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### ANOTHER 'FAILING.'

In one or two recent articles we have commented upon some of the shortcomings to be found among ringers, of the laxity of some in paying their subscriptions, of the indifference of others in regard to practices, especially in the summer months. There is yet another matter in which ringers are apt to be neglectful, and so add not merely to the troubles of the officials, but to the difficulties of others outside their own ranks. This is with regard to notifying their intention to be present at teas, etc., in connection with meetings. This has long been a source of complaint by secretaries, but appeals of this kind seem to go unheeded. In the majority of cases caterers require to know beforehand how many they have to provide for. Particularly in the country districts is this essential if the catering is to be efficiently done, yet it is no unusual thing for twice as many ringers to turn up as have indicated their intention to do so. This is a bad practice in any case, it is extremely discourteous in those instances where the visitors are to be the guests of the incumbent or the local ringers. Naturally those responsible for the catering desire to do the best they can, and not only is it unfair to them for greater numbers to turn up than have been notified, but it is equally unfair to those ringers who have complied with the courtesies of the occasion, inasmuch as it may result—and many times has done so—in everyone having to go short.

It may be said the associations have the remedy in their own hands, and that those who fail to do as they have been asked in the matter of saying that they will be present, should be excluded from the meal. This salutary method of dealing with the neglectful ones would no doubt have its effect, but ringers being the curious folk that they are, this way of dealing with the situation is not altogether a practical remedy. Officials have to be very chary of giving offence, and when a number of visitors turn up unexpectedly at a meeting, there is, of course, a desire to do the best under the circumstances so that they cannot feel aggrieved. But if these ringers find they cannot be catered for, they only have themselves to blame, yet time after time, given a fine afternoon, secretaries find they have been hopelessly 'let down.' Short of the policy of exclusion, it would seem that the only course open is that of continually hammering at the negligent to induce them to alter their ways. If they can only be brought to realise that it is not only the secretary who is concerned in knowing how many to expect, but that others outside the association have an interest in the matter, and that they are creating a bad impression, perhaps they will in time mend their ways in this and in the other directions in which we have recently urged that there is room for improvement.

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## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, April 21, 1925, in Three Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

ALBERT WALKER... .. Treble	JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... 7
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS ... .. 2	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... 8
ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 3	ERNEST MANSELL ... 9
FREDERICK DICKENS ... .. 4	JAMES E. GROVES ... 10
ERNEST T. ALLAWAY ... .. 5	ALBERT E. NORMAN ... 11
MORRIS J. MORRIS ... .. 6	WILLIAM T. FROGGATT ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

Rung half-muffled to the memory of Mr. William Rock Small and Mr. John Bradney, two highly respected members of this Guild, who recently passed away at the respective ages of 86 and 78.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(AND THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1925, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE NORMAN TOWER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

ARTHUR E. MOORE ... .. Treble	LEONARD H. BAYBET ... 5
JAMES CHINERY... .. 2	WILLIAM STANNARD ... 6
† WILLIAM GOODSHIP ... .. 3	CHARLES WOODCOCK... .. 7
STANLEY BAYBET ... .. 4	† WILLIAM WATSON ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by A. E. MOORE.

† First peal of Major on tower bells. \* 50th peal.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 lb. in F.

GEORGE JENNINGS ... .. Treble	THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... 5
JAMES W. CHAPMAN ... .. 2	GEORGE H. DAYNES ... 6
MISS FREDA E. ORR ... .. 3	C.Q.M.S. G. GILBERT, R.E. 7
FRANK E. DARBY... .. 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD.

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

First peal in the method by the association, upon the bells, and by all the band.

ROSS, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 18, 1925, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5080 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

CHARLES EDWARDS ... .. Treble	ERNEST DAVIS ... .. 5
JOHN AUSTIN ... .. 2	ARTHUR W. DAVIS ... 6
* ALLAN E. GWYNNE ... .. 3	* WALTER TAYLOR ... 7
* WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS ... 4	JOHN CLARK ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

CHERITON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 20, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

CHARLES TURNER ... .. Treble	WALTER FARLEY... .. 5
STEPHEN A. BAKER ... .. 2	CHARLES R. MILLWAY ... 6
ARTHUR S. BINFIELD ... .. 3	CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER... 7
RICHARD H. STEVENS... .. 4	FRANK A. SLINGSBY ... Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER.

## DARTFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 20, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF ERIN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 5
ISAAC G. SHADE ... 2	WILLIAM HARPER ... 6
C.S.M. J. BENNETT, R.M. ... 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 7
JOHN WHEADON ... 4	HARRY SIMMONDS ... Tenor

Composed by the Rev. E. S. POWELL.

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.

First peal in the method on the bells, and by all the band, except the ringer of the treble.

## HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 22, 1925, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

J. H. DEAN ... Treble	MAURICE SWINFELD ... 5
THOMAS MEREDITH ... 2	JOHN CURTIS ... 6
CHARLES DRAPER ... 3	JAMES GEORGE ... 7
JOHN H. SWINFELD ... 4	E. HARRY STONELEY ... Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

Rung on the eve of St. George's Day. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for permission to ring.

## LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 25, 1925, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

JAMES G. RUMSEY ... Treble	GEORGE BAILEY ... 5
LEONARD P. BAILEY ... 2	GEORGE WILSON ... 6
FRANK L. FISHER ... 3	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... 7
ERNEST S. BAILEY ... 4	JAMES M. BAILEY ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to G. Bailey and F. W. and A. F. Bailey, of Nottingham and Manchester respectively.

## QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1925, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*CLARENCE BLACKBURN ... Treble	EDGAR WHITLEY ... 5
THOMAS SENIOR ... 2	ERNEST H. SIMPSON ... 6
HAROLD PEARCE ... 3	JOE GREENWOOD ... 7
FRED HODGSON ... 4	WILLIAM AMBLER ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM AMBLER.

\* First peal of Major. The band wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. E. Whiteley for their kind hospitality after the peal; also Mr. and Mrs. J. Greenwood for their hospitality at a previous attempt.

## PADIHAM, LANCs.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1925, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM HUNTER ... Treble	HARRY ENTWISTLE ... 5
*FREDERICK SMITH ... 2	*GEORGE AINSWORTH ... 6
*ROBERT WHITEHEAD ... 3	BARNARD CRABTREE ... 7
EDWIN OGDEN ... 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

\* First peal. Specially rung on the 10th anniversary of landing at Cape Hellas, and as a tribute to all who fell at Gallipoli. Ringers of treble, 4th and 5th from Burnley; 3rd, Colne; 2nd and 6th, Padiham; 7th and 8th, Rishton.

## ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 25, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

CYRIL VALENTINE ... Treble	WILLIAM E. BIBBY ... 5
HARRY CHAPMAN ... 2	EDWARD JENKINS ... 6
FRANCIS BIBBY ... 3	JAMES MORGAN ... 7
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	HENRY W. WILDE ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal of New Cambridge in the county, and by the Guild. Rung on the 12th anniversary of the conductor's first peal.

## CHESTER.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 25, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE R. JONES ... Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 5
ROBERT SPERRING ... 2	JAMES SWINDLEY ... 6
JOHN HAYES ... 3	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... 7
ALBERT J. HUGHES ... 4	JAMES H. RIDING ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

## WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 25, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD LANKESTER ... Treble	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 5
GEORGE M. KILBY ... 2	THOMAS NEWMAN ... 6
MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 3	HARRY KILBY ... 7
CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 4	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by J. A. TROLLOPE.

This peal was rung to welcome the new Vicar (the Rev. Arthur Edward Smith) upon his induction by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Willesden.

## ALMONDSBURY.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1925, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 22 cwt.

*CECIL H. PAWSEY ... Treble	GEORGE E. CAPEWELL ... 5
*STEPHEN H. WOOD ... 2	THOMAS HOGSFLESH ... 6
JOHN TAYLOR ... 3	GEORGE E. TREW ... 7
ARTHUR PRINCE ... 4	JESSE HALLETT ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRINCE.

\* First peal. The ringer of the second is a son of the Rev. Canon Wood, Vicar of Almondsbury, and Rural Dean of Stapleton.

## STRANTON, WEST HARTLEPOOL, Co. DURHAM.

## CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

T. H. DOBSON ... Treble	THOS. METCALFE ... 5
FRED P. HOWCROFT ... 2	J. C. POLLARD ... 6
*GEO. WORTHY ... 3	J. LOWREY ... 7
THOS. LANCASTER ... 4	REV. A. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by the Rev. A. SIMPSON.

The above peal was rung as a mark of esteem, and in appreciation of the long continued service of Mr. R. W. Alton, as sidesman for four years and warden for twenty-two consecutive years of Stranton Parish Church, and as a recognition of the work of Mrs. Alton, who has so ably assisted him during this period. The conductor (the Rev. Albert Simpson) is a nephew of Mrs. Alton. \* First peal in the method, and first attempt.

## SYSTON, Near LEICESTER.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1925, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

## A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5956 CHANGES

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOSIAH MORRIS ... .. Treble	JAMES F. CLARKE, JUN. ... 5
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 2	HAROLD J. POOLE ... 6
SHIRLEY BURTON ... .. 3	E. HARRY STONELY ... 7
GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 4	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. Tenor

Composed by FRED H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

First Surprise peal on the bells, and first of Major since 1909. The band wish to thank the Vicar for kind permission, and locals for entertainment afterwards.

## TURVEY, BEDS.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

*CHARLES SARGENT ... .. Treble	†WILLIAM SHARP ... .. 5
HARRY TYSON ... .. 2	HERBERT J. HARLOW ... 6
HERBERT L. HARLOW ... 3	HENRY W. GAYTON ... 7
MISS EVELYN STEEL ... 4	HENRY STAPLETON ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by H. W. GAYTON.

This is Miss Evelyn Steel's 100th peal. First peal of Major as conductor. \* First peal. † First peal of Major.

## REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

## THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 25, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

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

Tenor 24 cwt. in E.

JAMES RAMPLEY ... .. Treble	WILLIAM CLOVER ... .. 5
*B. BASSINGTHWAIGHTE ... 2	GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 6
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ... 3	FREDK. J. HOWCHIN ... 7
GEORGE T. PEGNALL ... 4	GEORGE MAYERS ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

\* First peal in the method, and first attempt.

## GODMANCHESTER, HUNTS.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1925, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY Treble	JOHN T. NEWINGTON ... 5
WILFRED C. IBBETT ... .. 2	CHARLES W. COOK ... .. 6
ARTHUR J. ABRAMS ... .. 3	FRANK WARRINGTON ... 7
HAROLD J. HAZELL ... .. 4	HERBERT FIELDS ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES W. COOK.

The band wish to thank the local ringers for their hospitality after the peal.

## SIX BELL PEALS.

## BROMYARD, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 18, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD ... 4
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 2	JOHN J. JEFFERIES ... 5
JAMES R. NEWMAN ... .. 3	CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

First peal on the bells since they were rehung by Mr. J. E. Groves, Birmingham.

## FARMBOROUGH, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 24, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Called in ten different ways.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*ALBERT CANTLE ... .. Treble	WILLIAM T. SHORE ... .. 4
*EDWARD FLOWER ... .. 2	REV. L. G. KETCHLEY ... 5
WILLIAM ROSEWELL ... 3	*DANIEL PARFITT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. ROSEWELL.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor.

## BAGLAN, GLAMORGAN.

## THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 25, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Catherine.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Eleven different callings.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*WILLIAM HOOK ... .. Treble	*ARTHUR D. THOMAS ... 4
*MISS LUCY THOMAS ... 2	ALBERT J. PITMAN ... 5
†MRS. E. G. BELLINGER ... 3	*ALBERT E. PITMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. J. PITMAN.

\* First peal. † First peal on inside bell.

## DARFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 25, 1925, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

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

Being 720 each of City Delight, Arnold's Victory, London Scholars' Pleasure, Royston Delight, Duke of York, Violet and Oxford.

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in E.

*ALFRED MARSHALL ... Treble	ROBERT G. RICKETTS ... 4
CHARLES WALSH ... .. 2	ARTHUR GILL ... .. 5
ARTHUR PANTHER ... .. 3	THOMAS W. HILTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS W. HILTON.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor. Treble and tenor ringers belong to local band, the rest hail from Wath-on-Dearne. First peal on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. Rung in honour of the twentieth anniversary of the wedding of the conductor; also the birthday of the ringer of the fifth, which both occurred on the above date.

## GREAT HAMPTON.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, April 26, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew.

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*JAMES BRADLEY ... .. Treble	HERBERT JORDAN ... .. 4
THOMAS EDWIN ... .. 2	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... 5
JAMES HEMMING ... .. 3	FREDERICK JORDAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. HEMMING.

\* First peal.

## HANDBELL PEALS.

## CAMBRIDGE.

## THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Friday, April 24, 1925, in Two Hours &amp; Seventeen and a Half Minutes

IN TRINITY COLLEGE,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 17 in A.

H. B. GARDNER (TRIN.) ... 1-2	W. H. J. HOOTON (QUEENS) 5-6
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY (TRIN.) ... 3-4	K. G. HOARE (TRIN.) ... 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath.)

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.



## CHISLEHURST, KENT.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sunday, April 26, 1925, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At 35, ALBANY ROAD,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5038 CHANGES!

Tenor, size 15 in C.

\*ERNEST J. TRIMMER... 1—2 | \*CHARLES H. CHAPMAN ... 5—6  
T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... 3—4 | T. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... 7—8

Composed by C. H. MARTIN Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

Umpire: FREDERICK GROOMBRIDGE.

\* First peal 'in hand.' Birthday peal for Joan M. Groombridge, daughter of the conductor.

## WORCESTERSHIRE &amp; DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

## THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

The annual meeting was held at Worcester on Easter Monday, as usual. Rain fell persistently until noon, after which the sun got through occasionally, somewhat tempering the chilly air. Most of the city bells were ringing fairly early, and the Cathedral bells were available from 1 to 2 p.m. The rehanging of this ring is contemplated, after which, perhaps, better ringing will be enjoyed by those whose opportunities are so few on twelve bells.

At 2.15, the Dean again welcomed a moderate attendance, and at the termination of the meeting interested those present with a brief historical review of the architecture of the Chapter House, where the meeting was held. Even to a casual listener it is obvious what a great study the Dean must have made of the history of the Cathedral, as, when expounding details, all else is oblivion.

As always, he presided, and was supported by the Rev. J. F. Hastings and Mr. J. R. Newman, clerical and lay secretaries, Mr. R. Matthews and Mr. T. J. Salter.

The report and balance sheet were readily adopted, the latter proving satisfactory in face of the reduced subscription.

Mr. Newman reminded members of the irregularity of not advising him of their intended attendance to enable him to make ample provision for tea.

Apologies were read from the Vicars of Powick and Cradley, and Mr. H. Mason.

From the Belfry Repair Fund grants were voted of £5 to Selly Oak and Hanley Castle restorations. Two guineas were also voted from the general fund to the Washbrook Memorial.

New members were elected from Droitwich, Kidderminster, Wolverley, Wordsley, Martley and Oldswinford.

Arrangements for the annual peal were left in the hands of the Ringing Master (Mr. R. Matthews).

Mr. A. E. Parsons referred to the death of Mr. W. Rock Small, whose work and loyalty to the association from its inception had been helpful. A vote of condolence was passed in silence to the bereaved family.

Mr. W. Short referred also to the death of Mr. John Bradney, of Shifnal, an old, unattached member. Here, too, a silent vote of sympathy was passed.

President, vice-presidents (all clerical), lay vice-presidents, Master, secretaries, treasurer and auditors were all again unanimously re-elected. The Central Committee was re-elected with one exception.

Mr. J. R. Newman reminded members that he was getting older, and that day completed his 20 years' service as secretary, and hinted at retiring in favour of young blood. The Dean very aptly and properly asked him to get on to the next business, much to the liking of all present.

The usual votes of thanks were passed.

The Cathedral service followed, all members taking privileged seats in the choir.

To the intense pleasure of all, the organ, which has been silent for extensive repairs and overhauling at a cost of over £8,000, was reopened on Easter Sunday. Sir Ivor Atkins, the organist, thrilled the listeners with a short recital, and the choir gave a beautiful rendering, too, of Sir Ivor's anthem, 'Christ is Risen.' An address was given by the Rev. Canon Blake, Rector of St. Helen's, from Psalm xcvi. 10, 'Tell it out among the heathen,' etc.

A collection was taken for the organ fund.

Tea was served at the Central Cafe, High Street. Thus another opportunity was afforded many members to exchange greetings and handshakes, who rarely meet from year to year. It was also good to see young blood well represented, and one, at any rate, expressed an inward hope that their aspirations and deeds would in time exceed those of older members.

## NEW PEAL OF EIGHT IN NORFOLK.

## BELLS OF TERRINGTON ST. CLEMENT RESTORED.

The bells of Terrington St. Clement, Norfolk, have just been restored. There were, prior to the restoration, six bells which were cast at various periods by different firms, and were badly out of tune. Of the original six bells two have been recast and two new trebles have been added, making a good peal of eight bells, the tenor weighing 11½ cwt. The casting, recasting and tuning has been done by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel Foundry, and the rehanging has been carried out by Messrs. Day and Son, of Eye, Suffolk. The bells are hung with the latest type of self-aligning ball races in an entirely new oak frame. The bells go splendidly, and no doubt will be much sought after by bell ringers in the vicinity.

The dedication took place on Sunday, April 19th, and was performed by the Lord Bishop of Ely. The service was a most inspiring one, and was attended by a large number of people. The bells were opened by a band of ringers from St. Margaret's Church, King's Lynn, who, with some members of the home company, rang several short touches during the afternoon.

The inscriptions on the bells are as follows:—

Treble.—This bell was given by Mrs. Holt Wilson, of Lovells Hall, last surviving member of the Upwood family, 1925.

2nd.—This bell was erected by public subscriptions, 1925. Arthur Edwin Penney, Vicar; James Empringham, William James Warnes, churchwardens; William George Davis, treasurer.

3rd.—Thomas Lester, of London, made me.

4th.—S. Maria, 1711; G. Osler, R. Scott, John Goldsmith. Recast 1925.

5th.—John Mudd and William Wright, churchwardens, 1816.

6th.—Nunc Clemens Ego Cano Vobis Ore lucundo, 1595. R.W.: R.N.  
7th.—John Boseley and William Willemott, churchwardens, 1731. T. Newman fecit. Recast 1925.

Tenor.—Arnold and Osborn fecit, 1778.

## PAYING UP.

## To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—After acting for two years as hon. treasurer to the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, I can most cordially endorse your leading article of April 17th, under the heading of 'Paying Up.'

It may interest you to know that I found the process of collecting subscriptions a most tedious one, and one in which considerable patience is required.

On taking over my duties, I found a formidable list of slackers, regarding subscriptions, awaiting me. I entered into my task with a fair amount of zeal, and was fortunate in being able to reduce the unpaid subscriptions by some few pounds.

It is only with great difficulty that business methods can be infused in church work of this nature in these parts. Bell ringers as a whole are drawn from all classes of society, and many need tactful persuasion, otherwise offence is taken where not intended.

The prevailing idea among ringers seems to be: 'Appoint your officials, and thereafter away with all cares and worries, and leave us to our ringing, the secretary and treasurer have broad shoulders.'

To give a case in point, an idea to improve the financial side of our association was suggested by me. A comprehensive circular, which took hours to elaborate, was drawn up, and circular letters were sent out to 50 towers asking the support of the local secretaries, and their Guilds, and an early reply.

After waiting patiently for six months, only twelve were received, consequently I did not proceed further with the scheme, and left it to my successor to carry on, when time and occasion again arise.

You ask the remedy?

(1) As a partial alleviation of the troubles of association officials I would suggest that the treasurer's duties should be entirely separate from the secretarial work, the secretary having quite sufficient to do in arranging meetings, writing up reports, and other incidentals.

(2) That each tower should establish a scheme, whereby every member will pay the small sum of 1d. a week towards the outlays for repairs to bell ropes, and their subscriptions to the association. This has been adopted by more than one tower to my own knowledge, with the happy result that their subscriptions have been promptly paid, and no arrears outstanding.

(3) Much younger men should be given the posts of secretary and treasurer, providing that they are not unwilling to face the music with a good heart, and also have the time and leisure at their disposal.—Yours faithfully,

A. W. HALL,

Late Hon. Treasurer, Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT SOUTHGATE.

Southgate having been chosen as the venue for this year's annual meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, members made their way to that place in large numbers on Saturday, April 18th, some 75 attending. The very fine peal of ten bells was made much use of, several excellent touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Cambridge Surprise Major and Royal, being rung; whilst at Wood Green the methods practised included Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, Kent, Oxford, Double Court and Cambridge Surprise Minor. Quite a number of the fair sex were present, and it was noticed that several of them were very keen on the higher methods rung.

Divine service was held at 5 p.m., conducted by the Rev. G. W. Stainsby. The preacher was the Rev. S. F. L. Bernays (Rector of Finchley), who gave a very inspiring address, basing his remarks on the dangers confronting all workers in the church, from the clergy down to the choir, bell ringers, and other lay workers, viz., that of forgetting the real nature of their calling. It was quite easy for them all to forget their work was that of praising God. Even the clergy, in repeating the same services week after week, found it easy to forget that, and the preacher urged his hearers to endeavour to bear in mind, during the ringing of the bells, that they were just as much praising God as were the clergy and congregation.

Tea was provided in the Schoolroom, served by the wives and daughters of several of the local ringers, who had prepared an excellent meal. The Rev. S. F. L. Bernays presided, and was supported by the Rev. G. W. Stainsby, of Southgate.

At the business meeting, the chair was taken by Mr. F. A. Milne, president, supported by Messrs. W. Pye (Master), T. Beadle and W. Pickworth (vice-presidents), N. A. Tomlinson and R. Holloway (District Masters), C. T. Coles and W. H. Hollier (hon. secs.), etc.

### NEED FOR REGULAR PRACTICE.

The passing of time, says the report, bids us once more to take stock of our position as a ringing organisation. We find much encouragement in doing so; our numbers are increasing; the subscriptions are being paid with regularity; and in most cases the Sunday ringing reaches a fairly high standard of excellence. But, for all this, there are towers where there is still plenty of room for improvement and where better work could be done. In some cases, possibly, this is due to lack of effort on the part of the ringers, but there are other cases in which we are sure the ringers are not altogether to blame. We hear of towers where a regular practice night is almost out of the question; or if there is a practice night, interruptions often take place owing to the proximity of a hall where a public meeting or some other function is being held. We do not suggest that the ringers are not considered, but what actually happens is that they are for the time being forgotten. Ringers must have practice; first, to keep up and improve their own standards of ringing; and, secondly, to teach young ringers how to handle a bell. Otherwise Sunday ringing will in time cease at any church where practices are continually interrupted. We would, therefore, urge our clergy to set aside a definite night which the ringers may consider their own, and to do their best to have the practices kept free from interruption. At the same time, we would urge on our members the necessity of taking full advantage of the weekly opportunity to practise, especially in those towers in which their practice has been subject to interruption, with the special intention of improving their Sunday Service ringing. For we must always bear in mind that this is the main object of our existence, the Sunday ringing that is given to God, and to it we should devote our best efforts.

Apart from the Annual Meeting, no less than 23 meetings were held during the year. In the North and East District ten took place, three of which were at six-bell towers, whilst two were held in mid-week. The excellent average attendance of 32 was reached. The ringing generally attained a high standard, and it was noticeable that a larger proportion of our younger members aspired to Surprise methods, good practice in which can usually be obtained at these meetings. The meetings held in the South and West District numbered 13, all but two of which were held on a Saturday. The attendance at these meetings averaged 35, which shows no lack of interest on the part of our members. In this district, too, the ringing usually included several Surprise methods, a sure sign of progress.

In addition to the above, a joint meeting of the North and East District and the South-Western Division of the Essex Association was held at Waltham Abbey on August 23rd. This meeting, which was attended by upwards of 50 members of one or other of the Associations concerned, enabled many to obtain some excellent practice on ten and twelve bells, besides furnishing an opportunity for fraternal greetings between ringers who seldom meet each other. It is hoped that more meetings of the same nature may be arranged in the future.

### OVER A HUNDRED NEW MEMBERS.

The number of new members elected during the year was 101, viz., in the North and East District 1 honorary and 52 ringing members, in the South and West District 4 and 44 respectively. In the former district the band at St. Mary Magdalene, Enfield, has become affiliated, and help is being given to them by friends from Southgate with a considerable measure of success. Mention might here be made of the progress made by the Stanmore ringers under the able tuition of Mr. F. Edwards, of Bushey, and Mr. J. Milner, of Isleworth, to both of whom our grateful thanks are due. The total membership of the Association, after deducting losses by death, resignations, etc., is 749.

Those whom death claimed numbered four. W. J. Dickens, of Isleworth, who died in January, had been a diligent member of the All Saints' band for many years, and a member of the association since 1916.

J. H. Preston, a member of the St. Peter's, Staines, band, was taken from us on April 24th. For 15 years a member of the association, and a ringer at Staines for nearly 20 years, he has been greatly missed.

W. Tucker, of Chewton Mendip, whose death occurred in March, was an original member of the association. He was leader of the Northaw band for many years, having been a ringer at that church from 1886-1905.

Miss Paget, of Barnet, one of our first honorary members, was also taken from us, and thus we lose another of our earliest supporters.

Dr. Wace, Dean of Canterbury, a vice-president of the association, died in the early days of 1924 from the effects of a fall. An old and intimate friend of our late president, Mr. A. T. King, Dr. Wace was a great help to us, especially in our early days, and it was whilst he was Rector of St. Michael's Church, Cornhill, that the association rang its first 12-bell peal in that tower.

### THE YEAR'S PEALS.

Turning to the peals rung during 1924, we are able to record an increase of one over the previous year, the total being 77, the highest attained since the war. Four of these peals were rung on handbells, whilst the peals on church bells were rung in 39 different towers. The members taking part in these peals numbered 192, of whom eleven rang their first peals, whilst there were 117 'firsts' in new methods or on different numbers of bells. Amongst these latter were four of London Surprise, five of Bristol, one of Cambridge Royal, and three of Cambridge Maximus. Two members rang their first peals of Stedman Cinques, twelve their first peals of Grandsire Caters, and eight their first peals of Oxford Treble Bob Royal. A series of peals in new plain methods were rung at Willesden, namely, Edmonton, Marlborough and Winchester Bob Major. At Willesden, too, the first peals of Little Bob Major and Little Albion Treble Bob Major by this association were rung. Other peals worthy of notice are the first peal of London Surprise Major rung by the Christ Church, Southgate, band, on February 9th; the first peal rung on the bells at Stanmore since their augmentation to eight, in which several of the local ringers took part, on November 1st; and a peal in seven Surprise Minor methods rung on the same day at Hendon, this being the first peal on the bells since their restoration.

Our lady members have again done well. Miss G. Baker rang her first peal, and Miss P. Moss her first peal on ten bells, at Hillingdon, on February 23rd. On April 21st, at Acton, Miss Moss especially distinguished herself by calling Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples, being the first lady to call this difficult composition. At the annual general meeting a few days later, the president of the association took the opportunity of congratulating Miss Moss on her brilliant achievement, which we heartily endorse, especially as it was also her first peal as conductor.

This peal was also the first rung by Miss R. Hawksworth, who followed it up by ringing peals of Kent Treble Bob Major and Stedman Triples at Willesden on August 9th and November 25th respectively. Mrs. F. I. Hairs added another to her many records by being the first lady to ring a peal of Cambridge Maximus, which she accomplished at Waltham Abbey on June 7th; whilst Mrs. R. F. Deal rang her first peal of Stedman Cinques at Southwark Cathedral on June 14th, and her first of Cambridge Royal at St. Magnus-the-Martyr on July 5th, both very fine performances. Others of our lady members who rang peals during the year were the Misses E. K. Parker, N. Shorter, N. G. Williams and P. Upsher, all of whom we congratulate on continuing their earlier promise.

The number of members who conducted peals was 28, and of these Mr. R. A. Fardon is to be commended on calling his first peal on July 8th at Acton; the composition being Holt's Original!

The peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, rung at Chiswick on December 27th, was the 1,000th by the conductor, Mr. F. Bennett, whom we congratulate on achieving a four-figure total of peals.

The bands at Acton (31) and St. Mary's, Ealing (29), again head the

quarter-peal list. There is still room for more quarter-peals, especially in the North and East District. We should like to see the Sunday quarter-peal attempt a permanent institution at all those towers where time permits.

#### BELL RESTORATION.

The list of bell restoration work done during the year includes the following: Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have rehung the whole peal at St. Andrew's Church, Wells Street, W., on ball bearings, and we understand that they go excellently. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have completed the rehanging of the eight bells at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, whilst the bells themselves have been cleaned and tuned. At Hendon the same firm have recast the treble, 2nd and 4th bells, and have tuned and cleaned the other bells, rehanging the whole peal with new fittings and framework. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have also done slight repairs at Hampton and at Hornsey.

We understand that a movement is on foot to raise sufficient funds to augment the existing eight bell at Isleworth to ten. This addition will make an excellent ring of these fine bells, and we hope that a ready response will be made to the appeal, to enable the work to be carried to a speedy conclusion.

The balance sheet of the Central Fund showed receipts (including £20 13s. 1d. brought forward) amounting to £50 18s. 3d., £19 0s. 4d. coming from the N. and E. District, and £11 4s. 10d. from the S. and W. The expenditure amounted to £24 1s. 3d., leaving a balance in hand of £26 17s. The North and East District had a balance of £18 12s. 8d., and the South and West District £29 10s. 5d., the former being an increase of £2 0s. 3d., and the latter an increase of £1 13s. 4d.

The report and balance sheet were adopted.

#### MR. T. BEADLE RETIRES.

All the retiring officers were re-elected, with the exception of Mr. T. Beadle, who had expressed a wish to retire. Mr. C. S. Bird, of Heston, was appointed district vice-president in his stead.

The President moved that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to Mr. Beadle for his many years of generous service to the association. This was carried with hearty unanimity, and Mr. Beadle, in returning thanks, referred to the early days of the association, when people were suspicious of their motives, which suspicions he and a few others had to fight against.

Other business included the election of five new members, an alteration to Rule VIII., and the deletion of Rule XI.

An improved association certificate was handed round for inspection, and several orders obtained. Copies of this certificate may be had of either of the hon. secretaries, 6d. post free.

A discussion arose as to the place of next year's annual general meeting, and eventually Fulham was chosen.

Hearty votes of thanks were passed to the Rev. C. F. Peploe and the Rev. C. G. A. Midwinter for the use of the bells at Southgate and Wood Green; to the Rev. S. F. L. Bernays for his address at the service; to the Rev. G. W. Stainsby (Southgate) for conducting the service; to the several ladies who had given such invaluable help in providing tea; and to Messrs. Pickworth, Miller, Crane, Armstrong, and others, for the great assistance given.

#### LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting was held at Trevethin, Pontypool, on Saturday last, and, by the large number that put in an appearance from both dioceses, proved that Trevethin is a favoured spot. A welcome was given to the visitors by Mr. Lade, the local leader, who, by the way, has during the past year or two worked up a splendid and enthusiastic band, and no pains have been spared in the way the bells have been looked after since he became leader.

A committee meeting was held prior to the service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. D. E. Roberts, M.A.), who gave a very encouraging address.

Following the service, a bountiful tea, which had been generously provided by the Vicar's warden, Mr. T. B. Pearson, was enjoyed.

The business meeting was presided over by the Vicar, and the balance sheet for the past year was read and adopted. This showed a very substantial sum in hand.

Instructors' reports were accepted, which showed really good progress at Machen, under the instructorship of Mr. A. E. Slatter.

Augmentations and restorations were reported on, and a couple of very interesting items referred to.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly Monmouthshire meeting at Bedwelty, and new members were elected.

Afterwards the bells were rung in the standard methods, and this brought to a close a splendid meeting. The best thanks are accorded to the Vicar, churchwardens, local ringers, and the local ladies.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Washbrook Memorial Fund has now reached £84. The committee have a big task still before them, as the sum at present subscribed is only about half the amount required. From the list which appears in another column, it will be seen that a number of associations have not yet contributed. Collective subscriptions from these remaining societies would go a long way towards completing the fund.

Another lady to reach the one hundred peal mark is Miss Evelyn Steel, who completed the century at Turvey, last Saturday. Miss Steel is a vice-president of the Bedfordshire Association.

The peal of Bristol Surprise at Syston, near Leicester, was rung at first attempt, despite several critics' statements 'impossible,' owing to heavy 'go' of bells, especially the tenor. Now, Jack O'—how about rejoining the old 'first eleven,' and adding your strength as of old? They have not quite lost their ability.

Mr. John Armstrong, of the Southgate band, has been appointed groundsman at the Walker Cricket Ground.

A memorial is to be erected in the Parish Church, Chudleigh, Devon, to Mr. John Buttress, who was a bell ringer for over 50 years.

At Waltham Abbey, which contains one of the three peals of twelve bells in Essex, special services are to be held on Sunday on the occasion of the 865th anniversary of the consecration.

Many belfries are lacking in one important essential—a clock. Messrs. G. and F. Cope and Co., of Nottingham, have on the market a timepiece perfectly suited for belfry use, and these clocks will be found advertised in another column.

The first peal of Cinques in Yorkshire was rung on May 1st, 1842, when Samuel Smallpage composed and conducted a peal of Grandsire Cinques at Leeds. There is a peal board in the tower, and the record of the time occupied is very exact, it being given as 3 hours 43 mins. 9 secs.

On May 5th, 1817, a peal of 12,312 Grandsire Caters was rung at Painswick.

It was not until the year 1887 that a peal was rung in Dorset. This was Grandsire Triples on May 5th, at Bridport.

The 10,400 Real Double Superlative at Loughborough Foundry was rung on May 6th, 1922.

The first peal of 'Grandsire Bob Maximus' was rung at Southwark on May 7th, 1792.

Will the ringer whose home is in Dover, and who has recently been visiting Watford and Chorleywood, communicate with Box M.C., The 'Ringing World' Office, Woking, enclosing testimonials, when he may hear of a situation?

## SERVICES AT RINGING MEETINGS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—The practice of having a more or less elaborate service at annual and quarterly association meetings seems to be growing.

Whilst not desiring to seem irreverent, may I suggest that these services are somewhat of a superfluity, as ringers who desire to attend services can do so at any time at their own particular churches.

Ringers who attend annual or quarterly meetings will admit, if they are honest about it, that they attend, primarily for ringing and the transaction of the business of their particular association.

Take the case of the annual meeting of the Midland Counties Association held recently, and, say, that a member arrived in Leicester about 11 to 11.30 a.m. By the time he had located himself, and (if he was lucky) had a pull at one church, it was lunch time. After the lunch, the annual meeting, followed by the service (much of the more important business was crowded out, because a service had been arranged). After the service, tea, and very soon after a concert, so that ringing seemed to be crowded out, too.

I suggest that association committees hesitate before they put on a service, and that they allow sufficient time for the proper discussion of important items of business, such as the Midland Counties Association shelved the other day.

I quite expect to be well 'strafed' for daring to suggest that services at meetings are a superfluity, but anyhow, that is my opinion.—  
Yours faithfully,  
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Sonning Deanery Branch held a combined ringing practice at Waltham St. Lawrence on Saturday evening, April 18th. Members from the following towers were present: Fulmer, Sandhurst, Binfield, Wargrave, Twyford and Waltham St. Lawrence, and a most enjoyable evening was the result. Ringing included the following methods: Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob Oxford, Kent, and Woodbine Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise.



## ST. PETER MANCROFT BELLS.

### THE DEDICATION.

The restoration of St. Peter Mancroft bells is now complete, and, as briefly mentioned in our last issue, they were re-dedicated on Sunday week. For some time before the restoration was taken in hand, the condition of the frame and fittings was far from satisfactory, and when the bells were removed it was found that the beams which carried the weight were in very bad order, and some of them badly rotted. The lower beams, forming the ceiling visible from the church have not been removed, but have been repaired and made perfectly safe. The bells are now carried on steel girders quite independent of the old oak beams, which will henceforth be relieved of any duty except that of carrying themselves and the wood flooring laid on them. New fittings have been supplied to the bells throughout, and the bells have been quarter turned and re-clappered. The work has needed considerable time, but now it is done there is the satisfaction of knowing that everything in the tower is sound, and in good order, and that the strain of the bells is more evenly distributed on the tower

closely connected with the church. That of Alexander Robert Chamberlin would long be remembered. When, in 1878, the Rev. Sidney Pelham came to Mancroft, he got to work with the enthusiasm of faith and youth, and he found in Mr. Chamberlin a quiet, retiring churchwarden and a friend. The two men walked together in the House of God, and they saw the marks of the neglect of centuries—four of the great windows partially bricked up, the tower, the roof, the walls all falling into ruin. From the outside six feet of accumulated soil lay against the north and south walls. At the east end of the church the conditions were indescribable. Two out of three public-houses were practically built on to the sanctuary and other houses less reputable. "I tell you these repulsive details," said the Vicar, "because we should not forget those like Alexander Chamberlin, who pledged themselves to purify this most glorious temple of God." Mr. Chamberlin continued his labours with Archdeacon Nevill from 1881 to 1884, with Canon Baggailey from 1884 to 1890, and with Archdeacon Pelham Burn from 1890 to 1901 until in his (the speaker's) own



ST. PETER MANCROFT CHURCH, NORWICH.

Where the peal of twelve bells was rededicated on Sunday, April 18th, and where the first peal on record was rung on May 2nd, 1715.

walls, which henceforward will be much less likely to be injured by the ringing of the heavy peal of twelve.

A crowded congregation attended the dedication service which was conducted by the Vicar (Canon Meyrick). The actual ceremony took place in the belfry, where the Vicar was accompanied by the donor (Mrs. F. Clark), the choristers and ringers. There Canon Meyrick said prayers, the choir sang an anthem, and afterwards the bells rang out over the city after a silence of a year, while the hymn, 'Now thank we all our God,' was afterwards sung by the congregation.

### A GREAT WORK OF RESTORATION.

'Many of us,' said Canon Meyrick in his sermon, 'have been looking forward for months for this great moment in the story of Mancroft. I only wish that the figure of Archdeacon Pelham could be standing in this pulpit in my place. This great and splendid gift is made in memory of one who worked for some years with Sidney Pelham.' The name of Chamberlin had been for two generations very

vicariate the great work was completed in 1908 at a total cost of some £22,000. No wonder Mr. Chamberlin loved the bells he rehung forty years ago. Their bells made their appeal to many instincts. They had praised God for many centuries. A hundred years before the church was built there almost certainly hung a peal of five bells in the Norman tower of old St. Peter's. They rang for the victory over the Spaniards. Again the steeple rocked in 1665, when, off Lowestoft, British seamanship conquered the Dutch aggressor. At the victory of Waterloo, and, but the other day, on November 11th, 1918, it was from the lips of their Mancroft bells that a great hymn of thankfulness leapt to the skies while men and women wept and tried to pray.' Proceeding, Canon Meyrick referred to the ringers, who, like those in the choir stalls, were commissioned to lead God's worship on earth. There was an honoured place among the workers for God. 'The music of our bells is like that of the Gospel. There is power—power not of this world. Hark the great two-ton tenor! There is joy and laughter, a laughter that leaps to the skies and blessed by God Him-

self, echoes back to earth to cheer the tired watcher.' There was the tender note of sorrow that ever must be while men were heartless. At times the bells told of goodwill between man and man. 'This morning,' concluded Canon Meyrick, 'as we knelt at our altar, two thoughts, it may be, came to some of us. We thought of the Norfolk men who at that very hour on that very day were marching to certain death on the battlefield of Gaza, and we thought of those who mourned for them. We remembered, too, that to-day, after long silence, our bells would ring out the note of resurrection, of life triumphing over death, and we thanked God for the bells, for our Norfolk heroes, and most of all for the assurance of Easter.'

The actual ringing during the interval in the service consisted of a few rounds and firing only, in which members of the St. Peter Mancroft Guild alone could take part, the occasion not allowing of anything else in the few minutes available.

Immediately after the service, however, and again during the afternoon, from 4 o'clock to 6.30 p.m., the bells were kept going, and various touches were rung, in which numerous visitors also joined. Among those present were the secretary of the Norfolk Guild (Mr. A. Coleman), and ringers from Ipswich (St. Mary-le-Tower), Cambridge, Diss, Wymondham, Fakenham, Thornham Magna (Suffolk), while representatives attended from many other local bellfries. The methods rung included Stedman and Grandsire Cinques, Treble Bob Maximus, Bob Royal, Grandsire Caters, Cambridge Surprise Major. The 'go' of the bells appears to be all that can be desired, and the improvement in the sound of the bells outside was much remarked upon. Needless to say, the bell hangers (Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough) have made an excellent job.

### THE FIRST PEAL. TO-MORROW'S ANNIVERSARY.

Two hundred and ten years ago to-morrow, viz., on May 2nd, 1715, the first peal on record was rung. This was a peal of Bob Triples performed by the Norwich Scholars, on the famous bells at St. Peter Mancroft. Although the composition of this peal has not been preserved, there is no reason to doubt its accuracy, for John Garthorn, the composer, was also the composer of the first peal of Grandsire Triples rung three years later, the truth of which was established by the late Mr. Jasper Snowdon.

The peal of 1715 is recorded on a very elaborate board in Mancroft tower, and the inscription is interesting:—

May the 2nd, 1715. Here was Rung by the Ringers call'd Norwich Scholars, that most Incomparable Peal call'd Grandsire Bob Triples, it being the 3d whole peal they have rung, but the first whole Peal that ever was Rung to the truth by any Ringers whatsoever. It has been studied by the most Acute Ringers in England (but to no effect) ever since Triple Changes were first Rung, but now at last it's found out to the truth by John Garthorn, one of the said Society, and Rung by him and the rest of the Society in 3 hours 18 minutes, which is about 1,550 changes in an hour, the whole Peal being 5,040 Changes, and not one Bell misplac'd or out of Course. The Names of which Ringers are underwritten against their Respective Bells as they Rung:

John Garthorn .....	1st
Isaac Pearce .....	2nd
John Briggs .....	3rd
James Brooke .....	4th
David. Sanneville .....	5th
Tho. Gardner .....	6th
William Dixon .....	7th
Robert Woodcock .....	8th

Doubtless John Garthorn called the peal, and these men may well have been proud of their performance.

### DEATH OF A LADY RINGER.

We regret to record the death of Mrs. Frances Kate Jackson, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Gobey, of Ilkeston. The deceased lady rendered very valuable services as a ringer in the early part of the war, at the Parish Church, Ilkeston, and she was very highly respected by all the ringers.

The interment took place on Monday, April 6th. The first portion of the service was held at St. John's Church, at which the Rev. W. F. Rutterton (Vicar) officiated. The service was fully choral, four ringers acted as bearers, and after the committal service rang a course of Grandsire Triples over the open grave. Mr. A. Coppock, vice-president of the M.C.A., was amongst the mourners, representing the Nottingham district of the Midland Counties Association.

As a last tribute of respect, the bells of the Parish Church rang out half-muffled touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples during the evening, the following taking part in the ringing: C. J. Baker, J. F. George, H. Harrison (conductor), H. Beardsley, I. Hufton, F. Tarlton, L. King, E. Fletcher and Miss Mary Spencer.

### WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

#### MR. A. W. WILKERSON RETIRES FROM SECRETARYSHIP.

The annual general meeting of the Guild took place at Rugby on Saturday, April 18th. Members were present from Bulkington, Chilvers Coton, Coventry, Erdington, Exhall, Leicester, Monk's Kirby, Nuneaton, Rugby, Shilton, Southam, Stoke and Wolvey, and the attendance included a number of ladies. The bells of St. Andrew's Church were open for ringing at 3 p.m., the committee met at 4 p.m., and the Guild's special service was taken in church at 4.30 p.m. by the Rev. R. L. B. Oliver, the 'ringing Vicar,' of Monk's Kirby, who also gave the address. It was an ideal address, from the ringers' point of view, and quite out of the ordinary run of addresses usually given at these gatherings.

Tea was provided at the Campbell Cafe, at which about 40 members were present, after which the business meeting was held. In the unavoidable absence of the president (the Rev. J. L. White), through indisposition, Canon M. A. Dodds, Vicar of Chilvers Coton, was voted to the chair.

The Hon. General Secretary (Mr. A. Wilkerson) read a report, and presented a balance sheet for the year ending December 31st, 1924, which showed a balance in hand of £11 16s. 5d., both of which were adopted.

The Rev. J. L. White was unanimously re-elected president, as was also the Ringing Master, Mr. T. W. Chapman.

The hon. general secretary having expressed a wish to retire, Mr. J. A. Fenton (Rugby) was elected to fill the vacancy. The hon. district secretaries were re-elected en bloc, and Mr. T. Male, of Warwick, elected to fill the place of Mr. F. G. Ashbourne for the Warwick district. The three gentlemen appointed to serve on the committee under Rule 6 were Canon M. A. Dodds, Rev. R. L. B. Oliver and Mr. J. H. W. White. Mr. Oswald J. Hunt was reappointed auditor.

Bulkington, Shilton, Castle Bromwich and Fillongley were proposed for the May and June monthly meetings, Fillongley being selected for May, and Shilton for June.

The Rev. R. L. B. Oliver brought forward the need for instructors in several towers, and hoped something would be done towards this end. A long discussion followed, and eventually a resolution was carried, asking the committee to go into the matter with a view to something being done.

Mr. H. Argyle moved a hearty vote of thanks to the retiring secretary for his services during the past 4½ years.—Mr. O. J. Hunt seconded, and the motion was carried.—Mr. A. Wilkerson suitably replied.

Ten new members were duly elected.

A convivial gathering took place in the evening, arranged by the St. Andrew's Society, and was much enjoyed, the thanks of the members being expressed to the Rugby men for their kind hospitality.

Included in the ringing on St. Andrew's bells was a course of Bristol Surprise, this being the first in the method on the bells. A. W.

### THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

The annual Easter meeting was held at Ipswich, and there was a crowded attendance, besides many who kept to the towers for ringing only. Archdeacon Farmiloe was in the chair, as well as preaching at the service at St. Mary-le-Tower, to a good congregation.

The statement of accounts, and the report of the committee, showed that the Guild is doing well, both in finances, and in spreading the art of change ringing.

The Ringing Master (Mr. Chas. Sedgeley) reported that he had started a book of compositions, to record them as rung each year. At his suggestion it was decided to give up attempting to give the figures in the Report of the peals rung by members for other associations, as such figures could not be kept correctly.

It was decided to publish a list of instructors in the report; also to fix the subscription for honorary subscribers at 2/6 a year only. Owing to the unfortunate advice given by the Advisory Committee of this Diocese, it was decided to ask them not to advise about bells or towers without first consulting an expert ringer.

Mr. Sedgeley reported that the new certificates were about to be printed, and the Chairman said he was hoping they would be a great success from what he had seen of the proofs.

A number of new members were elected, and several fresh places for future meetings decided upon.

A company of ringers from Leytonstone were present, and many methods were rung in the different towers during the day. Owing to the proximity of the two principal towers in Ipswich (St. Mary-le-Tower and St. Margaret), a time-table of alternate half-hours was arranged, so that they should not be ringing together. This seems to have been appreciated by listeners, especially those who were in the closely inhabited part lying near to the two towers.

**THE NORFOLK GUILD.****SUGGESTED CHANGE OF DATE FOR ANNUAL MEETING.**

The general meeting of the Norfolk Guild was held at Aylsham on Easter Monday, when, by kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. Charles A. Manley), the ring of ten bells at the Parish Church, and, also, by permission of the Rector of Marsham (the Rev. A. J. Crawford), the ring of eight bells at Marsham were placed at the disposal of the members.

The luncheon was served at the Black Boys Hotel, at 1.30 p.m., the president, the Dean of Norwich, presiding, supported by the Rev. C. A. Manley, and the following members of the committee: Messrs. C. E. Borrett (vice-president), A. L. Coleman (secretary) and W. L. Duffield, and representatives from Aylsham, Fakenham, Loddon and Norwich.

The toast, 'The King,' was proposed by the president, and duly honoured.

The business meeting followed.

On a motion, moved by the secretary (Mr. A. L. Coleman), the following members were elected: The Rev. Charles A. Manley, Vicar of Aylsham, hon. member; Messrs. John E. Brown and Hanbury F. Carter, of Northrepps, performing members. The following belfry elections, prior to peals rung, were also ratified, viz.: Messrs. Shirley Burton, of Leicester, hon. member (non-resident), and Ernest Risebrow, of Northrepps, performing member.

The Secretary moved that Mr. Cyril L. Hewitt be appointed district secretary for Thetford, in the place of Mr. Herbert Mason, who had resigned on leaving the district, and to whom a vote of thanks was passed for his past services.

The Secretary gave notice that he would move the following motion at the next general meeting of the Guild, viz.: 'That in future the annual general meeting of the Guild shall be held on Easter Monday in each year.'

A general discussion took place, and it was decided not to take any definite steps at this meeting, but leave the matter over until the Whit Monday meeting, in view of the fact that the secretary was issuing a leaflet on this particular matter, with the annual reports about to be sent out, in order to give all members the opportunity to express their opinion by sending in their signatures to the secretary, either collectively, through their Ringing Masters, or individually, or on before Whit Monday next.

The Secretary read a letter from the Ringing Master of St. Peter Mancroft Guild (Mr. G. P. Burton), saying that the St. Peter Mancroft bells were to be reopened at a special service on Sunday, April 19th, and that the bells would be available for ringing in the afternoon of the same day from 4 to 6 o'clock, when members of the Norfolk Guild and other visitors would be welcome to take part in the ringing.

Mr. C. E. Borrett moved, and Mr. A. L. Coleman seconded, that the Whit Monday meeting be held at Norwich on June 1st, when, by kind permission of Canon F. J. Meyrick, the ring of twelve bells at St. Peter Mancroft would be placed at the disposal of the members.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar of Aylsham and the Rector of Marsham for the use of their bells. The meeting then closed, and the members adjourned to the belfry for more ringing until the evening.

**BARNSELY & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**

A monthly meeting was held at Penistone on Saturday, April 18th, when members and visitors attended from Anston, Barnsley, Bolveston, Ecclesfield, Darfield, Hoylandswaine, Wath, Horbury, Hands-worth, Wortley, Worksop, Shelley, and members of the local company. The bells were set going at 3 p.m. Plain Bob, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Stedman were freely practised, and a short business meeting was held in the ringing room.

The Vicar of Penistone presided, and the ringers of Shelley made a successful claim to enter for the annual cup contest. This band of six members and two from Bolveston were duly elected, and welcomed as new members.

Cawthorne was unanimously chosen for the next meeting, on May 15th. A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar, churchwardens, and the local company for the excellent arrangements.

**BOYNE HILL RINGERS' OUTING.**

The ringers of All Saints', Boyne Hill, held their outing on Easter Monday, and visited Bradfield, Bucklebury, Beenham and Aldermastop, where touches of Stedman, Grandsire, Kent, Bob Major and Superlative were rung, the conducting being shared by Messrs. G. Martin, A. Martin and J. Eldridge. A most pleasant and successful day was spent, and the ringers wish to thank the Vicars of the respective towers, also the local one, for their kindness.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

As is usual, the annual meeting of the Bedfordshire Association was held at Bedford on Easter Monday, and proved a very pleasant and successful gathering. Members and friends made good use of the bells of St. Paul's and St. Peter's Churches from an early hour, and visitors from London, Cambridge and Northants being present during the day. One of the most pleasing features was the number of the younger members of the association who were present, which was very encouraging to the officers.

The luncheon was held at the Silver Grill, and was followed by the business meeting, presided over by Canon W. W. C. Baker (president), supported by Mr. E. Ransome (who, in spite of his 83 years, still takes a keen interest in the affairs of the association, and who has been absent from very few meetings during the whole of the association's existence), Miss E. Steel and Mr. Cyril Herbert, vice-presidents, and Mr. E. P. Duffield, a former secretary.

The annual report and accounts were passed, a balance in hand of £27 4s. 11d. being shown.

The Rev. Canon Baker was re-elected president, on the proposition of Mr. E. Ransome. The vice-presidents the hon. secretary and auditor were also re-elected.

A hearty invitation from the president to hold the summer meeting at Southill was accepted, Canon Baker remarking that, although he had only six bells, he had a nice shady garden, where the members could enjoy themselves with handbells, etc.

Bedford was again selected for the annual meeting in 1926.

A vote of condolence was passed to the Rev. G. Buck, Rector of Turvey, who, owing to a family bereavement, was unable to be present, and to the relatives of Mr. Cooper, a ringing member, who had recently passed away, members showing their sympathy by silently standing.

The following new members were elected: Messrs. W. G. Church (St. Paul's, Bedford), L. Brown, J. Faulkner, A. Hatton, G. Dilley, H. Slater, H. Sherman (Southill), and C. Matthews and L. Tring, of Dunstable.

The meeting closed with hearty votes of thanks to the incumbents of St. Paul's and St. Peter's Churches for the use of the bells, and to the chairman for presiding.

Members then dispersed to the towers for further ringing, which ranged from rounds up to Cambridge Surprise Royal on the ten, and from Bob Major up to London and Bristol Surprise at St. Paul's, while a number of six bell methods were practised at St. Peter's.

**CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

The Easter meeting was held at Richmond (Yorks) on Bank Holiday, when members attended from Middlesbrough, Tadcaster, Darlington, Saltburn, Ripon, Whitby, West Hartlepool, Newcastle, Ormesby, and the local company. A meet of foxhounds in the market place was a picturesque event, which took the attention of the ringers until horses and hounds moved off to the coverts. The ringers then found their way to the belfry, and took part in some very good ringing until 1 p.m., when a halt was called for dinner, served at the hotel known as Bishop's Blaze. The tables were beautifully laid out, and a company of 43 sat down to a good old Yorkshire fare. The dinner was presided over by Mr. Morton (Richmond), in the absence of the president (the Rev. A. Simpson). The toast of the King and Royal Family was honoured, and a vote of thanks was passed to the Rector and churchwardens for the use of the bells, also to Mr. Morton for presiding, and to the Rector for his address to the ringers later in the afternoon.

Several new members were elected, and this concluded the business.

Afterwards some wended their way back to the church to take part in more ringing; others went to see the beauties of Richmond until 4 p.m., when a short service was held, at which the Rector, the Rev. Canon Leigh, gave the address.

Later, further ringing took place, the methods rung being Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major.

**AN ACTON PEAL BOARD.**

Mr. J. W. Fruin has generously presented a peal board recording a peal rung at Acton on March 11th. The board is lettered in gold on a black surface. At a little gathering the other day, Mr. Robert Holloway, in thanking Mr. Fruin for his gift, on behalf of the band, said it was particularly 'sporty' of him, as it was very little ringing he obtained, owing to the new Rector creating 'a certain amount of liveliness down below.' However, any moment he had to spare Mr. Fruin was with them in the belfry. Miss Harcastle also thanked Mr. Fruin on behalf of the ladies who took part.

Afterwards a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung by the band standing exactly as in the peal: Miss Hawksworth 1, Miss Orr 2, Miss Harcastle 3, Miss Chapman 4, J. W. Fruin 5, H. Win-cote 6, Robt. Holloway 7, Robt. Fardon (conductor) 8.



## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

WYE, KENT.—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), on Sunday morning, April 26th, in 50 mins.: S. Jordau 1, J. Jordan 2, G. J. Youngs 3, C. Head 4, F. Good (conductor) 5, B. Haley 6, W. Heniker 7, W. Hopkins 8. Rung with 7-6-8 behind. First quarter for ringers of 1st, 2nd, 6th and 8th.

PORTMADOC, N. WALES.—On Sunday evening, April 26th, at St. John's Church, 720 Bob Minor, with back stroke of tenor muffled, in memory of Glenys, the little daughter of Mr. D. E. Evans, churchwarden, and a ringer at this church: H. McMillan 1, J. V. Humphreys 3, H. Roberts 4, F. J. Williams 5, P. Roberts 6, J. Owen (conductor) 7, E. Brown 8.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, April 26th, for evening service, at the Parish Church, 629 Grandsire Caters, composed by G. Hollis: F. W. Bond 1, R. Hayes (Haslemere, first touch of Grandsire Caters) 2, W. G. Cook 3, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 4, J. C. Eden 5, W. H. Hayward 6, S. R. Hicks 7, G. Dore 8, H. C. Bond 9, J. Hayward 10.

LONDON.—On Sunday, April 26th, for evening service, at St. Andrew's, Wells Street, Marylebone, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Major: H. Dyas 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, Mrs. F. Deal 3, E. J. King 4, C. F. Winney 5, J. T. Kentish 6, J. R. Gammon 7, R. F. Deal 8.

TOTTENHAM (All Hallows').—On Sunday, April 26th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. P. Roe 1, Miss P. A. Upsher 2, W. J. Ellis 3, S. W. Crabb 4, E. A. Hull 5, H. W. H. Strickland 6, C. A. Button (conductor) 7, N. Patmore 8.—On Sunday, April 26th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: N. Patmore 1, H. W. H. Strickland 2, E. A. Hull 3, W. J. Ellis (conductor) 4, W. Dickinson 5, C. Button 6, H. Ellis 7, W. Patmore 8.

DOVER, KENT.—On Sunday, April 26th, for the evening service, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: G. Eagles (first quarter-peal) 1, H. Jones 2, J. Eagles 3, C. Turner 4, C. R. Millway (conductor) 5, C. R. Walker 6, R. H. Stevens 7, C. Hariman (first quarter-peal) 8.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—On Easter Day, at St. Nicholas' Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,265 changes), in 51 mins.: W. Palmer 1, G. H. Shuker 2, J. Jay 3, F. I. Hairs 4, R. Stredwick 5, Mrs. F. I. Hairs 6, F. Bennett 7, W. H. Hollier 8, C. Palmer 9, P. A. Coard 10.

BATH.—On Easter Sunday, for morning service, at St. Saviour's Church, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes), from Holt's Original, in 44 mins.: T. Grant 1, J. Hallett 2, J. W. Bell 3, A. Prince (conductor) 4, H. D. Taylor 5, C. W. Bell 6, H. E. Mills 7, H. Merritt 8.—For evening service, on April 19th, a quarter-peal (from J. F. Penning's One-part), in 42 mins.: J. Taylor 1, J. Hallett 2, C. W. Bell 3, T. Grant 4, J. W. Pemberton (Birmingham) 5, H. D. Taylor 6, A. Prince (conductor) 7, H. E. Mills 8.

PETERBOROUGH.—At St. Mary's, for Easter Day service, 720 Oxford Bob Minor: G. Williamson (first in the method) 1, J. J. Jutson (conductor) 2, E. Tilley 3, A. Johnson 4, W. H. Waldron 5, F. Rowlinson 6.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.—On Easter Day, for evensong, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Rev. H. B. Woolley 1, H. J. Hazell 2, Chas. W. Cook (conductor) 3, C. W. Woolley 4, E. Wakeling 5, Geo. E. Crisp 6.

WOODSTON.—On Good Friday, with the bells fully muffled, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. Williamson (first 720 of Cambridge) 1, S. Hoare 2, Miss A. Dale 3, W. H. Waldron 4, H. Hoare 5, F. Rowlinson (conductor) 6.

PIREBRIGHT, SURREY.—At St. Michael and All Angels' Church, on Easter Day, for evensong, 720 Grandsire Doubles: F. W. Martin 1, W. Harwood 2, A. H. Martin 3, Jno. Thompson 4, F. Cherryman (conductor) 5, E. Giles 6. First 720 by ringers of 1st, 2nd, 4th and 6th, and first 720 by the local band.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.—Various touches were rung on the bells for the Easter Day services: For evening service, two 252's of Stedman Triples. At Chediston Church, for afternoon service, 720 Stedman Doubles and 300 Bob Minor. At Wissett Church, on Easter Sunday evening, two 360's of Bob Minor, 360 Grandsire, and 240 Stedman Doubles.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday evening, March 29th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,444 changes), in 49 mins.: A. Mackrell, senr., 1, A. E. Parsons (conductor) 2, F. Parsons 3, Sam Smedly, junr., 4, H. Stow 5, J. Knott 6, Sam Smedly, senr., 7, W. Palmer (Birmingham) 8. Rung for the birthdays of S. Smedly, senr. and junr.

CARDIFF.—At St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,277 changes), in 50 mins.: R. Bailey 1, F. Bailey 2, E. Hunt 3, F. Smith 4, J. Davies 5, W. Richards 6, E. Coombes 7, G. Large 8, F. Chamberlain (conductor) 9, S. R. Barker 10.

## NOTICES.

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Hunts District will be held at St. Neots, on May 2nd. Bells available—St. Neots (8), Eynesbury (6), Eaton Socon (6). Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in the Parish Room.—Rev. H. B. Woolley, Long Stanton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Colne on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Business: Mr. Washbrook's memorial and arrangements for annual branch meeting and social.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Wolsey on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. All ringers invited.—W. Cope, Local Hon. Sec., Wigston Parva, Hinckley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Bingham (8 bells) on Saturday, May 2nd. Tower open at 2.30. Tea will be provided only for those advising the Rev. H. R. M. Hutt, The Rectory, Bingham, Notts, not later than May 1st.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held at Upholland Parish Church on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells available from 3 p.m.—Jas. Grounds, Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, May 2nd, at Ashburton. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea and business meeting to follow. Also Buckfastleigh bells (6) available 2 p.m. Good train and bus service. All ringers welcome.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntoria, Church Street, Paignton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Drayton (8 bells) on Saturday, May 2nd. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Meeting to follow. Curry Rivel (8 bells) available.—F. Farrant, Hon. Local Sec., North Street, Martock.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brent Knoll on Saturday, May 2nd. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea and meeting after. Bells (6) afternoon and evening.—G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford Street, Burnham-on-Sea.

LADIES GUILD.—Central District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, May 2nd. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.45 p.m., to be followed by the meeting. Ringing at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, after the meeting. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Mrs. E. L. Hairs, Hon. Sec., 17, North Side, Clapham Common, S.W.4.



**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—South District.—A practice meeting will be held at All Saints', Fulham, on May 2nd. Tower open for ringing 5 till 8. Ringers and friends welcomed.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, S.W.3.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at Belchamp St. Paul on Saturday, May 2nd. The bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. There will be a service in the Church at 4.15 p.m., and tea afterwards. All ringers cordially invited.—W. H. Dyson, Dis. Sec., High Street, Braintree.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Poulton (6 bells) on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells ready 2.30. Business meeting 5 p.m. — C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 320, N. Promenade, Blackpool.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stockbridge on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells from 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock.—W. T. Tucker, 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wellington Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Yardley, Hastings, on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Wiveliscombe on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Tea at the White Cot Dairy at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at North Bradley on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (6) ready at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting directly after tea.—F. Green, Hon. Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at \*St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on May 5th, at 8 p.m.; St. Magnus on the 14th and 28th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, for service on the 17th, at 6 p.m.; \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 19th; Southwark Cathedral on the 26th, all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District. — The Recast peal of eight bells by Messrs. Taylor and Co., will be rededicated by the Bishop of Leicester on Thursday, May 7th, at 7.30. Bells will be available to visitors for a short time after the service, all ringers welcome.—W. Cope, Local Hon. Sec., Wigston Parva, Hinckley.

**HERTS ASSOCIATION.**—Watford District. — Next meeting Saturday, May 9th. Bushey bells open 3.30 p.m. Tea 1s. 3d., and meeting 5.30. Please notify me for tea by May 5th.—Charles H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey, Herts.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Ealing, on Saturday, May 9th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Christ Church will also be available for ringing in the evening. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**LANCASHIRE AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.**—A joint meeting has been arranged on May 9th at Todmorden. Members intending being present, please write Mr. S. Hartley, 15, Erringden Street, by May 4th. Tea at 5.30, in Schools, at 1s. 8d. each.—W. H. Shuker and P. J. Johnson, Secs.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Chichester on Saturday, May 9th. Tower open 2-3 and 5-9. Service at the Sub-deanery Church at 3.30 p.m. A meat tea will be provided at 4.30, Voke's Tea Gardens in the Hornet, 1s. each to members. Those intending to be present must notify the general secretary not later than Tuesday, May 5th.—A. D. Stone, Hon. Gen. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

**DONCASTER PARISH CHURCH.**—Doncaster Deanery Choir Festival, Saturday, May 9th. Tower open from 4.30 until 6.30. All ringers welcome. — Harold Walker, 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Saxmundham District.—A district meeting will be held at Kelsale on Saturday, May 9th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. till 7.30 p.m. All ringers invited.—George Wilson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 41, Valley Road, Leiston.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The next meeting will be at Shildon on Saturday, May 9th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Will all those requiring tea please notify Mr. R. B. Robinson, 54, Albert Street, Shildon, by Wednesday, May 6th? Double Norwich, Stedman, etc.—A. Hunter, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Peterborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Glington on Saturday, May 9th. Service at 4.30. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, May 6th?—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hereford District.—A Quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Woolhope on Saturday, May 9th. Bells (6) available 2.30—8.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be at Warburton on Saturday, May 9th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m., only for those who inform the Rev. C. D. Lewis, Warburton, Warrington, by May 5th.—John P. Fidler, Hon. Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—The Quarterly meeting will be held at New Romney on Saturday, May 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea by kind invitation of the Vicar at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Ringers requiring tea please let me know by Tuesday, May 5th.—H. Parkes, Hon. Dis. Sec., Mersham, Ashford, Kent.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Loughborough District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Castle Donnington on Saturday, May 9th. Bells (6) open from 3 o'clock. Business meeting 4.30. All ringers welcome.—J. Saddington, Hon. Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Brenchley on Saturday, May 9th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Bull Hotel, 1s. per head, after service, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the Dis. Sec. not later than Tuesday, May 5th.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Hadleigh Quarterly meeting, Saturday, May 9th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Tea 9d. each. Those requiring tea please send word by May 6th.—F. S. Aldridge, 2, Church Street, Hadleigh.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Witney and Woodstock Deaneries Branch.—The Spring meeting will be held at Wootton on Saturday, May 9th. Service in the Parish Church at 4 p.m., preacher: Rev. W. H. L. O'Rourke, Rector of Woodstock. Tea at 4.45 in Schoolroom. Meeting follows. Several rings of bells may be used if required. All ringers heartily welcomed.—John Monk, Hon. Branch Sec., 17, Cape Terrace, Witney, Oxon.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The festival will be held at Dorchester on Tuesday, May 12th. Service at St. Peter's Church at 12.15. Preacher, the Rev. H. Pentin. Luncheon at Corn Exchange at 1.15 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Bells available: St. Peter's (8), Bere Regis, Fordington, Frampton, Maiden Newton, Puddletown, Upwey (6), Bradford, Peverell, Charminster, Stratton (5). Ringers requiring luncheon are asked to notify the secretary by May 4th.—F. L. Edwards, Hon. Sec., Kingston Magna, Gillingham, Dorset.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting will be held at Sawston on Saturday, May 16th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Those desiring tea please notify me by May 13th.—A. E. Austin, 4, Hills View, Great Shelford, Cambs.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—The half-yearly meeting will be held on Saturday, May 16th, at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, Holborn. Bells available from 4 p.m. Meeting at the King of Denmark at 6.30.—J. Sparrow, Hon. Sec., 84, Meadvale Road, East Croydon.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBY-SHIRE SOCIETY.**—The annual meeting will be held at Sheffield Cathedral on Saturday, May 16th. By the kind permission of the respective incumbents, the bells of the Cathedral and St. Marie's will be available from 2.30 p.m. A short service will be held in the Cathedral at 4.30 p.m., with an address by the Ven. Archdeacon J. R. Darbyshire, M.A. Tea and business meeting will follow immediately after the service. Tea will be provided at 1s. 3d. each to all those who notify me not later than Wednesday, May 13th. Entries for the cup must be in the hands of Mr. C. Harrison, 41, Baltic Road, Attercliffe, Sheffield, before this meeting.—T. W. Chown, Hon. Sec., 68, Canada Street, Sheffield.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Western District will be held at Tanfield on Saturday, May 16th. Bells available after 2 p.m. Tea in the Schoolroom.—H. Tyson, Sec.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Pershore on Saturday, May 16th. A service will be held in the Abbey Church at 5.30 p.m., at which the Very Rev. Bishop H. Gresford Jones, D.D., will give an

address. Tea will be provided (please note) for those who send me their names by the Tuesday previous. The Abbey bells (8) will be available at 3 p.m., and also in the evening.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, May 16th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 7. Subscriptions are due. All ringers welcome. A good attendance is requested.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Barnet on Saturday, May 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at 6 p.m. Tea at 6.30, 1s. each to those who advise me by the 13th inst. of their requiring same. Hadley bells will be available during the afternoon and evening.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Farnborough on Saturday, May 16th. Bells available 3 p.m. Short service 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. A good attendance requested.—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Queen Street, Chertsey.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Meeting at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, Saturday, May 16th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea, followed by business meeting, 5.30 p.m. Will those desiring tea please notify me by 13th?—William Bottrill, Hon. Sec., 29, Queen's Mansions, North Road N.7.

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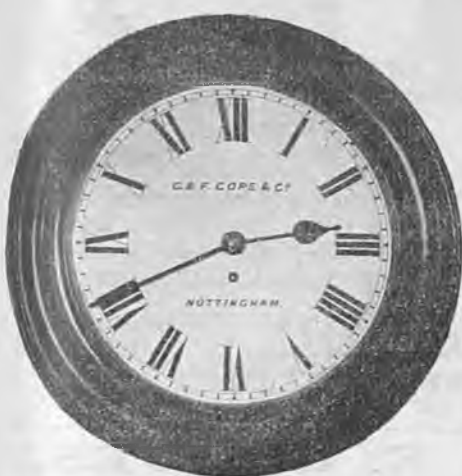
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