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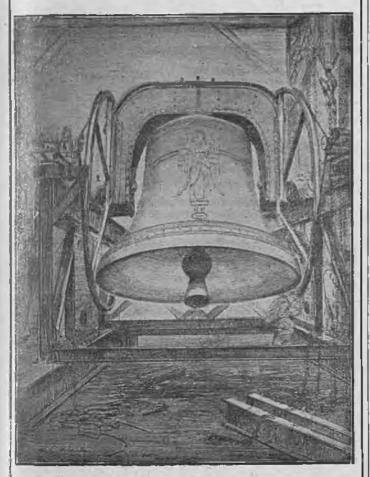
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A SUCCESSFUL EXPERIMENT.

The experiment of holding a meeting of the Central Council as far west as Plymouth was fully justified by the event, for the attendance of 72 members was little short of recent provincial gatherings, such as Liverpool, 79, in 1931, and Chelmsford, 78, in 1929. It was equal to the Chester figure in 1925 and better than either of the earlier post-war meetings in the provinces, viz., 62 at Salisbury, 56 at Lincoln, 60 at Northampton and 63 at Gloucester. It shows that there is an increasing appreciation of the importance and value of the Council and that members, when they are elected, recognise that their duty is, if possible, to attend. Thirty-one out of the fifty-two affiliated societies were represented, which, for a meeting held at such an extremity of the country can surely be considered a satisfactory proportion. There is now no important area of England which the Council has not visited in the forty years of its existence, and the distribution of the meetings has been very equitably done. It may seem a little hard, perhaps, that associations in the south-east of the country should have to send their representatives to two such distant places as Liverpool and Plymouth in successive years, but taken all in all the forty years' itineration has left no one much to grumble at in this respect, except it may be associations like the Durham and Newcastle, and the Devon and Truro Guilds, who, in any case, unless the meeting is held almost in their own territory, are condemned to long journeys. But their geographical situation makes that inevitable and they are the last to complain.

Next year the Council meets in London, as it always does at the beginning of each triennial period, and after that will, presumably, come the turn of the Midlands for two meetings. The Council cannot then long postpone the recognition of those other areas to which the coming of the Scottish Association gives emphasis. In the not distant future Wales, Ireland and Scotland will have to be considered in the rota of meetings, and South Wales particularly has a claim which it would now be hard to deny. Ireland has already invited the Council, and the success of Plymouth is the best augury for a successful meeting in Dublin, when the time comes to turn attention to selecting the next place of meeting in the 'west.'

One incident of Plymouth is worth calling special attention to in this connection. It is a waste of time and money to send representatives to a meeting if they can-not vote, or take part in the proceedings. The rules of the Council make it very plain that until an association's subscription to the Council is paid its representatives cannot vote, yet there were six affiliated societies which this

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year had not taken the precaution of paying the small subscription due. Two representatives of one of the defaulting societies were saved a lost journey by the fact that their treasurer was present and able to pay the fees, but at least one other society's representative was present who was unable to take part in the proceedings, after making the journey. It is a very undignified position for a member to be placed in, but the fault is with the delinquent society and the action taken by the Council in upholding the Standing Committee's recommendation on the subject this year will probably have the effect of bringing about a more prompt payment of subscriptions in the future.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. (NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 14 1932, in Three Hours and Fifty-One Minutes, IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER, AT THE CATHEDRAL.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES:

| | Te | enor | 24 cwt. | | |
|-----------------------|--------|-------|----------------------|-----|-------|
| *C. BERT CHESTER | T. | reble | H. LESLIE PASK | *** | 7 |
| FREDERICK W. STOKES | | 2 | "JACK BRAY | *** | 8 |
| *LEWIS SNELL | | | | | |
| CHARLES MCGUINESS | | | | | |
| *George Flintham | | | | | |
| JOEN WALDEN | | 6 | JOHN A. FREBMAN | | Teno |
| Composed by G. LIND | OFF. | | Conducted by JOHN A. | FRE | EMAN. |
| * First peal of Cambr | idge i | Max | imus. | | |
| | I | LON | DON. | | |

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. On Saturday, May 14, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes. AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

| | 50 CWt. |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| CHALLIS F. WINNEY Treble | THOMAS LANGDON 7 |
| WILLIAM S. LANGDON 2 | REGINALD T. NEWMAN 8 |
| ROBERT W. GREEN 3 | ARCHIBALD HARRIS 9 |
| | CHARLES S. BURDEN 10 |
| | RICHARD F. DEAL II |
| | JAMES H. RUMLEY Tenor |
| Composed by John Carter. | Conducted by H. LANGDON. |

TEN BELL PEALS.

TRURO, CORNWALL. THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Forty-One Minutes, AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

| | Tenor | 334 cwt. | |
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| EDWIN H. LEWIS | Treble | REPERT RICHARDSON | 6 |
| MRS, E. K. FLETCHER | 2 | JOEN H. B. HESSE | 7 |
| JOHN S. GOLDSMITH | 3 | CHARLES H. KIPPIN | 8 |
| CHARLES T. COLES | 4 | GEORGE W. FLETCHER | 9 |
| | | JOSEPH T. DYKE | Tenor |
| Composed and | Conducte | d by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH. | |

The first peal of Stedman Caters in Cornwall. All the ringers are members of the Central Council.

WORCESTER.

THE WORGESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. On Monday, May 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

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| *THOMAS W. LEWIS | | 7 | reble | *FRED HAWKES | | 6 | |
| ARTHUR J. MARTIN | | *** | 2 | WILLIAM RANFORD | | 7 | |
| FRANK LAWRENCE | | | 3 | WILLIAM LEWIS | 111 | 8 | |
| SIDNEY T. HOLT | | *** | 4 | CYRIL TANSELL | | 9 | |
| *HAROLD F. MARTIN | | 111 | 5 | CHARLES CAMM | | Ten | 38 |
| a 11 mm | 777 | | | 0 1 . 11 0 | - | ** | |

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT. First peal of Surprise Royal.

| LOUGHBOROUGH, | |
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| LOUGHBOROGUH. | ERITH, KENT. |
| THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. | THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. |
| On Saturday, May 21, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes, | On Saturday, May 14, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes. |
| AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, | AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST, |
| A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES; | A PEAL OF SPLICED DOUBLE OXFOR , PLAIN BOB AND DOUBLE |
| Tenor 30½ cwt. | NORWICH MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES; |
| C. HENRY WEBE Treble PERCY L. HARRISON 6 | Tener 15 cwt. |
| " OHN P. FIDLER 2 FREDERICK H. DEXTER 7 | EDWIN BARNETT, SEN Treble HARRY HOVERD 5 |
| EPHRAIM W. RANDS 3 HAROLD G. JENNEY 8 | EDWIN A. BARNETT 2 FREDERICK A. COLEY 6 |
| FRED W. HILL 4 J. FREDERICK MILNER 9 | JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3 HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 7 |
| COLIN HARRISON 5 ERNEST MORRIS Tenor | EDWIN BARNETT, JUN 4 FREDERICK J. CULLUM Tenor |
| Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS. | Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by J. H. Cheesman. |
| * First peal in the method, | RATBY, LEICESTERSHIRE. |
| LONDON. | THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. |
| THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON | On Saturday, May 14, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes, |
| DIOCESAN GUILD. | AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES, |
| On Saturday, May 21, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes, | A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; |
| AT THE CHURCE OF ST. MAGNUS-THE-MARTYR, | F. H. Dexter's Eight-part Variation of Brook's. |
| A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES; | Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. |
| Tenor 20 cwt. | C. HENRY WEBB Treble GEORGE A. NEWTON 5 |
| GILBERT R. GOODSHIP Treble CHARLES T. COLES 6 | PERCIVAL A. ALDEAM 2 REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 6 |
| *PHYLLIS M, MAYNE 2 CECIL C. MAYNE 7 EDWIN H. LEWIS 3 JAMES BENNETT 8 | ALFRED BALLARD 3 ERNEST MORRIS 7 |
| JOHN G. NASH 4 RUPERT RICHARDSON 9 | HARRY L. SMITE 4 LEONARD W. JOHNSON Teno Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS. |
| GEORGE R. PYE 5 WILLIAM PYE Tenor | First peal in this method on the bells. |
| Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE. | · · |
| * First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal. | CRANBROOK, KENT. THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. |
| LEATHERHEAD, SURREY. | On Saturday, May 14, 1932, in The ce Hours and Fifteen Minutes, |
| THE SURREY ASSOCIATION. | AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN, |
| On Saturday, May 21, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes, | A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES, |
| AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS, | Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. |
| A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES; | ALBERT RELFE Trible THOMAS E. SONE 5 |
| Tenor 19 cwt, in E flat. | WILLIAM BIDNALL 2 *WILLIAM WENBAN 6 |
| ARIHUR DEAN Treble ARTHUR H. SMITH 6 | CHARLES W. PLAYER 3 KENNETH PATTENDEN 7 |
| HERBERT J. SKELT 2 RONALD H. DOVE 7 | FRANK BENNETT 4 FREDERICK WHITE Tenov |
| George Marriner 3 Tony Price 8 | Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Frank Bennett. |
| ROYDON DAVIES 4 DANIEL COOPER 9 | * First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells. |
| ALBERT HARMAN 5 CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor | TIVERTON, DEVON. |
| Composed by Geo. H. CROSS. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN | THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD. |
| First peal of Oxford Treble Ten on the bells, and by all the band | On Saturday, May 14, 1932, an Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes, |
| except the ringers of 2nd and tenor. | AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER. |
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| | A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; |
| EIGHT BELL PEALS. | A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 GHANGES; PITSTOM'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. |
| EIGHT BELL PEALS. | |
| CHEWTON MENDIP. | PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. ALPRED H. PULLING Treble ARTHUR H. REED 5 RICHARD GRATER 2 JAMES HUNT |
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BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Bolton Branch.)

On Saturday, May 14, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

| DAY'S SIX-PART. | Tenor 17½ cwt, in E. |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| EDWARD EDWARDS Freble | PETER CROOK, JUN 5 |
| JAMES WILLIAM KAY 2 | EDWARD IDDON 6 |
| *MISS G. ANNIE CROOK 3 | Peter Crook, SEN 7 |
| ALBERT EDWARD SANDIFORD 4 | OWEN OLIVE Tenor |

Conducted by Miss G. Annie Crook.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung for the wedding auniversary of the conductor's parents. Great credit is due to the conductor, who only commenced to handle a bell in August last; she is 16 years of ago and still at school. All are service ringers at this church.

GRAVESEND.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 14, 1932, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

| HOLT'S TEN-PART. | | Ten | ig cwt. | |
|---------------------|--------|------------------|---------|-------|
| EDWARD J. BEER | Treble | JOHN BURLES | *** | 5 |
| *MRS. E. J. BERR | 2 | George Butcher | | 6 |
| *MISS KATHLEEN BEER | 3 | RICHARD CONSTANT | | 7 |
| CHARLES GOODEURN | 4 | STUART SANDFORD | | Tenor |

Conducted by EDWARD J. BEER.
* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' bell.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 14, 1932, in Three Hours and One Minute,
At the Church of St. Bridget,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 9 cwt.

| ALFRED T. POULTON | *** | 7 | reble | GLYN SHAW | | 5 |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-------|-------------------|---|-------|
| WILLIAM T. POSTON | | ** | 2 | ROBERT E. SUMMERS | | 6 |
| | | | | WILLIAM POSTON | | |
| EDWIN H. FOSTER | | | 4 | HARVEY H. WINNEY | 7 | Tenor |
| | Cor | duc | ted h | W POSTON. | | |

Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of the late Bishop of Jarrow. He was Vicar of Bridstow 1919-1921.

HELMSHORE, LANCS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 GHANGES;

| | | | THOMAS ISHERWOOD | |
|-----------------|-----|-------|----------------------|-------|
| WILLIE AARON | *** | 2 | JOHN WISE | 6 |
| JAMES CORBRIDGE | | *** 3 | RICHARD BALDERSTONE | |
| ARNOLD BRUNTON | *** | 4 | LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS | Tenor |

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by L. J. Williams. First peal in the method for ringers of 1, 3, 5, and 6, who are local ringers, the remainder being from Churchkirk. Rung as a wedding peal for the ringer of the 6th, and a birthday compliment to ringer of 5th. The conductor's 150th peal.

OLDSWINFORD, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, May 14, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE BURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES!

Tenor 112 cwt.

| | | 4 | | |
|-------------------|--------|-----------------|-----|-------|
| *REG. CHANCE | Treble | JOEN BASS | | 5 |
| WILLIAM SHORT | 2 | ROBERT MATTHEWS | | 6 |
| CLIFFORD SKIDMORE | | | | |
| HAROLD V. COOPER | 4 | HECTOR G. BIRD | *** | Tenor |
| | | | | |

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by R. Matthews.

* First peal of Major. The first peal of Superlative on the bells, and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. T. Heathcock and the treble man, who both belong to the local band.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 14, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes, At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 GHANGES;
Tenor 21 CWt 2 or, 20 lb.

| HENRY W. GAYTON Treble | WILLIAM J. WHITMORE | 5 |
|------------------------|---------------------|-------|
| NORMAN INSKIP 2 | | |
| HERBERT L. HARLOW 3 | | |
| AMOS SMART 4 | HENRY STAPLETON | Tenor |

Composed by the late J. W. BARKER. Conducted by H. W. GANTON
First peal of Treble Bob Major by ringers of 5th and 6th.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, May 14, 1932, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; Tenor 11 cwt. 2 gr. 27 lb.

| ROLAND BIGGS | 441 | T | reble | GEORGE MARTIN | *** | 466 | 5 |
|---------------------|--------|------|-------|-----------------|------|------|------|
| WILLIAM WELLING | *** | | 2 | HARRY WINGROVE | *** | 144 | 6 |
| PHYLLIS M. MAYNE | | 211 | 3 | *FRANK CORKE | *** | F4.4 | 7 |
| WILLIAM HENLEY | *** | *** | 4 | CECIL C. MAYNE | *** | 7 | SMar |
| Composed by H. I | DAIN | IS. | | Conducted by C. | C. M | AYN | E. |
| * First peal in the | 9 2237 | thod | fins | îde ' | | | |

WHITTLESEY, PETERBOROUGH.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF ROUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6008 CHANCES;

| | | 1 | епог | 198 CM: | |
|--------------|-----|-----|-------|------------------------|-------|
| FRANK NEWMAN | | 7 | reble | BERRY WAYMAN | 5 |
| | | | | FRANCIS G. GLEAVES | |
| | | | | ARTHDR J. GINN | |
| | | | | FRANK WARRINGTON | eno |
| Composed | and | Con | ducte | d by Frank Warrington. | |

The treble ringer is local, the rest belong to Over, Cambs. The ringers were very kindly entertained to tea by Mr. C. Brittan, a native of Over, and a member of the Whittlesey St. Andrew Society

BOCKING.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes, At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6088 CHANCES:

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

| ı | SAMUEL WARNE | | | | |
|---|-----------------------|-----------|----------------|---------|--------|
| | FRANK CLAYDON | | WALTER ARNOLD | | 6 |
| | FREDERICK RIDGWELL | | LEWIS W. WIFFE | | |
| 1 | GEORGE WIFFEN | 4 | ARTHUR SAUNDER | S | Teno |
| ı | Composed by N. J. PIT | SIOW. | Conducted by L | . W. W | IFFEN. |
| | Rung as a birthday o | ompliment | to Samuel Was | rne and | George |

WALKDEN, LANCS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1932, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE HORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

| Tenor | 18 cwt. | | | |
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| NORMAN HEAPSTieble | јени Вооти 5 | | | |
| *Miss A. Potter 2 | CHRIS GUDGEON 6 | | | |
| JOHN POTTER 3 | | | | |
| F. FRANKLAND RIGBY 4 | WILFRED J. Moss Tenor | | | |
| Composed by T. B. Worstey. | Conducted by Chris Gudgeon. | | | |
| * First peal in the method. | | | | |

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349 LONDON. HUGHENDEN, BUCKS. THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD. THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. On Monday, May 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes, On Saturday, May 14, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE, A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES: Tenor 123 cwt. THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt. JOSEPH S. HAWKINS Troble | THOMAS J. FOWLER 5 EDWIN F. PIKE Treble | FREDERICK DIGEY PERCY NEWTON 2 WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 6 ROLAND BIGGS 3 GEORGE MARTIN 7 FREDERICK G. BIGGS 4 HENRY C. ALFORD Tency FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 2 WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 6 WILFRED WILLIAMS [AMBS E. DAVIS 3 ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 4 CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor Conducted by G. MARTIN. Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by C. W. Roberts BARROW-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE. Rung with the bells fully muffled, as a last tribute of respect to M. Doumer, the late President of France. First peal in the method by the ringers of the 5th and 7th. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. On Monday, May 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, PLYMPTON ST. MAURICE, DEVON. A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES. THE CENTRAL COUNCIL. Peter Crook Treble | *James Marsh On Monday, May 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes, EDWIN JENNINGS ... 6 ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 7 FRED HINDLE 2 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY. LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 3 ARTHUR TOMLINSON 7 PETER CROOK, SEN. 4 JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt. in F. Composed by REV. H. L. JAMES. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON. GEORGE WILLIAMS, Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild Treble First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell. First peal in JOHN W. JONES, Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association 2 FRANCIS E. DAWE, London County Association 3 the method on the bells. EASTWOOD, ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE. WILLIAM H. HOLLIER, Middlesex County Association ... THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. GEORGE R. NEWTON, Lancashire Association ... On Monday, May 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes, WALTER AYRE, Hertford County Association 6 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN. JAMES GEORGE, Hon. Member ... GEOFFREY A. TAYLOR, Chester Diocesan Guild Tenor A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES; Tenor 124 cwt. Conducted by George WILLIAMS. T. Colin Ryder Treble Harold Chant Arthur Panther BENNINGTON, HERTS. ARTHUR PANTHER ... 6 THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. MISS NOEL CAWTHORNE ... 3 | †ARTHUR GILL 7 J. E. Lewis Cockey ... 4 | Albert Nash Temos On Monday, May 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (No. 205). Conducted by A. NASH A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES; * First peal of Treble Bob Major. † 100th peal. This composition is now rung for the first time. Tenor 13 cwt. HENRY WALLACE Treble | WILLIAM A. TACK NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE. ROBERT HOWARD...... 2 REGINALD T. NEWMAN ... 3 SIDNEY CARTER ... 4 WILLIAM K. NORTH ... 6 THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. JOHN WELCH... 7 BARNARD PATMORE Tenor (SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.) On Monday, May 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes. Composed by J. Lockwood. Conducted by SIDNEY CARTER. AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE, First peal of Treble Bob Major as conductor. Rung after a break-down in the attempt for a long peal of Bob Major. A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; Tenor 18 cwt. METHERINGHAM, LINCS. WALTER ALLWOOD Treble | BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. WILLIAM BIGGIN... ... 6 ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... 2 WILLIAM J. THYNG 3 *Amburn Wilson 4 A. Percival Knights 7 A. Percival Knights 7 (NORTHERN BRANCH.) On Monday, May 16, 1932, in Three Hours. Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS. AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID, A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; First peal. PLYMOUTH. Tenor 71 cwt. THE CENTRAL COUNCIL. Treble George W. Creasey... ... 5 iness... ... 2 H. Leslie Pask 6 MRS. I. BRAY On Wednesday, May 18, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes. CHARLES MCGUINESS... 2 AT EMMANUEL CHURCH, HAROLD MARCON... ... 3 FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 4 IACK BRAY A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES; HAROLD WALKER Tenor Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, Conducted by HAROLD WALKER. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. WILLIAM H. HOLLIER, Middlesex County Association ... First peal of Superlative Surprise Major by all the band. First peal of Major on the bells. JOHN W. JONES, Llandaff and Monmouth Association 2 GEORGE R. NEWTON, Lancashire Association 3 TENTERDEN, KENT. ARTHUR J. PITMAN, Swansea and Brecon Guild ... --- 4 THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. WILLIAM H. SHUKER, Lancashire Association 5 On Monday, May 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes, SYDNEY HILLIER, Salisbury Guild 400 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MILDRED, ERNEST J. BUTLER, Essex Association ... WALTER AYRE, Hertford County Association 400

Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

BEESTON, NOTTS.—On Monday, May 2nd, for Confirmation service, 504 Stedman Triples: T. S. Price 1, F. Whitman 2, J. C. Dicken 3, A. Lowe 4, N. Kirk 5, H. Rogers 6, P. Price (conductor) 7, A. Walton 8. Longest length by 2nd and 3rd.

GROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Ascension Day, for evening service, at the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. Ballard 1, J. H. Bailess (first 720 'inside') 2, C. H. Webb 3, W. A. Wood 4, P.C. F. E. Wilson 5, H. Bird (first 720 Treble Bob as conductor) 6.

THOMAS E. SONE ... 3 *KENNETH PATTENDEN ... 7
FRANK BENNETT ... 4 FREDERICK WHITE Tenor Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Frank Bennett. * First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Fiftieth peal together by T. E. Sone and C. W. Player. The visitors would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the local band for having everything in readiness.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES! Tenor 30 cwt.

WILLIAM WENBAN Treble | *ALBERT RELFE 5

CHARLES W. PLAYER ... 6

*WILLIAM BIDNELL ... 2

DUNMOW, ESSEX. THE NATIONAL POLICE GUILD.

On Saturday, May 21, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E flat. Ex-Inspr. Frederick Ringwell
P. Con. Thomas G. Bannister
P. Sergt. George Schleuter
P. Sergt. George S Ex-P. Con. FREDERICK DIGEY L ... 5 6 P. Con. Norman S. Bagworth A
Ex-P. Con. Ernest Breit E
Sub-Div, Inspr. Wm. Bottrill T 7.7 ... 77 11 ... Tenor Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by Sub-Divisional Inspector W. BOTTRILL. First peal in the method for the Guild.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES; Tenor 15f cwt.

George F. Margetson ... Treble John E. Blower 5
Gordon A. Bacon ... 2 Stanley W. Baybut 6 GORDON A. BACON ... 2 STANLEY W. BAYBUT ... 6
WILLIAM DUDLEY ... 3 HENRY T. WILSON ... 7
FRANK LUFRIN 4
Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by W. H. Judd.

Rung on the eve of the dedication festival. The ringer of the treble, who is in his 83rd year, rang his first peal in 1868.

SIX BELL PEALS.

ELSTOW, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 4, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND HELENA,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

VERNEY COOPER Treble PEARL INSKIP 4 CHARLES W. CLARKE 2 PRRCY C. BONNEIT 5
Tom Bartram 3 Wm. Stapleton Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM STAPLETON.

DEEPING ST. JAMES, LINCOLNSHIRE. THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 7, 1932, in three Hours and I on Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Roing 720 each of Primrose Surprise, Double Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford, Double Court. Single Court.

*WILLIAM CLARK Treble | HORACE M. DAY 4 ALBERT SCOTT 2
JOSEPH O. LANDAN 3 JOHN MACHIN 5
ROGER W. DANIBLS Tenor Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First peal and belongs to the local band. First extents of Princese Surprise and Double Bob by ringers of 2, 5 and tenor.

KNUTSFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 7, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. SIDNEY HOUGH, SEN. ... Treble NORMAN HOUGH 4
"RONALD HOUGH... ... 2
REGINALD W. WORRALL ... 3 HARRY PARKER Teno. Conducted by H. PARKER.

* First peal. Rung in honour of the Royal May Day Festival. Although this is the 68th May Day Festival, the oldest in the country, it is the first time a peal has been rung for the occasion.

WICKEN.—On Sunday, May 1st, for evensorg, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1.260 changes) in 45 mins.: J. A. Green 1, F. Case 2, H. Ridgway 3, *G. Whitehead 4, *R. Foddy 5, T. Roberts 6, A. J. Green 7, G. Foddy 8. * First quarter of Stedman.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 7, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES; Being 720 of Double Court and two 720's each of Oxford Bob, Plain

Bob and Kent Treble Bob, called differently. Tenor 9 cwt. BERTRAM F. TUBB Trebls WILLIAM J. NORTON 4
FREDERICK CHERRETT ... 2 SIDNEY CHILDS 5
ARTHUR WARREN... ... 3 FREDERICK A. BARKER ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK A. BARKER.

Rung in honour of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick A. Barker on the occasion of their silver wedding.

HOYLANDSWAINE, YORKSHIRE. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 7, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 6000 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Woodbine, two 720's of Merchant's Return, two 720's of Oxford, three 720's of Kent, and 240 of Oxford. Tenor 10 cwt. *WILLIS DYSON Treble WILLIAM STEEL 4

†HERBERT HOLBROOK ... 2

ERNEST BROOKES ... 3

†James H. Syres... ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST BROOKES.

* First peal on the treble. † First peal. † First peal of Treble Bob. Longest length rung on the bells.

BURSTOW, SURREY. THE SURREY ASSOCIATION. (SOUTHERN DISTRICT)

On Saturday, May 7, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Oxford and Kent Treble Rob, one 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, and two 720's each of Oxford Single Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 113 cwt.

Conducted by HUGH R. THORPE.

* First peal in five methods. Quarterly peal for the Southern

GESTINGTHORPE, ESSEX. THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 7, 1932, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 16 cwt. MISS H. G. M. SNOWDON Treble THOMAS BIRD 4
CHARLES A. RIPPINGALE ... 2
CLADDE SNOWDON 3
GEORGE PANNELL ... Tenor Conducted by OLAVE BROYD.

First peal and first attempt for ringers of treble and 4th.

HARTFORD, HUNTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

First attempt and first peal in any method by all the ringers, except Mr. J. Smart, who taught the band. All are regular service ringers at the church, and this is believed to be the first peal rung on the bells by a band of Sunday service ringers.

HOME FROM BERMUDA.

At St. Mary-the-Virgin's Church, Chatham, on Sunday evening, May 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Hogarth I, J. Kidd 2, S. Shellock 3, E. Sills 4, F. Belsey (conductor) 5, W. Beaumont 6, C. Norris 7, G. Lawrence 8. This quarter-peal was arranged for Mr. Sills, who was home on a short stay from Bermuda, and whose ringing showed that he had lost little of the art.

GLINTON, NORTHANTS. THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 14, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes. AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Reing 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Troble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Single Oxford, Double Court and Single Tenor 17 cwt.

JOHN ALLEN Treble | ROGER W. DANIELS 4 | MISS FRANCES HUMPHREY 2 | HORACE M. DAY 5 | CUTHEBRT T. H. BRADLEY Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

CALVERTON, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. (NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 14, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES; Seven 720's of Bob Minor, Tenor 11 cwt. THOMAS C. TOMKINS Treble | HERBERT F. JUSTICE 4 ALBERT W. GIBBONS 2 ERNEST C. LAMBERT 5
JOHN HIGGINS 3 ERNEST A. HILLYER Tenor Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

First peal of Minor by 4 and 6. Tenor ringer proposed member of Guild before starting.

MARSTON BIGGOTT.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. On Saturday, May 14, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

| Seven different 720's. | | Tenor 8 cwt. | | |
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| MRS. W. WEST Treble EDWARD G. COWARD 2 | HARRY SANGER | 8 4 | | |
| H. JIM RALPH 3 | WILLIAM C. WEST | Tenor | | |
| Conducted by W. C. WEST. | | | | |

HANDBELL PEALS.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. (NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, May 15, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes, AT 56, MOORLAND AVENUE.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5094 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. J. BRAY 1-2 *HAROLD MARCON 5-6
CHARLES MCGUINESS 3-4 | JACK BRAY... 9-10
Composed by J. W. Moorhouse. Conducted by Jack Bray.

Witness-MRS. C. MCGUINESS.

* First peal of Caters 'in hand.'

ARMLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 18, 1932, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes. AT 28, ARMLEY GRANGE VIEW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

MALCOLM MOORHOUSE ... 1-2 | WILLIAM BARTON 5-6
JOHN W. MOORHOUSE ... 3-4 | THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY ... 7-8
JOSEPH THACKRAY 9-10

Composed by JAMES WOOD. Non-Conducted.

Umpire-FRANK RAYMENT.

First 'silent' peal of Royal in the method by all the band, also by the association, and believed to be the first ever rung.

Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.

LOCKED CHURCH DOORS.

Dear Sir,—I did not learn until after Mr. Lewis' letter appeared that we had rung a peal at Monks Kirby with the church door locked. This is quite unnecessary, and on behalf of the band I ask Mr. Lewis to accept our sincere apology.

C. H. WEBB.

A VILLAGE BELL RESTORATION.

COMPLETION OF THE WORK AT BLEDINGTON, GLOS.

On Saturday, May 28th, at 3 p.m., the Bishop of Gloucester will re-dedicate the recently restored ring of six. The bells at the dedica-tion coremony will be rung by a hand of Burford ringers, the retion ceremony will be rung by a hand of Burford ringers, the re-conditioning having been superintended by the Burford firm, Messrs, Thos. Bond and Son. On Sunday afternoon, the 29th, peals have also been arranged to celebrate the opening by a company of ringers from Bourton-on-the-Water and Stow-on-the-Wold, led by Mr. Bernard Phillips, the secretary of the Ruri-decanal Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, in whose area Bledington Church is situated.

The following are the main features of interest in the restoration. Three of the old seventeenth-century bells (date 1639, 1651 and 1695) have been quarter-turned and relung on ball bearings in a new iron and steel frame. The oldest of these (the former treble) has also nave been quarter-turned and reining on ball bearings in a new fron and steel frame. The oldest of these (the former treble) has also undergone repair by welding process to remedy a crack. To supplement these, three new bells have been added, cast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, partly out of the metal of a comparatively modern (1811) bell of James Wells, which was the tenor of the old ring of five, but out of tune with the rest of the ring, and very clumsy to handle. There is another ancient bell, of date 1639, which was past retuning for the restored ring, but which at the urgent entreaty of the Diocesan Advisory Committee has been preserved from recasting and is being kept in the church for its historical interest, one of the three new bells taking its place in the ring. The following is the order, with the inscription on each bell, of the restored ring of six:

— Treble (new).—' James Wells he made a lifth and last,

— Twice 60 years agone:

Now out of that we two are east,

And six hath Bledington.' 1931.

2 (new).—' I bless God's holy name for William Weale, 13 times churchwarden, who for many years cared for us and gave largely for our restoration. Ob. 28 Aug. 1931.'

3 (old).—' We are the belles of Bledinton. 1639.' (The former treble.)

treble.)

The former second, the companion to the above, is inscribed, 'And Charles he is our king, 1639.' This, as stated above, is not rehung, but preserved in the church, its place being taken by the new No. 4.]
w).— Pro rude donata, Carolo quae rege vocabat:
Vos in idem fanum post tria saecla voco.'

Vos in idem fanum post tria saecla voco.'

'In place of one who called to kirk

When Charles he was our king,
Since she no more can do her work
I join the new-lung ring.'
5 (old).—' God save King William. 1895.'
Tenor (old).—' James Keene made mee. 1651.'
Undoubtedly all the four 17th century bells proceeded from the Keenes' foundry at Woodstock, those of 1639 and 1651 being by James, and that of 1695 by Richard Keene.
The cost of this careful restoration, which has endeavoured to preserve as much as possible the ancient character of the ring, while at the same time considering the wants of the modern change ringer, will, with all the many incidental expenses, amount to about £360. will, with all the many incidental expenses, amount to about £360. Towards this, £285 has been raised within about a year and a half—£200 in the little village itself. Help towards raising the remaining £75 would be gratefully appreciated and acknowledged by the Vicar (Rev. S. Liberty, Bledington, Oxford) or the hon. treasurer (Lieut.-Col. S. M. Rice, of the same address).

Bledington Church is within a mile of Kingham Station, on the G.W.R. Oxford-Worcester line.

The inscriptions on the new bells are the composition of the Vicar.

LADIES' GUILD EX-PRESIDENT MARRIED.

The wedding took place at Isham, Northants, on Saturday, April 30th, of Miss D. M. Atkins and Mr. F. Boulton, both of Isham. Miss Atkins is a past-president of the Ladies' Guild and vice-president of the Northamptonshire Branch. The bride was given away by her father, the Rector, and married by her uncle.

After the ceremony the bells were fired by the following band of the Ladies' Guild, viz.: Miss M. Gorley, Miss M. Brown, Miss Dorothy Lewis, Mrs. E. M. Atkins, Miss Thursfield and Miss Steel. Later, a peal was attempted, but was, unfortunately, not successful. However, a further attempt, made a week later to coincide with the return of the happy couple to the village, succeeded.

Among many gifts were those received from Miss Steel and Mrs. Fletcher, president and secretary of the Ladies' Guild respectively, Miss Thursfield, secretary of the Northants Branch, and the Isham ringers, past and present.

WEDDING BELLS.

At Higham Ferrers, for the wedding of Miss Elsie Martin, daughter of Mr. A. H. Martin, one of the ringers at Higham Ferrers, on May 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung by: Claude Palmer 1, William Wilby 2, L. Chapman 3, George Brown 4, George Smith 5, G. D. Deighton 6, Oscar Payne (conductor) 7, Horace Dunkley 8. First quarter by ringers of 1, 2 and 5.

WESTWARD HO!

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL AT PLYMOUTH.

AND A VISIT TO TRURO.
There were many attractions in the 'West Countree' for members of the Central Council and their friends who visited Plymouth in connection with the annual meeting at Whitsun. Early arrivals were able to join in ringing for service at the various Plymouth churches on Sunday, and the first of the reunions took place at the headquarters, the Royal Hotel, on Sunday evening, when many old friends met

again, but all of them, as one put it, 'a year older.'
On Monday the Devon Guild's annual meeting at Bideford at-On Monday the Devon Guild's annual meeting at Bideford attracted several of the visitors, and eight others occupied a part of the day in ringing a peal of Stedman Triples at Plympton. The most important feature of Bank Holiday, however, was an official visit to Trure for a peal attempt on the fine bells at the Cathedral and a reception by members of the Truro Diocesan Guild. The excursion meant departure from Plymouth soon after 7 a.m., for those engaged in the peal. They were met at the Cathedral by representatives of the Cathedral company, including Mr. A. S. Roberts and Mr. W. J. Southeard, and were also welcomed by the Rev. W. R. Trewhella, hon, secretary of the Diocesan Guild, and the Sub-Deau (Canon H. W. Sedgwick), the latter expressing good wishes for the success of the peal.

(Canon H. W. Sengwick), the latter success of the peal.

Happily this went according to plan, and the exponents of 'scientific,' in a land where perfect 'stoney' abounds, did credit to the art and delighted the Cornish change ringers who had come to listen to the ringing. The first peal of Stedman Caters in Cornwall was thus form than nine of the company were elected members the ringing. The first peal of Stedman Caters in Cornwall was thus recorded. No fewer than nine of the company were elected members of the Guild before starting the peal, this being made possible by the presence of so many Cornish members. The ten bells at Truro Cathedral were creeted by Messrs. Taylor and Co. in 1910, the tenor being a few pounds under 34 cwt. There is a long draught of rope, and the distance from the ringing floor to the ceiling is such that two sets of rope guides are necessary. The bells, however, are in perfect ringing order, and the peal was thoroughly enjoyed by those who took part.

AN ENCOURAGEMENT TO CORNISH CHANGE RINGING.

After the peal the visitors were entertained to luncheon by the Truro Diocesan Guild, Dr. John Symons, of Penzance, presiding, supported by Lieut.-Col. C. F. Jerram (Ringing Master), Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Council), Mr. G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary of the Council), Canon Sedgwick, Rev. W. R. Trewhella, etc.

Dr. Symous welcomed the representatives of the Council to the diocese, and referred humorously to some of his early experiences of ringing, which began over fifty years ago. He called the first peal in Cornwall, and since those days there had been a continuous uphill struggle in the Duchy to promote change ringing. The Guild, how-

ever, was slowly making an impression (applause).

Lt.-Col. Jerram proposed the health of 'The Visitors,' and said the Truro Guild was very grateful to the visitors for having come there Truro Guild was very grateful to the visitors for having come there and rung such an excellent peal. Cornwall was a very 'stoney' county, not only in the towers but in the difficulties they met with in trying to spread change ringing. It was perhaps natural that the stoney ringers should not approve of them when they tried Stedman or Grandsire, but he would have liked to bring all the ringers of Cornwall to listen to the ringing that day. It was without a hitch, and it had shown those who were struggling in Cornwall with the rudiments what they might hope eventually to attain. He was happy to say they were beginning to see a little daylight for change ringing in the county, but at present they only had five towers where it was regularly practised. He was glad of that visit of members of the Central Council, which would be an encouragement to them to carry on.

The President of the Council, in response, thanked the hosts for

The President of the Council, in response, thanked the hosts for their hospitality, and said that scientific ringers had something to learn from the old Devon and Cornish ringers in the striking and in the ringing up and down. He hoped the visit of the Council to the West would encourage change ringing. The President added the thanks of the visitors to the Cathedral authorities.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, who was also called upon to respond, said he was warned before coming to Truro that it would be 'up to them' to see that they left a good impression behind, and he was pleased to think that the ringing had been appreciated by Truro ringers, and that they had not 'let down' the art in the estimation of Cornish listeners. He added the special thanks of the visitors to Mr. Roberts for making the arrangements for the peal.

The Sub-Dean, acknowledging the thanks to the Cathedral authorities, said the ringing had given immense pleasure to all, with one exception, who had heard the bells that morning, and to the practical ringers it had given a great deal of encouragement.

The visitors who had not taken part in the peal had the opportunity of ringing for afternoon service, and many had the privilege

tunity of ringing for afternoon service, and many had the privilege of seeing some of the Cathedral treasures, which were shown to them by the Sub-Dean. Afterwards there were visits to Kenwyn and St. Kea Churches for ringing.

There was another informal 'gathering of the clans' at headquarters at Plymouth on Monday evening, by which time most of those who were to attend the next day's meeting had arrived.

AN EXPERIMENT JUSTIFIED

The Council discharged the serious business of the proceedings on Tuesday, the Standing Committee being in session for nearly two hours before the full Council met at 11 a.m. The business, with an interval for lunch, lasted until after half-past five, and both members and friends were then entertained to a sumptuous tea by the Devon Guild. Various rings of bells, including those at the Dock-yard, were afterwards open for ringing, and later there was a 'social' organised by the Devon Guild, at which there were vocal

'social' organised by the Devon Guild, at which there were vocal and instrumental music and handbell ringing, the programme having been arranged by Mr. E. W. Marsh, who, indeed, was chiefly responsible for nearly all the local arrangements and was heartly thanked for all he had done to make the Council's visit so enjoyable. Opportunity was also taken to thank the Devon Guild for their hospitality, and the president of the Council for his conduct of the business, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, who proposed the vote of thanks, remarking on the Council's good fortune in having such an able chairman as Mr. Lewis had proved himself to be. He also thanked the hon, secretary (Mr. G. W. Fletcher) and his unofficial assistant (Mrs. Fletchor) for the way in which they had prepared for the business of the Council.

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The Chairman, in acknowledging the vote, which was carried by acclamation, said it had been a pleasure to preside over the meeting because all had helped to make it a success. He paid a tribute to the work done by Mr. Fletcher, and thanked Mr. Marsh and his friends of the Devon Guild. Going so far west, he said, was rather an experiment, but he thought the numbers had justified the experiment, and would make them look forward before very long to accepting the invitation to Dublin.

The Rev. E. S. Powell replied for the Devon Guild, and Mr. E. W. Elwell expressed thanks to the hon. librarian (Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) for the work he had done during the year. It had been a record in sales, and that had involved a record in the amount of work to be done.

The evening sped all too quickly, and the 'social' ended about 11 p.m., although, it is said, business and other matters were still being discussed elsewhere until the 'wee sma' 'ours.' Some membeing discussed elsewhere until the 'wee sma' 'ours.' Some members departed by the midnight train, and many left in the early morning, but others remained during Wednesday to visit Kelly for the dedication of the memorial to the late Rev. Maitland Kelly, and a peal was also rung at Emmanuel Church. A motorcoach party was made up to visit Ruckfast Abbey, where special permission had been obtained from the Abbot to ring on this unique peal of belis. The magnificent abbey, which is only just nearing completion and has taken 25 years to build, the whole of the labour in the erection of the structure having been carried out by the monks themselves, was inspected with interest, but some of the visitors did not find ringing by any means easy as they stood out visitors did not find ringing by any means easy as they stood on the narrow balcony high up in the central tower, with only a low parapet wall between them and the floor of the abbey 51ft, below. Stedman Caters and Stedman Cinques were rung.

Despite the heavy rain on this, the last day of the visit, the members spent a most enjoyable time and carried away very pleasant memories of their trip to 'Glorious Devon.'

UNOFFICIAL NEWS.

One member of the Central Council spent twelve hours in motor coaches on Whit Monday travelling across England to Plymouth. It was much cheaper than going by train, and he saw a lot of the coun-

Another made an even longer journey during the week-end by motor-cycle, but he did not do it all in one day, as he got an unexpected 'close up' with the road at one place, which left him badly shaken and not a little marked. He has, however, such 'golden' opinions of Cornwall that, despite the accident, he turned up in Trure on Whit Monday.

Members of the Council scored three peals while on their visit to the West. During the peal at Plympton St. Maurice, the Vicar baptised the infant daughter of a visitor. The music of the bells made an unusual background to the prayers and responses and the occasional crying of little Sheila. The ringers were much obliged to the Vicar for his kind consideration in allowing the peal to be rung under the prayers also proposed also proposed as the proposed of the prayers.

under the unusual circumstances.

After the peal at Truro Cathedral, one of the ringers, assuming a look of innocence, inquired of a waiter at a local lotel, what the bells had been ringing for. He was informed that the ringers from all the towers in the country round came to Truro to practise every Whit Monday!

There were several amateur detectives on the look-out for Kate at Plymouth, but if she visited there she succeeded in cluding them all.

Plymouth, but if she visited there she succeeded in cluding them all. There is no truth in the rumour that she was one of the two dades who took a distinguished member of the Council out to tea. By the way, we have been asked who was this gentleman; and who was the other member who was escorted back to his hotel by another pair of fair ones? If we knew, we wouldn't tell.

Who found a nice new cap at Truro, and left in its place one obviously the worse for wear? The rightful owner of the former would be glad to get into communication with the lucky finder. If he does, will it be a 'row' or a 'change'?

DEATH OF LINCOLNSHIRE LADY RINGER.

AN ACTIVE CHURCHWORKER AT BARTON.

The ringers of St. Peter's Church, Barton-upon-Humber, have suffered a great loss through the death of Miss Kathleen Allberry (Kitty), beloved and only child of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Allberry, of Southgarth, Barton, which took place on April 19th at the early age of 25 years.

Some months ago Miss Aliberry's health suddenly broke down. She never recovered, and to the regret of everyone who knew her she passed peacefully away on the above date.

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Miss Allberry had never attempted peal ringing, but was regular in attendance on practice nights, and ever present at Sunday service ringing. Her activities were not confined to the belfry. For many years she had been a Sunday School teacher, a member of the St. Peter's Girls' Guild, secretary of the Barton Church Players' Guild, and was always ready to do anything for the church which she loved so well. She was also a member of the British Red Cross Society.

The funeral took place on Saturday, April 23rd, the cortage from Southgarth to St. Peter's Church being headed by a company of the local branch of Red Cross Nurses, in uniform, who on arriving at the church porch formed a guard of honour. Here the Vicar (Rev. E. Varah) the Rev. J. V. Thomas (curate), and the Rev. Canon H. T. Parry, of Bigby, president of the Grimsby District. Lincoln Diocesan Guild, with the surpliced choir, met the procession, and the service included the hymns, 'How bright those glorious spirits shine 'and 'Lead, Kindly Light.' At the conclusion of the service the Dead March was played on the organ by the organist, Mr. H. King. The funeral procession re-formed to proceed to the cemetery half a mile away. Ten members of the Players' Guild, acted as hearers, carrying the coffin the whole of the way. They were Messrs. A. H. Eastoo, F. Chambers, J. Broughton, F. Green, O. Daddy (Burton), H. Ebbottson and M. Walker (Ulceby), F. Lord (Scunthorpe), B. Gilliatt (Burton-on-Stather), G. Hall (Elsham), and Messrs. A. Oldridge and W. Jennings (representing the Players' Guild). Amongst the large number of mourners were Miss Stamp, Miss Blood, Miss Doughty (from the local band), Mrs. J. Bray (Burton), Mrs. A. H. Eastoe and Mrs. A. Hoodless (representing the Ladice' Guild of Ringers), and Mr. Jack Bray (Burton), Ringing Master of the Grimsby District. The last rices were performed at the graveside by the Rev. Canon H. T. Parry. After the committal a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the open grave by A. H. Eastoo 1-2, F. Lord 3-4, J. Bray 5-6,

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the Barnsley and District Association was from Armley, Batley, Earlsheaton, Felkirk, Horbury, Hoylandswaine, Pontafract, Royston, Shelley, Wath-on-Dearne, and the local company. The bells at Sandal have recently been overhauled by Messrs, Mears and Stainbank. There is now a marked improvement in the tone of the bells.

The Vicar (Rev. A. A. Parry) attended the tea in the Parochial Hall. Mr. C. D. Potter presided over the business meeting, at which a communication was read from the Yorkshire Association (Southern District) with reference to the joint meeting to be held at Handsworth, and it was agreed that all who were able should attend.

Wath-on-Dearne was selected for the next place of meeting.

After the usual vote of thanks, further ringing followed, both on

handbells and in the tower.

RINGERS REHANG A BELL.

At Christ Church, Bootle, for evensong, on Whit Sunday, a quarter-penl of Minor (720 Oxford Bob, 540 Plain Bob): W. Cleator 1, D. Parry 2, L. Corteen 3, J. Martin 4, Jas. McKee 5, John McKee (conductor) 6.

The ringers of this tower have just replaced a broken gudgeon on the tenor (13 cwt.) The 'go' of the bell is now excellent. These bells are of cast steel, by Vickers, of Barrow. They were cast in 1862. There are few other such bells in use now.

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There was a profusion of beautiful floral tributes, which included those from relatives and friends and ladies of the Barton and Brigg Branch of the Red Cross, the Ladies' Guild of Bellringers, the Parish Church bellringers (both in the shape of a bell), 1st and 2nd company of Girl Guides, Barton Bowling and Tennis Club, the Players' Guild, the Brownies, the Girls' Guild, the boys of the Parish Church Guild, the Brownies, the Girls' Guild, the boys of the Parish Clurch School, the staff and scholars of the girls' and infants' department of the Parish Church Schools, Miss Branston (president) and Miss Jowitt (secretary) of Newark G.F.S., the St. Chad's Sewing Party and many others. The grave was lined with moss, flowers, and foliage by the members of the Red Cross Society.

In the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on the tower bells with the bells half-muffled: Mrs. J. Bray 1, A. W. Hoodless 2, Martin Walker 3, Bernard Gilliatt 4, Stophen Bromfield 5, Frank Lord 6, Jack Bray (conductor) 7, T. Hall 3, concluding with the 'whole pull and stand' 25 times.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Fourteen keepers and gardeners of Clifton Zoological Gardens, of whom seven handle their bell well, are to be elected probationer members of the Gloucester and Bristol Association to-morrow. They have had but two practices, but show extraordinary keepness and promise.

The attempt for the long peal of Bob Major at Bennington on Whit Monday came to grief after just over four hours' ringing. The band afterwards rang a peal of Kent Treble Bob. It is hoped to make another attempt for the long peal as soon as possible.

A peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung on the back eight bells at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Whit Monday by the Royal Cumberland Youths. This follows on Cambridge Maximus and Cambridge Royal on the same bells. Can any other society claim a similar performance in one tower?

There can be few ringers whose peals have been spread over a period of 64 years, but Mr. George F. Margelson, who is 82 years of age, and rang the treble to a peal of Kent Treble Bob at Rayleigh, Essex, on Saturday, May 21st, rang his first peal in 1868, at St. Matthew's Church, Ipswich. His tutor was the late Mr. Ted Horrex. We congratulate Mr. Margetson on still being able to stand at the rope end for three hours.

It is interesting to note that five members of the National Police Guild who rang in the peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Dummow, on Saturday, also took part in the first police peal ever rung—a peal of Bob Major at St. Giles'-in-the-Fields in 1912. These were Messrs, Schleuter, Shipp, Digby, Brett and Bottrill.

The peal at Dunmow was the first in the method for the fluild, and the band wish to thank Messrs. Smith, of the local company, for the excellent arrangements made, and also for the bountiful tea

The peal of Major at Wiveliscombe on April 30th was not the first on the bells, as claimed in the footnote.

Mr. Arthur F. James, a member of Saffron Walden Society, passed away on Saturday last. He had been in failing health for the past six months, and underwent an operation in the Freemasons' Nursing Home, Chelsea, a month ago, but never regained his strength. The funeral took place on Wednesday.

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To the Editor.

Sir,—My last letter to you was written before I saw Mr. Trollope's contribution to your issue of April 1st. I am sorry to have been unable to comment on the latter earlier.

Whatever view we may take of the obscurities surrounding the origin of the College Youths, one thing is clear. When I say that in our present state of knowledge it cannot be shown that there was not a ring of bells at St. Michael's prior to the Fire of 1666, I am stating a proposition which cannot be rationally contradicted. For the rest of what I have said I claim no more than that I have long considered the subject and given some study to the locality and its history. But the more light we can get the better, and anything Mr. Trollope may tell us about the Westminster or other traditions will be welcome. At present I do not see any new material.

No one not under the influence of controversy would be likely to doubt that Shipway meant St. Michael's Church. No other church will fit his words. The introduction of St. Martin Vintry is nothing but an irrelevance.

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In 1900 I said in 'The Bell News' that I considered the criticism of Osborn and Ellacombe to be misconceived, and I say so again of Osborn and Ellacombe to the misconceived, and I say so again now. Shipway must be alluding to the pre-Fire St. Michael's, for he could not intend to inform the Exercise that there ever was a time when the College Youths practised in the present tower, which he and every London ringer knew held but one bell. We cannot show that the College Youths did not practise at old St. Michael's unless we can show—which we cannot—that there was not a ring of bells there. Parnell, I was told, years since, was a great collector of all he could hear of ringing lore, and on this particular point we cannot assert that what he told Shipway was false. To say that a society practised in a tower is not to say that it was connected with it exclusively or for any other purpose. The relations of ringing societies and church towers were the same in the seventeenth century as when the London St. James' Society was founded in 1824. If give this date from memory, but if not exact it is not far out.)

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tions those who have accepted Osborn's guess. I have never accepted it. On the contrary, I expressly rejected it more than thirty years ago in 'The Bell News,' and with it, of course, what Ellacombe said. I have never connected the College Youths with Whittington, or mediæval guilds. On the contrary, I regard such attempts as false history. In my view the seventeenth century London ringing societies were entirely new secular clubs formed for the pursuit of an intellectual sport, which then arose for the first time, owing to the keen interest in mathematics which was at that time aroused in England. They had no continuity with anything that had gone before. The They had no continuity with anything that had gone before. The mediæval guilds had long been extinct, and the College Youths, in my opinion, had no more connection with them than with troubadours or crusaders.

R. A. DANIELI.

'THE RINGING WORLD.'

BIG ' PUSH ' FOR A LARGER CIRCULATION AND A BETTER PAPER.

The Central Council at the meeting at Plymouth discussed the need for increasing, in the interests of the Exercise, the circulation of 'The Ringing World.' The Council recognises the value of the services rendered by this journal to ringing, but it is being carried on without adequate remuneration. At the same time the great activity which is being displayed in the art makes it important that more space should be available. ficiencies can only be made up by a larger circulation, and, on the motion which was before the Council, the Editor made an appeal for an increase of at least 3,500 new subscribers. If that were forthcoming a larger and more attractive paper was promised. Such an increase ought not to be beyond the bounds of possibility, and efforts are to be made to realise it. Will all our readers help to make this big 'push 'a success? This issue is enlarged to 20 pages, and this would be the size of 'The Ringing World' every week if the increased circulation is forthcoming.

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The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn had given notice of the following motion: 'That in order to further the best interests of the Exercise, and to give all ringing matters the maximum publicity, all affiliated societies be requested to use their best endeavours to increase the circulation of the only ringing paper.' Towards the end of the College Youths' dinner, the Henry Johnson dinner, and similar gatherings, he said, there usually comes a toast to the Press. By that time, in his experience, a great number of people had gone, and those who were left, having drunk the health of the Press, go home feeling they have done all that they have been asked to do and all that they have done all that they have been asked to do and all that they need do. He wanted to speak to the Council in support of their ringing Press. A ringing paper was not in the same category as a daily paper. Whether they bought a daily paper to-morrow or not, did not matter much to those who sold it, but it did matter infinitely whether or not they supported 'The Ringing World.' He asked them what that meeting would have been that day if there had been no Ringing World'? He asked those who were older to carry back their thoughts to the time when they did not have such a paper as 'The Ringing World,' when they had a great trouble to get announcements and reports at all. Hut for 21 years now they had enjeyed 'The Ringing World.' Week by week it had been well worth taking and reading. Never once had he read a leading article that was dull. Their support of 'The Ringing World' was of vital importance to ringing and to what was called the Exercise at this time. The circulation was not what it ought to be. After he had spoken and the motion had been seconded, the Editor of 'The Ringing World' was going to make a statement and sketch the lines on which they could do something to increase the circulation. It was up to them to do it. He had been trying to do what he could in his own Guild. Sinc would have to reiniquish his work, and he wanted to see the paper in such a position financially that, when his call canne to leave them, it would be open to someone else to carry on without having to say he could not afford to do it.

Mr. F. W. Perrens, who seconded, said it was for the Council to do something more than merely express its views. They ought to take some definite action to get increased circulation for the paper.

THE EDITOR'S STATEMENT.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (Editor of 'The Ringing World') said he naturally welcomed the resolution, but he did so not merely from a commercial aspect but because he believed if it were passed and given effect to, if it were not allowed to remain as just a pious expression of opinion but followed up with definite action, not only 'The Ringing World' but the Exercise would benefit. He thought they were all agreed that without a journal devoted to ringing, the Exercise and the Art would in all probability be in a very sorry way. It was the ringing Press of the last sixty years which had gradually welded the Exercise together, and had largely, if not entirely, made possible its present development. Ringing papers, however, had always had an uphill task, and four of them had gone under in the struggle. 'The Ringing World' had lasted for twenty-one years, and, while he did not wish to take any credit for what had been done, he could assure them it had not maintained its existence with done, he could assure them it had not maintained its existence with-

out the exercise of a good deal of tonacity and determination. Had it been treated as purely a commercial venture, 'The Ringing World' would long since have gone the way of the rest, but he had had a deeper interest in it than that. He had an inherited and profound love of the art, and it was that more than anything else which had persuaded him to continue with 'The Ringing World' when other considerations said, 'Have done with it.' The circulation was nothing like what it ought to be to make it a satisfactory commercial proposition. There were many ways in which the paper could be made more attractive and make a wider appeal but it was hampered by limitations of space and the question of cost. The intense activity in the Exercise to-day imposed a demand upon the columns of the paper that it was impossible wholly to satisfy. A great deal of matter was crowded out which deserved to find space, and a great of the paper that it was impossible wholly to satisfy. A great deal of matter was crowded out which deserved to find space, and a great deal more was omitted which, while of interest to those directly concerned, had little for the general ringing public. At present they had to crowd in every possible line, and constantly several pages of matter were squeezed out. To make the appearance of the paper more attractive, and to introduce special features, at least 30, if not 50, per cent. of the present news items, limited as they were, would have to be sacrificed. The only practicable solution was a larger paper, and a larger paper would cost more meney to produce. He realised that the present price of threepence might seem a lot of money to those who bought the paper, but what they did not know, perhaps, was that rather more than half of this was swallowed up in the cost of distribution through the trade. The only way to meet the cost of a larger paper was an increased circulation, and, in view of the demands which there were upon space, a larger and more attractive paper was, to his mind, much more likely to be generally acceptable than a cut in the price, desirable as that might seem on the surface. Mr. Goldsmith went on to give some comparative figures, and said that to increase the size of 'The Ringing World' by four pages every week, an increased circulation of 5,500 copies was needed. There were, he said, no definite statistics as to the number of change pages every week, an increased circulation of 5,500 copies was needed. There were, he said, no definite statistics as to the number of change ringers in this country sufficiently interested to belong to an association or guild, but probably he was not far out when he put the number at 20,000. Was it too much to ask for 7,500 subscribers to the paper? Much as he would value the resolution before the Council, if it were passed, he realised that some further action was necessary if it was to have any real result, and he suggested that a suitably worded appeal for support should be sent out by the associations, in a form agreed by the president of the Council and the mover of the resolution, and he undertook that any definite indication of a substantial increase in circulation should be responded to by an enhanced value in the paper itself.

by an enhanced value in the paper itself.

Various suggestions were put forward by members of the Council for meeting the situation. Mr. G. R. Newton thought the Council should consider assisting to finance the journal.

Mr. J. Cotterell advocated obtaining the paper through the post direct from 'The Ringing World' office, and thus saving distribution costs.

Major Hesse urged instructors and conductors of towers to im-Another member suggested that each brunch of each association should appoint a representative to push the sale of 'The Ringing World,' and to save expense of distribution by obtaining all the

necessary copies in bulk.

Mr. P. J. Johnson said it was out of the question for the Council to undertake any financial responsibility. He thought it would be

undertake any maneral responsibility. He thought it would be wiser to appoint a committee to act in collaboration with Mr. Goldsmith to formulate a scheme for increasing the sales.

Mr. J. W. Jones urged the pushing of the sales at the monthly and quarterly meetings of associations, and Mr. F. Wilford said in the Peterborough Diocese they had been able to get an advertisement into the 'Diocesan Review.'

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The resolution, on being put to the meeting, was carried unanimously.

EAST HADDON RINGERS' MARRIAGE.

The wedding of Miss E. Turland and Mr. J. Cadd, both of whom are ringers of St. Mary's Church, East Haddon, took place at St. Mary's on Saturday, May 21st. The service was conducted by the Rev. G. E. Pitter, an hon. member of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, of which both the bride and bridegroom are members.

As the couple left the church, the organist played the 'Wedding March,' following which the church bells were fired and several good touches rung. Later in the day, as the bride and bridegroom were leaving for their honeymoon, which is being spent at Southsea, 720 Boh Minor was rung by the local band: Mrs. H. Brown 1, F. Bentield 2, J. Caddman 3, J. Cadd 4, A. Brown 5, R. Adams (conductor) 6. The ringers attended the reception at the invitation of the bride and bridegroom. bridegroom.

bridegroom.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BROMLEY, KENT.—At the Parish Church for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: P. J. Spice 1, A. James 2, G. P. James 3, *H. Knight 4, W. Grace 5, *G. Letchford 6, G. Huxley (conductor)) 7, F. F. Scott 8. * First quarter-peal 'inside.'

CAMBERWELL.—At St. Giles' Church, on Sunday, May 1st, for evensong, 1,257 Stedman Caters: W. Rogers 1, Miss B. M. Mills 2, C. O. Moore 3, T. W. Taffender 4, J. Lanas 5, E. Hancox (conductor) 6, W. D. Grainger 7, E. J. King 8, G. H. Grainger 9, W. Peters 10,

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

SPECIAL REPORT OF THE PLYMOUTH MEETING.

UNPAID SUBSCRIPTIONS DEBAR MEMBERS FROM VOTING.

Below we begin a detailed report of the 40th annual meeting of the Central Council, a brief summary of which appeared in our last issue. The business was transacted in the Council Chamber at the Guildhall, Plymouth.

When the Council had assembled, the Mayor of Plymouth took the When the Council had assembled, the Mayor of Plymouth took the chair, and was supported on the dois by the Bishop of Plymouth, the president of the Council (Mr. E. H. Lewis), the hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. Golly, Fletcher), and the hon. librarian (the Rey. C. W. O. Jenkyn). The affiliated societies were represented as follows:—Ancient Society of College Youths: Mr. H. R. Newton.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. Mr. J. T. Dyke and Mr. J.

Hunt

Cambridge University Guild .- Mr. E. H. Lewis and Mr. E. M. Atkins.

Chester Diocesan Guild: Mr. H. S. Brocklebank, Devon Guild: Rev. E. S. Powell, Mr. E. W. Marsh and Mr. G. C. Woodley.

Essex Association: Mr. E. J. Butler and Mr. G. R. Pye. Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association: Mr. J. Austin, Mr. E. Guise and Mr. W. Rose.

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Guildford Diocesan Guild: Mr. A. H. Pulling and Mr. G. L. Grover.
Hertford County Association: Mr. W. Ayre.
Kent County Association: Mr. E. Barnett, Mr. T. Groombridge and
Mr. F. M. Mitchell.
Ladies' Guild: Mrs. E. K. Fletcher and Mrs. R. Richardson.
Lancashire Association: Mr. G. R. Newton and Mr. W. H. Shuker.
Lincoln Diocesan Guild: Mr. R. Richardson and Mr. J. Phillips.
Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association: Mr. J. W. Jones.
London County Association: Mr. A. D. Barker and Mr. F. E. Dawe.
Middlesex County Association: Mr. A. D. Barker and Mr. F. E. Dawe.
Middland Counties Association: Mr. C. T. Coles, Mr. G. W. Fletcher,
Mr. W. H. Hollier and Mr. W. Pickworth.
Midland Counties Association: Mr. E. Denison Taylor, Rev. R. P.
Farrow and Mr. J. H. Swinfield.
Norwich Diocesan Association: Mr. F. Nolan Golden.
Oxford Diocesan Guild: Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, Rev. C. W.
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Oxford University Society: Mr. H. Miles. Peterborough Diocesan Guild: Mr. F. Wilford, Mr. T. Law and Mr. Tehbutt.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild: Rev. F. Li. Edwards, Mr. S. Hillier and Mr. C. H. Jennings.
Society of Royal Cumberland Youths: Mr. J. Parker.
Suffolk Guild: Rev. H. Drake.
Surrey Association: Mr. C. H. Kippin.

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Swansea and Brecon Guild: Mr. A. J. Pitman.
Truro Diocesan Guild: Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella, Lieut.-Col. C. F.
Jerram, Mr. H. J. Clark and Mr. W. H. Southeard.
Warwickshire Guild: Mr. F. W. Perrens and Mr. J. H. W. White.
Winchester and Portsmouth Guild: Mr. G. Williams.
Worcester and Districts Association: Mr. H. G. Bird and Mr. J. D.

Johnson.

Yorkshire Association: Mr. J. Cotterell, Mr. P. J. Johnson and S. Palmer.

The following hon, members were present: Messrs, W. A. Cave, E. W. Elwell, J. George, J. S. Goldsmith, J. H. B. Hesse, A. A. Hughes, C. F. Johnston, J. A. Trollope and E. Alex, Young.

Thirty-one societies were thus represented by 63 members, and twenty-one were unrepresented. There are altogether 130 elected and

15 honorary members of the Council.

A WELCOME TO PLYMOUTH.

The Mayor of Plymouth, at the outset of the proceedings, extended to the members a hearty welcome to Plymouth. They came, he said, from all parts of the country, and they would speak with a compreheusive voice. As ringers they had a message, and it was of that message he would like to speak. He would be exceedingly sorry to miss the utterance of the hells which he heard ringing Sabbath by Sabbath. Their message was not antirely for these was able to a like the same that the miss the utterance of the bells which he heard ringing Sabbath by Sabbath. Their message was not entirely for those who did or did not attend church. Their message was for all occasions, and left its impress on all those who were attentive and content to listen. They inspired Tennyson in his wonderful passage in 'In Memoriam,' when he wrote 'Ring out the false, ring in the true.' Nothing was more necessary in this our day than that there should be some means of ringing out the false and ringing in the true. He did not know that the bells ever inspired him more to serious thought than on the occasion of the passing of some great prince or person of State, when sion of the passing of some great prince or person of State, when they rang that most majestic of all peals, which represented the passing of a soul from this world, and the muffled sound of the bells came back from the skies after they had rung the main peal. Ringers did not know what chord they were touching in the hearts of those who heard them. When they were doing their skilful work

in the towers and giving out their beautiful harmonies, they stimulated their heavers to a deeper response to the higher things of life. He cordially welcomed the Council to Plymouth, and hoped that when they had seen more of the historic town and its surrounding beauties they would carry away happy memories of their visit (applause).

The Bishop of Plymouth gave the Council a hearty welcome a behalf of the Church in Plymouth. The Bishop of Exeter would, he said, be coming in the afternoon to give them a diocesan welcome and his episcopal benediction. He did not know how Devon compared with other counties, but certainly they were very proud of their bells in Devonshire, and proud of the men who rang them. The work of the ringers was of very great importance and value. Some of them were old enough to remember the time when not very much was expected of the bellringers, except to ring the bells. Now, none of them accepted that idea, and they tried to get men to ring who felt that they were called to a real piece of religious work, and that they must do it in a religious spirit. In Devonshire they linked bellringing with the religious life of the Church, and that was the ideal which, he knew, underlay the work of the Council. For that reason they welcomed them in the West. He hoped bellringing in Devonshire would gain by their visit, and that the Council would gain by carrying away a pleasant impression of Plymouth. He wished the Council all success in their visit and in the discussions which would ensue (apsuccess in their visit and in the discussions which would ensue (ap-

plause).
The President thanked the Mayor and the Bishop for their kind welcome. The Council, he said, appreciated very much being able to come to that wonderful city, which was the farthest west and the farthest south the Council had ever been. It was rather an experiment to go so far, but as would be seen from the numbers present, the distance had not deterred them. That was no doubt owing to farthest south the Council had ever been. It was rather an experiment to go so far, but as would be seen from the numbers present, the distance had not deterred them. That was no doubt owing to the attractions which they knew would be waiting for them in Plymouth. The Bishop had said he hoped they would gain something from their visit to Devon. He (the president) thought they would. The position in the West Country was rather unique as far as change ringing was concerned. That Council represented what, in the West, was called scientific change ringing, which was different to a great deal of the ringing practised in Devon and Cornwall, but he did feel very strengly that they had something to learn from the local style of round and call change ringing, because ringers in Devon and Cornwall, even though they did not go in for scientific change ringing, did know how to strike their bells and produce that rhythin which was so much appreciated by the public. He felt if they could sective for their change ringing in all cases that excellence of striking which they heard in the West among the round ringers, they would go back with a great deal of benefit. In this connection he would like to mention what Col. Jerram had said at Truro on the previous day, if they wished to act in a missionary sense in those western counties, and further the introduction of the art of change ringing, it was necessary for them as change ringers to be able to do all that the round ringers could do (hear, hear), and unless they could rise and fall the bells in peal with absolute accuracy and ring rounds and, if necessary, call changes with perfect accuracy, they had no great chance of performing much missionary work in those western counties. He thought it was their duty to take an inspiration from the West and go hack determined to learn to rise and fall they had go hack determined to learn to rise and fall western counties. He thought it was their duty to take an inspira-tion from the West and go back determined to learn to rise and fall bells perfectly, as was done in the West. That, he thought, was the gain they might take back from their visit. He thanked the Mayor and the Bishop of Plymouth for coming there to welcome the Coun-

and the Bishop of rymouth for coming there to welcome the Council and inspiring them to go on with their business and reach those ideals which they had put before them (applause).

The Mayor said it was a great pleasure to come among them, and he hoped they would enjoy their business proceedings as much as he was sure they would enjoy the rest of their visit.

The Mayor and the Bishop then left, and the president took the obesic.

chair.

UNPAID SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The Secretary reported that two new societies had joined the Council, the North Staffs and District Society, who had elected one representative, and the Scottish Association, who had elected one representative. He had also to report the reaffiliation of the Gloucesrepresentative. He had also to report the reaffiliation of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, who had elected four representatives. He understood that was the first time the association had elected four representatives to serve on the Council during the last twenty years (applause). The Secretary added that the Truro Diocesan Guild had sent three more representatives, making four instead of one (applause). The lotal number of associations now affiliated was 52, but there were still six associations whose affiliation fees were averaged for this year.

were unpaid for this year.

The President called attention to Rule 5 of the Council's 'Rules and Decisions,' which states that 'no representative member shall be entitled to vote at an annual meeting of the Council until the subscription of the society he represents be paid.' The President added that the Standing Committee had had this matter under conadded that the Standing Committee had had this matter under consideration, and their recommendation was that the rules be enforced. Therefore those members representing societies whose subscriptions were unpaid should not be allowed to vote. The rule also implied that they should not be allowed to take part in the meeting. The committee did not wish this year to insist on that, and he proposed therefore that members whose subscriptions were unpaid should be

allowed to speak and take part in the discussions, but they were bound to insist on the rules that they be not allowed to vote.

Mr. E. A. Young asked whether, if any unpaid subscriptions were paid forthwith, the representatives present might be allowed to vote.

The President said the difficulty was that it was necessary that the subscriptions should be paid by some fully qualified official of the association concerned. No doubt, if any such officers were present and prepared to pay the subscription forthwith, it could be accepted, but they could not accept such subscription from private members who were not duly authorised. who were not duly authorised.

Mr. Young then tendered the subscription for the three members of the London County Association, of which he is the hon, treasurer.

CHANGE IN HONORARY MEMBERS.

The next business on the agenda was the election of hon members. Four retired, and the Standing Committee recommended the re-election of Mr. H. W. Wilde and Mr. W. A. Cave, and the election of Mr. Albert Walker, of Birmingham. For special reasons, the President said, the committee recommended that one vacancy be left. It used to be the practice to have one vacancy in reserve in case they It used to be the practice to have one vacancy in reserve in case oney wanted to elect any special person as an honorary member, and it was proposed to follow that course on this occasion. On behalf of the Standing Committee, he proposed the three names he had mentioned.—The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn seconded the motion, which was

tioned.—The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn seconded the motion, which was carried.

The following new members were formally introduced to the president: Messrs. J. Austin, E. Guise and W. Rose, Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association; Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella, Messrs. H. J. Clark and W. H. Southeard, Truro Diocesan Guild; Mr. John Phillips, Lincoln Diocesan Guild; Mrs. R. Richardson, Ladies' Guild; Mr. J. H. White, Warwickshire Guild.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. W. T. Cockerill, Ancient Society of College Youths; Mr. A. King and Mr. A. E. Sharman, Bedfordshire Association; Rev. C. A. Clements, Chester Diocesan Guild; Mr. T. Metcalfe and Mr. J. C. Pollard, Cleveland and North Yorks Association; Mr. S. J. Hughes, Dudley and District Guild; Mr. J. W. England, East Derbyshire and Notts Association; Mr. T. R. Dennis and Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake, Ely Diocesan Association; Mr. E. Bishop, Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association; Mr. A. C. Hazelden, Guildford Diocesan Guild; Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee, Lancashire Association; Mr. W. Willson, Midland Counties Association; Mr. A. E. Coleman, Norwich Diocesan Association; Rev. J. B. Frith, North Staffs and District Association: Mr. F. W. Hopgood, Oxford Diocesan Guild; Mr. V. Collett, Oxford Society; Mr. G. Cross, St. Clement Youths; Mr. J. D. Matthews, Society of Royal Cumberland Youths; Mr. H. Knight, Stafford Archdeaconry Guild; Mr. C. Dean, Surrey Association; Mr. H. Barton, Winchester and Portsmouth Guild; Rev. C. C. Marshall, Yorkshire Association; Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Mr. H. W. Wilde, Mr. S. H. Wood and Mr. J. Griffin, hon, members.

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Reference was next made to the loss of members through death. Canon Colevidge said as one of the oldest members of the Council, and one who had attended every meeting of the forty which had been held, it had been his sad lot to see many of his friends of the Council pass away from their midst from year to year. They had had very sad departures from among them during the past year. He was only going to speak of one, because he was a very great figurehead in every way in the Exercise; he referred, of course, to the late Henry Law James. Mr. James was very regular in his attendance at the Council meetings, and he was very energetic indeed on those committees on which he served, and over some of which he presided, and when he came there he brought no uncertain views. He put mittees on which he served, and over some of which he presided, and when he came there he brought no uncertain views. He put forward views which to some of them scened rather far in advance of anything they had dreamt of before, but no doubt Mr. James was perfectly right, for he was more far-seeing than many of them, and had a way with him of enforcing his views. They gave him every credit for everything he did for the Exercise. He could not help going back in thought to the meeting at Chelaisford, where, because he was so ill, he asked to be allowed to sit while addressing the Council, and made a most invassioned address. He was staking all Council, and made a most impassioned address. He was shaking all council, and matte a most impassioned aduress. He was snaking all over-whether it was pain, or sickness, or excitement he (the speaker) did not know—but he did it in a most marvellous way. A very great man in the person of Henry Law James had passed away from the Exercise. They would miss him at every possible turn, especially those of them who had known him for long years and appreciated all that he did for the good of the Exercise. He (Canon Coleridge) had no doubt many members of the Council were in the same position as he was when they heard of Mr. James' death. Some of them only heard of it on the evening before the funeral, and as the funeral was on Saturday it was manifestly impossible for the clorical members to get to Surfleet and back to their duties on the clerical members to get to Surfleet and back to their duties on the Sunday. Had it been on any other day he would have gone, and he had no doubt other members of the Council, too. He was, however, thankful that their secretary, who only knew of the funeral on the day before, did exactly what they would have expected him to do. He not only immediately sent a wreath on their behalf, but also wrote a letter of condolence to the nearest relative and, busy man though he is, attended the funeral on behalf of the Council (hear, hear). They lamented the death of Henry Law James, they appre-

ciated the work which he had done for the Council and for ringing in general, and they condoled with the members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, who had been proud to call him their Master for many years (hear, hear). Canon Coleridge added that he knew it would be a great help to the secretary of the Council if, when the death of a member of the Council took place, he was at once communicated with. For one thing, it might save in some cases a good deal of facility when letters were addressed to someone who had passed from feeling when letters were addressed to someone who had passed from their midst. He asked the members to stand and join with him in an expression of sympathy in the great loss which the Council had

experienced by the death of the Rev. H. Law James.

The members rose and stood in silence.

The President said the Council had lost two other members during the past year. Mr. Tom Gofton, of the Durham and Newcastle Association, had been a member of the Council since 1921. Those members who had been in the North, and some of them who had gone on ringing tours, would know what a splendid ringer Mr. Gofton was, and what an accurate striker and what excellent work he did in the and what an accurate striker and what excellent work he did in the Durham and Newcastle Association in the encouragement of Surprise ringing, along with other members of his talented family. Although he did not take much part in the discussions at the Council, they would miss him very much. They had also lost Mr. Harry Argyle, who had been a member of the Council since 1912. He also had done valuable work in a quiet way for the Council and for the Exercise. There were two other old members who had died within the eise. There were two other old members who had thed within the last few weeks. Mr. Sam Wood, of Ashton-under-Lyne, was a member of the Council for a good many years. He did not often say much, but what he did say was very much to the point. After what Canon Coleridge had said about the Rev. Law James, he could not help recalling the meeting at Manchester when Mr. James was arguing, in his usual pointed way, that we had extended Stedman in an entirely wrong way; that a quick-six in Stedman Doubles was really a bob, and that what we called Stedman Triples was not Stedman at all, but that what we called Erin was true Stedman, and that the bobs should be made by ringing a quick six. This led to a rather heated discussion, which went on for a long time, and eventually Mr. Sam Wood proposed that Stedman be left as it was 'in fayther's time' (laughter). Mr. Wood did a great work in Lancashire, and was particularly noted for the long peals which were rung at Ashton-under-Lyne and other towers in the neighbour-hood. Continuing, the President said he had seen in 'The Ringing World' that Mr. Tom Salter, of Worcestershire, who was a memher of the Council for some years, had also passed away. Mr. Salter had done much good work for ringing in Worcestershire, and he would like to suggest that their secretary send a letter of condolence to the relatives of those he had mentioned. Stedman at all, but that what we called Erin was true Stedman, and relatives of those he had mentioned.

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The minutes of the meeting held at Liverpool, having been printed, were taken as read and adopted, but on the suggestion of Mr. G. R. Newton it was decided to add to them an expression of the Council's thanks to Mr. W. A. Cave for his services during the absence from England of the then hon, secretary (Mr. E. A. Young). (To be continued.)

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

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The annual meeting of the North Wales Association was held at Llandudno on Whit Monday. Members attended from Bangor, Portmadoc, Gresford, Buckley, Rhyl, Wrexham, Chester, and the local band, also several visitors, including Mr. W. W. Wolsteneroft (Ashton-under-Lyne), Mr. W. B. Kynaston (Swindon), Mr. R. Kynaston (Oswestry), and Mr. R. Horton (Darlasion). Ringing commenced at 1.30 p.m., and was continued until three o'clock, when a service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Watkin Davies), who gave an interesting and inspiring address that was greatly appreciated. He extended a hearty welcome to the members, and spoke of the friendly relations that existed between the clergy and the local band of ringers. Ringers were usually heard and not seen, he said, but he had made a practice of either himself or one of the curates visiting the belfry every Sunday. The Rector also mentioned the loss Llandulho had sustained in the death of Mr. Leonard Lowe, an enthusiastic had sustained in the death of Mr. Leonard Lowe, an enthusiastic

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The officers were elected as follows: President, the Rev. W. M. Morgan-Jones, M.A.; vice-president, the Rev. Watkin Davies, M.A.; Master, Mr. A. E. Pegler; treasurer, Mr. T. Cathrall; sceretary, Mr. W. Cathrall; district sceretaries, Mr. W. T. Pegler (Bangor), Mr. B. R. Collis (Rhyl), and Mr. A. Lea, jun. (Wrexham).

The following new members were elected: Miss Wainwright, Mrs.

Owen, Mr. Hingley and Mr. S. Gillam.

It was decided to hold the next half-yearly meeting at Bangor and the annual meeting at Rhyl.

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A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for conducting the service, for his excellent address, and also for the tea which he so kindly provided. Thanks were also accorded to the Rev. D. Jones, Vicar of Bangor, for presiding at the meeting.

The tower was again visited after tea for further ringing under the guidance of the Ringing Master.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL AT CHELMSFORD.

The 53rd annual meeting of the Essex Association was held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, when there was a large attendance of ringers from all parts of the diocese. At intervals during the day the twelve bells of the Cathedral were rung, and bands of ringers went out to neighbouring towers to practise their art. The popularity of Chelmsford as the meeting place for Essex ringers was again demon-Chelmsford as the meeting place for Essex ringers was again demonstrated, there being several rings of six and eight bells in the immediate district. Service was held in the Cathedral in the morning, and was well attended. Canon Morrow, Rector of Chelmsford, officiated, and Mr. C. H. Howard, J.P., Master of the Association, read the lesson. Mr. F. R. Frye, Mus.Bac., presided at the organ, the ringers' special service being used. The hymns, 'Ring bells, ring out thy holy chime,' 'Lifted high within the steeple,' and 'The sacred bells of England,' were sung.

The Very Rev. E. Rogers, Dean of Bocking, gave the address. Taking as his text, 'Ye shall be witnesses of Me,' the Dean said he counted it a great privilege to share in the ringers' festival, because for him, as for many others, the bells of our churches held very sacred memories. Bells were so amazingly intimate; they touched everything most sacred in human life; they touched it with an under-

everything most sacred in human life; they touched it with an understanding and sensitiveness which was sometimes denied the human tongue. Because the bells were inarticulate, they brought a message to the heart. The best in art, music, and statuary had been brought to the church to add to the worshippers' joy, and the ringers had added the art of change ringing; they had brought their skill and intelligence to hear upon the dead bells, and made them live with a new harmony and a new beauty. It was just that which made a man of service to his follows and to God; for the practice demanded distibling apprison preservance than public wordly no provides could cipline, sacrifice, perseverance, than which no nobler qualities could be found in the human heart. As this art of change ringing was used, so it would react upon life, because those who practised it became better servants. In Essex over a thousand members of the Ringers' Association realised the gracious gift God had entrusted to

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A SATISFACTORY YEAR.

Luncheon was served at the County Hotel, and this was followed by the business meeting of the association. The Master presided, supported by the Dean of Bocking, the hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. F. J. Pitstow), the district officers and members of the general committee. The Master expressed the regret of Canon Morrow that he was prevented by his duties from attending. The Master them welcomed Mr. Pitstow on his return to the association after being laid aside by illness., and on his suggestion it was agreed that the secretary should send a message of sympathy to Mr. T. Faulkner, who recently underwent an operation. recently underwent an operation.

The Master proceeded to refer to the deaths of founder members, as stated in the report, and said only two original members now survived, Mr. Thomas Watson and Mr. Thomas Edwards, both resident in Braintree. Mr. Edwards expressed a willingness to attend the meeting, but on medical advice he decided not to, although he hoped to join the ringers on some future occasion.

The Master then presented his annual report as follows:—
It is gratifying to report year after year satisfactory progress, and
this 53rd year of the association's existence still reflects this happy this 53rd year of the association's existence still reflects this happy and encouraging advance of its work. The large and increasing attendances at the meetings is proof of the interest that is being maintained by members generally, despite the fact that not a few are among the ranks of the unfortunate unemployed. The total membership is 1,149, against 1,167 for the previous year. As usual a great number of names have been removed, due to lapses, deaths and removals, but, on the other hand, we have a very considerable number of new members, but not quite sufficient to make good the losses. With a little effort this can be done and perhaps exceeded before the With a little effort this can be done, and perhaps exceeded before the end of the present year. The mid-week meetings in the N.W. Division, arranged for the convenience of those who cannot attend on Saturdays, are a new departure and have proved a success. One hundred and five towers are now affiliated against one hundred and

hundred and five towers are now affiliated against one hundred and ten recorded in the last report.

Three founder members, continued the report, had been called to higher service: Messrs. F. Rudkin, of Braintree, Mr. W. Bearman, of Bocking, and Mr. B. Keeble, of Romford. Mr. Rudkin was for many years the District Master of the N.E. Division. Mr. Bearman, owing to failing health, had not taken an active part in ringing for many years. Mr. Keeble was one of the pioneers of the association. Very few, if any, individual member took a more active part in building up the association in its early days. He was largely responsible for dividing the county into districts, and one of the first auditors. Despite his advanced age he kept up his interest to the last. They had also lost Rev. J. W. Dunn, of Colne Engaine, an honorary member: Mr. J. Souter, of Mistley: Mr. H. Redgwell, of Rayne; Mr. G. Neville, of Rayleigh; Mr. F. Sworder, for many years the sole representative of Epping; Mr. A. R. Keeling, for over forty years the secretary of the Orsett band; and Mr. J. Brewster, of Harwich, one of the members with the longest longth of service, who had done much in his younger days to teach and foster the art in his district.

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In belfry improvements very little work had been done, due un-doubtedly to the economic crisis. Three treble bells had been in-

stalled at the new Church of St. George, liford, to form a nucleus of a ring of eight, and the light ring of six at Ford End had been relining. Two trebles were to be added to complete the octave at Withan

Ninety-seven peals had been rung during the year—eighty-nine on tower bells and eight on handbells. The list, although not quite so comprehensive as last year, was a very fine record. The peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal was the first in the method by this association. The handbell peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor at Sible Hedingham was a very creditable performance, and was the first by the association. No less than thirty-two arted in the capacity as conductors on tower bells. Figureight, they had improved their solitions. tion. No less than thirty-two acted in the capacity as conductors on tower bells. Financially they had improved their position. Subscriptions amounted to £70 0s. 5d., booking fees £2 18s. 10d., collections to Boll Restoration Fund £4 13s. 4d., making a total income of £77 12s. 8d. Expenditure totalled £72 10s. 11d., leaving a credit balance on the year's working of £5 1s. 9d. Grants had been made from the Bell Restoration Fund of £3 3s. each to Coggeshall, Ford End and Woodford, ami £1 1s. to Safron Walden, leaving a balance in hand on this fund of £33 12s. 7d.

The report concluded with an expression of gratitude to district officers who had retired, for their long and devoted service. Thanks were also accorded to those remaining in office, some of whom had served for many years. All were carrying out their duties in a most efficient and praiseworthy manner, and the success of the association was due to their untiring efforts.

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BELL AUGMENTATIONS.

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The hon, secretary presented the report of the general committee, which recommended the following grants: One guinen to the memorial to the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, former secretary to the Central Council; a second donation of one guinea to the Stedman Tercentenary Fund; and five guineas to the fund being raised by the Rev. A. C. Corner-Stone for a ring of eight bells at St. George's Church, liford.—Mr. Piistow proposed the adoption of this report.

The Master said St. George's was one of the new churches recently built at Ilford. The Vicar was formerly curate of Romford, and he knew the value of bells. The work of the bells at St. George's had been entrusted to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and would be well done. There was already the frame for eight and three bells. At present there were no bells ringable in Ilford, St. Mary's tower being unsafe. It was rather unusual to-day to build a church with a tower and bells straight away, and he was sure they would all feel it a present there were no bells ringable in liford, St. Mary's tower being unsafe. It was rather unusual to-day to build a church with a tower and bells straight away, and he was sure they would all feel it a very deserving case (applause). In answer to a question about the augmentation of the bells at Witham Church, the Master said a treble bell was being given by the Chalk family, and the second bell would be hung as a memorial to a parishioner who had made a bequest to the church.

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The report of the committee was unanimously adopted. The Dean of Bocking took the chair temporarily during the election of Master for the ensuing year. Mr. W. Pye proposed the reclection of Mr. C. H. Howard, and said Mr. Howard got about to all the meetings in the county.—The proposition was seconded in several places and was carried unanimously.—The Master, in resuming the chair, said that was the 25rd time he had been elected to the office, and he appreciated the honour very much. It would be his endeavour to continue to give satisfaction. As was known, he held many other positions, but the association always had the first charge on his Saturday afternoons. Whenever possible, he attended all the district meetings. He was sometimes heaten when two were arranged on the same date. It was a great pleasure to be prosent and ranged on the same date. It was a great pleasure to be present and see the excellent work done by the district officers.

The remaining officers were unanimously re-elected: Mr. F. J. Pristow, hon. secretary and treasurer; general committee, Dr. Spencer-Phillips, Messrs. W. Kechle, W. Lincoln, T. Faulkner, F. Dench, together with the Master, secretary, District Masters, secretaries and auditors; Peal Committee, Messrs. G. Joyce, G. R. Pye, T. Faulkner, W. Kechle, proceeding on Control Committee. T. Faulkner, W. Keeble; rpresentatives on Central Council of Church Bellringers, Messrs. C. H. Howard, J.P., W. J. Nevard, G. R. Pye, and E. J. Butler; auditors, Messrs. W. H. Theobold and G. W. Faulkner. All were thanked for their past services.

ALTERATIONS OF RULES.

In accordance with the notice given at the previous annual meeting, Mr. E. J. Butler moved an alteration in rules 7 and 8, which was agreed to as follows:-

Rule 7 .- Notice of motion to be brought forward at any annual meeting shall be sent in writing to the sceretary at least 21 days

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Rule 8.—No peal of less than 5,000 changes in one method, or 5,040 changes on five hells rung without interval in true 120's, or 5,040 changes on six hells, rung without interval in true 720's, of which no two in the same method shall be called alike, shall be published in the annual report. No peal shall be published in which any member has taken part whose subscription is in arrear.

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All new compositions rung by the association shall be inserted in the annual report, numbered, or reference to their publication given. The Master stated that in future there would be no booking fees, and in place of the peal book the annual reports, which included each year all the peals rung, were to be bound and kept as the official (Continued in next column.)

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SATISFACTORY FINANCIAL POSITION.
The annual meeting of the Sussex County Association was held at The annual meeting of the Sussex County Association was held at Brighton on Whit Monday, and was well attended, members being present from 25 towers. At the business meeting, held in the Parish Church Memorial Hall, the Master (Mr. J. T. Rickman) presided, and presented the annual report, which stated that the finances of the association were once more on a thoroughly sound basis and fully able to meet any demands likely to be made upon them. While the principal object of the association—'the promotion of scientific ringing throughout the county'—was being steadily pursued, the opinion was felt that its activities should be increased by holding more meetings, and possibly by dividing the county into four divisions, instead of the existing three. The reports sent in by the brauch secretaries, both as to service ringing and the condition of the bells in the county, were most satisfactory. 'We trust,' the report added, 'that those responsible will see to it that the ringing is maintained at the highest possible standard of excellence, and that they will make every endeavour to aspire to a 100 per cent, attendance for Sunday service ringing.'

The committee appointed to deal with the question of the certificate of membership had failed to trace the plate of the original, but a now one had been designed which they were sure would meet with general approval. It is to be obtained post free 1s.

with general approval. It is to be obtained post free 1s. In the financial statement the receipts in the general account were shown to be £224, which sum included 1930's balance of £145. The balance at the end of December, 1931, was £136. The balance on the actual year's working was £6 13s. 9d. There was a decrease of £5 on the Benevolent Fund, and the committee thought some means should be taken to give this fund more support.

The hon, general secretary (Mr. A. D. Stone) presented the report of the hon, peals secretary (Mr. Frank Bennett), who was unable to be present. Mr. Bennett wrote that 72 peals had been rung during the year, which was less than in 1930, but the standard had been higher.

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Officers were re-elected as follow: President, the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Chichoster; vice-presidents, re-elected en bloc, with the addition of the Vicar of Brighton (Canon A. C. W. Rose); Master, Mr. J. Thornton Rickman; hon. treasurer, Mr. Rickman; hon. general secretary, Mr. A. D. Stone; hon. peals secretary, Mr. F. Bennett; hon. auditors, Messrs. W. C. Hart and F. C. J. Turner; representative to Central Council, Mr. Rickman; hon. trustees of funds, Messrs. F. B. Tompkins, H. R. Butcher and G. H. Howse; hon. divisional secretaries, Messrs. R. Swift (Central Division), A. C. Pankhurst (Eastern Division) and A. W. Groves (Western Division). The following new members were elected: Messrs. H. Barnes, R. Matthews and A. Taylor (Aldrington), Miss Nora Peters, Miss Marjoric Bright and Mr. S. Barton (East Grinstead). One new tower (Buxted) was affiliated, cleven members being elected. Mr. T. R. Dennis (Cambridge) was elected a non-resident member.

Mr. E. C. Merritt moved a resolution, which was carried, that a committee be appointed to consider the best means of increasing the activities of the association. A motion by Mr. Stone to alter part of a rule 'that the hon. trustees shall be held responsible for all invested funds of the association, the capital of which shall be invested.

rule 'that the hon, trustees shall be held responsible for all invested funds of the association, the capital of which shall be invested or otherwise held by them conjointly, was also carried.

The meeting decided to make a grant of £5 5s. towards a memorial in Tewkesbury Abbey of the great work done by the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies for the advancement of the art of change ringing.

Prior to the meeting, service was held in St. Peter's Church, when the Vicar of Brighton (Canon A. C. W. Rose) gave an inspiring address on 'team work.'

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After tea in the Memorial Hall, Canon Rose was thanked for his presence, and in reply welcomed the ringers and wished them every

success in their ringing in future.

During the day the ringing took place at St. Peter's (ten), St. Nicholas' (ten), and the Church of the Good Shepherd (eight).

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record. The list of peals would be taken each week from 'The Ringing World,' and he reminded those responsible for sending peals for publication of the necessity of accuracy in detail.

Mr. L. Shamen, South Weald, was made an hon. member of the association, and Mr. H. Coote, Braintree, was re-elected a ringing

member

The Master thanked Canon Morrow for the service at the Cathedral and for the use of the bells, and Dr. Frye for arranging the music at the service. He also thanked the Dean of Bocking for his inspiring address, which was very much valued by the ringers, and all the incumbents for the use of their bells.

The Dean of Bocking, in reply, said he was deeply interested in ringing, and he had been very pleased to take part in the Essex ringers' festival.

The bells in the following towers were at the disposal of the members during the day: Chelmsford Cathedral (12), Writtle (8), Widford (8), Galleywood (8), Great Baddow (8), Great Waltham (8), Springfield (6), Broomfield (6), and Borcham (8). Touches by mixed bands in all the standard methods were rung, including Cambridge Surprise Royal.

SUFFOLK GUILD.

MORE ENCOURAGEMENT FOR FIVE-BELL TOWERS WANTED. At the annual meeting, held this year at Sudbury, in place of Bury St. Edmunds, the officers were all re-elected. The new bands at Woodbridge and Wattisfield were congratulated on the great progress they had made, and it was arranged to hold a meeting shortly at

the latter place.

Referring to the raising of the band at Wattisfield, the report presented by the hon, secretary, the Rev. H. Drake, said there were a number of five-bell towers in Suffolk, and their members were not doing what they could to get them all to be change-ringing towers. It was true that it was difficult to have meetings at a five-bell tower, because so few could ring at a time. But there was no reason why ringers, where they had more bells of their own, should not help ringing bands to be kept going where they had fewer bells. What happened was that, when more bells were in a tower, the ringers always tried to ring the full number, and were out of practice on the lesser numbers. This should not be so. It was always a pleasant change for the general public to hear the lesser numbers occasionally, and it was good practice for the ringers to ring sometimes on four or five bells. Moreover, if they could help and encourage the ringers of five bells to ring changes, it was very probable that they would soon

or five bells. Moreover, if they could help and encourage the ringers of five bells to ring changes, it was very probable that they would soon organise a movement to increase their five bells to six or even eight. The tower at Debenham had been strengthened very adequately, the report continued, and now the order for the rehanging of the bells in an entirely new frame had been given, and they hoped that they would soon be in ringing order again. Other towers had been reported on, and they might hope that a number of bells would be hung, or rehung, when times were better. So far, the bad times were not manifested in their finances. Their position was not outer

hung, or rehung, when times were better. So far, the had times were not manifested in their finances. Their position was not quite so good as the great increase in their balance would seem to indicate. Some receipts from other years appeared this year, while not all the usual payments had been made. Still, they had undoubtedly more than paid their way, and if all members would pay their subscriptions regularly, and also obtain some honorary members in every parish, they would continue to do so.

Mr. C. J. Sedgley (Ringing Master) presented his report, in which he stated that during 1951 86 peals were rung for the Guild, and all but one of these were on tower bells in 32 different towers, the other being on handbells. The talented band at Leiston had a busy year, and this tower headed the list with 12 peals. Framsden and Helmingham also did well with seven each. Glemsford, Holbrook, Monks Eleigh and Rougham appeared in their list for the first time. There were 182 members, the same as last year, who took part in the peals. Eigh and Rougham appeared in their list for the first time. There were 182 members, the same as last year, who took part in the peals, and 30 shared the conducting. Although their total was 12 less than in 1930, the standard of methods rung was high, especially in the Surprise Major section, 13 of these methods having been rung, thanks to the enterprising Leiston and Helmingham district bands.

The reports were adopted.

Some rules for the reckoning of the number of changes rung were discussed in detail, and were finally passed as follows:—

AXIOMS.

'(1) Ringing is expressed by rows of numbers, of which the figures follow one another, in the same order as the bells, which they represent, sound.

(2) Any one of these rows is either a repetition of, or a change from, any other row.

"(3) Change ringing is that which is represented by writing rows of figures, starting from a certain row (usually "rounds"), and proceeding without any repetition until the ringing returns to the same row (usually "rounds") again.

(4) If there be one or more repetitions, the ringing is said to be

'(4) If there be one or more repetitions, the ringing is said to be false. Such ringing may have its length measured by counting up the number of rows rung, not the changes. For while repetitions cannot be changes, they are still rows.

'(5) In such case, a claim to have rung the same number of changes as rows is a false statement. Anyone who makes or supports such a claim is not considered qualified to be a member of a society or company of scientific change ringers.

'(6) No such false statement, claiming that changes have been rung when they have not been rung, should be allowed on the walls of our churches.'

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The bells of the three churches in Sudbury were kept going in the usual methods during the day, and, besides, some of the beginners were encouraged to ring rounds. The day was beautifully fine, and the meeting most successful, sixty sitting down to tea.

NOTICES.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. - East Berks and South Bucks Branch. - A meeting will be held at Horton (6 bells) to-morrow, Saturday, May 28th. - A. D. Barker, Hon.

Sec., Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION .- Archdeaconry of Wisbech.—The next meeting will be held at Upwell (6 bells) on Saturday, June 4th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 All ringers welcome.-E. Barter, Dis. Sec.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BOURNEMOUTH .-- At St. John's Church, on Whit Sunday, for

BOURNEMOUTH.—At St. John's Church, on Whit Sunday, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: L. F. Cox (first quarter-peal) 1, Miss M. White 2, Miss F. M. Child (first quarter-peal inside ') 3, A. G. Rose 4, F. E. Pitman 5, F. Frampton 6, H. R. Mitchell (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, F. Longman 8. Also rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On Whit Sunday, at St. Michael's Church, for 7 a.m. service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: R. Hayden 1, H. J. Tucker 2, F. Springham 3, H. M. White 4, H. Bull 5, W. T. Prior 6, F. Bird (conductor) 7, W. Wilkinson 8. For evening service a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples: E. Absell 1, W. Prior 2, H. M. White 3, H. J. Tucker (conductor) 4, H. Bull 5, W. W. Tucker 6, W. T. Prior 7, W. Wilkinson 8. Also rung as a compliment to the secretary (Mr. H. M. White) on the 22nd anniversary of his wedding day. versary of his wedding day

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,260 changes) was rung at the Priory Church on Whit Sunday, May 15th, in 50 mins.: A. Bishop 1, Miss C. Sparshott 2, Miss M. Rouse 5, E. V. Hinton 4, Mrs. E. Williams 5, S. White 6, F. E. Pitman (first quarter-peal of Caters) 7, W. Fowler 8, G. Preston (conductor) 9, B. Kerley 10.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—At the Church of the Holy Cross, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung for the evening service on Sunday, May 15th: C. J. Hart 1, W. Gorringe (conductor) 2, A. Richardson 3, B. Sanuders 4, R. Playford 5, F. Weller 6, J. A. Hart 7, F. Miles 8. This was arranged for W. Gorringe, of Hawkhurst.

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FARINGDON, BERKS.—On Whit Sunday, May 15th, in 47 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): E. Walker 1, H. Taylor 2, F. Wheeler 3, H. Edwards 4, C. I. J. Pearce (conductor) 5, F. Whipp (first quarter-peal) 6, T. Clark 7, J. Beesley 8. A birth-day compliment to the ringer of the 6th.

SHEFFIELD.—On Sunday evening, May 15th, at St. Marie's, Norfolk Row, to mark the pilgrimage to Lourdes, France, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins.: G. Lewis 1, R. Lewis (Bromsgrove) 2, T. O'Hara 3, G. Holmes (conductor) 4, J. A. Doxin 5, R. Harrison 6, T. E. Lee 7, H. Hirst 8. Composed by Mr. Hayward, of Bromsgrove. ward, of Bromsgrove.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, May 15th, at St. Andrew's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: G. Carter (first quarter) 1, H. Burningham (first away from treble) 2, J. Read 3, J. Beagley 4, T. Upshall 5, S. Meadows 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.

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BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, May 1st, at St. Martin's, for evening service, 1,363 Grandsire Cinques: F. B. Yates (longest touch on 12 bells) 1, G. E. Fearn 2, G. E. Large 3, A. Walker (conductor) 4, H. H. Fearn 5, W. C. Dowding 6, H. Stanley 7, C. Webb 8, E. Mansell 9, G. F. Yendell 10, J. Neal 11, W. T. Froggatt 12. Longest touch of Grandsire Cinques by all except the conductor.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday evening, April 24th, at the Parish Church of St. Barnabas, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Ludlow (first quarter-peal of Triples) 1, Miss O. M. Sanders 2, F. S. Sanders 3, W. J. Meers 4, W. Davies 5, R. C. Ingram (conductor) 6, G. F. Swann 7, J. Preston 3.

THE DEVON GUILD.

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The annual general meeting of the Devon Guild, held at Bideford on Whit Monday, was a great success. No less than 186 members, representing 26 bands in union, attended—a record for the remote position of the town. A bright and inspiring service was held in St. Mary's Church, conducted by the Rev. R. Seymour, Rector of Combe Martin, whose address held the attention of a large congregation, and was replete with helpful and wise counsel.

Luncheon was partaken of at Bromley's Restaurant, the president (Rev. E. S. Powell) presiding, supported by Revs. E. V. Cox, H. L. Pigot, F. W. Moore, W. H. Smale and J. G. Eddy, and eight members of the Central Council, who were on the visit to Plymouth. At the business meeting the officers and vice-presidents were reclected, and three life members and four ordinary members, together

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elected, and three life members and four ordinary members, together with the Archdeacon of Barnstaple as hon. member, were elected. It was resolved to amend the rule governing the period for holding the annual meeting by extending the final date to the end of June instead of the first day in June.

Exeter and Ottery St. Mary were proposed as the place for the annual meeting in 1933, and by a majority vote Exeter was selected. A proposition to subscribe to the memorial to the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies was referred to the committee, as was also a motion for the resumption of the monthly Cathedral practices.

The President proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector of Bideford, the organist, and Rev. R. Seymour for his address, which was carried with acclamation.—The Rev. E. V. Cox, in proposing a vote of thanks to the officers, said that no Guild could be better served than theirs by their president, secretary and treasurer.

Ringing was carried on at St. Mary's Church from 10 a.m. at intervals to 5 p.m., also at Northam and Appledore.

NOTICES.

THE LATE REV, C. D. P. DAVIES. PROPOSED MEMORIAL,

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association invite subscriptions to enable them to place in Tewkesbury Abbey a memorial of the great services rendered to the Exercise by the late Rev. Charles D. P. Davies. It is proposed to add two bells to the present peal of ten and to furnish one of the side chapels as a 'Ringers' Chapel.' A sum of £250 is required.

Donations, however small, will be gratefully received

Lloyds Bank, Ltd., Temple Gate, Bristol. Rev. E. S. Saleby, The Vicarage, Leonard Stanley,

near Stonehouse, Glos., Master.
P. C. Williams, 34, Victoria Park, Fishponds, Bristol, Hon. Treasurer.

E. Guise, 48, Jamaica Street, Stokes Croft, Bristol, Hon. Secretary.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District. The next meeting will be held at Wandsworth on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available: Holy Trinity, West Hill, 3.15 to 4.30; All Saints', 3 to 5, and after meeting. Service at All Saints' Church, 5 p.m., tea and meeting following in Church Hall. All are welcome.

D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.-The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Peter's, Swinton, on Saturday, May 28th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Meeting in the tower 7.30. A good tea can be obtained at 1s. 6d. each. It is specially requested that a good attendance be assured

for service.—P. Brown, Branch Sec. LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at North Collingham on Saturday, May 28th. Bells (6) will be available from 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea to follow,—A. Richardson, Hon. Sec. KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone Dis-

trict. - A by-meeting of this district will be held at Staplehurst on Saturday, May 28th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.45, followed by tea and meeting. All ringers welcome. Please notify me early. — C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — A ringing festival will be held at Dunmow on Saturday,

May 28th. Ringing commences at 2.30. 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. A hearty welcome is extended to all ringers. - F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. - Canterbury District.-The next by-meeting will be held at Herne on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—Percy W. Smith, Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.
BLEDINGTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—Ring of 6,

rehung in new frame by Mr. Bond, of Burford, will be re-dedicated by the Bishop of Gloucester on Saturday,

May 28th. Service 3 p.m.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION.—Bristol and Wotton-under-Edge Branches. -A combined meeting will be held at Yate, Gloucester, on Saturday, May 28th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow, by kind invitation of Canon E. F. Smith.—Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol, or Oliver E. H. Hill, Fleece Villa, Rook's Moor, Stroud.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LON-DON DIOCESAN GUILD .- North and East District .-Next meeting at Northaw, Saturday, May 28th. from 3 o'clock. Tea, usual terms, at 5.30. do advise me. Nearest Station, Cuffley or Potter's Bar from King's Cross, or by bus from Barnet to Potter's Bar Police Station. All ringers welcomed.-C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. - St. Albans District .- A meeting will be held at North Mimms on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Short service 5 p.m., followed by tea at the Churchyard Cottage at 18. per head. To facilitate tea arrangements a p.c. from intending visitors would be very much appreciated. All ringers and friends welcome.-W. Nash, Dis. Sec.,

North Minins, Hatfield.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD. - A meeting will be held at All Saints' Church, Hastings, on Saturday, May 28th. Tower open at 3 p.m. All very welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hast-

ings.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. - Elloe Deaneries Branch,—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Gedney on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. - Guilsborough Branch,-The branch annual meeting will be held at Guilsborough on Saturday, May 28th. Bells (6) at 2.45. Service in church 4.15. Tea and meeting to follow. For tea please notify R. Adams, East Haddon,

Northants.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD .- Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Frensham on Saturday, May 28th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting in Marindin Institute 5 p.m. —C. W. Denyer, Dis. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot. BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade

District.—A meeting will be held at Henlow on Saturday, May 28th. Belis available 2.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come and make the meeting a good one.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy, Beds.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Norton Cuckney on May 28th. open 2.30 p.m. All requiring tea please notify Mr. W. Smith, Norton Cuckney, Mansfield. A good attendance requested. Special business .-- R. W. Stockdale and H.

Revill, Hon. Secs.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. - A quarterly meeting of the Western Division will be held at Walberton to-morrow (Saturday), May 28th. Tower open from 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Buses run frequently from Arundel and Chichester. — A. W. Grover, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Combined practice at the Wallops, Saturday, May 28th. Bells from 2.30. Tea, Nether Wallop, 5 p.m. Special bus leaves Andover Guildhall at 3 p.m. Return fare 1s.—F. S. H. Marle, Newtown, Newbury. BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade

District.—A meeting will be held at Henlow to-morrow (Saturday) May 28th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please come.-C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION .- Bolton Branch .-The next meeting will be held at Tyldesley on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road,

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. - Peak District.—The next meeting will be held at Tideswell on Saturday, May 28th. Church of St. John the Baptist (8 bells, tenor 15 cwt.) available afternoon and evening. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Visitors welcome. Subscriptions due.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637) .- Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on May 31st, St. Magnus' on June 2nd, 16th and 30th, Southwark Cathedral on the 9th, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 14th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 23rd, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 28th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road,

Clapham, S.W.4.

PRYCE TAYLOR MEMORIAL, LOUGHBOROUGH. —Service at the Parish Church, Loughborough, on Saturday, June 4th, at 3 p.m. The rings of 10 of the Parish Church and of the bell foundry tower will be available after the service. By kind permission of the Rev. Canon Briggs, the Rectory grounds will be open. Tea will be provided in the Fearon Hall for those who apply for tickets by Thursday, June 2nd, to Mr. D. S. Collins, 145, Paget Street, Loughborough.

DEVON GUILD. - North-East Branch.-A quarterly meeting will be held at Huntsham on Saturday, June 4th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those requiring tea kindly inform me by Monday, May 30th?-R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD .- A ringing meeting will be held at Cowden on Saturday, June 4th. opened 3 p.m. Will all those intending to be present kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, June 1st? All ringers welcome. — G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. - Eastern District.—The spring meeting will be held at Bennington on June 4th, when the bells will be available as usual. Tea will be provided by the Rector in the Church Room. All ringing friends will be welcome. - W. H. Lawrence,

Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.
NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. -A meeting will be held at Norton-le-Moors on Saturday, June 4th. Tea will be provided for all who notify Mr. W. Corfield, The Fields, Leek Road, Norton-le-Moors, Stoke-on-Trent, not later than June 1st.-C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Great Chishill on Saturday, June 4th. Bells (5) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea on Vicarage lawn, price 1s. each; profits to start fund for new treble bell. Please look up Carter's Doubles and come and make the meeting a great success. Heydon bells available during evening.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec. SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The

next meeting will be held at Whiston on Saturday, June 4th. Bells (8). For tea please notify Mr. F. Roddis, Reveill Villa, Whiston (without fail), not later than June and. A welcome to all .- M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District.—A meeting will be held at Esher on Saturday, June 4th. Bells available 3 p.m., service 4.30, tea and meeting to follow. Notifications for tea must reach me not later than Wednesday, June 1st.—H. Hancock, 3, Chobham Road, Ottershaw, Chertsey.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Blakenhall, near Wolverhampton, on Saturday, June 4th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service in church 4.30. Business meeting afterwards. — Herbert Sheppard, 49, Hellier Street, Dudley.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.
—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, June 4th. Service, co-operated with the Diocesan Guilds' Union, in the Cathedral at 3 p.m. Preacher: Archbishop of York. Tea at the Co-operative Cafe 4.45 (resident members free, non-members 1s. 6d.) for those who notify Mr. George Chester, 16, Carline Road, Lincoln, by the Wednesday previous. Cathedral tower open 2 to 3. St. Peter-at-Gowts and St. Botolph's 1.45 to 2.30. After the meeting the Cathedral and St. Botolph's bells will be available until 9 p.m. and St. Peter-at-Gowts until 7.30 p.m.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 43, Etherington Street, Gainsborough.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District. — The annual meeting will be held in London on Saturday, June 4th. St. Clement Danes' bells will be available at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at the A.B.C. Tea Rooms opposite, at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please let me know by Tuesday, May 31st.—M. L. Cross, 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, Kent.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Old Airesford on Saturday, June 4th. Service at 4 p.m., followed by tca at 4.30 in the Village Hall. Owing to unforeseen circumstances, the usual charge for tea will be made. Bells of New Airesford and Bishop Sutton open at 2.—George Noice, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Cathedral View, Winchester.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, June 4th, at St. George's, Southwark (Little Dorrit's Church). Bells available 3.30 to 8.30. Break for tea (in vicinity) and meeting 5.30 to 6.30. All friends welcome.—J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Luton and Bedford Districts.—A combined meeting will be held at Husborne Crawley, on Saturday, June 4th. The bells (8), recently augmented, will be ready at 2.30. Tea at 5 p.m. The President (Rev. A. Rust) asks that names for tea shall be sent to him at The Vicarage, Husborne Crawley, Bletchley. Will members and friends please do this?—A. E. Sharman, 199, High Street N., Dunstable,

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.
—The monthly meeting will be held at Urchfont on Saturday, June 4th. Ringing commences 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea at 5. Chirton and Marden bells also available for ringing during the evening. All ringers welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Semington Road, Melksham.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch.—The branch annual meeting will be held at Collingtree on Saturday, June 4th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify me not later than Tuesday, May 31st, who will require tea. — T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

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INVEST YOUR SPARE TIME in a visit to Aldenham on Saturday, June 4th, and get good interest. Ringing from 3.30. Tea at Village Club 5.30. Neurest stations: Bushey or Radlett. Either coach or train. Cheap return fares. Bus to church.—C. H. Florton, 53. Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 15th, at Ickleton. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 44, Rye Street, Bishop's

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