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THE ANALYSIS.

In our pages this week appears the Analysis of the peals rung during last year, and once again the Exercise is indebted to the Central Council's Committee for compiling, in a now well accustomed form, the mass of interesting statistics which the twelve months' peal ringing produces. The Analysis is probably the most interesting piece of regular work which is done under the auspices of the Council. Originally it was compiled privately, by the late Mr. G. F. Attree, of Brighton, and later by Mr. Attree and Mr. George Baker in collaboration. Then came the time when the Analysis grew in importance, and eventually it was handed over to the Council, and has since been carried on by them in the interests of the Exercise. For many years it has been recognised as a guide to the activities of our associations, and furnishes the only means which ringers have of studying in concrete form the records which run through our pages for the whole fifty-two weeks of the year. As has been so often remarked, the compilation of the Analysis is a stupendous business, calling for the expenditure of much time, care and effort on the part of those who are responsible, and to them the Exercise, as a whole, owes a debt of gratitude.

There are one or two features in the report to which we may direct attention. There was a slight reduction in the total number of peals rung in 1924, for while tower bell peals increased by fifteen, compared with 1923, handbell peals dropped by no fewer than forty. There is, we think, no special significance in this falling off in the number of peals rung 'in hand,' for this is a class of ringing which, much more than tower bell ringing, requires that a band should keep together. Handbell ringers are not as easily made as tower bell ringers—it needs a special aptitude—and the number of companies capable of peals is therefore much restricted, with the result that a falling off on the part of one or two bands makes a considerable difference to the sum total of the year.

The question of the allotment of points for the peals is a controversial question which is ever with us, and it would be interesting to know upon what basis the committee compute the values of new methods and new ways of method ringing. Probably the question will be raised when the report of the Analysis Committee comes formally before the Council at Chester. We do not raise the matter in any querulous spirit, but it does strike us that a 'spliced' method peal deserves more points than a peal in one method. The spliced Cambridge and Superlative is a case in point. To change two or three times in a course from one method to another (which is far different to going off into a method from rounds) surely

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makes the peal more difficult to ring, and it is upon the complexity of the peal and complexity alone, that points are allotted. The same argument applies to spliced methods in peals of Minor. It adds greatly to the value of the performance, and it would not seriously complicate the calculation of points if this matter were taken into account. Then, again, one is tempted to ask why Leicester Surprise Royal is allotted more points than Middlesex? Surely, as a method, it is not of greater, if of equal, complexity? It is little matters such as this that detract from the value of the point system of reckoning peals, but as to the interest and importance of the Analysis as a whole there can be, in our opinion, no question.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 14, 1925, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 42 lb. in E flat.

ALFRED J. TRAPPITT Treble	DANIEL COOPER... .. 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	*THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... 7
MRS. AMOS W. CLARK ... 3	*CHARLES H. KIPPIN... .. 8
MISS FRED A. ORR 4	AMOS W. CLARK 9
HERBERT J. SKELT 5	FRANK E. DARBY Tenor

Composed by the late CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by CHARLES HENRY KIPPIN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to Charles William Gordon. * First peal on ten bells.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1925, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6008 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

LEONARD MANNERING Treble	JOHN WHEADON 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	WILLIAM SPICE 7
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 3	C.S.M. J. BENNETT 8
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	HERBERT E. ADDSLEY ... 9
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 5	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by L. HEAD.

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFS.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART	Tenor 14½ cwt.
*JAMES MARSHALL Treble	JOHN LLOYD... .. 5
HARRY HOLDEN... .. 2	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 6
WILLIAM POTTER 3	CHARLES E. PERKINS... .. 7
JAMES WHATMORE 4	WALTER MASTERS Tenor

Conducted by C. E. PERKINS.

* First peal, and first attempt. All the ringers are members of the local band.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 12, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

MISS NORAH M. BIBBY Treble	JOHN E. BIBBY 5
*THOMAS LIGHTFOOT 2	HENRY C. COLLYER 6
CYRIL VALENTINE 3	EDWARD JENKINS... .. 7
FRANCIS BIBBY 4	WILLIAM BIBBY Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (121).

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal of Treble Bob 'inside.' Mr. W. Bibby's 100th peal for the Guild.

LIVERSEDGE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 11, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

CLARENCE BLACKBURN ... Treble	† JACK BANKS ... 5
* ARNOLD BLACKBURN ... 2	† REX GOODARD ... 6
† ALBERT MARSHALL ... 3	† ERNEST BETTS ... 7
† TOM SCOTT ... 4	FRED HODGSON ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FRED HODGSON.

* First peal. † First peal of Bob Major. ‡ First peal of Bob Major on tower bells.

WOODBURY, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, May 11, 1925, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.

EDWARD G. STOCKER ... Treble	JOHN M. SKINNER ... 5
WILLIAM J. MANLEY ... 2	JOHN R. HAYMAN ... 6
FRED DIMOND ... 3	JOHN F. GLANVILLE ... 7
* JOHN L. GLANVILLE ... 4	* WILLIAM GLANVILLE ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HAYMAN.

Ringers of 4th, 7th and tenor belong to Woodbury; the rest are from Withycombe. * First peal. First peal on the bells for over 20 years.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 14, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
At THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

WILLIAM MORLEY ... Treble	JOHN SADDINGTON ... 5
F. HORACE E. STOBBS ... 2	HERBERT W. NEEDHAM ... 6
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 3	EDWARD READER ... 7
G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 4	ERNEST MORRIS ... Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the memory of His Grace the Duke of Rutland, K.G., a patron of the above association.

SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Thursday, May 14, 1925, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

* HENRY BOWER ... Treble	* HAYDN THORPE ... 5
* TOM O'HARA ... 2	* COLIN HARRISON ... 6
FRANCIS WARD ... 3	* RALPH S. LONG ... 7
JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... 4	JOHN THORPE ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by JOHN THORPE.

* First peal in a Surprise method. The composition has the 5th and 6th extent in their home positions, and is now rung for the first time.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1925, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THE REV. E. BANKES JAMES' ODD BOB TWENTY-PART.

Tenor 28½ cwt. in D flat.

MATRICE SWINFELD ... Treble	EDWIN H. STONELEY ... 5
JOHN H. SWINFELD ... 2	ARTHUR BRAINES ... 6
CHARLES DRAPER ... 3	JAMES F. CLARKE, JUN. ... 7
FRANK J. SMALLWOOD ... 4	GEORGE F. NEWMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This peal contains 420 hobs and 2 singles, with all the 6-7's at buck-stroke. It is now rung for the first time by the M.C.A. This peal was specially arranged as a welcome home to the Vicar (the Rev. and Hon. S. G. W. Maitland), after a six months' world tour for the benefit of his health.

MARSHFIELD.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 18 cwt.

* HERBERT WEEKES ... Treble	ARTHUR PRINCE ... 5
EDGAR C. LEWIS ... 2	GEORGE ROBINSON ... 6
CHARLES H. JENNINGS ... 3	CHARLES W. BELL ... 7
WALTER LEWIS ... 4	JESSE HALLETT ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRINCE.

* First peal.

BISHOPSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 16, 1925, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in F.

RICHARD PAINE ... Treble	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 5
REGINALD BROWN ... 2	WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... 6
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 3	EDWARD P. DOFFIELD ... 7
WALTER G. ROWE ... 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS
First peal of London on the bells.

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 16, 1925, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WILDE'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 15 cwt.

WALTER J. BATTLE ... Treble	SIDNEY F. BARNES ... 5
GEORGE R. JONES ... 2	THOMAS H. BUTLER ... 6
HERBERT LUDKIN ... 3	JAMES H. RIDING ... 7
ROBERT SPERRING ... 4	JOHN COOKE ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of deepest sympathy for the late Lord Leverhulme, who was buried at this church, and who was the donor of the church and bells.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, May 16, 1925, in Three Hours,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHAGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 19½ cwt. in D.

STANLEY BRAGG ... Treble	JOHN A. BRAGG ... 5
HARRY ARGYLE ... 2	JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... 6
BERT HORTON ... 3	THOMAS H. REEVES ... 7
GEORGE WALKER ... 4	GEORGE H. ROBINSON ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. REEVES.

First peal of Stedman Triples on the bells. Rung after meeting short for Stedman Caters.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1925, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,
At THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

THOMAS ATKINS ... Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 2	ALBERT H. WARD ... 6
ALBERT R. COPPOCK ... 3	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 7
* EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 4	PERCIVAL PRICE ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. FISTOW. Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Superlative, and also his 50th peal.

BATTERSEA. — At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday May 3rd, for men's service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled: W. N. Eyles 1, E. E. Bish 2, A. Clark 3, H. W. Mance 4, H. Mance 5, H. H. Mance 6, W. Essery (first quarter as conductor) 7, L. Bayliss 8.

**BRISTOL,
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**

On Saturday, May 16, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

GILBERT H. WAY Treble	HENRY J. WAY 5
EDWIN J. BROWN 2	RAYMOND C. SEAGER 6
EDGAR GUISE 3	JAMES R. JONES 7
WILLIAM KNIGHT 4	E. GEORGE TREW Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES (Adapted). Conducted by E. G. TREW.
First peal as conductor.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1925, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,

A PEAL OF SPICED UNION & GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALLEN C. JONES Treble	CHARLES H. PERRY 5
RICHARD EVANS 2	DAVID R. JAMES 6
JOHN W. JONES 3	ALBERT J. PITMAN 7
JOHN EVANS 4	ALFRED W. WRIGHT Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

First peal of Triples ever rung in two methods. Rung intermixed throughout the whole peal, without notification of method by the conductor.

BLETCHINGLEY, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5440 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

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

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 16, 1925, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM GIBBS Treble	*WILLIAM H. COOPER 5
*HECTOR G. BIRD 2	ROBERT MATTHEWS 6
*WILLIAM COLEY 3	SAMUEL GROVE 7
HAROLD V. COOPER 4	ALFRED HACKETT Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Cambridge. Rung on the eve of the 81st birthday of Mr. Elijah White, the veteran Halesowen ringer.

BOREHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 19 lb. in F.

HIRZEL EDWARDS Treble	WILLIAM LINCOLN 5
WILLIAM KEEBLE 2	WILLIAM ELLIOTT 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 3	JOHN WOOD 7
EDWARD F. BUCKINGHAM 4	ARTHUR HEAD Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

WEDDING BELLS.

At Shroton, Dorsetshire, on Monday evening, May 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung in 44 minutes, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. W. Bush to Miss Ethelinda Harvey (youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Harvey): J. Jackson 1, A. Hart 2, H. Painter 3, B. Newman 4, F. Arnold (conductor) 5, R. Palmer 6.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 16, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE R. DAY Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 5
JAMES DURRANT 2	CHARLES H. GILLINGHAM 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	T. WILLIAM LAST 7
GEORGE WHITING 4	LESLIE G. BRETT Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD.

Conducted by T. W. LAST.

First peal in the method, and first attempt by the treble ringer.

PERRY BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, May 16, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE T. MITCHISON Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS 5
ALBERT E. NORMAN 2	ALBERT T. SCRIVENS 6
GEORGE F. SWANN 3	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH 7
OLIVER G. NORMAN 4	WILLIAM COOK Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. NORMAN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Councillor Gelling, the donor of Bishop Ryder's bells.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

SUCKLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

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

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

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

Conducted by C. CAMM.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Ranford.

MARDEN, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, May 10, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores, ten different callings.

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM DAVIES Treble	WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS 4
JOHN BOURNE 2	GEORGE HANKS 5
GEOFFREY TAYSON 3	ALBERT MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS.

RATCLIFFE-ON-THE-WREAKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 11, 1925, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 5½ cwt.

GEORGE T. H. WALKER Treble	ERNEST MORRIS 3
FRANK W. PAYNE 2	THOMAS H. PAYNE 4
ERNEST F. PAYNE Tenor	

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal of Stedman Doubles on the bells, and by all the band. The conductor's 350th peal

A MEMORIAL TOUCH.

On Sunday evening, May 10th, at the Church of SS. Thomas and Edmund, Erdington, Birmingham, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 45 minutes, with the bells muffled, to the memory of the Rev. Daniel Henry Haigh, founder of the church, it being the 46th anniversary of his death: B. W. Witcheil (conductor) 1, J. Bayliss 2, W. Stringer 3, F. Price 4, C. Walthman 5, C. Dale 6, W. Davies 7, W. G. Anker 8.

THE LATE MR. CHARLES GORDON.

A SURREY VETERAN.

As already briefly recorded, the death took place on Monday morning, the 4th instant, of Mr. Charles W. Gordon, Deceased, who was 74 years of age, first learnt to pull a bell at Carshalton, when about twelve years old, and rang his first peal there in 1875.

When Beddington bells were installed in 1869, he took part in the first ringing of them, on Whit Sunday, and during his last illness, which extended over a period of six years, he made a supreme effort to ring on that festival. He was the last foundation member of the society which was formed when the bells were installed.

Deceased was also one of the founders of the Surrey Association and had been a member ever since. For twenty years he was a bell ringer at Messrs. Warner and Son's, and afterwards at Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's for a short period. He kept Beddington bells in repair, which is no doubt the reason they are in such good order to-day. He always said that the bells had never cost the church authorities £100 since they were put in, although they never suffered from lack of exercise. Over 130 peals have been rung on them.

Mr. Gordon kept no proper record of his own peals, but he said he had rung between 60 and 70, those previous to the formation of the Surrey Association having been rung for the College Youths, of which he was a member. His last peal was on his 60th birthday, when he rang Beddington tenor to a peal of Treble Bob Major.

During his last illness he was always cheery, and one could spend many an hour in listening to some of his experiences. He had a wonderfully retentive memory, especially in remembering the number and weights of peals of bells, etc., no matter what county they were in.

Beddington has now lost the most enthusiastic member which the tower has had for many a long day.

The funeral took place on Friday, May 8th. Before the service, in Beddington Church, the bells were rung fully muffled to touches of Grandsire Triples and Caters. The burial took place at Bandon Hill Cemetery (between the graves of the late Dr. A. B. Carpenter and Mr. Edgar Bennett), and after the coffin had been lowered to its last resting-place a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by F. E. Darby 1—2, A. W. Clark 3—4, C. H. Kippen 5—6, Mrs. A. W. Clark 7—8. Many beautiful wreaths included one from the Surrey Association, and another from the St. Mary's Society, Beddington.

On Saturday, May 9th, a half-muffled peal of Grandsire Caters came to grief, after 3 hours 10 minutes' beautiful ringing, with only four courses from the end. The following took part in the attempt: A. J. Trappitt 1, S. W. Holdaway 2, E. G. Talbot 3, F. G. Woodiss 4, W. H. Joiner 5, C. H. Chapman 6, F. E. Darby 7, C. H. Kippen (conductor) 8, W. S. Smith 9, T. Talbot 10. The peal, however, was successfully rung on Thursday, 14th May, 1925.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

STOCKPORT BRANCH VISIT WARBURTON.

Despite the inclement weather and the fact that Warburton is situated on the edge of the large area, covered by the Stockport branch, some 38 members and friends, including the Master (the Rev. C. A. Clements) braved the elements to attend the quarterly meeting held on Saturday, May 9th, and were amply rewarded for their trouble.

Ringing commenced on the noble peal of eight (by Taylor, tenor 26 cwt.) at 3 p.m., and continued until 4.30 p.m., when the usual service was held, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. D. Lewis), at which a very striking address was given by the Visar of Oughtrington (the Rev. O. E. Gittins). It is worthy of note that the preacher was only asked to give it as the choir was ready to leave the vestry, and it is sincerely hoped that the Guild will again have the pleasure of listening to him.

Tea was served in the Parish Room, after which the usual business meeting was held. In the unavoidable absence of the branch chairman, and owing to the early departure of the Master, Mr. T. Ashworth, M.B.E., of Bowdon, presided. The business transacted was chiefly of a routine character. In order to assist the Guild Committee appointed to entertain the Central Council, it was decided to give £1 towards the cost.

The election of Mr. George Pownall, as a non-resident member previous to commencing a peal on May 2nd, was confirmed.

During the course of according the usual votes of thanks, a wish was expressed that the local ringers would consider joining the Guild.—The Vicar replied that he would place this matter before his ringers. He expressed his pleasure at having had the members at Warburton, and reminded them of their duty of sending word of their intention to be present in sufficient time, particularly in a country place.

At the invitation of the Vicar, advantage was taken of visiting the old church, which stands about half a mile from the present one. According to a leaflet on sale the Norbertine White Canons settled at Warclurgtune in the reign of Henry II. The date on the timber work of the church, has, on good authority, been given as the 12th century. The whole was probably built of timber, as the north side now is, but the south side and west end were rebuilt in 1645, Lymm sandstone

being used. The brick tower was built about 1711, and one of the bells in it, is dated 1575. There is a stone coffin, which was found about 50 years ago in the churchyard, said to date from the 12th century. The pulpit and oak communion table are Jacobean. This old edifice, not too kindly treated by the passage of time, was well worth the visit.

Further ringing was indulged in, and a touch of Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich brought round.

J. F. F.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

RE-AFFILIATION TO CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The annual general meeting of the Sussex County Association was held at Chichester on Saturday, May 9th, and although not altogether representative—the place of meeting being at the extreme west of the county—the presence of some 65 members should be considered very good. Ringing commenced shortly after 2 o'clock, and at 3.30 a special service was attended in the Sub-deanery Church, conducted by the Rev. Barrington Brown, the Rev. H. M. Cox giving the address. This was followed by a meat tea at Vokes' Tea Gardens.

At the business meeting, Mr. F. B. Tompkins (a vice-president of the association) wishing to preside, was supported in the chair by the Master (Mr. J. T. Rickman).

The following new members were elected: The Cathedral band (F. Arthur, J. H. Blake, T. Doick, D. H. Falconer, W. Falconer, M. Heffer, G. Marshall, Payne, C. Smithers, W. E. Ticehurst, Tucker, A. Tugwell); Lower Bedding branch (G. Feist, C. Feist, F. Hindes, R. Langridge, J. Mitchell, J. Parsons, W. Thorns, W. Wadey); A. J. Simpson (St. Nicholas, Brighton); also H. A. Aitken (Portsmouth) as a non-resident member.

The report and balance sheet were adopted, there being the satisfactory balance of £85 on the general account.

The Peals Analysis was read and approved. Not quite so many peals were rung as in the previous year, but it is believed the Sunday Service ringing is being maintained.

All the officers were re-elected, viz., Mr. J. Thornton Rickman (Master), Mr. Ellman Brown (hon. treasurer), Mr. A. D. Stone (hon. general secretary), Mr. F. Bennett (hon. peals secretary), Messrs. W. C. Hart and W. Markwell (hon. auditors).

It was decided to hold the next annual general meeting at Brighton.

A few minor alterations to the rules were then made, and a discussion followed on the question of affiliation to the Central Council.

Eventually it was decided that the association be affiliated, the Master (Mr. J. T. Rickman) being chosen as delegate.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Dean and Chapter for the use of the bells, to the Rev. Barrington Brown for the service, to the Rev. H. M. Cox for his address, and to Mr. F. B. Tompkins for presiding at the meeting.

The tower was then revisited, the ringing, which continued till 8.30, ranging from rounds to London and Bristol Surprise.

The following towers were represented: Angmering, Arundel, Brighton (St. Peter's and St. Nicholas'), Chichester, Eastbourne, Hastings, Heene, Henfield, Lymminster, Shoreham, Tarring, and Warnham. Non-resident members were represented by Messrs. F. Bayley (Fareham), J. Parker, F. W. Rogers (Portsea), and Mr. and Mrs. G. Williams (North Stonham).

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild held a fairly successful meeting on Saturday last at Barnet, some 36 members and friends attending. Divine service was held at 6 p.m., at which the Rector (the Rev. W. E. Moll) officiated.

Tea was afterwards served in the Church House, and was followed by the business meeting. Northaw was chosen for the next meeting of the district on June 20th.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rectors of Barnet and Hadley for the use of the bells at their respective churches, and to the tower keeper for having everything in readiness.

Touches were rung at both churches during the afternoon and evening, amongst the methods rung being Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent and Cambridge Surprise.

WALKDEN RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday, May 9th, some of the Walkden ringers and members of Bolton branch journeyed to Whalley and Clitheroe. Leaving Walkden at 1.45 p.m., they joined Bolton friends at 2 o'clock, and went on through Withnell and Blackburn, arriving in Whalley at 3.45 p.m. After ringing at Whalley, and partaking of tea, they visited the Abbey. Proceeding next to Clitheroe, the bells there were rung for about an hour. Clitheroe Castle was also visited. The return journey was through Blackburn, Darwen and Bolton, and Walkden was reached at 10.45 p.m., after a very pleasant day.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Second Session of the Twelfth Council (33rd annual meeting) will be held in the Refectory, the Cathedral, Chester, on Whitsun Tuesday, June 2nd, 1925, at 11 a.m. precisely.

The morning sitting will be adjourned from 1 p.m. till 2.30, from which hour the Council will sit, if necessary, until 5.30 p.m.

The Standing Committee will meet previously at 9.45 a.m. in the same room.

AGENDA, 1925.

GENERAL.

- Minutes of the last Meeting.
- Apologies for Absence.
- Statement of Accounts and Sale of Publications.
- Election of Honorary Members.
- Presentation of New Members to the President.
- To receive and discuss the Reports of the following Committees, viz. :—
 - Peal Collection.
 - Literature and Press.
 - Methods.
 - Peals Analysis.
 - Towers and Belfries.
 - Records.
 - Science Museum Exhibit.
 - Nomenclature.
- Honorary Secretary to present Card of Instructions, and ask for directions as to circulating same.

MOTIONS.

- That considering the future possibilities of Radio, the attention of the Press and Literature Committee of the Central Council be drawn to the performances of 'Bell-chiming' occasionally broadcast, as such performances are liable to create a wrong impression of the true nature of Bell Ringing, and, further, to request the Committee to bring to the Notice of the British Broadcasting Company all unsuitable imitations of bell ringing which may be broadcast.
- That this Council as a general rule disapproves of the augmentation of peals of eight into peals of ten.
- Rules and Decisions, 1891—1903, page 13. In the paragraphs headed :—
 - 'On nine and eleven bells.'
 - 'On eight, ten or twelve bells.'
 Move to omit the words 'in any one method.'
- To fix the place of next year's meeting.
- Others business, if any.

E. ALEXANDER YOUNG,

Hon. Secretary.

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The official headquarters will be Blossom's Hotel, where letters for the officers should be addressed.

The Roll of Honour will be brought from St. Paul's Cathedral Library, and will be available for inspection at the Council's meeting.

CHESTER GUILD'S ARRANGEMENTS.

The Chester Diocesan Guild has made the following arrangements :—
 Whit Monday.—Permission has been obtained for members of the Council to visit Eaton Hall, the residence of the Duke of Westminster. The journey is by river steamer up the Dee to Eccleston, where there is a fine ring of eight bells in a beautiful church. The 14-in. gauge railway in the grounds of the park was built by the late Sir Arthur Heywood, and is a copy of the one at Duffield. Members will be taken journeys on this railway by Mr. H. W. Wilde. Those wishing to go on the excursion must notify the secretary of the Guild by Saturday, 30th inst., and be at Blossom's Hotel, Chester, at 1.45 p.m.

Whit Tuesday.—Meeting of the Standing Committee, followed by the Council Meeting in the Refectory, Chester Cathedral, as announced by the Secretary of the Council.

Members of the Guild, and visitors, are welcome at the Council Meeting at 11.0 a.m., which adjourns for lunch, with a further session afterwards.

4.15 p.m.—Evensong takes place in the Cathedral, followed by the dedication of some cloister lights by the Bishop.

5.30 p.m.—The Council and visitors will be entertained to tea with the members of the Guild in the Refectory.

8.0 p.m.—10.0 p.m.—Social Evening in the Ballroom of the Grosvenor Hotel.

RINGING.

Whit Sunday.—Chester Cathedral (8 bells), 9.15—10.30 a.m., and 5.30—6.30 p.m. St. Mary's Within-the-Walls (8 bells), — 10.0—10.45 a.m. and 5.30—6.30 p.m. St. Mary's Without-the-Walls (8 bells), — 10.30—11.0 a.m. and 5.30—6.30 p.m. Eccleston (2 miles), 8 bells, — 10.0—11.0 a.m. and 5.30—6.30 p.m.

Whit Monday.—Chester Cathedral.—11.0 a.m.—1.0 p.m. St. Mary's Without-the-Walls. —11.0—12.0 a.m. St. Mary's Within-the-Walls.—Up to 1.0 p.m.

The following towers are also worth a visit : Aldford (6 bells), Capenhurst (6 bells), Christleton (8 bells), Crewe (10 bells), Gresford (8 bells), Hoole (6 bells), Parndon (8 bells), Wrexham (10 bells).

Bands or ringers proposing to visit any of these last towers should inform Mr. R. Sperring, 15, Cuppin Street, Chester, not later than Tuesday, 26th inst., so that the necessary arrangements can be made.

EDWARD W. ELWELL.

Capenhurst Rectory, Chester.

Hon. Secretary.

RED AND WHITE ROSES FRATERNISE. LANCASHIRE AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS' JOINT MEETING.

On Saturday week, for the first time, a joint meeting of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Associations was held, and about 80 members, from towers spread from coast to coast, were present. The three rings of bells in the district were used freely all the afternoon and evening, the usual methods being rung by mixed bands. Tea was provided by the local ringers, and afterwards Canon Elsee (President of the Lancashire Association) claimed the right to speak first, as the parish church is in the Manchester Diocese, although the schools are in both counties. He welcomed their neighbours in a happy speech, which the Rev. C. C. Marshall (President of the Yorkshire Association) acknowledged in a similar strain.

Mr. P. J. Johnson (Yorks, secretary) proposed a vote of thanks to the clergy for the use of the bells, and the local ringers for meeting the visitors and providing tea.—This was seconded by Mr. W. E. Shaker (Lancs, secretary), and acknowledged by Mr. W. Horan (Rochdale, branch secretary, and a local ringer).

The Rev. A. Aspin, Rector of Todmorden, had previously given the visitors a kindly welcome. The bells were kept going until a late hour. The local ringers had retained a room at the White Hart Hotel, and here handbell ringing was indulged in, as it also had been in the schools before and after tea.

STEBBING'S RINGING FESTIVAL.

The annual ringing festival was held at Stebbing recently, when ringers were present from Great Bardfield, Rayne, Braintree, Dunmow, Chadwell Heath, Springfield, and the local company. A short service was held in the Parish Church, at which the Rev. C. E. Livesey, B.A. (Vicar), officiated, and gave the address. Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Essex Association) read the lesson. The ringers then adjourned to the Parish Room, there to find a company of ladies and gentlemen, numbering nearly 100, to give the visitors a welcome, entertain them to a bountiful tea, and provide a musical entertainment.

During the evening a presentation was made to Mr. J. T. Barker, who has just resigned the position of secretary to the local band, by Mr. E. Claydon, the gift consisting of a handsome brass lamp, suitably inscribed, and a silver ringer's badge. In a neat little speech, Mr. Claydon eulogised the services Mr. Barker had rendered for a very long period, and recalled the experiences of the ringers in the seventies in learning the art of change ringing. It was the custom of some of the ringers in those days to walk to Braintree every week, a distance of seven miles each way, wet or fine, to learn the art, and then hand on their knowledge to the remainder of the company. Eventually they formed a change ringing band, which has continued to ring regularly for the services Sunday by Sunday ever since.

Mr. Barker, who was taken quite by surprise, thanked the subscribers for their handsome presents and good wishes.

The Master, on behalf of the visitors, expressed thanks for the excellent arrangements and tea. The annual festival at Stebbing has, he said, become quite an institution in the district, and it would be well if other parishes would arrange similar gatherings for social intercourse and appreciation of their ringers' services.

During the afternoon, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung: H. Emery 1, C. H. Howard (conductor) 2, W. H. Dyson 3, W. Punter 4, J. T. Barker 5, E. Claydon 6. Other touches were rung in various methods, and the bells were kept going until a late hour.

CADOXTON, NEATH.—On April 5th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung: H. Matthews 1, G. Lewis 2, C. Lake 3, W. Thomas 4, D. J. Lewis (conductor) 5, C. Bendle 6. First quarter for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 6th.

A SUSSEX VETERAN.**DEATH OF MR. JOHN SMART.**

We much regret to record the death of Mr. John Smart, of Steyning, Sussex, one of the oldest and most respected ringers in the county. Mr. Smart had reached the advanced age of 83 years, and died on May 12th last.

Mr. Smart learned to ring at Pulborough, Sussex, and removed to Steyning in the year 1872. He brought up his sons as ringers, and when the eldest learned change ringing in 1884, the father followed suit, and quickly acquired a knowledge of methods on six bells. Then, when Steyning got its peal of eight, he quickly progressed, and during his career took part in no fewer than 119 peals.

Ringing provided him with one of the greatest pleasures in life, and he was among the most regular of the band, both on Sundays and at practice.

John Smart was one of those cheery, self-effacing men whom it was a delight to know. He was keen on ringing, but was ever-ready to stand down if occasion arose, although nothing gave him greater delight than to score a peal. He will be much missed among the ringers who visit Steyning, but his personality will remain an enduring memory with those who, like the writer, were privileged to know him intimately. His last visit to the tower was to ring for the harvest festival on September 28th last year. Since then his health had failed, but right up to the time of his death he talked with interest about his peal ringing days, and the different ringers he had met.

He was laid to rest near the old belfry tower on Friday last, when, as on Sunday, touches were rung on muffled bells.

The following is the list of his peals: On 6 bells 1, Grandsire Triples 13, Stedman Triples 60, Stedman Caters 2, Kent Treble Bob Major 16, Oxford Treble Bob Major 1, Double Norwich Major 15, Bob Major 10, Canterbury Pleasure Major 1; total 119.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Peterborough Branch was held at Glin-ton on Saturday, when members attended from Peterboro', Woodston, Isham, Market Deeping, Alwalton, Yoxley, and some of the local band. A short service was conducted by the Rector, after which a party of 17 sat down to tea. The bells were kept going to various methods during the afternoon and evening.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.**DELAYED ANNUAL REPORTS.**

A district meeting was held at Tanfield on Saturday, May 16th, when representatives from Chester-le-Street, Consett, Winton and Newcastle Cathedral, were present. A most enjoyable day was spent, and the bells were kept going till dusk, with touches of Grandsire, Bob Major, Bob Minor, and Kent Treble Bob.

As it happened to be the annual church tea the ringers were prevailed upon by the local secretary to buy tickets, which covered the cost of the tea and concert, with dancing to follow. The idea was gladly accepted. The tea was a great success, and there was a bountiful supply of the usual good things, which did credit to the ladies.—Messrs. H. Lowes, Harry Tyson and James Anderson added to the gaiety of the proceedings.

The Vicar, who has been in the parish only a few months, joined the ringers in the bell tower, and extended them a very hearty welcome, and was delighted to see such a goodly number.

It was unfortunate that a similar meeting was being held at Cramlington (Northern Division) on the same day, otherwise several of the Newcastle Cathedral Guild intended being present. However, Tanfield's loss was Cramlington's gain, inasmuch as that a very neglected part of the association's ground, which has been sadly overlooked in the past, has now been reorganised. The local secretary, Mr. Wm. Story, is to be commended for his initiative, and it is hoped that other meetings will be held in this division in the future.

There will be a meeting of the Western Division at Chester-le-Street on Saturday, June 13th, particulars of which will be advertised later in 'The Ringing World.' Also one at Consett in the near future.

The absence of the Rev. W. Lister, Rector of St. Stephen's, South Shields, was much felt. When curate of Tanfield he was a tower of strength to the local ringers, and his place will be difficult to fill. He, however, sent one of his churchwardens regretting his unavoidable absence.

Members were glad to hear that Mr. Wm. Sinclair, of St. Aidan's, Blackhill, was in harness again, and hope to see him at the Consett meeting.

There were one or two inquiries made as to when the annual reports of the association are going to appear. It was felt that, as the annual meeting for 1924-25 is getting near, the reports for 1923-24 (to speak mildly) are very much overdue.

The usual vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar of Tanfield for the use of the bells before the happy gathering finally broke up.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Owing to the demands upon our space this week by the Peals Analysis, several reports, as well as a number of peals, are unavoidably held over.

At the Salisbury Diocesan Guild Festival, at Dorchester last week, Major Hughes D'Aeth was presented with an album of over 800 names, acknowledging his valuable services as Master for five years. A full report will appear in our next issue.

The peal of Superlative Surprise at Sheffield Cathedral on Thursday, May 14th, was the first peal of Surprise at the Cathedral since Nov. 19th, 1892, when a peal of Superlative was rung. It is also worthy of note that four of the ringers who took part in that peal are still members of the Cathedral company.

Leicester Highway Holdup! A graphic account of this appeared recently in a local paper, when a correspondent was held up well after midnight in a downpour of rain. It was eventually discovered that this was due to young 'Tich,' a budding ringer, having gone to the opening of Hinckley bells and failed to return. No word being forthcoming, his elder brother 'Ted' was despatched to find him. He did this by holding up motorists and other night prowlers, and eventually ran the erring one to 'earth' at Barwell, safely tucked up in 'bed'!!!

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Parker, of Farnham Royal, celebrated the jubilee of their wedding on April 25th, when a quarter-peal on the bells of St. Mary's Church was rung by the local band. Men who have taken part in the famous 'Parker's Twelve-part' peal of Grandfire Triples (and its endless variations) will wish the veteran composer and his wife 'many of 'em.'

For the first time in the history of the Analysis of Peals, the name of the Sussex County Association does not appear. This is not because no peals were rung, but because last year the association was not affiliated to the Central Council. Consequently, the Sussex peals are included among the 'also rans,' that is, the Independent Societies.

It is rather lamentable, especially as Sussex, in years gone by, often held pride of place at the head of the table. What is done cannot be undone, but there is consolation for the future in the knowledge that Sussex has this year decided to return to the fold.

To-day is the anniversary of the 17,024 Double Norwich Major rung by the Oxford Diocesan Guild at Kidlington on May 22nd, 1899.

The Society of Sherwood Youths rang 'Mr. Holt's true peal of Grandfire Tripples,' on the new bells at Gainsborough on May 24th, 1768.

The first true peal of Treble Ten in Ireland was rung at St. Patrick's Cathedral on May 24th, 1901, and on the 28th of the same month the first Surprise peal out of England was rung at Bray, Ireland.

On May 28th, the first peal of Stedman Caters (proved long afterwards to have been false) was rung. This was at St. John's, Hoxlydown, London, in the little steeple where the bells, now unringable, are hung in three tiers.

The Bristol Surprise record was made by the Middlesex Association at Hornchurch on May 28th, 1912, when a peal of 15,264 changes was rung in 9 hours 49 minutes.

The opening of the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley was celebrated by two attempts for peals of Maximus, viz., Kent Treble Bob at Bow Church, Chertsey, by the London County Association, the attempt lasting 2 hours; and Duffield Maximus at St. Saviour's, Southwark, by the College Youths, lasting about 1½ hours. Last year's opening of Wembley was celebrated, it will be remembered, by a peal on the bells at the Imperial Institute by Cumberland Youths.

Empire Day falls on Sunday this year. It will be celebrated at Brecon by a change ringing competition (among members of the Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild) at St. David's Church on Saturday, 23rd inst., commencing at 10.30 a.m.

Mr. Cornelius Charge, late of London, and now of Auckland, New Zealand, writes that the figures of the peal of Bob Royal by Mr. James George, which appeared in our issue of December 26th last, were first published by him (Mr. Charge) in the 'Bell News' of January 26th, 1895.

The peal of Kent Treble Bob at Mountsorrel, Leicester, recorded in our last issue, was the first in the method on the bells.

At the Church of All Saints, Hoole, Cheshire, on Sunday, May 31st, the Bishop of Chester will dedicate the memorial bell and unveil a tablet. All ringers are invited to be present.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

A monthly meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held at Fillongley on Saturday, May 16th. Members and visitors attended from Coventry, Southam, Exhall, Allesley, Nuneaton, Chilvers Coton, Walsall, Castle Bromwich, Coleshill, etc.

The bells are a good ring of six (tenor 11 cwt.), and touches in the following methods were rung during the afternoon: London, Cambridge, Double Court, Double Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Minor, Stedman and Grandfire Doubles.

ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING THE YEAR 1924.

Compiled by the Committee appointed by the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

ASSOCIATIONS.	Points per pen	Number of Conductors	MAXIMUS.		CINQUES.		ROYAL.		CATERS.	MAJOR.										TRIPLES.				Grand Total Peals.	Grand Total Points.	Average Points per Peal.																	
			Cambridge Surprise	Treble Bob	Plain Bob	Sedman	Grandsire	Middlesex		Cambridge	Leicester	Treble Bob	Plain Bob	Sedman	Grandsire	London Surprise	Guildford	Rochester	Bristol	Yorkshire	Cambridge	Pudsey	Norfolk				Rutland	Superlative	Spliced Imperative and Cambridge	Double Norwich	Edmonton	Marlborough	Winchester	Little Methods	Treble Bob	Plain Bob	Duffell	Sedman	Grandsire	Plain Methods	MINOR.	DOUBLES.	Total Peals (Tower Bells).
Anc. Soc. Coll. Youths...	15	1	1	1	3	-	-	-	1	-	7	-	1	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	7	1	-	2	-	30	795	2	32	851	26'593	
Bath and Wells	24	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	10	-	-	13	12	60	462	2	62	469	7'564			
Bedfordshire	10	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	17	223	13'117						
Cambridge U. Guild.....	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	19	-	-	20	10	1	-	-	2	20	7	9	124	13'777					
Chester Diocesan	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	10	-	17	86	1125	86	1125	13'081						
Cleveland and N. Yorks	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	5	8	-	1	26	302	3	29	315	10'862						
Devonshire	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	97	13	97	7'461						
Dudley and District ..	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	29	4	29	7'250						
Durham and Newcastle	8	-	-	-	2(a)	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	5	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	3	1	24	720	8	32	954	29'812				
Ely Diocesan	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	6	-	11	1	28	269	1	29	274	9'448				
Essex County	17	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	4	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	5	-	2	-	-	-	11	6	-	-	5	47	1133	4	51	1165	22'843					
Gloucester and Bristol	24	-	-	-	1	2	-	3	-	1	3	11	5	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	5	9	5	14	65	971	11	65	971	11'938			
Hereford Diocesan	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	9	-	11	10	33	253	33	253	7'666				
Hertford County	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	4	3	-	2	2	8	26	341	26	341	13'115				
Irish Association	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	10	1	10	10'000					
Kent County	41	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	2	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	2	-	4	-	16	-	-	-	-	2(k)	21	11(b)	37	22	3	22	2	156	2454	3	156	2486	16'635		
Ladies' Guild	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	24	1	24	24'000					
Lancashire Assoc	33	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	7	-	15	-	-	-	-	23	8	17(c)	17	1	5	101	1674	2	106	1722	16'245				
Lincoln Diocesan	21	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	2	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	4	3	3	26	3	46	594	7	53	653	12'320				
Llandaff & Monmouth	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	1	1	13	98	13	98	7'538					
London County	6	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	9	-	26	591	4	30	699	23'300				
Middlesex County	27	2	-	-	3	-	1	2	1	1	3	2	6	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	3	1	1	-	2(n)	7	7	4	9	-	4	72	1789	4	76	1891	24'881			
Middleland Counties	39	1	-	-	-	-	4	1	2	9	2	3	-	-	-	3	7(d)	2	1	-	-	6	-	3	1	1	-	17(b)	10(e)	16	15	9	7	114	2765	17	131	2765	21'114				
North Wales Assn.	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	4	67	4	67	16'750					
Norfolk Guild	21	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	8(d)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	4	3	4	16	3	79	1242	7	86	1298	15'093			
Oxford Diocesan	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	1	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	10	-	4	-	-	-	-	3	5	8	10	12	4	54	763	1	57	771	18'525			
Peterboro' Diocesan ..	33	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	1	4	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	4	6	-	4	23	17	64	680	1	65	685	10'538			
Soc. Royal Cumberlands	3	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	306	1	10	306	30'606			
St. Martin's Guild.....	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	1	32	838	7	39	1054	27'025			
Salisbury Diocesan	8	-	-	-	13	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	1	-	-	-	1	10	96	10	96	9'600				
Salop Archbidiocanal....	5	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	6	62	1	7	65	9'285			
Stafford Archdeconry ..	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	1	38	692	2	40	698	17'450				
Suffolk Guild	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	2	4	6	-	81	2007	8	89	2106	23'662			
Swansea & Brecon	28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	6	2	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	3	-	5	15	8	73	1032	3	76	1072	14'105		
Swansea & Brecon	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	5	1	3	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	5	1	5	5	5	5		
Warwickshire Guild ..	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	14	-	33	963	5	38	1067	28'078				
Winchester Diocesan ...	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	5	-	10	8	-	5	2	63	1192	9	72	1995	17'986
Worcester & Districts	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	6	8	1	19	2	46	716	1	47	748	15'314	
Yorkshire	18	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	3	-	5	-	53	854	4	57	891	15'684		
Independent Societies	52	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	2	2	3	2	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	10(i)	-	-	-	18	2(i)	8	10	-	22	14	100	1365	4	104	1371	13'842		
TOTALS...		5	9	1	35	4	1	18	1	24	12	59	33	40	2	2	32	5	89	3	6	1	63	1	122	1	1	1	4	206	132	1	205	233	8	281	100	1743	29,190	117	1860	31,138	16'744

(a) One Erin (b) One Reverse Bob Major. (c) One Erin. (d) One New Cambridge. (e) One Canterbury Pleasure and one 7008 = 2 peals.
(f) Including 10,400 = 3 peals. (g) Two New Cambridge. (h) Including 9,120 = 2 peals. (i) One College Single. (j) Including 8,064 = 2 peals.
(n) One Little Bob, one Little Albion. (k) One Little Bob, one Little Canterbury.

Leicester Surprise Royal being rung for the first time. The Surprise Major peals include 89 of Cambridge and New Cambridge, and 63 of Superlative, the first method showing a decrease of 6 peals, and the latter of 9 peals. London is one up with 41 peals, while Bristol has increased from 25 to 32. Other Surprise methods show an increase of 11 peals, and include 2 of Guildford, 6 of Norfolk, 5 of Yorkshire, 1 of Rutland, 2 of Rochester, 3 of Pudsey, and the spliced peal of Superlative and Cambridge, the three last named being rung for the first time.

Treble Bob in its variations has greatly increased in favour, 38 more peals having been rung than in 1923, the total being 243, which is made up as follows: 9 of Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 18 of Kent and 6 of Oxford Royal, 163 of Kent and 41 of Oxford Major, 5 Spliced Major peals, and 1 in the Cam variation.

Double Norwich has decreased from 150 to 129 peals, and Plain Bob from 187 to 171 peals. Little methods have increased by one to 6 peals, Little Canterbury Major having been rung for the first time.

Three new plain Major methods have been rung, all by the Middlesex Association, being Edmonton, Marlborough and Winchester Bob Major.

Peals on odd numbers again are almost entirely in the two methods Grandsire and Stedman. It is most interesting to notice that while Grandsire finds most favour with ringers of Triples, it falls off considerably on the higher numbers. This is shown in the following table of comparative numbers in each method:—

	Grandsire	Stedman	Erin	Union	Plain Bob
Cinques	4	49	1	—	—
Caters	33	79	—	—	—
Triples	240	216	1	1	7
	227	344	2	1	7

Peals of Grandsire have decreased by 20, while Stedman has increased by one, and other methods are seven more.

Compared with the past two years, six bell ringers are on the down grade, having scored 20 peals less than in 1923. Again, as was the case last year, the decrease is all in Minor peals, which are 35 less on tower bells and one more on handbells, the average points value also being lower. To compensate in some degree for this, peals of Doubles are 6 more on tower bells, and 8 on handbells.

Lengths of over 7,000 are comparatively few, being five in number only, as follows:—

10,400 of Kent Treble Bob Major by the North Wales Association; 9,120 Spliced Treble Bob Major (the record length) and 7,008 Plain Bob Major by the Midland Counties Association; 8,064 Double Norwich Major, being the longest in the method by the Yorkshire Association; and 7,920 of Minor by an independent society.

Coming to notable performances, that of the St. Martin's Guild of Birmingham may safely be classed as the best. In their arranged twelve-bell week they accomplished five peals of Stedman Cinques, which, even for a first-class collection of ringers is a remarkable achievement. The ladies also were successful in scoring a peal of Stedman Triples without any assistance from the sterner sex, on which they are to be congratulated. We also note a Masonic peal of Treble Bob Major by the Lancashire Association, a peal of Doubles by a father and four sons, the first 'William' peal of London Surprise Major, rung by the Essex Association. (This last is supposed to have caused many hills on the railway). The first non-conducted peal of Stedman Triples by the Kent County Association; the first Surprise peal (London) in Scotland, rung by the Durham and Newcastle Association; the heaviest peal of Minor yet rung; and the Surrey Association may be mentioned for Grandsire Caters by their younger members, all being under 21, and a peal of Grandsire Cinques, being the first by all the band.

Below we give the table comparing the number of peals rung each month in the years 1923 and 1924:—

	1923	1924		1923	1924
January	147	132	July	80	106
February	145	142	August	134	195
March	145	155	September	147	132
April	185	147	October	192	148
May	163	158	November	153	207
June	154	128	December	240	210

The comparative number of peals rung on each particular day of the week does not vary much from year to year, but the information is of sufficient interest to give it for 1924, as follows: Sunday 89 peals; Monday, 195; Tuesday, 182; Wednesday, 118; Thursday, 124; Friday, 98; and Saturday, 1,054 peals, the surprising feature being that so few are rung on Wednesday.

The names of conductors of five peals and over are as follows, the number of handbell peals included are shown in brackets:—

50 peals, A. H. Pulling (11); 49 peals, J. H. Cheeseman; 43 peals, R. Sperring; 34 peals, G. H. Cross (5), J. E. Sykes; 28 peals, T. H. Taffender (4); 27 peals, H. J. Poole (11); 26 peals, W. Keeble (4); 24 peals, E. Jenkins; 20 peals, C. F. Bailey (4), C. H. Kiupin; 19 peals, G. R. Newton, W. Pve (2); 18 peals, F. Bennett, T. Tobbutt; 17 peals, J. T. Dyke, G. Williams; 16 peals, R. Matthews; 15 peals, J. Flint, W.

H. J. Hooton (10), E. Morris (1), J. R. Trollope, W. P. Whitehead (5); 14 peals, E. Barnett, senr., T. Metcalfe, F. W. Perrens (4), J. Potter; 13 peals, F. Borrett, J. A. Gofton (6), E. G. Hibbins, O. Sippetts; 12 peals, C. T. Coles, W. C. Rumsey; 11 peals, C. Camm, W. A. Cave, H. M. Day, T. T. Gofton (3), K. Hart, A. Prince, G. R. Pye, A. Tomlinson; 10 peals, W. Ayre (2); F. H. Dexter, H. Langdon (1), S. H. Symonds (3), A. Walker (2); 9 peals, G. Billenness, E. Guise, W. F. Judge, H. Knight, C. R. Lilley; 8 peals, S. H. Green, L. Head, T. W. Last, J. D. Matthews, F. M. Mitchell, F. W. Naunton, G. F. Swann (2), A. Wright; 7 peals, W. H. Barber, R. G. Black, G. A. Fleming, F. C. Lambert, W. Poston, C. H. Sone, G. E. Symonds (1), E. Whiting; 6 peals, W. B. Cartwright, C. Edwards, G. Gilbert, J. E. Groves (1), B. A. Knights, H. R. Pasmore, J. Perry (2), E. Reader, C. W. Roberts, A. E. Sharnman, B. W. Wittchell; 5 peals, J. Austin, H. Baxter, J. R. Brearley, F. Cotton, T. Groombridge, senr., A. Greenfield, S. T. Holt, J. P. Hyett, P. J. Johnson (2), T. Lancaster, A. E. Norman (1), H. Parkes, A. E. Reeves, R. Richardson (3), W. Sharples, M. Swinfield, B. Thorp, A. Tout, A. Y. Tyler, W. Wellington, J. E. Wheelton.

In addition to these there were 32 conductors of 4 peals each (8), 50 conductors of 3 peals (5), 76 conductors of 2 peals (5), and 257 conductors of 1 peal (9). There was 1 peal non-conducted, and in the case of one peal of Doubles no conductor's name was given.

The number of lady conductors is the same as last year, Miss Edith K. Parker conducting 2 peals, and Misses Phyllis M. Moss, Alice Stokes and Kitty Willars one each. The only representative of reverend conductors is the Rev. H. Law James.

The following statistics for the year are compiled from the footnotes to peals:—

First peal, 565 ringers; first peal in the method, 896; first peal in the method on a different number of bells, 111; first peal of Doubles, 23; Minor, 70; Triples, 44; Major, 106; Caters, 52; Royal, 104; Cinques, 17; Maximus, 8; first peal on six bells, 9; eight bells, 44; ten bells, 69; twelve bells, 40; first peal of Surprise, 38; first peal inside, 44; with a working bell, 4; with a bob bell, 13; away from the treble, 5; away from the tenor, 13; first peal on tower bells, 7; on handbells, 25; first peal as conductor, 72; as conductor in the method, 47; on a different number of bells, 40; 307 birthday peals; 65 wedding peals, including silver, golden and diamond weddings; 20 peals of welcome, and 26 as farewell peals; anniversary, jubilee and centenary peals number 62; memorial peals, 3; complimentary, 9; thanksgiving, 2; muffled peals, 8; half-muffled, 54; 44 peals were the first on the bells, and 41 the first after restoration; 17 peals were rung by the service ringers of the church, 4 of these being the first so rung; 39 peals were rung for church festivals, and 13 peals were the quickest on the bells.

Peals were also rung as a token of respect to the late J. W. Washbrook and George Cleal, and in memory of the late Bertram Prewett.

Below is shown the number of peals rung in representative years since 1881, the grand total since then being 46,642:—

1881-1886	1888-1902	1914-1915	1921-1932
1885-500	1902-1313	1915-259	1922-1885
1889-797	1905-1519	1917-130	1923-1885
1894-859	1909-1628	1919-1048	1924-1860
	1913-2358	1920-1471	

We end our report by calling attention to the column which is added this year to the main table, showing the number of conductors for each society. Conducting is an important branch of the art, and the object of the column is to draw attention to it, so that associations may consider whether the activities of its members can be further extended in this direction.

A. T. BEESTON, New Mills, Stockport.

GEORGE WILLIAMS, West End, Southampton.

EDITH K. PARKER, 17, Wellington Road, Enfield.

JOSEPH W. PARKER, 5, Amberley Street, Sunderland.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ANOTHER BELL WANTED AT FARNBOROUGH.

A very pleasant meeting of the Yorktown district was held at Farnborough on Saturday last. Although there are only five bells, they were made good use of, twenty visiting friends and members of the district making the meeting a success. One more bell, a treble, is required to make a nice peal of six. The frame is already there, and any subscriptions will be thankfully received.

The service was conducted by Canon Challacombe, who also presided over the tea and business meeting. At the latter, three honorary, three performing and nine probationary members were elected.

It was agreed to hold a combined or social gathering with the Guildford district, a notice and arrangements will appear later. Will members please note?

A vote of thanks was given to Canon Challacombe for giving such a welcome to the district; Mr. Gasson for making the arrangements for tea; also to the lady organist who had journeyed some distance to play.

The methods rung during the day were Grandsire Stedman and Plain Bob Doubles.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BRISTOL.—On Sunday, May 17th, at the Church of SS. Philip and Jacob, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): Mrs. E. J. Brown 1, F. W. Wade 2, Miss B. Jordan (longest length) 3, E. J. Brown (conductor) 4, P. C. Williams 5, I. Long 6, F. E. Tyler 7, R. C. Seager 8.

FARMBOROUGH, SOMERSET.—At the Parish Church of All Saints, for evensong, on May 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 38 mins.: A. Gould 1, Wm. Shore 2, Wm. Rosewell (conductor) 3, J. Dury 4, Rev. L. G. Ketchley 5, D. Parfitt 6. All are members of the local band.

LONDON.—On Sunday, May 3rd, at St. Giles', Cripplegate, E.C., for evensong, 1,056 Cambridge Surprise Maximus: A. W. Coles 1, E. Barnett, junr., 2, Mrs. A. F. Deal 3, C. T. Coles (conductor) 4, G. R. Pye 5, E. P. Duffield 6, W. J. Nudds 7, W. Hewett 8, J. E. Davis 9, H. W. Clark 10, W. Pye 11, R. F. Deal 12.

DEVON'S LADY RINGERS.**VISIT TO HUNTSHAM.**

By kind invitation of Lieut.-Col. Troyte, M.P., and Mrs. Troyte, who are hon. members of the Exeter and District Ladies' Guild, the latter recently paid a visit to Huntsham Court. The trip was made by charabanc through the Exe Valley. At Huntsham, while some of the party inspected the beautiful gardens, the others adjourned to the quaint belfry, where some Grandsire was rung. Col. Troyte took part. Later about 40 or 50 sat down to tea. The party included Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Thomas (Mrs. Thomas being chairman of the Ladies' Guild) and ladies from Exeter (St. Petrock's), Tiverton, Washfield, Whimble, and Clyst St. George.

On behalf of all present, Mr. W. J. Southwood thanked Col. and Mrs. Troyte for their kind hospitality.—Col. Troyte said his wife and himself were pleased to welcome the Ladies' Guild to Huntsham, particularly as it was the first belfry in Devon to adopt change ringing, and invited all present to 'come again.'

Tiverton was visited on the return journey, and on the fine peal at St. Peter's were rung Grandsire and Stedman Triples, the local band taking part. The afternoon's outing was thoroughly enjoyed by the whole party.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**TONBRIDGE DISTRICT.**

A meeting of the above was held at Brenchley on Saturday, May 9th. It is a pity that more members did not avail themselves of the opportunity of visiting this lovely old-world village with its ancient church and beautiful bells, recently augmented to eight, and rehung in a new iron frame. As it was, less than 20 members turned up, but what was lacking in numbers was made up in enthusiasm, and the bells were kept going in various methods, including Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major. The usual service was held, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. P. S. Whelan), who also gave a short address. Mr. F. W. R. Baker, of Tunbridge Wells, presided at the organ. Tea was partaken of at the Bull Hotel, followed by the business meeting, the Vicar presiding.

Eight new members were elected, including five of the local band, the tower becoming affiliated to the association.

Mr. F. White (Tunbridge Wells) urged members to thoroughly verse themselves up in higher methods, and come to these meetings, when ample opportunity would be given them to practise any particular method they wished.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, and for presiding at the meeting, to the organist and Mr. P. Hodges, and the rest of the local band for their services, were carried, and replied to, and the members adjourned again to the tower. Altogether it was a very enjoyable afternoon and evening.

NOTICE.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Annual meeting will be held at Ripon on Whit Monday, June 1st. The bells of the Cathedral (10) available for ringing 10.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Sharow bells (8) available all day. Committee meeting at the Black Bull Hotel at 12.30. Services in the Cathedral 10 a.m. and 4.45 p.m. Lunch will be provided at the Black Bull Hotel at 1 p.m., members 1/6, non-members 2/6. Those intending to be at lunch must notify the Secretary not later than Wednesday, May 27th. Annual business meeting to follow.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High St., North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on the 28th; 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.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at St. Catharines' 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.

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.

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. — 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.—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.

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.—A. E. Lock, 6, Vineyard, Abingdon, Berks.

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 Crook, Hon. Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

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.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec., Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

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, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

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.

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.

ERITH PARISH CHURCH.—Owing to a misunderstanding, the bells will not be available for ringing on Saturday next, May 23rd. Notice of the opening will be published as soon as available.—F. J. Cullum, 78, West Street, Erith.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James' Birch in Rusholme on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells at liberty from 4 o'clock. Meeting at 7 p.m. A good attendance is desired.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Stretton on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 3.30. Tea and meeting 4 o'clock.—F. Bibby, Branch Sec., Church Street, Frodsham.

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.

GLOUCESTER AND DISTRICT DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bristol Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of the Bristol Branch of the above association will be held at Coalpit Heath on Saturday, May 30th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please notify me by May 25th.—P. C. Williams, 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

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.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury District.—A meeting will be held at Assington on Saturday, May 30th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. Scott, Dis. Sec., Sudbury.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Walberton on Saturday, May 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock. Arundel bells are also available after tea. All those attending please advise by May 26th.—A. W. Groves, 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The summer meeting will be held at Knebworth on Saturday, May 30th. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Service in church at 4.45 p.m., followed by tea and meeting at the Lytton Arms. Tea 1s. 3d. each. Ringers and friends heartily welcome.—F. R. Bacon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Lancaster Avenue, Hitchin.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Cogenhoe on Saturday, May 30th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Will all those who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, May 26th?—T. Tebbutt, 53, Louise Road, Northampton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Sharnford on Saturday, May 30th. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. Cope, Hon. Dis. Sec., Wigston Parva, Hinckley.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Denford (6) on Saturday, May 30th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. It is hoped members will make an effort to attend as a welcome to the new Vicar.—J. Nickerson, Branch Sec., Halford Street, Thrapston.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Aldington on Saturday, May 30th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea, by kind permission of the Rev. Long.—C. W. Franklin, Hon. Sec., 18, Kingsnorth Road, Ashford.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Sprotborough on May 30th. Six bells. Usual arrangements. All who intend going on the trip to Loughborough on Saturday, June 27th, should send their names to me not later than this meeting. The bus will leave Doncaster (Waterdale) for Loughborough at 8.30 a.m., and will arrive back at 10.30 p.m. Return fare 7s. 6d.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

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) and 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.

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.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next quarterly meeting for ringing only will take place at Ambleside and Brathay on Whit Monday, June 1st. Bells (8) and (6) will be available afternoon and evening. Visitors welcome. — W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

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), Emmanuel (8), 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.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Scarborough on Whit Monday, June 2nd, when the Parish Church bells (by permission of the Vicar) will be available from 11 a.m. The 6th and tenor have recently been quarter tuned and hung on ball bearings by Gillett and Johnston.—H. Ferguson, 55, Mavville Avenue, Scarborough.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Portmadoc on Whit Monday. Service at St. John's Church 2.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. Those intending to be present please notify Mr. P. Roberts, Cambria, Station Road, Portmadoc, as early as possible, so that arrangements can be made for tea.—C. H. Jones, Hon. Sec., 33, Liverpool Road, Buckley, near Chester.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ryde, All Saints (8) on Whit Monday. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Kindly inform secretary tea requirements not later than the 26th.—W. Upton, Dis. Sec., 10, Elm Grove, Newport, I.W.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Whit Monday meeting will be held at North Shields and Whitley Bay. The bells of North Shields (10) and Whitley Bay (8) are available all day. Committee meeting at 12 noon, and dinner at 1 o'clock, at

the Albion Grill, Saville Street, North Shields. Dinner 2s. to members, 4s. to non-members. Those coming to dinner please notify me not later than Wednesday, May 27th.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

NORFOLK GUILD.—General meeting will be held at Norwich on Whit Monday, June 1st. By kind permission of the Vicar, the ring of twelve bells at St. Peter Mancroft, and also, by permission of the Vicar, the ring of eight bells at St. John de Sepulchre will be at the disposal of the members. Luncheon at Messrs. William Grix, Limited, Criterion Restaurant, White Lion Street, at 1 p.m. Members intending being present must notify me on or before Friday, May 29th.—Arthur L. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Bath on Saturday, June 6th. St. Saviour's bells (8) available at 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 1s. 3d. per head, at Werry's Cafe, Stall Street, at 5.30. Ringing at St. Michael's at 6.30. Please let me know by Tuesday, June 2nd, if requiring tea.—E. E. Emm, School House, Evercreech, Bath, Somerset.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held on Saturday, June 6th, at St. Cuthbert's, Lytham. Bells ready 2.30, also bowls and clock golf in Vicarage grounds. Service in church 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., free to all who send in their names not later than Tuesday, June 2nd.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 320, N. Promenade, Blackpool.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Newton, Wisbech, on Saturday, June 6th. Six bells. Good condition. Will those who intend to be present please let me know by June 1st? It is the wish of the Rector. Service, tea and business meeting.—H. W. Giddings, 101, Elwyn Road, March.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at the Parish Church, Blackburn (10 bells), on Saturday, June 6th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. All ringers cordially invited. The annual branch meeting, tea and social has been arranged for Saturday, August 15th, at the Burnley Parish Church.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Meeting will be held at Debenham on Saturday, June 6th (to coincide with 33rd anniversary of 16,608 Treble Bob Major). Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Parish Room at 4.45, at a charge of 6d. each. Please notify me by Thursday, June 4th, of intention to be present. Short business meeting to follow, at which the Vicar has kindly consented to preside. All ringers welcome.—W. C. Rumsey, Debenham, Stowmarket.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for June: St. Clement Danes, Sunday, the 7th, at 10 a.m., and Mondays, the 8th and the 22nd, at 7.30. The annual outing has been fixed for Saturday, June 27th, to Marlow. Trains from Paddington at 1.25 and 2.7 p.m.; return fare 3s. 5d. Tea 1s. All members invited.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

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.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual cup contest on six bells will take place at Hoylandswaine on June 13th, commencing at 3.15 p.m. (draw at 2.40 p.m.). Secretaries and all other intending visitors kindly note that tea will be provided for all those notifying Mr. L. Wilkinson on or before Tuesday, June 9th. In view of the above event the usual monthly meeting will not be held in June.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

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CHICHESTER.—On Sunday morning, May 10th, for service, at the Cathedral, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples was rung in 51 mins.: T. Doick 1, W. Falconer 2, F. B. Tompkins 3, H. J. Tucker (conductor) 4, P. H. Doick 5, J. H. Blake 6, M. Heffer 7, G. Marshall 8. This was arranged for Mr. P. H. Doick, of Pulborough, and as a welcome to Mr. H. J. Tucker, late of Bishop's Stortford, Essex, who has come to reside in the district.

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