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THE ASSOCIATIONS & THE COUNCIL

Many of the most important ringing associations are now preparing for their annual meetings. There are quite a number of such gatherings between Easter and Whitsun, leading up to the meeting of the Central Council, which is held on Whitsun Tuesday. This year there is a closer relationship between the meetings of the associations and that of the Council, as the triennial election of Council representatives has to be held. For some time past there has, happily, been a growing recognition of the importance of these elections. At one period there were associations who regarded this item of business as quite a casual part of the agenda and often chose their representatives with little regard to their knowledge of ringing and ringing affairs. The whole outlook with regard to the Council meetings has, however, gradually changed. The associations realise that the central body plays an important part in the organisation of the 'universe' in which they revolve, and have chosen their representatives accordingly. While each has its own work to do in its own sphere, it is recognised that there must be some kind of authority to weld the Exercise together, to guide the development of the art, to represent the united voice of the ringing fraternity; and the Central Council is filling this role. With the passage of years, and the growth of the recognition of its representative position, the Council has been able to speak with increasing weight for the Exercise, its expanding prestige being due to the greater importance with which it is regarded by the associations. The value of the Council, as has so often been said, is exactly what the societies make it, and the increasing care with which representatives are now selected is giving the Council an added authority, felt even outside the ranks of ringers.

The time has now arrived when the internal organisation of the Council should be tightened up, and at the next meeting it is proposed so to amend the rules that the constitution of the Council will be based upon affiliated societies instead of upon merely a body of elected members. The members will still represent their societies; but the Council will be the kernel, as it were, of the societies themselves. This, it is believed, will bring the associations into closer relationship with the Council, because the Council will really be a part of themselves; they will have a more direct interest in the Council's proceedings and a positive responsibility for the Council's work. This alteration in the constitution, and other changes that follow in its train, will be worked out in the next session of the Council. It will be well, therefore, if the associations study the situation with a view to discussing it, if necessary, at their

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forthcoming meetings and electing members of the Council who can adequately represent their views. The proposed new rules were published a year ago and have been held up during this last twelve months to give everyone concerned ample time to consider them. There is unlikely to be any material alteration in the draft rules between last year's report to the Council and this year's recommendations of the committee, but it is hoped that the proposals will be published in detail in time for consideration at the meetings held at Easter.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, March 25, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt.

*GEORGE BARLOW Treble	*WILLIAM H. SHUKER ... 7
*JAMES CARTER 2	*ARTHUR RIDYARD ... 8
*DONALD BROWN 3	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 9
*WILLIAM BRAMMER 4	*HERBERT BARLOW ... 10
*MRS M. E. THORP 5	*FREDERICK R. WILLIAMS ... 11
*THOMAS E. LANTON 6	BENJAMIN THORP ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by BENJAMIN THORP.

* First peal of Bob Maximus. † First peal. First peal of Bob Maximus as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

TEN BELL PEALS.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, March 25, 1933, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

JOHN PRICE Treble	HERBERT SHEPPARD ... 6
ALBERT D. COLLINS 2	BENJAMIN GOUGH ... 7
WILLIAM GREEN 3	CYRIL WINWOOD ... 8
GILBERT GURST 4	HENRY GOODMAN ... 9
JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. 5	GEORGE BUGHEY ... Tenor

Composed by W. MICKLEWRIGHT. Conducted by J. GOODMAN, JUN.

This peal was specially arranged and rung as a compliment to Miss Mildred E. Sheppard, youngest daughter of the ringers of the 6th, on attaining her 21st birthday; also as a birthday compliment to Messrs. B. Gough and W. Green.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, March 25, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5149 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb.

CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... Treble	*GEORGE E. OLIVER ... 6
DANIEL T. MATKIN 2	BERT HORTON ... 7
GEORGE W. HUGHES 3	FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 8
THOMAS HILL 4	THOMAS J. ELTON ... 9
WILLIAM FISHER 5	*JOHN W. PRITCHARD ... Tenor

Composed by W. HALLSWORTH.

Conducted by BERT HORTON.

* First peal of Caters. First of Caters as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CROSS STONES, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 18, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

JOHN NASH Treble	STEPHEN L. PARRY ... 5
ROSE A. BELL 2	FRED DUNKERLEY ... 6
FRANK FILDEN 3	JOHN H. C. MASSEY ... 7
HAROLD HAMER 4	HERBERT DAVENPORT ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by H. DAVENPORT.

TEWKESBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.	
*WILFRED H. TITCOMBE ... Treble	*WILLIAM DEVEREUX ... 5
*WILLIAM WOODWARD ... 2	OLIVER ATWOOD ... 6
*HARRY DEVEREUX ... 3	CHARLES W. DYSON ... 7
JOHN AUSTIN ... 4	*HAROLD J. FELLOWS ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

* First peal.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.	
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... 5
*A. W. DURHAM ... 2	H. MARKWELL ... 6
ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 3	F. WHITE ... 7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 4	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... Tenor

Conducted by STAFFORD H. GREEN.

* First peal in the method and a birthday peal. This composition by C. W. Roberts is now rung for the first time.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, March 20, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 16 cwt.	
WILLIAM G. WHITING ... Treble	ALBERT E. WHITING ... 5
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 2	GEORGE BENNETT ... 6
GEORGE PRYKE ... 3	JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... 7
LESLIE G. BRETT ... 4	GEORGE WHITING ... Tenor

Conducted by L. C. WIGHTMAN.

A birthday peal for G. Bennett. G. Whiting has now rung each bell in this tower to a Surprise peal. 300th peal by L. C. Wightman.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 20, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

*ALDOUS ELSKY ... Treble	ALBERT G. HARRISON ... 5
CLEMENT J. MORE ... 2	DAVID WHITING ... 6
ERIC BENNETT ... 3	GEORGE ARCHER ... 7
WILLIAM MUSK ... 4	WILLIAM STEGGALL ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by CLEMENT J. MORE.

* First peal. Ring as a birthday compliment to the daughter of the ringer of the 5th, also to the grandson of the tenor ringer.

MIDDLESBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 21, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

J. C. POLLARD ... Treble	GEORGE WORTHY ... 5
*EDWARD BROWN ... 2	GEORGE KEMBALL ... 6
MRS. WARRIOR ... 3	SAMUEL YATES ... 7
THOMAS METCALFE ... 4	THOMAS LANCASTER ... Tenor

Composed by W. ROYLE. Conducted by MRS. WARRIOR.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell in the method. This peal was rung to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the first peal of Major rung on the bells, and is in the same method and the same composition as the original peal.

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

On Tuesday, March 21, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN H. BOYHAM ... Treble	CHARLES T. COLES ... 5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 2	WILLIAM PYE ... 6
GEORGE M. KILBY ... 3	HARRY KILBY ... 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... 4	JAMES BENNETT ... Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.
This composition consists of 20 courses, with the sixth the extent home at ten course-ends and eight times in fifths.

DARLEY DALE, DEBBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION,
(PEAK DISTRICT.)

On Wednesday, March 22, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TEN-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.	
ROBERT ALLSOP ... Treble	JOHN H. PAULSON ... 5
GEORGE H. PAULSON ... 2	JOHN TAYLOR ... 6
WILLIAM E. BLAGSHAW ... 3	HERBERT E. TAYLOR ... 7
BERNARD ALLSOP ... 4	ERIC DERBYSHIRE ... Tenor

Conducted by G. H. PAULSON.

First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the 4th.

WARFIELD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, March 22, 1933, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.	
WILLIAM H. FOSSELL ... Treble	EDWARD S. T. FARR ... 5
GEORGE GILBERT ... 2	LEONARD STILWELL ... 7
MISS STELLA DAVIS ... 3	RONALD H. BULLEN ... 6
WILLIAM WELLING ... 4	ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
The first peal in the method by all the band except the ringer of the 7th, for the Guild and in the county of Berkshire. Rung without previous practice.

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 25, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

HERBERT J. ELDRDRE ... Treble	GEORGE R. PYE ... 5
*ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 2	JOHN ARMSTRONG ... 6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 3	JAMES BENNETT ... 7
CHARLES T. COLES ... 4	WILLIAM PYE ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First Surprise peal away from the treble.
HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 25, 1933, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 28 cwt.

CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... Treble	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD ... 5
JAMES ROSE ... 2	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... 6
KEITH W. WHITTELL ... 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 7
HARRY D. LISTER ... 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by G. A. BLAXCELL.

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

On Saturday, March 25, 1933, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JONATHAN PRESTON Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS 5
*C. HOWARD STANLEY 2	*GEORGE E. FEARN 6
*WILLIAM C. DOWDING 3	RICHARD C. INGRAM 7
*GEORGE F. SWANN 4	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH Tenor

Composed by N. J. PISTOW. Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the 85th birthday of William Cooper, who has been a ringer at the above church for over 60 years.

GUISELEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 25, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Oswald,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*WILLIAM DIXON Treble	GEORGE W. STEEL 5
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 2	GEORGE ROBINSON 6
CHARLES E. LAWSON 3	EDWARD JENKINS 7
† MAURICE HODGSON 4	*JOHN MARSHALL Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method. First peal of Surprise on the bells. Mr. Marshall (of Edinburgh) is believed to be the first ringer from 'ever the border' to ring a peal of Surprise.

HATFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 25, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in E.

ERNEST COOPER Treble	J. EDWARD CAWSE 5
GEORGE CLARK 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER 6
WILLIAM A. WOOLER 3	ARNOLD HILL 7
JOHN R. BREARLEY 4	HAROLD WALKER Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by J. E. CAWSE.

First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the association. First peal of Surprise on the bells, and rung on the occasion of the laying of the foundation stone of the new Mission Church in the neighbouring parish of Stainforth.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 25, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

MISS L. NOEL CAWTHORNE Treble	JAMES HAYWOOD 5
MISS LUCY M. KELLY 2	FREDERICK CARDWELL 6
JOHN J. L. GILBERT 3	CHARLES POULTENEY 7
ARTHUR FIRTH 4	FRED WATKINSON Tenor

Composed by E. C. GOBBY. Conducted by MISS L. N. CAWTHORNE

RAUNDS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 25, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

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

Tenor 22 cwt. 8 lb.

ERNEST E. WHITMORE ... Treble	ALFRED H. MARTIN 5
FRED STUBBS 2	*HARRY PETTIT 6
LEWIS CHAPMAN 3	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE 7
AMOS SMART 4	FRANK KIRK Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by W. J. WHITMORE.

* First peal in the method. A jubilee peal for A. H. Martin, who in 1883 was admitted a member of the above Guild, then known as the Raunds, Wellingborough and District Society. The band also wish to associate with this peal Mr. F. Gilbert, of Kalamazoo, Mich., U.S.A., who was also made a member of this Guild at the formation in 1883. This composition has only the 5th and 6th in 6th's place at 23 course-ends each.

TETTENHALL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, March 25, 1933, in Three Hours,

At the Collegiate Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation): Tenor 15 cwt.

ROBERT PICKERING Treble	HERBERT T. PIPER 5
ALFRED BUTLER 2	JACK W. TAYLOR 6
HERBERT KNIGHT 3	HARRY BOSWELL 7
BENJAMIN DALTON 4	THOMAS W. BATE Tenor

Conducted by R. PICKERING.

Rung for the wedding of Lieut. Barney McCall and Miss Mary Strathearn Le Rossignol Boucher, which took place at St. Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh, on this date.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 25, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALBERT TAYLOR Treble	*ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 5
JOHN BASS 2	GEORGE DETHERIDGE, JUN. 6
FREDERICK G. HANDLEY 3	JOHN ROUND 7
CHARLES WM. COOPER 4	RALPH PARTON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN ROUND.

* 80th peal in the method. First peal as conductor.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, March 25, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

FRANK BENNETT Treble	ERNEST J. OLIVER 5
*ALFRED L. RYMAN 2	*ARTHUR CADSLEY 6
GEORGE LAMBERT 3	ALBERT E. EDWARDS 7
BERNARD SAUNDERS 4	SIDNEY W. CHESSON Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Stedman.

GREAT BARDFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 25, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt. in G.

GEORGE PIPER Treble	WILLIAM PIPER 5
*DOUGLAS JENNINGS 2	WILLIAM KEEBLE 6
*HAROLD TOWNSEND 3	ERNEST TOWNSEND 7
FREDERICK SUCKLING 4	JOSEPH JENNINGS Tenor

Composed by ISAAC G. SHADE. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal of Major, aged 14 and 13 respectively. All, with the exception of the conductor, are Sunday service ringers at this church, and include two fathers, two sons and two brothers.

GODSTONE, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 25, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

*ARTHUR W. JONES Treble	FRANK JENNINGS 5
CHARLES H. KIPPIN 2	FRANK E. MITCHELL 6
HARRY E. WILLS 3	DANIEL D. COOPER 7
*HARRY SIMMONS 4	EDWARD G. TALBOT Tenor

Conducted by DANIEL D. COOPER.

* First peal. First attempt for a peal by the ringer of the treble, who is only 12 years of age. He is to be congratulated upon the way he rang throughout the peal.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 25, 1933, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

*ARTHUR R. BLABY Treble	WILLIAM E. TAYLOR 5
WILLIAM H. FOSSELL 2	ROLAND BIGGS 6
ARTHUR MARTIN 3	†WILFRID EDWARDS 7
GEORGE MARTIN 4	WILLIAM HENLEY Tenor

Composed by J. HUNT (No. 2). Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

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

GRAVESEND.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 25, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt.

EDWARD J. BEER Treble	†RICHARD CONSTANT 5
MRS. GEO. H. CROSS 2	†E. GEORGE MORRAD 6
RICHARD SMITH 3	GEORGE BUTCHER 7
*STUART SANDFORD 4	GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEO. H. CROSS.

* First peal in the method. † First Surprise peal.

BACUP, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 25, 1933, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

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

*JAMES WILLIAMS Treble	ALFRED VICTOR WILLIAMS 5
HAROLD W. EMMETT 2	FRED KENDALL 6
WILLIAM E. RAWSON 3	JOHN HILL 7
GEORGE BROWN 4	JACK BRACEWELL Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by H. W. EMMETT.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 2nd and tenor. The ringer of the 4th is connected with Christ Church, Bacup, and the rest belong to the local company.

SIX BELL PEALS.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 18, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven spliced extents in 30 methods, viz.: (1) Rostherne, Ely and Wilmslow; (2) Knutsford and Bogodone; (3) Crowland, Abbeyville, Combermere, Vale Royal and St. Werburg; (4) Poynton, Marple, Old Oxford, Bocking and Willesden; (5) Trowel, Morning Star, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise and Norbury; (6) Grove Delight, Braine-tree, Neasden, College Bob IV. and Wragby; (7) Overton, Oxford, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*ERNEST BENNETT Treble	WILFRID STEVENSON 4
JAMES FERNLEY, JUN. 2	WILLIAM FERNLEY 5
JAMES A. MILNER 3	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST BENNETT.

* First peal in 30 methods. Also first in 30 methods on the bells.

PERRANARWORTHAL, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PIRAN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

*CHARLES NICHOLLS Treble	WILLIAM H. SLEEMAN 4
*A. LAW NICHOLLS 2	*WILLIAM N. WALLACE 5
ARTHUR S. ROBERTS 3	MISS E. JESSIE C. ANGIN Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR S. ROBERTS.

* First peal. Ringers of 1 and 2 are father and son respectively. Rung as a compliment to Canon E. S. B. Windsor, a member of the Diocesan Guild Committee, who was installed as Honorary Canon in Truro Cathedral on February 16th.

CHALFONT ST. PETER'S, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, March 21, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 11 cwt.

*FREDERICK T. BOLTON Treble	GEORGE AYRES 4
†FREDERICK J. BOLTON 2	ERNEST G. STREVS 5
EDWARD C. AYRES 3	WILLIAM E. REDROP Tenor

Conducted by W. E. REDROP.

* First peal in the method. † First peal 'inside.' First peal of Surprise on the bells. A birthday compliment to Mr. Thomas J. Fowler, of Cookham. This peal contained no 6-5's at backstroke.

KELVEDEN, ESSEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 21, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven true extents. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM KEEBLE Treble	JOSEPH ELLIOTT 4
CHARLES W. BURTON 2	WILLIAM ELLIOTT 5
AMBROSE MASON 3	CHARLES BUTTON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First peal of London Minor by all the band, by the society and in the Northern Division of the county. Rung on the 26th birthday of the ringer of the 3rd.

HISTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 25, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 7½ cwt.

MANSFIELD GINN Treble	ARTHUR W. T. GINN 4
ERNEST G. HIBBINS 2	ARTHUR J. GINN 5
T. REGINALD DENNIS 3	FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

This peal contained seven 720's called differently, each starting from and ending with rounds. First peal on the bells. The band wish to thank Mr. Kenneth Oates for kindly providing tea after the peal.

ALDINGTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 25, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

DENNIS HOOKER Treble	FREDERICK WANSTALL 4
*REV. GEORGE S. LONG 2	ERNEST J. WANSTALL 5
WALTER SHERWOOD 3	EDWARD S. ROCK Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD S. ROCK.

* First peal.

BURBAGE, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 25, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's as follows: (1) Kent, (2) Sandal and Oxford (spliced), (3) London Scholars and Oxford (spliced), (4) Kingston and Oxford (spliced), (5) Sandal, (6) London Scholars, (7) Oxford. Tenor 10 cwt.

*ROBERT ASHMORE Treble	*JOHN N. SMITH 4
†HENRY HAYTHORN 2	JOHN WORTH 5
*ERIC ELLISON 3	JAMES A. MILNER Tenor

Conducted by JAMES A. MILNER.

* First peal. † First peal in five methods. First peal as conductor in five methods. Rung on the anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. John Worth.

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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 25, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 19½ cwt.

ALBERT H. J. HODGETTS ... Treble	CHARLES H. J. COLE ... 4
JOHN J. JEFFRIES ... 2	WILLIAM GOODMAN ... 5
ALBERT GOODMAN ... 3	THOMAS REYNOLDS ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN J. JEFFRIES.

First peal by all the band except the conductor.

EDENSOR, DERRYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(PEAK DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, March 25, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores with various cullings. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN TAYLOR ... Treble	* JOHN C. SAUNDERS ... 4
FRED PAULSON ... 2	GEORGE H. PAULSON ... 5
HERBERT E. TAYLOR ... 3	ERIC DERYSHIRE ... Tenor

Conducted by G. H. PAULSON.

* First peal. First peal of Doubles by all the band, and believed to be the first peal on the bells. The band appreciate the pleasure of ringing a peal on the bells of this fine church, which stands so pleasantly in the model village in Chatsworth Park. The ringer of the 4th is from Bakewell, the rest from Darley Dale.

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

On Saturday, March 25, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Double Court and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

* GEOFFREY JACSON ... Treble	HORACE H. SMITH ... 4
CHARLES W. SMITH ... 2	EDMUND J. HOBBS ... 5
A. EDWARD HANKS ... 3	ALBERT FLEET ... Tenor

Conducted by E. J. HOBBS.

* First peal. Rung as a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. T. G. Pearson. The ringers of 2nd and tenor have now completed the circle in this tower.

HANDBELL PEALS.

OXHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 22, 1933, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT 28, FIELD ROAD,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

HENRY HODGETTS ... 1-2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 3-4	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 7-8

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

Umpire—Charles N. Leman.

The umpire checked every lead-end throughout the peal. This is the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Major rung on handbells.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 22, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT 8, ESSEX HALL ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

GEORGE RASHBROOKE ... 1-2	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 5-6
WILLIAM CHALK ... 3-4	WILLIAM DENT ... 7-8

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Dent, daughter of the ringer of 7-8.

SUDDEN DEATH OF A LANCASHIRE RINGER.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. James T. Potter, the chief ringer at Eccles Parish Church, Lancashire, and formerly one of the band at Walkden, who passed away suddenly on March 13th. He was buried at Peel Green Cemetery on March 17th.

On Monday, March 20th, at St. Paul's Church, Walkden, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells fully muffled as a last token of respect: Miss A. Potter 1, M. Berry 2, A. Potter 3, James Denner 4, John Denner 5, A. Burton 6, John Potter (conductor) 7, R. Denner 8.

'PEAL GRABBERS.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I read with interest the letter of Mr. Roger Smith in the last issue of 'The Ringing World,' and must again ask you to excuse me for trespassing on your valuable columns. It is quite an easy matter, as the saying goes, if you have no case, to abuse the other side; and I read of nothing but abuse from start to finish of Mr. Smith's letter. I would first of all ask what he can know of either me or my affairs with the Peterborough Guild, seeing that it is six years since I ceased having anything to do with that body, and, until January of this year, only four years since Mr. Smith came to Northants, during which time he and I have met only once. Previous to this I believe I am right in saying that he was not a ringer. Is not his knowledge of my affairs simply hearsay? Another point where Mr. Smith, like many others around Wellingborough, seems to be mistaken is in thinking that, by my address at the foot of letters being given as Wellingborough, I am referring simply and solely to the ringers of that district, a point which ought to be cleared up. Those who do really know the true facts know that the origin of the grievance between the Peterborough Guild and me was in another part of Northants altogether, where I lived long before I set foot in Wellingborough, and that, like poison, it has spread. Many in the district were prejudiced before they had ever seen me, as, I think I am correct in saying, was the case with Mr. Smith.

Yes, Mr. Smith is quite right in saying that I am not a member of the Peterborough Guild and that I take no part in ringing in or near Wellingborough. Where I get civility I go; hence the reason of my ringing interests being taken to Leicester, Stamford and elsewhere. In quoting Leicester I have in mind a ringer, well known to the Exercise, from whom it might be well if some of these 'Surprise peal grabbers' took a pattern. It matters not whether it is Cambridge Maximus or Grandsire Doubles, anyone wanting help through a peal will find it always forthcoming where this gentleman is concerned. This I say, is the type of ringer that is needed; not the grabbing sort who thinks of no one's pleasure but his own.

Wellingborough.

P. AMOS.

If 'Interested' will send his name and address (not for publication), we will print his letter.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

WATH WANTS TWO MORE BELLS.

The monthly meeting of the Barnsley and District Association was held at Wath-on-Dearne on Saturday, March 11th. Ringers were present from Darfield, Dewsbury, Felkirk, Hoylandswaine, Rawmarsh, Royston Sandal and the local company. Ringing commenced soon after 3 p.m. and continued in various methods until 5 p.m., when an adjournment was made to Warburton's Cafe for tea. Afterwards the business meeting was held in the Church House, the Vicar (the Rev. L. E. Meredith) presiding.

Mr. F. C. Wilson, of Rawmarsh, was elected a member, and Ackworth was accepted as next place for meeting on Saturday, April 8th.

A vote of thanks was extended to the Vicar for presiding and the use of the bells. In replying, he said he would be pleased to welcome the ringers to Wath at any time it was convenient for them to come.

Mr. Moxon moved that best thanks be extended to Mr. Ricketts for his generosity in defraying the cost of the tea. This was carried vociferously, and Mr. Ricketts replied. He hoped it would not be long before the bells were recast and two more added, thus encouraging more to be present.

A collection was then made towards the Hoylandswaine bell fund, which resulted in £1 being handed over to Mr. E. Brookes, who was taken rather by surprise and expressed his thanks for the donation.

Further ringing on handbells and tower bells followed.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A pleasant meeting of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was held at the village of Puttenham on March 18th, when over 30 ringers were present from a dozen towers, and some good practice in Minor and Doubles was put in on the light ring of six bells. The Rector (the Rev. S. Power) conducted the service, and in his address welcomed the Guild. He presided afterwards at the tea and meeting, and was cordially thanked for granting the use of the bells and for holding the service. The organist was also thanked.

A collection for the Admiral Walker Memorial Fund amounted to 14s.

A temporary stop was put to the evening ringing by a broken rope, but there were handy men present, and the proceedings were not long delayed.

A DATE TOUCH.

A date touch of Grandsire Triples (1,933 changes) was rung at All Saints', Hastings, on Tuesday, March 21st, in 1 hour 15 mins.: J. White 1, A. Easton 2, W. Bradfield 3, R. Wise 4, S. Driver 5, G. Piper 6, A. Levett (conductor) 7, W. Levett 8. Longest length by ringers of treble, 4th and tenor.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**A SUCCESSFUL YEAR.**

The annual meeting of the Sheffield and District Society took place at St. Marie's Church, Sheffield, on Saturday, March 11th. Ringing at the Cathedral of St. Marie took place during the afternoon, several members having their first pull on 10 and 12 bells.

At the business meeting Canon Dolan, who occupied the chair, asked those present to stand in silence as a mark of respect to the late Mr. E. Robbins, of Bolsover.

The balance sheet was presented and accepted, the auditors' report stating that the accounts were quite in order.

The secretary (Mr. W. E. Wilson) gave his report, stating, on the whole, the society was in a sound position, turning the year with a balance in hand. From a ringing standpoint, progress was being made. A good number of peals had been rung, which included first peals for many.

All the officers were re-elected unanimously.

It was decided not to hold the cup contest for 1933.

The monthly meeting fixtures for the ensuing two years were discussed and accepted.

The President (Mr. C. Haynes) thanked Canon Dolan for coming to the meeting and taking the chair, also for placing the room at their disposal.—Canon Dolan, replying, said the society were always welcome at St. Marie's.

Further ringing took place at St. Marie's and brought to a close a very successful gathering.

PROGRESS AT PERRANARWORTHAL.

The peal rung at Perranarworthal on March 18th, although only Grandire Doubles, is pleasing from the fact that the three who rang their first peal were, up to two years ago, rooted and grounded in 'rounds and call changes.' After a little persuasion on the part of Mr. C. Nicholls, who rang the treble, the local band at St. Gluvias, to which tower they all belong, managed Bob Minimus on the middle four bells with treble leading and tenor covering, and it certainly laid a foundation for further progress.

Although the honour of assisting in their first peal fell to three members of Truro Cathedral Company, the names of Lt.-Col. C. F. Jerram and Mr. G. W. Taysom (late of Hereford) should be mentioned, as they have for several months been instructing and assisting the local band at St. Gluvias. Already one of the band has rung his first 120 of Stedman Doubles. It is good to find method ringing rooted in one more tower in Cornwall. May the infection spread!

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**WESTERN DIVISION VICE-PRESIDENT RETIRES.**

The annual meeting of the Western Division was held at Horbury (near Wakefield) on Saturday, March 18th. The bells were kept going in various methods during the afternoon, and divine service was conducted by the Vicar (Canon J. B. Hill), who based his address on the words from Psalm cl., 'Praise Him on the well tuned cymbals.' In the course of a very interesting address the preacher referred to the ancient customs connected with bells and the manner in which they had played their part in the life of the country.

Tea was served in the Vicarage Classroom, and the business meeting followed, with Mr. J. Cotterell (vice-president) in the chair. A letter of apology was received from Mr. J. Broadley, who was unable to be present owing to the illness of Mrs. Broadley.

A vote of condolence was accorded to Mr. J. Hardcastle, who had recently lost his wife, also to the local company, who had sustained the loss of two of their members in Mr. Hunt and Mr. Mitchell. The motion was passed by the members standing in silence.

Mr. Cotterell having expressed a wish to retire from the vice-presidency and only one nomination having been sent in, Mr. P. J. Johnson, of Headingley, was elected on the motion of Mr. T. G. Sherwood, seconded by Mr. J. W. Moorhouse.—Mr. W. H. Senior voiced the thanks of the meeting to Mr. Cotterell for his services during his term of office, and Mr. Cotterell suitably replied.

No new nominations were forthcoming for the committee, the retiring officers were re-elected, viz., Messrs. R. W. Jennison, T. W. Strangeways and W. E. H. Ash. It was resolved to hold the June meeting at Heptonstall.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and for his splendid address, also to the organist, was proposed by Mr. J. Cotterell and seconded by Mr. H. Lofthouse.—The Vicar, in replying, extended a hearty welcome to the ringers and expressed his pleasure at being present.

A vote of thanks to the local company for the arrangements made and to the ladies for providing tea was accorded on the motion of Mr. J. Lawson, seconded by Mr. C. D. Potter.

This concluded the business and the tower was visited for further ringing.

The following towers were represented: Armley, Batley, Birstall, Bradford Cathedral, Barnsley, Drighlington, Dewsbury, Earlsheaton, Headingley (St. Michael's and St. Chad's), Holbeck, Leeds Parish, Lindley, Lightcliffe, Mirfield, Ossett, Queensbury, Keighley, Pudsey, Sandal, Wakefield and the local company.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

There has been very little Surprise peal ringing on handbells in recent years, and the performance of the band at Oxley last week in ringing the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Major 'in hand' is not only interesting, but one on which they are to be congratulated. Previously only New Cambridge had been rung on handbells.

The name of the ringer of the 2nd in the peal of Double Norwich at Witham on March 18th was Redgwell, not Ridgwell as printed, and the weight of the tenor should be 18 cwt. and not 15 as stated.

The annual meeting of the Middlesex County Association is to be held at St. James', Clerkenwell, on Saturday, April 22nd, not the 29th as printed in the report of the South and West District meeting.

We are asked to say that the half-muffled peal rung at Eltham, Kent, on July 21st, 1932, should have been credited to the Kent County Association.

The peal of Doubles rung at Grafton Underwood and published last week should be credited to the Peterborough Diocesan Guild. We would again ask correspondents to take care that all essential details are included in their reports.

The new Southern Division of the Sussex County Association has been unfortunate in its experience. The first meeting was arranged for Ringmer and had to be abandoned at the last minute on account of illness near the church. An exactly similar experience befel the district last Saturday, when a meeting should have been held at Uckfield. The district hon. secretary wishes to express his regret to any who had a lost journey on Saturday.

THE DAVIES MEMORIAL.

As our readers know, the scheme for the memorial to the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies at Tewkesbury Abbey is in two parts, the addition of trebles to make a ring of twelve bells and the furnishing of a ringers' chapel.

Out of the amount which has already been subscribed, the Management Committee of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association have authorised a cheque for £75 to be sent to Tewkesbury in order that the chapel portion of the memorial may be proceeded with.

STEDMAN TRIPLES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am most grateful to Mr. Pye and Mr. Bayley for their letters re the above, although they put me (especially Mr. Bayley's, with its reference to a 'variation,' etc.) in, apparently, rather a difficult position; but I assure you it is more apparent than real, and it has led me to query whether they both refer to a different composition to the one in question. Neither writer gives nor refers to the figures, except to say that the three-course block in one case was Thurstans' and the other Brook's.

Last May I wrote to Mr. Trollope (in view of some work his committee has in hand for the Central Council) telling him, in all good faith, that this particular composition was first rung at Kidlington on August 8th, 1904, and, as I said in my letter of March 3rd, it was 'composed and conducted by James W. Washbrook.' The composition followed the peal report. The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn would probably be able to verify this, as he rang the 7th to the peal, a copy of which, taken from the Oxford Diocesan Guild report, I enclosed in my letter to Mr. Trollope.

Now a few words in reply to the letters published on February 10th and March 3rd. As to the first, I do not, and have not, claimed any variation of Washbrook's peal as mine. Then as to the date on the cards I printed and circulated: in view of the publication of the transposition of the peal (for that is all it is) on February 4th, 1927, I decided to put on them the date of printing and not the date of writing the copy out, which was some two months before. Partial proof of this will be found in 'The Ringing World' of February 18th, 1927, where, in a footnote, the Editor says, 'Some variations and transpositions by Mr. Cave will be published at a later date.'

Since January, 1900, when I printed the plain course of Bristol Surprise Major for free distribution, I have printed many odds and ends of touches and methods with the same object. It might interest the band who recently rang the peal of London Surprise Royal at Beddington, for instance, that the method was printed and circulated among the ringers at St. Stephen's, Bristol, some ten or eleven years ago as the production of the Rev. E. Banks James.

W. A. CAVE.

P.S.—Would Mr. Bayley (or anyone interested) kindly tell us when and where the peal was first called with the singles at 9 and 11, instead of 2 and 14.—W. A. C.

APPLETON RECORD PEAL BAND.

By a misprint, the names beneath the photograph of the Appleton Record Peal Band, which appeared in our last issue, were given in the wrong order. Those sitting down were (from right to left) C. G. White, W. Simmonds, G. Holfield, sen., F. E. Taylor, R. A. Post and W. F. Judge. Those standing were (from left to right) R. T. Newman, F. D. Boreham, G. Holfield, jun., R. White and F. White.

DEATH OF MR. J. A. GOFTON.

A TALENTED WHITLEY BAY RINGER.

One of the most popular and brilliant ringers and conductors in the North, if not in the whole country, has passed away in the person of Mr. Joseph Albany Gofton, known to his friends and relations as 'Jack.' A younger brother of the late Mr. Tom Gofton, he was equally clever in the science; one of those who never lost sight of a bell throughout a peal, especially when conducting, and the more intricate the method, London or Bristol Surprise, for instance, the more he was in touch with every bell, and spotted a fault almost before it was made. This kind of ringer is a heavy loss to the Exercise, as such talents are rare, but when they are found combined with a kindly nature and lovable disposition, it makes the parting doubly felt.

Mr. Gofton was only 50 years of age, but he had put in an enormous amount of belfry work, as his list of 222 peals will show. His health was badly undermined by his war experiences. He had been badly gassed and also suffered the rigours of a German prisoner-of-war camp, so much so that in 1925 he had to forego ringing, his last peal being one of Superlative Major in June of that year. His health improved, but his medical man would not allow him to resume his beloved hobby; even the lesser strain of a handbell peal was vetoed as well. He kept in touch, however, with ringing by attending many of the association meetings in Northumberland and Durham, kindly placing his ear at the service of others when the gathering was some distance away.

He was laid to rest in the family burial place on Saturday, March 18th, in Whitley Churchyard, a large concourse of relatives, friends, ringers and Masonic brethren attending. The choral service in St. Paul's Church, conducted by the Rev. F. L. Dowland, was most impressive, and after the committal prayers at the graveside, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung by C. L. Routledge 1-2, J. Anderson (president of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association) 3-4, W. H. Barber 5-6, J. E. R. Keen 7-8. This was followed by the usual Masonic anthem.

For the service itself the bells were rung muffled in a touch of Stedman and then the 'whole pull and stand' by A. Tully (North Shields) 1, G. R. Holmes (Tynemouth) 2, J. Anderson 3, J. L. Gray (North Shields) 4, J. Davidson (Newcastle Cathedral) 5, J. E. Scott (North Shields) 6, J. E. Keen (Newcastle) 7, A. Deas (Gosforth) 8. Afterwards a peal of Kent Major was attempted, in which W. H. Barber (Newcastle), W. Brown (Chester-le-Street) and J. Richardson (Gosforth) took part. This, unfortunately, collapsed through the breaking of a stay after half an hour's ringing. And so we bade farewell to one whom we all loved well, a man of principle and infinite talents, a good husband and father, and everything good to his fellow-men. R.I.P.

C. L. R.

THE LATE MR. J. A. GOFTON'S PEALS.

	Tower bells	Handbells	Conducted
Cambridge Surprise Maximus	1	—	—
Little Bob Maximus	1	—	—
Stedman Cinques	1	7	3
Cambridge Surprise Royal	3	—	1
Double Norwich Royal	1	—	—
Little Bob Royal	—	1	—
Kent Treble Bob Royal	2	2	—
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	1	—	—
Forward Royal	—	1	—
Bob Royal	—	4	1
Stedman Caters	17	15	3
London Surprise Major	29	6	15
Bristol Surprise Major	13	—	4
Cambridge Surprise Major	9	—	3
Superlative Surprise Major	16	—	2
Premier Surprise Major	2	—	1
Double Superlative Surprise Major	1	—	—
Cambridge and Superlative (Spliced)	—	—	—
Major	1	—	1
Double Norwich Major	25	3	7
Double Oxford Major	2	—	—
Kent Treble Bob Major	6	4	3
Shipway Major	1	—	—
Bob Major	3	5	7
Stedman Triples	17	2	4
14 Surprise Minor methods	1	—	—
7 Surprise Minor methods	8	—	1
7 Treble Bob Minor methods	1	—	—
7 Minor methods	8	2	4
	170	52	60

Total peals, 222; conducted, 60.

WOOTTON BASSETT, WILTS.—On Thursday, March 16th, 1.760 of Cambridge Surprise Major in 67 mins.: L. A. Wilson 1, H. W. Bishop 2, S. Palmer 3, H. W. L. Wells 4, E. J. Berry 5, E. Bishop 6, W. B. Kynaston 7, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the steeplekeeper, Mr. Wilson, and to mark the tenth anniversary of the first Surprise peal on the bells.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL VISIT TO FIVE-BELL TOWERS.

A very enjoyable meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry was held at Dullingham on Saturday, when members attended from Cambridge, Epping, Fen Ditton, Fulbourne, Newmarket, Sawston, Stetchworth and Trumpington, and there was a splendid muster of the local band.

Service was conducted by the Vicar, who, in the course of his address, advised ringers to study the wonderful old churches they visited and not to confine their interest to the tower.

It was a great pleasure to elect the local band en bloc. During the evening several visitors had a 'pull' at Stetchworth. Grateful thanks are due to Mr. Twitchett for having made all arrangements.

Members are asked to note that a meeting has been arranged at Guilden Morden on April 8th (see notice in advertisement columns). Bourn bells are not available, so the quarterly meeting on May 20th will, all being well, be held at Sawston. A good muster is much desired. If possible, Sawston Imperial will be one of the methods practised. A diagram of this method can be had on application to the district secretary.

PRESENTATION TO A NORTH STAFFS RINGER.

A meeting of the Crewe Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday, March 18th, at Lawton, Cheshire, and was splendidly attended, about 50 ringers being present. A very hearty welcome was extended to the Guild by the new Rector (the Rev. W. England), who said it was the first time he had had the pleasure of meeting the members. He was most agreeably surprised to find what a lot of splendid fellows they were, and he sincerely hoped to have the honour of meeting them again. Proceeding, he said he had a very pleasant duty to perform, and that was to hand over to Mr. W. Righy a complete list of peals which he had rung for the North Staffordshire Association. The list had been compiled and written by and was the gift of Mr. J. E. Wheeldon to Mr. Righy, who had completed 50 years as a ringer. He thanked Mr. Wheeldon for the great trouble he had gone to in tabulating these peals, and he would that it was surrounded by a suitable frame.

The Rector moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Hollinshead for generously providing the tea, which was heartily accorded.

After tea the Lawton ringers regaled the company with tunes on handbells, which were manipulated in a wonderful manner under the baton of their leader, Mr. W. Righy. The tower bells were afterwards set going until 8.30, the ringing terminating one of the most successful meetings ever held in the beautiful village of Lawton, which is one of the very fine jewels to be found on the Cheshire plain.

J. E. W.

40 YEARS AGO: A MIDDLESBROUGH ANNIVERSARY.

Forty years ago the first peal of Major was rung on the bells of the Middlesbrough Parish Church, and the following record of that peal can be seen on a board hung in the belfry:—

Durham and Newcastle Association.

On Monday, March 20th, 1895, in 2 hours and 48 minutes, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, 5,088 changes: M. Bradley treble, J. J. Nicholson 2, J. H. Jones 3, R. Alcock 4, C. L. Routledge 5, J. W. Passman 6, A. McFarlane 7, J. H. Blakiston tenor. Composed by W. Royle and conducted by J. H. Blakiston. This is the first peal of Major rung on the bells.

The present ringers of the Middlesbrough Parish Church decided that an attempt should be made to ring the same peal on the 40th anniversary of the original, and our peal columns show that this has been accomplished.

It is interesting to note that, as far as can be ascertained, of the original band only Mr. C. L. Routledge, of Newcastle, and Mr. J. H. Blakiston, of Middlesbrough, are still living.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS MEETING.

In striking contrast to the previous monthly practice, the weather for the Winkfield meeting was glorious. Ringers from all four quarters of the branch turned up, as well as some visitors from 'over the border.' Numerous methods were rung, but the London did not go kindly until late in the evening, when 'Grandpa' rang his first course 'inside.'

A 'reportress' from the local paper turned up and was supplied with information by the Branch Ringing Master to such purpose that after tea she was keen enough to have her first lesson at handling a bell, as was also another young lady, both of them showing great promise.

It is rumoured that the secretary is expecting to be appointed as instructor to the Ladies' Guild, in which case the 'Merry Monarch' must look to his laurels.

Some of the other young men present were rather backward. Attention was drawn to the annual meeting of the branch at Slough on April 29th, and grateful thanks were expressed to Mr. Head for his efforts to make all welcome, with a hope that there will not be another interval of five years before the next visit of the branch.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE PLYMOUTH MEETING.

Minutes of the Third Session of the Fourteenth Council (40th annual meeting), held in the Council Chamber of the Guildhall, Plymouth, on Whitsun Tuesday, May 17th, 1932, at 11 o'clock.

Prior to the meeting the Mayor of Plymouth, in the chair, supported by the Lord Bishop of Plymouth, extended a cordial welcome to the Council. The President tendered thanks.

The Lord Bishop of Exeter visited the Council during the afternoon session.

ATTENDANCE ROLL.

Ancient Society of College Youths: Present, H. R. Newton; absent, W. T. Cockerill, T. Faulkner, C. F. Winnery.
 Barnsley and District Guild: Absent, C. D. Potter.
 Bath and Wells Diocesan Association: Present, J. T. Dyke, J. Hunt; absent H. W. Brown, the Rev. E. S. C. Lock.
 Bedfordshire Association: Absent, A. King, A. E. Sharman.
 Cambridge University Guild: Present, E. M. Atkins, E. H. Lewis.
 Chester Diocesan Guild: Present, H. S. Brocklebank; absent, the Rev. C. A. Clements, G. A. Taylor, J. C. E. Simpson.
 Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association: Absent, T. Metcalfe, J. C. Pollard.
 Devon Guild: Present, E. W. Marsh, the Rev. E. S. Powell, G. C. Woodley; absent, E. Shepherd.
 Dudley and District Guild: Absent, S. J. Hughes.
 Durham and Newcastle Association: Absent, W. H. Barber, W. Storey.
 East Derbyshire and Notts Association: Absent, J. W. England.
 Ely Diocesan Association: Absent, T. R. Dennis, the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake.
 Essex Association: Present, E. J. Butler, G. R. Pye; absent, C. H. Howard, W. J. Nevard.
 Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association: Present, J. Austin, E. Guise, W. E. Rose; absent, E. Bishop.
 Guildford Diocesan Guild: Present, G. Grover, A. H. Pulling; absent, A. C. Hazelden.
 Hereford Diocesan Guild: Absent, J. Clark, A. W. Davis, C. Edwards, W. Poston.
 Hertford County Association: Present, W. Ayre.
 Irish Association: Absent, G. Lindoff, R. Murphy.
 Kent County Association: Present, E. Barnitt, T. Groombridge, F. M. Mitchell; absent, J. H. Cheeseman.
 Ladies' Guild: Present, Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, Mrs. R. Richardson.
 Lancashire Association: Present, G. R. Newton, W. H. Shuker; absent, Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee, A. Tomlinson.
 Lincoln Diocesan Guild: Present, J. Phillips, R. Richardson; absent, Rev. Canon H. T. Parry, G. Chester.
 Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association: Present, J. W. Jones; absent, J. Phillips.
 London County Association: Present, A. D. Barker, F. E. Dawe; absent, T. H. Taffender.
 Middlesex County Association: Present, C. T. Coles, G. W. Fletcher, W. H. Hollier, W. Pickworth.
 Midland Counties Association: Present, the Rev. R. P. Farrow, E. Denison Taylor, J. H. Swinfield; absent, W. Willson.
 Norwich Diocesan Association: Present, F. Nolan Golden; absent, C. E. Borrett, A. L. Coleman.
 North Notts Association: Absent, the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson.
 North Staffs and District Association: Absent, the Rev. J. B. Frith.
 North Wales Association: Absent, T. Jones.
 Oxford Diocesan Guild: Present, Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, J. Evans, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkin; absent, F. W. Hopgood.
 Oxford Society: Absent, W. Collett.
 Oxford University Society: Present, H. Miles.
 Peterborough Diocesan Guild: Present, T. Law, T. Tebbutt, F. Wilford; absent, R. G. Black.
 Romney Marsh and District Guild: Absent, A. J. Batlin.
 St. Clement Youths: Absent, G. Cross.
 St. Martin's Guild: Absent, A. Paddon Smith.
 Salisbury Diocesan Guild: Present, the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, S. Hillier, C. H. Jennings.
 Scottish Association (no representative).
 Shropshire Association: Absent, W. Saunders.
 Society of Royal Cumberland Youths: Present, J. Parker; absent, J. W. Cornford, J. D. Matthews, F. Smith.
 Society of Sherwood Youths: Absent, A. Coppock.
 Stafford Archdeaconry: Absent, T. J. Elton, H. Knight.
 Suffolk Guild: Present, the Rev. H. Drake; absent, C. Moe, C. J. Sedgely, S. H. Symonds.
 Surrey Association: Present, C. H. Kippin; absent, C. Dean.
 Sussex County Association: Absent, J. T. Rickman.
 Swansea and Brecon Guild: Present, A. J. Pitman.
 Truro Diocesan Guild: Present, H. J. Clark, W. H. Southward, the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella, LL-Col. C. F. Jerram.
 Warwickshire Guild: Present, F. W. Perrens, J. H. W. White.
 Winchester and Portsmouth Guild: Present, G. Williams; absent, H. Barton.
 Worcester and Districts Association: Present, H. G. Bird, J. D. Johnson; absent, R. G. Knowles.
 Yorkshire Association: Present, J. Cotterell, P. J. Johnson, S. E. Palmer; absent, the Rev. C. C. Marshall.

Honorary members: Present, W. A. Cave, E. W. Elwell, J. George, J. S. Goldsmith, J. H. B. Hesse, A. A. Hughes, J. A. Trollope, E. Alex Young, C. F. Johnston; absent, the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, J. Griffin, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, H. W. Wilde, S. H. Wood.

Associations	Members	
	Present	Absent
Fully represented	8	17
Partly represented	23	46
Not represented	21	31
	52	67
Hon. members	9	6
	72	73

SOCIETIES AFFILIATED DURING THE YEAR.

The secretary reported the affiliation of the North Staffs and District Association (one representative) and the Scottish Association (one representative), and the re-affiliation of the Gloucester and Bristol Association (four representatives).

The Truro Diocesan Guild had increased their representation from one member to four members. The Ladies' Guild had increased from one to two members.

UNPAID SUBSCRIPTIONS.

It was reported that the subscriptions of the following societies were still unpaid: Durham and Newcastle Association, Irish Association, London County Association, North Notts Association, North Wales Association, Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.

The President called attention to Rule 5, and intimated that the Standing Committee recommended that the rule be enforced so far as voting was concerned. The rule also implied that members representing societies whose subscriptions were unpaid should not be allowed to take part in the meeting, but the Standing Committee did not wish to insist on this.

Mr. E. A. Young (hon. member) inquired whether, if subscriptions were now tendered, the rule would be satisfied, and the President's ruling was that subscriptions could only be accepted from duly authorised officers of associations.

Mr. Young tendered the subscription of the London County Association, in his capacity of treasurer of this association, and this was accepted.

ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS.

The following members retired according to rule: The Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Messrs. W. A. Cave, J. George, H. W. Wilde.

The resignation of the Rev. E. W. Carpenter was before the Council last year, and the Standing Committee recommended that Messrs. W. A. Cave and H. W. Wilde be re-elected, that Mr. A. Walker, of Birmingham, be elected a member, and that one place be left vacant. On the President's motion, seconded by Mr. J. Parker (Royal Cumberland Youths), the Standing Committee's recommendation was adopted.

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS TO PRESIDENT.

The following members were presented: Messrs. John Austin, Edgar Guise and Walter Rose, of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association; Mrs. R. Richardson, Ladies' Guild; Mr. John Phillips, Lincoln Diocesan Guild; Mr. F. Nolan Golden, Norwich Diocesan Guild; the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella, LL-Col. C. F. Jerram and Mr. H. J. Clark, of the Truro Diocesan Guild; Mr. J. H. W. White, Warwickshire Guild.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. W. T. Cockerill, Mr. A. King, Mr. A. E. Sharman, the Rev. C. A. Clements, Mr. T. Metcalfe, Mr. J. C. Pollard, Mr. S. J. Hughes, Mr. J. W. Englund, Mr. T. R. Dennis, the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake, Mr. C. H. Howard, Mr. W. J. Nevard, Mr. E. Bishop, Mr. A. C. Hazelden, Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee, Mr. W. Willson, Mr. A. L. Coleman, the Rev. J. B. Frith, Mr. F. W. Hopgood, Mr. W. Collett, Mr. G. Cross, Mr. J. D. Matthews, Mr. H. Knight, Mr. C. Dean, Mr. H. Barton, the Rev. C. C. Marshall, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Mr. H. W. Wilde, Mr. S. H. Wood, Mr. J. Griffin.

LOSS OF MEMBERS THROUGH DEATH.

The death of the following members and past members was reported: The Rev. H. Law James, Lincoln Diocesan Guild; Mr. T. T. Gofton, Durham and Newcastle Association; Mr. H. Argyle, Warwickshire Guild; Mr. S. Wood, past member; Mr. T. Salter, past member.

Canon Coleridge voiced the deep regret of the Council and Exercise at the loss of the Rev. H. Law James, and paid tribute to his work. A letter of condolence had already been sent, and the Council was represented by the hon. secretary at the funeral.

On the motion of the President, a formal resolution of sympathy was passed by the members standing in silence, and the secretary was instructed to write to the relatives of Messrs. T. T. Gofton, H. Argyle, S. Wood and T. Salter.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.

The minutes of the last meeting were published in 'The Ringing World' dated March 18th, 1932, and copies had been circulated to affiliated societies.

Mr. G. R. Newton (Lancashire Association) drew attention to the omission of a vote of thanks to Mr. W. A. Cave for acting as honorary secretary during Mr. E. A. Young's absence, and it was agreed that this should be inserted.

On the motion of Mr. C. T. Coles (Middlesex Association), seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes (hon. member), it was resolved that the minutes be taken as read and be approved.

REPORT OF HONORARY LIBRARIAN.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Oxford Diocesan Guild) reported the presentation of the following books:—

History of the College Youths, 1755-1788, by J. A. Trollope, presented by the author.

History and Rule Book and Service Book of the Ancient Society of College Youths, presented by the society.

Twelve copies of 'Bell Towers and Bell Hanging,' by Sir Arthur Heywood and others, presented by Mr. E. A. Young.

'First Five Hundred Peals of the Oxford Guild,' presented by Mr. Young.

The Council was asked for instructions regarding the twelve copies of 'Bell Towers and Bell Hanging,' one of which had been sold by special request.

SALES OF PUBLICATIONS.

Sales were the best since the present librarian was appointed, and showed a balance of £42 9s. 5d. after paying ordinary advertisement account of £9 2s. and special advertising of £3. Sales by 'sale and return' agents showed £10 18s. 11d., but all returns had not been received. The Lincoln Diocesan Guild had purchased a complete stock of publications. Others had purchased larger quantities and thus availed themselves of the discount allowance. Further method sheets of Grandsire, Stedman and Cambridge Surprise had been purchased.

The report was adopted on the motion of the honorary librarian, seconded by Mrs. Fletcher (Ladies' Guild).

The Standing Committee recommended that the honorary librarian be allowed to dispose of all except three copies of 'Bell Towers and Bell Hanging' to representatives of affiliated societies only, at the price of 5s. each. Agreed.

The president, in answer to an inquiry by Mr. J. A. Trollope, suggested that members could watch for old and valuable ringing books with a view to their being secured for the Council's library.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

The hon. treasurer presented the accounts for the year, which had been duly audited. Income, including interest on investments £25, affiliation fees £28 5s., subscriptions (honorary members) £2 7s. 6d. and sale of publications less expenses £42 9s. 5d., amounted to £78 1s. 11d.

Expenses, including cost of publications £35 15s. 2d. and grant to Stedman Tercentenary Fund £10 10s., amounted to £64 4s. 9d., leaving a balance to carry forward of £61 11s. 11d.

Investments remained unaltered, with a market value of £125 5s. 6d.

On the motion of Mr. A. A. Hughes (hon. member), seconded by Mr. W. A. Cave (hon. member), the accounts were adopted.

CARTER RINGING MACHINE.

Mr. E. A. Young (hon. member) reported on behalf of the trustees. The machine was still at the Victoria and Albert Science Museum and had recently been inspected. Although it would still work, the time was not far distant when the machine would require a complete overhaul. The machine had been demonstrated by official request to an officer of H.M. Office of Works. The treasurer was requested to arrange payment of the demonstrator's fee.

The report was adopted on the proposal of Mr. E. A. Young (hon. member), seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes (hon. member).

A suggestion by Mr. C. T. Coles (Middlesex Association) that periodical demonstrations be arranged was left with the trustees.

REPORTS.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

The hon. secretary reported that the only meeting for the year had been held prior to this meeting. The agenda had been considered in detail and recommendations would be placed before the Council during the day.

On the President's motion, the report was adopted.

The Rev. F. S. Powell (Devon Guild) proposed, as a recommendation to the Standing Committee, that the constitution of this committee be examined to see whether they were truly representative of the Council, and that the constitution of the other committees be examined and a report made at the next meeting. Mr. J. Hunt (Bath and Wells Association) seconded. The recommendation was adopted, the Rev. F. M. Edwards (Salisbury Guild) suggesting that the Council should appoint the conveners of committees.

PEALS COLLECTION COMMITTEE.

The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson reported the receipt of fresh material, mainly Royal and Maximus, and this was being examined.

The report was adopted on the motion of Mrs. Fletcher (Ladies' Guild), seconded by Mr. J. A. Trollope (hon. member).

Later it was proposed by Mr. G. R. Newton, seconded by Mr. E. A. Young, and carried, that the committee be asked to prepare a collection of compositions in the better known methods.

METHODS COMMITTEE.

The report of this committee was published in 'The Ringing World' of April 29th.

Mr. J. A. Trollope (hon. member) spoke of the loss sustained by the committee by the death of the Rev. H. Law James. The great advance in knowledge of methods was largely due to him. With regard to the work in hand, the book on Triples had been left with

Mr. James, but apparently he had been unable to do anything towards completing it. The book was, however, now being completed, and it was proposed to include Stedman and Erin as methods of pure Triples and about eight other methods which had a treble and six working bells, like New Bob, together with a big selection of touches of Stedman and Grandsire, full courses of certain of the methods and a selection of touches and peals.

Permission to publish the book was asked by the committee.

The committee also asked that the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. James be left open until the London meeting.

The Rev. E. S. Powell referred to the question of rules and decisions governing methods which the committee was requested to consider at the last meeting.

The committee had included this matter in their report, but since publication it had been pointed out that it would require amendment, as the definition given of a plain lead did not cover Little and Alliance methods. The committee had reconsidered the matter, and their proposals were to leave the present definition unaltered and make what adjustment was necessary by adding to the existing notes on definitions. Reference was made to the note on page 24 of Rules and Decisions, which read: 'Methods are formed from principles in two ways,' and the committee suggested the addition of: 'An illustration of this statement is to be found in the Little and Alliance methods which have come into prominence of late years. In appearance their form places them outside the definition of Plain and Bob leads given above, but, properly speaking, they are in logical succession of such methods as Bob Major.'

'Thus a Little method is one which follows the rule, except in so far as this is qualified by the restriction of the hunt to fewer places than the number of bells employed.'

'An Alliance method is one in which the hunt has a composite path comprising portions of more than one principle.'

The Council was asked to consider this and vote on it at the next meeting.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (hon. member), as mover of the resolution referring the matter to the committee, intimated that he supported the committee in considering the question in this form, but with regard to the actual report of the committee, he requested the Council to receive it only and not adopt it.

Mr. J. A. Trollope, on behalf of the committee, agreed with this suggestion. The Rev. E. S. Powell concurred.

The report was, therefore, received, and the committee agreed that the printing of the book on Triples methods be left over until a later item on the agenda (No. 12) had been discussed, when it was resolved, on the motion of Mr. J. A. Trollope, seconded by the Rev. H. Drake, that the committee should complete the book and hand the manuscripts to the Standing Committee for publication.

The Standing Committee recommended the appointment of Mr. S. H. Wood (hon. member) to this committee. On the motion of the President, seconded by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Oxford Guild), this was carried.

VARIATIONS COMMITTEE.

The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson (hon. member) reported that he had been unable to do anything in this matter, and asked permission to retire.

The Standing Committee recommended that the committee be asked to elect Mr. H. W. Wilde as convener, whilst retaining Mr. Richardson's services as a member.

Mr. G. R. Newton (Lancashire Association) urged the need for a collection of best compositions, but this was considered a matter for the Peals Collection Committee.

The report was adopted on the motion of Mrs. Fletcher (Ladies' Guild), seconded by Mr. W. A. Cave (hon. member).

PEALS ANALYSIS COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Fletcher (Ladies' Guild) moved, and Mr. J. H. Swinfield (Midland Counties Association) seconded, that the report of this committee, published in 'The Ringing World' on May 6th, be adopted. Carried.

The Standing Committee recommended that Mr. G. L. Grover (Guildford Diocesan Guild) be elected a member of this committee, and that Mr. G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary) be allowed to retire. The recommendation was adopted on the motion of Mrs. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith.

TOWER AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE.

The members of the committee reported individually. See 'The Ringing World,' June 10th, 1932, page 390.

The reports were adopted on the motion of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, seconded by Major J. H. B. Hesse.

Mr. J. A. Trollope reported that under the scheme to build 45 churches in the Diocese of London, it had been decided to pull down St. Andrew's, Wells Street, and move it to the suburbs. In a letter to the 'Times,' the Bishop of London had said that everything would be moved to the new church, but although the peal of eight might be moved to the new church, it was almost impossible to expect that a tower would be built strong enough to ring them. The Middlesex County Association had passed a resolution and forwarded it to the Bishop of London, asking that these bells should be retained as a peal, and that if the tower of the new church was not strong enough to permit them to be rung, then they should be given to a church in the diocese with a tower strong enough to permit ringing.

It was proposed by Mr. Trollope, seconded by Mr. E. A. Young, and carried, that the Council endorse the action of the Middlesex Association, and the Tower and Belfries Committee was asked to deal with the matter.

The meeting adjourned to receive the Bishop of Exeter.

STEDMAN COMMEMORATION COMMITTEE.

The President reported that the committee had carried through the restoration of the bells at St. Benedict, Cambridge, which were reopened on December 5th, 1931. See 'The Ringing World,' June 17th, 1932, page 405.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (treasurer of the fund) presented the accounts of the fund, which showed total receipts of £502 1s. 5d. Expenses totalled £482 13s. 5d., which figures include Messrs. Taylor and Co. £289, Sindall £132, architect's fees £21 18s. 3d., cost of tablet £22 3s., faculty £5 5s. The amount owing to the builder was £50 13s. 6d., and certain other incidental expenses had to be met. The balance as per the accounts was £19 8s., and moneys received since had increased it to £24 4s. About £30 was required to cover all expenses.

The Standing Committee recommended that the Council should advance the money required to pay the accounts outstanding.

On the motion of the President, seconded by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, the committee's report was adopted, together with the recommendation of the Standing Committee.

It was proposed by Mr. W. Ayre (Hertford County Association), seconded by the Rev. P. Ll. Edwards (Salisbury Diocesan Guild), and carried, that a vote of thanks be accorded to all the members of the committee.

No action was taken in respect of the statement made by Mr. E. Denison Taylor, that these bells should only be rung by experts.

LITERATURE AND PRESS COMMITTEE.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards (Salisbury Diocesan Guild) reported for the committee. See 'The Ringing World,' June 24th, 1932, page 421.

The report was seconded by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith and carried.

RULES COMMITTEE.

The report of the committee was published in 'The Ringing World' of May 13th, and was presented by Mr. E. W. Elwell (hon. member), who asked the Council to receive it with the view to its adoption at the next meeting. This course was suggested to enable members to consider the revised rules. Members were asked to give previous notice of their objections and criticisms, and were invited to suggest improvements. The various alterations were pointed out.

On the motion of Mr. E. W. Elwell, seconded by Mr. C. T. Coles (Middlesex County Association), the report was accepted.

RECORDS COMMITTEE.

Mr. G. L. Grover (Guildford Diocesan Guild), as the only surviving member of this committee, presented a report for the years 1930 and 1931 (since published in 'The Ringing World' dated July 1st, 1932). The report suggested that the Council should give a ruling as to the method to be adopted to record spliced peals, in view of the increasing number of methods used.

In view of the fact that the records for 1927, 1928 and 1929 had been mislaid, the present report may require amendment.

The report was seconded by the Rev. E. S. Powell and adopted.

Mr. Grover suggested that the Records Committee be dissolved and its work incorporated with that of the Peals Analysis Committee.

The President stated that the Standing Committee recommended this course, and he, therefore, proposed that the Records Committee be dissolved and thanked for their services, and the work be taken over by the Peals Analysis Committee, of which Mr. Grover was now a member. This was carried.

MOTIONS.

It was proposed by the President, seconded by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn—

'That this Council strongly deprecates the recording as a peal on a commemorative tablet any performance which does not conform to the accepted standard of a true and complete peal, and calls upon all affiliated societies to support the Council in this matter.'

Mr. E. W. Elwell made a very eloquent appeal for the preservation of truth and accuracy in the recording of peal performances.

The resolution was carried nem. con.

Letters supporting the resolution had been received from Alderman J. S. Pritchett and Canon Elsee, and the Standing Committee heartily endorsed it.

It was proposed by Canon G. F. Coleridge and seconded by Mr. J. T. Dyke—

'That in view of the great need for attention to good striking, the Council appoint a small committee to draw up a pamphlet on the proper handling of a bell.'

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn proposed, as an amendment, that the pamphlet also contain information on how to ring and call Grandire Doubles and Bob Minor for the benefit of young hands. He was, as librarian, being constantly asked for some such book. The Rev. E. S. Powell seconded and offered the use of a small pamphlet issued by the Devon Guild.

Mr. P. J. Johnson (Yorkshire Association), while in sympathy with the objects of the resolution, opposed the issuing of a pamphlet by the Council, as he was of opinion that 'Ropesight' already gave the

information. Mr. Woodley (Devon Guild) urged that Troyte's book supplied the needs of beginners.

It was pointed out by several speakers that the pamphlet required was one that would only cost a few pence, whereas 'Ropesight' and Troyte's book cost very much more.

Warm support was given by Mr. E. W. Elwell, Major Hesse, Mr. G. R. Newton, Mr. C. T. Coles and the Rev. H. Drake, the latter urging that the word 'card' be substituted for 'pamphlet.'

The amendment was accepted as a rider to the original proposal, which was carried.

On the motion of the President, a sub-committee was appointed, consisting of Canon G. F. Coleridge and Mr. J. T. Dyke, with power to add to their number, it being also agreed that the leading part be left to Mr. Dyke.

It was proposed by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn and seconded by Mr. F. W. Perrins (Warwickshire Guild):—

'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.'

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (editor of 'The Ringing World') gave various facts and figures relating to the paper. It had served the Exercise for 21 years, but, owing to the small circulation, it was not a satisfactory commercial proposition, and under the existing circumstances it was impossible to enlarge it to a size sufficient to cope with the great amount of ringing matter being received. To increase the size of the paper by four pages per week, an increase of 3,500 copies was necessary, and if this was forthcoming, immediate steps would be taken to give a larger and more attractive paper.

The motion was endorsed by the Standing Committee and warmly supported by several speakers.

The motion was carried unanimously.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

The President intimated that in accordance with the rules the next meeting would be held in London and that representative members must be re-elected by their associations before that meeting.

It was reported that an invitation to tea had been received from the Middlesex County Association, which had been provisionally accepted by the hon. secretary. The Council's endorsement of that acceptance was given.

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

The President reported that the Council had received an appeal from the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

The Standing Committee recommended that in view of the valuable work done by Mr. Davies, a sum of £10 10s. be voted to the memorial. This was seconded by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn and carried.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY.

On the suggestion of Mr. C. H. Jennings, a vote of sympathy was passed with the Master of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, who had met with a serious accident, and the hon. secretary was instructed to forward it to the Rev. R. H. Gundry with good wishes for his speedy recovery.

VOTES OF THANKS.

The thanks of the Council were accorded to the Mayor for the use of the Council Chamber and for his welcome; the Bishop of Exeter and Bishop of Plymouth for their presence and words of encouragement; the Devon Guild for their hospitality and for making the various arrangements, with particular reference to Mr. E. W. Marsh, and to all incumbents for the use of their bells and towerkeepers for their services; to the Truro Diocesan Guild for their kind invitation to Truro on Whit Monday and entertainment of some of the members to lunch, with particular reference to Mr. A. S. Roberts, Dr. Symons, Lt.-Col. C. F. Jerram and the Truro Cathedral band.

The meeting terminated at 5.30, after which the members were the guests of the Devon Guild at tea.

MOULTON BELLS.

£70 REQUIRED FOR A NEW BELL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have just received the offer from a London gentleman of a treble if I will provide another and so complete the ring of eight.

We have had the six rehung, retuned and fitted in a steel frame with ball bearings and latest improvements. A ring of eight would make it the finest in the county for a village church, as the bells are most melodious.

Will some ringer or ringers lend a hand? The parish is exhausted with the recent restoration of the bells, and I do not want the offer to lapse through default on my part, as I am keen on getting the eight. The frame will take eight and the faculty is ready. £70 is all I require.

REV. J. MAURICE TURNER.

The Vicarage, Moulton, Northants.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLESEX.—On Thursday, March 23rd, 720 Single Court: P. Blake 1, J. Nash 2, R. Newman 3, F. Tubb 4, S. Child 5, F. Barker (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by all.

PRESTON, LANCs.—On Monday, February 20th, 1,248 Superlative Surprise: J. T. Bimson 1, J. Charneck 2, B. A. Knights 3, E. R. Martin (conductor) 4, J. Booth 5, H. Davies 6, J. W. Grounds 7, W. Sharples 8.

NOTICES.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's Parish Church, Selly Oak, Birmingham, on Saturday, April 1st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at the People's Hall, Oak Tree Lane. — T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, HOYLANDSWAINE.—The bells of the above church have been rehung in ball bearings by J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, and will be reopened on Saturday, April 1st. The Bishop of Pontefract will conduct the service, which commences at 4 o'clock. — E. Brookes, Hon. Sec., Hall Lane, Hoylandswaine, Sheffield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Newton-le-Willows, on Saturday, April 1st. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Meeting at 6.15. This tower has been newly decorated, and a new extra floor has also been added.—Norman Brown, Branch Sec.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—West Norfolk Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Swaffham on Saturday, April 1st. Tea at Lane's Cafe at 5 o'clock, 1s. each. Necton bells available in the evening.—W. J. Eldred, Dis. Sec., 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The last meeting of the year will be held at Redbourn on Saturday, April 1st. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. All ringers welcome.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Immanuel Church, Oswaldtwistle, on Saturday, April 1st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Warminster on Saturday, April 1st. Bells (8, tenor 28 cwt.) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.40. Tea at 5. All ringing friends welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Semington Road, Melksham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whittington in Lonsdale on April 1st. Bells at 2 p.m. Tea to all who notify the Rev. J. Hodgkin, The Rectory, Whittington, via Carnforth.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Haddenham District.—Ringing meeting at Ely to-morrow (Saturday), April 1st. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Warrington.

NEWBURY, BERKS.—The two new treble bells at St. Nicholas' Church, augmented to ten by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, will be dedicated by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Shaw on Sunday, April 2nd, at 3.30 p.m. All ringers will be welcome. Come and try Newbury ten.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—Quarterly meeting will be held on Monday, April 3rd, at 8.15 p.m. in St. Clement Danes. Practices will take place at St. Clement Danes as follows: Monday,

April 3rd, at 7 p.m., Mondays, May 1st, 15th and 29th, at 7.30 p.m.—Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec., 67, Canonbie Road, Honor Oak, S.E.23.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on April 4th, St. Magnus' on the 6th and 20th, at 7.30 p.m., *The Coffee Pot on the 18th (8 p.m.) and St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 27th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Springfield on Saturday, April 8th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5.15. Please send me numbers for tea by Wednesday, April 5th. All ringers welcome.—A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Barwell on Saturday, April 8th, from 3 till 8 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. All members and friends heartily invited.—A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting of the above Guild will be held at Worth on Saturday, April 8th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday previous to meeting? All ringers welcome. — G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The bells of Westbourne, near Emsworth, augmented to eight, and rehung in a new frame, by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, will be dedicated on Saturday, April 8th, at 2 p.m. by the Ven. B. G. Hoskyns, Archdeacon of Chichester. Tea will be provided for about 40 ringers who may wish to be present and who notify the Rev. C. E. V. Hodge, Westbourne Rectory, Emsworth, by Wednesday, April 5th.—A. D. Stone, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Samlesbury on Saturday, April 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Kegworth on Sat., April 8th. Bells (6) will be available from 3.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. F. Sutton, Market Place, Kegworth.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Leek on Saturday, April 8th. Tea will be provided for all who notify Mr. E. A. Ridgway, 11, Shirley Street, Leek, not later than April 5th.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Sefton on Saturday, April 8th, to re-open the bells after rehanging. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea (small charge) 5.30 p.m. Meeting to follow. For tea it is essential to notify the Rector, Sefton Rectory, near Liverpool, before Wednesday, April 5th.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Coalpit Heath on Saturday, April 8th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Frequent bus service from tramway centre. Please advise me for tea by April 5th.—Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol 5.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Guilden Morden on Saturday, April 8th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. It is hoped to make usual tea arrangements.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

RIPON CATHEDRAL.—The dedication service of the recast bells will be held on Saturday, April 8th. Service at 4 o'clock, conducted by the Dean of Ripon. All ringers welcome.—F. Tingle, 31, North Street, Ripon.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Buckland Newton on Saturday, April 8th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A by-meeting will be held at Hernhill on Saturday, April 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Rev. Canon G. R. Blackledge has kindly offered to entertain the ringers to tea. It is, therefore, important for those intending to be present to notify me on or before Thursday, April 6th.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Heywood on Saturday, April 8th. Tower open for ringing 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m.—H. Hamer, 4, Nall Street, Milnrow.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Coalbrookdale on Saturday, April 8th. Bells (10) available 2.30 p.m. Meeting and tea 5.30 p.m. in Trinity Hall. All requiring tea should notify me not later than Tuesday, April 4th.—R. R. Pole, Assistant Hon. Sec., 88, North Street, Castlefields, Shrewsbury.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting will be held at Ackworth on Saturday, April 8th. Bells ready at 2.30. For tea, 1s. each, please notify Mr. W. Palmer, Manor Farm, Badsworth, near Pontefract, by Wednesday, 5th. Good attendance desired.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Broadway on Saturday, April 8th. The bells at the Old Church will be available, but the service will be held at St. Michael's Church at 5 p.m., at which all visitors are requested to attend. Tea will be arranged for all those who notify me by the first post on the Tuesday previous.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Easter Monday at Nottingham. Bells of St. Mary's (10), St. Peter's (10) open from 10.30 a.m. Daybrook (8), 10.30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Basford (8) 6 to 8 p.m. Committee meet 2.45 p.m. Tea (1s. 9d. each) 4.30 p.m., followed by annual general meeting, all at Co-operative Hall, Parliament Street (Derby Road end). Towers closed at 4 p.m. till after meeting. Those requiring tea must advise Mr. W. E. White, Cotgrave, Notts, not later than April 13th.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at South Anston on Easter Monday, April 17th. Bells (8) available all day. For tea please notify Mr. H. Stenton, South Anston, not later than Saturday, April 15th.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield (3).

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Croydon (10 bells), on Easter Monday, April 17th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., tea and meeting following at the Swan and Sugar Loaf Hotel. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, April 12th. All ringers are heartily welcome.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The 53rd annual general meeting will be held at Chislehurst, on Easter Monday, April 17th. Tower open at 10 a.m. Committee meeting at the Rectory at 11 a.m. Association Service at 12 noon. Preacher, the Rector, Rev. O. Hardman. Luncheon in the Church Hall, at 1 p.m., followed by business meeting. The following towers will also be open during the day: St. Luke's, Bromley (8); SS. Peter and Paul, Bromley (8); Eltham (8); Beckingham (8); St. Mary Cray (6). Application for luncheon tickets (1/- to members, 3/6 to non-members, including moderate refreshments) must be made to the undersigned before first post Tuesday, April 11th. Remittance must accompany application. Election of Central Council Representatives (last day for nominations April 3rd).—Fred M. Mitchell, Gen. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The ANNUAL MEETING will be held at ST. ALBANS on EASTER MONDAY, April 17th. Abbey bells from 12 noon, St. Peter's bells open at 2 p.m. Those desiring to ring at St. Michael's or St. Stephen's Churches must notify me not later than April 15th, first post. Service in the Cathedral 4.30 p.m. Address by the Rev. H. O. Cavalier, Vicar of St. Stephen's, St. Albans. Tea in the Abbey Institute at 5.30, price 1s. 6d., followed by annual business meeting. To enable satisfactory arrangements to be made for tea, please notify me not later than April 15th. Notice of motion, Mr. C. H. Horton to move: 'That the association year ends on December 31st, instead of Easter Monday.'—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, St. Albans.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held on Easter Monday, April 17th, at Ottery St. Mary. Bells (8) available 11 a.m., also Honiton (6). Service, St. Mary's Church, 4.30. Tea and meeting 5, Church Institute. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Ottery St. Mary.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS' ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 17th. Business meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House at 2.15 p.m. prompt. Chairman: The Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., President. Service, with address, by the Bishop in the Cathedral at 4.15 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5.30 p.m. for all those who notify me before Wednesday, April 12th. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 12.30 to 2, St. John-in-Bedwardine (8), All Saints' (10), St. Nicholas' (6) and St. Swithin (6). Subscriptions should be paid and reports obtained in St. Helen's Church House between 11.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m.—J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec., Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

GLOUCESTER AND DISTRICT DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Gloucester on Easter Monday, April 17th. Ringers' service, St. Mary-de-Crypt, at 2.30 p.m. Business meeting at 3.15 p.m. in the Spread Eagle Hotel. Tea (1s. per head) after meeting. The Mayor of Gloucester will arrange (if possible) to welcome the association. Bells

available: Barnwood (8), Quedgley (8), St. Mary-de-Lode (6), and possibly St. Michael's, St. Mary-de-Crypt, as also Gloucester Cathedral. Every member should endeavour to attend. Important business includes: Memorial to the Rev. C. D. P. Davies. Please notify for tea by April 12th. — Edgar Guise, Gen. Hon. Sec., 48, Jamaica Street, Bristol 2.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch. — A special meeting will be held at Wellingborough on Easter Tuesday for the joint purpose of meeting the present Vicar, and in honour of the Raunds, Wellingborough and District Society of Church Bell Ringers, founded in 1883. Bells will be available at 2 o'clock, and the service will be at 4, conducted by the Vicar, who will also give the address. Tea will be provided in the Church Hall at 5 o'clock for those who notify me not later than Thursday, April 13th, price 1s. each. — F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary Notice. The annual committee meeting will be held in Reading (D.V.) on Saturday, April 22nd. Will all branch secretaries and representatives please note? Details later. — Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual general meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, April 22nd. Cathedral bells (8) 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.; S. Nicolas' (10), 3.15 to 4.15. Service in the Cathedral 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5.15 p.m., in Holy Trinity Parish Hall, 1s. each; business meeting afterwards. Numbers for tea by Tuesday, April 18th. — J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. James', Clerkenwell, on Saturday, April 22nd. Full particulars later. — C. T. Coles and F. W. Goodfellow, Joint Hon. Secs.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD. — The next meeting will be held at Sturry on Saturday, April 29th (note change of date). Bells ready 2.30. Tea, by kind invitation, at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. — P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

DEDICATION OF RECAST DUFFIELD RING OF 10 BELLS
SATURDAY, JUNE 3rd, at 3 p.m.

Will Midland Counties Association Change Ringers try to be present at Duffield Church, as above, when the Lord Bishop of Derby has promised to dedicate the bells, after which ringing will take place? By the kindness of the President of the association and the Vicar and churchwardens of Duffield, a free meat tea will be provided to all ringers and their families or friends. So make it a Whitsuntide outing, and do honour to this old change ringing Mecca!

BIRTH.

GOLDSMITH.—On March 27th, at Woking, to John Henry (son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith) and Doris May Goldsmith, a daughter.

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MUFFLED BELLS.

LAVENHAM.—On Sunday evening, March 19th, at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): F. F. Mortlock 1, S. H. Symonds 2, A. Symonds 3, F. L. Leeks (Croydon) 4, W. R. J. Poulson 5, L. Pryke 6, F. A. Turner 7, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 8. This quarter-peal, arranged for the conductor, who hails from Forest Hill, was rung with deeply muffled clappers as a last token of respect to the Rev. G. Lennox Conyngham, M.A., late Rector of Lavenham, who was interred the day previous. This is the 243rd tower in which Mr. A. P. Cannon has rung. During the afternoon he had taken part in 720 of Plain Bob Minor at Monks Eleigh and a few 120's of Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles at Little Waldingfield, all of which he conducted. Mr. Cannon wishes to thank all those who helped to make his visit to Suffolk a pleasant one.

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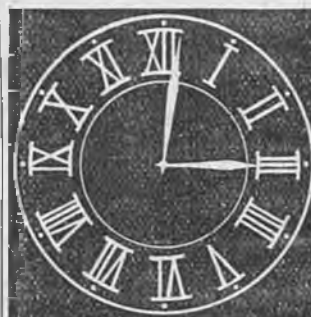
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