 2, H. Acock 3, G. J. Winter 4, J. Hope (conductor) 5, Police-Sergt. Hasting 6. 'Stand' had to be called between the Plain Bob and Canterbury, owing to an important message being brought to one of the ringers, otherwise the quarter-peal was perfect.

**LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.**—For Divine service, 720 Oxford R. Minor: W. H. Lawrence 1—2, S. Carter 3, W. Williams 4, E. A. Overall 5, G. H. Carter (conductor) 6.—720 Plain Bob: E. Sharp (first 720) 1, W. H. Lawrence 2, E. A. Overall 3, W. Williams 4, A. Phillips 5, G. H. Carter (conductor) 6.

**DALTON-IN-FURNESS.**—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, March 12th, for morning service, 756 Grandsire Triples: A. Brown 1, T. Watson 2, G. Jackson 3, Miss E. M. Stuart 4, W. H. Dennison (conductor) 5, T. Metcalfe 6, W. S. Farshaw 7, J. Burrows 8.

**ALDINGTON, KENT.**—On Sunday, March 12th, for morning service, 720 of Bob Minor: C. Slingsby 1, —, Sherwood, senr., 2, S. Hopper 3, —, Sherwood, junr., 4, C. Tribe 5, H. Parker (conductor) 6. The ringer of the treble is 85 years of age, and still 'going strong.'

**BRABOURNE, KENT.**—On Sunday, March 12th, for evening service two 720's of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, 240 and 210 Bob Minor, those taking part being: — Vickers, C. E. Cheeseman, W. Cheeseman, E. Cheeseman, L. Finn, S. Finn, P. H. Pierce and A. Castle (Bellman).

**WHITCHURCH, GLAM.**—For evening service, on March 12th, 720 Bob Minor: T. Middleton 1, J. Chapman (first 720 of Minor) 2, L. Wright 3, W. Biss (conductor) 4, F. Bailor 5, S. Dawo 6.

**GREAT CHART, KENT.**—For morning service, on March 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, in 43 mins.: W. Hodges 1, F. Hodges 2, J. Skinner 3, G. J. Youngs 4, C. E. Good (conductor) 5, W. Baker 6. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1st and 3rd, and first on the bells.

**BRIDGNORTH, SHROPSHIRE.**—On Sunday, March 12th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), from Washbrook's No. 1: J. Overton 1, W. Roden 2, F. Cottrell 3, T. Tyler 4, E. Foxall 5, H. W. Overton 6, W. Overton (conductor) 7, H. Jones 8.

**HARLOW COMMON.**—On Sunday morning, March 12th, 1,008 Double Norwich: W. Morris 1, V. Tipton 2, H. Smale 3, L. J. Cordell 4, G. Dent (conductor) 5, S. Clark 6, J. Cordell 7, W. Wheeler 8.—For evensong, 640 Kent Treble Bob: W. Tipton 1, T. Hard 2, G. Dent 3, B. Tipton 4, W. Wheeler 5, S. Clark 6, J. Cordell 7, H. Smale (conductor) 8.

**BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER.**—On Sunday, March 12th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: H. E. Gillett 1, J. Collett 2, T. Banning 3, R. Pardon 4, H. Packer 5, H. Gillett 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, J. Buttler 8.

**CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.**—On Sunday evening, March 5th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 48 mins.: C. Ambrose 1, W. Hulbert 2, A. Dale 3, E. Perry 4, F. Lambeth 5, R. Pearce 6, L. Ambrose 7, S. Wiltshire (conductor) 8. Composed by G. R. Newton, and taken from 'The Ringing World' of Jan. 27th. First quarter in this method by all.

**HAYES, KENT.**—On Sunday evening, Feb. 5th, 720 College Single: J. Grandfield 1, H. Reader 2, O. Gilbey (conductor) 3, F. Keech 4, H. Brown 5, J. Hack 6.—On Sunday evening, Feb. 19th, 720 Bob Minor, by R. G. Rice, taken from 'The Ringing World': H. Reader 1, F. Keech 2, O. Gilbey (conductor) 3, G. Harwood 4, H. Brown 5, J. Brown 6.

**HOUNSLOW.**—At St. Paul's Church, on Sunday, March 5th, for evening service, a quarter-peal (1,264 changes) Bob Major, in 48 mins.: F. G. Goddard 1, J. Milner 2, W. H. Hollier 3, A. Price 4, G. Spencer 5, A. Harding 6, A. Beckensale 7, C. J. Tricker (conductor) 8.

**APPLETON, BERKS.**—On Sunday, March 5th, for the Choral Communion service, in the morning, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 40 mins.: F. S. White 1, J. W. Watkins 2, G. Holfield, senr. 3, A. H. White 4, F. S. Macey 5, C. J. White 6, G. Holfield, junr. (conductor) 7, R. White 8.—For the afternoon service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes), in 45 mins.: W. Holfield 1, F. S. Macey 2, G. Holfield, senr., 3, J. W. Wilkins (composer and conductor) 4, C. J. White 5, A. H. White 6, F. S. White 7, G. Holfield, junr., 8, R. White 9, F. White 10.

**WICKEN, NORTHANTS.**—On Sunday, March 5th, for evening service, a 720 of Cambridge Surprise: G. Cooper 1, F. Roberts 2, F. Case 3, L. Smith 4, A. J. Green (conductor) 5, T. Read 6. First 720 of Cambridge by an entirely local band.

**SOUTH HACKNEY.**—At the Church of St. John of Jerusalem, on March 5th, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 42 mins.: J. Waghorn 1, H. Alford 2, E. Richardson 3, G. Wood 4, G. Lucas 5, I. Attwater 6, J. Bullock (first quarter as conductor) 7, Pat Riley 8.

**HATFIELD, YORKSHIRE.**—On Sunday, March 5th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260), in 47 mins.: H. Rodwell 1, H. Crowe 2, H. England 3, H. Marshall 4, R. Thompson 5, D. England 6, H. Walker (Doncaster), conductor, 7, H. Howarth 8.

**WOOLWICH, KENT.**—At the Parish Church of St. Mary Magdalene, on Sunday, March 4th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 48 mins.: F. Grove 1, W. Watchorn 2, A. Connely 3, W. Horsley 4, H. Beckford 5, A. Horsley 6, W. Aldridge (conductor) 7, E. Chittenden 8.—For evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: A. Beckford 1, W. Watchorn 2, A. Connely (first quarter-peal) 3, W. Horsley 4, H. Beckford 5, A. Horsley 6, F. Grove (conductor) 7, E. Chittenden 8.

**GRIMSBY, Lincs.**—At St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday, March 5th, for evening service, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, in 27 mins.: E. Meffin 1, A. W. Long 2, S. Bromfield 3, F. Overton 4, F. Metcalfe 5, H. Mingay (conductor) 6.

**ST. PAUL'S, HOUNSLOW.**—At St. Paul's Church, on Sunday, March 5th, for evening service, 1,280 Bob Major: F. G. Goddard 1, J. Milner 2, W. H. Hollier 3, A. Price 4, G. Spencer 5, A. Harding 6, A. Beckensale 7, C. J. Tricker (conductor) 8.

**ISLEWORTH.**—For morning service, on March 5th, 504 Grandsire Triples: F. G. Goddard 1, T. Roadle 2, W. Lidbetter 3, F. E. Cole 4, A. Beckensale 5, J. Milner 6, G. Spencer (conductor) 7, A. Lewin 8.

**CHESHUNT, HERTS.**—On Sunday, March 5th, for evening service, 1,008 Grandsire Triples: F. J. Gilbert 1, G. Andrews 2, W. G. Darlington 3, H. Warner 4, D. Tucker 5, A. Bull 6, G. Maxim (conductor) 7, R. Smith 8.

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**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****EASTERN DIVISION.**

The annual meeting of the Eastern Division was held at St. Saviour's, Eastbourne, on Saturday, February 25th, when members attended from Brighton (St. Peter's), Battle, Chiddingly, Lewes, Waldron, Hailsham, Hellingly, Pevensey, Mayfield, Eastbourne (St. Mary's, All Saints' and St. Saviour's). Messrs. E. Bray and A. Piper, unattached members, were also present. Ringing was indulged in at St. Saviour's during the afternoon, when the members attended Divine service, the address being given by the Rev. Canon Whelpton, M.A.

Tea was provided at St. Saviour's Parish Room, where about 40 members sat down, and at the business meeting which followed. Canon Whelpton presided, supported by the Rev. Maurice Hands and Col. A. A. Oakden, churchwarden.

The Vicar having welcomed the Association, the following members were elected: Mr. R. T. Lambert (non-resident life), Mr. P. G. Waymark, Eastbourne, Hellingly, with a membership of nine, was also elected as an affiliated tower.

The secretary's report was as follows: 'The year 1921 had been one of steady progress; four new towers had become affiliated, viz., Brightling, Eastbourne (St. Saviour's), Iden and Westham. Four divisional meetings had been held at Hastings, Bexhill, Battle and Mayfield, the attendance being good on each occasion. At the end of the year 1920 the Association finance was at a remarkably low ebb, but he was pleased to report that during the past year there had been a marked improvement, and that a balance of £21 19s. 5d. had been passed on to the hon. treasurer.'

Mr. G. W. Stokes was re-elected as hon. secretary, and Messrs. G. H. Howse, W. Franks and A. R. Miles on to the committee.

Mr. G. H. Howse proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Whelpton) for the use of the bells, and for his original address at the service that afternoon; also for the interest the Vicar and churchwarden took in the Association.

The Rev. C. H. Clarke (general secretary), in supporting, stated that it was with pleasure that he seconded the vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the tower in which they had been ringing, and to the choirboys and organist for their services. He was shortly leaving the Eastern Division, but hoped to attend the meetings occasionally.

The Vicar, in reply, thanked them for their kind remarks, which he would share with the churchwardens, the choirboys, and the lady who played the organ. It was the first time a meeting had been held at this church since he had been Vicar, and he hoped it would not be the last.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Rotherfield, circumstances permitting.

This terminated the business, and the ringers then proceeded to All Saints' and St. Mary's towers, where, through the kindness of the Rev. G. M. Hands and the Rev. Canon Streetfield, the bells were available during the evening, and well struck touches from Grandsire Triples to Superlative Major were brought home. Taken altogether it was a most successful meeting.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****MAIDSTONE DISTRICT.**

A by-meeting of this district was held at East Malling on Saturday, February 25th. After ringing during the afternoon a service was held, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. H. Hamilton). Tea was served in the Institute, kindly provided by the Vicar and Mr. Bird (churchwarden), to which 40 sat down.

At the business meeting which followed, the Vicar took the chair, supported by Mr. Bird and Mr. T. Mannering (who acted as secretary, in the absence of Mr. S. Hazeldon through illness). Twenty-one new members were elected, including the Vicar and Mr. Bird as hon. members, and 19 ringing members from East Malling (10), Bearsted (5), St. Michael, Maidstone (3), East Farleigh (1). East Malling has four ladies who are making good progress in the art.

Mr. Mannering proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for arranging the service, and for his and Mr. Bird's kindness in providing the tea, which was very much appreciated.

Replies from both these gentlemen brought the business to a close, when a move was made to the tower for further ringing.

Much credit is due to Mr. L. Newman for the progress East Malling band has made, also for arranging the meeting, with the result that the tower has joined the Association, which was his special aim.

The towers represented at the meeting were Burnham, Bearsted, Boxley, East Farleigh, East Malling, East Peckham, Frittenden, Hutton, Linton, Maidstone (All Saints' and St. Michael), Mereworth, Deal, Chart, Tenterden, and West Malling.

The next meeting will take place at Leeds on April 29th.

**GREAT ADDINGTON.**—On Tuesday, March 7th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. Roberts 1, G. Blaxley 2, J. Bulls 3, A. Hall 4, J. Hudson 5, F. Ball (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by the ringers of the treble and 4th, and first as conductor by F. Ball.

**NOTICES.**

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**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**

—Meetings for practice at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, second Monday, and St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, third Monday, each month, at 7.30 p.m. Ringing for service at Shoreditch second and fourth Sundays each month at 5 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—A Dance and Social Evening has been arranged by above to take place on Saturday, 25th March, at 7 p.m., at the Parish Hall, Christ Church, Spitalfields. Tickets 1/6 each to include refreshments. Same can be obtained from Mr. J. Bullock, 56, Halliford St., Essex Rd.; Mr. A. D. Barker, Oak Cottage, Farnburn Avenue, Slough; Mr. A. Howell, 68, Rosebery Place, Dalston, E.8, and myself. Welcome to everybody.—E. C. Russell, Hon. Sec., 57, Market St., W.2.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—The postponed Quarterly Meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, March 25th. Bells available from 3 o'clock.—Edith Smith, Sec., 23, Somerset St., Kingsdown, Bristol.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The usual Monthly meeting will be held at Armley on March 25th. The bells will be dedicated at 3 p.m. by the Bishop of Knaresborough, and will be available for ringing from 2 p.m. All ringers are welcome.—M. Moorhouse, Hon. Sec., 10, Mitford Road, Armley.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at the Blackburn Parish Church on Saturday, March 25th (10 bells). Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Tickhill on Saturday, March 25th.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Lytham Parish Church on Saturday, March 25th. Bells ready at 3 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 32, Ormond Avenue, Blackpool.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—A Monthly meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, March 25th. Ringing from 4.30 to 8.30.—T. H. Kirkby, 7, Selkirk Street, Carrington, Notts.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division. The annual Western Division meeting will be held at Liversedge on Saturday, March 25th. Bells (8) available from 1 p.m. onward.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, March 25th, at Hunsdon and Roydon. Bells available all the afternoon. Tea and business at 5 o'clock at Hunsdon. It is earnestly hoped as many as possible will endeavour to be

present.—F. Dench, Hon. Dist. Sec., 39, Pleasant Valley, Saffron Walden.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Gloucester Branch.—The next Quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary de Lode, Gloucester, on Saturday, March 25th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5 o'clock in St. Catherine's Schools, Priory Road.—Captain A. A. Bennett, C.A., Hon. Sec., Newton House, Gloucester.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on the 30th; Southwark Cathedral on the 28th, both at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.**—A ringing meeting will be held at Biddulph on Saturday, April 1st. Please notify me on or before March 27th how many intend to be present from your tower.—E. Steele, 109, George Street, Sandford Hill, Longton, Stoke-on-Trent, and J. Johnson, Hon. Secs.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Heston on Saturday, April 1st. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Will arrange tea for 5.30. St. Paul's, Hounslow, tower will be open from 7 to 9 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.2.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—The Annual meeting of the Western Division will be held at Angmering on Saturday, April 1st. Ringing to commence at 3 o'clock. Tea at the Schoolroom at 5. All those intending being present please notify me before March 29th. Local Secretaries please note—subscriptions are now overdue.—A. W. Groves, Sugden Road, Worthing.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Offley on Saturday, April 1st. Bells available after 3 p.m. Tea arranged for. Ringers welcome.—F. R. Bacon, 21, Lancaster Avenue, Hitchin.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sonning Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Hurst on Saturday, April 1st, from 6 till 9 p.m.—Jos. White.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Potton on Saturday, April 1st. Bells ready at 3. Tea at 5. A good attendance is requested.—C. J. Ball, Dist. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—A monthly meeting of this branch will be held at Sapcote on Saturday, April 1st. Bells (6) will be available from 3.30 p.m.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

**ST. EDWARD'S, ROMFORD.**—The bells at this church having been overhauled and rehung in a new steel frame, will be rededicated by the Bishop of Barking on Saturday, April 1st. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea to follow in Wykeham Hall at 1/6 each, after which the tower will be open for visitors and friends. Will all those requiring tea kindly notify the undersigned by March 29th? All will be welcome.—H. Dawkins, 61, North Street, Romford.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints', Lower Edmonton, on Saturday, April 1st. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Tea, at 5.30 p.m., will be provided for all those

who notify me not later than March 29th. Business meeting to follow.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7d, Morgan Mansions, Holloway, N.7.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The meeting at St. George's, Bolton, has been postponed until April 1st. Bells available at 4 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual Committee Meeting.—This meeting will be held at Oxford on Saturday, April 1st (D.V.). Unless advised to the contrary, members of committee will meet in Chapter House, Christ Church, at 3.15 p.m. Notice of motion should reach the General Secretary at least ten days before that date.—R. T. Hibbert, Sec., Warren House Lodge, St. Peter's Avenue, Caversham.

**SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The April meeting will be held at Norton on Saturday, April 1st. Tea will be provided for those who notify Mr. Wm. Biggin, 13, Abbey Lane, Woodseats, Sheffield, before March 30th, at a charge of 1/3 each. Owing to its isolated position, Norton ringers will be pleased if this notice is adhered to. A meeting of the committee will be held after tea.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—Annual meeting to be held at Helmsley on Saturday, April 1st. Bells of the Parish Church (8) will be available from 12 o'clock to 7 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. at the Café, 1/6 each. Business meeting in the Class Room, Canon's Garth, immediately after tea. Will all requiring tea please notify Mr. G. Finch, High Street, Helmsley, not later than Tuesday, March 28th?—A. L. Henderson, Hon. Dist. Sec., Mayfield, Pickering.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District Quarterly Meeting, Saturday, April 1st, at Ratby and Groby.—Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea at reasonable charge to all who inform Rev. Hanford, Ratby Vicarage, by March 30th.—H. E. Norman, Sec.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting of the Bristol Branch of the above association will be held at Abbotsleigh on Saturday, April 1st. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Please notify Branch Hon. Sec. by March 27th.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

**ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A District meeting of the members of the association in the Archdeaconry of Sudbury will be held in the Church Room, Lavenham, at 3 o'clock on Saturday, April 1st. Tower bells and handbells available from 2 p.m. onwards.—Rev. R. L. Gardner, Hon. Sec.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Quarterly General Meeting, Monday, April 3rd, 6.30 p.m. St. Clement Danes, business meeting, 8.15 p.m. Practices, Mondays, at 7.30 p.m.: Bishopsgate, April 10th; St. Clement Danes, April 17th; Wilton Road, April 24th. Sundays at 10 a.m.: St. Clement Danes, 1st and 3rd; Bishopsgate, 2nd and 4th.—A. D. Barker, Oak Cottage, Farnburn Avenue, Slough.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Shepton Mallet on April 8th. Those requiring tea should notify me by April 5th. Shepton Mallet and Doulting bells are available from 3 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., *pro tem.*

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—The Annual meeting of the association will be held at Burton-on-Trent on Easter Monday, April 17th. The committee will meet in St. Paul's Institute at 2.30. There will be a service in St. Paul's Church at 3.15. A meat tea, at 2/6 per head, will be ready at 4 o'clock in St. Paul's Institute, to be followed immediately by the General Annual Meeting of the Association. The times for ringing have been fixed as under: Parish Church and St. Paul's Church, 10 to 3 and 6 to 8 o'clock; St. Mark's Church, Winshill, 12 to 3 and 6 to 8 o'clock. Owing to Bank Holiday, very special arrangements have to be made for tea, and the local committee wish me to make it very clear that it will be impossible to provide tea in the Institute except for those who give notice of their intention to be present to Mr. J. Griffin, Local Hon. Sec., 11, Shobnall Street, Burton-on-Trent, not later than first post on Thursday, April 13th.—Alfred C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The Annual General Meeting will be held at Cambridge on Easter Monday. A start will be made at 10 o'clock at the Roman Catholic Church, also Great St. Mary's and Great St. Andrew's bells will be available all day. There will be a committee meeting for officers of the association at Great St. Mary's Vestry, followed by service in the church at 12 o'clock. Lunch (2/6) at the Dorothy Cafe, Sidney Street, followed by the meeting. Notice of motion to reach the General Secretary ten days before that date. It is hoped as many as possible will attend.—V. Shorter, Gen. Sec., 3, Pembroke Street, Cambridge.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The Annual General Meeting will be held at Ashford on Easter Monday, April 17th. The S.E.R. Co. will convey parties of not less than twelve at a single fare and a third. The form of application for reduced fares can be obtained from the Hon. Sec., also dinner tickets (1s. each). For either or both apply soon.—Fred. J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec., Canterbury.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—Will members of this district who intend to go to Ashford on Easter Monday send their names to me as soon as possible, as I have a quotation for a charabanc; twenty-eight required? Names must be sent early to secure the vehicle.—T. Groombridge, Hon. Dist. Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preliminary Notice.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Pontefract on Easter Monday, April 17th. Further details later.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec. Yorkshire Association, 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Preliminary Notice.—The Annual meeting will be held in Bristol on Whit Monday, June 5th—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

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