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THE HEREFORD GUILD.

The Hereford Diocesan Guild is by no means so well off as many associations, either for the facilities which its members have for ringing advanced methods, or for inter-communication between its towers, yet it is one of the most go-ahead of the provincial societies in the way in which it endeavours to help its ringers in the art. Its districts are small and well organised, being limited to practically a seven-mile radius around what may be called the parent towers, and the association has gone further than any other that we know of by providing the Ringing Master with a motor-cycle to enable him to reach and help the members in outlying towers. Enthusiast that he was, and is, Mr. Charles Edwards used to pedal hundreds of miles a year on a push-bicycle in his efforts to forward the art, and the provision of a power machine has now enabled him to expand his work at much saving of time and physical exertion. Is there not in this example a suggestion to many another association with scattered or inaccessible towers, where ringers are backward because they are out of reach of regular help? We could mention two or three associations, where, given the right man and a motor-cycle, great things might be accomplished.

In the annual report of the Hereford Guild, another point of interest is mentioned, it is the emphasis laid on peal ringing as an education in the art, and in touching on the question the report states: 'When a man has rung a certain number (of peals) it is doubtful whether he learns much by ringing more unless they are in new methods.' The statement is a guarded one, but there is a lot of truth lying at the root of it. There is no doubt that the best ringer, nearly always, is the peal ringer. The man who can concentrate his mind upon a method and the striking of his bell for three hours, is likely to be a better ringer than the one who seldom rings for more than twenty minutes at a stretch.

It is equally true that after a number of peals in a method a ringer will learn but little more about ringing unless he goes on to other methods. Moreover, unless he progresses in his ringing he goes backward, for stagnation leads to loss of interest. The Hereford Guild report expresses a desire to see as many ringers as possible in the Guild ringing a peal—in view of its educational value, and promises to distinguish these ringers in the report. It might go much further and emphasise among its members the need for ringing more methods. For instance, Stedman and Double Norwich are two methods little practised in the Guild, to say nothing of the Surprise group. It is, of course, difficult work to 'get a move on' with the majority of bands, and yet the spirit

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which is behind the Hereford organisation is good enough to take the Guild into the very forefront as a change ringing organisation. It is not for any want of effort and enterprise on the part of its officials, and they deserve the strongest backing that their members can give them.

TEN BELL PEAL.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 4, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

THOMAS HAMMOND Treble	EDWARD CAUNCE 6
JOHN WILKINSON 2	FRANCIS BIBBY 7
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3	CLAUDE I. DAVIES 8
† JOHN E. BIBBY 4	PERCIVAL W. CAVE 9
† JAMES MARSH 5	* ALBERT A. GRIFFITHS Tenor

Composed by G. R. FARDON. Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.

* First peal. † First peal on ten bells. Messrs. J. E. and P. Bibby hail from Frodsham, and J. Marsh from Aughton.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 24, 1925, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM RICHES Treble	EDWARD ETHERIDGE 5
AUSTIN HEAD 2	JAMES RICHES 6
ROBERT RAYNER 3	WALTER RICHES 7
ROBERT RICHES 4	ALBERT RICHES Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALBERT RICHES.

The Author's peal No. 103.

APPLETON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 28, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

F. STEDMAN WHITE Treble	COTBERT G. WHITE 5
MAURICE SMITH 2	GEORGE HOLFIELD, JUN. 6
FREDERICK MESSENGER 3	RICHARD WHITE 7
* F. SELWYN 4	TOM IMPEY Tenor

Conducted by G. HOLFIELD, JUN.

* First peal 'inside.'

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, May 4, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN Treble	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL 5
GEORGE BENNETT 2	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	T. WILLIAM LAST 7
LESLIE G. BRETT 4	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by L. C. WIGHTMAN.

First peal in the method as conductor.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 4, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDERICK M. MITCHELL Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5
WILLIAM HARPER 2	JOHN WHEADON 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
C.S.M. J. BENNETT 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY Tenor

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, May 6, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. H. EARLE BULWER'S SIX-PART NO. 10. Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES GEORGE Treble	EDWIN H. STONELEY 5
THOMAS MEREDITH 2	JOHN H. SWINFELD 6
MADRICE SWINFELD 3	JAMES PAGETT 7
CHARLES DRAPER 4	JOHN CURTIS Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This is the 300th tower in which Mr. James George has rung a peal.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ST. NICOLAS SOCIETY, NORTH STONEHAM.)

On Thursday, May 7, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicolas,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

OWEN H. GILKS Treble	WILLIAM G. EDWARDS 5
REGINALD BROWN 2	D. CECIL WILLIAMS 6
GEORGE PULLINGER 3	WILLIAM T. TUCKER 7
WALTER G. ROWE 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by JAS. S. WILDE. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung to celebrate the 68th birthday of the conductor.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, May 8, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CYRIL VALENTINE Treble	HENRY W. WILDE 5
WILLIAM BIBBY 2	JOHN E. BIBBY 6
HENRY C. COLLYER 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES 7
EDWARD JENKINS 4	FRANCIS BIBBY Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal in the method.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 8, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5
WILLIAM HARPER 2	C.S.M. J. BENNETT 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 7
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL 4	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 8, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON Treble	TOM CHAMBERS 5
MISS M. CLAYTON 2	JOHN BROWN 6
FRED CHAMBERS 3	FRED HINDLE 7
TOM STANCLIFFE 4	JOHN WATSON Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

Ring with the bells muffled as a token of respect to Richard Stancliffe, an esteemed ringer of the above tower, who was interred on May 6th. First peal in method on the bells, and also first in method by ringers of 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th and 7th.

CORSTON, BATH.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, May 9, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S IRREGULAR TEN-PART. Tenor 9½ cwt.

MRS. E. J. BROWN Treble	RAYMOND C. SEAGER 5
EDWIN J. BROWN 2	WILLIAM KNIGHT 6
GEORGE TREW 3	MISS ANNIE BROWN 7
ALBERT STOWELL 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE Tenor

Conducted by Miss ANNIE BROWN.

The first peal of Stedman for the association conducted by a lady.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 9, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr.

B. BASSINGTHWAIGHTE Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 5
FREDK. J. HOWCHIN 2	LESLIE BRETT 6
GEORGE MAYERS 3	GEORGE H. CROSS 7
WILLIAM CLOVER 4	WILLIAM C. ROMSEY Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 9, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

FRANK REYNOLDS Treble	JOHN YATES 5
WILLIAM GOULD 2	ERNEST LEATHERBARROW 6
GEORGE POWNALL 3	JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW 7
WILLIAM HAMPSON 4	WILLIAM LEATHERBARROW Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. LEATHERBARROW.

RUISLIP, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 9, 1925, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HARRY KILBY Treble	CECIL V. EBBERSON 5
GEORGE M. KILBY 2	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
CHARLES T. COLES 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal of Major on the bells.

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 9, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

ALBERT J. HUGHES Treble	RICHARD T. HOLDING 5
JAMES H. RIDING 2	THOMAS R. BUTLER 6
ROBERT SPERRING 3	HARRY OVERTON 7
GEORGE R. JONES 4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by R. SPERRING.

ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 9, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

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

Tenor 21 cwt.

*THOMAS WISE Treble	*ROBERT G. BLACK 5
BERTIE O. SODEN 2	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT 6
HARRY BAXTER 3	TOM TEBBOTT 7
CHARLES W. BIRD 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by TOM TEBBOTT.

* First peal in the method.

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On Saturday, May 9, 1925, in Four Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 8112 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

C. W. WOOLLEY Treble	HERBERT FIELDS... .. 5
MISS CATHERINE FIELDS... 2	A. GEORGE RIVERS 6
*WILFRED C. IBBETT... .. 3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS 7
HAROLD J. HAZELL 4	T. REGINALD DENNIS... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

This is the longest peal by the association, on the bells, and by all the band, who were congratulated by the Vicar (the Rev. H. B. Woolley) on the excellent striking. * First peal of Bob Major.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 9, 1925, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 16½ cwt.

FREDERICK G. GODDARD ... Treble	JOSEPH MILNER 5
CHARLES J. TRICKER 2	ARTHUR HARDING 6
CECIL C. MAYNE 3	WILLIAM WELLING 7
*ARTHUR CROSS 4	ALBERT BECKENSALE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung as a compliment to Mr. T. Beadle, ex-vice-president of the association, on attaining his 75th birthday.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 9, 1925, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*JOHN H. DREWERY Treble	*EDGAR VALLANCE 5
JOHN H. SWINFELD... .. 2	THOMAS VALLANCE 6
HAROLD J. POOLE 3	E. HARRY STONELEY 7
†REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 4	EPHRAIM W. RANDS... .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

* First peal. † 100th peal. Rang as a welcome to the Rev. C. G. Thornton, whose induction to the parish took place on May 3rd, and to whom the band tender their heartiest thanks for his generous hospitality after the peal.

CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 9, 1925, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, WATERMOOR.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART Tenor 20 cwt.

WILFRED G. COOK Treble	FRANCIS J. LEWIS 5
*ARTHUR PARSONS 2	H. CHARLES BOND 6
RICHARD HAYES... .. 3	WILFRED H. HAYWARD ... 7
WILLIAM C. CUSS 4	JOHN HAYWARD Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. CUSS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. H. Tom Gardner for many years a respected member of the local band. * First peal on an inside bell. Mr. R. Hayes is from Haslemere, Surrey.

CAERLEON, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 9, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CADOC,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr.

HARRY BROUGHTON Treble	*ALBERT ED. SLATTER ... 5
PERCY JONES 2	GEORGE COOKE 6
WILLIAM PIKE 3	ALBERT ADDICOTT 7
SAMUEL JONES 4	*GEORGE MARTIN Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by ALBERT ADDICOTT.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman on the bells. Ringers of treble, 2nd, 3rd, 6th and 7th, are from Caerphilly; 5th and tenor, Bedwas; and 4th, local. The band wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 9, 1925, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 23 cwt.

HARRY BAKER Treble	LOUIS HEAD... .. 5
*WILLIAM TICKNER 2	FREDERICK A. FAIRBEARD... 6
WILLIAM E. PITMAN... .. 3	LUTHER J. HONESS 7
MRS. HARRY BAKER 4	ALFRED BATTIN Tenor

Conducted by W. E. PITMAN, Mus. Bac. Oxon, F.R.C.O.

* First peal.

STONE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 9, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

C. TEMPLETON Treble	T. HODSON 5
J. HEAD... .. 2	A. ROWLY 6
J. MOULSON 3	P. PRESTON 7
W. BUCKLEY... .. 4	E. BAKER Tenor

Conducted by A. ROWLY.

First peal for all except the 7th ringer. All the above belong to the local band, and are the first local band to ring a peal at this church. Rung at the first attempt.

MOUNTSOREL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 9, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt. in G.

*ROWLAND BARROW Treble	THOMAS ATKINS... .. 5
†WILLIAM THORLEY 2	†WILLIAM COPE 6
†ALBAN DISNEY 3	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD... 4	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD... Tenor

Composed by W. GARRARD. Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Treble Bob inside. ‡ First peal of Major in the method, and at first attempt.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 9, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 5½ cwt.

LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD Treble	*WILLIAM COPE 5
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD... 2	THOMAS ATKINS... .. 6
*J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 3	WILLIAM THORLEY 7
ALBAN DISNEY 4	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Bob Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to L. H. Whitehead.

WEM, SHROPSHIRE.

On Saturday, May 9, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*JOSEPH H. GROCOTT Treble	CHARLES R. LILLEY 5
FREDERICK A. BARNETT ... 2	WILLIAM B. KYNASTON ... 6
†WALTER LYCETT 3	WILLIAM R. NASH 7
WILLIAM T. GOODFELLOW 4	JOHN RAVENSCROFT Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples. Rung in honour of the election of Mr. F. A. Barnett as churchwarden at this church, and as a birthday compliment to Mrs. W. R. Nash. The ringer of the tenor took part in the first peal on the bells in 1898. The ringers of the 4th, 5th and 6th hail from Shrewsbury; 7th from Ludlow; 3rd from Stanton; and the remainder belong to the local band.

BLACKBURN.—At the Parish Church, on Thursday, April 23rd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), Brooks' Variation, in honour of St. George's Day: F. Wilson 1, W. Briggs 2, A. Tomlinson 3, F. J. Steele 4, T. Wilson 5, J. Watson 6, W. E. Wilson (cond.) 7, Fred Hindle 8.

RUARDEAN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 9, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

*WILLIAM BISHOP Treble	WALTER T. BENNETT ... 5
WILLIAM T. POSTON 2	†ALFRED T. POULTON... .. 6
JOHN J. BEVAN 3	ROBERT E. SUMMERS 7
Ex-Sgt. J. WILLIAMS 4	WILLIAM POSTON Tenor

Composed by J. R. FRITCHARD. Conducted by W. POSTON.
First peal of Major on the bells. * First peal of Major. † First peal of Major inside.

GREAT BUDWORTH, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 9, 1925, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

ARTHUR MOORE Treble	*SAMUEL MOORE, SEN. ... 5
THOMAS WILKINSON 2	JOSEPH ASHMOLE 6
ALBERT BOOTH 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY 7
REV. W. R. INGHAM 4	SAMUEL MOORE, JUN. ... Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

* First peal of Triples. First peal of Triples on these bells, which were cast by Rudhall in 1732.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 9, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 5
MISS E. K. PARKER 2	JOHN A. COLE 6
C. Q. M. S. G. GILBERT, R.E. ... 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. ... 7
GEORGE W. FLETCHER 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

First Surprise peal on the bells. The above band represents eight towers and four counties.

CROSTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 9, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

CLAUDE I. DAVIES Treble	ARTHUR LINTOTT... .. 5
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON 6
THOMAS HAMMOND 3	THOMAS C. LARKEY 7
JOHN WILKINSON... .. 4	EDWARD CAUNCE... .. Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

First peal in the method on the bells. This is believed to be the first peal by the association on these bells.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 9, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

FREDK. BORRETT... .. Treble	CHAS. CUTTING 5
GEO. A. WIGHTMAN 2	ALFRED SMITH 6
ERNEST POPPY 3	ERNEST WHITING 7
CHAS. BAKER 4	FRANK COPEMAN Tenor

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

First peal in the method on the bells.

BELATED PEAL REPORTS.

We publish this week, at the request of the secretary of the Norfolk Guild, a peal rung at Fressingfield on January 24th. Two peals rung at the same church in June and October last year came to us for publication, through the same channel, in late December. While we like to make the peals published in our columns a complete record, and particularly to oblige association officials, we shall decline in future to publish peals sent in in this way so long after the performance. If the band do not deem their peals worth publishing, we have no desire to print them.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, May 3, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Cambridge Surprise, and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb.

BEN TILLET Treble	CHARLES WOODCOCK 4
ALBERT A. FLEMING 2	GEORGE A. FLEMING... .. 5
GEORGE BENNETT 3	FREDERICK J. TILLET ... Tenor

Conducted by G. A. FLEMING.

The peal was arranged and rung to oblige the ringer of the treble, and was his first peal.

STRETTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 7, 1925, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 21 six-scores each of St. Simon's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*ALLAN DONE Treble	GEORGE VERNON... .. 3
FREDERICK HINES 2	JOHN H. DAVENPORT 4
EDWARD JENKINS... .. Tenor	

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal. First peal of Doubles on the bells, and by all the band.

CAMERTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 8, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Single Court, and three each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*EDWARD PAIN Treble	†HARRY PROUT 4
REGINALD BECK... .. 2	WILLIAM ROSEWELL... .. 5
RONALD BECK 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor in more than one method.

SCOTHERN, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, May 9, 1925, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Germain,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Three 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

MISS EDITH A. CADE... .. Treble	GEORGE W. CREASEY... .. 4
GEORGE W. CADE 2	REV. G. H. ROUND TURNER 5
CHAS. V. CADE 3	SIMON CADE... .. Tenor

Conducted by SIMON CADE.

The ringers of the treble and 2nd are 16 and 14 years of age respectively.

GREAT BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, May 9, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and one 720 of Grandsire.

*GEORGE T. MITCHISON ... Treble	*FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH 4
†ALBERT T. SCRIVENS ... 2	MORRIS J. MORRIS 5
*RICHARD C. INGRAM... .. 3	*GEORGE F. SWANN Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in four methods. Believed to be the first peal on the bells. This was the 150th peal which Morris J. Morris and G. F. Swann have rung together, now including all numbers from Minor to Sextuples. The band wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells and hospitality after the peal.

HAWKSHEAD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(FURNESS & LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 9, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's Plain Bob, three of Oxford, and two of Kent Treble Bob.

H. HARDY Treble	THOMAS F. HEWERTSON ... 4
THOMAS B. NEWTON 2	CHARLES E. WEBB 5
FURNESS WOODEND 3	WILLIAM ROBINSON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROBINSON.

Rung in honour of the 21st birthday of Miss Eva Webb, youngest daughter of the ringer of the fifth. This peal was postponed from March 19th, owing to sickness.

ST. ATHAN, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 9, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor about 10 cwt

*W. JAMES Treble	*E. JOHN 4
W. SAMUEL 2	*R. COLES 5
A. HANNINGTON 3	E. THOMAS Tenor

Conducted by R. C. COLES.

* First peal. Also first peal on the bells. The band wish to thank the Rev. and Mrs. G. Jenkins for the use of the bells; also for their kind hospitality after the peal. Rung by the Bonvilston band.

WENDEN AMBO, ESSEX.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 9, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*MISS K. WILLERS Treble	WALTER MANSFIELD 5
ALBERT E. AUSTIN 2	WALTER F. SERMONS 5
WILLIAM A. TACK 3	ROBERT HOWARD Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

* First peal in seven methods. The ringers of the treble and 2nd hail from Trumpington and Great Shelford, Cambs, respectively. The rest belong to Barley, Herts. The band wish to thank the Vicar for permission to ring.

BLUNSDON, WILTS.

GLoucester AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, May 9, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt.

*JOHN VINCENT Treble	JESSE TUCKWELL 4
*WALTER H. TRUEMAN 2	GEORGE LANCASTER 5
THOMAS MOULDEN 3	WILLIAM G. LANCASTER Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM G. LANCASTER.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells. Rung in honour of Mr. E. Ball, who has been a regular ringer at the church for fifty-one years, on his recovery from a long illness.

NORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE STOKE-ON-TRENT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 9, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of London, Wells and Cambridge Surprise, College Pleasure, Wragby, Duke of York and Violet.
Tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp.

STANLEY C. RYLES Treble	WILLIAM C. LAWRENCE ... 4
JOHN E. WHEELDON 2	ARTHUR W. HALL 5
FRANK TRINER 3	JAMES WALLEY Tenor

Conducted by FRANK TRINER.

This peal was rung in honour of the conductor's 21st birthday. A. W. Hall hails from Cheadle, and this was his first peal in seven methods. The others belong to the local company.

SHILTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, May 9, 1925, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 7 cwt.

EDWARD H. JOHNSON Treble	ERNEST STONE 4
HARRY ARGYLE 2	WILFRID H. J. HOOTON ... 5
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 3	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS Tenor

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.
This is the first peal on this excellent little ring of bells, recast and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon.

TIMSBURY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 9, 1925, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 20 six-scores of Plain Bob, 22 of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.

GILBERT M. HASELL Treble	JOHN FEAR 4
FREDERICK J. L. BROWN ... 2	THOMAS R. CLARK 5
WILFRED A. YOUNG 3	EDGAR COMER Tenor

Conducted by T. R. CLARK.

A birthday compliment to ringer of the 3rd.

BISLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLoucester AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 9, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST. DUNSTAN'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GEORGE DOWDESWELL Treble	GEORGE ORCHARD 4
TREVERS PRITCHARD 2	JOHN BALLINGER 5
ALBERT WRIGHT 3	WILLIAM BAMFORD Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

Rung after meeting short for Triples.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A MEETING AT SHIPTON.

The Chipping Norton Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild held their annual meeting at Shipton-under-Wychwood on Saturday week. Ringing commenced quite early in the afternoon, and included Grandsire Doubles, Stedman Triples and Bob Major. A service was held in the Parish Church, the special preacher being the Rev. J. D. Payne, R.D., who gave a very interesting address upon the bells he had been acquainted with during his travels in various parts of the country.

An excellent tea, provided by the Vicar and ringers of Shipton, was heartily enjoyed.

At the business meeting which followed, the Rev. W. J. Palmer was enthusiastically re-elected chairman. — The Secretary (Mr. J. Keyte) said he did not wish to carry on, although he had been nominated, but upon a very special vote of confidence being passed, which was supported by several clergy and ringers, he said 'yes,' amid much applause.

A sum of £5 5s. was voted to the Washbrook Memorial Fund, and Kingham was selected for the autumn meeting.

All the towers of the Deanery except Barford were represented, and there were also several visiting ringers, including the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, M.C. (Master), Mr. Tom Hibbert (general Guild secretary) and Mrs. Stella Davis.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar of Shipton, the Master of the Guild, and Mr. Hibbert, each of whom replied, and said how pleased they were to be present on such an enjoyable occasion.

A BIRTHDAY PEAL ATTEMPT.

At Shrewsbury, on Easter Monday, twelve members of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, met at St. Chad's Church, at the invitation of the Ringing Master to attempt a peal of Stedman Cinques in honour of his 51st birthday. All went well up to the 21st course, when a trip put an end to the ringing, after 2 hours 10 minutes' excellent striking. The ringers were O. R. Lilley (conductor) 1, H. Knight 2, W. B. Kynaston 3, J. Perry 4, C. Wallater 5, J. E. Lilley 6, E. F. Mitchell 7, M. J. Morris 8, B. Horton 9, W. Fisher 10, T. J. Elton 11, B. Gough 12. The loss of the peal was a great disappointment to all the band, and it is hoped the same company will be able to make another attempt at a future date.

The company afterwards went to the residence of Mr. Lilley for tea, and the handbells came into use, Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Treble Bob being rung.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**PROSPECT OF TWO MORE BELLS AT POULTON.**

The monthly meeting of the Fylde Branch was held at Poulton on Saturday, May 2nd. As usual, when a ringers' meeting is held here the weather was gloriously fine. The village of Poulton, with its ancient stocks and whipping post in the square, and its 10th century church, presented its usual easy-going, comfortable appearance to the ringers who attended the meeting. Poulton's old residents are not a little proud of reminding the present generation of the 'good old times' when the railway did not run to Blackpool, so that intending visitors to the latter town were obliged to hire any conveyance procurable, very often engaging such incongruities as hay carts, etc., to arrive at their destination. The six bells of the ancient church were cast by Rudhall, and rehung a few years ago by Warner and Co. They are a light, easy-going ring, but are lacking a little in tone.

Owing to some misunderstanding, the first arrivals found the belfry door locked. After waiting a while, one of the local ringers turned up minus the key, but gave instructions where it could be found. Eventually the bells were set going to Grandsire Doubles, followed by Bob Minor, Kent, Oxford, Woodbine, and two plain courses of Stedman Doubles, a ringer from Bispham being piloted through his first touch of Stedman and Treble Bob.

The following towers were represented, Lytham, St. John and St. Cuthbert, St. Anne's Parish Church, Bispham, Blackpool St. John, along with Mr. W. Taylor, Penwortham, and Mr. Heckingbottom, of South Shore.—The Vicar, who presided at the meeting, said how pleased he was to hear the bells rung so splendidly in changes, and thought that at some future time they would have two more bells put in, and so have a ring of eight bells, similar to Bispham. At present they had a scheme in view for erecting a parish hall to cost nearly £4,000, towards which £1,000 had been raised. Last year, £1,500 was spent in renovations to the church. After the parish hall scheme was finished he promised to go forward with the two bells. He also approved of his ringers becoming members of the association, and the fees being paid out of church funds. He suggested to Mr. Lawrenson, the churchwarden, that he bring this matter forward at the next Church Council meeting.

After a little more Treble Bob, the bells were lowered in peal, thus bringing to a close one of the best meetings held at Poulton for a long time.

DEVON GUILD.

The annual meeting of the North Devon Branch was held in the belfry at Ilfracombe Parish Church on Wednesday evening, April 29th.—The Rev. H. L. Pigot, who occupied the chair, was unanimously re-elected as chairman, and Mr. A. H. Hayward was re-elected secretary and treasurer.

Two new members were elected, one from Ilfracombe and one from Combe Martin, both being qualified to receive the Guild certificate.

The next annual meeting will be held at Combe Martin on the last Wednesday in April, 1926.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. H. L. Pigot for presiding, after which some of the younger members were given a good practice in Grandsire Triples.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At Norton-le-Moors, Staffs, on Sunday, May 3rd, for Matins, 720 Cambridge Surprise: W. T. Neild 1, J. E. Wheeldon (conductor) 2, C. Bowen (Bucknall) 3, W. C. Lawrence 4, G. E. Lawrence 5, W. P. Deane 6. Also for evensong, 720 Surprise, consisting of 240 each of London, Wells and Cambridge: W. T. Neild 1, J. W. Walker 2, F. Triner (conductor) 3, J. E. Wheeldon 4, W. P. Deane 5, J. Waller 6. The bells were rung half-muffled at both these services, in memory of the late Mr. E. B. Wain, who for many years was churchwarden and sidesman at St. Bartholomew Church. He was the managing director of a large colliery in the district, and was a great benefactor to the church, and whenever the belfry needed 'spring cleaning,' the necessary paints, staves and varnish were always supplied free of charge by Mr. Wain. His death took place very suddenly. He had been to a coalowners' conference in London, and when about 500 yards from his home suddenly expired. The news gave quite a shock to all who knew him. Certain it is that the ringers of Norton Church have lost a very good friend.

J. E. W.

At Nuneaton, on Tuesday, May 5th, at the Parish Church, four courses of Double Norwich, four courses of Stedman Triples, and 224 of Grandsire Triples. These touches were rung, with the bells half-muffled, by members of the Nuneaton Society, as a last mark of respect to Mrs. Wilkerson, wife of Mr. Abraham Wilkerson, a respected member of the Nuneaton Society. The funeral took place at Chilvers Coton Churchyard during the afternoon.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

It is seldom that a lady participates in a peal of more than the usual five thousand odd changes, but Miss Catherine Fields was one of the band that rang 8,112 Bob Major on Saturday at Long Stanton, Cambs, in 4 hours 35 minutes. Although the bells are light (the tenor is only 7½ cwt.) it is no small feat to stand this length of time with nothing to 'lean on.' The peal was the longest yet rung by the Ely Diocesan Association.

Another lady distinguished herself on Saturday, when Miss Annie Brown called a peal of Stedman Triples, at Corston, the first peal of Stedman conducted by a lady for the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

By ringing a peal at Overseal, Derbyshire, last week, Mr. James George, of Birmingham, brought the number of towers in which he has rung peals up to 300. These towers are spread over England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales.

Canon T. L. Papillon, who was for many years hon. secretary of the Essex Association, celebrated his 84th birthday on Easter Day. He has resided for some time at St. Leonard's-on-Sea, but now suffers the grievous deprivation of being unable to read printed matter, on account of impaired eyesight.

There is a fine peal of ten bells (tenor 32 cwt.) by Taylor and Co., at the Cathedral, Christchurch, New Zealand, but change ringing there is a lost art. Mr. D. C. Bates, Box 722, Wellington, writes that a conductor and instructor would be a welcome immigrant to the city—the most English out of England.

The death of Mr. Douro Thomas Potter, verger and bell ringer at St. Peter Mancroft, philosopher, litterateur and archæologist, beloved of all who knew him, breaks a long link with the famous Norwich Church. His great grandfather, Jonathan Potter, was verger from 1821 to 1841; his grandfather, George Potter, from 1841 to 1868; his father, Douro Thomas Potter, senr., from 1868 to 1893, while his own occupancy of the post from 1893 to 1925, was longer than that of any of his family predecessors.

Four years ago, the centenary of this remarkable family connection with the church was celebrated, when, on St. Peter's Day, Mr. Potter was presented with an illuminated address and a handsome cheque. Mr. Potter's son bears the name of Peter Mancroft Potter.

Mr. John Overton, the veteran change ringer of Bridgnorth, Salop, has completed 50 years as steeplekeeper at St. Leonard's Church, probably a Shropshire record.

London and district ringers will hear, with sincere regret, of the death of Mrs. John C. Truss, of Great Marlow, on Monday, 4th May, at the early age of 49 years.

There is a tablet in the belfry at All Saints' Church, Fulham, to record an extraordinary performance by the young ringers of St. James's Society, who on Whit Monday, 15th of May, 1837, rung in this steeple, a true and complete peal of 12,096 changes of Grandsire Caters in 7 hrs. and 50 minutes, being the greatest amount of changes ever performed by ten men only; the truth of which is attested by several of the ablest judges of the art, who witnessed the whole performance, and which can only be equalled by the same ability and persevering exertions. The peal was conducted by the famous Thomas Tolladay.

To-day is also the anniversary of the 8,800 Superlative rung in 1894 at Loughborough, composed and conducted by Nathan J. Pilstow.

On May 18th, 1883, 16,608 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in 9 hrs. 48 mins., at Mottram, conducted by one who is now among the veteran leaders of Lancashire ringing, Mr. Sam Wood, who in 1911 called the record 12,240 Kent Treble Twelve, and in 1914 the 14,000 of Kent Royal at Ashton-under-Lyne.

Thurstans' famous twin-bob peal — an epoch-making composition, and the story of which almost amounts to a romance—was rung for the first time on May 18th, 1846.

The College Youths rang a peal of 11,080 Treble Bob, Royal at Shoreditch, in 8 hrs. 2 minutes, on May 19th, 1777.

St. Martin's Youths rang a 5,220 Tintom Bob Royal at St. Michael's, Coventry, on May 20th, 1780. On the same date, in 1795, the Cumberland Youths rang 5,120 Cumberland Treble Bob at Edmonton.

The Duke of Rutland, who has just died, was one of the patrons of the Midland Counties Association. The Marquis Curzon, who died a few weeks ago, was another.

BANNS BELL BANNED.

The Vicar of St. Paul's, Addlestone, Surrey, who has frequently had some very outspoken comments in his 'Parish Magazine,' writes this month that, although in some parishes a bell is still rung to announce that banns of marriage have been published, there will be no banns' bell rung from Addlestone Church tower during the Vicar's incumbency.

'Just fancy,' he adds, 'ringing a peal from the belfry after the announcement of an impending life sentence. I would not authorise even a muffled peal.' There is no ring of bells at Addlestone.

ROYAL VISIT TO CROYDON FOUNDRY.

KING AND QUEEN HEAR NEW YORK'S GREAT CARILLON.

Their Majesties the King and Queen visited Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's Foundry, at Croydon, on Tuesday afternoon to view and hear the great carillon of 53 bells for Park Avenue Baptist Church, New York.

Their Majesties arrived at the Foundry just after 3 p.m., and were received by the principal of the firm (Mr. C. F. Johnston). Miss Johnston, the Mayor of Croydon, and others, were present. An inspection of the carillon followed, and the royal visitors then witnessed the casting of a bell in the Foundry.

Subsequently they heard a recital on the carillon by M. Lefevre, of Malines, in which the carillonneur brought out all the beauties of tone and effect of these magnificent bells. The King and Queen then inspected the big tuning machine, also some old bells from Holland which have been brought over for retuning, and the St. James's Palace old clock. Their stay extended over more than an hour, and they were much interested in all they had seen and heard on their visit.

Thousands of people lined the streets of Croydon, and gave their Majesties a rousing welcome. The crowd was closely packed in the neighbourhood of the foundry, and an impressive hush spread over the concourse at the first sweet notes of the bells. The people remained until the King and Queen departed, and their Majesties had a wonderful a send-off as their reception had been.

SERVICES AT RINGERS' MEETINGS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I see that the question of church services at ringers' meetings is again coming up in your columns. The instance cited by Mr. Smallwood is certainly an extreme case, but of all the functions that interfered with ringing at Leicester, why should the service alone be singled out as a 'superfluity'? Time might have been saved for ringing just as well by cutting out lunch or tea. No one ever suggests that as a remedy!

As a matter of fact, I agree to some extent with the tenor of Mr. Smallwood's complaint. Service, tea and meeting do take out a very substantial amount from the whole time available for ringing. Yet one has reason to believe that among those ringers, who take their duties most seriously, the service is really appreciated. Whenever a Guild meeting is held, ringers gather together as a body of church workers, and it is obviously most fitting that they should consecrate their united activities with a corporate act of worship in the church officially visited.

On the other hand, there is something to be said for occupying less of the time available in such religious devotions. An annual meeting is an occasion on which a 'more or less elaborate service' is in keeping with the general character of the proceedings, but it seems to me that at the quarterly or monthly branch meetings a simple service lasting about 20 minutes may serve the purpose better. There is really no need to prolong it by introducing an address; in fact, the absence of an address may tend to emphasise the primary object of the service as an act of corporate devotion on the part of a body of church officers desiring to consecrate their talents and energies to the glory of God and the good of the church. A brief office, with one psalm, lesson and canticle, creed, prayers, and a concluding hymn, reverently and heartily sung throughout, occupies only 20 minutes or so, and is quite complete in itself, without adding a sermon and another hymn.—Yours truly,

F. LI. EDWARDS.

RINGERS' DESIRE FOR SERVICE.

Dear Sir,—I have read with much interest the letter of Mr. Smallwood on the subject, and can sympathise with him. I have experienced the same sort of thing myself, being unable to get a touch of what you came for, through some of the best men coming late in the afternoon and then, soon, a service, followed by tea and a meeting, which take up most of the rest of the time. Consequently you have to leave with your object unfulfilled in order to get home for Sunday.

At the same time, as the desire for a service appears to come from the ringers more than the clergy, would it not be better to put the service a little later, say, at 6 or 6.30, instead of 4.30 or 5, as is so often done? That would give all an opportunity to be satisfied, and get their ringing for which they chiefly come, and would leave a margin for staying for the service, or portion of the service, as time permits.

I am pleased to note that the Middlesex Association has taken a step in the right direction, by advertising their service at six at their meeting at Barnet on May 16th.—Yours faithfully,

9, St. Margaret's Street, Canterbury. W. E. PITMAN.

EAST GRINSTEAD.—At St. Swithun's Church, on Easter Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 48 mins.: P. Barton 1, G. Lambert 2, G. Hewett 3, G. Tizzard 4, E. Oliver (Hartfield) 5, T. Tullett 6, J. Wren (conductor) 7, S. Chesson 8.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

THE ANNUAL REPORT.

The annual festival of the Hereford Diocesan Guild is to be held, as usual, at Hereford on Whit Monday. The annual report states that the total membership, including hon. members, life members, and unattached, is 854. There are now 82 towers in union with the Guild, which, taking into account the loss of four towers in the Brecon district, is the same as in 1923. The number of ringers for 1924 was 662, compared with 680 in 1923. 'But we have to remember,' adds the report, 'that the Brecon district has now left the Guild, and forms part of the Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild. This district contained four towers with 42 ringers, so that our membership would have been 704, had Brecon remained in the Guild. We wish the new Guild every success, and we are proud of the fact that Mr. S. T. Rackham, who was Ringing Master and hon. secretary of the Brecon district, is the Master of the new Guild. There are now 156 probationers, compared with 146 in 1923. That new members are continually flowing into the Guild is a sign of life and good health. But these probationers are not all new members, and that there are a large number of ringers who have not yet succeeded in obtaining certificates is a sign of weakness. Ringing Masters will do well to pay attention to this. There is a falling off of seven in the number of hon. members. This is partly accounted for by the loss of four hon. members from the Brecon district. The number now stands at 107, compared with 114 in 1923. Their subscriptions come to £32 11s., compared with £36 1s. in 1923. There have been 34 peals rung in 1924, compared with 52 in 1923. We do not attach overmuch importance to the number of peals rung. When a man has rung a certain number, it is doubtful whether he learns much by ringing more, unless they are in new methods. What we want to work for is that there are as many ringers as possible in the Guild who have rung a peal. There is no doubt that the ringing of a peal is a red-letter day in the life of a ringer.

The Guild continues to be in a sound financial position. It is true that the balance of the Central Fund has fallen by £17 1s. 10d. But £35 has been spent, and well spent, on the purchase of a motor-bicycle for the Master, by means of which he has been able to cover a much greater area than formerly. The Central balance is now £53 11s. 1d., compared with £70 12s. 11d. in 1923. Turning to the districts, it is gratifying to find that eight out of the ten districts have increased their balances, and that the total balances amount to £55 18s. 10d., compared with £45 11s. (not including the Brecon district) in 1923, an increase of £10 15s. 9d.

NO SUNDAY DISTRICT MEETINGS.

We would emphasise the importance of the names of districts. The name is chosen not because the place is a strong ringing centre, but because the district contains all the towers within a radius of seven miles of the tower after which the district is called, and consequently, the name of a district cannot be altered without altering the area of the district. The Guild has been and still is a helpful agent in the Diocese in that it supplies sound advice free of expense to towers in union, and with small expense to other towers. The Master has had great experience, and is fully qualified to give an unbiased, disinterested report on the state of both bells, and the cages in which they hang.

At the meeting of the committee held on 14th March, it was decided that district meetings, either annual or quarterly, must not be held on a Sunday. The chief reason for this decision is that it is not fair that ringers, and in many cases singers, should be drawn away from all the churches in the district.

We are much impressed with the value of peal ringing as an education, and, therefore, of the importance of as many ringers as possible having rung a peal. We believe that there are some 400 men in the Guild who have rung at any rate one peal, and we propose that in the next report, an asterisk (*) be placed in front of every ringer who has rung a peal.

One or two towers have applied for grants towards the restoration of their bells. The committee wish it to be known that this does not fall within the objects of the Guild. They take the greatest interest in the good condition of the bells, and willingly give expert advice, but the granting of money must be left to the building societies.

We beg you to notice that the districts of Leominster and Presteign which for some years have been worked together, are now being worked as separate units, and that the tower of Bodenham, which is within the seven-mile radius of both Hereford and Leominster, has been transferred to Leominster.

HARWICH.—On Tuesday, March 31st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: J. Alderton 1, F. Ramplin 2, G. Taylor 3, E. Scarfe 4, G. Thompson (conductor) 5, J. Scarfe 6, A. Alderton 7, F. Chaplin 8. First quarter-peal in the method by ringers of 2nd, 4th, 6th, and 7th.—On Sunday, April 5th, for evening service, 670 Kent Treble Bob Major.

DEATH IN ST. PETER MANCROFT BELFRY

Mr. D. T. POTTER, VERGER AND RINGER.

There has been an extremely sad sequel to the reopening of the bells at St. Peter Mancroft Church, Norwich. Mr. Douro Thomas Potter, the verger, whose family through four generations have held this office, was a member of the Mancroft Ringers' Guild. On Sunday week, while taking part in the ringing for the morning service, he was seized with illness, became unconscious, and, before medical help could reach him, had passed away. The tragic occurrence, naturally created a painful impression, both in the belfry and among the congregation, who had assembled. Mrs. Potter and her two children reached the church for the service just at the time, and Mrs. Potter was summoned hastily to the belfry, but her husband was unconscious before she reached him, and died in her arms.

Few vergers in England could compare in their knowledge and love of the church in which he served with Mr. Douro Thomas Potter. He had a remarkable knowledge of its history, and he loved the Mancroft belfry and the bells. He had taken the keenest interest in the recent restoration, an undertaking on which he had set his heart, and to which he had looked forward, for years past. He lived to see the completion of practically the last detail of the work, and only in the week preceding his death, was superintending the fitting of the new lighting arrangements in the belfry—the very last touch.

His change ringing career began in 1907, when he came forward as a volunteer, on the formation of the present Ringers' Guild, and he had taken part in a number of peals by the Guild. Although starting somewhat late in life, he had long since mastered all the standard methods, and had become a 'Surprise' ringer. It was always a delight to him to take part in a touch of Cambridge, but perhaps he found an even greater pleasure in watching his little son handle a bell. He was indeed a comrade in the belfry in the truest sense, and he is mourned by every single member of the Guild. Mr. Potter was a man of wide reading, of a philosophical type of mind, and considerable literary gifts. He knew the works of Shakespeare and Sir Thomas Browne as few people did, and was looked upon as one of the greatest living authorities on the writings of the latter.

Instead of the sermon he had prepared for the service, which had begun so tragically, Canon Meyrick spoke of the great sorrow which had fallen upon them all at Mancroft. Up to a few minutes before the hour of this morning's service, he said, our verger was carrying out his many-sided duties as usual, apparently in the best of health. He went up, shortly before eleven, to the belfry to help ring the bells as an act of voluntary service, and in that belfry he now lies dead. Death took place before a doctor could arrive. I cannot refrain, in this very sad hour, from a personal reference. For nearly twenty-four years he and I have walked together in the house of God as friends, meeting in this church almost daily, and often four or five times in one day. It was good to meet and know him. He loved his church and duty, and one could place absolute faith and reliance on his care and attention to detail. He never cared to talk about himself or about mere nothings. He was by nature a philosopher, and greater opportunity would have carried him far as a philosopher and writer. His gifts in this direction were recognised by those who knew him intimately. His soul was soaked in and with the thoughts of his great hero, Sir Thomas Browne. He was continually quoting passages from the great doctor regarding life and death. 'I find nothing in death to daunt the courage of a man.' The righteous man is indeed to be envied in his death, which is, after all, only the beginning of life. Douro Thomas Potter had no kind of fear of death. With his hero, he would say, 'In expectation of a better, I can with patience embrace this life.' He had another great friend in Shakespeare. Probably no one at Mancroft knew their Browne and Shakespeare so well. He had a wonderful love for and amazing knowledge of this church and its history. This was the beginning of his love for Sir Thomas Browne, and one could surely trust his accuracy when consulted on anything bearing on the church, its history and famous parishioners. He loved architecture, a love no doubt inspired by daily working in such a noble building, and, of course, he loved the bells and the belfry: and would probably have wished for no other place from which to step into the presence of God. His passing was a Transfiguration. He with his comrades climbed the Mount that he loved, and there sang his own Requiem or (shall we say?) his own song of triumph. In the background of all that he did and thought there was the realisation of eternity, and an unswerving faith in the love of God. For him personally we do not mourn, but our hearts go out with a deep pity and sympathy for the widow and two young children, one of whom is one of our choir boys. As we sorrow together we will do our best to comfort the widow and her children.

After the address, the choir sang as an anthem, 'The souls of the righteous are in the hands of God.'

An inquest was held by the Norwich coroner on the following day, when the widow said that deceased was always a strong and healthy man, and regular in his habits. He left home at 10.15 a.m. on Sunday. At about 10.40 a.m. witness entered the church, and was informed that her husband had been taken ill in the belfry. Witness went to him, and found that he was unconscious, and soon afterwards

he died in witness' arms without speaking to her. In July, 1920, deceased had strained his heart when raising the big bell. Deceased had suffered from his heart since then.

Mr. George Cross, of 39, Winter Road, said he was conducting the ringing of the bells in St. Peter's on Sunday morning, and deceased, who appeared to be in his usual good health, was ringing one of the bells. About 10.35 a.m. deceased had just completed one touch and had set his bell, when he sat down on a seat and said, 'I shall have to stop.' Deceased had previously assisted to raise one of the bells, an operation which called for considerable physical effort.

Dr. R. J. Mills, who conducted a post-mortem examination, said that in his opinion death was due to commencing pneumonia, causing a block in the heart which had defective valves.

The Coroner returned a verdict of 'Death from natural causes, viz., pneumonia and valvular heart disease,' and expressed his sympathy with Mrs. Potter.

Canon Meyrick, who was present at the inquest, said he felt that Mrs. Potter was not the only mourner. The Canon added: 'We have lost a very true friend, and we share her deep sorrow.'

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**ANNUAL MEETING AT LINCOLN.**

The annual meeting of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at Lincoln on Saturday, April 25th. Unfortunately, owing to the Cathedral tower being under repair, the beautiful peal of eight bells there was not available. Readers of the 'Ringing World' are also aware, from the appeal which has been published, that the peal of eight at St. Peter-at-Arch is also out of action, the provision of a new frame being imperative. In these circumstances it is hardly surprising that the attendance suffered considerably. Notwithstanding, after service at the Cathedral at 4.30, about a hundred members and friends sat down to tea at the Co-operative Hall. The Bishop of Lincoln (patron of the Guild) was present, and as his time was very limited, addressed the gathering while tea was in progress. He expressed his pleasure at being able to come amongst them, and regretted that this year there were not the usual number of belfries available. Owing to the restoration of the Cathedral, it was an unfortunate time for St. Peter-at-Arch to have to raise money, but he hoped that the present state of things would soon be altered, and that the bells would be again available for future meetings. His Lordship's address was very greatly appreciated, and a hearty vote of thanks was given him before he left the meeting.

The Dean of Lincoln took the chair at the opening of the business meeting. He gave some very interesting information with regard to the restoration work at the Cathedral, and urged the ringers to give their utmost support to the further appeal that was being issued for the augmentation of the bells at the Cathedral. He hoped that the full peal of twelve would be ready for the great reopening service, which would be held when the Cathedral restoration was completed.

The Dean, having to leave early, Mr. F. F. Linley (vice-president) took the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

The officers were re-elected as follows: President, the Dean of Lincoln; Master, the Rev. H. Law James; hon. secretary, Mr. F. W. Stokes; hon. treasurer, Mr. F. F. Linley.

The last named, who is joint treasurer with the Dean of Lincoln of the Cathedral Bells fund, made an earnest appeal to the members of the Guild to raise the balance of the amount required to complete the fund, about £113 being still wanted.

The six-hell towers of St. Peter-at-Gowt's and St. Botolph's were available (by kind permission of the incumbents) during the afternoon and evening. The Rector of Washingborough (two miles from Lincoln) also very kindly placed the peal of eight there at the disposal of members during the evening.

THE STOKE-ON-TRENT ASSOCIATION.**'PROPAGANDA' MEETING.**

A 'propaganda' meeting was held at the beautiful village of Cheddleton on May 2nd, upwards of 50 members being present from Bucknall, Norton, Kingsley, Cheadle, Leek, Burslem, Lawton, Brown Edge, Uttoxeter and Stoke. This meeting was convened in order to induce the Cheddleton ringers to join the association, and the result is very gratifying, as the Vicar (the Rev. W. G. Burgis) promised to call a meeting of the band to see what could be done, and to let the secretary know. As regards himself from what he had both seen and heard from the members present, he thought the association was made up of a very splendid lot of fellows, and he had been very favourably impressed. He thanked the association for paying a visit to Cheddleton, and he would take it as a privilege if they would allow him to defray all expenses for the tea.

The bells, which have recently been rehung, are a splendid ring of six, and were kept going to the tune of London, Wells and Cambridge Surprise, Violet, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford, by various bands until 9 o'clock.

BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION. SUPERFLUOUS MEETINGS?

A meeting of the Taunton Branch was held at Wiveliscombe on Saturday, May 2nd. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. Y. Bonsey), who gave the visitors a hearty welcome, and reminded them of their position as church workers, and the means they should adopt to try and ring, and live up to that standard.

Forty-four members, representing eleven towers, sat down to tea, provided by the local ringers.

A short business meeting followed, with the Vicar presiding, and amongst other matters a discussion took place as to the holding of the three quarterly meetings of the parent association. It was shown that they overlapped the Deanery meetings, also that they cost three times as much, and that the money could be spent to more advantage in other ways. The following resolution was put, and carried unanimously: 'That it is the opinion of this branch that the quarterly meetings of the parent association are expensive and superfluous, and should be abandoned.'

Mr. J. Maddocks, the delegate to general committee, was asked to bring this forward at their next meeting.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his address. The members then returned to the tower, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob were rung, several of those present having their first touch in these methods on eight bells.

MILBORNE PORT AND SHERBORNE VISITED.

A very successful meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held at Milborne Port on April 25th, and many of the visitors took the opportunity also of ringing on the fine peal at Sherborne Abbey, and also at Queen Camel. It is the first time for sixteen years that a meeting had been held at this outpost of the diocese, and the visitors included the Master of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild (the Rev. R. H. Gundry, of Iwerne Courtney), and a party of ringers from Bristol, including Messrs. W. Knight (president, Bristol Ringers' Guild), C. H. Jennings (late secretary, Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Guild), W. A. Cave (St. Stephen's), J. R. Jones (Clifton), H. S. Gregory, etc. Towers at Yeovil, Taunton, Weston (Bath), Ilminster, Midsummer Norton, Long Ashton, Clapton-in-Gordano, and Milborne Port were represented. Regret was expressed at the absence of the Master of the Association (the Rev. C. C. Parker, of Corston, Bristol), through illness.

Following tea, served in the Church Room, the Rev. G. M. Evans (Vicar of Milborne Port) presided over the quarterly business meeting, supported by the hon. secretary (Mr. E. E. Burgess, Taunton).—Mr. D. G. Taylor (Ilminster) extended a hearty welcome to the Rev. R. H. Gundry, and also the members who had come down from Bristol to help make their meeting a success.

Mr. Gundry said he could assure them it was a very great pleasure to him to attend. Hearing that they were to meet at Milborne Port, as it was so near the borders of his own diocese, he felt he would like to pay a fraternal call to express the friendly feelings existing between the Salisbury Guild and themselves. He came to show that though they belonged to two different dioceses they were one at heart in the work for which guilds were formed—the furthering of the art of change ringing throughout the country. He felt that by mixing together they could help each other and learn from each other. He appreciated the very kind greetings accorded him, and hoped that some day they might welcome all those present in the Salisbury Diocese.

It was announced that the annual meeting would be held at Minehead.

Mr. Jennings extended a hearty invitation to the members to attend the annual festival of the Salisbury Diocese.

The Chairman said he would like to say how much they welcomed the association at Milborne Port. He could assure them of a cordial reception whenever they came again.—Mr. Taylor moved a vote of thanks to the chairman for entertaining them and granting the use of the bells.—This was carried by acclamation.

The special form of service used by the association was read in the church by the Rev. G. M. Evans, who struck a happily simple note in an address on the words, 'Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God.' The 'Ringers' Hymn,' comprising a number of the familiar 'Ring out, wild bells' stanzas from Tennyson's 'In Memoriam,' was sung, as was also the hymn, 'Hark, on high the joyful music!' The lesson was read by the Rev. R. H. Gundry.

The methods rung at the various towers were Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob.

ILCHESTER DEANERY BRANCH.

A meeting of the Ilchester Deanery was held at Drayton on May 2nd. The service was conducted by the vice-president, the Rev. A. Rhys James, Vicar of Drayton. An excellent address was given by

the Vicar of Langport (the Rev. J. W. Plaxton). Tea and meeting followed in the Village Hall, the Rev. G. W. Saunders, Vicar of Martock, and president of the branch, presiding at the latter. There was an attendance of 21 members, from Ilminster, Martock, Yeovil, Curry Rivel, Langport and Drayton. Other visitors included Mr. A. E. Coles, Bridgwater, and Mr. J. H. Shepherd, Swindon.

Seven new members were elected, two being from Curry Rivel, one from Drayton and four from Martock.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Ilminster early in August.

The Chairman thanked the Vicar of Langport for his address; the Vicar of Drayton for the use of the bells, etc.; the organist, organ-blower and caterer.

Ringin', which commenced soon after 3 p.m., included touches of Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, and rounds for the probationers.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

MID-DEVON BRANCH RING AT BUCKFAST ABBEY.

A very successful quarterly meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch was held at Ashburton on Saturday, May 2nd. Amongst those present were the Rev. E. S. Powell (president), the Rev. E. V. Cox (hon. secretary of the Guild), the Rev. L. W. Browne, and ringers from Exeter, Exmouth, Plymouth, Christon, Newton St. Cyres, Collaton, Littlehempston, St. Mary Church, Torquay, Dawlish, Buckfastleigh, and Paignton. Ringing commenced at Buckfastleigh about 1.30 p.m., but had to be terminated early owing to a funeral. The next move was to Buckfast Abbey, where, by kind permission of 'the Lord Abbot,' a good hour's ringing was enjoyed. The back eight of this peal of twelve were raised in peal, and touches of Grandsire Triples brought round, followed by rounds on the twelve—a new experience for many of the members. The ringers then proceeded to Ashburton, where the Vicar (the Rev. Prob. A. H. Thompson) awaited them, and conducted a short service in the church. In a brief but very interesting address he gave the branch a hearty welcome.

Tea was partaken at the London Hotel, and about 50 sat down. At the subsequent business meeting, Mr. F. J. Laxton presided, in the absence of the branch chairman (Mr. H. W. Wilkes).—The Hon. Secretary read a letter from Mr. Wilkes, tendering his resignation, owing to his leaving the district, and Mr. F. J. Laxton was duly elected chairman for the ensuing year. Dartmouth was chosen for the next meeting, on Saturday, August 15th.

The Rev. L. W. Browne (Collaton) appealed for 'an instructor' for his band, who, he stated, were keen to learn method ringing.—The Hon. Secretary explained the situation, and ultimately Mr. F. T. Gover promised to go to Collaton, whilst Messrs. J. S. Collings and A. L. Bennett also offered assistance.

The Chairman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the respective Vicars, also to the Lord Abbot of Buckfast for the use of the bells, and to the several visitors present. This terminated the meeting, and further ringing of Stedman and Grandsire Triples was enjoyed.

LANCASHIRE RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday last, the members, wives and friends of the Bolton Branch of the Lancashire Association held their annual outing. Two charabancs had been chartered, and the start was made with the weather not too favourable, but when the winter hills had been crossed, old 'Sol' showed his face, and put brighter spirits in all concerned.

Whalley and Clitheroe were the rendezvous, and the grand new ring of eight (tenor 22 cwt.) at the former place were soon going to various methods, while the women folk found a lot of interest in the famous old Abbey and other historical parts of the village. A good tea was served at the Co-operative Hall, and the charabancs were then soon rolling on to Clitheroe, where another good ring of bells was found, and, of course, ringers knew what to do with them. Whilst the vehicles were reloading on the market place for the return journey, several touches were rung on handbells, and this created much interest among the public.

Bolton was reached at 10.30 p.m., everybody voting the day a success. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Newton, of Boston, U.S.A., were among the party, and Mr. Newton expressed his great pleasure at the fraternal feeling that existed between all concerned, and on behalf of Mrs. Newton and himself thanked them for their kind invitation to join in the excursion, which they had both thoroughly enjoyed.

A vote of thanks was passed to the respective Vicars for their permission to ring, and the local ringers for their preparations.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Swindon Branch was held at St. Mark's, Swindon, on Saturday, April 25th, over twenty members and visitors attending, representing the following towers: Chippenham, Stratton St. Margaret's, Woolton Bassett, Blunsdon, Fairford, Farlington, Christchurch, Swindon, and the local band. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Minor were rung. The next meeting will be held at Purton on May 23rd.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

STAFFORD. — At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, May 3rd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes), in 47 mins.: B. A. J. Yeates 1, A. H. Taylor 2, B. Garbit 3, R. J. Warrilow 4, W. G. Curtis 5, J. Warrilow 6, W. H. Jones 7, J. J. Taylor (conductor) 8. This is the first quarter-peal of Bob Major on the bells.

DURSLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE. — On Sunday, April 26th, for morning service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: A. Robins 1, E. Whittard 2, A. Burcombe 3, H. W. Fussell 4, G. Robins 5, V. Younger 6, G. W. Hastings 7, A. Cornish 8. Conducted by H. W. Fussell. Rung as a farewell to G. W. Hastings, who is leaving the parish to take up his duties at Halesworth. First quarter-peal for ringers of 5th and tenor.

WARMINSTER, WILTS. — At the Minster Church of St. Deny, on Easter Sunday, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 55 mins.: E. V. Kill (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Gard 2, Mrs. Witts 3, E. F. White 4, F. Ashworth 5, W. E. Fletcher (first quarter-peal as conductor) 6, F. Precey 7, A. Marlow 8. All are local Sunday Service ringers.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS. — On Easter Sunday, for choral communion, 1,295 changes of Grandsire Caters, in 52 mins.: Miss C. Sparshott 1, R. Street 2, W. Stone 3, Miss A. Mundy 4, Mrs. L. Williams 5, G. W. Scragg 6, G. Stone 7, W. Fowler 8, G. Preston (conductor) 9, B. Kerley 10. Longest length by ringers of 4th, 5th and 6th, who only learnt to handle a rope last November. Believed to be the longest length of Caters rung by the Guild in which three ladies have taken part. — Also for evening service, 1,295 changes of Caters: W. Stone 1, R. Street 2, G. Stone 3, E. Hinton 4, G. Scragg 5, R. Vincent 6, F. Sparshott 7, A. N. Wooff 8, G. Preston 9, W. Fowler 10.

WINDSOR. — At the Parish Church, on Easter Day, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: Miss Fuller 1, G. H. Gutteridge 2, W. Phipps (longest touch inside) 3, F. Knight 4, T. Smith 5, E. T. Farr (conductor) 6, L. Stilwell 7, G. Adcock 8.

GREAT BADDOW. — On Easter Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. Payne 1, W. Rice 2, H. Dawson 3, H. Bush 4, H. Allen 5, A. Rickell 6, George Green (conductor) 7, Dr. Spencer Phillips 8. This is Dr. Spencer Phillips' first quarter-peal. All the ringers belong to the local band.

NORRURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE. — For evensong, in Easter Day, a date touch (1,925 changes), being 485 Oxford, Overton, Sandal, London Scholars and Kingston (spliced), 720 Trowell and Duke of Norfolk (spliced), 720 College Exercise and Norbury (spliced): J. Fernley, junr., 1, J. Fernley, senr., 2, W. Fernley 3, H. Langley (longest length) 4, L. Clough 5, J. P. Fidler (conductor) 6.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX. — On Easter Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): C. H. Greenfield 1, S. Greenfield 2, S. Picton 3, W. Harwood 4, G. Carter 5, R. W. R. Picton (conductor) 6, P. H. Doick 7, H. J. Doick 8. First quarter-peal on a bob bell by the ringers of the 2nd, 3rd and 4th. Also first quarter-peal as conductor.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs. — On Easter Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: B. Gillatt 1, W. Leaning 2, Miss N. Grassby 3, J. Coles 4, J. Bray (conductor) 5, J. Crawshaw 6. First quarter-peal for ringers of 3rd and 4th.

FYLINGDALES, YORKS. — On Easter Day, for morning service, 336 and 476 Grandsire Triples: M. Cooper 1, Miss D. Harding 2, Miss D. Bulman 3, G. F. Alexander, junr., 4, Miss A. Bulman 5, Miss M. Stephenson 6, G. F. Alexander 7, F. Townsend 8. — For evening service, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples: M. Cooper 1, G. F. Alexander (conductor) 2, Miss D. Bulman 3, G. F. Alexander, junr., 4, Miss A. Bulman 5, Miss M. Stephenson 6, W. Swallow (first quarter-peal) 7, F. Townsend 8.

BRAUGHING, HERTS. — For Matins, on Easter Day, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: A. T. Drage 1, H. Drage 2, A. Clark 3, W. Clemence 4, H. Wright 5, W. Smith 6, W. K. North (conductor) 7, A. Barley 8. First quarter and longest length by ringer of 5th.

NOTICES.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District. — A meeting will be held at Roxton and Great Barford on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. — C. J. Ball, Dist. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — West Tyne District. — The next meeting will be held at Wylam on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells (6) available from 4.30 p.m. — C. Symm, Newton, Stocksfield.

SUFFOLK GUILD.

SUDBURY ARCHDEACONRY MEETING.

The spring quarterly meeting of the Sudbury Archdeaconry was held at Sudbury on Saturday, April 25th, when upwards of 50 ringers were present from the following places: Assington, Bramford, Bury St. Edmunds, Bures, Castle Hedingham, Colchester, Cornard, Creetingham, Debenham, Foxearth, Framsden, Gestingthorpe, Greenstead Green, Great Bentley, Harkstead, Haverhill, Hessel, Lavenham, Long Melford, Little Waldingfield, Polstead, Shelley, Sproughton, Tuldouham St. Martin's, and the local company. The bells of All Saints' and St. Gregory's Churches were kept going during the afternoon and evening to touches of Grandsire and Stedman, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Kent and Oxford, Cambridge and Superlative. Tea was held at the Bull Commercial Hotel, followed by a short business meeting. The Rev. W. G. Stote (Vicar of All Saints) was in the chair, supported by the Rev. R. Garrett-Johnson, Rector of St. Peter's, and the assistant secretary (Mr. S. H. Symonds).

The Chairman extended a hearty welcome to the ringers, and said how pleased he was to meet so many churchworkers, for he had just been learning that this Guild was a real 'live' guild of churchmen. — This was endorsed by the Rev. R. Garrett-Johnson.

The Assistant Secretary then made an appeal to the district secretaries of the Sudbury Archdeaconry to make a strong effort to hold at least two meetings in their respective districts annually. The two following places for district meetings were agreed upon. — On the proposition of Mr. A. Symonds (district secretary), seconded by Mr. T. Chinery, a meeting of the Sudbury district is to be held at Assington in May; on the motion of Mr. A. Moore, seconded by Mr. F. Making, a meeting of the Clare district is to be held at Haverhill in June.

Mr. R. Gowers, of Long Melford, was elected a ringing member, and the Rev. W. G. Stote was proposed as an honorary member.

This terminated the business, when the members and friends again visited the towers for more ringing.

The ringers wish to thank the incumbents for the use of the bells, and Mr. A. Scott (district secretary), towerkeeper, for having everything in readiness.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Presteigne District Branch of the Hereford Diocesan Guild held the spring quarterly meeting at Weobley. Members attended from Lyonsall, Staunton-on-Arrow, Staunton-on-Wye, and Weobley, and a member of the Oxford Guild, who was staying in the neighbourhood, was also present. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. L. Edwards), and tea, in the Drill Hall, was kindly provided by local friends.

The business meeting followed, the Vicar presiding. — The Secretary reported progress, three members of Lyonsall and two from Staunton-on-Arrow towers having qualified for Guild certificates of membership.

Five new members were elected, and monthly practices were proposed to be held at Old Radnor in May, and Staunton-on-Arrow in June, and the next quarterly meeting at Wigmore in July, the dates to be fixed by the secretary.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar, the organist, and the donors of the tea.

The tower was then again visited, other members having arrived, making about twenty in all, and ringing was kept up till nine o'clock.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CIRENCESTER BRANCH.

A successful meeting of the Cirencester Branch was held at Tetbury on May 2nd, and was well attended, some 32 members and visitors being present from Cirencester, Tetbury, Fairford, Northleach, Cohn St. Aldwyn, Down Ampney, Swindon and Minchinhampton. The fine toned peal of eight, which 'go' splendidly, were set going soon after three o'clock to Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major. Service was held at 4.30, conducted by the curate (the Rev. — Fair), who gave the members a hearty welcome, and also a very interesting address. Tea was then partaken of at Messrs. Galtins' Tea Rooms, and was followed by the business meeting. Mr. F. Edwards, chairman of the branch, presiding. The Vicar of Tetbury (the Rev. W. Thomson) was proposed as an honorary member, and Mr. Richard Hayes, of Haslemere, Surrey, was elected as a life performing member. Several performing members were elected, including seven from the Tetbury tower. Northleach was chosen for the next meeting.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the Rev. — Fair for taking the service, and to Mr. W. R. Locke, secretary of the local band, for his kindness in making the necessary arrangements for the meeting.

The tower was again visited, and touches of Grandsire Doubles, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major, brought round, several of the local hand ringing their first touch of Triples.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on the 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.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting will be held at Sawston on Saturday, May 16th. Bells (8) available from 2.30.—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.

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.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting of the above association will be held on Saturday, May 16th, at Cardington. Bells from 2.30. Tea at 5.—L. Turner, Dis. Sec., 7, High Street, Kempston, Beds.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon and Mid Bucks Branch.—The Spring meeting of the above branch will be held at Benson-on-Thames, nr. Wallingford, on Saturday, May 16th. Service at 3.30. Tea and business meeting in Parish Hall after. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. All ringing friends welcome. All who wish to attend please send post card to F. W. Woodward, Asst. Sec., Red Lion Inn, Chalgrove, Wallingford, Bucks.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE 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. 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.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Branch.—The special meeting, by kind invitation of the Rev. J. E. W. Honnywill, will be held on May 16th at Leigh-on-Mendip. Please inform me if you hope to come.—J. T. Dyke, Midsomer Norton.

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. 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.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bromyard District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Whitbourne on Saturday, May 16th. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. Service at 5 p.m.—A. Tomkins, Hon. Sec., Bredenbury.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined ringing practice will be held at Twyford on Saturday, May 16th, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Eight bells.—R. J. Darvill, Sec., Highcockett Lodge, Hare Hatch, near Twyford, Berks.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire Branch.—A meeting will be held at Isham on Saturday, May 16th. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30.—Cecil E. Hepburn, Hon. Sec., The Pines, Isham, near Kettering.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A monthly meeting will be held at Fillongley, near Coventry, on May 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—J. A. Fenton, Hon. Sec., 42, Bennett Street, Rugby.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Cawthorne on Saturday, May 16th. Bells ready early.—C. D. Potter, Sec.

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.—William Bottrill, Hon. Sec., 29, Queen's Mansions, North Road, N.7.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Higham and Stratford St. Mary.—District meeting, Saturday, May 16th. Bells: Higham (6), Stratford (6) and Langham (6) available from 2.30. Business meeting: Higham Parish Hall at 4 p.m. Tea, 9d. each, at the Anchor, Stratford St. Mary, 5 p.m.—T. G. Reed, Norman's Farm, Hintlesham, Ipswich.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Forest Branch.—Quarterly meeting of the above association will be held at Newnham on May 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Meeting afterwards.—Oliver Thomas, Branch Sec., 42, Newerne Street, Lydney, Glos.

ERITH PARISH CHURCH.—The ring of eight bells will be dedicated by the Dean of Rochester on Thursday, May 21st, at 7.30 p.m. On Saturday, May 23rd, the bells will be available from 3 p.m. A tea will be provided on this day by the Vicar (Rev. W. Brown, M.A.). Will all those ringers requiring tea kindly let me know by Wednesday, May 20th?—F. J. Cullum, 78, West Street, Erith.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Catherine's Merstham, on Saturday, May 23rd (6 bells). Tower open 3 p.m. Short service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. F. Ewins, Hon. Sec., 27, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.—All ringers are invited to be present at the dedication of the new peal of 8 bells, which will take place on May 23rd by the Archdeacon of Loughborough at 3.30 p.m. Tea will be provided.—W. Cope, Local Hon. Sec., M.C.A., Wigston Parva, Hinckley.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Market Deeping on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service in the Church 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by May 20th. — S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—An invitation meeting will be held at Ardleigh, Essex, on Saturday, May 23rd, by kind invitation of W. E. Neath, Esq. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15 p.m. Will all those intending to be present please notify me not later than Tuesday, May 19th?—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, May 23rd. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5.15, at the Co-operative Hall, for those who notify me by the Tuesday previous. Members free. Non-members 1s. 9d. Bells (8) available 2 to 9; also St. Helen's, Lea, 7 to 9. Welcome to all.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 6, Spital Terrace, Gainsborough.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The May meeting will be held at Benington on Saturday, May 23rd, when the tower will be open during the afternoon and evening. Tea will be provided free by the Rector. I shall be glad if those who can will notify me so as to make it easier for the Rector to cater. Members and friends will be made welcome. — W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held at West Wycombe on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells (8) available at 4 p.m. Short service 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. for all who notify me not later than May 18th.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec., Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Deane, Bolton, on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crooks, Hon. Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James', Milnrow, on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Business important. It is hoped that each tower will be represented. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenbirst Hey, Todmorden.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berkshire Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Drayton, Berks, on Saturday, May 23rd. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting afterwards. Those requiring tea please notify me by the 21st inst.—A. E. Lock, 6, Vineyard, Abingdon, Berks.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Mansfield on Saturday, May 23rd. Tower open 2.30 p.m.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Cottingham (5) on Saturday, May 23rd. Usual arrangements. East Carlton bells (6) available after tea. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, May 19th?—R. G. Black, Branch Sec., Geddington.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Croston on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells available from 2.30. Buses from Chorley Cattle Market at 1.55 and 4.35; return from Croston 5.45 and 7.45.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—A meeting of the above will be held at Purton on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged for those who notify the secretary, S. Hopper, Hon. Branch Sec., 2, Florence Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at North Weald on Saturday, May 30th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow.—E. Butler, 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Melbourne on Saturday, May 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. until 6.30 and after evening service. All ringers invited.—Chas. Draper, Local Hon. Sec., 25, Western Road, Derby.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Bucklebury on Saturday, May 30th. Intending visitors please notify Vicar, Bucklebury, Reading, not later than May 25th.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Hereford on Whit Monday, June 1st. Service in the Cathedral at 12.15. Dinner at the Booth Hall at 1, followed by the business meeting, the Master (Mr. C. Edwards) in the chair. Tickets for dinner should be obtained by May 26th from district secretaries, or from the general secretary, Rev. G. W. Turner, Madley Vicarage, Hereford.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held on Whit Monday, June 1st, at Northampton. Committee meeting in St. Giles' School at 11.15 a.m. Service in St. Giles' Church at 12 noon. Luncheon and business meeting at 1 p.m. at Valentine's Cafe, 36, Gold Street. Application for lunch tickets, with remittance (2s. 6d.) must be made to Mr. T. Tebbutt, 53, Louise Road, Northampton, on or before Monday, May 25th. Towers available: St. Peter's (8) or Kingsthorpe (6) from 10 to 11.15 a.m. only; All Saints (8) after lunch; St. Giles (10), St. Edmund's (8) throughout the day.—D. J. Nichols, Gen. Sec., 3, York Road, Kettering.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Whit Monday meeting will be held at North Shields and Whitley Bay. The bells of N. Shields (10) and Whitley Bay (8) are available all day. Further particulars later. — E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle.

FREEMASONS' BI-CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS IN DUBLIN.—Any ringer who is attending these celebrations the first week in June, and who would like to get in touch with the local ringers, kindly communicate with G. Lindoff, 90, Elford Terrace, S.C.R., Dublin.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held in Plymouth on Whit Monday. Service at Charles Church 12 noon. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of Plymouth. Dinner in Charles Church Hall 1 p.m., followed by business meeting. Dinner ticket (3s.) must be purchased from me by May 23rd, except in case of resident members. Towers available at various times: Charles (10), Plympton St. Mary (8), Plympton St. Maurice (8), Stoke (6).—Rev. E. V. Cox, Gen. Hon. Sec., The Vicarage, Exmouth.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The 46th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit-Monday, June 1st. 11.30 a.m., Service in the Cathedral, with address by the Rev. J. Jordan, Vicar of Finchingfield. 12.15, meeting in Cathedral Hall. 1.30, Lunch at Hicks' Restaurant, High Street, price 2s. each. Towers open for ringing during the day: Cathedral (12), Writtle (8), Widford (8), Galleywood (8), Great Waltham (8), Great Baddow (8), Springfield (6), Broomfield (6), Boreham (8). No ringing permitted during service and meeting. It is most important that notice of intention to be present should be sent to the Hon. Sec. not later than first post previous Tuesday, May 26th.—F. J. Pitstow, Gen. Sec. and Treas., 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The first general quarterly meeting will be held at Bolsover on Saturday, June 20th. Will local secretaries and members please note? Further details later.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

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LLANDAFF.—At the Cathedral, on Monday, April 13th, a quarter-peal of Kent (1,230 changes), in 48 mins.: H. Page 1, G. Large 2, J. Bailey 3, F. Bailey 4, W. Biss 5, E. Coombes 6, S. Dawe (conductor) 7, W. Bolton 8. First quarter-peal in the method by 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 6th. Rung after a failure for a peal of Boh Royal.

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