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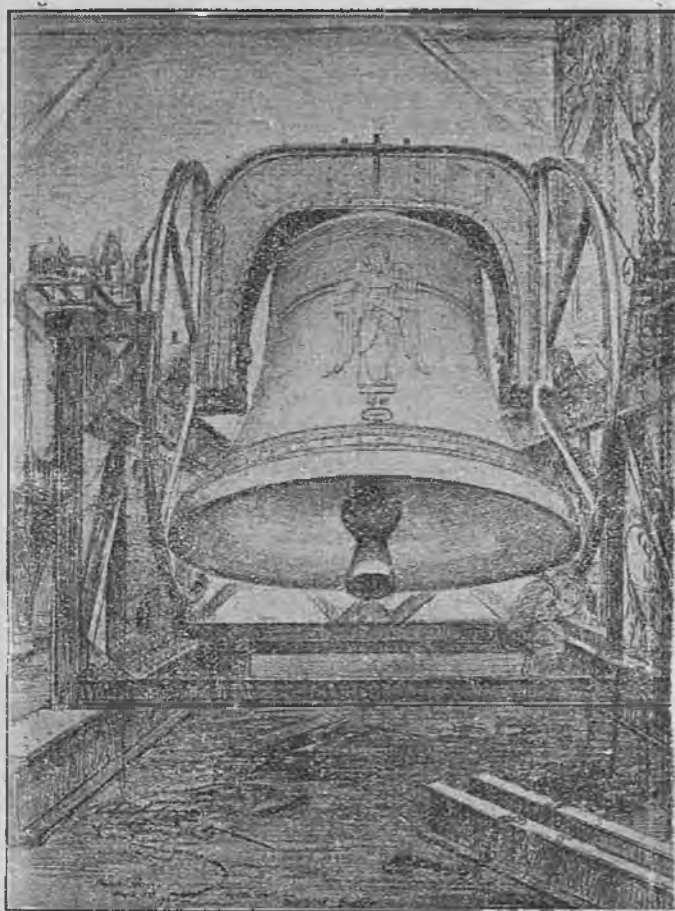
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A PARTING OF THE WAYS.

After 38 years' service as Hon. Secretary of the Kent County Association, the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore has, to the regret of all the members, resigned office. This step was, perhaps, not altogether unexpected. Advancing years had made his retirement a probability, and Mr. Helmore's recent serious illness precipitated the event. Nevertheless, the parting of the ways, after such a long and active official connection with the organisation, makes a break which all who have been linked with Mr. Helmore must feel as keenly as the late secretary himself. The Kent County Association has long been looked upon as one of the best managed among ringing societies, and its success has been in no small measure due to the guiding hand of the gentleman who has just handed over the reins. Mr. Helmore took upon himself the cares of office in the comparatively youthful days of the association. He has grown old with it, and in growing old has become part and parcel of it, until the Kent County Association and the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore were almost synonymous.

During the long period over which he has conducted its affairs, the association has risen to be one of the strongest numerically and financially among all the ringing organisations, and it has at the same time retained the interest of its members and propagated throughout the county the objects for which it exists. Many enthusiasts, whether Men of Kent, or Kentish Men, have had a hand in helping forward the good cause, but, when all is said and done, it is on the chief executive official that the primary responsibility rests and in the part which he has played the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore has not only discharged the duties of his office with efficiency and success, but has set an example which should be an inspiration to all.

The ringing Exercise owes a debt, which can never be fully expressed, to those men who, like Mr. Helmore, give ungrudging service for the best part of their lives, in order that the rest of the fraternity may enjoy their art and practise it at will. The influence of the labours of such men is felt in many indirect ways, even when the work which they have done is not apparent on the surface. The Kent County Association has been doubly fortunate. Not only have the members had the benefit for nearly forty years of the experience of a very able secretary, but Mr. Helmore's association with the Diocese of Canterbury and its Cathedral has been a valuable connecting link between the organisation and the church authorities. Mr. Helmore takes with him into his retirement from office the good wishes of his ringing friends

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throughout the country; their sympathy with him in the bereavement which recently so suddenly befel him and their hope that he will soon fully recover his health and be spared for many years yet to take his place in the belfry and continue his interest in the association which he has 'fathered' for so lengthy a period.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

in Easter Monday, April 1, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 12 lb. in C sharp.

FREDERICK BORRETT Treble	ARTHUR KING 7
WILLIAM BASON 2	CLAYTON PARNELL 8
JOHN HARWOOD 3	EDWARD KETT 9
ERNEST WHITING 4	CHARLES LOVETT 10
WILLIAM DUNCAN 5	GEORGE BAILEY 11
CHARLES SAYER 6	EDWIN GOATE Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

First peal on 12 bells by all except ringers of treble, 2nd and 4th.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, April 2, 1929, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

A. PADDON SMITH Treble	THOMAS MILLER 7
THOMAS H. REEVES 2	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 8
FRED PRICE 3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 9
JAMES GEORGE 4	SAMUEL GROVE 10
FRANK W. PERRINS 5	ALBERT WALKER 11
ROBERT MATHEWS 6	WILLIAM T. FROGGATT ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

First peal on the recast peal of twelve. Mr. Thomas Miller rang his first peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's Church, Birmingham, 49 years ago, i.e., in April, 1880.

TEN BELL PEALS.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 2, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

GEORGE BASFORD Treble	THOMAS R. HENSHER 6
*JOHN R. MAIN 2	CHARLES W. BIRD 7
*GEORGE WARREN 3	*FREDERICK J. TIE 8
*HARRY WARREN 4	ANDERSON Y. TYLER 9
†CYRIL D. NICHOLS 5	ROBERT G. BLACK Tenor

Composed by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

Conducted by ROBERT G. BLACK

* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Royal 'inside.' First peal of Treble Ten as conductor. This composition is now rung for the first time.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 6, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes.

ON THE MEMORIAL BELLS OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

JOHN OLDHAM Treble	WILLIAM H. CLARKE 6
HAROLD J. POOLE 2	*HARRY L. SMITH 7
THOMAS H. VALLANCE 3	L. WILLIAM JACQUES 8
COLIN HARRISON 4	WILLIAM WILLSON 9
PERCY HARRISON 5	RALPH HUBBARD Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

* First peal on ten bells. First peal on the ten bells since the augmentation by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, the trebles being the gift of the conductor. This composition has the sixth, its extent behind the ninth in the tittums, and 23 courses behind the eighth in the inverted home position.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Easter Monday, April 1, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERPILERS, 5147 CHANGES;

THOMAS BALDWIN Treble	THOMAS WITTS 6
FRANK COLE 2	FRANK PONTING 7
ALBERT WRIGHT 3	FRANK WAITE 8
GEORGE GODDING 4	JOHN BALLINGER 9
GEORGE ORCHARD 5	HAROLD BIRT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

MIDDLETON, LANC.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 30, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr.

THOMAS K. DRIVER Treble	WILLIAM HORAN 5
WILLIAM BERRY 2	CHARLES OLLIER 6
JOSEPH HALL 3	TOM JONES 7
JAMES H. EASTON 4	WILLIAM H. SHUKER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM BERRY.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Sunday, March 31, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes
AT THE LATIMER CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION. Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb. in G.

ROWLAND BARROW Treble	ALFRED BALLARD 5
C. HENRY WEBB 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER 6
HARRY MORGAN 3	ERNEST MORRIS 7
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 4	*SIDNEY HARRISON Tenor

Conducted by J. F. MILNER.

* First peal. Arranged for Mr. H. Morgan, of Gainsborough, and rung also as a wedding peal for the cousin of the conductor, Mr. James Milner, to Miss Agnes Wilkes.

WOBURN, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 1, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in D.

*WILLIAM PEACOCK Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
CHARLES W. CLARKE 2	H. DOUGLAS HARRIS 6
MISS EVELYN STERL 3	EDMUND J. HOBBS 7
ARTHUR MARKWELL 4	†HORACE H. SMITH Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
* First peal on eight bells. † 100th peal. Arranged for F. Bennett, who was on a visit to Woburn.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Easter Monday, April 1, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5006 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 5
*ALFRED BASFORD 2	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS 6
*MISS NOEL CAWTHORNE 3	ARTHUR PASHLEY 7
*FREDERICK CARDWELL 4	JOHN THORPE Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN THORPE.
* First peal in any Surprise method. Also first Surprise peal on the bells.

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BIRLING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 1, 1929, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

THOMAS E. SONE Treble	CHARLES H. SONE 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	WILLIAM WENBAN 6
HARRY BAKER 3	ARTHUR H. SMITH 7
WILLIAM E. PITMAN 4	ALBERT RELFE Tenor

Composed by JAMES PAGETT. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

First peal of Double Norwich on the bells. This composition contains all combinations of 4-5 in 5-6 and the 6th 24 times home.

CARDIFF.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 1, 1929, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TEURSTANS' FOUR-PART.	Tenor 27 cwt. in D.
*JOSEPH LOVETT Treble	*ALFRED FARNELL 5
HARRY PAGE 2	WILLIAM PAGE 6
HERBERT DAVIS 3	THOMAS PAGE 7
FREDERICK LASBURY 4	*SEYMOUR R. BARKER Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS PAGE.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. First peal of Stedman Triples on the bells. Arranged as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the second. Also a compliment to Herbert Davies, this being the anniversary of his wedding, and a wedding peal for the son of William Page.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 1, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

GEORGE GREEN Treble	WILLIAM J. NEVARD 5
WILLIAM KEEBLE 2	WALTER ARNOLD 6
THOMAS LINCOLN 3	WILLIAM E. CHEATER 7
WILLIAM LINCOLN 4	ARTHUR HEAD Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

TENBY, PEMBROKESHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 1, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.	Tenor 14½ cwt.
G. WILLIAM HOLLIS Treble	CHARLES H. PERRY 5
ERNEST STITCH 2	ALBERT J. PITMAN 6
JOHN W. JONES 3	JOHN PHILLIPS 7
*REV. F. A. OSWELL 4	ALFRED W. WRIGHT Tenor

Conducted by A. J. PITMAN.

* First peal of Triples with a bob bell. The visitors take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the local band for having everything ready.

SALFORD.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 2, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BANKES' SIX-PART, No. 1.	Tenor 11½ cwt.
JOSEPH HALL Treble	SAMUEL HOLY 5
*JOSEPH SLATER 2	FRANK STONELEY 6
THOMAS JONES 3	WILFRID J. MOSS 7
ALBERT LEES 4	RICHARD LONGDEN Tenor

Conducted by F. STONELEY.

Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Moss, also as a birthday compliment to Messrs. A. and H. Lees, service ringers at the above church. * First peal on eight bells.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On Thursday, March 14th, for evening service. 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss G. Burchall 1, H. M. Cafferata 2, Miss K. Burchall 3, Rev. R. F. Wilkinson 4, E. A. Midwinter 5, L. Pierrepont (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method for ringers of 2nd and 5th.

ABERAVON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, April 2, 1929, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.		Tenor 16 cwt.	
GWYN I. LEWIS Treble		*CHARLES H. PERRY 5	
WILLIAM WILLIAMS 2		FREDERICK E. STONE 6	
WALTER J. NORTON 3		ALBERT J. PITMAN 7	
*ERNEST STITCH 4		†ALBERT E. PITMAN Tenor	

Transposed and Conducted by C. H. PERRY.

* 75th peal. † Proposed a member before the peal.

COLWALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, April 2, 1929, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 11 cwt.	
DENNIS R. MORRIS Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT 5
*GEORGE POPNELL 2	WILLIAM RANFORD 6
*WILFRED WILLIAMS 3	CYRIL TANSSELL 7
FRANK LAWRENCE 4	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal of Surprise. W. Williams was elected a member of the association before starting.

MALVERN LINK, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, April 2, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS.

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt.

SIDNEY T. HOLT Treble	*GEORGE POPNELL 5
*FRANK LAWRENCE 2	*WILFRED WILLIAMS 6
*DENNIS R. MORRIS 3	*CYRIL TANSSELL 7
WILLIAM RANFORD 4	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT

* First peal of Oxford. First peal of Oxford on the bells. This and the preceding peal were arranged for Messrs. Popnell and Williams, of Bedwelly, Mon.

BREWOD, STAFFORD.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, April 2, 1929, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CHAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 8040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 21½ cwt.	
HERBERT KNIGHT Treble		ALBERT G. HUNT 5	
GEORGE WARNER 2		J. WILLIAM PERRY 6	
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 3		JOHN PERRY 7	
ABRAHAM E. WINTERTON 4		THOMAS PERRY Tenor	

Conducted by JOHN PERRY.

Rung for the Easter Festival, also immediately after the wedding of Mr. G. W. H. Webb, of Bishop's Wood, and Miss L. M. Archer, of Brewod. Mr. H. Knight belongs to St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, and Mr. C. Wallater to Willenhall, the rest are local ringers. The band desire to thank the parents of the bride for their very kind hospitality after the peal.

BRISTOL.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 3, 1929, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM H. THOMAS Treble	WILLIAM KNIGHT 5
THOMAS F. KING 2	JACK CARMAN 6
ALFRED E. REEVES 3	JOHN A. BURFORD 7
ALBERT STOWELL 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ALFRED E. REEVES.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, April 3, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S FIVE-PART, NO. 10.		Tenor 12½ cwt.	
MAURICE SWINFELD Treble		JOSEPH BAILEY 5	
SAMUEL PINDER 2		EPHRAIM W. RANDE 6	
CHARLES DRAPER 3		JAMES S. HUTCHBY 7	
JOHN H. SWINFELD 4		WALLACE BURTON Tenor	

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 6, 1929, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;
Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

WILLIAM KEEBLE Treble	WALTER SMITH 5
BASIL RIDGWELL 2	*ALBERT WIFFEN 6
ARTHUR SMITH 3	†JOSEPH WOOD 7
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 4	WALTER HAMMOND Tenor

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

* First peal in the method. † First peal.

WHALLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 6, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 22½ cwt.

*PETER CROOK, JUN. Treble	WILLIAM HORAN 5
JOHN BOOTH 2	JAMES W. GROUNDS 6
WILLIAM TAYLOR 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 7
JOHN R. TAYLOR 4	PETER CROOK, SEN. Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 6, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 8½ cwt.

ALBERT G. HARRISON Treble	EDWARD HOWES 5
WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD 2	GEORGE POYNITZ 6
JOHN ALDIS, JUN. 3	F. NOLAN GOLDEN 7
RICHARD BALDRY 4	JAMES F. DUFFIELD Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by JAS. F. DUFFIELD.

LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 6, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, TUEBROOK,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

LESTER L. GRAY Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
EDWARD JENKINS 2	WILLIAM BIBBY 6
THOMAS W. HAMMOND 3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 7
JOHN BREESE 4	EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 6, 1929, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5068 CHANGES;
Tenor 21½ cwt.

JOHN LEE Treble	GEORGE MARRINER 5
JOHN BRAMS 2	*RONALD H. DOVE 6
FREDERICK G. WOODISS 3	WILLIAM C. NEWBERRY 7
ALBERT E. CHEESMAN 4	ALBERT HARMAN Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

* First peal of Major inside.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BLACKWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 2, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 21 six-scores of Grandsire and 21 six-scores of Plain Bob.

BENJAMIN WALBANK Treble	WILFRED RILEY 3
BERNARD BAILY 2	ARTHUR SMITHSON 4

FRED W. KNOWLES Tenor

Conducted by F. W. KNOWLES.

GROSCOMBE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 1, 1929, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

THOMAS SNELL Treble	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 4
FRANK D. RICHARDS 2	ERIC C. WADMAN 5
EDWARD G. L. COWARD 3	RONALD G. BECK Tenor

Conducted by R. G. BECK.

The 50th Somerset tower in which the conductor has rung a peal.

DINDER, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 1, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire, 14 different callings.

Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

THOMAS SNELL Treble	EDWARD G. L. COWARD 4
RONALD G. BECK 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5
ERIC C. WADMAN 3	EDWARD J. ROWE Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

Mr. E. J. Rowe was elected a life member before starting.

EASTRINGTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 1, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's of Kent, each called differently.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ARTHUR CRYER Treble	HORACE MORLEY 4
ROBERT B. SMITH 2	FRANK HATFIELD 5
FRED TERRY 3	WM. A. HUDSON Tenor

Conducted by W. A. HUDSON.

2nd from Howden, treble and 4th from Selby, and 3rd 5th and tenor from Hemingbrough.

EARLS BARTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Monday, April 1, 1929, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

HENRY W. GAYTON Treble	WILLIAM STOCK 4
FRANK KIRK 2	GEORGE BASFORD 5
JOHN R. MAIN 3	AMOS SMART Tenor

Conducted by AMOS SMART.

RATBY, NEAR LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(LEICESTER DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, April 6, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

CHARLES A. PRIESTNALL ... Treble	*THOMAS E. GARDNER ... 4
*STERRICK B. BOYLEY ... 2	ERNEST H. BAGWORTH ... 5
JAMES H. SPENCER ... 3	NORMAN S. BAGWORTH ... Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN S. BAGWORTH.

* First peal.

HALLATON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 6, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising Old, Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, St. Dunstan's and Grandsire, forty-two six-scores, each ending with rounds.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOSEPH NORTON Treble	ERNEST MORRIS 3
RONALD RUSSELL 2	J. GEOFFREY GEARY 4

A. NORMAN GEARY Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 6, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Single Court and six 720's of Plain Bob.

*JOHN P. BEZSON Treble	ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN ... 4
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 2	EDWARD FOSTER 5
MISS C. BURCHNALL 3	LEONARD PIERREPONT ... Tenor

Conducted by L. PIERREPONT.

* First peal of Minor. The Misses Burchnall were elected members of the M.C.A. previous to starting.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 6, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Plain Bob, Woodbine, Kent, and two of 720's of Oxford.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

CHARLES ABLITT Treble	WILLIAM A. WOODS 4
GEORGE PRYKE 2	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 5
THOMAS C. WARD 3	GEORGE W. ABLITT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. ABLITT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. Pryke.

TIBSHELE, DERBYSHIRE.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 6, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising four 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*ARTHUR SMITHSON Treble	ERNEST T. MALLENDER ... 4
BERNARD BAILEY 2	FRED CLARKE 5
FRED W. KNOWLES 3	ERNEST A. WILSON Tenor

Conducted by F. W. KNOWLES.

* First peal of Minor. Rung in honour of the 83rd birthday of Mr. J. W. Scott, who has been a bellringer and towerkeeper at this church for forty-two years, and who still takes his place in the belfry.

HANDBELL PEAL.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 30, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT RYE MILL FARM,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

GEORGE GREEN 1-2	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5-6
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 3-4	WALTER ARNOLD 7-8

Composed by FREDK. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

First peal of Major on handbells by G. Green. Rung to celebrate the 51st birthday of the conductor.

THE PEAL AT WINCHESTER TRAINING COLLEGE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Referring to the peal at Winchester Training College, I congratulate Mr. Golden in having roused so much interest in the College, but it was not the first to be rung in a training college, as a peal of Grandsire Caters was rung in the Music Room of St. Mark's, Chelsea, on May 16th, 1920, but only one of the band was a resident. It is to be hoped the interest may be maintained. Wishing them the best of luck, yours etc,

W. AYRE.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. A RECORD OF PROGRESS.

The 32nd annual general meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held in the City, and proved a great success. The attendance during the afternoon and evening reached nearly ninety, and the three towers open for ringing were at times filled to the limit of their capacity for comfort. The service, held at St. Botolph's Church, Bishopsgate, at 4.30, was very well attended. The lesson, taken from 1 Cor. xiv., was read by Mr. F. A. Milne, president of the association, and the special ringers' hymn, 'Unchanging God, Who livest,' was sung. The address was given by the Rev. A. Lombardini, well-known for his mid-day inspiring sermons to city workers. After welcoming the members of the association, he chose for his text a passage from 1 Kings vii., 'In the clay ground,' and drew an analogy between the choice by King Solomon of a place for moulding vessels of metal to adorn the temple, and God's choice of a way of moulding our lives. The organist at the service was Mr. Leonard H. Warner, well known to B.B.C. listeners, whose rendering of the various hymns and other music was much appreciated.

An excellent tea was served in the Church Hall. The Rev. A. Lombardini, Mr. T. Walker and Mr. L. H. Warner joined the members of the association at the meal, although the former was unable to stay for more than a few minutes. After tea, a well-struck course of Stedman Cinques was rung on handbells by G. R. Pye, Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, G. H. Cross, J. Thomas, G. W. Fletcher and W. Pye.

The President took the chair at the subsequent business meeting. He was supported by Messrs. W. Pickworth and C. S. Bird (vice-presidents), Messrs. C. T. Coles and W. H. Hollier (hon. secretaries) and other officers and members of committee.

INCREASING INTEREST OF YOUNGER GENERATION.

The report, which had already been distributed amongst the members, was taken as read and adopted. Extracts from a very satisfactory report are as follows:—

'The end of the war found us, like other associations, with our local bands sadly depleted, and in some cases almost broken up. In addition, quite a number of those members who returned from active service took no further part in the ringing of our bells. However, the efforts required from those responsible for keeping the association in an active state was forthcoming, and to-day it is true to say that our strength has never been so great, or our activities so wide. During the period under review our membership has increased by upwards of 100, notwithstanding that death has taken a heavy toll. There has been a considerable increase in the number of affiliated towers, and instruction has been given at different times to several of our hands. Much credit is due to those who have undertaken this work, as well as to those leaders of local societies who, by continuous exertion, have not allowed their bands to become depleted. During the last year or two a welcome sign has been the increasing interest shown in ringing by the younger generation, and at the last annual meeting this was especially noticed. The future of our association is with these young men. Let us therefore continue our efforts to interest them in our art and in our Guild.'

After referring to the satisfactory district meetings and the success of the joint meetings with other associations, the report went on: 'The peals rung during the year numbered 69, two of which were rung on handbells and the remainder on tower bells in 38 different towers. The conducting was shared by 16 of the members, whilst 163 took part in the peals. Ten members rang their first peals, and 81 their first peals in a new method. Quite a large number of members rang their first peals of Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Maximus, Cambridge Surprise Royal, and London and Bristol Surprise Major; and still more their initial peals of Stedman Caters and Triples. Miss E. E. Chapman rang her first peal of Surprise Maximus, whilst Miss F. E. Orr took part in the first peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major rung by the association. To them, and to Mr. W. G. Wilson, who conducted his first peal, we extend our congratulations. The association attained the honour of ringing the first peal of Superlative Surprise Maximus in London, (this being accomplished at Southwark Cathedral on January 14th. Peals of Yorkshire and Lincolnshire Surprise Major were rung by the association for the first time, the latter peal being rung without any of the band having previously practised the method! Two peals of Spliced Surprise Major in four methods were conducted from non-observation bells by Messrs. William and George R. Pye, these being performances of outstanding merit. Five Surprise Major methods were rung in one peal for the first time on December 18th at Willesden, whilst an excellent performance was accomplished on handbells at Ealing on December 20th. Three of the peals were rung with half-muffled clappers in memory of the late C. I. Edwards, R. E. Holloway, and G. Paice, at Heston, Acton and Edmonton, respectively. Although not appearing in our records, we must not omit to refer to Mr. James George's 1,000th peal, which was rung at Wolverhampton on October 6th. Mr. George has been a loyal member of this association for some 30 years, and whilst congratulating him on his achievement, we must express our pleasure that a considerable number of his peals have been rung for this society. The quarter-peal list denotes progress in certain towers, but at the same time other towers

which were at one time prominent in the list show a decline. Several 720's at six-bell towers are noted, and the Northaw band must be congratulated on having rung some 30 extents of Minor, including one of Spliced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

MEMBERSHIP.

The membership remains the same as last year. One honorary and 60 ringing members were elected, but there were a large number of lapses, whilst eight members were taken from us by death. In connection with the lapses of membership, most of which were caused by removals, members are reminded that the Central Council has formed a scheme for keeping in touch with ringers removing from one district to another. The scheme was outlined in 'The Ringing World' of June 1st, 1928. Local secretaries should advise their district secretary of any removals, giving the new address. At the same time, when local secretaries are advised of removals into their district they should take every step possible to obtain the services of the ringer concerned. During the year Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have rehung the peal of six at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, in new bearings, and the eight bells at St. Mary's, Staines, in new fittings with strengthened framework. The bells at St. Paul's Cathedral have been overhauled by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., who also have in hand the rehanging of the bells at St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have rehung the bells at St. John-the-Baptist's, Chipping Barnet, on ball bearings, and are undertaking the complete recasting of the peal of eight at St. James', Clerkenwell. The Isleworth Bell Fund now reaches a total of £134, and an appeal is made for further support, as a considerable sum is needed before the augmentation is put in hand. The Belfry Repairs Fund instituted in the S. and W. district early last year amounts to £2 4s. 6d. Sincere thanks are expressed to those of our members who have done great service by way of instructing at several of our towers. Without this important work very little progress would be shown.'

The balance sheet, showing a Central Fund balance of £29 3s. 8d., was adopted.

Four new members were elected, whilst the whole of the retiring officers were unanimously chosen to continue for another year.

A vacancy on the Central Council, arising through the lamented death of Mr. Robert Holloway, was filled by the election of Mr. Frank Corke, of Hillingdon.

THE COUNCIL AGENDA.

The Central Council agenda was next considered, and various views on the difference between a 'delegate' and a 'representative' were stated. It was generally agreed, however, that the representatives, when voting at the Council's meetings, should consider the views of their members as expressed at association meetings, or discussion at these meetings would be useless.

On this question, and on that of the peals of Minor and Doubles, contributions to the discussion were made by Messrs. J. A. Trollope, J. Parker, A. H. Pulling, G. L. Joyce, and C. T. Coles, but on the latter very vexed subject representatives were given an entirely free hand, it being considered a question for expert advice.

Representatives were 'authorised' to support the proposal to raise the affiliation fees, although some doubt as to the wisdom of the increase was expressed. The possibility of some associations reducing their number of representatives to the Council was considered as quite a likely result, with lessened interest in the Council's activities.

Support was given to the next two questions on the Council's agenda, but opposition was shown to the final item.

Acton was chosen as the venue for next year's annual meeting.

Members were reminded of the joint meeting of the S. and W. District and the Oxford Diocesan Guild, which is to be held at Hillingdon on April 20th, and of the reopening of Clerkenwell bells on May 4th, whilst Mr. C. S. Bird made an appeal for donations towards a memorial which it has been decided to erect in the Acton belfry to the late Robert Holloway.

The President proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks to all those to whom members were indebted for the success of the meeting, including the Rev. W. Hudson Shaw (Bishopsgate), Rev. F. W. Isaacs (Cripplegate), and Rev. H. J. Fynes-Clinton (St. Magnus'), for the use of their bells, the Rev. A. Lombardini for his address, Mr. L. A. Warner (organist), Messrs. J. E. Davis, J. C. F. Bayley and W. Arnold, the towerkeepers and vergers at the various churches. —Mr. T. Walker, on behalf of the Rector of Bishopsgate, replied to the vote of thanks, and expressed his pleasure at being present.

During the afternoon and evening a great deal of ringing was done at St. Botolph's, St. Giles', Cripplegate, and at St. Magnus', Thames Street, and a large number of methods were rung, including most of the standard methods on eight bells, Stedman Caters and Cinques, Cambridge Royal, and Treble Bob Maximus.

THE F. G. NEWMAN FUND

Previously acknowledged, £7 9s.; Mr. H. Belcher, 2s.; Rev. Canon Helmore, 5s.; collection at Maidstone meeting on Easter Monday, per Mr. Groombridge, £4 4s.; grant from Kent County Benevolent Fund, £5; J. A. D., 5s.; Mr. W. J. Nevard, 2s. 6d.; Mr. C. T. Coles, 2s. 6d.; Mr. C. Slingsby, 5s.; total, £17 15s. Contributions should be sent to Mr. W. T. Cockerill, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

STEDMAN AND CARTER'S DOUBLES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Now that the publication of the Central Council's Collection of legitimate methods has been postponed, it may be an opportune time to suggest that Stedman's Doubles and its Reverse, and Carter's Doubles and its Reverse should be given in their correct form with Rounds as first row in the new publication, when issued, as follows:—

	Reverse Stedman's Doubles.	Stedman's Doubles.		Reverse Carter's Doubles.	Carter's Doubles.
Div. head	12345	12345	Div. head	12345	12345
	21354	21354		21354	21354
	23145	12534		12534	23145
	32415	15243		15243	32415
	23451	51234		51234	23451
	24315	15324		15324	24315
	42351	51342		51342	42351
	43215	15432		15432	43215
	34251	51423		51423	34251
	43521	54132		54132	43521
	45312	45312		45312	45312
Div. end	54321	54321	Div. end	54321	54321
2nd Div. head	53412	45231	2nd Div. head	53412	45231

It will be noticed that the only difference between Stedman's Doubles and Reverse Carter's Doubles is that the 1st place at the Division End in Stedman is converted into 5th's place in Reverse Carter's Doubles; and vice versa, the 5th's place of Reverse Stedman Doubles is converted into 1st place at the Division End of Carter's Doubles.

There is one other peculiarity worthy of notice, i.e., Carter's Doubles is the only one of the four methods that will extend perfectly, as a regular method, to Infinity.

Reverse Stedman Doubles will extend to Triples and Cinques, but the Caters of this method is only a three part touch as follows:—

1st Div. Head 123456789
2nd Div. Head 759381624
3rd Div. Head 684927153

123456789

Brighton.

Yours faithfully, GEORGE BAKER.

EASTER RINGING.

LEWISHAM.—On Easter Sunday, at St. Mary's, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Warnett 1, J. Dafters 2, H. James 3, W. Fox 4, H. Warnett (conductor) 5, H. Warnett, jun., 6, J. Bennett 7, H. Goodwin 8. G. Warnett hails from West Grinstead, Sussex. This was his first quarter of Grandsire.

DURHAM.—At the Cathedral, for the afternoon service on Easter Day, after meeting short for a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 960 Bob Minor, with 6-8 covering: E. E. Ferry (conductor) 1, J. R. Temple 2, W. H. Johnson 3, R. A. Johnson 4, E. L. Allerson 5, G. Metcalfe 6, C. F. Vasey 7, H. Oliver 8. It was also a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

HATFIELD.—On Easter Day, at St. Etheldreda's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): A. Shepherd 1, G. Austin 2, D. Ellingham 3, R. Richardson 4, J. Dunham 5, J. Kentish (conductor) 6, A. Lawrence 7, Sergt. Lawrence 8. For evensong, 1,100 Stedman Triples in 56 mins.: F. Cull 1, D. Ellingham 2, S. Cull 3, R. Richardson 4, L. Shepherd 5, J. Kentish 6, J. Dunham 7, G. Austin 8.—On Friday, March 15th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 53 mins.: F. Cull 1, G. Austin 2, A. Shepherd 3, R. Richardson 4, L. Shepherd 5, J. Dunham 6, Sergt. Lawrence 7, J. Kentish (conductor) 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. T. Kentish.

SWANMORE, HANTS.—At St. Barnabas' Church, on Easter Sunday, for morning service, 720 Oxford Single Bob: A. Watson 1, W. Linter 2, W. Allen 3, E. Jacobs 4, B. H. Clark, Aldershot (first 720) 5, R. Linter (conductor) 6.

CAERPHILLY, GLAM.—On Easter Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: H. Cassell 1, E. Dare 2, S. Addicott 3, W. Pike 4, P. Jones 5, H. Broughton 6, A. Addicott (conductor) 7, G. Cooke 8.

MERTHYR TYDFIL.—On Easter Sunday, March 31st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: H. Davies 1, J. Gooding 2, F. Sharpe 3, L. Stirk 4, W. Fisher 5, T. Emm 6, J. Coles (conductor) 7, F. Stirk 8.

MIDDLETON, LANCs.—On Easter Sunday, for early morning service, 360 Bob Minor, for morning service 420 Grandsire, and for evening service 464 Bob Major, the ringers taking part being: Wm. Berry, John Hollows, James Jacques, John Smith, Harry Bastow, Tom A. Ogden, James H. Bastow, Thomas K. Driver.

KENSINGTON.—At St. Mary Abbots Church, on Easter Day for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,257 changes): A. V. Selby 1, H. G. Miles (conductor) 2, F. V. Sinkins 3, J. A. Dart 4, C. F. Winney 5, E. E. Welham 6, P. L. Miles 7, W. E. Judd 8, G. C. Rice 9, Capt. C. Warner 10.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The bells of Dedleston, Cheshire, originally five in number, have just been rehung and retuned, and a treble added by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The new bell was dedicated by the Lord Bishop of the diocese on Easter Eve, and ringers will have an opportunity of hearing the ring at the Chester Guild meeting on Saturday, April 13th.

Mr. Albert Walker, the Deputy Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, is among those who have rung a hundred peals in his 'Sunday service' tower. He has taken part in 114 peals in the famous church in the Bull Ring, Birmingham. Of these he has conducted 48, and has called a peal at least three times off each of the twelve bells.

Among those who have also rung a hundred peals in their own tower are two Lewes ringers. Mr. A. J. Turner has scored 140 peals on the bells at Southover, in the ancient county town of Sussex, and Mr. R. J. Dawe has rung 135 there.

Mr. Arthur Knights has rung 207 peals on Chesterfield bells, and his son, Ben, has rung 125. Mr. T. J. Salter, of Kidderminster, completed the 'century' on the bells of St. Mary's Church, as long ago as October, 1906.

Guardsman J. Bragg, by communicating with Mr. R. J. Best, of 9, Cumberland Street, Finsbury, S.W.1, will be able to obtain the return of his wallet, which was found in Buckingham Palace Road. The finder, however, is unable to communicate direct as there was no address. The 'clue' to the owner is a receipt issued by the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

The bells of Birmingham Cathedral will be broadcast from 7.50 to 8 p.m. on Sunday.

Mr. Fred M. Mitchell, who succeeds the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore as general secretary of the Kent County Association, has been for ten years secretary of the Rochester District. His address is 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

Twenty years ago to-day the then record peal of 15,027 Stedman Caters was rung in 12 hrs. 18 mins. at Loughborough Parish Church—the first time one set of men had rung 'round the clock.'

To-morrow is the anniversary of the Treble Ten record, made at Ashton-under-Lyne in 1914, when 14,000 of Kent was rung in 9 hrs. 24 mins. Next Wednesday is the anniversary of the Treble Bob Maximus record, at the same church, a peal of 12,240 having been rung in 8 hrs. 39 mins. on April 17th, 1911.

It is 160 years next Wednesday since the first peal of 'Norwich Court Bob Ten In' was rung. The peal was one of the famous performances of the Norwich ringers of that day, and was recorded by the 'Norwich Mercury,' which stated that 'from the harmony and regularity of its changes, it filled every lover of the art of ringing with the most pleasing wonder and astonishment.'

The incomparable peal,' continued the report, 'was invented in the year 1751 by Mr. Wm. Porter, one of the ringers belonging to St. Peter's company, and though from that time it has been annually practised, yet never was perfectly gone through with, without bells being out of course, till now, so that it may be affirmed that this is the first compleat 5,040 that ever was rung in the known world.'

THE BROADCAST OF ST. MARTIN'S BELLS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In answer to my appeal in 'The Ringing World' for opinions of the broadcast of the bells of St. Martin's, Birmingham, on March 17th, I have received a good number of letters from ringers in different parts of the country who listened to the Bob course of Stedman Cinques. The following had perfect reception and consider the microphone was placed in the best position, viz., on the north-east end of the church roof in proper relation to distance from the bell tower, where any noise from tram and motor traffic, which is generally very heavy in the vicinity of the church, especially the east end, is eliminated. These districts report that all the twelve bells came through clearly and distinctly in the rounds, changes and rounds, during the ten minutes' broadcast: Shrewsbury, Derby, Stanton-by-Dale, Lincoln, Boston, Monkseaton (Northumberland), Pudsey, Norwich, Thames Ditton, Barking and Fulham (London), Bath and Taunton.

The three following places—Banbury, Cheltenham, and Weymouth—write that the bells did not come through at all clearly, and one correspondent from Wilham, Essex, wants to know why we did not do some change ringing (a little leg-pulling, I fancy).

Allow me, sir, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' to thank all these friends for their expressions of opinion, which will be forwarded to the B.B.C. headquarters in Birmingham.

I also received many verbal congratulations at the Worcester meeting on Easter Monday on the perfect reception and good striking. Though one ringer from the Evesham district had a very bad reception of the bells, another ringer nearby had perfect reception, which makes one think some wireless sets are possibly overtuned.—Yours faithfully,

Birmingham.

ALBERT WALKER.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

RESIGNATION OF HON. SECRETARY.

The annual general meeting of the Kent County Association was held at Maidstone on Easter Monday, and, owing to its central position and the fair weather, attracted a large number of members. During the day about 200 put in an appearance. Various towers in the neighbourhood were opened to enable visitors to have a ring on their journey 'in' and 'out,' with the ten bells at All Saints', Maidstone, as the central attraction. These bells were going until noon, when the association service was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar (Canon Sopwith), the Rev. G. C. E. Ryley (Vicar of East Peckham) accompanying on the organ with his well-known ability. The special preacher for the service was the Rev. H. de V. Watson (Rector of Harrietsbam), who took for his text Colossians iii. 1, 'If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above.' Three hymns were sung, 'The strife is o'er,' the ringers' hymn, 'Unchanging God, Who livest,' and 'To the name of our Salvation.' A collection at the close for the County Ophthalmic Hospital, Maidstone, realised £2 10s. 1d.

Dinner followed in the Corn Exchange, which was taxed to its capacity owing to the large assembly. The Deputy Mayor of Maidstone (Councillor F. C. Connor) presided, supported by the hon. secretary (Rev. F. J. O. Helmore) and Miss Helmore, Canon Sopwith, Rev. G. C. E. Ryley, Rev. H. de V. Watson, Messrs. E. Alex. Young (hon. secretary of the Central Council) and Jackson (London County), and officers of the association.

After dinner, the toast of 'The King' was duly honoured, on the proposition of the Chairman, who said he was sure they were all glad that His Majesty was making such an excellent recovery.

Mr. F. White (Cranbrook) proposed the toast of 'The Archbishop of Canterbury and the Clergy of the Diocese.' He expressed pleasure that Archbishop Lang had consented to become their president, and offered their thanks to Canon Sopwith (Maidstone), Rev. H. de V. Watson, and the Rev. G. C. E. Ryley.

The Rev. H. de V. Watson, in replying, said he was rather a link of the association, as his father-in-law, the Rev. Knatchbull Huggeson, was one of the founders and first secretary of the association.

The Rev. G. C. E. Ryley also replied, and proposed the toast of 'The Chairman,' and thanked him for his attendance.—The Deputy Mayor of Maidstone said he was pleased to come in his official capacity and to welcome the association to their county town. He was one much in favour of old customs, and he hoped the day would never come when the old custom of bellringing would cease.

In response to an appeal on behalf of Mr. T. Newman, who was one of the founders of the association, a collection round the table realised £4 4s., and at a committee meeting held earlier a sum of £5 was voted from the Benevolent Fund.

REV. F. J. O. HELMORE'S 38 YEARS' SERVICE.

The hon. secretary's report and balance sheet having been adopted, the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore said he wished to thank them all for their kindness to him in his recent severe illness and his more recent sudden bereavement. Owing to the severe trial he had gone through and his advancing years (he was now 78) he said the time had come when he must resign his post as their hon. secretary, a position he had held for 38 years. He thanked all who had helped him during his illness—Mr. Mitchell, who had been his assistant, Mr. Sone for making the arrangements for the dinner that day, and to the other district secretaries for their ever-ready assistance. When he first took office, the number of members was about 400; to-day it was nearly 1,000; the number of non-resident members was 13, and now it was nearly 250. The time had now come when he must hand over the job to another.

Mr. W. Latter (Tonbridge District secretary) said he had known Canon Helmore during the whole period of his secretaryship, and it hardly seemed possible to associate his name without 'Kent County Association.' On behalf of them all he proposed their heartiest thanks to Canon Helmore for his valued services as their hon. secretary, and said how sorry they all were that force of circumstances had compelled him to resign.—This was seconded by Mr. W. Haigh (Rochester), and carried with loud applause.

After the names of Lord Davidson, of Lambeth, and the Dean of Rochester had been added to the list of vice-presidents, the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore said it was left to him to propose his successor as their hon. secretary. During his illness his assistant had rendered good service, and he had pleasure in proposing the name of Mr. Frederick M. Mitchell (another 'Fred'), of Gravesend, as their hon. secretary. He would find plenty of work to do, but he was sure that Mr. Mitchell would do it to the best of his ability until a more suitable successor could be found.—This was seconded by Mr. W. E. Pitman (Canterbury) and carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL GROWTH OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Mr. Mitchell, in accepting office, said he was having the honour thrust upon him, but he would do his best, and gave an account of the growth of the finances of the association during the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore's period of office. When he took office 38 years ago the balance in hand was about £90. Last year's report showed a balance of £70, in addition to which they had about £550 invested—

(Continued in next column.)

PEALS OF MINOR AND DOUBLES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I note, from his letter of April 5th, that Mr. Severn speaks authoritatively for the majority of six-bell ringers, and in begging slightly to differ from him I am careful to avoid this. I am told that there are 40,000 ringers in the United Kingdom, and a very ridiculous estimate would place the number of Minor ringers at (say) 1,000. A majority would then mean 501 opinions personally canvassed, and this I have not done.

But the majority of the (comparatively) few with whom I have spoken have expressed the wish to see something like the following:—

A peal (meaning a 'five thousand'), or a touch (of less than this), shall commence and end with rounds.

In Major and upwards, it shall consist of at least 5,000 true changes, i.e., 4,999 different rows and two rows of rounds; one of the latter shall appear at the beginning, and one at the end.

In Triples, 5,040 true changes, i.e., 5,039 different rows, etc.

In Minor, it shall consist of at least seven blocks, each of 720 different rows, and one row, i.e., 5,040 true changes. Rounds shall be the first and the last rows of the peal. Each of the blocks shall be produced differently, with provision for one additional touch of less than 720.

In Doubles, similarly.

I agree with Mr. James that the 'commence from rounds' should be amended; we are too prone blindly to follow the mistakes of the past. We have an example of this (a trifling example, it is true) in Mr. Severn's letter. He shows three extents of London Surprise (upon which I congratulate him); he gives the figures before the bobs, when, actually, they follow the bobs. Why? Because it is customary, but that does not make it correct.

Let us get down to present-day need, and frame something which will help along rather than retard.

And a word about Mr. Guise's letters. From memory, I think he has suggested that his Guild should consider whether the expenditure in sending delegates-representatives-members (as you will to the Central Council), is worth while.

If so be that this Guild should decide that it is not worth while, it is to be hoped that none of its members will avail himself of the advantages to be obtained from the Central Council's Collection of Methods, Collections of Peals (and what not?), which are published from time to time with the aid of my money.

Let our criticism be constructive. The Central Council is a funny old body, but it is well worth while!—Yours faithfully,

St. John's, Leytonstone.

GEORGE L. JOYCE.

BRISTOL (?) SURPRISE MAXIMUS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—A stock argument of days gone by with the Rev. E. H. James was that certain figures were an Oxford Extension of, say, 'London' Surprise or 'Bristol' Surprise, but in your last issue you have published a method which the reverend gentleman designates Bristol (?) Surprise Maximus, which, in so far as it can be called an extension of 'Bristol' Major at all, is most certainly an Oxford extension, and in face of the correct figures of 'Bristol' Royal and Maximus given by Mr. A. Craven in these columns on January 19th, 1923, I suggest that the Rev. E. B. James should find another name for his latest attempt at extending 'Bristol' Major.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE BAKER.

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a growth of £530. The Belfry Repair Fund was instituted a quarter of a century ago, and since that time £143 had been paid out to various towers in need, and there was still a balance of £191. Their Benevolent Fund was started in 1912, with the result that £85 had been paid to deserving members, and the balance to-day was £131. Surely that showed the work of their hon. secretary, and Mr. Mitchell said it was a record impossible for him to beat. It was left to him to carry on the tradition of the association, which he would do to the best of his ability.

Mr. Frederick White proposed that they show their appreciation and place the name of the Rev. Frederick J. O. Helmore on the list of vice-presidents.—Several having risen to second the proposition, Mr. Frederick Thornton, as another 'Fred,' claimed the privilege, and it was unanimously agreed to.

The usual votes of thanks concluded the meeting, which, as regards numbers, was a record for a great number of years, about 50 towers in Kent being represented, and it was most fitting it should be, considering that the association was parting with such a highly-respected and devoted servant after so many years' faithful service.

Ten towers were open for ringing during the day, and it is hoped that full advantage was taken of the opportunities offered through the kindness of the various incumbents, as it is not very encouraging to the clergy if the use of the bells is granted and no visitors come to ring. It is true that Maidstone has many attractions, even to its gaol—and it is hoped no one found their way there—but ample time was afforded the visitors in their ringing pursuits.

SUFFOLK GUILD AND THE CENTRAL COUNCIL. PROCEDURE DISCUSSED.

The annual meeting of the Suffolk Guild at Ipswich on Monday was marked by a good deal that was of interest. The business was transacted in St. Mary-le-Tower Church House in the afternoon, and was well attended. Archdeacon Farmiloe presided, and all the officers were re-elected.

It was pointed out that the number of honorary members was lamentably small, being only 24 in all. It was, therefore, resolved that 'district and other secretaries be urged to obtain as many hon. members as possible.'

In order to put the relation between the Guild and the Advisory Committee of the diocese on a regular footing, it was agreed to choose as one of the officers to be elected each year a consultant who would act as technical adviser to any tower, and of whose appointment the Advisory Committee should be officially notified. Mr. J. C. G. Haggard, of Sproughton, was thereupon elected as consultant. The chairman also instructed the secretary to supply the Advisory Committee with copies of the cards 'On the care of bells' and on 'The elements of change ringing,' as published by the Central Council, and circulated by the Guild.

There was then passed unanimously this resolution: 'The Guild urges its members to get as many ringers as possible elected on Parochial Church Councils, the Diocesan Conference, and the Church Assembly.'

There had been some discussion at a former meeting as to whether the district secretaries were to be expected to visit every tower to collect subscriptions, and the following note to the rules was agreed to: 'In each company there shall be chosen a secretary (or captain, or Ringing Master), who shall collect all subscriptions as soon after January 1st as possible, and send them to the district secretary.'

There was considerable and lively discussion on the subject of splicing of extents, about which there had been so much correspondence in 'The Ringing World.' The following resolution was ultimately carried: 'The splicing of methods is theoretically unsound. But if this departure from strict regularity is allowed, the splicing of extents in five or six-bell ringing should be allowed also.' There was one vote against, the reason given being that it would not be well for the Guild to appear to oppose so widely accepted a practice as splicing.

STANDING ORDERS WANTED FOR COUNCIL.

The Secretary reported that he had sent the resolutions which had been passed by the last annual meeting to the secretary of the Central Council for his information. To his surprise, when he entered the meeting at Hereford, he found that they were put down on the agenda as 'late resolutions,' to be considered at the end. Both, however, were dealt with in the course of previous discussions. Nevertheless, at the end of the meeting the chairman, instead of passing them over, went to some trouble to explain that for some obscure point of order these resolutions were wrong. Evidently there was much confusion as to the relation between the Central Council and its constituent bodies. In one case there was even a proposal to withdraw the representatives. He thought this quite useless, and suggested that the best way to meet the difficulty was to have some standing orders drawn up so that the associations would know what to do. It was absurd that, when a matter had been referred to the associations, they should be told that they had done wrong to pass a resolution on the subject.

In the course of the discussion, the Chairman (Archdeacon Farmiloe) said that it was much more dignified and useful for the members of the Central Council to be considered to be representatives rather than to be mere delegates, who had to vote as they were told.

In the end the secretary was asked to write to the secretary of the Council for an explanation.

A letter in 'The Ringing World' on the Sudbury District was read, and it was agreed that was a matter which concerned the secretary for West Suffolk, and that the matter be referred to him, assuring him of the support of the Guild in the matter. Arrangements for an instructor for Hadleigh were decided on, and the meeting closed with the usual votes of thanks.

THE CATCHPOLE-MOTTS MEMORIAL.

The Vicar of St. Mary-le-Tower gave an address at a well-attended service, and afterwards Archdeacon Farmiloe unveiled, in the presence of all the members, a memorial in the ringing chamber of St. Mary-le-Tower to the late Wm. L. Catchpole and James Motts. This took the form of a tablet in Portland stone, consisting of an inscribed panel, buttressed and pinnacled in Perpendicular style, supported on a moulded ashlar base; two bells with their headstocks are carved at the foot of the panel, on which the inscription is as follows:—

'Omnia opera laudant. To the Glory of God—and in memory of William L. Catchpole, who died 1918, and James Motts, who died 1923, aged respectively 59 and 63 years, composers and conductors of numerous peals, well versed and capable, always ready to give a helping hand to their less learned comrades in furthering the art of change ringing. Of genial and noble disposition were these two men. This tablet is erected to record the high esteem in which they are held by the whole ringing fraternity.'

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WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. THE CATHEDRAL PEAL.

The annual meeting of the Worcestershire and Districts Association was held as usual on Easter Monday at Worcester, when the fine weather, coupled with the attraction of the new peal of twelve bells at the Cathedral, brought together a large number of members and visitors, who commenced to arrive at an early hour. Among the latter were Messrs. F. E. Dawe (London), J. P. Fidler (Loughborough), J. Austin (Gloucester), and A. Walker (Birmingham).

The various city towers were open for ringing, but not too much use seemed to be made of them, the Cathedral seeming to be the 'Mecca' of everyone. The authorities had this year kindly granted extra facilities for the bells at the Cathedral, and shortly after 12.30 their glorious tones commenced to boom over the city. The first item of the day was the unveiling of a peal tablet in the belfry, recording the first peal to be rung on the new bells, viz., Stedman Cinques, on December 26th last. This was rung by the association, conducted by the Master (Mr. J. D. Johnson), who later expressed the gratification of the members to the Dean for making the long climb up to the ringing chamber to perform the ceremony.

As is usual on these occasions, the ringing was of a very moderate character, due to various reasons. Although there was an abundance of good twelve-bell men, it was exceedingly difficult to get them together owing to the congested state of the belfry and steps. As a consequence, some could not get in at all; some were wedged in and could not get out; some endeavoured to do their best on metal much above their calibre, the result being as stated. However, good humour prevailed, and everybody seemed happy.

The business meeting was held in the Chapter House in the afternoon, the Dean (the Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D.) being in the chair.

At the outset, in welcoming the members, the Dean expressed the grateful thanks of the authorities to the members for their gift of a bell to the new peal, £100 having been raised. The 8th bell is suitably inscribed to this effect, and a bronze tablet has been fixed in the belfry. Associated with this he also wished to mention the name of Mr. A. E. Parsons. He was sure that he voiced the regret of those present that he could not be with them that day owing to indisposition. The speaker then invited London and Birmingham expert opinion on the bells, and asked Mr. F. E. Dawe, of London, and Mr. A. Walker, the Deputy Ringing Master, of St. Martin's Guild, to say a few words. Mr. Dawe said he was delighted to listen to such a magnificent peal, and if consent were given he would be pleased to bring a band of experts from London to show how they should be rung.

Mr. Walker congratulated the Dean and Chapter upon possessing such a noble peal, which he said was worthy of the edifice, and offered a suggestion regarding the louvres to prevent the sound beating down. He also incidentally remarked that they in Birmingham rather fancied themselves as twelve-bell ringers, and if any invitations were going they would like the opportunity. He would bring a band of ordinary ringers from Birmingham, who would do the bells justice. They had rung a peal on the bells of Exeter Cathedral, which were the heaviest in the world.

The Chairman humorously remarked that he would see what could be done for both, and that they (the Worcester people) would then decide who were the real experts.

The routine business was afterwards proceeded with. The report and balance sheet were adopted.

Mr. T. J. Salter moved, and Mr. W. Short seconded, that the association form a library for the circulation of ringing literature, and after some discussion this was agreed to, Mr. C. W. Cooper, of Lye, being appointed librarian. It was hoped that members would avail themselves of the opportunities of requiring knowledge.

A goodly number of new members were elected, and Worcester was again chosen for the annual meeting, this seeming now to have become an institution.—The arrangements for the annual peal were left in the hands of the Ringing Master.

Mr. J. D. Johnson having expressed a wish to retire, nominated Mr. R. G. Knowles to succeed him as Ringing Master, and this was carried.—Mr. H. C. Bird was added to the Central Committee, and all the other officers were re-elected. This concluded the business.

Service, which followed in the Cathedral with an address by Canon Blake, was well attended, the collection being given to the fund for the augmenting and overhauling of the ring of six at St. John's, which will shortly be put in hand.

After being photographed, the assembly adjourned to the Co-operative Cafe for tea, well over 100 sitting down. With the conclusion of this came the parting of the ways, some for home and others for more ringing, thus closing another successful and enjoyable meeting.

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The work was executed by an old ringing comrade, Mr. Charles Mee, of Sproughton, and designed by Mr. J. C. G. Haggard, also of Sproughton.

The Archdeacon said it gave him much pleasure to unveil this memorial to two old members of St. Mary-le-Tower Society of Ringers. He referred to the fact that Mr. James Motts was a valued member of the Guild, and commended his example to the present members.

Afterwards a good number sat down to tea at Lyons' Restaurant, and ringing was indulged in at the various towers during the day.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL MEETING DIOCESAN TITLES DECISION AGAIN DEFERRED.

By the customary routine the annual meeting of the Midland Counties Association was held at Leicester, and, despite the threat of a dull and boisterous day, the weather was not too bad, and, as usual, a large number of ringing members and friends from all parts of the association's activities were present from an early hour. Quite a number of life members from surrounding Guilds such as the Warwick, Peterborough, Lincoln, and North Notts Association, were welcomed.

The bells of St. Margaret's (12), the Cathedral (10), St. John-the-Divine (10), St. Saviour's (8), Belgrave (8), and All Saints' (5) were available throughout the day, except for short intervals for weddings, which even 'All Fools' Day' could not deter! Good use was made of the opportunities provided, although, as is so often usual, the ringing was not of a high standard. Nevertheless, it was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The committee met at 3.15 p.m., and carried out rather a heavy programme of routine and other business, making various recommendations for the general meeting which followed tea. Among the latter was the proposal to grant £2 2s. to the fund now being negotiated by certain Corporation and other high officials of Derby to present Mr. R. B. Chambers, B.A., J.P., the highly-esteemed president of the association, with an oil painting of himself. This painting is by Mr. E. Townsend, and is now on view at the Derby Art Gallery.

Despite the announcement made by the general hon. secretary regarding the sending of names of intention to be present at tea, some 30 or more failed to do this. Fortunately, however, the local committee were able to cope with these, and subsequently 140 sat down to a splendid repast.

The general meeting immediately followed tea, and in the absence of Mr. R. B. Chambers (president) the vice-president, Mr. Joseph Griffin, took the chair. He was supported by the hon. treasurer (Mr. Walter Wallace), the hon. secretary (Mr. Ernest Morris), and the Revs. H. Hurst and F. W. Pratt, of St. Margaret's, Rev. H. V. Williams, of St. John's, and Rev. R. S. Wilkinson, of Retford.

The Hon. Secretary first explained that for some time past the health of their worthy president had been very critical, and the cause of much anxiety, but despite that he had, in conjunction with Mrs. Chambers, sent his regards and best wishes to all members, and hoped all would have an enjoyable day and successful meeting.—Mr. W. Willson proposed that a letter of sympathy be sent to Mr. Chambers, expressing from all present good wishes for a speedy return to health.—This was seconded by Mr. Charles Draper and carried unanimously.

The election of ten ringing and one life member was duly ratified. The report and balance sheet for 1928 were also received and passed on the proposition of Mr. W. E. White, seconded by Mr. C. Draper.

A NEW DISTRICT IN THE PEAK.

The recommendations of the committee for the next three quarterly meetings were duly confirmed, viz., June, Bakewell; September, Lutterworth; January, 1930, Bolsover.

The proposal to form a new branch of the M.C.A. in the Peak District of Derbyshire having been fully discussed at the last meeting, was—after the explanation given as to its territory and work by the proposed new local secretary, Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey, churchwarden of Dore—duly authorised, and its formation will take place as previously arranged.

The Chairman acquainted the members of the committee's deliberations and recommendations as to the payment of delegates' fees and expenses to the Central Council, the honorariums to the general and local hon. secretaries, steeplekeepers, etc., which were duly passed.

A discussion on the Central Council's agenda (motion 7) was debated at length, and after hearing the views of Mr. W. Willson the delegates were instructed to support same.

The officers of the association were re-elected 'en bloc' for 1929.—The Chairman announced that the testimonial fund to Mr. Wm. Willson would definitely be closed on April 30th, and it is hoped that all towers and individuals will note this, and send on to the hon. treasurer accordingly.

The question of the alteration—or addition to—the title of the association to include 'for the Dioceses of Derby, Leicester, Lichfield and Southwell' caused quite a diversion, and a lengthy discussion ensued in which Messrs. H. W. Needham, J. Harris, W. E. White, J. Swinfield, Rev. R. Wilkinson and 'A flat' took part.

It was thought that the association's territory in the Lichfield Diocese was so small, comprising, as it did, Burton-on-Trent and district, that the association could not rightly add that diocese without the Bishop's sanction. Burton, to which the association had in the past been greatly indebted, not only as a peal-ringing centre, but from the worthy men who upheld the association's well-being, naturally did not wish to be omitted. Therefore, as in other parts of the M.C.A. activities, where they find other societies and Guilds doing much good work, the question was, ought the association to make it appear to be overlapping or encroaching on these other societies' territory?

As at last year's meeting, so diverse were the opinions expressed, it was ultimately proposed and carried, that the matter be deferred.

This concluded the business, and Mr. W. Wallace proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the various clergy for the use of bells, and especially for their presence at the meeting.—Both the Rev. H. Hurst, of St. Margaret's, and Rev. H. V. Williams, of St. John's, replied most appropriately, with witty remarks and a 'story' each.—The Rev. Wilkinson proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman, Mr. Joseph Griffin, for presiding in so efficient a way, especially during the debate on the association's title, remarking he would have made a good parliamentarian.—Mr. Griffin suitably replied, and, in passing, remarked on the fact that he was one of the very few original members left, he having had the pleasure of conducting No. 2 of the association's performances, viz., 5,040 Double Norwich Major on July 20th, 1882, at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent.

After further ringing on the various church bells, many of those participating assembled at the Victoria Hotel, where an impromptu concert was provided. A very happy evening was spent, and those contributing to the programme included Mr. Percy Harrison and family, with tunes on handbells, also other tunes by Messrs. H. J. Poole, E. Morris, C. H. Webb and P. Harrison. The new acquisition from the 'police,' a devotee to the art of ringing, Sergt. Turner, kept the company 'in tucks' by his funny stories, and the Rugby friends gave an excellent course of 'Rugby Triples Major!'—in other words, 'cagmag.' The titbit of the evening—F. H. Dexter remarking it was the best 'ringing' that day—was a touch of Stedman Triples on the piano by Maurice Swinfield, the bobs being called by H. J. Poole. Mr. J. Morris contributed his well-worn, but ever appreciated, 'Johnny,' and 'A flat' concluded the programme with his variation of the old 'grandfather's clock.'

NORFOLK GUILD.

THE RESULT OF THE REFERENDUM.

The annual meeting of the Norfolk Guild was held at Norwich on Easter Monday, when the rings of bells at St. Peter Mancroft (12), St. John-de-Sepulchre (8), St. Michael-at-Coslany (8), and All Saints' (5) were kindly placed at the disposal of the members. Divine service was conducted in St. Peter Mancroft's by Canon F. J. Meyrick (Vicar). The Rev. A. G. W. Paget (assistant Minor Canon of Norwich Cathedral) presided at the organ, and the address was given by the president (the Archdeacon of Norwich).

Luncheon was served at the Criterion Restaurant, White Lion Street, the Archdeacon of Norwich presiding, supported by the Rev. A. G. Blyth, the Rev. R. H. O. Banks, Mr. Philip E. Sewell, Messrs. Arthur L. Coleman (secretary), W. L. Duffield, W. C. Duffield (members of the committee), G. P. Burton (hon. auditor), and N. W. Cooke, W. J. Eldred, B. S. Thompson, W. B. Duncan (district secretaries), and 34 members.

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

The annual business then followed.

The report and balance sheet for the year ending December 31st, 1928, were adopted.

On the motion of Mr. A. L. Coleman, and seconded by Mr. P. E. Sewell, the Archdeacon of Norwich (Ven. G. M. MacDermott) was unanimously re-elected president. The vice-presidents were all re-elected, Mr. Arthur L. Coleman was re-elected general secretary and treasurer, Mr. G. P. Burton, hon. auditor, Canon F. J. Meyrick, Rev. A. G. Blyth, Messrs. Denison Hayward, James F. Duffield, William C. Duffield, William L. Duffield and E. Nolan Golden were elected members of the committee.

The Secretary (Mr. A. L. Coleman) moved the ratification of one belfry election, the re-election of seven old members and the election of ten new members, and these were all duly elected.

It was resolved that the Whit Monday meeting on May 20th be held at Pulham Market, and the August Bank Holiday meeting on August 5th at North Elmham.

It was also resolved that formal notice be given at the next general meeting for the appointment of an adviser to the Guild on matters pertaining to church bells and belfries, who shall be an ex-officio member of the committee. This concluded the routine business, and the meeting then proceeded to the all-important matter relating to the recent circularisation of members to obtain their opinion as to a reorganisation of the Guild.

REPLIES TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE.

The President announced that the Standing Committee at their meeting held in the morning had accepted the result of the referendum, and referred the matter to the general meeting for consideration. The President said that 325 circulars were sent to members resident in Norfolk. Of these, 205 were filled up, signed and returned, leaving 120 not returned. That, he thought, was a very satisfactory result. The replies to the questionnaire were as follows:—

- (1) Are you in favour of having three large districts instead of the present eleven small districts?—Yes 157, no 40, neutral 8.
- (2) Do you approve of these districts covering the areas of the Archdeacons of the diocese?—Yes 151, no 33, neutral 21.
- (3) And should the new districts be called—(a) The Norwich Archdeaconry? (b) The Norfolk Archdeaconry? (c) The King's Lynn Archdeaconry?—Yes 150, no 29, neutral 26.

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

DEPTFORD.—At St. John's Church, for evening service, on Sunday, March 3rd, a quarter-peak of Grandsire Triples in 38 mins.: J. Colly 1, H. Belcher 2, A. E. Petrie 3, W. Martin 4, W. Jeffries (conductor) 5, R. Steers 6, E. B. Crowder 7, A. Bennington 8.

STAINES.—At St. Peter's Church, on March 31st, for evening service, at quarter-peak of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins.: A. Stevens 1, W. Shorter 2, W. C. Parker (conductor) 3, E. Goater 4, G. Beeby 5, A. Hiscock 6, W. E. Butler 7, F. W. Smith 8.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD.—At St. Mary's Church, for evensong, on March 24th, 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins.: E. J. Allen 1, R. Walker 2, J. Floyd 3, W. Shepherd 4, H. Gates 5, H. Golding (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by ringers of treble and 2nd.

BRADING, I.O.W.—On Palm Sunday, for matins, a quarter-peak of Grandsire Triples (taken from Holt's Original): M. Pink 1, H. Dowden (first quarter inside) 2, E. Squibb 3, A. R. Ward 4, H. Barton (conductor) 5, B. J. Snow 6, E. Hatcher 7, A. White 8.

THANET.—On Sunday, March 31st, at St. Peter's Church, after evening service, a quarter-peak of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins.: G. Ovendon 1, L. Hilton 2, J. Hiscock 3, W. J. Fairbeard 4, J. Blythman (conductor) 5, J. Belsey 6, F. Hilton 7, G. Appleton 8.

HESTON BELLS REOPENED.

After being silent for about six weeks the bells of St. Leonard's Church, Heston, were formally opened for ringing again on Easter Saturday. An inspection of the bells some weeks previously had been made by Messrs. Moars and Stainbank, who augmented and rebung the peal in 1908. They reported the bells to be in a bad condition and overhauling necessary. They suggested rebanging the bells on ball bearings, repairing the chiming apparatus, and overhauling and painting the frame, at an estimated cost of £110.

The Church Council wisely decided to put the work in hand at once, and asked the Whitechapel firm to try and get the bells finished by Easter. This they undertook to do, and so quickly did they complete their task that the bells were finished with a fortnight to spare, but it was decided to delay the opening until Easter Saturday, when a company of the local ringers and members of the Middlesex Association met for this purpose. Ringing commenced about 4.15, and continued until 5.30, touches of Stedman, Grandsire and Kent Treble Bob being brought round.

The party then adjourned to the Church Hall for tea, at which the Vicar (Rev. George Craggs, M.A.) presided, and expressed great pleasure in welcoming those present, and announced that some £70 of the sum required for the work had been subscribed.

After tea, thanks were accorded to the Vicar for his hospitality, and the company again returned to the tower for a further hour's ringing, when further touches in various methods were brought round in good style.

All present expressed approval at the way the work had been carried out, and the 'go' of the bells is all that can be desired. Among those present were Messrs. J. A. Trollope, W. H. Hollier, C. S. Bird, H. C. Chaudler, E. Gladman and C. S. Turner.

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(4) Do you consider a committee consisting of chairman, secretary, and three or more elected members can be got together for carrying out the work of your own new district as proposed?—Yes 151, no 28, neutral 26.

(5) Are you in favour of changing the title to—(a) The Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers (the original title of the Guild?—Yes 166, no 24, neutral 15. Or (b) The present title of the Guild to remain, viz., The Norfolk Guild of Ringers for the Diocese of Norwich?—Yes 36, no 46, neutral 123.

After making comments on the areas of the three new districts being coterminous with the Archdeaconries now formed not to be suitable for the grouping of the existing districts, the President suggested that a small committee should be appointed to recommend suitable and convenient rearrangement for the grouping of the districts. In conclusion, the President pointed out that if the result of the referendum was accepted by the members involving alterations to rules, notice must be given at that meeting, and be brought forward at the next general meeting of the Guild.

A short debate then followed, in which several members took part. Mr. G. P. Burton strongly opposed any alteration to the present title of the Guild.

The following notice of amendment to a rule was given: 'That Rule 1, as regards the title of the Guild, be altered in accordance with the replies to the questions sent out, viz., to "The Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers," and that a small committee be appointed to recommend the rearrangement of the districts either into Archdeaconries or more convenient districts.'

A vote of thanks was passed to Canon F. J. Meyrick for the use of the church and bells, and also to the Rev. A. Henderson, the Rev. D. A. Callum, and the Rev. P. J. Raybould for the use of their bells.

This concluded the meeting. The members then adjourned to the bellies for further ringing. They were joined by late-comers, making a total attendance of over 50 members for the day.

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. (Established 1637.)—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on April 23rd; St. Magnus' on the 25th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 16th; Southwark Cathedral on the 18th; *St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 30th. All at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Frittenden on Saturday, April 13th, by kind permission of Rev. H. M. Leathley. Tower open 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. A good meeting is hoped for. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, April 13th. Ringing from 2.30, at Cathedral (8) and S. Nicolas (10). Service in the Cathedral 4.30. Tea and business meeting at Holy Trinity Parish Hall.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Walsall on Saturday, April 13th. Bells (new ring of 12) available from 3. Service in church at 4.45. Tea will be provided in the Brotherhood Institute at 5.30. All ringers will be welcome.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

THE BELLS OF DERSINGHAM CHURCH will be rededicated by the Archdeacon of Lynn on Saturday, April 13th, at 3 p.m. All ringers are invited. Tea provided.—R. L. B. Oliver, Vicarage, Dersingham, King's Lynn.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The first quarterly meeting of the above district will be held at Hearnor on Saturday, April 13th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 to 6.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting afterwards.—F. W. Bailey, 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham, Local Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Leeds on Saturday, April 13th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. — C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. James', West Derby, on Saturday, April 13th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Special methods: Double Court and London Surprise.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Croston on Saturday, April 13th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—A quarterly meeting and combined practice will be held at Lyndhurst on Saturday, April 13th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—G. Preston, 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—South-West District Branch.—A meeting will be held at Cornwood on Saturday, April 13th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting at the Village Inn 5 p.m.—E. W. Marsh, 13, Edith Avenue, Lipson, Plymouth.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chew Magna on Saturday, April 13th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southampton District.—A quarterly meeting of the Southampton District of the above guild will be held at Lockerley on Saturday, April 13th. Bells available: Lockerley 6, East Tytherley 8. Tea at 5 p.m. in the Memorial Hall. — W. T. Tucker, Dis. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — A meeting will be held on Saturday, April 13th, at Felkirk. Bells ready early. Short service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec., Prospect House, Royston, Barnsley.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Duffield, Derbyshire, on Saturday, April 13th. Will all members please make an effort to attend? Important business for discussion. New rule for Guild, etc. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Hilda F. Jacques, Northfield Avenue, Mansfield Woodhouse, Notts.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The Dunmow Branch are holding their annual ringing festival on Saturday, April 13th. Bells available (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service in the church 4.30. Tea in St. Mary's Room at 5, followed by a short musical programme. All ringers heartily invited to attend.—H. W. Smith, 11, The Causeway, Dunmow.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Doddleston on Saturday, April 13th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. I shall be glad to hear from those intending to be present.—J. W. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Eccleston, Chester.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Bleadon on Saturday, April 13th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30, with tea and business to follow.—L. G. Tanner, 51, Locking Road, Weston-super-Mare.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chilcompton on Saturday, April 13th. Evensong 4 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. — R. T. Clark, Hon. Sec., Timsbury, nr. Bath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Ormskirk Parish Church on Saturday, April 13th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting to follow. A good attendance requested.—James W. Grounds, Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Braughing on April 13th. The bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Service at 5, address by the Vicar. Tea afterwards at the Brown Bear. All ringing friends are heartily invited.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Pontypridd on Saturday, April 13th. Bells (8) available. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Braunston (6) on Saturday, April 13th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The spring meeting of the above branch will be held at Midgham on Saturday, April 13th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., at 1s. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—A quarterly meeting to be held at Wimborne, St. Giles', on Saturday, April 13th. Ringing from 2.45. Tea in Parish Hall 4.30. Service 5.30. Address by Rev. E. J. Janson Smith.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Woolwich, on Saturday, April 20th. Bells from 3 to 8.30. Service. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock. Names or numbers for tea will be appreciated by the hon. sec., J. Herbert, 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, April 20th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is requested. Reports, etc., to hand. Subscriptions due.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield, near Bury.

GUILD OF DEVON RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bampton on Saturday, April 20th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea (1s. each) 5.15. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by Tuesday, April 16th?—M. Hanson, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, 2, The Avenue, Tiverton.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Epsom, on Saturday, April 20th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea and meeting in the Parish Room. Notifications for tea to be sent to Mr. J. Crawford, 2, Woodcote Side, Epsom, by Thursday, the 18th instant. Hearty welcome to all.—F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, Surrey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Todmorden Parish Church on Saturday, April 20th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. New rules and diagrams (6d. each) and emblems (3d. each) now available. Will tower secretaries please let me know the number of members requiring emblems?—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Gravesend on Saturday, April 20th (not 27th, as arranged). Bells available at 3. Association service in church at 5, conducted by the Rector of Gravesend (Rev. Elliott Mitchell). Tea, by kind invitation, will be provided *only* for those who notify me on or before Wednesday, April 17th.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

A JOINT MEETING of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild (South and West District) and the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, April 20th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged at 1s. each. Will those requiring tea kindly notify? All ringers welcome.—Wm. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4, A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, Bucks, Hon. Secs.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District. — The annual meeting will be held at Pontefract on Saturday, April 20th. All Saints' bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in the All Saints' Church House at 1s. 6d. per head, and those requiring same please notify Mr. W. Pearson, 53, Northgate, Pontefract, by Wednesday, April 17th. For detailed particulars see circular.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Pendlebury, on Saturday, April 20th. Bells ready 4 o'clock. Meeting at 7 p.m. Chair to be taken by the Vicar. Will members make a special effort to attend?—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—A meeting will be held at Burton Bradstock (6 bells) on Saturday, April 20th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting.—T. Hervey Beams, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Combe Florey on Saturday, April 20th. Service 4.30. Tea and business after. Those requiring tea please notify me by April 16th.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at South Marston on Saturday, April 20th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, April 17th.—S. Hopper, Branch Hon. Sec., 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's Church, Newhall, on Saturday, April 20th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Will those requiring tea advise me by Thursday, the 18th inst.? Reports (6d.) can be obtained at this meeting. Will members make a special effort to attend?—J. Leach, Dis. Sec., 4, Vernon Terrace, Burton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at the Saviour's Church, Bolton, on Saturday, April 20th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District. — A meeting will be held at Houghton Regis on Saturday, April 20th. Bells (6) will be available at 3 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Wolvey on Saturday, April 20th. Bells available from 4 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—A meeting will be held at Elveden, Suffolk, on Saturday, April 20th. Bells (8) at the Memorial Tower of SS. Patrick and Andrew's Church will be available afternoon and evening. Tea at 5 p.m. if a sufficient number notify Mr. W. J. Paul, Cross Roads, Elveden, Thetford, not later than Thursday, April 18th.—P. W. Fordham, King's Way, Mildenhall.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Loughborough District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Barrow-on-Soar on Saturday, April 20th. The bells will be ready at 3.30 p.m. Reports now to hand.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Boughton on Saturday, April 20th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Will all who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, April 16th? — T. Tebbutt, West Street, Menlton, Northampton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Southill on Saturday, April 20th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Owing to illness, we are unable to arrange a combined meeting at Biggleswade, as suggested for the Herts, Ely and Bedfordshire Associations.—C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The annual meeting of the Guild will be held at Rugby on Saturday, April 20th. The Parish Church bells (8) will be open for ringing from 2.30. Tea will be provided at 5, at a moderate charge, at the Corner House Café, next to the church. Business meeting will follow. Committee meeting at 4.15.—J. A. Fenton, Gen. Hon. Sec., 6, Frederick Street, Rugby.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held on Saturday April 20th. Tower will be announced next week.—Geo. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—The next meeting will be held at Creswell on Saturday, April 20th. All those requiring tea notify Mr. L. W. Bacon, Thanet House, Elmlton Road, not later than April 17th.—J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A bye-meeting will be held at St. Mary, Walmer, on Saturday, April 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Arrangements for tea will be made for those members attending and who notify me on or before Wednesday, April 24th.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's, Erith, on Saturday, April 27th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service, tea and business meeting to follow. Further particulars next week.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting at Eye on April 27th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea, 1s. each, at the Horse Shoes at 4.30. Meeting follows. — Drake, Ufford Rectory, Woodbridge.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, April 27th. Evensong in the North-West Chapel of the Cathedral at 3.30 p.m., with an address by the Very Rev. the Dean of Lincoln (President of the Guild). Tea at the Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, at 4.15, at 1s. 9d. per head; business meeting immediately afterwards. Ringing at the Cathedral (12) from 1.45 p.m. until service time, and at St. Peter-at-Gowts (6) and St. Botolph's (6) from 2 to 3. The towers will also be open for ringing after the business meeting until 9 o'clock. All members requiring tea should send their names to Mr. G. Chester, 16, Carline Road, Lincoln, not later than by Wednesday's post, April 24th.—F. W. Stokes, Hon. Sec., Blankney, Lincoln.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Eye on Saturday, April 27th. Bells available 2 p.m. Tea at the Horse Shoes, 4.30, at 1s. each. Those requiring tea please notify by Thursday, April 25th.—A. J. Berry, Hon. Dis. Sec., Thornham Magna, near Eye.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Burgess Hill on Saturday, April 27th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in Parish Hall, Cyprus Road, about 1s. Important.—Those who intend to be present please notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday previous to meeting. Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.). — A. D. Stone, Hon. Divisional Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Re-opening of St. James', Clerkenwell, bells on Saturday, May 4th. Association meeting, to which all ringers are cordially invited. Further particulars next week; please book date.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—In conjunction with the Liverpool Diocesan Guild the half-yearly meeting will be held at St. Helens on Saturday, May 11th. The Bishop of Liverpool has provisionally promised to attend. —W. H. Shuker, A. Tomlinson and C. I. Davies, Hon. Secs.

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