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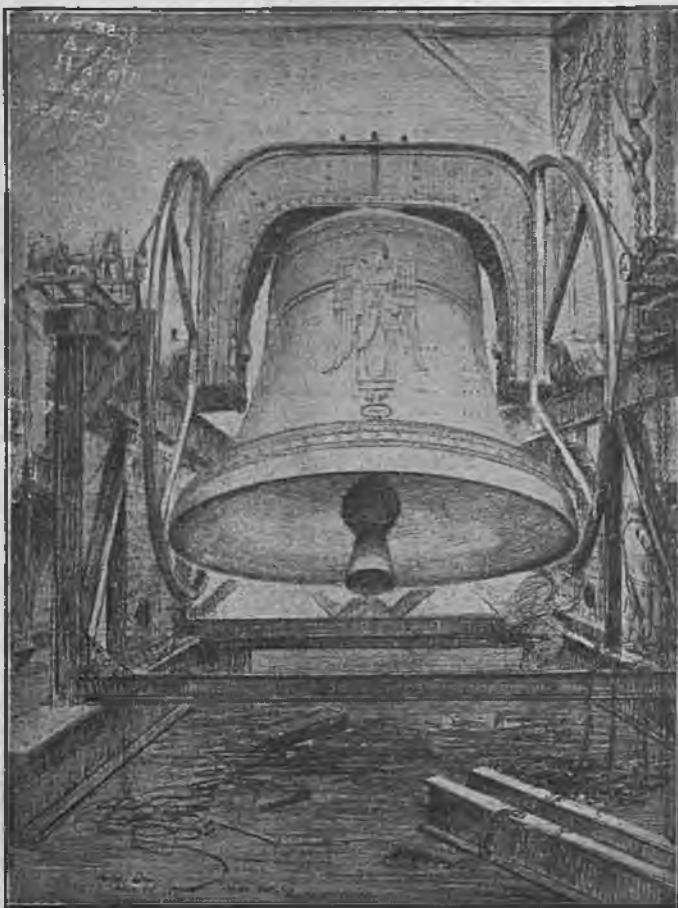
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### THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The thoughts of ringers will soon be turning again to the Central Council, whose meeting, to be held at Liverpool next Whitsuntide, is less than three months ahead. It is at about this time of the year that those who are interested in the Council's proceedings begin to talk about the matters that may come up for discussion. There are likely to be several questions of general interest to the Exercise on the agenda, and, unless some solution of the present impasse over the publication of the Collection of Minor Methods can be found, there is promise of a lively debate on the question of principle which the Council may desire to settle once and for all. It is unfortunate that the Methods Committee and the Hon. Secretary have for so long been separated by a distance of some thousands of miles, for it has prevented them coming to close grips over their differences of opinion. It is, as far as we are aware, the first time in the history of the Council that there has been any breach of this kind, and it is a pity that it should have happened just at the period when the Hon. Secretary should be out of the country, seeking well earned rest and change after relinquishing his professional work. Meantime, the new edition of the 'Collection,' for which the Exercise has long been waiting, is still held up.

Speaking at the Johnson Commemoration Dinner, the President of the Council, with an inner knowledge, testified to the good work which the Council has done for the Exercise, and said the quality of the Council depended upon the quality of the representatives sent by the associations. We might add to this that the associations could increase the usefulness of the Council by providing them with subjects for discussion. One thing that will be watched with the greatest interest at the next meeting is the attitude to be adopted towards the suggested readjustment of the constitution of the Council itself. Discussion on this matter has been dominant since the last meeting of the Council, but the Standing Committee are expected to report upon the subject. Whether, however, they will favour the changes put forward in the columns of 'The Ringing World' about 18 months ago remains to be seen, but these or something upon the same lines will, we believe, be necessary, before the reaffiliation of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association is likely to take place. Most of the associations have shown themselves ready to adopt the recommendation of the Council that they shall insert in their rules a clause that they will abide by the rules and decisions of the Council, and, that being so, the Council ought to ensure, by its constitution, that the associations should have a more

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direct voice in its affairs. At present they have none. Having elected the members and paid the fee, their interest in the Council—as far as the rules imply—is at an end. It ought, at least, to be possible for an association officially to send a recommendation to the Council; and the associations have the right to be informed officially of the decisions taken by the Council. This is an important issue which the associations at their forthcoming annual meetings would do well to consider, for it is probable that the question will come up for decision at the next meeting, and, unless representatives know something of the feeling of their members, there is a risk of another twelve months' delay while that opinion is being obtained.

## TEN BELL PEAL.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM &amp; NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 3, 1931, in Three Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPS, 6004 CHANGES;

Tenor 37½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... Treble	DAVID VINCENT ... .. 6
JOHN ANDERSON ... .. 2	ADAM DEAS ... .. 7
WILLIAM STORY ... .. 3	ROBERT S. ANDERSON ... 8
THOMAS T. GOFTON ... .. 4	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ... .. 9
JOHN FOREMAN ... .. 5	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... Tenor

Composed by E. MORRIS.

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Sir Charles A. Parsons, O.M., who was interred at Kirkwhelpington, Northumberland, the same day. This composition is in the inverted titums, and contains a 6-8 at hand in every course, and a 9-7-5 at hand in every alternate course.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PENWORTHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 21, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM SHARPLES ... Treble	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 5
JACK CHARNOCK ... .. 2	JAMES HARRISON ... .. 6
MISS MAY CLAYTON ... .. 3	ARTHUR HARTLEY ... .. 7
THOMAS CALDERBANK ... .. 4	JOHN BROWN ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 377.) Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS

HINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 22, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

JOHN A. GODFREY ... Treble	GEORGE T. PEGNALL ... .. 5
CHARLES F. GOODMAN ... 2	HENRY TOOME ... .. 6
ERIC G. BENNETT ... .. 3	WALTER R. FARROW ... .. 7
NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 4	WILLIAM J. CLOVER ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

KELSEALE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, February 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

FREDERICK W. WATLING Treble	ALFRED KERBLE ... .. 5
A. ROY WOODWARD ... .. 2	ERNEST S. BAILEY ... .. 6
LEONARD P. BAILEY ... .. 3	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... .. 7
JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. 4	JAMES G. RUMSEY ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY

\* First peal in the method.

## FRITH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,  
At Christ Church,

## A PEAL OF STEOMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS', Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. BERR ... .. Treble	JOHN WHEADON ... .. 5
FREDERICK A. COLEY ... .. 2	BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE ... .. 6
JOHN J. LANG ... .. 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. ... 7
ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... .. 4	WILLIAM C. DARKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN.

F. A. Coley has now rung each bell in the tower to a peal.

## OVER, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, February 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Chad,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALBERT H. BOOTH ... .. Treble	JOSEPH ASHMOLE ... .. 5
ALBERT CRAWLEY ... .. 2	HARRY W. HOWARD ... .. 6
*REGINALD W. WORRALL ... .. 3	JOHN WORTH ... .. 7
JOHN S. ROYLE ... .. 4	HARRY PARKER ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by H. PARKER.

\* First attempt for a peal on eight bells. Rung on the 29th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sadler, of Winsford. Mr. Sadler is the leader of St. Chad's ringers.

## STANDISH, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, February 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Wilfrid,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROBERT TAYLOR ... .. Treble	JAMES W. GROUNDS ... .. 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... .. 2	JOHN BOOTH ... .. 6
FRED HINDLE ... .. 3	JOSEPH A. TOMLINSON ... .. 7
JAMES L. WRIGHT ... .. 4	FRED RIGBY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

## BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN FLINT ... .. Treble	JOSEPH SAXTON ... .. 5
JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... .. 2	LESLIE W. BACON ... .. 6
GEORGE L. CHAMBERS ... .. 3	EDWARD ROBBINS ... .. 7
*BENJAMIN A. COOPER ... .. 4	JESSE J. MOSS ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

\* First peal.

## BREWOOD, STAFFORD.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, March 2, 1931, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Chad,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

*G. FREDERICK NEWMAN ... Treble	W. HAROLD JONES ... .. 5
RICHARD J. WARRLOW ... .. 2	EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... .. 6
THOMAS PERRY ... .. 3	JOHN PERRY ... .. 7
A. EDWARD WINTERSON ... .. 4	CHARLES J. BASTONE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN PERRY.

\* First peal and first attempt. Arranged and rung for St. Chad's Day.

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## MANGOTSFIELD, BRISTOL.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 3, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. James,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

W. A. CAVE'S TRANSPOSITION OF J. W. WASHBROOK'S.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*WILLIAM HEWITT ... .. Treble	FRANK SKIDMORE ... .. 5
FREDERICK G. LEAKER ... .. 2	JOHN G. JEFFERIES ... .. 6
ARTHUR PRINCE ... .. 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 7
SAMUEL PHILLIPS ... .. 4	THOMAS JAMES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

\* First peal of Stedman. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. John G. Jefferies on the occasion of their silver wedding, also in honour of Mr. Jefferies' 50th birthday. Mr. F. G. Leaker rang on the occasion of Mr. Jefferies' wedding. Mr. Jefferies kindly entertained the band after the peal.

## GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 7, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

PERCY GREEN ... .. Treble	HARRY WARNE ... .. 5
GEORGE GREEN ... .. 2	*HARRY BRADLEY ... .. 6
BERNARD W. PETTIT ... .. 3	ERNEST TOWNSEND ... .. 7
EDWARD KEMP ... .. 4	WALTER H. SMITH ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by PERCY GREEN.

\* First peal of Kent Treble Bob. First peal of Major as conductor and first attempt.

## EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Simon and Jude,

## A PEAL OF LITTLE CANTERBURY MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

T. HENRY WRIGHT ... .. Treble	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... .. 5
GEORGE A. NEWTON ... .. 2	T. KELHAM DEACON ... .. 6
A. PERCIVAL ALDHAM ... .. 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 7
CECIL E. CARR ... .. 4	ALFRED BALLARD ... .. Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN.

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal in the method on the bells and by all except conductor.

## MOSSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 7, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

RALPH TAYLOR ... .. Treble	FRED WALKER ... .. 5
HAROLD TAYLOR ... .. 2	ERNEST GARSIDE ... .. 6
FRANK WELHAM ... .. 3	JOHN HARRISON ... .. 7
JOHN CLAYTON ... .. 4	W. W. WOLSTENCROFT ... .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by RALPH TAYLOR.

All are service ringers at the above church except the 7th and the tenor ringers, who come from Ashton-under-Lyne.

## BUCKLAND-IN-THE-MOOR, ASHBURTON, DEVON.

## THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, March 7, 1931, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' TEN-PART.

Tenor 7 cwt.

EDWIN SHEPHERD ... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. HOWE ... .. 5
EDWARD W. BIFFEN ... .. 2	*STANLEY H. A. WARD, R.N. ... 6
FRED WREFOED ... .. 3	HERBERT J. HOLE ... .. 7
AUBERY L. BENNETT ... .. 4	ALFRED L. POPE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD W. BIFFEN.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells, which have lately been increased to eight by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, the 'go' being excellent.

NORTHFIELD.—At the Parish Church on February 23rd, 1908 Double Norwich Major: P. O. Laffin 1, \*H. J. Turner 2, H. H. Fearn 3, J. Withers, jun., 4, C. Webb 5, \*G. E. Fearn 6, A. Chambers 7, J. Withers 8. \* First 1,008 in the method.



WEST MALLING.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 7, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

HARRY BAKER ... .. Treble	WILLIAM DURHAM ... .. 5
CHARLES H. SONE ... .. 2	JOHN J. BASSETT ... .. 6
*MRS. H. BAKER ... .. 3	ALEXANDER WADDINGTON ... 7
JAMES BASSETT ... .. 4	THOMAS E. SONE ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

\* 150th peal. This composition (No. 336) is now rung for the first time.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 11 cwt.

FREDERICK J. CRAPNELL ... Treble	CRCIL W. PIPE ... .. 5
HAROLD E. SYMONDS ... .. 2	FREDERICK J. TILLET ... .. 6
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... .. 3	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... .. 7
CHARLES CLARKE ... .. 4	JOSEPH BOTWRIGHT ... .. Tenor

Composed by THOS. DAY. Conducted by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

Thanks are due to the ringer of the treble, who made up the band at short notice, owing to the illness of Mr. Charles Abbit.

RUARDEAN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 7, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

WILLIAM BEARD ... .. Treble	WILLIAM T. POSTON ... .. 5
WALTER T. BENNETT ... .. 2	JOHN W. DAVIES ... .. 6
JOHN J. WEBB ... .. 3	WILLIAM POSTON ... .. 7
GEORGE WILKS ... .. 4	WILLIAM BISHOP ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

Rung to celebrate the 81st birthday of Mr. J. Jones, a respected friend and supporter of the Ruardean ringers; also as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. W. Davies, of Lydney, and the conductor.

PENISTONE, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 7, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.

JOHN R. BREARLEY ... .. Treble	FRED HODGSON ... .. 5
CHARLES E. LAWSON ... .. 2	ALBERT NASH ... .. 6
WILLIAM A. WOOLER ... .. 3	ARTHUR GILL ... .. 7
J. EDWARD CAWSE ... .. 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

DARTFORD, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*MISS CONSTANCE HOVERD ... Treble	WILLIAM J. BRER ... .. 5
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... .. 2	HARRY HOVERD ... .. 6
JOHN WHEADON ... .. 3	HERBERT E. AUSDLEY ... .. 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 4	RICHARD A. JENKINS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

\* First peal in the method.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 15 cwt.

MRS. GEORGE H. CROSS ... Treble	FREDERICK A. COLBY ... .. 5
*ROBERT COLLINS ... .. 2	GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 6
JOHN J. LAMB ... .. 3	FREDERICK J. COLLUM, JUN. ... 7
DR. E. L. TAYLOR ... .. 4	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

\* First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell.

KENNINGHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sunday, March 8, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*WALTER GIBBINS ... .. Treble	*STANLEY A. HOLMAN ... .. 5
CHARLES F. GOODMAN ... .. 2	NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 6
*STANLEY G. FULLER ... .. 3	FRANK S. CLARKE ... .. 7
ALBERT G. HARRISON ... .. 4	ERIC G. BENNETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by ERIC G. BENNETT.

\* First peal of Major, and the conductor's first in that capacity.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

CAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 25, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*CHRISTOPHER GAPPER ... Treble	*CHARLES CREW ... .. 4
*JACK COOPER ... .. 2	†ERNEST MORGAN ... .. 5
LESLIE BARRY ... .. 3	*ALBERT BALL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

\* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells. All are Sunday service ringers, except the conductor.

BANHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 27, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Comprising seven different compositions. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

ALAN WEBSTER ... .. Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 4
HAROLD T. BARHAM ... .. 2	ERIC G. BENNETT ... .. 5
STANLEY A. HOLMAN ... .. 3	CHARLES F. GOODMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES F. GOODMAN.

First peal as conductor. Rung on the fourth anniversary of the re-opening of the bells.

WINTHORPE, NOTTS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS AND ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
One extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent

Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, and Plain Bob.

MRS. C. MCGUINNESS ... Treble	HAROLD MARCON ... .. 4
MRS. LAURA L. EAST ... .. 2	HAROLD WALKER ... .. 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... .. 3	GEORGE W. CREASEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. W. CREASEY.

First peal on the bells. First peal in seven methods for ringers of 2, 5 and tenor.

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## SANDRIDGE, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and threes of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt.

*HAROLD V. FROAT ... .. Treble	*BERNARD H. SWINSON ... 4
*THOMAS A. BLOW ... .. 3	JOHN MALYAN ... .. 5
THOMAS J. HULL ... .. 2	FRANCIS KIRK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS KIRK.

\* First peal in three methods.

## LLANELLY, BRECONSHIRE.

## THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, March 2, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELLI,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

*CESAR DAVIS ... .. Treble	GEORGE HAWKINS ... .. 4
†EDWARD H. STRADLING ... 2	DONALD G. CLIFT ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. SAUNDERS ... 3	GEORGE POPNELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. POPNELL.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' The ringer of the treble, who hails from Blagdon, Somerset, was elected a member of the Guild previous to starting the peal. The band wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Rackham for the tea which they provided after the peal. Illness unfortunately prevented Mr. Rackham from taking part in the peal.

## BROMHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 5, 1931, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OWEN,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's of Cambridge Surprise, London Scholars, College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 23 cwt.

FRANK TYSOE ... .. Treble	EDMUND J. HOBBS ... .. 4
PERCY BONNETT ... .. 2	PEARL INSKIP ... .. 5
CYRIL PRINDIVILLE ... .. 3	SYDNEY FOSKETT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by P. INSKIP.

## CARHAMPTON, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 14 cwt. 22 lb.

SIDNEY WYBURN ... .. Treble	ALFRED BRYANT ... .. 4
MAURICE R. PARKER ... .. 2	ISAAC FARMER ... .. 5
ALBERT J. CHUBB ... .. 3	HENRY J. PARKER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by I. FARMER.

First peal of Minor by all the band except the conductor. Rung as a farewell to Mr. H. Parker, who is leaving the district.

## DEAL, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

SAMUEL A. BAMFORD, R.M. Treble	*WILLIAM A. TERRY ... .. 4
JAMES ARTHUR ... .. 2	*FREDERICK A. RYE ... .. 5
BERTRAM LUCK ... .. 3	CHARLES TURNER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES TURNER.

\* First peal and first attempt.

## BRINDLE, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR HATCH ... .. Treble	HERBERT BLACKLIDGE ... 4
*BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 2	WILLIAM SHARPLES ... .. 5
FRED BLACKLIDGE ... .. 3	WILLIAM FOWLER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHARPLES.

\* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor.

## WILLINGTON, BEDS.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*ARTHUR W. DILLEY ... .. Treble	CYRIL PRINDIVILLE ... .. 4
HERBERT L. HARLOW ... 2	HERBERT SHEARMAN ... .. 5
TOM BARTRAM ... .. 3	ERNEST FREEMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. FREEMAN.

\* First peal in five methods. Rung for the 65th birthday of Mr. H. L. Harlow.

## SUTTON COURTENAY, BERKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BERKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 22 six-scores and ten 240's of Pilman's arrangement. Tenor 18 cwt.

*LESLIE POLLEN ... .. Treble	†ERIC J. F. HANKS ... .. 4
JOHN NOBES ... .. 2	†GEORGE ALLAM ... .. 5
T. FRANCIS HANKS ... .. 3	†JOHN R. GERRING ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN NOBES.

\* First peal away from tenor. † First peal.

## COMPTON BISHOP, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 7, 1931, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire in 14 different callings. Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.).

*CESAR DAVIS ... .. Treble	*EDWARD AVERY ... .. 4
ERNEST TOSSELL ... .. 2	HAROLD BLACKER ... .. 5
JEFFERY TOSSELL ... .. 3	SIDNEY ROWE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD BLACKER.

First peal on the bells and first attempt. \* First peal in two methods. The band wish to thank the incumbent for the use of the bells, also Mr. S. Storks for having everything in readiness.

## HANDBELL PEALS.

## MANCHESTER.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

## AND THE NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.

On Tuesday, March 3, 1931, in Two Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE TOWN HALL.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor size 15 in C.

*P.C. WILLIAM PYE ... .. 1-2	P.C. FREDERICK PAGE ... 5-6
*P.C. DONALD BROWN ... 3-4	*P.C. JOSEPH WILSON ... 7-8

Conducted by P.C. FREDERICK PAGE.

\* First peal 'in hand.' First handbell peal rung by members of the police force. Rung as a compliment to Mr. F. R. Williams, of Manchester, on his recent promotion to the rank of superintendent. He is a member of the committee of the National Police Guild.

## STOCKPORT.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, March 5, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT 23, GREEK STREET,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

FREDERICK PAGE ... .. 1-2	ALFRED BARNES ... .. 7-8
*HAROLD JACKSON ... .. 3-4	WILLIAM JACKSON ... .. 9-10
†ALLEN F. BAILEY ... .. 5-6	†PETER LAFLIN ... .. 11-12

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

\* 50th handbell peal. † 50th peal together.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—At St. Michael's Church, on Sunday, February 1st, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: E. Downing (first quarter-peal) 3, F. Springham 2, Harold Wacey 3, H. M. White 4, W. T. Prior 5, W. W. Tucker 6, F. Bird (conductor) 7, W. Wilkinson 8.

## VARIATION AND TRANSPOSITION.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

(Continued from page 138.)

We have seen that you can take Double Norwich and turn it into a Treble Bob Method and then get from it many hundreds of Surprise Methods. The same thing is true of every method on the Plain Principle. Indeed, with comparatively few exceptions every Treble Bob Method is based on a Plain Method. I do not propose to go into this in any detail, but I will give one instance which will show the relationship between a group of Surprise Methods, some of which have been rung and some of which have been claimed as the property of different composers.

A.	B.
12345678	12345678
21436587	21436587
	12345678
	21436587
	24135678
	42315768
24135678	24135678 (a)
42315768	42315768
	24351786
24351786	24351786
23457168	23457168
	32547618
	23457168
	32547618
32547618	32547618
23457168	23457168

A is Coslany Court Major (Central Council Collection, No. 21).

B is the same turned into a Treble Bob Method (false) by repeating certain rows.

This is the basis of a large and important group of Surprise Methods.

First notice that there are three alternative positions to which you can move the fifth's place (which I have marked (a)) and still get the same result. They are:—

C.	D.	E.
12345678	12345678	12345678
21435768	21436587	21436587
12347586	12345678	12345678
21435768	21435768	21436587
24137586	24137586	24135678
42315768	42315768	42315768
24137586	24137586	24137586
42315768	42315768	42315768

Similarly there are four alternative positions for fourth's place below the treble, and the combinations of these with the others will give sixteen leads (still false) on which to base methods.

Now take B, and see (as we did with Double Norwich) what additional shunts can be put in to remove the repetition of rows. We will not go into this in detail, but we can see at a glance that there are at least two above the treble. They are:—

1.	5678	5678
	6587	6587
	6857	5678
	8675	6587
	6857	5678
	6587	6587
2.	5678	5678
	6587	6587
	6578	5678
	6587	6587
	6578	5678
	6587	6587

Below the treble there are three similar ones, viz:—

3.	4.	5.	
3254	3254	3254	3254
5342	3245	2354	instead 2345
5342	2354	3245	of 3254
3524	3245	2364	2345
3254	3254	3254	3254

The combinations of these will give us ten Surprise Methods, and, if we add second's and seventh's when the treble is leading and lying behind, we have ten more. They are all good methods. Speaking from memory, all twenty have clear proof scales with the tenors together. (I am sure that those which have shunts 3 and 5 have.)

Among these twenty are Bristol, Dublin and Premier.

There are other additional shunts which can be used in lead B, and I have before me ninety-three methods produced from that lead alone.

Take the other fifteen leads and treat them similarly, and you will get many more good methods. For instance, if you add additional shunt 1 to lead C and No. 3 below the treble you get:—

Rochester Surprise.

12345678  
21435768  
12347586  
21437586

24138765  
42317856  
24137586  
42315768

24351786  
42537168  
45231786  
54327168

45237618  
42536781  
24357618  
23456781

32547681

And from this several other good methods at once suggest themselves. For instance:—

Rochester above treble, Premier below.

Rochester above treble, Dublin below.

Dublin above treble, Rochester below.

Premier above treble, Rochester below.

In these methods, when Dublin is used, second's (or seventh's) must be added.

From the few words I have written above anybody can write out several scores of good Surprise Methods. Every one of them will be a variation of Coslany Court in the same way that Norfolk is a variation of Double Norwich.

I suppose that, if the question were asked, everyone would say that Bristol, at any rate, is an original method. And yet we see it is not. Happily, in its case no dispute as to authorship will arise, since Mr. Bankes James was also the first to publish Coslany. I do not think, however, he knew the connection between the two.

## ANOTHER HERTFORDSHIRE PEAL REHUNG.

On Saturday, February 28th, a very successful meeting of the Herts County Association took place at Ashwell, being the first held there since the restoration of the tower and the bells. The tower, which has for some years been in a pitiful state of repair, has been thoroughly renovated at a cost of about £2,000, and the fine peal of bells rehung by Messrs. White, of Appleton.

About forty-five members attended the meeting and represented eighteen towers. The local band opened the meeting with a course of 'Churchyard Bob,' which was followed by method ringing by the visitors. Practically all the standard methods were rung, including York, Cambridge and London Surprise.

The Rector (the Rev. H. A. Griffiths) conducted a short service from the service papers of the association. He also gave a short but very interesting address, the subject being 'Ashwell bells—their dates, inscriptions and founders.' The treble, 3rd, 4th and 6th were cast by John Briant, of Hertford, in 1791, 1817, 1789 and 1787 respectively. Remarks in 'The Ringing World' some time ago of 'a man ringing a bell for twelve hours on end' were referred to. This feat was performed by an Ashwell man ringing the 4th bell on March 16th, 1811, and he was the grandfather of one of the oldest members of the local band.

At 5 p.m. the company were entertained to tea by the Rector.

After tea a short business meeting followed, the Rector of Ashwell, Rev. H. A. Griffiths, in the chair.

During the course of the meeting the Rector was unanimously elected an hon. member of the association. Replying to the applause, the Rector said he felt too old to take up change ringing himself, but he was very keen for the present young band at Ashwell to master the art.

After the meeting, handbells were brought into action, and some amused themselves in this way, while others returned to the tower.

It was the general opinion of the meeting that the bell founders were to be congratulated on their work, and that with a keen and interested Rector, plenty of young blood and a beautiful peal, Ashwell will soon be producing some useful members of the Hertford County Association of Change Ringers.

D. C. M.

## SUFFOLK VETERAN'S BIRTHDAY.

At Worlingworth, Suffolk, on Friday, February 27th, touches of Oxford and Bob Triples were rung in honour of Mr. D. Collins' 83rd birthday. Mr. Collins was the conductor, and the other ringers were B. C. Ellis, H. Hall, J. Hall, W. G. Crickmer, E. Curtis, D. Cracknell and J. Fairhead.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

A meeting of the Ashford District was held at Willesborough on Saturday, February 28th, which was the anniversary of the opening of the bells. Methods up to Cambridge Surprise Minor were rung, with Bob Doubles and Rounds for beginners. Service was conducted by Rev. L. W. Mudge, the address being given by the Rector (Rev. W. H. Symonds). Tea, partaken of in the Old Schoolrooms, to which forty members and friends sat down, was kindly provided by the local band. The Rector presided, and at the business meeting the secretary and Mr. E. Ruck gave the members a resume of the committee meeting in November.

A record number of new members (22) were elected, including three ladies.

The meeting in May will be held at Hythe.

Ringers attended from Ashford, Brabourne, Benenden, Canterbury, Eastwell, Hythe, Headcorn, Kennington, Sturry, Tenterden and Wye and the local band. Ringing was continued in the evening.

**BROMLEY BELL RESTORATION.**

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—As this restoration fund is now closed, we shall be glad if you will kindly find space for the following acknowledgments. We wish to thank all the subscribers to this fund: Mr. W. J. Jeffries, 10s. 6d.; Mr. W. J. Nevard, 10s.; Mr. G. R. Simmons, 10s.; E. Barnett, sen., E. Barnett, jun., E. Barnett, 2nd jun., 10s.; F. W. Richardson, 5s.; C. Hadlow, 2s. 6d.; J. J. Lamb, 2s. 6d.; a ringer (Notts), 2s.; Mr. Cruttenden, 2s. 6d.; Eltham ringers (per Mr. J. Hurrell), 6s.; St. Luke's ringers, Bromley company (per Mr. A. Purden), 14s.; Gravesend ringers (per Mr. E. H. Spice), 12s.; Beckenham ringers (per Mr. W. Smith), 13s.; St. Margaret's, Westminster (per Mr. W. Hewett), £1 8s. 6d.; Hayes ringers and friends (per Mr. O. Gilbey), £1 13s. 6d.; Bromley Parish Church ringers, £2. The total amount handed to the Church Council was £37 16s. 1d., the remainder being given locally.—

P. J. SPICE.

I. EMERY.

**MUFFLED BELLS.**

At Holmer, Herefordshire, on February 19th, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor was rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. James Henry Lovesay, whose funeral took place the same day. He was sexton at Holmer Parish Church for many years: G. Soley 1, W. J. Downes 2, A. Harcombe 3, F. Downes 4, W. Duggan 5, W. Evans (conductor) 6.

**5,024 DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.**

BY NOLAN GOLDEN.

23456 1 4 5 6

25463 — 2 —  
42356 — —

24653 — — —  
62345 — — —  
26543 — — —  
23564 — — —  
43265 — — 3  
45236 — — —

56234 — — —  
54263 — — —  
53246 — — —

23645 — — —  
25634 — — —  
62453 — — —  
26354 — — —  
34265 S — —  
35246 — — —

25436 — — 2  
42653 — — —  
24356 — — —  
32645 — — —  
23546 — — —

Repeated.

Contains the 2nd its extent home, 40 courses in 2-3 and never in 5-6. Rung at Diss on January 31st, 1931, conducted by composer.

**A CREDITABLE PERFORMANCE.**

On Sunday, February 22nd, was rung at Halesowen Parish Church a course each of London Surprise Major, Cambridge Surprise Major and Superlative Surprise Major for the evening service by the following members of the local band: A. H. Harris 1, E. H. Forrest 2, T. Greenhall 3, W. Coley 4, H. G. Bird 5, J. H. Cox 6, W. H. Webb 7, A. Hackett (conductor) 8. The above is a very creditable performance inasmuch as the men are all local Sunday service ringers at the church. There can be few churches in Worcestershire that could equal this with a purely local band.

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PICTURES OF CHURCH TOWERS FOR  
PUBLICATION IN 'THE RINGING WORLD.'

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 post-cards, 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.

Mr. I. J. Attwater, of South Hackney, sailed on Wednesday for America, where he is to take up an appointment as ringing instructor at Kent Schools, Kent, Connecticut. This will be the first appointment of its kind ever made—that of ringing instructor at a public school. The bells at Kent Schools were installed by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

The Rev. John Cobbe Pitman, son of the organist of St. George's, Canterbury, and Stodmarsh, was admitted to the priesthood by the Bishop of Lichfield in his Cathedral on Sunday. He is a grandson of the Rev. G. Hughes, of the Primitive Methodist Church. Mr. Pitman's parents were present at his ordination.

A loud speaker has been installed in the belfry of Totteridge Church, Hertfordshire, and bells of famous churches are broadcast by means of a radio-gramophone in the church.

Mr. James George is, we are glad to say, slowly recovering from his serious illness, but it will probably be some months before he is fit for peal ringing again. Everyone will wish him a speedy and complete return to health and activity.

The first peal at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields was 6,008 Grandsire Cinques rung by the London Scholars on March 14th, 1727, and on the following day 6,314 in the same method was rung by the College Youths.

Sixty years ago to-morrow, 10,176 Oxford Treble Bob Major was rung at Kenninghall, and forty years ago next Tuesday the first peal of Duffield Maximus was rung at Birmingham.

'Maily happy returns' to Mr. Challis F. Winney, who celebrates his birthday on Tuesday, having been born at Nayland, Suffolk, on March 17th, 1858.

Have you a 'colour' surname? Messrs. A. R. Pink, of the Railway Hotel, Dorking, or N. Golden, of Diss, Norfolk, will be pleased to hear from any who would care to take part in a 'colours' peal in a Norfolk, Suffolk or Cambridgeshire tower. The 'colours' already available are Brown, Black, Green, White, Pink and Golden.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

Will secretaries please note that subscriptions on the revised scale became due on January 1st inst, and should be sent to the honorary secretary, 165, Rushey Green, Catford, S.E.6? Hon. members are also invited to subscribe towards the funds.

All notices of motion should be received by the hon. secretary not later than March 31st next.

Per pro E. Alex. Young,  
W. A. CAVE, Acting Hon. Secretary.

## HAPPY FAMILY 'QUARTER.'

On Sunday, March 1st, for divine service at the Parish Church of St. John-the-Baptist, Tunstall, Kent, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,280 changes) was rung by a father, four sons, one grandson and two daughters-in-law, as follows: Mrs. G. H. Spice 1. W. Spice, jun., 2. Mrs. E. H. Spice 3. G. H. Spice 4. P. J. Spice 5. E. H. Spice 6. W. Spice, sen., 7. W. H. Spice (grandson) 8. The touch was conducted by W. Spice, sen., and arranged to celebrate his seventieth birthday. All the band are regular Sunday service ringers, one is the lady organist at Tunstall, and father, three sons and grandson are members of the choir, in which there are also two other grandsons, while Messrs. W. Spice, sen. and jun., are members of the Parochial Church Council.



## THE JOHNSON COMMEMORATION DINNER.

## STEDMAN'S TRICENTENARY.

(Continued from page 154.)

The presence of the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Birmingham and the president of the Central Council at the Johnson commemoration dinner lent special importance to the toast of 'The Visitors,' and Mr. Albert Walker (Deputy Ringing Master), in proposing the toast, expressed the appreciation which everyone felt at having these distinguished guests with them. St. Martin's Church, he said, was bound up with the civic life of the city, and it was therefore fitting that the Lord Mayor should, when possible, be present at those gatherings. The Lord Mayor recently attended service at St. Martin's in his official capacity, and he (the speaker) hoped they would see him there on many future Sunday mornings, whether he was in office or not (laughter and hear, hear). He trusted the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress would look back upon that evening as one of the most pleasant of their official year (applause). Mr. Walker also referred to the pleasure it gave the members to have with them Mrs. Guy Rogers (who took such a great interest in every phase of church work), the churchwardens and the ex-churchwardens. No 'Johnson' dinner would seem complete without the presence of their old friends, Mr. Kendall and Mr. Blake, who, they hoped, would be spared for many years to join them at those gatherings. They were very real friends of St. Martin's Guild. Mr. Walker extended a cordial welcome to the members of the many kindred ringing associations represented that evening, and said they were especially pleased to have with them Mr. E. H. Lewis, the president of the Central Council. There could have been no better choice than Mr. Lewis to succeed Canon Coleridge. He was known throughout the country, and would, he was sure, guide the Central Council to wise decisions in the various matters that came before it. He hoped Mr. Lewis would have a happy term of office, and that the associations throughout the country would rally round the Council and support it (applause).

## THE SPIRIT OF HAPPINESS AND GOOD FELLOWSHIP.

The Lord Mayor, who had an enthusiastic reception, first responded. He said that bells had always had an attraction for him, not least for the sense of happiness and good fellowship associated with their sound. He did not, therefore, need much pressing to come there that night in response to their kind invitation, for he knew he would find that same happy sort of spirit amongst those who created the music of the bells (applause). In Birmingham they heard a good deal of 'Triple Bob Majors' (laughter). He understood the carillon was one form of bells for which they had to thank Belgium. There was room for both, and there was no reason why one should dispossess the other. So far as their Guild was concerned, he understood everything went with a swing (applause), and he was sure the Lady Mayoress would agree with him when he said everything had gone with a swing that evening (applause). He was proud to be there in company with his old friend, Alderman Pritchett, a worthy representative of the City of Birmingham, and he understood that, notwithstanding his age, he was the chief bellringer. He was told that the art of change ringing was a somewhat exclusive and intricate study, and little known except to those who practised it. He believed that 'ringing the changes' was also an art, confined to a small and exclusive coterie (laughter). He believed it was true that for many years the Belgians held the lead in bell casting, but that to-day Great Britain stood foremost in this craft, and led that particular trade throughout the world (applause). If his quotations were not strictly correct, it was due to the authors of the books he had consulted on the subject (laughter). Speaking for Birmingham, in his opinion there was no place like it. They claimed to be second only to London as a city, and for intelligent and progressive statesmanship and for public services they said in Birmingham that there was no city to beat them (applause). He welcomed the visitors to the city of Birmingham, and added that if there was anything he could do to make their visit more interesting he would be only too delighted to do it (applause).

## THE WORK OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

Mr. E. H. Lewis, who also responded to the toast, said if the Lord Mayor had responded for the 'laity,' he felt he was responding for the 'ministry,' because he considered the bellringers of this country were a definite ministry in the Church (hear, hear). When he came there that day from London he certainly felt he was coming as a visitor. Although he did his first ringing with the Midland Counties Association not far away, he had never had the opportunity of ringing in Birmingham until that day. Also he felt somewhat as a visitor because he had been 'exiled' for fifteen years in Scotland, and during that time a new generation of ringers had sprung up in this country, and there were many of the younger faces he did not know. In Scotland he had very little opportunity for ringing. There were only one or two churches where any serious change ringing was practised, and only about ten peals of bells in the whole country. After spending such a pleasant time with them in Birmingham, and having rung in their towers, he did not now feel like a visitor at all (applause). They had probably asked him to respond to the toast as president of the Central Council, and he felt it a great honour to represent those 46,000 other ringers who were not present that night. A few years ago there was a certain amount of criticism of the Cen-

tral Council, but he would like to say that, having seen a good deal of the inner working of the Council for 22 years, and a good deal of the valuable work of its committees, he was of opinion that no apology for the Council was necessary, but if the Council was to continue to make good, as it had made good in the past, they must remember that the quality of the Council depended on the quality of the representatives sent by the associations affiliated to it (hear, hear). The Council would only do good work if they sent good men to the Council (applause). Mr. Lewis added that he would like to add his tribute to what Alderman Pritchett had said about the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies. Mr. Davies was a most charming man and a most efficient secretary of the Council, and he held that post for practically half the Council's life. He was sure that all ringers would feel the loss very much indeed because, even though of recent years through failing health Mr. Davies was not able to get about among ringers as much as previously, he continued to do good work, and quite recently published in a new book his notes on Grandfire Triples, which he (the speaker) recommended them all to read if they had not already read it. Continuing, Mr. Lewis said Birmingham was the real home of Stedman ringing. Apart, possibly, from the Sunday ringing at St. Paul's Cathedral, he did not think that anywhere they got such good Stedman ringing as in Birmingham, both on handbells and tower bells. He mentioned this because this year was the 300th anniversary of the birth of Fabian Stedman, who, as they knew, was a Cambridge man. The Editor of 'The Ringing World' had made a suggestion that some steps should be taken to commemorate this 300th anniversary, and that a suitable means of marking the commemoration would be to put in order the bells of St. Benet's Church, Cambridge, upon which Stedman used to ring, only one of them having since been recast. He would like them all to think about that suggestion, because he hoped that later in the year some definite steps might be taken to do something on the lines suggested (applause).

## A 'RIDICULOUS CLAIM.'

Mr. A. Paddon Smith, in proposing the toast of 'The Ringing World,' spoke of its importance in welding the Exeise together, and said without it it would be almost impossible to carry on. They had 46,000 ringers in this country, and it was a standing disgrace that so few of them, comparatively, purchased the paper. He knew that in that room he was 'preaching' to the 'converted,' because he did not think that there was a lady or gentleman there, seriously interested in ringing, who did not support 'The Ringing World,' but they all ought to do their best to extend the circulation. If they could increase the sale to any considerable extent they would get a better journal and probably a cheaper one. Referring to some recent matters which had appeared in 'The Ringing World,' Mr. Smith said they were all extremely sorry for the band that took part in the long peal at Painswick, and, after having rung nearly twelve hours, discovered that the peal was false. He was particularly sorry for Mr. James George who rang the tenor, and he put it down in no small measure to that sustained effort and the subsequent disappointment that he was at that moment ill in bed. It was a tremendous performance for a man of his years, and to find it was all in vain was extremely disappointing. Upon the top of that they had Mr. Albert Wright making the absurd claim that, notwithstanding the fact that the peal was false, it would still be considered by him—he (Mr. Smith) was sure not by anyone else—as a record length on twelve bells. He did not think Mr. Wright could be serious, for it was a ridiculous claim. Mr. Smith went on to refer to the action of the Methods Committee in holding up the publication of the Minor Collection. He said they wished to dictate the form in which the book should appear, and what should be printed upon its cover and title page. They ought to remember the old saying, that he who pays the piper should call the tune. Here the Central Council was going to pay for the publication, and it ought to dictate the form in which it should be issued, and what was printed on the title page. He thought Mr. Young had taken the correct standpoint in saying that if the book was not printed in accordance with the wishes of the Council he would not authorise payment (hear, hear).

The toast having been honoured, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith responded, and, referring to the Stedman Tercentenary, said if it was decided to do anything by way of celebration, he hoped Birmingham, whose ringing reputation had been largely built up on the method given to the world by Stedman, would give a lead to the Exeise, which would ensure the success of any scheme undertaken.

The concluding toast was that of 'The Chairman,' proposed in felicitous terms by Mr. J. J. Kendall, and acknowledged by Canon Guy Rogers.

The speeches were interspersed with music, the programme being an exceptionally good one. St. Martin's Quartette (Messrs. Hales, Chapman, Bayliss and Gorman) once more delighted the company with their part-songs. They sang 'Jolly Roger' (Candish), 'Passing By' (Purcell), 'There's music in the air' and 'Doan ye cry' (Noll). Miss D. E. Griffin, aptly described by the chairman as 'the singing daughter of a ringing father,' displayed a charming voice in 'The Flower Song' from 'Faust' and 'The Lament of Isis' (Granville Bantock), while Mr. A. S. Downes gave a fine rendering of 'In summer time on Bredon' (Graham Peck) and 'Mountain Lovers'.

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## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

### OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE LAMBETH MEETING.

The first session of the fourteenth Council (38th annual meeting) was held in the Guard Room at Lambeth Palace, London, on Whit-sun Tuesday, June 10th, 1930, at 11 a.m. The chair was taken by the president, Canon G. F. Coleridge, who opened the meeting with prayer. There were present 96 members, 39 guilds and associations being represented.

The President then introduced the Rev. A. Sargent, the Archbishop's secretary, and said that the Council were greatly indebted to the Archbishop for his permission to hold their meeting there. The Rev. A. Sargent then formally welcomed the Council on the Archbishop's behalf, and, after referring to the historic associations of Lambeth Palace, thanked them, as ringers, for the work they did for the Church.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

This being next upon the agenda, the President said that he felt the time had now come when, for the reasons of advancing age and the strain of recent illnesses, he should give way for a younger member. As a matter of fact, only one nomination, that for Mr. E. H. Lewis, had been received, but he thought they had found in that gentleman one both highly respected and one who would worthily carry on the traditions of the Council. Canon Coleridge then inducted Mr. Lewis into the presidential chair, and his election was ratified with acclamation, the outgoing president being also most heartily cheered.

The President, having thanked those present and warmly eulogised his predecessor, said that there was only one nomination for the post of hon. secretary and treasurer, that of Mr. E. Alexr. Young, who was declared to be again duly re-elected. The Hon. Secretary, in returning thanks, said that he would do his best to carry on for another year, when they would probably find a younger man to take his place.

The President then said that similarly there was only one nomination for the post of honorary librarian, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, and he also was declared to be duly re-elected to that office, and Mr. Jenkyn briefly thanked those present.

The Hon. Secretary then said that the minutes of the last meeting had been published, but that his attention had been called to an alleged inaccuracy. Mr. C. T. Coles asked that the words in Mr. Willson's amendment relating to certain compositions, i.e., 'on the ground that they are hopelessly false,' should be included. This being agreed, the minutes, on the motion of Mr. P. J. Johnston, seconded by Mr. W. T. Cockerill, were adopted.

### APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Revs. C. D. P. Davies, A. T. Beeston, E. W. Carpenter, C. C. Marshall, H. T. Parry and W. T. Wright, Messrs. W. Ayre, T. Hervey Beams, C. E. Barrett, G. Chester, J. Clarke, T. R. Dennis, J. W. England, N. Golden, T. Metcalfe and W. Storey.

### ACCOUNTS.

The Hon. Treasurer next presented his statement of accounts, and showed that the year started with a balance in hand of £31 19s. 6d. The receipts included a donation from Rev. Teape of £1 1s., affiliation fees £30 2s. 6d., interest on stock £5. The expenditure was £13 14s. 1d., leaving a balance at bank of £38 5s. 6d., and cash in hand £16 3s. 5d. The Hon. Secretary said that two new Guilds had joined the Council, i.e., the Romney Marsh and District Guild and the Oxford Society. The accounts were adopted on the motion of Mr. A. A. Hughes, seconded by Mr. A. Paddon Smith. The auditors were also thanked for their services.

The Hon. Librarian then presented his report (as previously published). He said that books were sent on sale or return, and with the help of the associations there should be a larger scale. 'Rules for a local company' was now reprinted, and soon the 'Care and preservation of bells' would be also reprinted. The receipts for the year were £4 16s. 5d., but the expenditure (largely advertising) was £9 10s. 6d., leaving a considerable adverse balance.

### ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS.

The following hon. members retire this year, and on the motion of Mr. A. L. Coleman, seconded by Mr. James George, were duly re-elected: Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Major J. H. B. Hesse, and Messrs. J. S. Goldsmith, J. Griffin, C. F. Johnston, J. A. Trollope and E. Alexr. Young. This being carried, it was agreed to leave one vacancy, i.e., that caused by the withdrawal of Rev. A. T. Beeston after many years of valuable service on the Council.

### STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Hon. Secretary reported generally, and, referring to travelling facilities, said that these had been obtained that year, but that less than the stipulated 100 tickets had been issued. In regard to the Carter ringing machine, he stated that a demonstration for members of the Council had been given the previous Sunday afternoon. The machine had been adjusted and was in fair order, for which they had to thank Messrs. Fardon and Sharman, and also Mr. A. A. Hughes for his gift of a new set of bells for it. On the motion of Canon Baker, seconded by Canon H. J. Elsee, the report was adopted.

On the motion of Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, seconded by Mr. W. Willson, the outgoing committee (with the exception of Rev. A. T. Beeston) were re-elected: Canon G. F. Coleridge, Canon H. J. Elsee, Revs. C. D. P. Davies, C. W. O. Jenkyn, H. Law James, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Messrs. J. D. Matthews, W. T. Cockerill, W. A. Cave, C. T. Coles, J. Griffin, A. A. Hughes, C. F. Johnston, A. Paddon Smith and E. Alexr. Young, together with the conveners of all committees, ex officio.

### PEAL COLLECTION COMMITTEE.

The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson reported the proving of Treble Bob Major peals, with tenors parted, as nearly complete for typing. In reply to a communication forwarded to him from the Suffolk Guild, he thought it impracticable for the Council to publish Mr. Carter's peals, however otherwise desirable. Mr. C. J. Sedgely and Rev. E. S. Powell having spoken in reference to this, Mr. G. R. Newton urged that the typed peals of Treble Bob, now in the library, should be printed. On the motion of the honorary secretary, seconded by Mr. C. T. Coles, the report was adopted.

On the motion of Mr. J. Hunt, seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes, the committee were re-elected as follows: Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Rev. E. S. Powell, Mrs. Fletcher, Messrs. J. A. Trollope, H. W. Wilde and J. W. Parker.

### LITERATURE AND PRESS COMMITTEE.

Rev. F. L. Edwards, reporting, said that the previous year had been remarkable for the many articles relating to bells and ringing which had appeared, and that, too, in unexpected quarters such as trade journals. The committee observed that 'The Ringing World' had attained its thousandth issue, and might now look forward to its jubilee. The usual crop of complaints, he thought, had been satisfactorily dealt with. The year had also been remarkable for the Hyde Park carillon, which they had visited the previous day at the invitation of Mr. C. F. Johnston, and which had stimulated many articles in the public Press.

Mr. C. H. Howard took the opportunity to inform the Council that a trust had been formed, under the will of a Miss Barron, having in view bell restoration, and established by a fund producing some £2,000 a year. Canon Coleridge said that Mr. Morris' valuable new work on ringing would shortly appear, and he recommended it to ringers and libraries.

On the motion of Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by Mr. James George, the report was adopted, and the committee—Rev. F. L. Edwards, Messrs. A. Paddon Smith, J. S. Goldsmith and W. Willson—re-elected, and Mr. C. H. Howard added to the same (in lieu of Rev. A. T. Beeston and Mr. G. P. Burton, retired).

### METHODS COMMITTEE.

The Rev. H. Law James, in reporting, said that the printing of the new edition of the 'Collection of Doubles and Minor Methods,' authorised last year had been held up on account of the heavy outlay involved, i.e., some £68. They felt that the possibility of dividing the book should be discussed. Mr. J. A. Trollope, in reply to a question as to the alternative cost, pointed out that estimates were not in their province, but the book was, and they presented one which was complete and exhaustive. They were, if necessary, prepared to divide the book, and the parts came at about the two-thirds and one-third, but they could not recommend the least omission from the work.

Mr. Willson suggested some guarantee being obtained from the affiliated societies, whilst Mr. P. J. Johnson thought it might be as well to publish all the Council's publications serially, and considerable discussion followed upon proposals to reduce the work. After Messrs. J. S. Goldsmith, A. D. Barker, J. Hunt, E. M. Atkins, Rev. E. S. Powell and others had spoken, the President suggested that it be left with the Standing Committee to print a section with a money limit of, say, £40, and the Rev. H. Drake that it be 2s. per copy.

Mr. T. Faulkner having pressed for the full book, Canon Coleridge moved that its publication in full be proceeded with, stock being sold out as necessary to meet the cost, and this being seconded by Mr. Faulkner, Mr. P. J. Johnson moved an amendment that such publication should be done serially. This being duly seconded, was put and lost.

Canon Elsee favoured two volumes, one at 2s. and one at 1s. 6d., instead of one at 3s., which was supported by Mr. Drake, but Mr. Faulkner, now pressing for the original motion to be put, this was done and declared carried by a large majority.

On the motion of Rev. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, seconded by Mr. C. T. Coles, the report was adopted, and the committee, consisting of Rev. H. Law James, Rev. E. S. Powell, and Messrs. J. A. Trollope and E. H. Lewis, were re-elected and thanked by the Council.

The Council then adjourned for the luncheon interval.

### ANALYSIS COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Fletcher reported for the committee, and said its tabulated statement had already been published. Mr. A. F. Sharman raised a point as to an apparently small error, and was promised that it would be investigated. (See explanatory letter from the convener in 'The Ringing World,' July 4th, 1930, p. 430.) On the withdrawal of Mr. James George, the committee had co-opted Mr. C. Dean in his stead, and, after many years' valuable service, Mr. G. Williams was also withdrawing from it. On the motion of the president, the committee, consisting of the following, Mrs. G. Fletcher, Messrs. G. R. Pye, C. Dean and G. W. Fletcher, were re-elected and thanked for their services.

## TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE.

Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, in reporting for the committee, said that the new edition of the 'Preservation of bells, frames and fittings' was now in typescript. The original edition of 1891 (the compilers of which had all passed away, with the exception of Mr. F. E. Dawe, who was with them that day), had been extended and improved; they had, however, eliminated Section 5, the schedule of prices. The work would be found to contain most useful knowledge and all the latest information upon the subject. He, Mr. Jenkyn, must leave it to the Council as to whether it could see its way to publish the book at once.

The Convener, in continuing, said that both he and some other members of the committee had made various inspections and reports, and things generally seemed to be in a healthier state than was the case a few years ago. Major J. H. B. Hesse and Mr. E. Alexr. Young (hon. secretary) both referred also to cases which had come within their purview during the year.

The President then said that he had made some further investigations and had conferred with the architect at Barnet, where a reinforced concrete band had been let in within the tower, and had also been approached by the S.P.A.B. in regard to swinging bells diagonally. Mr. Lewis explained to the meeting that, in towers of perfectly equal strength and uniform section, stiffness to resist thrusts would be equal in either or any direction. He said, however, that such perfect towers did not exist, and gave illustrations from practical examples of the remarkable variations in the stiffness of towers, due to openings and the disposition of the walls, and particularly buttresses. The traditional tower, with its west window and nave arch, should have its heaviest thrusts arranged to occur east and west; there were other examples, such as in the case of Northaw, where the thrust should be north-west to south-east, but they were all capable of calculation. The thing to be done was to be sure that the forces were arranged so as to be in the line of the greatest stiffness of the tower.

Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn then proposed the adoption of the report, and moved that the new edition of the 'Preservation of bells' be printed as soon as possible; this was seconded by Canon H. J. Elsee and carried. On the motion of Rev. H. Drake, seconded by Rev. E. S. Powell, the committee, consisting of Rev. C. D. P. Davies, C. W. O. Jenkyn, Major J. H. B. Hesse and Messrs. E. H. Lewis and E. Alexr. Young, were re-elected.

Mr. F. E. Dawe said that he thought the book should be published now, and that part of the expense might be met by subscriptions from the members themselves. He would be pleased to start such a fund with a couple of guineas. Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn said that he was glad to hear the previous speaker's proposal, and would also subscribe a similar amount for such a useful book. Several other members expressed their concurrence, and the proposal taken as a motion was carried.

## RECORDS COMMITTEE.

The report of this committee, not having been published, was read by the hon. secretary (it has since been printed in 'The Ringing World'). Rev. A. T. Beeston, who had been a member of the committee many years, having resigned, the remaining members were, on the motion of the president, re-elected as follow: Rev. H. Law James and Mr. T. Harvey Beams, with the addition of Mr. G. Grover.

## LEGAL COMMITTEE.

Alderman J. S. Pritchett, reporting, said that, their work having been completed by their report last year, he moved that the committee be discharged, and Mr. A. Paddon Smith seconded. Rev. H. Drake was dubious as to this course, but in any case he would be pleased to pay for the publication of its report. After some remarks by Rev. F. L. Edwards, the President said that the committee had lost a valuable member in the person of the late Mr. F. A. Milne, and he would ask those present to stand in silence as a last token of respect, which was done. He added that he would propose that the committee be discharged with thanks, but that Alderman Pritchett be asked kindly to retain a watching brief on their behalf, and that they should thankfully accept Rev. H. Drake's generous offer. The formal motion was then substituted and carried, Alderman Pritchett saying that he was happy to be of assistance.

The Council proceeded to the consideration of the motions upon the agenda.

The Hon. Secretary proposed that the scale of the yearly subscriptions arranged last year be again reconsidered, and moved that affiliated societies pay 2s. 6d. only for their 3rd and 4th representatives, also that hon. members pay 5s. each. He thought that it would prove a fair arrangement and would leave the Council's income much as now. Rev. F. L. Edwards seconded. Alderman Pritchett, whilst concurring in principle, moved as an amendment 'that hon. members be invited to subscribe not less than 5s. in each year.' The word 'invited' would not necessitate an alteration in the rules, for the attention of hon. members could be called to it every year, when he was sure they would give 5s. or more. Mr. W. Willson, having seconded the amendment, the Hon. Secretary said that he was prepared to accept it, and Rev. F. L. Edwards concurred.

Rev. E. S. Powell moved that, re societies, no alteration be made. Mr. Sedgeley seconded, and, after some further discussion, the situation was clarified by the motion of the president, that the alterations proposed should be divided into two parts and voted upon successively, and, this being so agreed, the motion to increase representatives' subscriptions was lost, and the motion to invite hon. members to pay 5s. or more was carried.

The Hon. Secretary then initiated a discussion upon suggested alterations of the Council's rules, following upon an anonymous article which had appeared in 'The Ringing World' of October 18th, 1929. After reviewing the position, Mr. Young said that as Mr. Cave had an allied motion now on the agenda, it would be as well to pass on to it. Mr. Cave was then asked to propose his motion. That, in order to bring ringing societies into closer co-operation with the Council, every affiliated society be requested to incorporate in its rules words to the following effect: 'That this society be affiliated to the Central Council of Church Bellringers, and loyally carry out the rules and decisions thereof.' On Mr. Cave proposing this and explaining at some length both a series of misapprehensions and a mistake which appeared to have arisen in interpreting the rules, the Hon. Secretary, in seconding, said that alterations of the rules could only be effected by proper procedure, but they could pass advisory resolutions or requests such as the one proposed, a course which would probably be helpful. Rev. H. Law James moved, and Mr. J. A. Trollope seconded, to leave out the words 'and decisions.' Considerable discussion then ensued in which Messrs. C. T. Coles, W. Willson, P. J. Johnson, J. W. Jones, Revs. Canon Elsee and E. S. Powell took part. But the motion was carried as proposed, except that, at the suggestion of Alderman Pritchett (accepted by the sponsors) the words 'loyally abide by' were substituted for 'loyally carry out.'

Mr. W. Cave then moved: 'That a committee be appointed to consider, and, if thought necessary, to revise the rules of the Council and report at the next meeting,' which Mr. J. S. Goldsmith seconded, but Alderman J. S. Pritchett then proposed that the motion be amended to read 'That the Standing Committee be requested to consider,' etc., which, being accepted, was carried.

The foregoing concluded the motions proper to the list, and the Council then proceeded to select the place of next year's meeting. This being by rota due to be held in the North, the Standing Committee supported Ripon. Mr. P. J. Johnson urged Leeds, and Mr. R. Murphy, who had come over especially from Ireland, offered the Council a cordial invite to Dublin. Mr. G. R. Newton gave many reasons why Liverpool should be chosen. The President said that, whilst they all appreciated very highly the invitation of the Irish Association to visit Dublin, he felt that it should fall in a Western group of visits, and be the subject of considerable pre-arrangement. In view of this, voting was confined to the three Northern cities, the numbers being, Ripon and Leeds 23 each and Liverpool 34, which was declared selected for next year's meeting.

The President said that there were two other late motions which they had still time to consider, and called upon Rev. H. Drake to move: (1) 'That a collection of lantern slides be formed by the Council to illustrate ringing in its various aspects,' and (2) 'That notices of motions shall be sent in the names of either individual members or of affiliated societies, for a preliminary agenda, before Easter, but in the names of societies only if sent in for a later agenda after Easter.' Mr. Drake suggested that these proposals might be considered by the Standing Committee. This was agreed to.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith then called attention to the statement in Regular Methods appearing in 'Rules and Decisions,' which, as regards 'Little' methods and spiced ringing, appeared to be out of date, and moved: 'That the Methods Committee be requested to review the points and report at the next meeting as to what action, if any, should be taken.' The motion, being seconded by Mr. G. Grover, was carried.

The President proposed a vote of thanks to the Archbishop of Canterbury for according them the use of Lambeth Palace, which was carried by acclamation. A cordial greeting, at the instance of Canon Elsee, seconded by Rev. Jenkyn, was also directed to be sent to the late hon. secretary, Rev. C. D. P. Davies, who was unable to be with them. The President referred to the fact that several of the original members were there that day, viz., Canon Coleridge, Canon Elsee, Canon Baker and Messrs. F. Griffin and F. E. Dawe.

Canon Coleridge having proposed a vote of thanks to the president (carried by acclamation), and the latter having briefly replied, the meeting closed at about five o'clock.

## THE JOHNSON DINNER (Continued from page 169.)

(Squire). A welcome addition to the programme was again the handbell solos executed with characteristic grace and effect by Mrs. A. A. Hughes, who played 'Promise of Life' (Cowen) and 'Until' (Sanderson), and, in response to request, gave as an encore the ever popular 'Land of Hope and Glory.' An extremely enjoyable evening terminated with the National Anthem.

Many visitors remained in Birmingham until Sunday. A large number took part in the service ringing at St. Martin's Church, others visited St. Chad's, West Bromwich, and Walsall, and an informal but very pleasant gathering took place later at the Nelson Hotel.



### THE PASSING OF THE SYSTON TURKEY.

Syston, as all the world knows, is noted for plums, but according to 'A Flat poet' also bells and other things. An old adage says it's an all wind that blows no one any good, and evidently Syston fogs have the same reputation—see 'The Ringing World.' As a result of the aforesaid fog, following a Christmessy dirge, entitled 'The song of the Syston turkey' by that un-put-up-able A Flat, the bell opening party again assembled there to digest this mysterious bird.

First showing their prowess by joining the M.C.A. meeting and ringing some 'surprising' methods on the newly retuned and rebung bells, with more or less (a lot less) acumen, especially when the C.O. turned the tenor in to the accompaniment of the Sergeant-major's usual sarcastic remarks, they adjourned to the place where the 'landlord fills the flowing bowl until it doth run over.' Some thirty managed to squeeze in, and it is quite certain 'A Flat' was 'B flat' as he sat humped like Jack Horner in his corner. All eyes gleamed as they watched the V.P., coat off and duly armed, curve the aforesaid Syston turkey as to manner born. H.P. sauce(ily) tried to 'detect' what the Clarke was Fidling about with as he Dexterously attempted to remove the stuffing off Collins' Barrow. This sort of thing went on till William the axtieth declared he had had an excellent sufficiency of a superfluity, and any further par-taken would prove an encumbrance to his overburdened interior. Syston has many Paynes, and would have more if they did not desist.

The coroner's officer held an inquest on the skeleton of the Syston turkey, and declared it had had a good upbringing in A. Mansfield, but had been slaughtered in a good cause. He ordered its immediate cremation. Fred II. then tried his hand with fireworks, and now we all know why he made such a mess of things in Flanders in 1916. It's a Dicky Lane that has no turning, so all turned to gather a 'Blue Bell.'

J. O. (no connection with Lanes) instituted himself chairman, and ordered each present to do something—either sing, recite, or be heavily fined. J. G. (not 'he' of England) led off with the 'ode to the Syston turkey,' and its author encouraged him with his 'gobble, gobble here, and cluck, cluck there,' accompanied on the 'wireless pole.' The chairman had great difficulty in keeping the Sergeant-major in his place, for he proved himself most ambi-Dexter-ous with the glasses, using either hand with equal ability. Indeed he had to call the coroner's officer to aid him with threats of immediate extinction. H. P. (the saucy one) gave a version of his now famous lyric, and each one had to suffer from his sauce. The V. P. (with portfolio) gave a second version of the 'Syston turkey ode,' and then tried to coerce 'J. O.' and 'W. W.' into a second turkey bet on a musical monologue, which unfortunately ended in a draw—not the 'draw' Jim hoped for. At this point William was conquered, and begged leave to retire. Phillip evidently thought he was Konnerley Rumford, for he sang his song—the ringers' in a Hardy style. Colin, who would have been accompanied by the Fidler had he not lost his 'beau,' rendered—very heartrendingly—'Come and have a drink,' to which the Sergeant-major responded with alacrity, joined by the chairman, who ought to have known better. Indeed, had it not been for Mary Cufflin then, the C.O. would have had another job. J. G. did yeoman service with the 'flowing bowl' (or rather bucket), and the Clarke kept Kitty in hand. It is rumoured Snowdon is seeking his aid to help balance the budget. Frederick II. obliged by giving an elaborate exposition explicitly of 'a blush,' whereon there was an influx of the 'feminine gender' into the room, which caused 'J. O.' to do some extraordinary passages and contortions on 5 x 6 handbells, a cross between a Morris dance and Grecian bend. Time came all too soon to close the merry party, but it is suggested that this become a monthly affair, so will all get their digestive organs in order and a goodly supply of Andrews!

### DOUBLE LITTLE BOB.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In your issue of February 27th last there appears a peal of Double Little Bob Major rung at North Lopham and conducted by Nolan Golden.

If the method is the same as that given by Mr. G. Lewis in 'The Ringing World' of July 11th, 1930, the name should have been Erith Little Bob, that being the name given to it when it was first rung at Crayford on March 11th, 1930.—Yours faithfully,

E. BARNETT.

### MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The February meeting of the Peak District was held at Darley Dale on Saturday, February 28th, but the attendance was ruined by the heavy rainfall. About sixteen ringers, however, were present from Bakewell, Darley Dale, Leicester, Matlock and Sandiacre, and some creditable ringing was accomplished in the various standard methods till about 8 p.m. The Vicar was present at tea, and afterwards the handbells were brought into use.

It was decided, if possible, to hold the next meeting on March 28th at Baslow, where it is hoped to arrange tea, and afterwards to go on to Edensor for the evening ringing—two very good peals of six, which should afford ample scope for a good meeting.

### MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

#### MEETING AT DALSTON.

Some excellent ringing practice was obtained at the meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, held at St. Mark's, Dalston, on Saturday last. The bells, a peal of eight, with a 20 cwt. tenor, require a certain amount of skill to ring properly, owing to a movement in the tower. Up to a few years ago they had been silent for nearly fifty years, but under the skilful care of Mr. J. E. Davis they have been got into good going order, and but for the oscillation of the tower there is little fault to be found. During the afternoon some fifty members attended, and the Master (Mr. A. W. Coles), by a skilful mixing of the methods, gave everybody present plenty of opportunities to take part in the ringing.

At the service, which was held in the vestry, the Vicar (Rev. J. O. Vince) gave the members a very cordial welcome, as well as a helpful address.

The Vicar also presided at tea, and at the subsequent business meeting. He expressed his pleasure at the large muster, and a count up of members from different towers showed that twenty were represented.

To show their respect for the late Mr. William Miller, of Leytonstone, who had been a member for over thirty years, all present stood in silence for a few moments.

Edgware was chosen as the place of the next meeting. The vice-president (Mr. W. Pickworth) proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for his address at the service, and for the use of the bells, as well as to Mr. C. Randall for the arrangements made.—This was seconded by the hon. secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles), who congratulated Mr. Randall on the progress his ringers were making after the series of difficulties they had been through.

A further visit was paid to the tower after the meeting, and a great variety of methods, from Grandsire Triples to Spliced Surprise Major, were rung.

### SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

#### DEVIZES BRANCH.

The monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at St. Leonard's Church, Keevil, on Saturday, March 7th. Although the weather was very cold, a fair number of ringers attended. The bells, a nice toned peal of six, with a tenor 21 cwt. in E, were raised shortly after 3 p.m., and, after ringing in various methods, the Guild service was held in the church. Unfortunately the Vicar, the Rev. F. M. Weller, was unable, through illness, to attend, and the service was conducted by the branch chairman, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham. The choirboys very kindly led the singing. After tea at the Beach Arms, a short business meeting was held, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham presiding.

The chairman gave a brief report on the Guild committee meeting held at Salisbury on February 17th.

It was decided to arrange for the first of the 'branch lectures on change ringing' to be given at the quarterly meeting at Melksham on April 11th. These lectures were suggested by Mr. C. F. Andrews, Trowbridge.

An application from the Keevil ringers for a course of instruction was recommended by the meeting.

The usual votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the organist, brought the meeting to a close.

The following towers were represented: Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), St. James', Southbroom, Bratton, Melksham, Trowbridge, Rowde and Keevil.

More ringing followed till about 8 p.m., touches of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire being rung during the afternoon and evening.

### DEATH OF AN OLD COVENTRY RINGER

#### RECOLLECTIONS OF A 2 A.M. PEAL.

The death occurred in Coventry on February 20th of Mr. William H. Brunsden at the age of 67 after a short illness.

'Billy,' as he was known to his associates, was one of the old school of ringers, a good striker, and sound method ringer. His early ringing, also most of his peals, took place in Gloucestershire, and he would spin many yarns of his ringing experiences in that district. One peal he particularly remembered, finished at 2 a.m., following an 'inquest' held in the village hostelry until closing time (11 p.m. in those days) on a failure earlier in the evening.

Deceased rang several peals for the Midland Counties Association and one or two in the Newcastle district before settling down in Coventry just over twenty years ago. For the Warwickshire Guild he rang 18 peals, of which he conducted four. Of late years fortune did not smile on him, but whatever the circumstances, 'Billy' remained cheerful. May he rest in peace.

The following ringers took part in a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples at Stoke Church, Coventry, on Monday, February 23rd, the day of the funeral: G. Robins (first quarter-peal) 1, F. Pervin 2, O. J. Hunt 3, D. Ellender 4, W. Hibbert (conductor) 5, W. T. Cox 6, W. A. Stote 7, F. Rouse 8.



**SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.**

**PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.**—On Sunday, March 8th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans): R. Johnson (longest length of Stedman) 1, V. Edwards 2, W. E. Clarke 3, R. P. Deal (conductor) 4, S. Holt 5, S. Greenhalgh 6, H. Greenhalgh 7, W. Howard 8.

**OVER, CAMBS.**—On Sunday, March 8th, for morning service at St. Mary's Church, 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. Whybrow 1, F. Warrington (conductor) 2, M. Ginn 3, D. Adams 4, R. Thoday 5, C. Robinson 6. For evensong, 720 Norwich Surprise: H. Robinson 1, M. Ginn 2, B. Wayman 3, F. Warrington (conductor) 4, C. Robinson 5, F. G. Gleaves 6.

**HALESOWEN.**—On Sunday, March 8th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of London Surprise Major (1,344 changes) in 52 mins.: A. H. Harris 1, E. H. Forrest 2, T. Greenhall 3, W. Coley 4, H. G. Bird 5, J. H. Cox 6, W. H. Webb 7, A. Hackett (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal of London Surprise Major by the ringers of the 2nd and 7th. The above performance is a very creditable one, as all the ringers are members of the local band.

**NEWCASTLE.**—At the Cathedral, on Sunday, March 8th, for evensong, 720 Stedman Caters: C. L. Routledge 1, W. Story 2, A. Payne 3, J. Anderson 4, J. Foreman 5, W. J. Davidson 6, A. Deas 7, W. H. Barber 8, T. Thompson 9, L. Ingelow 10. A birthday touch for Mr. Arthur Payne, the genial secretary of the Cathedral Guild.

**THATCHAM, BERKS.**—On Sunday, March 8th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): S. Quintin 1, J. Abery 2, L. Batten 3, Miss V. Robinson 4, R. Rex 5, H. W. Smith 6, G. Gilbert (conductor) 7, A. Smith 8. First quarter of Stedman on the bells. Specially arranged for Miss Robinson.

**CRENCESSTER, GLOS.**—On Sunday, March 1st, for evening service, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): F. Edwards 1, F. J. Lewis, sen., 2, W. C. Cuss 3, H. Gassor (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 4, F. J. Lewis, jun., 5, H. S. Parsons 6, W. H. Hayward (conductor) 7, H. Lewis 8.

**BUSHEY, HERTS.**—On Sunday morning, March 1st, at St. James' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples by the following: H. Dale (first quarter-peal with an 'inside' bell) 1, J. J. Allen 2, R. Darlow 3, H. Hodgetts 4, W. H. Whitehead 5, F. A. Smith 6, W. Seeley (conductor) 7, W. Cross 8.

**WATFORD, HERTS.**—At the Parish Church, for evening service, on Sunday, February 22nd, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 50 mins.: W. Crowsey 1, S. Hoare 2, H. Long 3, H. Milton 4, W. Oakley 5, F. Edwards 6, W. Norris 7, H. Cashmore (conductor) 8.

**BRAINTREE.**—On Sunday, February 22nd, for evensong, at the Parish Church, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: S. Warne 1, G. Melbourne 2, L. W. Wiffen 3, C. H. Howard (conductor) 4, G. Lindrige 5, F. T. Ely 6, H. C. Reason 7, W. Hammond 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the second and tenor.

**CRANLEIGH.**—At the Parish Church, for evensong, on February 15th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: A. Tidy 1, Mrs. R. Whittington 2, L. Warner 3, H. Tidy 4, C. Charman 5, C. Stephens 6, H. Charman (conductor) 7, R. Whittington 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of treble and 8th.

**CAMBERWELL.**—On Sunday, February 15th, at St. Giles' Church, Camberwell, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters in 51 mins.: C. O. Moore 1, Miss Mills 2, T. H. Taffender 3, G. Grainger 4, T. W. Taffender (conductor) 5, J. R. Gammon 6, E. J. King 7, W. D. Grainger 8, G. Daynes 9, H. H. Peters 10.

**WESTHOUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.**—At St. Bartholomew's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 45 mins., for the afternoon service of the choir sermons on February 15th: R. Walmsley (first quarter-peal in method) 1, H. Walmsley 2, T. Smith 3, W. Halliwell 4, F. F. Rigby (first peal as conductor) 5, Major Crook 6, T. B. Worsley 7, A. W. Leigh (first quarter-peal) 8. Ringers of 1, 3, 5, and 8 are members of the local band, the rest are from Deane.

**WILTON, TAUNTON.**—At St. George's Church, on Sunday, February 15th, for evening service, by the Wilton Guild, a quarter-peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): E. J. Bull 1, S. Wyatt 2, A. W. Hayward 3, H. E. Causley 4, S. A. Wyatt 5, D. F. Sheldon 6, S. G. Coles 7, A. J. Wyatt (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method by ringers of 1, 3, 4 and 6.

**BEDDINGTON, SURREY.**—On Sunday, February 15th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): Miss Ivy Kippin 1, L. Bance 2, A. Arnold 3, H. S. Robinson 4, F. Jennings 5, A. J. Trappitt (conductor) 6, J. Sparrow 7, J. Avery 8. Longest length by the ringer of the treble, and rung on her 21st birthday.

**STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.**—At St. John's Church, on Sunday, February 15th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: F. Hazell 1, J. Jackson 2, H. Moxom 3, E. Leversuch 4, G. A. Hughes 5, C. Dyke (conductor) 6, F. Edwards 7, W. Cheshire 8. Rung in honour of the 90th birthday of Sir Edward Clarke.

**LAVERNHAM, SUFFOLK.**—On Sunday, February 15th, for matins, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): F. A. Turner 1, W. Andrews 2, A. Symonds 3, S. H. Symonds (conductor) 4, L. Pryke 5, M. T. Symonds 6, W. R. J. Poulson 7, E. F. Mortlock 8. First 'quarter' of Stedman by L. Pryke and W. Andrews.

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 26th, Southwark Cathedral on the 19th, \*The Coffee Pot, on the 24th, at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Corston on Saturday, March 14th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. — N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Annual meeting will be held at Sheffield Cathedral and St. Marie's on Saturday, March 14th. Bells of both towers available early. Visitors make own arrangements for tea. Committee meeting 4 p.m. Important.—In view of the secretary's intending resignation, the post will be open at this meeting for nominations. A hearty welcome extended to all.—H. Thorpe, Hon. Sec., 104, Petre St., Sheffield.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The third annual dinner of the Gloucester Branch will be held at the Spread Eagle Hotel (Northgate Street) on Saturday, March 14th, at 6 p.m. The following towers open for ringing during the afternoon: St. Michael's (10), 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.; St. Mary de Lode (6), 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.; St. Mary de Crypt (8), 4.50 p.m. to 5.50 p.m. All ringers, ladies and friends welcome. Come and spend a pleasant evening. Tickets, 3s. each, obtainable of W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 15, Painswick Road, Gloucester.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Preston, on Saturday, March 14th. Bells available from 2.30.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Ingrave (Brentwood 3 miles) on Saturday, March 14th. Bells (5) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea by kind invitation of the Rector. Herongate buses, which pass the church, leave Brentwood (Yorkshire Grey) every half hour. Subscriptions for 1931 are now due.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—Next meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, March 14th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Usual tea arrangements will be made. This tower is worthy of a visit.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mymms, Hatfield.

**BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—Next meeting will be held at Royston on Saturday, March 14th. Bells ready early. Tea 6d. each. All members earnestly invited to attend.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—A meeting will be held at Harlestone on Saturday, March 14th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

**EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.** — A ringing meeting of the Guild will be held at Balcombe on Saturday, March 14th. Tower open 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. — G. Lambert, Hon. Sec., Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch. —The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Helmshore on Saturday, March 14th. Tower open for ringing 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Ealing, on Saturday, March 14th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea arranged as usual. All ringers welcome.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.** — North Dorset Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Sturminster Newton on Saturday, March 14th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting following. All heartily invited. Please notify Rev. A. E. Nedham, Compton Abbas Rectory, Shaftesbury.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Central Bucks Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Steeple Claydon on Saturday, March 14th. Bells (5) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—E. F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 92, High Street, Winslow.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at St. Helens on Saturday, March 14th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea, 1s. each, 6.15 p.m. — Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Kingston-on-Thames on Saturday, March 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea (1s. per head) at Church Hall, Ashdown Road, at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Please notify Mr. J. Howes, 9, Hawks Road, Kingston, if you intend to be present at tea. All ringers welcome.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec., 18, Guy Road, Beddington, Croydon.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—The annual meeting of this division will be held at St. Saviour's, Eastbourne, on Saturday, March 21st. Bells (8) available at 2.45 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, at the Church Room, South Street (by kind invitation). Business meeting to follow. The bells at All Saints' (8) and St. Mary's (8) will be available after the meeting. All those intending to be present at the tea must advise me not later than Wednesday, March 18th.—George W. Stokes, 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Elizabeth, Reddish, on Saturday, March 21st. Bells 6 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Western Division. —The annual meeting will be held at Queensbury on Saturday, March 21st. The peal of 8 (tenor 14½ cwt.) at Holy Trinity Church will be available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea, at a charge of 1s. per head, to all those who send in their names to Mr. C. Ellison, 28, Russell Avenue, Queensbury, near Bradford, not later than Tuesday, March 17th.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.** — Nomination meeting.—The next meeting will be held at Armley on Saturday, March 21st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m. Other arrangements as usual. — H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Southern Division. —The annual meeting will be held at Handsworth, near Sheffield, on Saturday, March 21st. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Preacher, the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, Vicar of Ordsall. Tea at 5.30 p.m. at 1s. per head. Please notify Mr. J. C. Taylor, 51, Laverack Street, Handsworth, Sheffield, by Wednesday, March 18th, for same. The business meeting for election of officers, etc., will be held immediately after tea. Further particulars will be sent to towers by circular, and a good attendance is desired.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 56, Broughton Avenue, Doncaster.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District meeting on Saturday, March 21st, at Shere. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Please send numbers for tea to me by March 14th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., Merrow Cottage, East Clandon, near Guildford.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A general meeting will be held at Ufford on Saturday, March 21st. Bells available, and at Woodbridge, from 2 p.m. Tea at St. Mary's Hall at 4.30. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford. Woodbridge.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.** — Swindon Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Highworth on Saturday, March 21st. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at 1s. each, for those who notify me by Thursday, March 19th.—S. Hopper, Hon. Sec., 79, Edinburgh Street, Swindon.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wirral Branch.—A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at Bebington (8 bells) on March 21st. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Tea at 6. Meeting afterwards.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Sec.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Guildsbrough Branch.—A meeting will be held at Spratton on Saturday, March 21st (bells 5). Usual arrangements, with tea for those who kindly notify me. — R. Adams, East Haddon.

**ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next meeting of the Guild will be held at Eastwell on Saturday, March 21st. Bells available 2.30. Service and tea as usual. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden, Kent.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Bedworth on Saturday, March 21st. Bells available 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock in Central School (1s. per head).—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Crewe Branch. — The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Lawton on March 21st (8 bells). Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock. Meeting to follow. Will those who intend to be present kindly let me know on or before the 18th? — Richard D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Claybrook on Saturday, March 21st. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. Tea provided. A good attendance is expected. All ringers cordially welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Hartlip, by kind permission of the Vicar, on Saturday, March 21st. Tower open at 8 p.m.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Dis. Sec.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.** (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at King's Norton Parish Church, on Saturday, March 28th. Bells (10) will be available from 3 p.m. Short service in church at 4.30. Tea at Saracen's Head at 5, to be followed by usual business meeting. Please notify me regarding tea.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Northern District. — The third quarterly meeting will be held at Daybrook, Notts, on Saturday, March 28th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30, at 1s. 3d. per head. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. Snook, Standwell, Duke Street, Arnold, Notts, by March 25th. Gentlemen cordially invited.—L. N. Cawthorne, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Handsworth Road, Sheffield.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Northamptonshire District. — A meeting will be held at Cranford (6) on Saturday, March 28th. The address at the service, to be held at 4 o'clock, will be given by the Lord Bishop of Peterborough. Please send numbers for tea by March 25th.—S. Thurstfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford, Kettering.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cary Deanery.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Charlton Horethorne on Saturday, March 28th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, in the Schoolroom, 5 p.m. Meeting to follow.—E. F. Creed, Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at Charlwood on Saturday, March 28th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea and meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, March 25th. — A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The 51st annual general meeting will be held at Tonbridge on Easter Monday, April 6th. Service in SS. Peter and Paul at 12 noon. Address by the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Rochester. Luncheon and business meeting to follow. Full particulars later. — Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western District. — The next meeting will be held at Dorking on Easter Monday, April 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., tea and meeting following. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, April 1st. All ringers welcome. — D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, April 6th. Service in the Cathedral at 4.30 p.m., with address by the Rev. R. F. R. Routh, Vicar of Hitchin. Tea at the Ver Residential Hotel, Holywell Hill (near Abbey Station) immediately after the service, followed by annual business meeting for election of officers, etc. Towers open at 2 p.m., but ringing can be had at the two six-bell towers, during the morning, if early application is made to me.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Leckhampton, Cheltenham (through the kindness of the Vicar, Rev. Canon Sears), on Easter Monday, April 6th.

Service at 2.30 p.m., to be followed by the general meeting in the Parish Hall. Dinner and tea arrangements will be announced in these columns in due course. Prestbury Church bells (8) available 11 a.m. till 1 p.m., Leckhampton Church bells (8) before and after service and meeting, Charlton King's Church bells (8) from 6.30 p.m. Nominations for the various offices are requested.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Preliminary Notice. —The annual committee meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, April 11th (p.v.) Will all branch secretaries and members of committee please note this date, and attend if possible? Particulars will be notified later. —R. T. Hibbert, General Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

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#### MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

**SHIRLEY, BIRMINGHAM.**—On Monday, March 2nd, 720 Grand-sire Doubles: T. Abbotts 1, A. Morris 2, E. Shepherd (conductor) 3, C. Blizzard 4, G. Bailey 5, C. Harrison 6. First 720 by ringers of 1, 4 and 6. All service ringers except conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. S. P. Riley, Vicar.

**WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.**—On Friday, February 27th, in 47 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): A. Patter 1, Miss A. Potter 2, B. Welsby 3, John Denner 4, M. Berry (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5, A. Potter, jun., 6, John Potter 7, Jas. Denner 8. Rung after the dedication of a flag presented to the B.L.A. Company branch of the British Legion by Mr. John Crompton, O.B.E., in memory of his son, Lieut. Crompton, R.F.C.

**STAINES.**—At St. Peter's Church, in 45 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, rung as a compliment to three of the ringers whose wedding anniversaries occur the last week in January: E. J. Goater (conductor) 1, W. C. Parker 2, W. Shorter 3, G. Walsley 4, J. Phillips 5, J. Jackson 6, G. Beebey 7, W. Jolley 8. First attempt by ringers of 3, 7, and 8. Rung with 4-6-8 behind.

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