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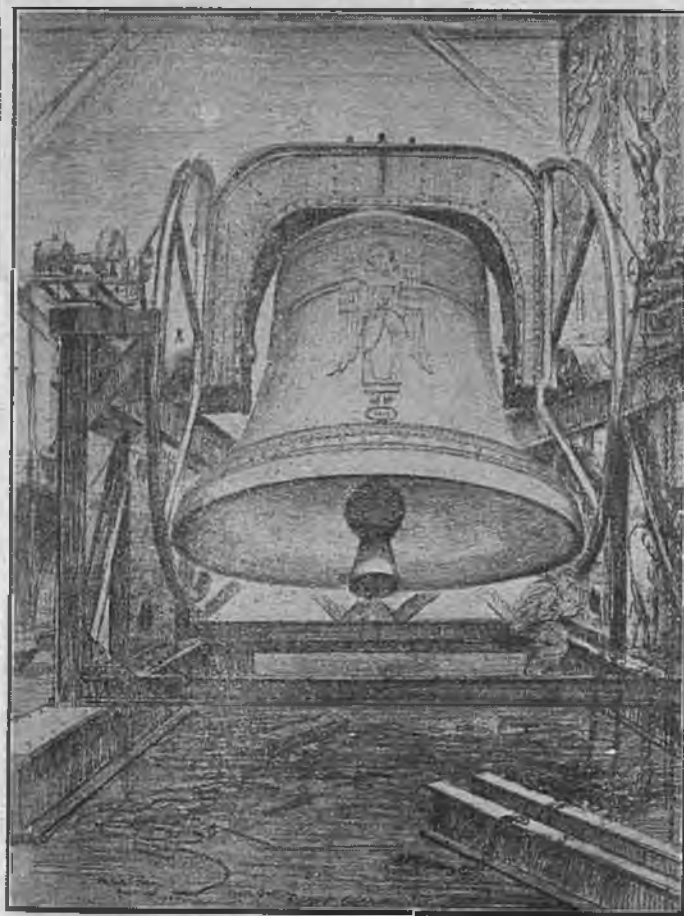
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THE METHODS COMMITTEE'S CHALLENGE

The report of the Methods Committee, which is to be presented to the Central Council at Chelmsford, is printed on another page and from this it will be seen that the committee hope to induce the Council to give countenance to peals of Minor and Doubles which, judging from the trend of opinion expressed both in these columns and elsewhere, are contrary to the desires of the mass of the Exercise. The report is a bit of special pleading for the admission, in an official publication, of compositions which ringers of wide experience have bluntly denounced as 'false,' and which, if admitted, will open the door to questionable practices in peal ringing and will moreover set one standard for peals on five and six bells and another for peals on higher numbers. It is difficult to reconcile some of the committee's arguments with some of their previous individual statements. One fact, however, emerges. The committee want the Council to admit as a peal of Minor any composition in which each of the 720 rows appears only seven times, no matter how often any row or any block of rows appears within the limits of any one 720. One is almost tempted to ask, 'What is behind this endeavour?' The report remarks that the contention that Mr. Bankes James' composition of Cambridge cannot be accepted on the ground that the 720's are true if rounds be counted as the first row, because 'it is contrary to the tradition and usage of the Exercise.' If that be so, how much more contrary to the tradition and usage of the Exercise is it to permit six-scores or 720's in which there are repetitions?

Before the Council adopts this report the Council must decide the principle of what is in future to be recognised as a true peal. The report would make it impossible for the Exercise to accept Mr. Bankes James' Cambridge as a peal if it is not prepared also to swallow Mr. Law James' London or Mr. Morris' Grandsire Doubles, and we imagine that there are a large number of ringers who, in those circumstances, will echo Mr. W. H. Barber's candidly expressed views and say, 'Scrap the lot.' There should be no juggling with truth, whether the peal be on six bells or any other number, and the plain question which the Council has got to decide, in answer to the challenge of the Methods Committee, is whether it will adhere to 'the tradition and usage of the Exercise' and insist upon the 'extent' of a method as the unit of truth, or whether it will be content to recognise anything, no matter what happens internally so long as in a peal of Minor each row appears only seven times (or in Doubles 42 times) and the ringing ends with rounds.

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TEN BELL PEALS

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 18, 1929, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6006 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM A. CAVE Treble	WILLIAM KNIGHT 6
FREDERICK G. LEAKER 2	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 7
JAMES BENNETT 3	ALFRED E. REEVES 8
ALBERT E. STOWELL 4	JOHN A. BORFORD 9
RICHARD CLARK 5	URIAH W. BRAVEN Tenor

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.
Mr. Bennett was elected a life member before starting.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 20, 1929, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;

Tenor 27½ cwt.

ALBERT GORRINGE Treble	ARTHUR RIDYARD 6
FRANK STONELEY 2	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD 7
MISS C. THORP 3	WILLIAM H. SHUKER 8
WILLIAM BRAMMER 4	BENJAMIN THORP 9
SAMUEL HOLT 5	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT Tenor

Composed and Conducted by BENJAMIN THORP.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 9, 1929, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BANKES' SIX-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb.

JOSEPH HALL Treble	ALBERT LEES 5
THOMAS JONES 2	FRANK STONELEY 6
JOSEPH SLATER 3	WILFRED J. MOSS 7
SAMUEL HOLT 4	RICHARD LONGDEN Tenor

Conducted by F. STONELEY.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Rev. Arthur Anderton, B.A., Rector of this church for thirty-eight years, also to Robert Henry Hall, who died April 8th in his eighty-ninth year, father of the treble ringer, and to Edward Oldfield, for many years a ringer at Eccles Parish Church, who was interred the following day.

SANDHURST, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(CHELTENHAM BRANCH.)

On Sunday, April 14, 1929, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALEC RUCK Treble	* CHARLES MARTIN 5
WILLIAM TOWNSEND 2	JOSEPH J. CADSON 6
WALTER ROSE 3	GEORGE H. WALTERS 7
HAROLD HALFORD 4	JOHN F. BALLINGER Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR T. KING. Conducted by GEORGE H. WALTERS.

* First peal in the method. Rung on the anniversary of the conductor's birthday. The band were afterwards kindly entertained to tea by Mr. Pugh (a very old ringer of Sandhurst), who congratulated them on their peal, and to whom the band tendered their thanks for his hospitality and also for getting them the use of the bells.

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WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 16, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

*WILFRED G. WILSON ... Treble	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 5
CHARLES T. COLES ... 2	HARRY KILBY ... 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... 3	†THOMAS LOCK ... 7
†EDWARD LANKESTER ... 4	GEORGE M. KILBY ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Oxford Treble Bob.
The 100th peal on these bells by the association.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, April 18, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS STEPHENSON ... Treble	ROBERT WALKER ... 5
MICHAEL F. HARRISON ... 2	JOSEPH W. PARKER ... 6
GEORGE S. TAYLOR ... 3	HAROLD B. DITCHBURN ... 7
FRANK AINSLEY ... 4	WILLIAM ARMOUR ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

Rung by the service ringers on the eve, and in honour of, the
silver wedding of the Vicar, Rev. G. H. J. Bailey, and Mrs. Bailey.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 20, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	CHARLES T. COLES ... 5
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 7
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... 4	WILLIAM PYE ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 20, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

WALTER ARNOLD ... Treble	FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... 5
GEORGE WIGHTMAN ... 2	FRANK CLAYDON ... 6
WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... 7
WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

LODDON, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 20, 1929, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

ERNEST BAILEY ... Treble	EDWIN R. GOATE ... 5
WILLIAM E. BASON ... 2	JOHN C. DICKEN ... 6
ROBERT WARMAN ... 3	ARTHUR D. KING ... 7
STANLEY COPLING ... 4	CHARLES F. SAYRE ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 20, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

FREDERICK BORRETT ... Treble	*HERBERT FOLCHER ... 5
GEORGE HOWLETT ... 2	WALTER BARRETT ... 6
GEORGE CURSON ... 3	RUSSELL RICHES ... 7
JAMES ELDRIDGE ... 4	ERNEST WHITING ... Tenor

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by F. BORRETT.

* First peal in the variation.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 20, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE F. SPERRING ... Treble	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... 5
ROBERT SPERRING ... 2	JAMES SWINDLEY ... 6
SAMUEL JONES ... 3	*PERCY SWINDLEY ... 7
EDWARD HARRISON ... 4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD. Conducted by E. V. RODENHURST.

* First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor.

SOUTH ANSTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 20, 1929, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5312 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

MAURICE E. WILSON ... Treble	FREDERICK A. ADAMS ... 5
JOHN HOLMAN ... 2	WILLIAM T. PALMER ... 6
A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... 3	SIDNEY F. PALMER ... 7
ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... 4	WILLIAM BIGGIN ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

LEYTON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 20, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 8½ cwt.

ALFRED PRIOR ... Treble	ERNEST J. BUTLER ... 5
ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 2	WILLIAM MILLER ... 6
*HAROLD A. EDWARDS ... 3	EDWARD D. SMITH ... 7
†CHARLES A. HUGHES ... 4	JAMES E. DAVIS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. First peal in
the method on the bells.

MARDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 20, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

*ARTHUR H. SMITH ... Treble	WILLIAM WENBAN ... 5
MRS. H. BAKER ... 2	FRANK BENNETT ... 6
HARRY BAKER ... 3	THOMAS E. SONE ... 7
*ALBERT RELFE ... 4	†HARRY DOBELL ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. First peal as conductor
in the method.

LINTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 20, 1929, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

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

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

EASTWOOD, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 20, 1929, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOHN P. POLLARD ... Treble	FRANK BRADLEY ... 5
*WALTER POLLARD ... 2	JOHN E. HOBBS ... 6
LAWRENCE CHADBURN ... 3	SAMUEL PINDER ... 7
*JOSEPH JOHNSON ... 4	NORMAN HEMMINGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. HOBBS.

* First peal and first attempt.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 20, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty Two Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

THOMAS ROGERS Treble	RALPH G. EDWARDS 5
ERIC H. LLOYD 2	JOHN BREESE 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3	JOHN COOKE 7
G. RONALD EDWARDS 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by J. MORGAN.

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

First peal of Spliced Major by all the band, and first peal of Treble Bob Major by ringers of 1st and 2nd. The thanks of the ringers are due to Mr. G. R. Jones for getting the bells, and to Mr. and Mrs. Williams who so kindly entertained them to a much-appreciated tea after the peal.

ASHBY FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 20, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

*ERNEST H. BAGWORTH ... Treble	*ALFRED BALLARD 5
E. HARRY STONELEY 2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 6
JAMES S. HUTCHBY 3	†NORMAN S. BAGWORTH ... 7
CHARLES H. WEBB 4	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON

* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside.' First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. C. A. Turner, who was instituted to the living of Ashby Folville on Thursday, April 18th.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 20, 1929, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary, PORTSEA,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR 5
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 6
FREDERICK A. BERNETT ... 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 7
JAMES BENNETT 4	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.

The conductor's 150th peal. Arranged for Mr. J. Bennett, of London.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 20, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT ... Treble	*FRED PRICE 5
JOHN BASS 2	HECTOR G. BIRD 6
THOMAS HENNING 3	ALFRED HACKETT 7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal in the method.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 21, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... Treble	FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 5
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 2	LEONARD H. BAYBUT 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 7
RONALD H. BULLEN 4	GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS.

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN

First peal in the method in the county, by the association, and on the bells. First 'touch' in the method by ringers of treble, 3rd, 5th, 6th and 7th. Mr. L. H. Baybut was elected a life member of the association previous to starting.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

EARL STONHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 13, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

CHARLES TAYLOR ... Treble	ARTHUR CLEMENTS 3
WILLIAM FOSTER 2	*VICTOR C. LOCKWOOD ... 4

GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Conducted by G. A. BLAXCELL.

* First peal on an inside bell.

BLACKWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 13, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Werburgh,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILFRED RILEY ... Treble	ARTHUR SMITHSON 3
HUBERT BAILEY 2	BERNARD BAILEY 4

F. W. KNOWLES Tenor

Conducted by F. W. KNOWLES.

First peal by the ringer of the second, who is now just 14 years old.

GREAT EASTON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 16, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

*WILLIAM RICHARDSON ... Treble	*ALFRED PERRY 4
†ALBERT RIBBANS 2	*ERNEST RICHARDSON ... 5
*ARTHUR SMITH 3	WALTER SMITH Tenor

Conducted by WALTER SMITH.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in three methods. First peal on the bells. First peal by a Dunmow band. First peal of Minor as conductor.

HENSTRIDGE, SOMERSET.

On Thursday, April 18, 1929, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings.

Tenor 20 cwt.

*JACK A. LINTERN ... Treble	FREDERICK J. PARSONS ... 4
*FREDERICK J. POUND ... 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5
CHRISTOPHER HOLLWAY ... 3	EDGAR H. COOK Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

DALBY MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 20, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Swithin,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four six-scores Plain Bob and thirty-eight six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt.

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

NORMAN GEARY Tenor

Conducted by G. GEARY.

GREAT EASTON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 20, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

WILLIAM E. RICHARDSON ... Treble	WALTER SMITH 4
BAZIL REDGWELL 2	ERNEST TOWNSEND 5
FRANK HARRINGTON 3	JOSEPH JENNINGS Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH JENNINGS.

The company thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and also Mr. Woodcock for his kind hospitality after the peal.

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 20, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Single Oxford, and two each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F.

ARTHUR SMITHSON Treble	WILLIAM A. PARSONS 4
ERNEST T. MALLENDER ... 2	ERNEST A. WILSON 5
JOHN W. ENGLAND 3	JOSEPH LORD Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH LORD.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. E. A. Wilson.

PYTCHLEY, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 20, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being six six-scores each of New Doubles, St. Simon's, Canterbury, Plain Bob and Old Doubles, and twelve of Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt.

HERBERT MUNTON Treble	GEORGE MIDDLETON 3
GEORGE BROWN 2	SIDNEY MUNTON 4
RONALD COLEMAN Tenor	

Conducted by SIDNEY MUNTON.

Rung by an entirely local band as a farewell to the conductor, who sails on April 26th on the 'Andania' for Canada. This was his first peal as a conductor. After the peal, the band were entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Coleman, and the ringers wish to express their appreciation of this kindness.

HANDBELL PEAL.

MANCHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 18, 1929, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

At 16, LIME GROVE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G. sharp.

*WILLIAM JACKSON 1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY 5-6
†HAROLD JACKSON 3-4	PETER LAPLIN 7-8

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

* First peal in the method. † 50th peal.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

This association held the second meeting of the year at Tuxford, on Saturday week. It was well attended by members from Anston, North Collingham, Gamston, Ordsall, Orston, Shireoaks, East Markham, Sutton-on-Trent, Treeton, Edwinstowe, Tickhill, Lincoln, Branston and Workop, with one or two of the local company. The six bells are a beautiful ring (tenor 11½ cwt.), noted for their purity and sweetness of tone. They run on ball bearings, and are easy to manipulate. The 33 ringers who assembled found everything in readiness, thanks to the capable arrangements made by Mr. J. H. Smith, the local captain and committeeman. Commencing at 2.30 p.m., the bells were kept in constant motion till 9 p.m. (except during interval for the tea and meeting), to the methods of Plain Bob, Oxford, Kent, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, Sandal, Cambridge and London Surprise, five lady ringers taking part in the performance. Tea was provided in two sittings (through no fault of the caterers).

The Rev. R. F. Wilkinson presided over the business meeting which followed, supported by the hon. secretary, Rev. C. J. Sturton (Vicar of Orston), Mr. H. Cafferatta, etc.

The Hon. Secretary made allusion to the passing of Mr. Benjamin Hall, of Shireoaks, who had been a member for nearly 40 years, and the company stood in silence to honour his memory and as a tribute to the bereaved family.

The following were duly elected as efficient performers: Harry Edwards, of Sutton-on-Trent, Leslie Bailey, of East Markham, George Rich, of Gamston.

The next meeting will be the annual general meeting held at East Retford, at the latter end of May or early in June, and will be advertised as usual in 'The Ringing World.'

A vote of thanks was accorded to the chairman for presiding over the meeting in the absence of the Rev. Walter Smith, Vicar of Tuxford, to whom the secretary was requested to send a letter of sympathy in his illness, with best wishes for his convalescence and thanks for the use of the bells. Votes of thanks were also passed to the caterers, and the chairman briefly replied. Another red-letter day in the annals of ringing at Tuxford ended at 9 p.m., when the bells were lowered in peal.

WALSALL'S NEW BELLS.

BIG GATHERING AT RINGERS' DAY.

The spring meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford was held at the fine old Church of St. Matthew, Walsall, on Saturday, April 13th. The chief attraction of the crowd (a record attendance at a quarterly meeting of this society) was to hear the excellent ring of twelve bells recently installed by Messrs Taylor and Co., of the Loughborough Foundry, and the occasion was made a 'Ringers' Day.'

Visitors arrived from Birmingham, Leicester, Worcester, and from most of the affiliated towers in the Archdeaconry, and many were the expressions of admiration of the tone of the bells, which were kept going from three o'clock until 4.45, when a short service was held in the church, with an inspiring address by the Rev. Preb. B. F. Relton, M.A., R.D. (Vicar).

A party of 130 sat down to a capital tea in the Brotherhood Institute, presided over by the Vicar, who was supported by the Rev. C. H. Barker, L.Th. (clerical secretary and treasurer of the society), Messrs. M. F. Harrison and T. A. Smith (wardens), F. H. Blanchard and F. F. Harrison (wardens for the foreign), D. Taylor, J. Oldham and C. Harrison, of Loughborough, T. Groves, Lieut. W. F. Halls-worth, and other notabilities too numerous to mention.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and his nice address, and to someone for the splendid tea, was moved by the Rev. C. H. Barker and carried with applause. The Vicar replied, and gave a welcome to the visitors, remarking that he, too, was unaware of the donors of the tea. He therefore called on Mr. T. J. Elton (captain of the local band) to enlighten them, but it was evidently to be kept a secret, as no solution was forthcoming. The tea was admirably arranged by Mr. S. Price (verger) and Mrs. Price, who were assisted by the wives and friends of the local ringers, to whom thanks are due.

Mr. D. Taylor, bellfounder, expressed his thanks for the appreciative remarks made about the new peal, and declared it to be the finest possible for the weight.

St. Matthew's handbell ringers gave several selections under the conductorship of Mr. T. J. Elton.

The following has been copied from some old records: 'Among list of ornaments, etc., confiscated by Edward VI. in 1553 from Walsall Parish Church, one sacrynge bell, a sancte bell and four other bells. These were not confiscated on the ground of any change of ritual, but merely for pecuniary reasons to benefit the Royal Exchequer.'

As will be seen from the following inscriptions, the original peal of eight was cast by Thomas Rudhall, of Gloucester, in 1775, and they were augmented ten by Messrs. Taylor and Co. in 1863.

Treble.—This Peal was recast, rebung, and augmented to twelve bells in 1928 by John Taylor and Co., Bellfounders, Loughborough. Basil F. Relton, Vicar; Thomas A. Smith, Matthew F. Harrison, Frank F. Harrison, and Frederick Blanchard, Churchwardens; Ernest H. Ingram, Mayor; Edward J. Shelley, Deputy Mayor; William Preston, Borough Member; Jeffries and Shipley, Architects.

2nd.—1928. In Memory of Henry Christopher Windle, 1860-1925.
3rd.—Rev. John Hodges Sharwood, Vicar; William Eagles and George Gilbert, jun., Churchwardens. J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, 1863. Recast 1928.

4th.—This Peal of Bells was augmented to ten by the addition of two Trebles, by voluntary subscription raised through the kind exertions of David Smith Moore, Surgeon, of this Town. A.D. 1863. John Taylor and Co., Founders, Loughborough, 1863. Recast 1928.

5th.—When you us ring we'll sweetly sing. T. R. 1775. Recast 1928.

6th.—Fear God and Honour the King. T. R. 1775. Recast 1928 in Memory of two who made the Great Sacrifice in 1917.

7th.—Prosperity to this Parish. T. R. 1775. Recast 1928 in Memory of Beaumont Cottam, 1813-1910.

8th.—Prosperity to this Parish. T. R. 1775. Recast 1928 in Memory of Matthew William Harrison, who fell in action at the Hohenzollern Redoubt, October 13th, 1915. Aged 29.

9th.—Thomas Rudhall Gloucester, Founder, 1775. Recast 1928 in Memory of Lieutenant Alfred Archibald Smith, who fell in action at Arras, April 2nd, 1916. Aged 26.

10th.—Thomas Mears and Son of London. Fecit, 1809. Recast 1928 in Memory of William Allen, Vicar of Walsall, 1871-1883.

11th.—Thomas Hector Edward Lycett, and Thomas Oerton Deykin Hemming, Churchwardens, 1775. Recast 1928.

Tenor.—I to the Church the living call and to the grave do summon all. Recast 1928.

MUFFLED BELLS

At Cirencester, Gloucester, on Thursday, April 18th, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. J. Lewis, jun., 1, F. W. Bond 2, F. J. Lewis, sen. (conductor) 3, J. E. Waters 4, H. S. Parsons 5, H. Lewis 6, H. C. Bond 7, W. H. Hayward 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. W. J. Jefferies, for over twenty years chapelwarden at Holy Trinity Church, and who was in office when the bells were put in.

METHODS COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The following report of the Methods Committee is to be presented to the Central Council at its meeting at Chelmsford:—

Since the last meeting of the Council we have been engaged on the new edition of the Collection of Doubles and Minor Methods. The book would have been ready for publication before this, but for the fact that doubts have arisen in connection with certain compositions. Examples of these compositions are given further on in this Report, and we propose to include them in the book, but we think that first the Council should have the opportunity of expressing its opinion about them, if it thinks it necessary to do so.

Our reasons for including them are that we consider them to be fully in harmony with the traditions and usage of the Exercise, and we have ample evidence of their practical use to ringers. In making this statement, it will be clear from what follows that we do not wish it to be understood that these arrangements or anything just like them were rung in times past, but that they are fully in harmony with the fundamental principles of change ringing and are a logical development similar in character to the splicing of several Major methods into one peal.

We would state clearly that we consider that the first thing necessary in a peal is that it should be 'true and complete.' These words have been used in this connection by the Exercise from the earliest times, and they have an historical and definite meaning, and they express a fundamental principle of change ringing.

On seven bells 'true and complete' means that the peal contains the total number of changes without repetition, starting from and finishing with rounds, with all the work of the Method and all the Bobs and Singles properly made, and without any violation of the recognised rules of ringing. On eight bells and upwards the same holds good except that, as ringing the total number of changes becomes a physical impossibility, the number 5,000 or upwards is substituted. On five and six bells the total number of changes is less than 5,000, and obviously a peal must contain repetitions. Otherwise, the conditions stand.

When the demand of the five and six-bell ringers that their performances should be recognised as peals arose, the assumption was made that their 5,040's would consist of separate, independent extents, in other words, that each six-score or 720 would conform to the conditions laid down for a peal of Triples. (Throughout this Report we use the word 'extent' to signify a round block consisting of the whole number of changes on the number of bells with which we are concerned.) About 18 years ago, however, peals of Grand-sire Doubles were rung of which the composition was on similar lines to the following, two or more Extents being spliced into one another. A band starts ringing an Extent of Grand-sire Doubles with the 5th as half-hunt or observation bell down to the backstroke row 12435 (say). At this point a switch is made into another Extent with the 4th as half-hunt bell, and this Extent is completed, bringing the bells back to 12435, from which point the original six-score is resumed and carried to its completion.

In this arrangement we have two true and complete Extents. They are just as true and complete as two separate Extents rung consecutively, each from Rounds to Rounds, and it would be a misuse of words to call them false. The main difference is that in the spliced-in Extent the six-score runs not from Rounds to Rounds but from 12435 to 12435.

There is a popular fallacy among eight-bell ringers that this sort of thing is done simply for the glorification of the conductor, but this is by no means the case. The opportunities for variety among five-bell ringers are so few that inevitably they get to know them all by heart. Consequently ringers who could ring the ten regular Extents practically indefinitely without a false struck blow are liable to pile up immediately some small alteration in calling is made.

Then the desire of advanced ringers to score peals of Cambridge Surprise on all even numbers from six to twelve bells brought to the front the very limited number of 720's in all Treble Bob Minor Methods that do not bring up 6-5's at backstroke. It was in order to remove this intolerable blot that Mr. Bankes James introduced his arrangement. We would say that the chief reason why we think that this composition should be considered as a legitimate and natural development in peal ringing is that it has been tested by practical ringing. The fact that it is being rung by many bands in all parts of the country, and has been accepted by six-bell ringers, is, in our opinion, weighty evidence that it contains nothing out of harmony with the traditions and usage of the Exercise.

In this and similar compositions, instead of the peal being made up of separate Extents it is made up of larger blocks, in which necessarily there is repetition of rows, but the principles of Truth and Completeness are rigidly adhered to. We would point out that in any peal of Doubles or Minor every change must be repeated more than once, but this does not necessarily mean falseness, if that word is properly used.

The Bankes James' arrangement of Cambridge referred to above does not consist of seven Extents. It is made up of three round blocks. One of these blocks is an ordinary Extent. The other two comprise each 2,160 changes. Each of these again is made up of three incomplete blocks. In these blocks 719 true changes are pro-

duced, but a point is reached where neither by a Plain Lead nor a Bob Lead can repetition be avoided. The three are, however, joined into one block by a Q set, either hobbled or plained, and the whole becomes a composition where both truth and completeness are adhered to, every individual row, of course, appearing three times, as it would do if three independent Extents were rung consecutively.

The claim has been made that this arrangement does really consist of seven true and complete Extents on the grounds that if we count Rounds at the start there are 720 true rows, followed by another 720 true rows, followed by yet another 720 true rows. We cannot accept this as sound argument. It is contrary to the tradition and usage of the Exercise, and contrary to the nature of change ringing, to count Rounds at the start as a change. And, apart from that, the first 720 changes do not contain the necessary quality of completeness. The justification of the arrangement lies in taking the first 2,160 changes as one round block, and we do not consider it of any particular importance (though of considerable interest) that this block appears so nearly to consist of three true and complete Extents.

Mr. Morris' arrangement of Grand-sire Doubles is of a different character to those we have already described. It consists of 240 changes. The handstroke blows produce 120 true rows, and the backstroke blows produce likewise 120 true rows. Of course, there is repetition between Handstroke and Backstroke, but no more and no less than there would be between the separate six-scores rung consecutively.

It has been objected that if once the Council recognises anything which does not consist of separate and complete Extents the door will be opened to all sorts of fantastic arrangements and the standard of peal ringing will be definitely lowered. We do not think there is any ground for such fear. The principle of Truth and Completeness is so deeply implanted in the tradition of the Exercise that it will be ample safeguard against any excess. After all it should be remembered that the Exercise preserved a high standard in these matters and kept within rigid bounds for more than two centuries before there were any definite written rules.

In conclusion, we would point out that the Exercise at large, and especially the five and six bell ringers as a whole, must be the final judge in this matter, and we confidently ask the approval of the Council to our proposal to print these Compositions and so put to the proof whether they are of permanent value or not.

Signed { H. LAW JAMES.
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.
E. S. POWELL.

CENTRAL COUNCIL'S PUBLICATIONS AND LIBRARY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reference to a recent letter stating that as a matter of fact the Council's publications are issued at a profit, will you be good enough to allow me to state in your column that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the publications always stand on the Council's books at a loss (in fact, a very substantial one). But, despite this, I believe they have always been available to the Exercise at large.

I am, of course, not allowing for the unpaid services of the many skilled writers who have, in addition, contributed the subject matter.—Yours faithfully,

E. ALEX. YOUNG.

RAILWAY FARES.

By a clerical error it was stated in the announcement made last week that the reduced fares to Chelmsford would be at the rate of single fare and a half. The rate will be single fare and a third.

PEALS OF MINOR AND DOUBLES.

'ROUNDS' FIRST, OR LAST?

Dear Sir,—I was pleased to see the letter in your last issue from Mr. Joyce, and congratulate both him and his friends in joining the majority who desire to see the definition of peals of Minor end with the words, *Rounds shall be the last row or change.* It is immaterial to me whether the word 'from' is deleted or not from the definition I gave in your issue of April 5th, so long as rounds is the last row of the peal. Now, why do I stress this point? And for an explanation I would like to refer him, and your readers, to your issue of February 22nd, where Mr. Law James is defining what a peal of Minor shall be. After explaining the various 720's, he makes use of these words: 'We have only made 5,039 changes so far. This last change brings us back to the first 123456, which is not the last row of the peal, but only the first row repeated.' So you will see, sir, that Mr. James would have six-bell ringers ring the last change first, and then go on to complete the peal. What is Mr. James' object in desiring this definition? Simply this, to accept rounds as the last row at once proves his brother's peal of Cambridge to be false, as rounds appears twice in the last 720 (as I explained in your issue of March 8th), and which Mr. James has not thought fit to challenge.

With regard to my three 720's of London, I fail to follow Mr. Joyce in his argument, but would like to point out that the 720's are set out by the course ends just the same as Major peals are, and the bobs under I. 4th. O. W. H. indicate the position of the 6th when the bob is made. Care must be taken, where two 4th's are made in one course, to call the second 4th's before the bob 'Out' is called, otherwise the second 4th's will be missing. I would advise Mr. Joyce and other six-bell conductors, when conducting 720's of Minor with more than nine bobs, to adopt this plan—sound advice with forty years' experience behind it. By doing so, they will be able to memorise the calling much easier.—Yours truly,
Killamarsh.

C. SEVERN.

AN ARGUMENT OVERDONE.

Dear Sir,—As Mr. Wood invites criticism of his suggestions, re the settlement of the question of peals of Minor, perhaps you will allow me to remark on his suggestion No. 4. Firstly, is Cambridge Minor any more exceptional than many of the other Surprise Minor methods? I submit not. Secondly, it is possible to ring seven complete 720's of Cambridge with varied callings, and each coming round in the ordinary way, without 6-5's at backstroke. I allow that some of the 720's would be variations of the others, and in this respect not equal to the Rev. E. B. James' peal.

While on this subject, is not the question of 6-5's at backstroke being slightly overdone? If not, the first eleven Surprise methods might as well be consigned to the waste-paper basket.—Yours faithfully,
Newton, Cambridge,

C. W. COOK.

SIX-BELL BAND'S ENDORSEMENT.

Dear Sir,—With regard to the Minor and Doubles controversy, we of the Lamberhurst band would like to endorse Mr. Joyce's letter in this week's issue of 'The Ringing World.'—Yours truly,
A. H. SMITH.

EAST HERTS MEETING AT BRAUGHING.

This old-world village was visited on Saturday week by the Eastern Branch of the Herts County Association. A very enjoyable time was spent by those who braved the uninviting weather, and the fine toned bells were kept busy.

The Vicar welcomed those who gathered, and gave a helpful address in church, and afterwards visited the tower.

Braughing was in past years a favourite place for Squire Proctor to visit, and was also renowned for its famous band of Bob Major ringers, as the peal tablets testify. The bells are a very musical octave with a tenor of 19 cwt.

LIFTON CHURCH BELLS.

APPEAL FOR RESTORATION FUND.

The bells, framework, etc., in the tower of St. Mary's Church, Lifton, Devon, have been examined by experts during the past twelve months, and several defects have been found. The bells, a ring of eight, with 23 cwt. tenor, were placed in the tower by Messrs. Taylor and Co. a hundred years ago, and have been in constant use ever since. They are now in a very unsatisfactory state, and the proper ringing of them presents a very difficult and arduous task. Also, the bells are rather out of tune. The chief causes are two defective supporting beams, weakness of frame joints, and inadequate bracing in the construction of the frame; bell fittings showing bad signs of wear in gudgeons, bearings and clappers. The bells require to be quarter turned, etc., in order to make the clappers strike true, and the whole system requires to be overhauled.

Estimates have been considered, and the Parochial Church Council have decided to place the work in the hands of Messrs. Taylor, Loughborough, the original makers and hangers. To defray the cost of this work approximately £300 is required, and the Council would like to raise as much as possible of this amount by voluntary donations. An appeal is therefore made to ringers as well as to parishioners to subscribe to this fund as liberally as they are able, and contributions will be heartily welcomed and gratefully received by the Rector (Rev. G. F. Newman) or E. Ball, hon. secretary, P.C.C., and treasurer, Bell Fund.

WEDDING BELLS.

A pretty wedding took place at St. James' Parish Church, Bratton, Wilts, on Easter Monday, between Herbert Jack, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Smith, of Bratton, and Gwendoline Julia, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Chapman, of Westbury. The Vicar, the Rev. S. Collett, conducted the service and the hymns, 'The Voice that breathed o'er Eden' and 'O Perfect Love,' were sung. Miss Hobbs presided at the organ and played the Wedding March. The reception was held in the Jubilee Hall, and nearly 70 guests sat down to the wedding breakfast. The bride and bridegroom were recipients of a large number of useful presents.

The bridegroom is a regular ringer at Bratton, and before ringing commenced for matins on Easter Day the Vicar, with a few chosen remarks, presented him with a silver-plated butter dish and knife, which had been subscribed for by his fellow-ringers. The bride's father is a respected member of the Westbury ringers, and her brother is also a regular ringer at Bratton. After the ceremony on Easter Monday, touches of Grandsire Doubles were rung, the ringers being afterwards entertained to refreshments by the bridegroom's father and mother (Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Smith).

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Any of our readers requiring part-time employment may be interested in the following advertisement: 'Second Verger required for Sherborne Abbey.—For particulars, apply to Hon. Secretary, Parochial Church Council, "Lona," Coldharbour, Sherborne, Dorset.'

The famous peal of eight bells at the Abbey offer a great opening for the energies of a keen ringer on the church staff.

Miss D. E. Lewis, of Chilvers Coton, was elected as general secretary of the Warwickshire Guild on Saturday. This is a distinction which few, if any ladies, have before attained. Although several have been elected as district secretaries, we cannot recall the appointment of any lady as general secretary of a guild or association, except, of course, the Ladies' Guild itself.

The peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal at Manchester Cathedral on Saturday was rung in place of the one in May, 1927, which afterwards turned out to be false. It was by the same composer, Mr. B. Thorp, who was also the conductor, and he expresses his apologies to the band who rang in the earlier peal.

Mr. John Hoyle informs us that there is still one survivor of the peal rung at Epsom on April 23rd, 1869, by four fathers and four sons. This is Mr. George Sayer, the junior of 60 years ago, who was the conductor of the peal. The old gentleman is living at Ashted, Surrey.

The first peal of Bob Major was rung at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, on April 26th, 1725, by a band of College Youths.

The famous peal of 15,840 Kent Treble Bob Major at Bethnal Green was rung on April 27th, 1868, in 9 hrs. 12 mins. Ted Horrex was the last survivor of this band, which included several of the renowned London ringers of the last half of the nineteenth century.

The first time a band rang three Surprise peals in a day was on April 27th, 1901, when the St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, company scored Superlative, Cambridge and London.

The 12,896 Cambridge Surprise Major was rung by the Midland Counties Association at Stoney Stanton on April 28th, 1923.

Next Thursday is the anniversary of the first peal of which there is an authentic record—Grandsire Bob Triples at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, on May 2nd, 1715.

The ringer of the 4th in the peal of Double Oxford at Port Sunlight, on April 13th, and published last week, was Ralph G. Edwards, and not G. Ronald Edwards, who rang the 7th. To ring both 4th and 7th would have been a somewhat difficult proposition.

METHOD SPLICING.

To the Editor.

Sir,—As Mr. Coles asks whether there were any reasons advanced against method splicing at the annual meeting of the Suffolk Guild, I can only say that we had a good representative meeting with our best ringers present, and that a number spoke against it and no one in favour. There was one who voted against the motion, but he did not say anything in favour of splicing, but, as it was so widely practised, he thought we ought not to seem to disparage it. Everyone seems to have a different reason for not supporting splicing, but as no record was kept it would not be safe to say more than that it seemed to be the general opinion that if we started to ring a method we should ring it and not change to something else before concluding. My own reason was that the theory we ring by is that we must keep to one method in what we ring, varied by two kinds of calls, and only two. To have a third kind of call breaks this principle in one way; to splice in another method or methods breaks it in another way, and a broken principle is an unsound principle. You cannot rely on it; it will not bear any weight of argument.

The line we took up was that we do not want to ring spliced methods ourselves, but we do not want to hinder others who wish to do so. Only if rules, or theories, or principles are to be broken or strained to allow of the splicing of methods, much more should the splicing of extents be allowed. The latter is interesting to the ordinary ringer, and is good practice, while the former only concerns advanced men. This point is especially telling in a diocese where there are so many five-bell towers as there are in Suffolk.

HERBERT DRAKE.

SILVER WEDDING CELEBRATION.

On Saturday, April 13th, ringers from Norton-le-Moors, Cheadle, and the local band met at Kingsley Parish Church to ring in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. Carnwell. A 720 of Cambridge and touches of London, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob were rung, after which, at Sunny Side, Host and Hostess Carnwell provided a real wedding feast, which was thoroughly enjoyed.

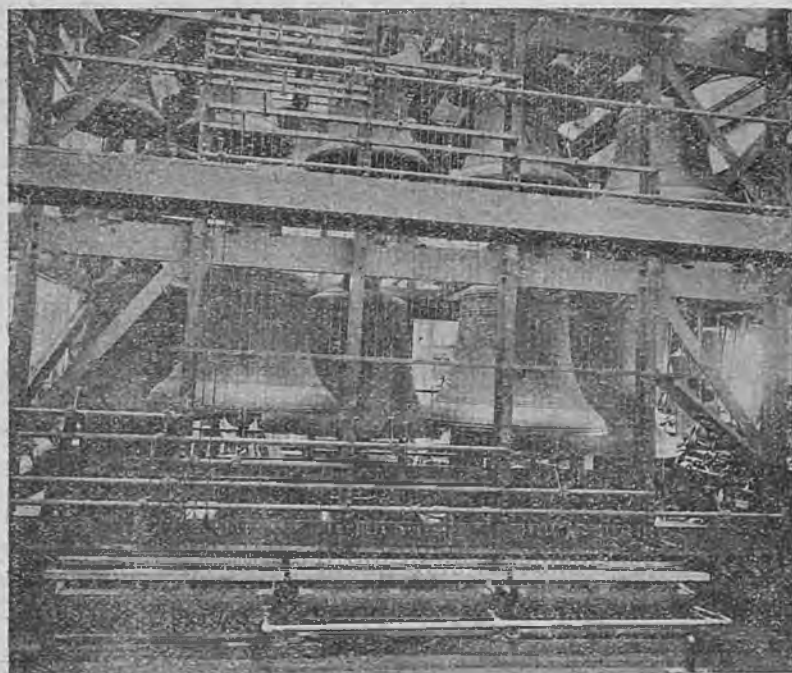
Mr. Carnwell gave everyone a hearty welcome, which was acknowledged by Mr. J. E. Wheeldon. Tea over, a move was made for the tower, where a well-struck quarter-peal was rung for the occasion, consisting of 240 York, 240 London, 240 Cambridge, 240 Violet, 120 Woodbine, 216 Kent, by the following: J. Barker 1, J. Beresford 2, W. Carnwell 3, H. Carnwell (conductor) 4, J. E. Wheeldon 5, A. W. Hall 6.

MORE CROYDON CARILLONS.

WORLD'S LARGEST BELL ORDER FOR MESSRS. GILLET AND JOHNSTON.

THE WELLINGTON CARILLON.

The first carillon for New Zealand, which has been cast at the Croydon Bell Foundry and is to be erected at Wellington, is a memorial to the men and women of New Zealand who gave their lives in the Great War. The carillon has been given by individuals or groups of people, and will be one of the most important in the world. It consists of 49 bells, covering four and a quarter chromatic octaves, the bass bell being five tons in weight. Each bell has an inscription bearing the name of some battleground or engagement of the war, whose names have now become household words, such as 'The Somme,' 'Jutland,' 'Gallipoli,' 'Ypres,' 'Anzac,' 'Delville Wood,' 'Hill 60,' etc. Some are dedicated to individuals, others to the memory of military units, such as that of the 5th (Wellington) Regt., 'The Nurses' Bell' (dedicated to the nurses and V.A.D.'s who made the supreme sacrifice), the officers and men of the medical service, members of Government departments, the Royal Navy and the Merchant Service, the New Zealand Mounted Rifles, the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps, the New Zealand Division, and the men of Wellington City and suburbs. Five of the bells bear



THE WELLINGTON CARILLON, showing electro-pneumatic mechanism.

badges, or symbols, and not only are they extremely fine examples of the founder's craft in their appearance, but as an instrument the carillon is one of the finest ever built. The tuning and tone has been pronounced exceptionally fine by no less an authority than Dr. Sydney Nicholson, warden and founder of the School of English Church Music, and late organist at Westminster Abbey, who has especially commended the excellence of the small bells, the lightest of which weighs only 9 lbs.

In the construction of the carillon there is the usual clavier for hand operation, the lowest 25 keys being attached to pedals as well as to the manuals. In addition the firm's patent electro-pneumatic mechanism is attached, and has a dual function. One connects an ivory keyboard, similar to that of a piano, which can be fixed in any part of the tower for use by a musician, who is not necessarily a carillonneur, and the other operates a paper band machine, on the principle of the pianola, whereby tunes, specially arranged for carillon music, are played—the mechanism being released by a clock at any intervals desired in the day. The machine will be equipped initially to play twelve tunes in this way, but other music will be added from time to time. There is no limit to the selection, but each tune has to be arranged specially to suit bell music.

The frame weighs 34 tons, and is constructed to carry 53 bells eventually, as the intention is to add four lower bells, the largest to weigh ten tons.

A formal inspection of the bells by the High Commissioner of New Zealand (the Rt. Hon. Sir James Parr, K.C.M.G.), was made at the Croydon Foundry, as briefly reported in our last issue. There was a large number of guests, who were received by the genial head of the firm, Mr. C. F. Johnston, and they had the opportunity of hearing the fine qualities of the carillon, played by Mr. Clifford Ball, of Bournemouth, and Miss Nora Johnston.

In the foundry the visitors saw the casting of bells for a carillon in Holland and many other interesting things connected with the making and tuning of bells.

Before adjourning for tea, Mr. Johnston referred to the occasion as 'Dominion,' and especially 'New Zealand,' day at the foundry. He reminded the company that all the big bell orders for different parts of the world were being carried out in England, and the furthest point from these shores which would have a carillon was Wellington. He referred to the many interesting points about the new bells, and to the fact that this carillon would be shipped in a fortnight and be in New Zealand long before the tower to receive them was completed—in fact, the architect had not yet been appointed.

Sir James Parr complimented the firm on proving the fallacy of the idea that a British manufacturer always wanted about three years to complete an order. There was under consideration a suggestion that the bells should first go to an exhibition in North-East England for six months. Sir James expressed cordial sentiments on behalf of New Zealand, particularly on the fact that the bells were British, and gave interesting information about the destination of the carillon.

CHICAGO'S RECORD ORDER. SIXTY-FOUR BELLS.

Speaking at the New Zealand gathering at the Croydon Bell Foundry, Mr. Cyril Johnston was able to announce that his firm had obtained the largest contract for bells ever placed in one order. Addressing his guests, he said: I would like to tell you a dead secret—at least it has been one until this moment. It concerns the University of Chicago, which is a good example of the scale upon which educational life is carried on in America. At Chicago the University pursues a peaceful existence some eight miles from the 'City of Gunmen' and roaring traffic. There are 800 professors attempting to instil learning into 6,500 undergraduates in 75 buildings. The newest building is the beautiful Gothic Chapel by the famous architect, Goodhue, of New York. Arising from it is a massive tower, 210 feet high, and dominating the whole neighbourhood. In that tower will be placed a great carillon of 64 bells, the boudon (or largest) weighing 17 tons, and one of the two largest clocks in existence will chime quarters and strike the hours. This, the largest order for bells ever placed at one and the same time, has been placed with this firm, and here is the cable authorising the announcement.

DERRY CATHEDRAL BELLS. AN ULSTER RESTORATION.

On Friday week another interesting gathering took place at the Croydon Foundry, where, in the presence of the Dean of Derry (the Very Rev. R. G. S. King) and members of the Honourable Irish Society including Sir Louis A. Newton (governor), the 31 cwt. tenor bell for Derry Cathedral was recast. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are recasting the whole peal of ten with three additional semi-tones for tune playing, and the whole is to be rehung in a new metal frame, with new fittings throughout. The total estimated weight of the thirteen bells is 146 cwt.

St. Colomb's Cathedral, Derry, was completed in 1633, and it was recorded on the tenor bell of the old peal of eight, which were recast in 1812, that 'the five larger bells were presented to the City of Londonderry by King Charles I. in 1638.' Another was given by the citizens of the town in 1671, and two by the Honourable the Irish Society in 1630. When the bells were recast in the early 19th century the old inscriptions were not preserved on them, but these are being restored on the new ring of ten. The recast tenor bears the inscription: 'Glory to God in the Highest. The Honourable the Irish Society of London, Founders of this Cathedral and Donors of its two most ancient bells, gave me A.D. 1928. Colonel Sir Louis A. Newton, Bart., Alderman, Governor, Frederick Whittingham, C.C., Deputy Governor, Leslie C. Landragin, Secretary.'

The visitors, prior to the casting of the bell, were received by Mr. C. F. Johnston and shown the many interesting things to be seen in the works, including the Wellington carillon, upon which a recital was afterwards given by Mr. W. E. Jordan, the Loughborough borough carillonneur.

At the casting of the tenor, the Dean of Derry and Sir Louis Newton threw silver coins into the molten metal as it was poured into the mould.

When the second bell was recast, the 7th in the peal, given as a memorial to Sir John Macfarland, Major Ronald Ross, the present M.P., and Canon Pat. McCormick, grandson of a past M.P., also dropped coins into the molten metal.

When the sixth bell, originally given by Charles I. in 1638, was recast, Lady Clanmorris and Mrs. Ronald Ross threw in pieces of silver.

An amusing little incident delayed the proceedings for a minute as the ladies came up on to the platform without their purses, and instantly the eager hands of a number of Ulster folk were reached forward with coins to supply the deficiency.

The three semi-tone bells are hung 'dead' and will be used only for tune ringing.



DERRY CATHEDRAL.

DUNMOW RINGERS' FESTIVAL.

The Dunmow ringers held their annual ringing festival on April 13th, when about 40 ringers were present from Braintree, Maldon, Greenstead Green, Bardfield, Stebbing, Springfield, Romford, Brentwood, and Great Easton. During the afternoon a service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. N. Mellishe, V.C.), assisted by Rev. P. E. T. Widdington, Rector of Great Easton. A party of about fifty were entertained by the ringers, their wives and other friends in St. Mary's Room, the Vicar presiding, supported by the Rev. P. E. T. Widdington, Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Essex Association) and Col. Gibbons.

Touches were rung on the handbells, but, unfortunately, the gentlemen who had arranged a few songs were ill. Otherwise, a very enjoyable evening was spent.

The Vicar, on behalf of the ringers, welcomed the visitors to Dunmow.—Mr. Howard responded by thanking the Vicar for the use of the bells, also Mr. Sanders (the organist) and the various ladies for their work in providing the tea. They were all very pleased to come to Dunmow, where they were always so well received, and where there were such a splendid peal of bells. He was also very pleased they had carried out the scheme he had advised in having a thorough job made of the bells, and by having such a reputable firm as Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. to carry it out. The bell founders completed their task to everybody's satisfaction, and the bells still went as well as they did the day they were opened. He was very glad to see a number of visitors present, as it gave the ringers and the association a great deal of encouragement in their work.

During the afternoon and evening various touches were rung, including Cambridge Surprise, Double Norwich, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major and Grandisire Triples.

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION ENTERTAIN OXFORD GUILD JOINT GATHERING AT HILLINGDON.

A successful joint meeting of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association and the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, and was attended by a company of over sixty. Mr. F. W. Goodfellow (Ringing Master) was in charge of the ringing, the feature of which was that only ten-bell methods were practised, hence its success, as a number of members from both Guilds had, to their delight, an opportunity of having a pull on ten bells for the first time, if only in rounds.

A service was conducted by the Rev. W. J. Monies, the 'Ringers' Manual' being used. Mr. R. Williams was the organist, and six choir boys assisted greatly to make the service bright and musical.

The party afterwards adjourned to the Church Hall, where Mrs. F. W. Goodfellow (hostess) and her willing assistants had tea waiting. The Vicar (the Rev. H. J. Kitcat) presided, supported by the Rev. W. J. Monies, Mr. G. H. Nevill (churchwarden), Mr. A. D. Barker (hon. secretary and treasurer of the Oxford Branch) and Mrs. Barker, Messrs. F. W. Goodfellow, J. A. Trollope (hon. treasurer), Mr. W. H. Hollier (hon. secretary of the South and West District), and Mr. W. Pickworth (vice-president of the North and East District), Mr. F. Corke (Ringing Master), etc.

The Vicar, who welcomed the Oxford Guild to Hillingdon on behalf of himself and the Middlesex County Association, said what a great pleasure it was to him to see so many present from the surrounding districts. He wished them every success, and said he would be delighted to welcome them there again on any future occasion. Mr. Trollope and Mr. Pickworth further extended the welcome.—Mr. Barker, on behalf of the Oxford Guild, said what pleasure it had been to accept the invitation, as it enabled them to have an opportunity of practising on ten bells, and, furthermore, it indicated the brotherly spirit that existed between the two Guilds.

As a last tribute of respect to Mr. W. Stagg, Mr. R. Thompson and Mr. J. F. Stilwell, who had passed away since our last meeting, the Hon. Secretary asked the company to stand in silence with bowed heads. This was done, and the Vicar offered an appropriate prayer.

Handbell ringing by Messrs. G. Cross, A. D. Barker, W. Gutteridge, C. W. Roberts, W. Hewitt and others, and tune ringing by Mr. and Mrs. Barker and members of the Oxford Guild were greatly appreciated.

Other well-known ringers present were Messrs. A. W. Coles, G. Martin, W. Welling, W. Henley, J. R. Mackman, R. Bullen, R. Wingrove, G. Gutteridge, G. Gilbert, etc.

Mr. Nevill (churchwarden) was elected hon. member, and votes of thanks were accorded to the clergy, organist, choir boys, Mrs. Goodfellow and her assistants, also to Mr. Fred Goodfellow, Mr. J. J. Pratt, and all who assisted in making the meeting such a great success.

The 'return visit' of the Guildford Diocesan Guild to the Middlesex Association will take place at Sunbury on Saturday, June 8th.

LADY RINGER MARRIED.

Bagshot Church, Surrey, was the scene of a pretty wedding on Saturday, when Miss Mabel A. Nye, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Nye, of Lynhurst, Bagshot, was married to Mr. Victor Welton, eldest son of Mrs. Welton, of Dulwich. The bride's father has been for many years one of the most enthusiastic ringers in the district, and the bride herself proved an apt pupil in the belfry. As a teacher in the day and Sunday Schools and an active participator in the social activities in the district, Miss Nye is extremely popular, and a large congregation of well-wishers assembled to witness the ceremony, which was performed by her uncle, the Rev. A. V. Nye, Vicar of Brightmet, Bolton, Lancs. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a charming dress of white georgette, trimmed with pearls, and a veil with a wreath of orange blossom. She carried a sheaf of Madonna lilies. Three sisters of the bridegroom acted as bridesmaids, and they were attired in powder blue chepo-de-chine dresses. Mr. F. Nye, jun., was best man. The hymns, 'Lead us, Heavenly Father,' and 'O Perfect Love,' were sung in the service, at the conclusion of which the bells were merrily rung by the local ringers, and as the happy couple left the church the organist played Mendelssohn's 'Wedding March.'

A large number of guests, including many ringers, attended the subsequent reception at the Parish Hall, and, when Mr. and Mrs. Welton left for their honeymoon in the Isle of Wight, they departed to the sound of the bells, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples being rung by: Mrs. Hazelden (Guildford) 1, J. S. Goldsmith (Woking) 2, B. Hawkins (York Town) 3, H. J. Chaffer (Ottershaw) 4, W. Melville (Guildford) 5, F. Nye (Bagshot) 6, C. Hazelden (Guildford) (conductor) 7, H. Hunt (Bagshot) 8.

The large number of presents which the bride and bridegroom received was testimony to the esteem in which they are both held. There were gifts from the Vicar, superintendent and scholars of the Sunday School, the master, teachers and pupils of the Day School, the Vicar, churchwardens and ringers of Bagshot, the Tennis Club, the Cricket Club (of which Mr. Welton is secretary), as well as from individual ringing and other friends.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**A HAPPY LITTLE MEETING AT CHRIST CHURCH, EPSOM.**

Although only fourteen ringers attended a meeting of the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, held at Christ Church, Epsom, on Saturday last, methods ranging from Grandsire Doubles to London Surprise Major were rung, and everybody was happy. The towers represented were Leatherhead, Epsom (St. Martin's), Banstead, Ewell and Newdigate, and those present included the general secretary of the Surrey Association (Mr. Chas. H. Kippin) and the secretary of the Central District of the same association (Mr. Daniel Cooper). In the absence of the Vicar, the service was conducted by the priest-in-charge, the Rev. H. Hamilton Maughan, who took as his text, 'We will make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob.' We thought his text singularly appropriate. A 'joyful noise' is a good term to apply to the average ringing at meetings (this particular meeting, of course, excepted). In the course of his address, the Rev. Maughan welcomed the Guild to Christ Church, and said how pleased he was to find that the bellringers in the Guildford Diocese had formed themselves into 'a definitely religious brotherhood.' In the course of his journeyings about the country he had come across bands of ringers who would ring the bells for a service and then go to the nearest public-house, and he was therefore pleased to meet a Guild of bellringers who never did that sort of thing.

Some of us wondered how we had earned such a distinction. We all felt very good. It was nice to be told that we were not as other men are. The Guildford Diocesan Guild has reason to be proud of such members.

Immediately after tea, the Rev. Maughan had to leave, but before doing so expressed his pleasure in being able to serve the Guild in any way, and, on behalf of the Vicar, said he hoped we would enjoy our visit and come again. This was all the more welcome in view of the fact that Christ Church, Epsom, is one of the very few towers possessing peals of bells in the diocese which have not yet become affiliated to the Guild.—On the proposition of the district secretary, seconded by Mr. G. Marriener, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. Maughan for his kindness and hospitality. This was carried with acclamation.

At the business meeting which followed, the following new ringing members were elected: Miss J. M. E. Cottrell, Mr. C. A. Read, Miss H. I. Port, and Rev. C. F. T. Willis, of Dorking, and Mr. William Robinson, of Christ Church, Epsom. The following belfry elections were also confirmed: Mr. R. Chapell, of Dorking, elected as a ringing member prior to an attempt for a peal at Rammore, and Mr. R. H. Dove, of Thornton Heath, elected as a compounding member prior to a peal at Banstead.

The District Secretary (Mr. F. G. Woodiss) briefly explained the circumstances which compelled him to relinquish his duties at so short a notice, as reported in last week's issue of 'The Ringing World,' and which made it necessary for them to find a successor immediately—a successor who could be relied upon to carry out his duties efficiently and well. He was pleased to be in a position to inform the meeting that the district committee had succeeded in finding such a man in Mr. Alan R. Pink, of Dorking. Mr. Pink had consented to serve them at the sacrifice of other claims upon his time and leisure, and in proposing him as his successor, the District Secretary said he hoped they would give Mr. Pink the same wholehearted support as they had given him.—This was seconded by the Chairman (Mr. A. Harman), and carried unanimously.—The usual votes of thanks concluded the meeting.

During the ringing in the evening, several members commented upon the fact that the 'go' of the bells was much worse than usual. Examination revealed the fact that the fittings were in a precarious condition, and that this peal of bells, which have been regarded for the last thirty years as ideal for peal ringing, needed the immediate attention of the bell hanger if serious damage was to be avoided. Plans were made to inform the proper authorities. F. G. W.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

The spring meeting of the Cheltenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association was held at Swindon Village on Saturday, April 13th. The uneven hexagonal tower contains a peal of five bells (tenor about 12 cwt.), all of which go well.

Owing to the illness of the Rector, the chairman of the branch (Rev. A. D. Pennington) conducted the service, the lesson being read by Mr. G. A. Nock (Elkstone). After service, the members adjourned to the school, where a splendid tea, generously provided by the Rector, was awaiting them.

The business meeting, followed with the Rev. A. D. Pennington in the chair, supported by Mr. W. Zeend (churchwarden), Mr. G. A. Nock, Mr. W. Wakeford (secretary, Tewkesbury Branch) and over thirty members representing Prestbury, Cheltenham (St. Mary's and St. Mark's), Leckhampton, Elkstone, Alderton, Badgeworth and the local tower. It was decided, on the invitation of the chairman, to visit Alderton for the summer meeting, in which it is hoped the Tewkesbury Branch will combine.—The Chairman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for providing tea, and trusted that he would soon regain his full health on his retirement (which takes place in a few weeks).—The Rev. A. D. Pennington was heartily thanked for the service. The tower was again visited, and good practice obtained.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Southampton District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild was held at Lockerby on Saturday, April 13th. The bells of Lockerby and East Tytherley were utilised during the afternoon. Tea took place in the Memorial Hall, Lockerby, presided over by the Rector of Dibden, district chairman. Those present included the Vicar of Lockerby, Mr. G. Williams (vice-president), Mr. G. Pullinger (general secretary), and members from Dibden, Romsey, Portsea, Titchfield, King's Somborne, Winchester, and North Stoneham. The Vicar of Lockerby (Rev. R. A. Sidebottom) was elected an hon. member of the Guild, and votes of thanks were accorded the Vicars of Lockerby and East Tytherley for the use of the bells, after which the handbells were made use of, a course of Grandsire Caters being rung by the following: Mrs. G. Williams 1-2, F. T. Bayley 3-4, F. W. Rogers 5-6, G. Williams 7-8, W. Andrews 9-10. Afterwards, on Lockerby bells, Doubles, Kent Treble Bob, and Cambridge Minor were rung. The next meeting is fixed for July 13th at Dibden, due notice of which will be given in 'The Ringing World.'

WINCHESTER DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting of the Winchester District was held at Twyford on Saturday, April 20th. Ringing on the light peal of eight bells and service conducted by the Rev. Morris (Vicar), who gave a short address, was followed by tea, prepared in the Village Hall, to which 30 sat down. Ringers were present from Winchester, Twyford, Micheldever, King's Somborne, Hursley, North Stoneham, West End and Ringwood. At the business meeting which followed, the Vicar was voted to the chair. Several new members were elected, including the Vicar of Twyford as an hon. member.

A vote of thanks was given to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his splendid address.—In reply, he gave the Guild a hearty welcome, and was very pleased to see so many visitors.

After the meeting, a party journeyed to Owslebury Church, where there is a ring of six. Others continued ringing at Twyford till eight o'clock.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The spring meeting of the Newbury branch was held at Midgham on Saturday, April 13th, members being present from the following towers: Bucklebury, Brightwalton, Beenham, Englefield, Hampstead Norris, Highclere, Newbury, Thatcham, Woolton Hill, and the local ringers. A short Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. V. W. Peake), who gave a very interesting address. Mr. W. Mathews, of Bucklebury, presided at the organ.

Tea was served in the schoolroom by Mrs. H. Warner, of Woolhampton, when 23 sat down.

The business meeting followed with the Rev. V. W. Peake in the chair, supported by the secretary and treasurer (Mr. H. W. Curtis). The Secretary reported the death of Mrs. G. W. Palmer, an hon. member of the branch, also of Mr. H. Benson, of Peasmore tower (a life subscriber), and all present stood for a few moments as a token of respect.

The summer meeting was fixed for Bucklebury on Saturday, June 15th.

Three guineas was voted from the Branch Fund to Hampstead Norris tower towards the repair of the bells.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. V. W. Peake, Mr. Mathews, and Mrs. Warner, proposed by the secretary and carried with applause. The tower was again visited, and some good touches brought round, Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Minor being rung.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**FRITTENDEN'S NEW BELLS.**

A meeting of Ashford District was held at Frittenden on Saturday, April 13th, when a company from twelve different towers assembled to ring on the new peal of bells. The gathering was honoured by the presence of the donor of the bells (Admiral Sir A. Moore) and Mr. C. F. Johnston, of the firm of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. Service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. H. M. Leathley), the association form being used. The Vicar gave a short address of welcome to the association, and spoke upon bell history. Tea was served at the Bell Inn by Host Bearsby, some 29 members being present to enjoy the good things provided.

At the business meeting, which followed, Mr. C. F. Johnston presided, and Warehorne and Buckinge were selected for the meeting in May. Admiral Moore and Rev. M. L. Leathley were made honorary members of the association, and six new practising members were also elected. Mr. C. Tribe then voiced the members' opinions of the excellent work of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston in producing such an excellent peal of bells, the 'go' being perfect. To this Mr. C. F. Johnston replied, speaking of the great care that was taken in the musical production of such a peal.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar, organists and Mr. H. Baker, the captain of the local band, were passed. A return was then made to the tower, where further ringing brought to a close a most enjoyable meeting.

Some alteration is to be carried out in the tower to reduce the noise in the ringing chamber.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**CHANGE IN THE SECRETARYSHIP.**

The annual meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held at Rugby on Saturday last, about 38 members and friends attending. The bells of the Parish Church were used for ringing during the afternoon and evening, most of the standard methods being attempted. The committee met in the vestry at 4.30, where various matters to be brought before the general meeting were discussed.

A good tea was partaken of at the Corner House Cafe, after which the meeting took place.

After the minutes of the last meeting had been accepted, the motion on the agenda, 'That this Guild's name be altered to the "Coventry Diocesan Guild,"' sponsored by Mr. F. W. Perrens, was the subject of a lengthy discussion. After various opinions for and against, Mr. James George moved an amendment that the matter be postponed for one year, and this was carried unanimously.

The balance sheet for the year 1927-8, which showed cash in hand £22 10s. 8d., was accepted.

On the election of officers, two changes were made, viz., Miss D. E. Lewis, of Chilvers Coton, was appointed general secretary in place of Mr. J. A. Fenton, and Mr. W. Dale, of Coleshill, Birmingham District secretary in place of Mr. J. W. Pemberton. The other officers were re-elected.

The meeting places for the next three months were decided on as follows: May, Clifton, near Rugby; June, Exhall; July, Stoke-in-Coventry. One life ringing member and six ringing members were elected.

The reports covering two years were distributed, a record number of peals being shown, due in the main to the late Mr. J. E. Sykes.

The Ringing Master, Mr. T. W. Chapman, proposed a vote of thanks to the president (Rev. J. L. White) and the Rector of Rugby, who were both present, and their replies brought a successful meeting to a close.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.**A JOHNSON 'RELIC.'**

The quarterly meeting of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, was held at Coleshill, Warwickshire, on Saturday, April 8th. The Parish Church, which stands on high ground, has a very fine steeple and ornamented spire, and is a well-known landmark over a wide area of country. The church originally dated back to the 14th century, but very little of that building remains now, as it was thoroughly restored in 1868. It does, however, contain a remarkably fine specimen of Norman font, which is probably a relic of an earlier church on the same site. It has also a number of very fine and interesting monuments, particularly two effigies of knights which lie under low moulded arches in the walls of the north and south aisles. These are 14th century and are supposed to be of John de Clinton of the time of Edward I., and his grandson John. There are also many costly mural monuments and several good brasses.

The bells, a nice handy peal of eight, were kept going in various methods from Grandsire to Cambridge Major during the afternoon and again after the business meeting.

Tea was partaken of in the Council Room at the Town Hall, and was followed by the meeting, which was presided over by Mr. Vice-president T. Russam, owing to the unavoidable absence of the Presiding Ringing Master, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., who was on duty at Lincoln.

The Chairman referred to the loss the Guild had sustained in the death of one of the vice-presidents (Mr. William Kent), whom he had known since 1870. He had a most genial and lovable temperament, and was a good friend to all he came in contact with. As a last tribute of respect to his memory he asked all present to stand for a moment in silence.

The Central Council agenda was discussed in detail, and finally it was decided to give the Guild's representative a free hand to vote on the various items as he thought fit, after hearing the views of the other representatives. Should the proposition to increase associations' subscriptions to 5s. be carried, it was decided to support it.

Mr. Walker reported the receipt of a letter from Mr. W. T. Pates, of Cheltenham, enclosing a letter Mr. Pates had received from the late Henry Johnson, sen., containing the figures of a long peal of Grandsire Caters. It was decided to preserve this in the Guild's archives, and the secretary was instructed to tender to Mr. Pates the best thanks of the Guild for the gift.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Great Barr on Saturday, July 6th.

Votes of thanks were tendered to the Ven. Archdeacon Richards for the use of the bells and to Mr. C. Dale for making the necessary local arrangements for tea, etc., thus bringing a very enjoyable meeting to a close.

WEDDING BELLS.

At St. Bartholomew's Church, Burslow, Surrey, on Monday, April 1st, 720 Bob Minor: J. Bradley 1, V. Cousins 2, W. Slaughter 3, L. Penfold 4, H. Parsons 5, A. Bull (conductor) 6. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. H. Kew (the local foreman) to Miss D. Funnell, of Warminster, Wiltshire. First 720 in the method by all, with the exception of the conductor.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

(Established 1637.)—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 30th, at 7.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

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.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fairview, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

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.—Rev. H. 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.—F. W. Stokes, Hon. Sec., Blankney, Lincoln.

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. Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.).—A. D. Stone, Hon. Divisional Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wilby on Saturday, April 27th. The arrangements will be as usual. The address at the service will be given by the Rev. A. W. Laws, Vicar of Irchester.—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

—Western District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Chester le Street on Saturday, April 27th, when we hope the members will turn up well. Bells will be available after 2 p.m. Tea at 5.—H. Tyson, Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

—North-Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Osyth on Saturday, April 27th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, 1s. each. Nearest station, Great Bentley (4 miles).—R. W. Stannard, 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Havant on Saturday, April 27th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, with address by the Archdeacon of Portsmouth. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch, 1879-1929.—The branch annual meeting and jubilee celebration has been arranged at Boyne Hill on Saturday, April 27th. Bells available: Bray (6), 3 to 4 p.m.; Boyne Hill (8), 3 to 4.30 p.m. Guild service at 4.30 p.m., with an address by Rt. Rev. E. Domett Shaw, D.D., Archdeacon of Oxford. High tea in the Parish Hall, Rutland Road, Maidenhead, at 5.30 p.m., at 2s. 6d. per head. Admission by ticket. Rebate of 1s. allowed to branch members who have paid their subscriptions. Business meeting 6.30 p.m., to be followed by a concert.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

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 at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY. — The annual meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, April 27th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m. All ringers welcome.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting of the above Guild will be held at Pluckley and Egerton on April 27th. Towers open: Pluckley, 2.30 to 5 p.m.; Egerton, 5.30 to 8.30 p.m. Tea at Mrs. Missings, Rochdale, Egerton, 5 p.m. Yellow car leaves Ashford for Pluckley 2.35. Pluckley to Egerton 4.50. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Garden, Tenterden.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Coalbrookdale on Saturday, April 27th. Bells (10) available 2.30. Meeting in Parish Hall 5 o'clock. Tea (1s. each) at 6 o'clock. All ringers welcome. — Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—The next meeting will be held at Belper on Saturday, April 27th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting in belfry 4.30 p.m. Annual reports (6d.) can be obtained at this meeting. All ringers welcome. — George Freebrey, Local Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The general meeting will be held at Leeds Parish Church on Saturday, April 27th. Bells available from 5.30 p.m. Business meeting in the tower 7.30 p.m. All towers are requested to be represented.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Liverpool, on Saturday, April 27th, in connection with the celebrations of the centenary of the bells. Arrangements as follows: Bells available 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. The meeting arranged for St. Helens on May 11th is cancelled.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The bells of St. Nicholas' Church, Newbury (8) will be rededicated by the Right Rev. Bishop Shaw on Sunday, April 28th, at 3 p.m. Tea at 4.30. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Meeting at St. James', Clerkenwell, on Saturday, May

4th. The bells, recently recast and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Tea, by invitation of Vicar and churchwardens, at 5, to those who accept by April 30th. *Please advise me.* Social evening at 8 p.m. A hearty welcome is extended to all ringers.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Woolhope on Saturday, May 4th. Bells (6) available 3.30 to 8.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Please notify me not later than April 30th.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Brindle Parish Church on Saturday, May 4th. Bells available from 2.30.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. — Our next meeting will be held on Saturday, May 4th, at St. Peter's Church, Burnley. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. A good attendance requested.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Next meeting will be held at Worksop on Saturday, May 4th. It is hoped a good number will attend. There being plenty of cafés and restaurants open, visitors will make own arrangements for tea. Fixture cards will be available for forthcoming two years.—R. Harrison, Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Great Easton on Saturday, May 4th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, April 30th.—W. Arnold, Dis. Sec., Holt Street, Earl's Colne.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Thaxton on Saturday, May 4th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Other arrangements as usual. Those requiring tea kindly advise me. — C. Beeston, 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—There will be a meeting for ringing practice on Saturday, May 4th, at Christ Church, Ealing, from 6 to 8 p.m., before a dance, organised by the Christ Church, Ealing, ringers, in the Parish Hall at 8 p.m. Admission 1s. 6d. All ringers and friends welcome. Tickets can be obtained at the door, or from W. G. Wilson, Assistant Dis. Sec., 9, Grove Cottages, Ealing, W.5.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. —A meeting will be held at Norton-in-Hales on Saturday, May 4th. Tea, 5.30 p.m., for all who notify Mr. D. P. Roberts, The Rectory, Norton-in-Hales, Salop, before May 1st.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch. — A special meeting will be held at Creton on Saturday, May 4th. Usual arrangements.—K. J. Cater, Althorp Park Station, East Haddon.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Durham on Saturday, May 4th, when the bells of the Cathedral, St. Nicholas' and St. Oswald's will be available. Meet at St. Oswald's at 2.30. Tea at Pattinson's Café for those informing Mr. W. H. Johnson, 42, Whinney Hill, Durham, by May 1st.—Frank Ainsley, Dis. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—A monthly meeting will be held at North Bradley on Saturday, May 4th. Bells (6) ready at 2.30 p.m. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea. All ringers welcome.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672).—The annual meeting for election of officers, etc., will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, May 4th. Tower open 5 to 9 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. — F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The May meeting of the Bedford District will be held at Thurleigh on May 4th. Bells (6) available 2.45. Tea at 5.—J. T. Newington, Dis. Sec., 32, Grafton Road, Bedford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Branch. — Annual meeting at Ambrosden on Saturday, May 4th. Bells (8) just rehung in ball bearings. Tenor 20 cwt. Service 3 p.m. Bicester (8) 2 miles: bells available during evening.—E. A. Clifton, Hon. Sec., 79, Sheep Street, Bicester.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at South Petherton on Saturday, May 4th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, Martock, Somerset.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District and Ladies' Guild, Northants District.—A joint meeting will be held at Huntingdon St. Mary's (8) on Saturday, May 4th. Godmanchester bells (8) also available from 6 p.m. Service at St. Mary's 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Walden Cafe, George Street, at 5.15 p.m. Will all who require tea notify Miss S. Thursfield, Cranford Rectory, Kettering, or let me know not later than April 30th.—C. Fields, High Street, St. Neots, Hunts.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The festival will be held at Bridport on Saturday, May 11th. Service at 12.30. Preacher: Right Rev. Bishop Joscelyn. Luncheon at Greyhound Hotel 1.15 p.m. Charge 1s. Annual business meeting to follow. Towers open: Beaminster, Bradpole, Bridport, Whitchurch Canonycorum (8), Burton Bradstock, Litton Cheney, Lodders, Netherbury, Symondsburry (6). All ringers welcome. Those requiring lunch please send in their names to T. Hervey Beams, Bradpole, Bridport, Dorset, by May 6th.—F. Llewellyn Edwards, Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Brading on Saturday, May 11th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea at the Parish Hall and business meeting. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, May 7th?—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., No. 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Corston on Saturday, May 11th. Bells (8) at 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. A good attendance is requested.—Theo Grant, Branch Sec., Swainswick, Bath, Som.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Owing to the parish outing the half-yearly meeting arranged for St. Helens on May 11th is cancelled. — W. H. Shuker, A. Tomlinson, C. I. Davies, Hon. Secs.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Bushey, Saturday, May 11th. Bells available from 3.30 till 8.30. Evensong 5. Tea at Institute 5.30. Number for tea by 7th. Cheap tickets from all stations to Bushey. Buses stop near church.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Woking Parish Church, St. Peter's (at Old Woking). The two new church bells will be dedicated by the Bishop of Guildford on Saturday, May 11th, at 3.30 p.m. All ringers will be heartily welcomed to the dedication and are cordially invited by the Vicar, churchwardens and bellringers to tea at the Church Hall after the service. Will those coming to tea kindly notify the Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. H. Edwards, Church Street, Old Woking, not later than Wednesday, May 8th?

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. Division.—The next meeting will be held at Great Waltham on Saturday, May 11th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Usual arrangements. All those requiring tea please notify Mr. W. E. Davies, Great Waltham, Chelmsford, not later than Thursday, May 9th.—H. W. Kirton, Hon. Dis. Sec.

A JOINT MEETING of the Surrey Association (North-Western District) and the Guildford Diocesan Guild (Leatherhead District) will be held at Ewell on Saturday, May 18th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea to follow in the Church Room. All ringers welcome. Will those requiring tea kindly notify Mr. C. E. Read, 1, Grove Villas, High Street, Ewell, not later than Wednesday, May 15th?—D. Cooper and A. R. Pink, Hon. Dis. Secs.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—50th Annual Meeting Jubilee Celebrations at Chelmsford, Whit Monday, May 20th. 11 a.m., service at the Cathedral, with an address by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford. 12 noon, meeting at the Cathedral Hall. 1.15 p.m., lunch at the Corn Exchange. Tickets: Members 1s. 6d., non-members 2s. 6d., applications for which to be made with a remittance to Mr. E. J. Butler, 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath. — Chas. H. Howard, Master; F. J. Pitstow, Gen. Sec. and Treasurer, 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Chippenham, Whit Monday, May 20th. St. Paul's (8) and St. Andrew's (8) available from 10 a.m. Other bells available by arrangement. Service 12 noon, St. Andrew's Church. Luncheon 1 p.m., 2s. 6d. (cold). Book direct to Mr. Dunford, Bear Hotel, Chippenham, on or before May 15th. General business meeting 2.30 p.m., St. Catherine's Schoolroom. Important business. Motions proposed include deletions to Rules I. and III. and additions to Rule XIII. and III. of branch rules. Copies and proposers may be had upon application. Tea 1s. per head, Bear Hotel. Some principal officials retiring and do not seek re-election. Please notify me for tea on or before May 18th.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District. — District meeting at Chiddingfold on Saturday, May 25th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea (1s.) and business meeting. Numbers for tea to me by Friday, May 17th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., Merrow Cottage, East Clandon, Guildford.

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