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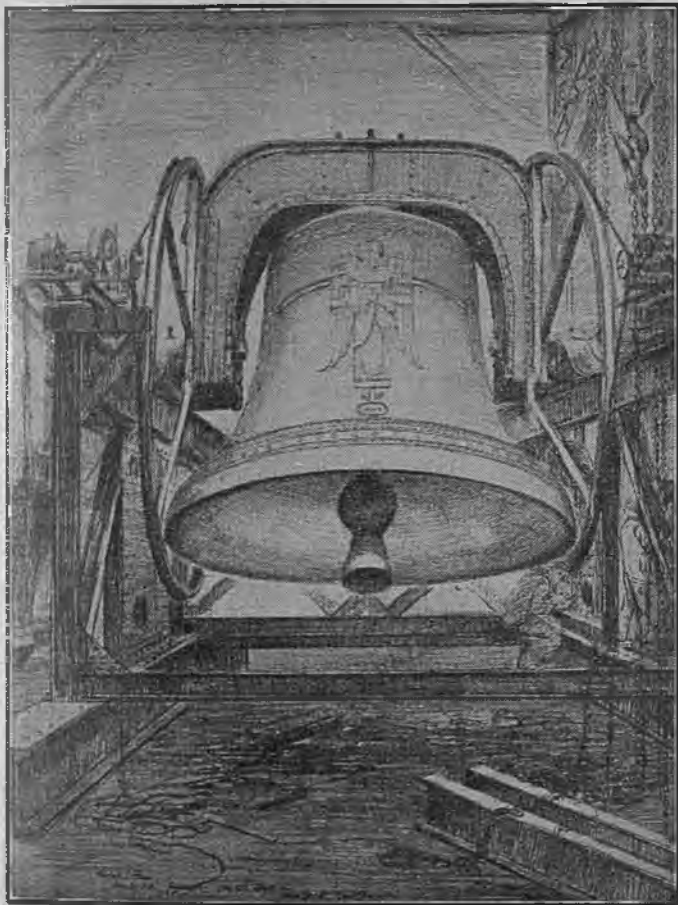
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BELLS AND PUBLIC OPINION.

'The Church Bell Nuisance' is not infrequently in the public eye in these days, through complaints ventilated in the press, and a handful of vocal objectors can give a seeming importance to a view which, in reality, is held by a very small minority of people. The 'other side,' the people who find no annoyance, or who like to hear the bells rung, are seldom heard, unless it is to correct gross misrepresentation, which protesters seem curiously inclined to make when writing about these things. It is distinctly refreshing, therefore, to find a spirited protest against the banning of church bells being made, not in the press this time, but in the public arena of the council chamber. Salisbury Town Council decided to sell to the Bishop of Salisbury, for the purposes of a church, a site on one of their building estates, and a few of the members endeavoured to insert a condition that there should be no bell ringing in connection with the church. The opposition developed mainly against the use of a single bell, one of the objectors remarking that he would not mind if the church had a peal of bells. Other speakers, however, ridiculed the suggested restriction, and Alderman Wort delivered a slashing attack upon the imposition of any condition with regard to bells. 'Considering the way some people now spent Sunday,' he said, 'they would not know it was Sunday at all but for the bells. It would be a bad day, not only for Salisbury, but for the world if they did away with bells.' The motion, even to debar the use of a single bell, was lost.

To those who are lovers of bells and who have an interest in the art of ringing, this debate and decision of Salisbury Town Council has a wider significance than the mere attempt to prevent the use of a bell in a church on a Salisbury building estate. It is an indication of the spirit in which the people of this land regard their church bells. A few objectors may complain of their use and cynics may sneer, but the vast majority of English men and women would not lightly permit the bells of this country to be silenced, and, as at Salisbury, would be quick and emphatic in quashing any such proposal if the question were raised in a way which gave them the opportunity of expressing an opinion. The real danger to the ringing of bells lies in the 'back door' methods which might at any time be opened for their suppression, through, for instance, a general and innocuous looking clause of an Act of Parliament, which gave power to some departmental chief to make any addition to a schedule of prohibited acts, by which bell ringing might be included (at the instigation of some crank or other), and become debarred by law before its inclusion

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was realised and there was time for legal objection to be made. The Central Council is fully alive to this risk and its Legal Committee has been kept in being largely to watch this matter. There is no risk of any law-made interference with bell ringing if it is left to the decision of the public, who, at heart, love to hear bells properly rung; but under the present system, by which a great deal of legislation is carried out by delegated authority, the views of an active minority can very easily become the law of the land, unless there is unceasing vigilance.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.

(On Easter Monday, April 21, 1930, in Eight Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 12221 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

THOMAS PRICE Treble	JAMES GEORGE 7
THOMAS BALDWIN 2	WILLIAM STAITT 8
WILLIAM IRELAND 3	ALFRED HANNIS 9
ARTHUR PRINCE 4	J. D. G. HARRIS 10
LESLIE BARRY 5	JOHN J. BALLINGER 11
ALBERT WRIGHT 6	URIAH W. BRAVEN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD AND
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

(On Easter Monday, April 21, 1930, in Three Hours & Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 20 lb.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE 7
WILLIAM HIBBERT 2	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD 8
WILSON RUSHTON 3	CHARLES S. BURDEN 9
HENRY R. NEWTON 4	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN 10
HERBERT LANGDON 5	RICHARD T. HIBBERT 11
JOSEPH S. HAWKINS 6	GEOFFREY C. RICE Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT

The first twelve-bell peal in Berkshire.

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(On Easter Monday, April 21, 1930, in Four Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 35 cwt.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS Treble	JAMES BENNETT 7
EDWARD JENKINS 2	GABRIEL LINDOFF 8
ALFRED E. REEVES 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE 9
THOMAS B. WORSLEY 4	JAMES H. RIDING 10
GEORGE R. PYE 5	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 11
CHARLES T. COLES 6	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First Surprise peal on the bells, also the first peal of Maximus on the bells since their restoration.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

(On Easter Monday, April 21, 1930, in Four Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES Treble	JOSEPH T. DYKE 7
ALFRED E. REEVES 2	GABRIEL LINDOFF 8
CHARLES W. ROBERTS 3	JAMES BENNETT 9
THOMAS B. WORSLEY 4	JAMES H. RIDING 10
EDWARD JENKINS 5	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 11
GEORGE R. PYE 6	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

First peal of Surprise Maximus in the county. This peal, and that at Oldham, were rung by the Ashton long-peal band, and this is the first occasion on which two peals of Surprise Maximus have been rung by the same band in one day. This is the 200th tower in which the treble ringer has rung a peal.

TEN BELL PEALS.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Easter Monday, April 21, 1930, in Three Hours & Twenty-Eight Minutes

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

JOHN PERRY Treble	JOHN C. ADAM 6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 2	HERBERT KNIGHT 7
SIDNEY ELTON 3	FRANK BROTHERTON 8
*HERBERT T. PIPER 4	*HENRY BOSWELL 9
WILLIAM A. COOPER 5	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by JOHN PERRY.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Caters as conductor. Rung for the Easter festival, and as a birthday compliment to Frank Brotherton, and also Miss Molly Perry, daughter of the conductor.

STAFFORD.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, April 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM SAUNDERS Treble	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 6
ERNEST PICKERING 2	*JOHN WARRILOW 7
HERBERT KNIGHT 3	JOHN PERRY 8
FRANK W. PERRENS 4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 9
SIDNEY ELTON 5	W. HAROLD JONES Tenor

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS

* First peal in the method. Rung as a compliment to and immediately after the wedding of Miss Olive Eugenie Jones, of Stafford, and the Rev. Kenneth George Symcox, B.A., curate of St. Giles', Willenhall.

LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 23, 1930, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5030 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

KEITH HART Treble	NELSON ELLIOTT 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	ROBERT J. DAWES 7
KENNETH SNELLING 3	ALFRED J. TURNER 8
ALFRED W. GROVES 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS 9
ERNEST GOWER 5	GEORGE W. STOKES Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 12, 1930, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM C. RUMSEY Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING 5
JAMES BENNETT, JUN. 2	GEORGE BENNETT 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	THOMAS WM. LAST 7
CHARLES W. PARKER 4	ALBERT E. WHITING Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. FLEMING.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 19, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

*** PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

KENNETH SNELLING Treble	CECIL NICE 5
*LEONARD A. TIDY 2	ALFRED J. BULL 6
KEITH HART 3	GEORGE ELLIS 7
REGINALD V. JOHNSON 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First touch of Cambridge Surprise Major.

NORBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 19, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

JOHN P. FIDLER Treble	EDWARD JENKINS 5
ERNEST BENNETT 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 6
JAMES FERNLEY, SEN. 3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 7
TOM WILDE 4	ALLEN F. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

J. Fernley's 100th peal. J. C. E. Simpson's first peal of Bristol. Arranged and rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. William Fernley, eldest son of Mr. J. Fernley, sen., and Miss Lily Hayward, which took place at this church prior to the peal attempt. The band were afterwards entertained by the bride and bridegroom and took part in the wedding festivities.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 21, 1930, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER,

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

Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

GABRIEL LINDOFF, JUN. ... Treble	WILLIAM HORAN 5
THOMAS HAMMOND 2	LESTER L. GREY 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3	HARRY SMALE 7
JOHN BROWN 4	EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by GEO. R. NEWTON

Mr. Lindoff, jun., was elected a member prior to starting. Mr. Horan hails from Todmorden.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 21, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

PERCY GREEN Treble	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 5
ARTHUR SAUNDERS 2	WILLIAM KEEBLE 6
WILLIAM LINCOLN 3	GEORGE GREEN 7
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 4	ARTHUR HEAD Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First Surprise peal inside by George Green.

FELSTEAD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 21, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

SAMUEL WARNE Treble	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 5
WILLIAM KEEBLE 2	HERBERT E. REASON 6
PERCY GREEN 3	WALTER ARNOLD 7
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

First peal in the method on the bells.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Easter Monday, April 21, 1930, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*JOSEPH FLAVELL Treble	ALBERT D. COLLINS 5
HAROLD L. FLAVELL 2	THOMAS PERRY 6
WILLIAM A. JONES 3	ALFRED FALLON 7
HERBERT BOOTH 4	WILFRED FULLWOOD Tenor

Conducted by A. FALLON.

* First peal.

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(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Easter Monday, April 21, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S,
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

JAMES WARD Treble	WALTER PERKINS 5
JOHN R. MAIN 2	GEORGE BASFORD 6
*FREDERICK R. PALMER ... 3	AMOS SMART 7
JOHN J. MAWBY 4	ANDERSON Y. TYLER ... Tenor

Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.

* First peal 'inside.' Owing to illness near the church, this was the first attempt for a peal on the bells for eighteen months.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 21, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

*PERCY FELTON Treble	†ERNEST CLARK 5
WILLIAM LINCOLN 2	ARTHUR HEAD 6
†HENRY WAIN 3	WILLIAM BURGESS 7
†HERBERT DEVENISH 4	GEORGE GREEN Tenor

Composed by B. FRANCIS.

Conducted by GEORGE GREEN.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal of Bob Major on the bells since they were rehung. Great credit is due to the treble ringer, who is only 15 years of age.

BAMPTON, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Monday, April 21, 1930, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION.

Tenor 25 cwt.

MRS. A. E. LOCK Treble	GORDON CAUDWELL 5
THOMAS BOND 2	ALBERT E. LOCK 6
JOHN NOBES 3	*EDWARD HUGHES 7
FREDERICK MESSENGER ... 4	FREDERICK WHITE ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.

* First peal in the method, first attempt.

HIGHCLERE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Monday, April 21, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

*SAMUEL QUINTON Treble	*THOMAS LOCK 5
*REGINALD REX 2	D. CECIL WILLIAMS 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Double Norwich, also first peal in the method on the bells.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

On Easter Monday, April 21, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

FREDERICK MORGAN Treble	*STUART M. FRANKS 5
WALTER FRANKS 2	GEORGE KING 6
GEORGE MILLS 3	WILLIAM H. HOAD 7
THOMAS HOAD 4	*ALBERT HOAD Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. HOAD.

* First peal.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Easter Monday, April 21, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... 5
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 2	JOHN H. BROTEWELL ... 6
WILLIAM A. WOOLER 3	JOHN THORPE 7
RALPH S. LONG 4	WILLIAM BIGGIN Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (179). Conducted by JOHN THORPE

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THEURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE Treble	FRANK G. RINGE 5
*CHARLES PRYKE 2	ERNEST J. BUTLER 6
ALBERT RAINBIRD 3	ERNEST FORBANK 7
ALFRED PRIOR 4	ALBERT PRYKE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* First peal.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD

On St. George's Day, Wednesday, April 23, 1930, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR, SOUTHWARK,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in F.

GEORGE H. DAYNES Treble	GEORGE H. CROSS 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	GEORGE GILBERT 6
GEORGE M. KILBY 3	GEORGE W. STEERE 7
GEORGE RADLEY 4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

First 'name' peal to be rung in this method.

SPALDING.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ELLOB DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, April 23, 1930, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

LEONARD H. WRIGHT Treble	RICHARD SMITH 5
DORIS CLAY 2	STEPHEN MADDISON 6
JOHN T. BROWN 3	JOHN G. AMES 7
GEORGE W. SIMSON 4	ARTHUR J. FARR Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by ARTHUR J. FARR.

Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Sidney Andrew (a member of the local band) to Miss Olive Thorpe.

TODMORDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 23, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE UNITARIAN CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

HARRY GREENWOOD Treble	FRANK FIELDEN 5
*JOSEPH SHAWFORTH 2	HERBERT DAVENPORT ... 6
JAMES INGHAM 3	WILLIAM HORAN 7
JOHN NASH 4	*FRANK NUTTALL Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT DAVENPORT.

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

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MASONIC PEAL.

COLERNE, WILTSHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.*On Thursday, April 24, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,*

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**BY COMPANIONS OF THE HOLY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF JERUSALEM**

HOLT'S TEN-PART (REVES' VARIATION REVERSED). Tenor 18 cwt.

Companion ERNEST BISHOP, P.Z. Wiltshire Chapter, No. 355	Prov. Grand Treasurer, Wilts. ...	Treble
" REV. F. LLEWELLYN EDWARDS, King's Court Chapter, No. 2689, Dorset. ...	2	
" W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM, P.Z. Halsey Chapter, No. 1479, L.R. P.P.G.S.N. Herts. ...	3	
" ARTHUR PRINCE, Talbot Chapter, No. 1323, E.D. South Wales. ...	4	
" ALBERT A. HUGHES, Warrant Officer's Chapter, No. 2346. ...	5	
" WILLIAM BOLTON, Marmaduke Tennant Chapter, No. 1992, E.D. South Wales. ...	6	
" JAMES H. SHEPHERD, P.Z. Wiltshire Chapter, No. 355, P.P.G.J. Wilts. ...	7	
" WALTER S. B. NORTHOVER, P.Z. St. Mary Chapter, No. 707, P.P.G.D.C. Dorset. ...	Tenor	

Conducted by Companion ARTHUR PRINCE.

The first peal rung by Companions of the Royal Arch Chapter.

WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, April 22, 1930, in Three Hours and One Minute,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

G. CLEAL'S VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOHN W. WATERS ...	Treble	† HUBERT WATERS ...	5
WILLIAM A. BRECKON ...	2	† HARRY SHORT ...	6
ALFRED E. OXLEY ...	3	ALBERT V. COATES ...	7
* GEORGE WHITE ...	4	† RICHARD HANSELL ...	Tenor

Conducted by W. A. BRECKON.

* First peal away from the treble. † First peal. Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Breckon, who were married in the above church on April 22nd, 1905. All the ringers taking part are Sunday service ringers at this church.

LEYTON, ESSEX.**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, April 26, 1930, in Three Hours,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

EDWARD D. SMITH ...	Treble	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ...	5
GEORGE HAYDEN ...	2	HAROLD A. EDWARDS ...	6
CHARLES A. HUGHES ...	3	ALFRED PRIOR ...	7
WILLIAM MILLER ...	4	GEORGE DAWSON ...	Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by A. PRIOR.

First peal in the method on the bells.

PENSNETT, STAFFORDSHIRE.**THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.***On Saturday, April 26, 1930, in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

HARRY BOSWELL ...	Treble	HERBERT E. BOOTH ...	5
FRANCIS BROTHERTON ...	2	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ...	6
HAROLD L. FLAVELL ...	3	ALFRED FALLON ...	7
ALBERT D. COLLINS ...	4	JAMES SHAW ...	Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED FALLON.

Rung in the octave of St. Mark's Festival. Also in commemoration of the fourth anniversary of the opening of the bells, and as a birthday compliment to Miss Amelia Greenfield, second daughter of the 6th ringer, and to Mr. H. E. Booth, the ringer of the fifth.

COSGROVE, NORTHANTS.—On Saturday, April 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Meakins 1, W. Crowder 2, J. Higgins (conductor) 3, E. Hilyer 4, F. Johnson 5. First quarter on the bells by an entirely local band, and longest length by all except conductor.

SIX BELL PEALS.

EASTRINGTON, NEAR HOWDEN.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.*On Easter Monday, April 21, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and five 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

J. P. POWLS ...	Treble	J. W. COYGRAVE ...	4
R. B. SMITH ...	2	F. HATFIELD ...	5
H. S. MORLEY ...	3	W. A. HUDSON ...	Tenor

Conducted by Wm. A. HUDSON.

Rung for the golden wedding of the Vicar, the Rev. H. P. Hains and Mrs. Hains. It is also fifty years since the Rev. H. P. Hains was ordained. It was the 7th anniversary of the first peal on the bells, and the band was entertained by the Vicar after the peal. Treble ringer is from Eastington, 2nd and 4th from Howden, 3rd from Selby Abbey, 5th and tenor from Hemingbrough.

EAST HARPTREE, SOMERSET.**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Easter Monday, April 21, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 15 cwt.

ERNEST F. BROWN ...	Treble	CHARLES FIELD ...	4
JEFFREY TOSSELL ...	2	HAROLD E. BLACKER ...	5
ERNEST BACH ...	3	* FREDERICK ANDREWS ...	Tenor

Conducted by H. E. BLACKER.

* First peal, and re-elected a member of the association before starting.

KING'S LYNN.**THE NORFOLK GUILD.***On Easter Monday, April 21, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES H. RAPER ...	Treble	* CHARLES W. WOODS ...	4
* ERNEST A. SHIPP ...	2	EDWARD GREENACRE ...	5
* EDWARD R. GRANGE ...	3	ROBERT E. GREENACRE ...	Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT E. GREENACRE.

* First peal. First peal of Plain as conductor.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, April 22, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM RANFORD ...	Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT ...	4
* GEORGE POPNELL ...	2	* WILFRED WILLIAMS ...	5
* DENNIS R. MORRIS ...	3	CYRIL TANSSELL ...	Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor.

GREAT WELDON, NORTHANTS.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, April 22, 1930, in Three Hours,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With ten different callings.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

* PERCY AMOS ...	Treble	J. GEOFFREY GEARY ...	4
ERNEST A. MARSH ...	2	A. NORMAN GEARY ...	5
BURLEY P. MORRIS ...	3	RONALD RUSSELL ...	Tenor

Conducted by BURLEY P. MORRIS.

* 25th peal. Mr. Morris was elected a member previous to starting, and this was his first peal as conductor and first attempt. It is seventeen years since a peal was rung on these bells, all of which date back to 1710.

'ODDS & ENDS OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES'

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BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, April 19, 1930, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,*

At 3, CRESSING WAY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

GEORGE WIFFEN 1-2	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5-6
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 3-4	ERNEST BRIGHT 7-8

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

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINGS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Easter Monday, April 21, 1930, in Two Hours & Twenty-Three Minutes.

At THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. BRAY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 11½ in F sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY 1-2	JACK BRAY 5-6
FRANK LORD 3-4	BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. ... 7-8

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by JACK BRAY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. H. Bray.

STOCKPORT.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Thursday, April 24, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,*

At 23, GREEK STREET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor size 20 in E.

ALFRED BARNES 1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY 5-6
HAROLD JACKSON 3-4	FREDERICK PAGE 7-8

PETER LAFLIN 9-10

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by FREDERICK PAGE.

Umpire: ERNEST BENNETT.

The conductor's 150th peal.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

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THE PRICE WILL BE 3d., AS USUAL**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.****AMENDMENT OF RULE REGARDING PEALS.**

The annual general meeting of the Norwich Diocesan Association was held at Norwich on Easter Monday. The members began the day by ringing touches in various standard methods at the churches of St. Peter Mancroft (12), St. John de Sepulchre (8), St. Michael at Coslany (8) and All Saints' (5). The executive committee held a meeting in the choir vestry of St. Peter Mancroft at 11.30 a.m. to consider an amendment to association Rule 10, to present to the members at the general meeting in the afternoon. This rule provides that peals shall only be recorded in the annual report at the cost of the association if every ringer taking part in it has paid his or her subscription either for the current year or for the previous year.

Divine service was held in the Church of St. Peter Mancroft at 12.30 p.m., conducted by the Rev. Hugh McMullan, M.A. (Vicar). The address was given by the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, M.A., Rector of Watlington, Norfolk, who said that the fascination of ringing was the perfect combination of body, mind and soul—body, because you had got to train your muscles and everything to respond to the need of the belfry; mind, because you had got to work with the team, and had to keep your attention the whole time; and soul, because it was done for a religious purpose, to call people to church.

The luncheon was served at the Bell Hotel, Orford Hill. The president, the Archdeacon of Norwich, was in the chair, and among others present were the Rev. H. McMullan, the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, Mr. P. E. Sewell, Mr. C. E. Borrett (vice-president), Mr. A. L. Coleman (general secretary and treasurer), Mr. G. P. Burton (hon. auditor), Mr. Denison Hayward (chairman, East Norfolk Branch), Messrs. W. B. Duncan, W. J. Lee, F. Nolan Golden, and W. J. Eldred (branch secretaries), and Messrs. J. F. Duffield, W. L. Duffield, W. C. Duffield, R. W. Cooke, W. Clover, J. Taylor, H. R. Heyhoe, C. J. More, C. F. Goodman (members of the committees), besides representatives from all parts of the Diocese of Norwich and from Suffolk, making a total of 57.

The only toast was that of 'The King,' which was proposed by the president and duly honoured.

Then followed the business meeting.

The annual report and balance sheet for the year ending December 31st, 1929, were adopted on the motion of the Vicar of St. Peter Mancroft, seconded by Mr. W. B. Duncan.

GOOD WORK SINCE REORGANISATION.

Mr. A. L. Coleman (general secretary) said that he would like to refer to the splendid work that had been done since the reorganisation of the association into four branches. The scheme had only come into force this year, and they were fortunate in having good secretaries and enthusiastic chairmen. Already this year each branch had held two meetings with one exception. The attendances of members had been above the average, and so also was the ringing. Another good result of these meetings had been the election of twenty-six new members. Mr. Coleman said he felt sure the association would appreciate the good work the branch secretaries had already done in so short a time.

The President said he had been able to help them as editor of the 'Norwich Diocesan Gazette,' and had got Mr. Coleman to write an article for it about bells and belfries. All the clergy were supposed to read it, and he hoped they had noticed what Mr. Coleman had to say. The article was so important that he would be commenting on it in his charge to the Archdeaconry of Norwich. He did not know that they had always done their duty as regards the bells. The secretary thought that those who went to inspect the churches—they had inspected forty churches this year—ought to climb up into the belfry. 'Who is going to insure us,' asked the President, 'and what sort of insurance is it to be? Some of these belfries are terrible places' (laughter). 'I have climbed up a good many,' added the President, 'and have even got amongst the bells; but as I get older I don't feel inclined to climb' (laughter).

The president was re-elected with enthusiasm, the Vicar of St. Peter Mancroft, in proposing the Archdeacon, remarking that he was the only one who could possibly fill the position (applause).—The hon. secretary seconded.

The President, in acknowledging his election, said he regarded it a privilege and honour to hold this office, which he thoroughly enjoyed.—On the motion of Mr. B. S. Thompson, seconded by Mr. A. L. Coleman, the vice-presidents were re-elected with the addition of the name of the Rev. Hugh McMullan, Vicar of St. Peter Mancroft.

On the motion of Mr. G. P. Burton, seconded by Mr. F. N. Golden, Mr. Arthur L. Coleman was re-elected general secretary and treasurer, tributes being paid to his enthusiastic work.

Mr. G. P. Burton was re-elected hon. auditor. Messrs. Charles E. Borrett, Arthur L. Coleman and F. Nolan Golden were appointed representatives to the Central Council.

It was resolved that Miss Helen W. Bill, Mr. H. R. Heyhoe and Mr. James Taylor be elected to fill the vacancies on the Executive Committee, the remaining four being re-elected.

PEAL RINGERS' SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The General Secretary moved the ratification of three belfry elections and the elections of four new members. The Secretary then

presented his amendment to Rule 10, and said that it had been considered and passed by the Executive Committee at their meeting.

After a debate, in which several members took part, it was resolved to amend the rule as follows, after the word 'association': 'But no peal shall be admitted unless every ringer taking part in it has paid his or her subscription by January 7th of the year following the date on which the peal was rung, conductors or organisers of peals to be held responsible for the due observance of this condition.'

On the motion of Mr. A. L. Coleman, seconded by Mr. G. P. Burton, it was resolved that standing orders be suspended in order that the amendment may become effective from that day.

Mr. A. L. Coleman moved, and Mr. H. R. Heyhoe seconded, 'That the Branch Rules, as published in the Annual Report for 1929, on page 6, be confirmed.'—The motion was carried.

On the motion of the President, a vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar of St. Peter Mancroft and to the incumbents of the churches of St. John de Sepulchre and St. Michael at Coslany and All Saints for allowing the use of their bells, and also to the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake for his address at the service.—The Rev. Hugh McMullan, in reply, said it had been a great pleasure for him to welcome them that day for the first time as the new Vicar, and he hoped it would not be the last. When they came to St. Peter Mancroft they would always receive the warm welcome they had always had. He hoped they would always look upon it as the home of ringing in Norfolk. He had no technical knowledge of bellringing, but Mancroft bells were to him a tremendous joy.

A suggestion by Mr. F. Nolan Golden, that the tablet recording that the first peal rung by the association was in Redenhall Church should be renovated, was favourably received, and referred for further consideration. The peal recorded was 5,152 changes of Superlative Surprise Major rung on Tuesday, November 6th, 1877.

Mr. G. P. Burton moved a vote of thanks to the president, to which the Archdeacon of Norwich suitably responded, and then declared the meeting closed.

The members afterwards dispersed to the various belfries for further ringing until the evening.

ESENING.—On Tuesday evening, April 22nd, to the memory of the late Lady Glanely, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,320 changes) half-muffled, in 58 mins., at St. Martin's Church: R. C. Sharpe (St. Mary's, Newmarket) 1, S. F. Bunting 2, W. Webb 3, S. Brown (conductor) 4, Ed. Jaggard 5. First quarter-peal by ringers of 2, 3, 4, 5, also first as conductor by S. Brown, and first on the bells.

TOWN COUNCIL IN FAVOUR OF CHURCH BELLS.

'A POOR CITY AND A POOR WORLD WITHOUT THEM.'

Salisbury Town Council last week decided to sell to the Bishop of Salisbury a site for a new church on land in Stratford Road. The land was originally purchased from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners on favourable terms for a housing scheme. The price to be charged is £2 per foot frontage.

An attempt was made to make it a condition of sale that there should be no bellringing in connection with the church. Mr. Lemon, who proposed this condition, said no one objected to a chime of bells, but some stipulation should be made when the land was sold that there should be no bellringing until a proper chime was provided. If they would do this he had no objection, but that a single clang should be rung for half an hour or twenty minutes before a service was an obnoxious thing.

Mr. Hudson said that, having lived near one of these bells, he wanted to have a word on the matter. The value of their property would depreciate through having a church with such a bell near. It was now a peaceable part of the city, but if they were going to have a bell rung like it was at St. Mark's, he was quite sure folks would not go to live there.—Mr. Moore also supported the motion.

Alderman Baker said that during all the 27 years he had been on the Council he had never heard such a ridiculous resolution. One of the traditions of the Church was that there should be a bell to call people together, and he did not see why there should not be one.

Mr. Moore: If they would undertake to have a peal of bells I would not mind.

Alderman Wort said that he had been nearly 21 years on the Council, and he had never heard a more ridiculous stipulation. It was a good thing for everyone that on the Sabbath day they should hear the bells ringing, because, considering the way some people now spent Sunday, they would not know it was Sunday at all but for the bells. It would be a bad day not only for Salisbury, but for the world, if they did away with bells. Mr. Hudson had said that the property would depreciate by having the bells there; he thought it would be a big advantage. Some people had some mad-brained ideas in their heads, but he had no use for agnosticism, and sooner or later they would find there was only one Pilot in this world. It was all very nice for people to talk, but if they debarred a church from being built on the site, and deprived the people of having the pleasure of hearing the bells, it would be a poor city and a poor world.

The motion to debar the use of the single bell was lost.

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The Editor of 'The Ringing World' will be glad to receive photographs of churches, with a view to their future publication when suitable occasion arises.

The photographs should be accompanied by brief particulars of the bells, with their inscriptions and dates if possible, and any other interesting information about them.

Pictures should, for preference, be photographic postcards, and, where there is any choice, the tower should be a feature.

Obviously, of course, all the pictures cannot be published at once, the object of getting a collection being that the photographs may be ready at hand for use when fitting opportunity occurs.

Will each tower secretary be good enough to send a photograph of his own tower? It should be forwarded in an envelope for protection, and addressed to The Editor, 'The Ringing World,' Woking, Surrey, and the sender should enclose his name and address.

BELFRY GOSSIP.

The men who rang the record twelve-bell peal at Ashton-under-Lyne on August Bank Holiday created another record on Easter Monday, when, meeting again, they were the first band to ring two peals of Cambridge Surprise Maximus in one day—one at Oldham and the other at Macclesfield.

The peal of Cambridge Maximus at Oldham was the first '5,000' rung in the method by Mr. G. Lindoff, although it must be admitted that he had ample practice at Ashton-under-Lyne on August Bank Holiday last!

On Saturday, Mr. G. W. Fletcher was elected one of the representatives of the Middlesex County Association on the Central Council, and with Mrs. Fletcher creates a new record by their being the first instance of a man and wife holding seats together on the Council.

Mrs. Fletcher had some years ago made another record with her father (Mr. James Parker) by their being the first father and daughter to serve together on the Council. Mrs. Fletcher represents the Ladies' Guild, and Mr. Parker is one of the representatives of the Royal Cumberland Youths.

The death has occurred at Stansted, Essex, of Mr. George Gray, who was a ringer at the church there for over 60 years.

Having left the district, Mr. H. G. Fretwell has resigned the secretaryship of the East Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Association, and Mr. J. W. England, the Common, South Normanton, has been elected to fill the vacancy.

The bells of Broughton Parish Church, near Preston, are being rehung on ball bearings and a rope guide installed by Mr. Jas. E. Groves, of Birmingham.

Next Wednesday, May 7th, is the anniversary of the 10,176 of Kent Treble Bob Major rung at Foxearth, Essex, in 1888. Only two of the band now survive, namely, Messrs. John Lee, of London, and Geo. Maxim, of Cheshunt, both natives of Foxearth.

On Easter Monday, in the year 1889, the Gloucester and Bristol Association rang a peal of 15,227 Grandsire Caters at Cheltenham, the conductor of which, Mr. W. T. Pates, is still, after 41 years, the active head of ringing affairs in Cheltenham tower. Most, if not all, of the others have passed away.

To-day is the 215th anniversary of the first peal of which there is any authentic record. It was a peal of Grandsire Bob Triples, rung at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, on May 2nd, 1715, and the peal board is still preserved in the famous belfry.

On May 5th, 1817, a peal of 12,312 Grandsire Caters was rung at Painswick. There must have been more 'long' peals rung in this famous Gloucestershire tower than anywhere.

One hundred and fifty years ago next Wednesday the first peal (5,040 Bob Major) at Harrow was rung by the London Youths, who included John Reeves.

Many happy returns of the day to Mr. Albert Walker, Deputy ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, whose birthday is to-morrow, and to Mr. George Williams, Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, who will be 73 next Wednesday.

The peal of London Surprise, reported on page 243 of our issue of April 18th, was rung at St. Lawrence's Church at West Wycombe and not at Hugbenden as sent to us.

THE TWELVE BELL RECORD.

UNVEILING OF PEAL TABLET AT ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

A permanent record of the 15,312 Cambridge Surprise Maximus, which was rung under the auspices of the Lancashire Association by a mixed band at St. Michael's Church, Ashton-under-Lyne, on August Bank Holiday last, has been placed in the belfry at that church. The record is in the form of a handsome black marble tablet, framed in oak, with lettering in gold, the size of the tablet being 42 inches by 24 inches.

The unveiling took place on Easter Sunday after evensong, when the whole band were present, besides many members of the local society and a number of friends from the surrounding district. On behalf of the band, Mr. C. T. Coles requested the Rev. S. Lane to accept the tablet, and the latter gentleman, in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar (Canon A. W. Thompson), then dedicated and unveiled the record of the peal. Mr. E. P. Duffield thanked the Rev. S. Lane for taking the service, and once more expressed the gratitude of the band to the Vicar and churchwardens for allowing the peal to be rung.

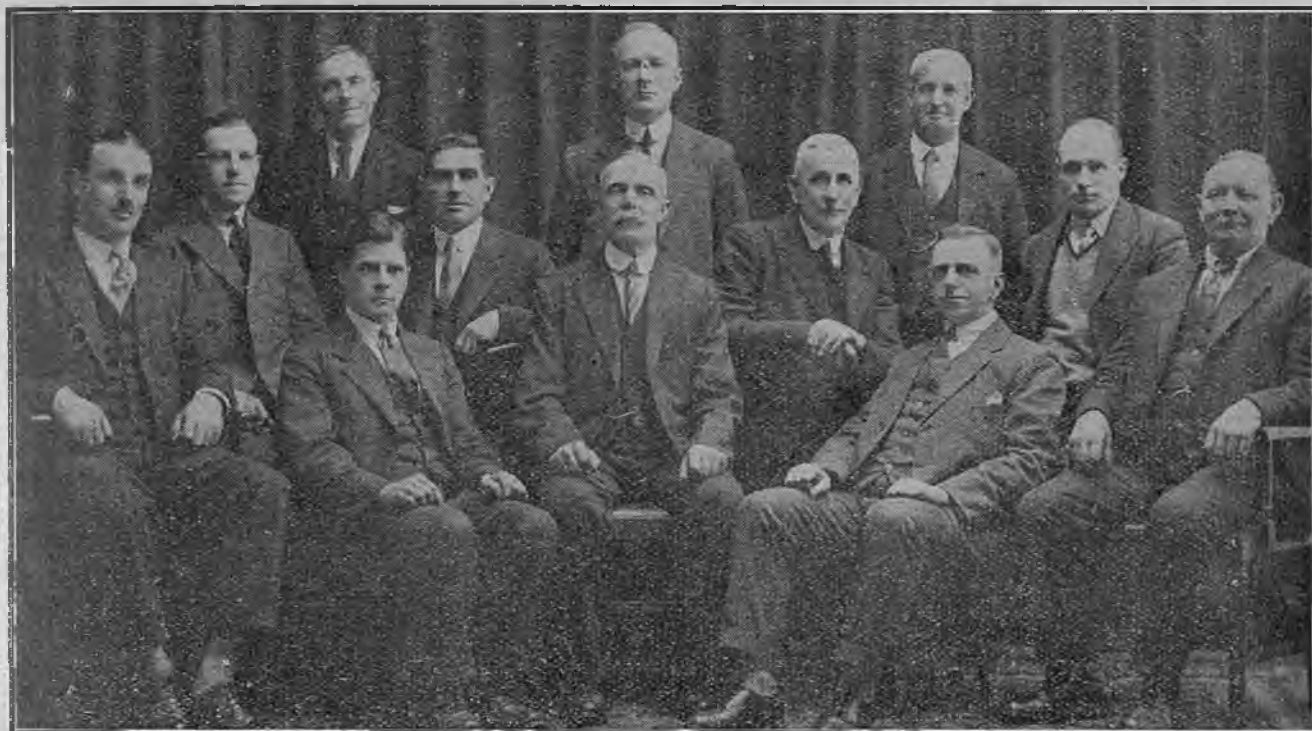
26½ cwt., recast and rehung in ball bearings in 1923. Compared with the previous task, this was easy, and an excellent peal was ably conducted by that good little man from Bradford, Ted Jenkins. The thanks of the band are especially due to Mr. V. Sykes (Oldham) and Mr. J. Norbury (Macclesfield) for having the bells and ropes ready.

Many old friends were met after the second peal, amongst them being the Rev. A. T. Beeston, J. Fernley, J. P. Fidler, W. Madgwick, etc., and a pleasant evening passed all too quickly.

Finally, the band desire to express sincere gratitude to Mr. Ben Thorp, Mr. S. Thompson, and others at Ashton for the great help rendered in many matters that required attention on the spot.

THE MEN AND THEIR RECORDS.

When the record peal was rung at Ashton-under-Lyne on August Bank Holiday, no opportunity occurred for the company to be photographed together, and within a few hours they were separated by hundreds of miles. It was, therefore, a particularly happy and fortunate event which enabled them to meet again as a complete band



THE MEN WHO RANG THE 15,312 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS. [Photo: Rowland, Oldham.]

A. E. Reeves. C. T. Coles. T. B. Worsley.
E. P. Duffield. C. W. Roberts. J. Bennett. W. Pye. G. Lindoff. J. T. Dyke. G. R. Pye.
E. Jenkins. J. H. Riding.

A short touch of 290 Cambridge Maximus was then rung by the long peal band, standing in the same order as they did in the peal.

The tablet, which was made by Mr. C. Mee, of Sproughton, is fixed over the door of the belfry, between very similar tablets recording the Treble Bob Royal and Maximus records, and these three tablets form fitting memorials of three great performances.

Needless to say, the band found it impossible to avoid peal ringing, and two peals of Cambridge Maximus were rung on Easter Monday at Oldham and Macclesfield respectively. The ringers were met at the former place by Mr. J. Mallalieu (churchwarden), who wished them success on behalf of the Vicar and his fellow-warden. The bells, which were recast and rehung in ball bearings by Taylors in 1923, are a very fine peal with a tenor of 35 cwt., but a movement in the tower does not help to make ringing an easy task, especially for the two 'heavy-enders.' However, Messrs. E. P. Duffield and W. Pye kept their bells well in hand, and after four hours' good ringing the bells ran into rounds shortly after noon. Heartly congratulations were received from a large number of friends, and Mr. William Perkins, J.P. (who was treasurer of the restoration fund in 1923), kindly provided very welcome refreshment. Before leaving Oldham, a photograph of the band was taken, and is reproduced on this page.

Macclesfield was reached at 3 p.m., where Mr. W. Walmsley received the band. Here there is one of Taylor's best peals, tenor

at Easter at the scene of their great achievement, and to be photographed. One of the remarkable features about the performance was the fact that it was not the achievement of youth—as records usually are. Only one of the twelve is under 30, and only three others under 40. One was over 60 and three others over 50, the average age being 44.

Here are brief particulars of the outstanding individual performances of the ringers:—

Edwin Jenkins (Bradford), treble, age 35, peals rung 323, conducted 122; conducted the 11,232 Superlative Surprise Major at Bolton and the 17,824 Oxford Treble Bob Major at Heptonstall.

Thomas B. Worsley (Bolton), 2nd, age 43, peals rung 206, conducted 36; rang in the 11,232 Superlative Surprise Major at Bolton and the 17,824 Oxford Treble Bob Major at Heptonstall.

George R. Pye (Chadwell Heath), 3rd, age 57, peals rung 1,229, conducted 205; rang in the 15,072 Double Norwich Major at Erith, the 14,112 London Surprise Major at King's Norton, the 11,111 Stedman Cinques at Birmingham, the 13,027 Stedman Caters at Loughborough, the 15,264 Bristol Surprise Major at Hornchurch, the 7,392 Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Bow, and the 10,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal at Walthamstow; also has taken part in peals of 4, 5, 6 and 10 Spliced Surprise Major methods.

(Continued in next column.)

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

A NEW PRESIDENT.

Canon G. F. Coleridge, who is now recuperating in the West of England after his recent severe illness, has decided not to permit himself to be nominated for re-election as president of the Central Council.

We understand that Mr. Edwin H. Lewis, who is now living at Brasted, Kent, has been nominated as Canon Coleridge's successor.

Until business claimed his whole attention, while occupying an important post in Glasgow, Mr. Lewis did a great deal of work in connection with the Council, particularly on the Methods Committee and in research into the questions of the strains and stresses on bell towers. He is now a member of the Towers and Belfries Committee.

It is probable that Mr. E. A. Young will not now resign the secretaryship, but will again accept office, with a deputy to carry on for him while he is absent from England next autumn and winter.

THE AGENDA.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In view of the fact that I did not receive any notices of motions in time for insertion in the official agenda, which under the amendment of the old rules has to be published two months (instead of three weeks) before the meeting, I beg to call the attention of members to Rule 9, under which it is competent of the Council to discuss any subject not upon the agenda which does not affect the rules of the Council itself, and provided that a motion is passed to that effect.

I am, therefore, still open to receive notices of motions signed by two members, and an agenda will be again published three weeks before the meeting.—Yours faithfully,

E. ALEXR. YOUNG,

Hon. Secretary.

155, Rushey Green, Catford, S.E.5.

(Continued from previous column.)

Charles T. Coles (Walthamstow), 4th, age 47, peals rung 653, conducted 142; took part in 7,392 Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Bow, 10,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal at Walthamstow, and conducted 7,011 Stedman Caters at Walthamstow; also has taken part in peals of 4, 5, 6 and 10 Spliced Surprises Major methods.

Alfred E. Reeves (Bristol), 5th, age 50, peals rung 344, conducted 42; took part in the 17,024 Double Norwich Major at Kidlington.

Charles W. Roberts (Westminster), 6th, age 25, peals rung 304, conducted 64; rang in the 12,675 Stedman Cinques at Southwark Cathedral, and in a peal of 10,640 Double Norwich Major.

James Bennett (Lewisham), 7th, age 43, peals rung 497, conducted 32; rang over 300 peals while serving in the Royal Marines.

Gabriel Lindoff (Dublin), 8th, age 61, peals rung 262, conducted 101; took part in the 14,112 London Surprise Major at King's Norton, the 11,111 Stedman Cinques at Birmingham, the 18,027 Stedman Caters at Loughborough, 11,232 Superlative Surprise Major at Bolton, and the 17,824 Oxford Treble Bob Major at Heptonstall.

Joseph T. Dyke (Chilcompton), 9th, age 37, peals rung 580, conducted 154; rang Queen Camel tenor (37 cwt.) to a peal of Minor.

James H. Hiding (Crewe), 10th, age 40, peals rung 341, conducted 52; rang in 10,400 Kent Treble Bob Major in Wales, 11,232 Superlative Surprise Major at Bolton, and 17,280 Kent Treble Bob Major at Over, Cheshire.

Edward P. Duffield (Colchester), 11th, age 31, peals rung 173, conducted 18; rang three peals at the age of 12 years, and at the age of 20 rang Southwark Cathedral tenor (50 cwt.) to a peal of Stedman Cinques.

William Pye (Leytonstone), tenor, age 59, peals rung 1,686, conducted 1,259; rang in 11,111 Stedman Cinques at Birmingham, conducted 10,464 Kent Treble Bob Major and 15,072 Double Norwich at Erith, the 14,112 London Surprise Major at King's Norton, the 18,027 Stedman Caters at Loughborough (to which he rang the 30 cwt. tenor in 12 hrs. 18 mins.), the 15,264 Bristol Surprise Major at Hornchurch (to which he rang the 20 cwt. tenor in 9 hrs. 49 mins.), the 10,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal at Walthamstow, the 7,392 Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Bow (to which he rang the 53 cwt. tenor), and he has also conducted peals in 4, 5, 6 and 10 Spliced Surprise Major methods.

ANOTHER GREAT ATTEMPT AT PAINSWICK.

Members of the Ancient Society of Painswick Youths and Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association made another attempt on Easter Monday for the twelve-bell record length. Everything went well until nearly 12,000 changes had been rung, when the tenor man (Mr. Uriah Braven, of Bristol) gave warning that he would be unable to finish the full length of the peal, which was 16,565 changes. He was asked to 'stick it' for another 10 or 15 minutes, which he did, with the result that a peal of 12,221 changes was successfully rung in 8 hrs.

Although complete success did not attend the band's third effort to exceed the previous longest length, this was a great attempt. Particulars of the performance will be found in our peal columns.

OUR 1,000th ISSUE.

The 1,000th issue of 'The Ringing World' will appear on May 23rd, and will be a special number. There are many ringers who do not individually buy a copy of the paper. We feel sure they will want one to themselves on May 23rd, but to secure it they must order at once, either through their newsagent or direct from our office.

Our regular subscribers will be doing us a favour if they will draw the attention of non-subscribers to this announcement. We do not want anyone to be disappointed in securing a copy, but if they 'wait and see' it may be too late, as there can be no reprint.

There will be special articles, with photographs, by leading members of the Exercise, and the 1,000th number will be one that all ringers will desire to keep as marking an interesting and not unimportant event in the Exercise. The price will be 3d. from any newsagent (or 3½d. post free direct from 'The Ringing World' Office, Woking). But place your order at once.

BRISTOL, BY GEORGE!

As will be seen in our peal column, the 'Georges' were successful at St. George's Church, Southwark, on St. George's Day, in ringing George Lewis' composition of Bristol Surprise Major. General George 'Bob' E. (who had a quiet 'week-end' by spending Sunday at Ashton-under-Lyne, and ringing a couple of peals of Cambridge Maximus at Oldham and Macclesfield on Monday, and a peal of Stedman on Tuesday evening) was prevailed upon to call the peal on Wednesday. Appointed times were well kept, for at 5.15 Mr. Spinks (steepkeeper) was on the spot with everything in readiness, and at meeting time, 5.30, the whole band were present (and this on a week-night), ready for the start. The ringers came from Greenwich, Chadwell Heath, Ruislip, Broxbourne, Clapton, Maidenhead, Sutton and Enfield.

St. George's tower, which is the headquarters of the Metropolitan Police Guild (under Insp. W. Bottrill) was very kindly placed at the disposal of the 'Georges,' the Police Guild giving up their practice night in the Georges' favour. A letter to wish the band success was also received from the police 'skipper,' who was prevented by duty from personally delivering it.

After the peal the band (less one who had to scamper for his train) adjourned to the—but that is another question; it may have been the George and Flagon—where a pleasant half an hour was spent. Through the medium of 'The Ringing World' the 'Georges' wish to thank Mr. Bottrill and his Guild for their welcome to the tower, and Mr. Spinks for completing an enjoyable evening by having the bells in excellent going order, everything in readiness, and meeting them both before and after the peal.

G. G.

WEDDING BELLS AT MANCHESTER.

On Wednesday, April 23rd, at St. John-the-Evangelist's Church, Miles Platting, the wedding took place of Miss Mary Alice Shuker, the daughter of Mr. W. H. Shuker, the general secretary of the Lancashire Association, to Mr. James Tonge, brother of Mrs. R. F. Deal. The Rev. Canon Elsee, president of the association, performed the ceremony, assisted by the Rector (the Rev. H. Sheen). Mr. G. H. Shuker acted as best man, and to mark the occasion the ringers attached to the above tower rang the bells in the evening, as both bride and bridegroom have been members of the band. The ringers were Miss Edna Simpson, Miss Elsie Simpson, Mr. A. Saul, Miss Enid Gray, Miss Nellie Coleman, Mr. W. Birles, Mr. I. Simpson, Mr. J. Hall, who wish 'health and prosperity' to the happy couple.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A successful meeting of the Eastern District was held at Houghton-le-Spring on Saturday, April 19th.

Ringing commenced about 2.30 p.m. with a short touch of Kent Treble Bob Minor, and afterwards touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were brought round.

Tea was served in the Kepier School, and a short meeting was held immediately afterwards, Mr. Burrett, vice-president, being in the chair.

Mr. Storey moved a vote of thanks to the clergy for the use of the bells, and Mr. R. Parkinson, replying on behalf of the incumbent, said their Vicar always welcomed the ringers to their belfry.

Mr. J. W. Park proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies for providing tea.

Mr. J. Brown, of Chester-le-Street, was elected a member of the association.

Mr. Burnett, the vice-president, having moved out of the association's area to Kirkby Stephen, asked what steps should be taken to appoint a successor.—Mr. Parker held that he should keep the appointment until the annual meeting, the members present heartily agreeing to that course being taken.

It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Jarrow on Saturday, June 14th.

Ringing was afterwards again indulged in, and the meeting proved a great success, especially considering the inclement weather.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. ELECTION OF A NEW PRESIDENT.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild held their annual meeting at Fulham on Saturday, and between 60 and 70 members attended. There was ringing on both sides of the Thames in the afternoon, namely, at Fulham (10), Hammersmith, Putney and Wandsworth (all eight-bell towers), and the ringing covered the whole gamut of the generally practised methods. The service took place at All Saints', Fulham, the preacher being the president-elect of the association (the Rev. W. P. Cole Sheane, Vicar of Twickenham), whose practical address was much appreciated. He pointed out that in their association they were banded together in the service of the Lord Jesus Christ, and they should serve Him, not only by the skill with which they rang, but by the example of their lives. He emphasised four steps by which they should seek to achieve their objects, viz., brotherliness, regularity, discipline and charity and forgiveness.

Tea and the annual meeting took place in the Parish Hall, Mr. W. Pickworth (vice-president) being voted to the chair at the beginning of the business. He was supported by the Rev. W. P. Cole Sheane, Mr. C. T. Coles and Mr. W. H. Hollier (joint hon. secretaries), Mr. J. A. Trollope (vice-president) and Mr. W. Pye (Master).

Mr. C. T. Coles, at the outset referred to the loss which the association had sustained by the death of their president, Mr. F. A. Milne, who was one of the founders of the association in the northern part of the county, out of which the present association grew, and who was their treasurer from the formation of the county association in 1897, and president for the last six years. He did a great deal for ringing in the county, but he did it very quietly, and his death was a great loss to them.

The members stood for a few moments in silence as a last mark of respect.

Mr. Hollier then proposed the election, as president, of the Rev. W. P. Cole Sheane, Vicar of Twickenham, Rural Dean of Hampton, and a ringer, who had promised to take office for a year.

Mr. Coles seconded, and said he was sure the members would welcome their new president and make him feel at home among them, so that he would consent to carry on for a longer period.

The motion having been carried amid applause, the Rev. W. P. Cole Sheane, in reply, thanked the members, and said he agreed to take the office for one year to give the members time to look round and find someone more suitable to fill the post. He felt sure there must be a number of persons who could fill the office so much better, but he would do all he could to forward the interests of the association.

The president then nominated Mr. W. Pickworth as vice-president of the North and East District, and Mr. J. A. Trollope as vice-president of the South and West District.

NOTABLE PEALS.

The report, which was taken as read, referred to the death of Mr. Milne, and gave a sketch of his connection with the Exercise and the Middlesex Association. It reviewed the events of the past year, recording a satisfactory attendance at district meetings and successful joint meetings with neighbouring associations. 'During the year,' the report continued, 'we elected one honorary and 78 ringing members in the North and East District, and 5 honorary and 17 ringing members in the South and West District. Despite these exceptional figures, our total membership, which now stands at 839, has not greatly increased. There are, no doubt, many difficulties in the way of retaining members who lack enthusiasm, but we again urge upon local secretaries the need to keep in touch with members of their hands, especially in the case of removals, and of making every effort to keep them in the association. An entirely new band has been formed at Clerkenwell, and is receiving tuition, so far with good results. The band at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, has been considerably augmented, and is already making progress. We regret, however, that the band at St. Olave's, Hart Street, has withdrawn from membership. The peal list is of greater interest than usual. In all, 70 peals were rung, amongst them being several worthy of more than passing notice. From a purely scientific standpoint, the outstanding performance of the year was the peal of Spiced Surprise Major in ten different methods rung at Willesden on August 13th. The concentration of mental energy necessary to bring this peal to a successful issue was enormous, and it was not accomplished until several attempts had been made. This peal had been preceded on March 19th by one in six Surprise Methods, both being conducted by Mr. W. Pye, and the association can proudly point to having rung peals in four, five, six and ten Surprise methods, far surpassing anything done by any other society. First peals in various methods by the association were rung as follows: Putney Surprise Major at Broxbourne on January 26th; Rutland Surprise Major at Willesden on February 5th; and Double Norwich Court Bob Royal at Westminster on September 7th. Eight policemen rang a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at St. George's, Southwark, on May 25th, the conductor being Det.-Constable H. J. Poole, of Leicester. We congratulate the Force on attaining its ambition of ringing a Surprise peal. The 100th peal by the association on the Willesden bells was rung on April 16th. Of individual per-

formances, mention should be made of a peal of Bob Minor rung at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, on March 9th, by Mr. T. G. Deal, at the age of 81; and of a peal of Grandsire Triples at Pinner on July 6th, which was the first by Messrs. T. Humphreys and C. Lord, aged 67 and 72 respectively! Sixteen members rang their first peals, and 68 rang new methods to peals. In all some 178 members took part in the peals, which, with the exception of one on handbells, were rung in 36 different towers. Twenty-one members shared in the conducting. The peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus rung at Southwark Cathedral on June 15th was the 1,000th by Mr. W. Pye for the association.

BELL RESTORATION.

As far as bell restoration work is concerned, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have recast the eight bells at St. James', Clerkenwell, and have rehung them in new fittings with strengthened framework. Clapper controls have been added to the treble, second, and tenor bells. The same firm have recently rehung the whole peal at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, and have rebuilt the iron frame on new steel foundations. Messrs. John Taylor and Co. have rehung the peal of eight at St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway, with new fittings. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have refitted the eight bells at Heston in ball bearings, and have also added two trebles to the existing six at St. Olave's, Hart Street, the old bells being rehung with completely new fittings. This firm also have in hand the rehanging of the bells at St. Lawrence Jewry, E.C., and St. Dunstan's, Stepney. The fund which is being raised for the augmentation of the Isleworth bells now stands at a total of £140, and further subscriptions are earnestly solicited.

Congratulations were extended to the Rev. A. H. F. Boughay, an esteemed vice-president, on attaining his jubilee in the presidency of the Cambridge University Guild; to Mr. H. A. Barnett, of Tottenham, on reaching his 50th year as a ringer at that church; and to Mr. W. Webb, of Finchley, who in 54 years has not missed ringing in the New Year in his own tower. The failing health of Mr. T. Beadle is still a matter of concern. A practical method of showing sympathy for him in his long illness resulted in a sum of just over £20 being forwarded to him from his many friends, through the hon. secretary of the South and West District.

Sincere thanks were tendered to the many members who have acted as instructors during the past year. This work is of the utmost importance, and members able to assist the association's officers in this respect should get in touch with the hon. secretaries, who would be glad to find them something to do to help forward the progress of the association. The invaluable services rendered to the association by the joint hon. secretaries were also acknowledged. A great deal of their work was done silently and unseen. The members could best show their appreciation of their efforts by supporting them at association meetings and by prompt payment of subscriptions.

In moving the adoption of the report, Mr. Coles called attention to the excellent way in which it had been printed by 'The Ringing World.' He had been able to find only one error in the whole of the 58 pages, and that was a comma in the wrong place (laughter and applause). He also called attention to the reprint of the report of the Central Council's Committee on the law relating to church bells, ringing and ringers. It was a most valuable report, and was drawn up by three legal gentlemen—their late president, the Recorder of Lincoln, and Mr. E. W. Elwell.

The report was adopted, as was also the balance sheet of the central fund, which showed receipts amounting to £24 2s. 11d., and expenditure £23 5s. 6d., the balance of £29 3s. 8d. at the beginning of the year having been increased to £30 1s. 1d.

Mr. W. H. Seabrook, of Fulham, was elected a member, and the officers were elected as follows: Master, Mr. W. Pye; hon. treasurer, Mr. C. T. Coles; joint hon. secretaries, Messrs. C. T. Coles and W. H. Hollier; auditors, Messrs. J. E. Miller and W. Pickworth.

On the election of Central Council representatives, Mr. J. A. Trollope said the committee had gone into the question of the representation of the association. They wanted men for the position who not only had the time and were willing to serve, but men of some standing, both in the association and the Exercise. The committee, therefore, suggested the election of Messrs. C. T. Coles, W. H. Hollier, W. Pickworth and G. W. Fletcher.—This proposal was agreed to without discussion.

It was resolved that the peal books and the bound volumes of 'Bell News' belonging to the association should be transferred from Acton to St. Giles-in-the-Fields.

A MEMORIAL TO THE LATE PRESIDENT.

Mr. Coles brought forward a recommendation by the committee that a memorial to the late Mr. Milne should be placed in Barnet Church, and that it should take the form of a small brass. It could probably be erected very near to the association's memorial in the same church to the earlier president, the late Mr. A. T. King.

The suggestion was agreed to, and the carrying out of the project left to a small committee.

The next business was 'discussion of the Central Council agenda.' Mr. Coles said he did not know whether it was lack of interest or not, but there were only two motions down. That did not mean that the Council had no business to transact. The most important

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WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

MR. J. R. NEWMAN'S 25 YEARS' SERVICE.

Notwithstanding a drab and cheerless day devoid of one ray of Easter sunshine, a goodly number met in the 'Faithful City' for the annual meeting and service of the Worcestershire and Districts Association on Bank Holiday.

Bells at the Cathedral and various churches were in use, and at 2.30, instead of 2.15, the Dean (Dr. Moore Ede), as usual, occupied the chair, and the routine business was soon disposed of. President, vice-presidents, lay vice-presidents, to whom was added Mr. W. Page, Master, secretary, treasurer, auditors, Central Committee, and Messrs. R. G. Knowles, J. D. Johnson and H. G. Bird, Central Council representatives, were all elected. Mr. T. J. Salter expressed a desire to retire after 25 years' consistent and faithful service, for which he was thanked.

The report and balance sheet were also adopted. Mr. J. R. Newman then briefly reviewed the progress and work of the association during the last 25 years, as that day completed a quarter of a century of his secretaryship. He gave the following comparisons: Number of members increased from 313 to 578, towers affiliated from 30 to 65, annual report enlarged from 31 to 69 pages, and a credit balance of £8 increased to the much more satisfactory figure of £107, a total of £85 having been subscribed during the past ten years toward the cost of rehanging, etc., at various towers in the area.

Mr. Newman, with that admirable, unostentatious, magnanimous, unselfish and brotherly spirit, of which he is the very essence, thanked the officers and rank and file of the branches who had loyally and unstintingly helped to bring about such progress. One noticed how feelingly he spoke of the many friends he had made after coming among them almost a stranger 25 years ago.

Appreciative comments followed, and a suggestion which, it is hoped, will be executed later.

The sum of £10 was voted to the augmenting and rehanging of the bells of Hinton-on-the-Green—a village of 200 inhabitants situated the vale of Evesham—from the belfry repairs fund. This was generously supplemented by an offer from the Dean of the collection at the subsequent service.

At this point, with half an hour to spare, there was a surprise when the Dean, with a hope of entertaining the members, asked Mr. F. E. Dawe, of London, to give his experiences of Worcester Cathedral bells in the seventies. The Dean himself followed with a talk on the renovation of the tomb of King John.

These two last points were unfortunate, and disappointment prevailed, seeing that two most important matters, namely, the newly-constituted library by Mr. T. J. Salter and a discussion on Central Council matters, were not mentioned.

At the service which followed, the Rev. Canon Cheshire gave an address from Ezekiel ii. 5, and afterwards tea was partaken of at the Co-operative Cafe.

A. E. P.

THE BERKSHIRE TWELVE-BELL FUND.

The balance sheet of the Berkshire Twelve-bell Fund, audited by Mr. Arthur J. Wright, has been issued by the joint organisers, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn and Mr. R. T. Hibbert. The total subscriptions received amounted to £192 9s. 3d., and added to this was £1 7s. 2d. interest. The expenditure included £168 4s. on the two new bells, fittings and hanging, in St. Laurence's tower, Reading, and other incidentals amounting to £8 10s. 6d., leaving a balance of £19 1s. 11d., of which £10 will be given to the Bell Restoration Fund of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and the remainder, after deducting the cost of printing and circulating the balance sheet, to the churchwardens' special fund for the upkeep of St. Laurence's bells.

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part of its work was the discussion of the reports of the committee, but the only motions of which notice had been given was that honorary members and the fourth representative member of an association should pay 2s. 6d. per annum. At present hon. members paid nothing, and the association paid 5s. each for representative members. He hardly thought that was worth while discussing at that meeting, but that they should give their representatives a free hand.—This was agreed to.

It was resolved to hold the next annual general meeting at St. James', Clerkenwell, with St. Giles-in-the-Fields as an alternative.

Mr. W. H. Hewett made a suggestion that a joint meeting should be held, if possible, with the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Royal Cumberland Youths, and the London County Association. A discussion ensued, from which it was apparent that members were in favour of such a meeting, if it could be arranged, and it was decided to make inquiries among the other societies to ascertain their feeling in the matter.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector of Fulham, Mr. Page and his mother, who had done the catering and made practically all the arrangements at Fulham for the meeting, the incumbents, tower secretaries and towerkeepers at Hammersmith, Wandsworth and Putney, to the president, and to hon. secretaries for their invaluable services during the year. The meeting also extended a welcome to Messrs. Panther and Gill of the Barnsley Association.

THE LATE MR. J. F. C. BAYLEY.

The death of Mr. James C. F. Bayley, briefly recorded in our last issue, removes a well-known figure from London ringing circles. Mr. Bayley, who was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, was for many years steepiekeeper at St. Giles', Cripplegate, where, when the bells were not rung, he regularly chimed for the services. He was a born musician, and had a collection of over 400 hymn tunes, which he played on the twelve bells. The music of these tunes he had written out by hand, and he played them strictly in accordance with the seasons and special days of the Church. His last performance was on Passion Sunday.

Mr. Bayley was formerly a partner in the firm of Smith and Bayley, printers, of Kennington, but retired some years ago. He was a Freeman of the City, a life member of the Guild of Freeman, and a great lover of old buildings.

He was a regular altar server on week days at the Church of St. Magnus-the-Martyr, London Bridge, and made an imposing figure in his robes.

He died, after only a few days' illness, and was buried in the Roman Catholic portion of Streatham Park Cemetery on Maundy Thursday. The Rector of St. Magnus (Rev. Fynes Clinton) officiated, attended by the crossbearer, Mr. Greenwood, a grandson of Mr. Samuel Greenwood, of Streatham ringing fame. The last rites were carried out with impressive ritual, and at the close of the service a party of ringers rang three whole pulls of rounds three times, and followed with a course of Stedman Triples on handbells.

On May 5th, Vespers of the Dead will be said at St. Magnus' Church, and at noon on the following day there will be a Requiem Mass at the same church, which will be attended by the family.

EASTER BELLS.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Easter Day, April 20th, for evening service, 1,260 Stedman Triples in 42 mins.: W. H. Austin 1, H. Hoare 2, A. Slade 3, W. R. Packer 4, W. J. Dove 5, W. Sturges 6, E. Sibley (conductor) 7, J. Wilkins 8.

DUFFIELD.—For evening service, on Easter Day, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: M. Marshall 1, Elisabeth Foulk 2, Florence Hartle 3, P. Dudley 4, C. Draper 5, S. Dawson 6, G. Tandy (conductor) 7, C. Bradley 8.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.—On Easter Sunday, for evening, 720 Kent Treble Bob in 25 mins.: B. Gillatt 1, A. Thornton 2, B. Gillatt, jun., 3, J. Coles 4, P. C. G. Bray (first in method) 5, J. Bray (conductor) 6.

TAUNTON.—At the Church of St. George, Wilton, for evening service, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins.: S. Wyatt 1, A. W. Hayward 2, D. Sheldon (first quarter-peat on eight bells) 3, E. Causley 4, W. Coles 5, S. A. Wyatt 6, A. H. Hayward (conductor) 7, G. Coles 8. First quarter on the bells since they were augmented and restored by Mears and Stainbank. The conductor is a former member of the Wilton Guild, who was on a visit from Combe Martin, Devon.

YATELEY, HANTS.—On Easter Day, for morning service, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples: Major J. G. Stilwell 1, W. G. Bunch 2, S. J. Riddell 3, C. Bunch 4, G. C. Ives 5, A. Goodall 6, G. Butler (conductor) 7, A. Hearmon 8. For evening service, 630 and 503 in the same method, with A. T. Hearmon, F. Watts and T. Benham taking part.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Easter Sunday, at St. Andrew's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peat of Stedman Triples (Thurstans') in 48 mins.: J. Beagley 1, J. Read 2, F. Kemp 3, S. Meadows 4, T. Upshall 5, E. Beagley 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8. First quarter in the method by the brothers Beagley.

SEAL, CHART, KENT.—On Easter Sunday, at St. Lawrence's Church, for evensong, 1,440 changes of Bob Minor: F. Rhyall 1, P. Sinden 2, H. Woolley 3, A. Wenban 4, G. Barr 5, W. Neale (conductor) 6.

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NOTICES.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting at Cannock on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells (8) from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.45, with an address by the Vicar, Rev. J. F. Foster. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Brighton, Saturday, May 3rd. Towers open: St. Peter's and St. Nicholas', 2-3.30 p.m. and after meeting, The Good Shepherd, 7.30. Special service in St. Nicholas' Church, 4 p.m., address by the Lord Bishop of Lewes. Meat tea at Morley's, Pavilion Buildings, 5, 2/6 (1/3 to members). Half rail fare (max. 2/6).—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Warwick on Saturday, May 3rd. The bells of St. Mary's (10) will be available during the afternoon and evening. Committee meeting at 4 p.m. Service in Church, 4.30. Tea at 5 at the Dale Hotel (1/9 per head). Business meeting to follow.—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Whalley on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Reports to hand. Subscriptions now due.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District. —A meeting will be held at Somersham on Saturday, May 3rd.—C. Fields, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A combined meeting of the above will be held at New Romney on Saturday, May 3rd. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 5. All ringers cordially invited to attend.—Secretaries: A. C. Kay, K.C.A., A. J. Batten, R.M.G., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting Sheffield May 3rd. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service with address by the Rev. R. E. Leigh, M.A. at 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., business meeting following. At tea the Guild will be the guests of the Rev. R. E. Leigh, who hopes that all who can will accept his offer of hospitality.—D. L. Board, Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. George's, Bolton, on Saturday, May 3rd, instead of April 26th. Bells from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Rd., Bolton, Lancs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Sutton Bonington, on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells ready 3 o'clock.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Southwold on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—E. Grindell, Hon. Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Aylesford on Saturday, May 3rd. Tower open for ringing

3 o'clock. Service at 4.45, followed by tea (free) and business meeting.—C. H. Sone, Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Alresford on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells available at 2.30. Also at Bishop's Sutton. Service at 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock at Swan Hotel.—C. C. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., King's Somborne.

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—A meeting will be held at Bassingham on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service at 4. Tea at 4.30. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Mrs. R. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wrington on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4.30. Tea at 5, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Old Duston on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Yorktown on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in Parish Room.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Bingham on May 3rd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. All ringers welcome. Will members who have not paid their subscription kindly do so at this meeting or send them. Members can have reports; please let me know how many are required.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Royston to-morrow, Saturday, May 3rd. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Please make an effort to attend in order to make the meeting a success.—D. C. Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Offley, Hitchin.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Dartford on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea will be provided by the generosity of the Vicar.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Rd., Belvedere, Kent.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on May 8th and 22nd; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 13th; Southwark Cathedral on the 15th; °St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 27th, all at 7.30 p.m.; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 29th, 8. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—A meeting will be held at Bradford-Peverell on Thursday, May 8th. Bells (also Frampton and Stratton) available 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 followed by tea and meeting. Motor leaves St. Peter's, Dorchester, at 2.15.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Sittingbourne on Saturday, May 10th.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Southport, on Saturday, May 10th. Bells ready at 12 noon. Service at 5. Tea after. Will those intending being present kindly send names in to Mr. J. Ridyard, 7, Railway Terrace, Southport, before May 7th?—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wollaston on Saturday, May 10th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those who hope to be present kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, May 6th?—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Stoke-Edith on Saturday, May 10th. Bells (6) available 3.30 to 8.30 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.45. Please notify me not later than May 5th.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Sittingbourne on Saturday, May 10th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service in the Church at 4. Tea will be supplied at Cremer's Cafe at 5, at 1/- each. Half rail fares will be allowed to members attending. Will those intending to be at tea please let me know not later than Wednesday, May 7th.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Milverton on Saturday, May 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, tea, etc., after. Will those wanting tea please notify me by the previous Tuesday.—P. Merson, Bishops Hull.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton District.—Quarterly meeting at Liss, Saturday, May 10th. Bells available at St. Peter's (6), Liss, from 2.30 p.m., also at Hawkley (6), 2 miles. Service at St. Peter's, Liss, at 4.30. Tea at the Spread Eagle, 5. Business meeting follows. Will those who require tea kindly notify me by Thursday, May 8th.—B. C. Taylor, Binsted Vicarage, Alton.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held jointly at Sheffield Cathedral and St. Marie's on Saturday, May 10th. Bells available early. Visitors make own arrangements for tea.—H. Thorpe, Hon. Sec., 104, Petre Street, Sheffield.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Godshill on Saturday, May 10th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at 5, at the Griffin Hotel. All ringers are welcome. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me on or before Tuesday, May 6th.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting will be held at Bromborough on Saturday, May 10th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service 5.30, tea and meeting afterwards. Ringers intending to be present please let the secretary know.—H. S. Brocklebank, 3, Ridley St., Birkenhead.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District.—A meeting will be held at Guilsborough (6) on Saturday, May 10th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea. All ringers welcome.—S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the branch will be held at Aldbourne on Saturday, May 10th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Visiting ringers kindly inform the secretary by Wednesday previous.—Cyril Hussey, Hon. Sec., East Leaze, Baydon, Marlborough.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The annual Spring meeting will be held at Chipping Norton (8 bells) on Saturday, May 10th.—J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Charlbury.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Tempsford on Sat., May 10th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5. A good attendance is requested. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Curry Rivel on Saturday, May 10th. Service at 4 p.m., tea and meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, Hon. Branch Sec., Martock, Somerset.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Felkirk on Saturday, May 10th. Bells ready early. Those requiring tea please notify M. Perry, Clifton Cottages, Brierley, nr. Barnsley, before Wednesday, 7th.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The usual monthly meeting will be held at Southport on Saturday, May 10th (jointly with the Wigan and Preston branches) to form the half-yearly meeting of the association. Particulars elsewhere in these columns.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Secretary.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Kirton on Saturday, May 10th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Divine Service 4.15. Tea 4.45, followed immediately by usual business meeting. Those requiring tea are asked to inform me not later than Wednesday, May 7th. All ringers cordially invited.—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., School House, Butterwick, nr. Boston, Lincs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Wolvey on Saturday, May 10th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Tea provided at 5. A good meeting is requested. All ringers welcome. W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

SUFFOLD GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Laxfield on May 10th. Tea 1s. each at the King's Head, at 4.30 p.m. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on May 10th at Cockington. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15, tea to follow at Parish Hall. Those intending to be present please notify me early.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church St., Paignton.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Aldershot on Saturday, May 17th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Tea 5 o'clock. All welcome. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, May 14th.—Hilda F. Mills, Cairneyhill, Bridgefield, Farnham.

OLDHAM AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, May 10th, at St. Mary's Church. Bells (12) ready at 4 o'clock.—T. Schofield, Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Marden on Saturday, May 17th. Further particulars will be announced next week.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD (Southern District) and the **MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD** (South and West District).—A joint meeting will be held at Lambeth on Sat., May 17th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 6. Service at 7.30 with address by the Vicar. Ringing till 9.15. It is important for those intending to be present to acquaint, by May 13th, the London County Hon. Dis. Sec.—J. Herbert, 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The festival will be held at Calne, Wilts, on Saturday, May 17th. Service in Parish Church at 12.30 p.m. Preacher, Ven. Archdeacon Coulter. Luncheon and annual meeting at Town Hall, 1.30., price 1s. 6d. Those requiring luncheon please inform Secretary by May 12th. Towers open: Bishop's Cannings, Calne, Melksham, Wootton Bassett (8), Bremhill, Bromham, Rowd (6), Compton Bassett (5), Devizes (3 towers).—F. Llewellyn Edwards, Hon. Sec., Kington Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whittle-le-Woods on Saturday, May 17th. Bells available from 2.30.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at St. Mary Magdalene, Enfield, on Saturday, May 24th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Meeting at 6. Tea at 1s. per head will be arranged at 5.30 for those who advise me by May 21st. Members and friends welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The general annual meeting will be held at Lydney on Saturday, May 31st, at 3.30 p.m. Bells available from 2 p.m. to 3.15. Business meeting at the Feathers Hotel at 3.30 prompt. Meat tea, 2s. 6d., at 5 p.m. (or end of meeting). Items for the agenda should be sent in immediately. An alteration to Rule V is suggested, and notified. Kindly notify me by May 24th for tea.—E. Guise, Hon. Sec., 39 Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

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