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THE ESSEX MASTERSHIP.

The resignation of the Mastership of the Essex Association by Mr. C. H. Howard brings to a close a term of office, extending over no less than twenty-five years, filled with an activity in the cause of ringing which few men have equalled. The break is all the more deplored, because it is ill-health that has led Mr. Howard to take the step which he has felt compelled to take. The members would have preferred that he should retain office and that the duties should be discharged by a deputy, but Mr. Howard's sense of duty would not let him remain merely as a figurehead. Indeed, this has been his attitude throughout the long time—and twenty-five years is a good slice out of a man's life—he has been Master. Mr. Howard has been no figurehead. He has thrown himself into the work of the association with an energy and enthusiasm that has been an inspiration to others. To his efforts, largely, has been due the great growth of the association during the last quarter of a century, and particularly the extensive restoration of the church bells of the county, in which he has been intensely interested and in which his activity has been productive of great results.

Apart from his great work for ringing, Mr. Howard is one who, having realised his responsibilities as a Churchman and a citizen, has, in addition to carrying on an important business, devoted much of his time to public work, as Churchwarden, Urban District Councillor (he filled the onerous office of chairman for many years) and Magistrate, as well as in numerous other directions. He has served his Church and his town, as he has served the cause of ringing, with no niggardly hand. He has always thrown himself wholeheartedly into anything he has undertaken, and this is well illustrated by the fact that, despite the many calls upon his time, he seldom missed a meeting of the Essex Association, either district or general. His influence at these gatherings brought many towers and ringers into the association fold and led to numerous peals of bells being restored and augmented. He has the satisfaction of handing over the reins of office with the organisation at the peak of its strength and usefulness and the knowledge that his labours have been deeply appreciated by the whole of the members, whose only regret is that he cannot continue as their Master.

Mr. Howard, by his services to the association, has set such a high standard, that the task of his successor is no easy one. If energy and earnestness can succeed, Mr. E. P. Duffield should make an ideal Master, but no man can expect to step into the duties and fulfil them exactly as they are vacated by one who has discharged

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them with such conspicuous ability and vigour for a generation. It will require all the effort and all the loyal support of the members which he can command, to enable Mr. Duffield eventually to attain the prestige which the years bestowed upon Mr. Howard, but steadfast endeavour on the part of the new Master, backed by the confidence and help of rank and file, should make the Essex Association secure in its future and in its continued progress. Under Mr. Howard it has wielded a great influence in the furtherance of the art of ringing in the county; we hope and believe that that influence will continue to expand under Mr. Duffield, given the support of united effort on the part of the members.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 2, 1934, in Three Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-le-Tower,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

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| *PHYLLIS E. TILLET... ..Treble | JOHN F. TILLET... .. 7 |
| CHARLES J. SEDGLEY... .. 2 | *WILLIAM R. MADGWICK... .. 8 |
| WILLIAM TILLET... .. 3 | CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE... .. 9 |
| HARRY R. ROPER... .. 4 | WILLIAM P. GARRETT... .. 10 |
| GEORGE A. FLEMING... .. 5 | GEORGE E. SYMONDS... .. 11 |
| HAROLD E. SYMONDS... .. 6 | WILLIAM J. G. BROWN... ..Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM J. G. BROWN.

* First peal of Superlative Maximus. Mr. Brown's first peal as conductor above six bells. Rung on the eve of the 69th birthday of H.M. King George V.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 2, 1934, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

In St. Hugh's Tower, at the Cathedral.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

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| *CECIL J. MAYER... ..Treble | GEORGE FLINTHAM... .. 7 |
| GEORGE CHESTER... .. 2 | †HORACE M. DAY... .. 8 |
| CHARLES MCGUINNESS... .. 3 | JOHN A. FREEMAN... .. 9 |
| *TOM PYLE... .. 4 | FREDERICK W. STOKES... .. 10 |
| JOHN WALDRON... .. 5 | HAROLD MARCON... .. 11 |
| ARTHUR BONN... .. 6 | †CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY Tenor |

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques. † First peal on twelve bells. This peal was arranged as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Freeman.

TEN BELL PEALS.

STONHAM ASPAL, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, May 27, 1934, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes, Bells

At the Church of St. Lambert,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

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| LESLIE G. BRETT... ..Treble | ALBERT G. HARRISON... .. 6 |
| *JOHN ARBON... .. 2 | *WILLIAM J. BUTTON... .. 7 |
| GEORGE PRYKE... .. 3 | WILLIAM R. MADGWICK... .. 8 |
| *ALBERT E. WHITING... .. 4 | LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN... .. 9 |
| ERIC G. BENNETT... .. 5 | T. WILLIAM LAST... ..Tenor |

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by L. G. BRETT.

* First peal on ten bells. First peal of Treble Bob by A. E. Whiting and first of Kent Royal by E. G. Bennett. First peal as conductor on ten bells by L. G. Brett.

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HERTFORD.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 2, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

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| GEORGE GRAY | 2 | *STANLEY A. CARTER | 6 |
| GILBERT E. DEBENHAM | 2 | GEORGE B. COLLINS | 7 |
| *CYRIL A. HODGE | 3 | *THOMAS J. LOCK | 8 |
| ALFRED J. HOUSE | 4 | JOSEPH LADLEY | 9 |
| *JOHN G. NASE | 5 | GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... | Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.

* First attempt for a peal of Plain Bob Royal. Rung in honour of the 69th birthday of H.M. King George V. Contains ten courses in the titlums and ten in the home position, together with three in-course courses each of '658790 and '468079. By this means the bells can be brought from the titlums to the home position without either six bobs 'before' or a '908 course end.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

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| GEORGE MAYERS | Treble | RUSSELL W. CURSON | 5 |
| WALTER R. FARROW | 2 | †FREDERICK HUGGINS | 6 |
| *ALFRED W. BROOME | 3 | CHARLES H. MOORE | 7 |
| NOLAN GOLDEN | 4 | HENRY TOOKE | Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal at first attempt. † First peal of Treble Bob at first attempt.

KNOWLE, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, May 21, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST, LAURENCE & ANNE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. in G sharp.

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| MISS KITTY WILLERS | Treble | WILLIAM C. DOWDING | 5 |
| WILLIAM H. BARBER | 2 | DANIEL COOPER | 6 |
| GEORGE WILLIAMS | 3 | GEORGE E. FEARN | 7 |
| JAMES HUNT | 4 | CHARLES H. KIPPIN | Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

PONTEFRAC, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 21, 1934, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| ARTHUR WALKER | Treble | WILLIAM PEARSON | 5 |
| HARRY C. WALTERS | 2 | HARRY BROWN | 6 |
| HAROLD DYSON | 3 | CHARLES BROWN | 7 |
| WILLIAM TATE | 4 | *HARRY MELLOR | Tenor |

Conducted by CHARLES BROWN.

* First peal and elected a member before starting. First peal as conductor.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFS.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 26, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| REGINALD ALLPORT | Treble | CLIFFORD SKIDMORE | 5 |
| THOMAS HEMMING | 2 | ROBERT MATTHEWS | 6 |
| JOHN BASS | 3 | WALTER MASTERS | 7 |
| GEORGE DAVIES | 4 | PERCY RICHARDS | Tenor |

Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.

Rung in honour of the birthday of Her Majesty Queen Mary, and also immediately after the marriage, at the above church, of Mr. Harry Holden, a popular and much esteemed member of the local band, to Miss Dora Lloyd, sister of the local ringers' secretary, and a prominent Sunday School worker. This was the 100th peal together by T. Hemming and C. Skidmore for the above association, and was also T. Hemming's 50th peal on the bells.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, May 21, 1934, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

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| JAMES DURRANT | Treble | WILLIAM J. GROOM | 5 |
| WILLIAM WIGHTMAN | 2 | GEORGE W. ALBITT | 6 |
| JAMES ROSE | 3 | GEORGE WIGHTMAN | 7 |
| *CHARLES SHENNING | 4 | ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN ... | Tenor |

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN. Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN

* First peal in the method.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 26, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF ASSTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

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| WILLIAM SEBLEY | Treble | FRANCIS KIRK | 5 |
| STEPHEN H. HOARE | 2 | FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... | 6 |
| WALTER AYRE | 3 | HAROLD G. CASHMORE | 7 |
| CHARLES N. LEMAN | 4 | MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... | Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

First peal in the method by all the band and by the association. Mr. Hibbert has now rung a peal in a different method on each of these bells. A birthday peal for the son of the treble man.

LINTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 27, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PISTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

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| FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... | Treble | LUTHER HONESS | 5 |
| MRS. H. BAKER | 2 | BENJAMIN J. BAKER | 6 |
| CHARLES H. SONE | 3 | KENNETH PATTENDEN | 7 |
| HARRY BAKER | 4 | TOM SAUNDERS | Tenor |

Conducted by KENNETH PATTENDEN.

Rung in honour of the birthday of Lord Cornwallis (70), of Linton Park.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 28, 1934, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE, & SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

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| ERNEST BRETT | Treble | GEORGE R. PYE | 5 |
| MRS. R. F. DEAL | 2 | JAMES E. DAVIS | 6 |
| JACK M. CRIPPS | 3 | EDWARD P. DUFFIELD | 7 |
| JOSEPH WAGHORN | 4 | CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... | Tenor |

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

This four-part peal contains 2,304 London, 1,568 Bristol and 576 each of Cambridge and Superlative, the two latter methods being rung in alternate parts.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

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| MRS. PHILLIS HUMPHREY ... | Treble | GEORGE M. KILBY | 5 |
| J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE | 2 | THOMAS J. LOCK | 6 |
| ERNEST C. S. TURNER | 3 | JAMES BENNETT | 7 |
| *MISS F. HUMPHREY | 4 | HARRY KILBY | Tenor |

Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

* First peal in the method with an 'inside' bell. First peal in the method in which a mother and daughter have taken part. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Frances Humphrey.

DOVER, KENT.—On Ascension Day, May 10th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): C. Hardeman (first quarter-peal of Bob Major) 1, C. R. Millway 2, H. R. French (Sturry) 3, H. J. Saunders 4, R. T. Clark 5, H. Whitehead 6, C. Turner (conductor) 7, H. Parkes (Canterbury) 8.

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

On Tuesday, May 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF TRURO SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

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| PERCY E. JONES Treble | LEONARD STILLWELL 5 |
| WILLIAM WELLING 2 | EDWARD S. T. FARR 6 |
| EDWARD J. BRAGG 3 | FRANK CORKE 7 |
| MISS K. M. BRADFORD 4 | ALAN R. PINK Tenor |

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

A peal in this method (Carter's No. 4) is now rung for the first time. None of the band had previously struck a blow in the method. Fiftieth peal together by P. E. Jones and F. Corke.

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 30, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A. J. PITMAN'S ODD AND EVEN BOB THREE-PART, No. 10.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble | *FREDERICK A. SALTER 5 |
| MAURICE SWINFELD 2 | CHARLES DRAPER 6 |
| JOSEPH BAILEY 3 | JAMES GEORGE 7 |
| J. CHARLES DICKEN 4 | THOMAS STORER Tenor |

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

* 100th peal. This composition is now rung for the first time. The peal was a birthday compliment to J. H. Swinfield.

EAST TYTHERLEY, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 30, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's TEN-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

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| R. C. H. CONNOLLY Treble | ERNEST W. WEITEMAN 5 |
| WILLIAM LINTER JUN. 2 | WALTER LINTER 6 |
| *REGINALD A. REED 3 | GEORGE WILLIAMS 7 |
| JOHN W. FAITHFUL 4 | EDWIN J. HARDING Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal at first attempt.

DOVER, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, May 30, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

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| CHARLES R. MILLWAY Treble | HORACE WHINEHEAD 5 |
| HARRY PARKES 2 | R. THOMAS CLARK 6 |
| H. RICHARD FRENCH 3 | PETER CROOK, SEN. 7 |
| CHARLES TURNER 4 | CYRIL HARDIMAN Tenor |

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

The conductor is from Bolton, Lancashire. A birthday compliment to Charles Slingsby, of Aldington, who was 97 on May 28th.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 1, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| *JOHN A. C. ABSON Treble | ALFRED G. HILL 5 |
| THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 2 | HARRY HOVERD 6 |
| EDWIN A. BARNETT 3 | EDWIN BARNETT 7 |
| JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4 | WALTER J. LEMON Tenor |

Conducted by H. HOVERD.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal in the method as conductor.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 2, 1934, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

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| *WILLIAM A. CYSTER Treble | †THOMAS S. GOODCHILD 5 |
| GEORGE H. LIMMER 2 | GORDON W. LIMMER 6 |
| WILLIAM WELLING 3 | GEORGE GILBERT 7 |
| *MAURICE W. STEPHENSON 4 | ERNEST TUCK Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.

* First peal. † 50th peal. Rung in honour of the King's birthday. W. A. Cyster is only 14 years of age.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 2, 1934, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

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| HERBERT FULCHER Treble | STANLEY COPLING 5 |
| *ROBERT GARDINER 2 | WILLIAM FLATT 6 |
| FRANCIS W. NAUNTON 3 | RUSSELL RICHES 7 |
| CHARLES BAKER 4 | ERNEST WHITING Tenor |

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

* First peal in the method and at the first attempt.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 2, 1934, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

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| *FRANK RUFFLES Treble | ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN 5 |
| WILLIAM J. GROOM 2 | JOHN J. CREASEY 6 |
| WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 3 | GEORGE WIGHTMAN 7 |
| WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 4 | WILLIAM LAST Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Creasey.

LLANTHRISANT.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 2, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

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| *WILLIAM HUISE Treble | *REGINALD WESTCOTT 5 |
| JOSEPH LOVELL 2 | ERNEST STITCH 6 |
| HERBERT DAVIES 3 | *JOHN EVANS 7 |
| FRANK ROWSELL 4 | EDWARD T. BAILEY Tenor |

Conducted by ERNEST STITCH.

* First peal of Grandsire.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

WISBOROUGH GREEN, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 21, 1934, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

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| P. F. DUNCTON Treble | *R. SKINNER 4 |
| S. KILLNER 2 | P. DUNCTON 5 |
| G. SOPP 3 | M. SOPP Tenor |

Conducted by P. DUNCTON.

* First peal.

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**MORECAMBE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Sunday, May 20, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Kent Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

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| *PETER RODGERSON Treble | ERNEST SWAIN 4 |
| STANLEY CLIFFORD 2 | EDWIN JENNINGS 5 |
| *WALTER PICKLES 3 | HERBERT PALMER Tenor |

Conducted by E. JENNINGS.

* First peal. The thanks of the band are due to S. Offord, who stood in at a moment's notice.

**KELVEDON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

On Monday, May 21, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5160 CHANGES;

720 each of Ipswich, Primrose, London, Wells, York, Durham, and Norwich, and 120 of Primrose. Tenor 12 cwt. in E.

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| REGINALD GRAINGER Treble | JOSEPH ELLIOT 4 |
| CHARLES W. BURTON 2 | AMBROSE MASON 5 |
| WILLIAM ELLIOT 3 | WILLIAM KEEBLE Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Longest length on the bells. All the above except the conductor are Sunday service ringers at this church. Rung as a compliment to Mr. E. P. Duffield on his election as Master of the association earlier in the day at the annual meeting at Chelmsford.

**MORECAMBE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Tuesday, May 22, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Woodbine Treble Bob and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

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| PETER RODGERSON Treble | ERNEST SWAIN 4 |
| STANLEY CLIFFORD 2 | NICHOLAS NEWBY 5 |
| WALTER PICKLES 3 | EDWIN JENNINGS Tenor |

Conducted by E. JENNINGS.

First peal in four Minor methods by all the band.

**BEDFORD.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Thursday, May 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-DE-MERTON,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

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| TOM HARPIN Treble | REGINALD WEST 4 |
| CHARLES W. CLARKE 2 | WALLACE G. CHURCH 5 |
| MISS EVELYN STEEL 3 | WILLIAM STAPLETON Tenor |

Conducted by W. STAPLETON.

Rung to celebrate Empire Day.

**HORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, May 26, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of York, Cambridge, Durham, Ipswich, Duke of York, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 9 cwt.

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| ALBAN JACK Treble | HENRY CARNWELL 4 |
| CHARLES S. RYLES 2 | THOMAS HURD 5 |
| JOHN E. WHEELDON 3 | JAMES WALLEY Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN E. WHEELDON.

This peal was rung with half-muffled clappers as a last tribute of love for the late Rev. Edwin Wheelton, who was for 14 years the beloved Vicar of this parish.

**HOAR CROSS, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, May 26, 1934, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ANGELS.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents called differently. Tenor 30 cwt. in D.

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| WILLIAM H. CURZON Treble | REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 4 |
| RONALD H. DOVE 2 | ERNEST MORRIS 5 |
| WALTER WHITE 3 | JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor |

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

This is the heaviest ring of six in the county and the third heaviest in the country.

**EXHALL, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**

On Saturday, May 26, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt

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| THOMAS W. CHAPMAN Treble | WILLIAM A. STOTE 4 |
| HUGH C. BURT 2 | ERNEST STONE 5 |
| JOHN W. TAYLOR 3 | JOSEPH H. W. WHITE Tenor |

Conducted by JOSEPH H. W. WHITE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Rev. Frank Melville, M.A., Vicar of St. Giles', Exhall.

**DARLINGTON, DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Tuesday, May 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven complete 720's in nine methods, viz.: (1) London and Wells, (2) Chester, (3) Carlisle, (4) Surfleet and Beverley, (5) Cambridge, (6) York, (7) Durham. Tenor 7½ cwt.

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| ROBERT JEFF Treble | GEORGE W. PARK 4 |
| WILLIAM OLIVER 2 | ROLAND PARK 5 |
| RICHARD BUSBY 3 | W. NORMAN PARK Tenor |

Conducted by W. NORMAN PARK.

WHICKHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 1, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being a 720 each of Double Court, St. Clement's Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

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| JOHN THOMPSON Treble | STEPHEN THOMPSON 4 |
| ROBERT W. LEIGHTON 2 | HERBERT P. CLIFF 5 |
| WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON 3 | KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN Tenor |

Conducted by H. P. CLIFF.

BIGBY, LINGS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Friday, June 1, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

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| RONALD BOWNESS Treble | GEORGE L. HALL 4 |
| ELVIN HOWMAN 2 | ARTHUR PASHLEY 5 |
| FREDERICK HOLDSTOCK 3 | GEORGE E. FEIRN Tenor |

Composed by Rev. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by G. E. FEIRN

First peal of Surprise Minor by all the band and rung at first attempt.

GOSPEL OAK, MIDDLESEX.

**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Saturday, June 2, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Double Court and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| *RICHARD NEWMAN Treble | THOMAS G. BANNISTER 4 |
| ARTHUR WARREN 2 | ERNEST H. BONFIELD 5 |
| WILLIAM J. NORTON 3 | FREDERICK A. BARKER Tenor |

Conducted by FREDERICK A. BARKER.

* First peal of Minor. Rung in honour of the birthday of H.M. the King.

HANDBELL PEAL.

ARMLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 31, 1934, in Two Hours and Four Minutes,

AT 28, ARMLEY GRANGE VIEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

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| *L. KATHLEEN BOWLING ... 1-2 | MALCOLM MOORHOUSE ... 5-6 |
| JOHN W. MOORHOUSE ... 3-4 | JOSEPH THACKRAY ... 7-8 |

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by JOHN W. MOORHOUSE.

Witnesses—Frank Rayment and Olive Renton.

* First peal.

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AT SUNBURY.

CENTRAL COUNCIL TOPICS DISCUSSED.

The South and West District of the Middlesex County Association held a meeting at Sunbury-on-Thames on Saturday last. Glorious weather, pretty surroundings and excellent bells, and yet the attendance was only 25! It has been said that ringers have their peculiarities, and apparently this is true, for who can explain the fluctuations of meeting attendances?

Saturday's proceedings were informal and pleasant. At the usual service the Vicar gave a most interesting address on the social problems of the world to-day, remarking that it was better to think about these things than the well-worn subject of bells and their history.

Tea followed in the Church Hall, kindly served by wives of the local ringers. The subsequent business meeting dealt with various subjects, including some interesting references to the recent Central Council meeting.

The vice-president of the district (Mr. J. A. Trollope) referred to the recent death of Mr. Arthur Outmore, who used to ring at Kensington, Fulham, etc., and those present stood in silence for a few moments as a mark of respect.

Congratulations were accorded to Mr. E. C. S. Turner upon his election as an honorary member of the Central Council. As Mr. C. T. Coles pointed out, hon. members were elected, not for services rendered in the past, but for services to be given to the Council in the future, and Mr. Turner's election was therefore satisfactory.

Mr. J. Herbert expressed his pleasure in spite of what a certain gentleman from Yorkshire had said at Warwick! Mr. Trollope said that Mr. Turner was the youngest member to be elected on the Council, beating his (Mr. Trollope's) record by about three months.

Mr. C. T. Coles later gave a most interesting report on the proceedings at Warwick. He referred to each item of business, and in dealing with the report of the Peals Analysis Committee appealed to conductors not to tamper with compositions. He cited an instance when this occurred, and after the peal had been rung was found to be false.

Mr. Trollope also referred to the Central Council, and, in dealing with the various aspects of the Council's usefulness, described how the booklet on the Law of Church Bells came to be written following an attempt to stop the ringing of the bells in one of the towers at Ealing. He also referred to the new book of Triples methods which would widen the range of the simple methods.

The Vicar of Ealing was elected an honorary member, and Messrs. E. G. Bowman (Feltham) and E. J. Bragg (Windsor) were elected ringing members of the association.

A joint meeting with the Oxford Diocesan Guild was announced to be held at Denham (one of the prettiest villages in Bucks) on June 23rd. It was decided to hold a meeting at Harlington in July.

The meeting concluded with thanks to the Vicars of Sunbury and Shepperton for their welcome, and to the organist, caterers, Mr. A. F. Putland and the local ringers for their help in all that had been done for the comfort and pleasure of the visitors.

Sunbury bells, a very musical octave, were rung both before and after tea, while the five at Shepperton were at the mercy of the tower hunters in the afternoon. Methods rung ranged from Grandsire to Surprise Major.

A DAY IN ZUMMERZET AND DARSET.

Whit Monday, 1934, will long be remembered by the younger generation of ringers of St. Laurence's in Reading (and some of the elder ones) by reason of having a day amongst churches and bells, the like of which are found nowhere else in such close proximity to each other. Picked up at the bottom of their own tower, the party moved off a few minutes before 7 a.m., and after a three hours' ride through delightful country reached Shepton Mallett, where they were kindly met and welcomed. A look at the fine church, then Stedman Triples and Bob Major and the purchase of a few 'stamps,' brought the word 'All aboard.' Wells Cathedral, the next objective, charmed all who had never seen it before. Then in the tower and the glorious ten were soon rolling to Stedman Caters, and very good the ringing was. A substantial lunch was spread and demolished at the Mitre Hotel, and Glastonbury, of sacred memories, was on view. What a tower and church! Here Stedman Triples and Cambridge Surprise were essayed. Both methods were well struck, but the Cambridge 'fell to pieces' in the last lead! On to Yeovil, and again a beautiful church and a grand peal of ten. In fact, several of the company preferred them to Wells (especially the tenor men). Real good Stedman Caters were rung here, but 'Tempus Fugit' and the party were hurried off again to Sherborne, where a good tea was the first 'touch.' Then to the tower, where the bells had no terrors for the children. Stedman and Grandsire Triples and a fine course of Bob Major were rung, and the bells lowered in peal very well indeed. This finished the day's 'steeplechasing,' and sails were set and the helm lashed for 87 miles 'Eastward Ho!' A fine day, no friction, and a real West Country welcome everywhere, for which all tender their heartfelt thanks to everyone who met them, especially the friend who wrote in brackets '(The best beer is at the Star).'

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTHERN BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Northern Branch was held at St. James', Grimsby, on May 26th. It was well attended by members of the Grimsby District, nearly every tower being represented. Unfortunately, in consequence of inconvenient travelling facilities, the number of members from the Gainsborough and Lincoln districts was only moderate, whilst for the same reason, and also owing to the fact that it is at the extreme end of the branch, the Sleaford district was unrepresented.

The towers represented, or who had given notification of intention to be present, were as follows: Barrow-on-Humber, Barton-on-Humber, Bigby, Burton-on-Stather, Elsham, Gainsborough, Grimsby (St. James' and unattached), Lea, Lincoln (Cathedral), Louth, Marsh Chapel, Scunthorpe, Thornton Curtis, Ulceby, Upton, Waltham and Willingham. There were also present the Rev. J. D. H. Patch (Ulceby), Mr. W. Bramwell (Cleethorpes), Mr. Edmund Dawber (Gainsborough), honorary members, and Mr. R. Richardson (Master of the Guild) and Mrs. Richardson.

The bells were kept going in various methods during the afternoon and evening.

Service was held in the Parish Church and consisted of the Guild Office, interspersed with suitable hymns for Trinity Sunday. Mr. H. Rushby, Grimsby District organist, accompanied the musical part of the service. Through the unavoidable absence of the Vicar (Canon H. R. Burrows), the Rev. C. H. Chappell, assistant priest, officiated and gave an interesting address, basing his subject on the recently published novel, 'The Nine Tailors.'

Afterwards 60 members and friends sat down to an excellent tea at the Church House.

Owing to the continued illness of the president (Mr. F. F. Linley), the Ven. Archdeacon H. T. Parry, president of the Grimsby District, acted as chairman at the business meeting.

The balance sheet and secretary's report for 1933 were passed. Arising out of these Mr. Richardson drew the attention of the members to an item in the balance sheet referring to the payment of one of the Guild's representative's expenses to the Central Council meeting at London. He stated that this should have been paid by the Guild and charged in proportion to the branch. After discussion it was agreed that the item should be allowed to remain as in the balance sheet and the proper mode of procedure be adhered to in the future.

THE OFFICERS.

The officers were elected as follows: President, Mr. F. F. Linley (Archdeacon Parry kindly promising to deputise at any time during his absence); hon. treasurer, Mr. E. Dawber; hon. secretary, Mr. F. S. W. Butler; hon. auditors, Messrs. F. W. Stokes and J. R. Sharpe; Ringing Master, Mr. J. A. Freeman; two representatives to serve on the Guild Committee, Messrs. George Chester and J. A. Freeman.

The arrangements for the 1935 annual meeting at Sleaford were left in the hands of the general secretary and the secretary of the Sleaford District.

Mr. M. Walker proposed and Mr. J. Bray seconded that the latter part of By-Law No. 3 should read as follows: 'Every tower which is in union with the branch shall elect one member, etc.,' deleting the words, 'Not being less than five in number.'—This was carried.

Mr. H. Marcon proposed and Mr. C. McGuinness seconded that a grant of ten guineas be made out of the branch funds toward the rehanging of St. Peter-at-Arches bells in the tower of the new Church of St. Giles, Lincoln. As an amendment, Mr. W. H. Heyhoe proposed and Mr. C. H. Baker seconded the sum of five pounds.—On being put to the meeting, Mr. Marcon's proposition was carried.

Mr. Baker then gave notice of his intention to propose at the next half-yearly meeting that the committee be asked to consider the fixing of a limited sum of five pounds to any application, each one to be considered on its merits, but not to exceed the amount mentioned.

The secretary was requested to communicate with Mr. Linley, informing him that he had been very much in the thoughts of the members during the day's proceedings, also that they were pleased to hear he had been able to get up, and conveying to him their best wishes for a safe recovery.

Mr. Chester made some interesting references to the formal meeting 50 years ago (1884) for the purpose of founding the North Lincolnshire Association, now the Northern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. He also made mention of the considerable number of years that Mr. Linley has held the offices of vice-president and president respectively.

Mr. Richardson gave a resume of the business transacted at the Central Council meeting at Warwick on Whit Tuesday. This and Mr. Chester's remarks were listened to with great interest.

Toward the last part of the meeting Canon Burrows entered the room and was given a hearty reception by those present, and later on responded to a vote of thanks in a very jovial and humorous manner.

In conclusion a comprehensive vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. C. H. Chappell, the organist, the caterers and all others who had helped to make the meeting such a success.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**MORE RINGERS WANTED AT SIX-BELL TOWERS.**

The annual meeting of the Vale of White Horse Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Faringdon on Saturday, May 26th. A short service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. P. C. C. Lamb), who also gave the address. The Rev. A. J. de D. Denne read the lesson and Mr. Howard Mason was the organist.

A very enjoyable tea was served to 21 members at the Wheatheaf Club Room; this was followed by the annual business meeting, the Rev. Denne (chairman of the branch) presiding, supported by the Revs. P. C. C. Lamb, C. E. Wigg (Deputy Master of the Guild), C. G. Seymour Metford (Vicar of Shrivenham), Mr. R. T. Hibbert (general secretary), Mr. A. J. Wright (treasurer) and Mr. R. Gilling (branch secretary), with members from Faringdon, Shellingford and Shrivenham towers, and visitors from Swindon, Witney and Standlake.

The accounts were passed and considered to be very satisfactory, the branch having £5 11s. 5d. in the general fund and £2 5s. 6d. in the Restoration Fund.

The chairman and secretary were both re-elected, and as the branch representative (Mr. P. Wheeler) resigned, the Rev. C. G. Seymour Metford was elected in his place.

It was proposed that a grant of £2 2s. be given to the late Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn's Memorial Fund.

The autumn meeting was fixed to be held at Shrivenham in October.

The Chairman thanked the Vicar for having the meeting at Faringdon and also for his address, and hoped he would become an honorary member of the Guild.

The Deputy Master asked all members to take in 'The Ringing World' if they possibly could or to have at least one copy to each tower. By it they get to know what ringers were doing in other parts of the country. He said he would like to see more ringers at the six-bell towers of the branch.

The general secretary and the treasurer both appealed to the members for more loyalty to the chairman and secretary of the branch and to get new towers and more honorary members to join.

The ringers then adjourned to the belfry, where ringing continued until 8 o'clock, and touches of various methods from Grandsire Triples to Bob Major were rung.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.**OVER 100 AT BRANCH MEETING.**

The loyal support which the ringers of West Cornwall give to their branch meetings has now almost become a tradition, but the splendid number of over one hundred which attended the Penzance Branch meeting at Manaccan and St. Anthony on Saturday, May 26th, must have been particularly encouraging to the new branch secretary (Mr. R. Rule), it being the first meeting he has arranged since taking over the duties so nobly begun and carried on for many years by Mr. Vice-President and Churchwarden William Wood, of Gulval. Those present included Lt.-Col. C. F. Jerram, C.M.G., D.S.O., the Rev. W. H. R. Trewheella (general secretary), Messrs. William Wood and W. H. Southard (vice-presidents), and ringers from Camborne, Crowan, Cury, Gulval, Helston, St. Hilary, Ludgvan, Phillack, Towednack, Tuckingmill, St. Gluvias, Truro Cathedral and the two local towers. The Vicars of Tuckingmill, Cury, Phillack and the Rev. E. Ormerod (late Vicar of Manaccan) were also present.

Ringing commenced at 2 p.m. and continued until about 8 p.m., and, with two rings of bells available, everyone had plenty of ringing. Manaccan possesses a ring of six and St. Anthony, a mile distant and at the water's edge of the Gillan Creek, a charming recently augmented ring of eight. Rounds, call changes, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Triples were the order of the day. It is most encouraging to notice an increase of individuals and bands ringing Grandsire Doubles, and any spirit of competition has now totally disappeared from the district. One feature of the afternoon was several well-struck plain courses of Grandsire Doubles by the local Manaccan band, who now have the leadership of Lt.-Col. Jerram, and great praise is due to him for breaking down the old order of call changes and instituting half-pull ringing.

The service was conducted and an appropriate address given by the Vicar, the Rev. W. P. Gilpin, M.A., who took as his text, 'O pray for the peace of Jerusalem.' He compared the individual life to a bell 'in tune with itself' and with all its fellows.

The lessons were read by Mr. V. Clarke (a theological student and lay reader attached to Truro Cathedral).

Tea was most generously provided for the large number present, and a vote of thanks was proposed by the Rev. W. V. Wagner (Vicar of Cury) to the Rev. W. P. Gilpin for his hospitality.

Everyone regretted the absence of Dr. J. Symons, the esteemed president of the Guild, who was prevented from attending owing to the indisposition of his son. Dr. Godfrey Symons, professional duties therefore demanding his attention.

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BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On Whit Sunday, May 20th, for morning service, at the Church of St. Michael's, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): E. Ansell 1, F. Bird 2, R. Hayden 3, F. Springham 4, H. J. Tucker (conductor) 5, H. M. White 6, H. Bull 7, W. Tucker 8, W. T. Prior 9, W. Wilkinson 10.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The first peal of Truro Surprise Major was rung last week, at Hillingdon, Middlesex. The band, who rang the peal without previous practice, started with the good wishes of the Truro Diocesan Guild.

The reopening of Marlow bells, advertised in a part of our issue last week, has been postponed. The work of re-erection has not yet been completed.

Following close upon the discussion at the Central Council meeting, a fresh record of Bow Bells was introduced as an interval signal by the B.B.C. on Sunday. It is, however, still 'call changes,' and probably few of the public will recognise the difference.

The bells at Bromham, Beds, are shortly to be increased to eight.

The restored ring of eight bells (three of which have been recast) at Ringwood, Hants, are to be dedicated on Sunday, July 1st.

The proposed visit to Australia next autumn of a band of English ringers recalls the fact that to-morrow is the anniversary of the first peal rung out of the United Kingdom. Some London ringers, including Henry Haley, were professionally engaged on a handbell ringing tour in America, and while in Philadelphia rang a peal of Grandfire Triples at Christ Church on Sunday, June 9th, 1850.

Two men rang the tenor. A one-legged man, R. Dodd, rang it for 2 hours 15 minutes, when he was relieved by J. Davey. The peal occupied 3 hours 15 minutes, and was conducted by Haley.

Mr. J. A. Trollope, the arch-advocate of anonymity in the authorship of peals and methods, conducted a peal of Double Norwich Major at Willesden last week. Is it by accident or design, or from modesty, that the report sent us contains no mention of the composer?

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A SUNDAY BAND FOR ST. BENEDICT'S, CAMBRIDGE.

A very enjoyable meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry was held at Ickleton on Saturday. Members came from Barley, Cambridge, Eimdon, Fen Ditton, Fulbourne, Melbourn, Newmarket, Newton, Royston, Saffron Walden, Sawston, Trumpington and a splendid muster of the local band. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. E. Penny), and Mr. L. Lilley kindly presided at the organ.

It was decided to go to Orwell on Saturday, July 14th.

The question of training a Sunday service band at St. Benedict's Church in Cambridge was discussed, and it is hoped something may be done in the near future.

The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and organist.

Various methods were rung during the afternoon and evening. The success of the meeting was largely due to Mr. P. Webb's kindness in making all the arrangements so satisfactorily.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HON. SECRETARY RETIRES AFTER 25 YEARS' SERVICE.

The annual meeting of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association was held at Northallerton on Whit Monday, May 21st. There was only a very small attendance. At the service, held in the church at noon, the address was given by the curate in the absence of the Vicar. He extended a very hearty welcome to the association and members present. Dinner was provided at the Russell Cafe.

The meeting was presided over by the president, Mr. J. Stott, who proposed the loyal toast.

The secretary (Mr. T. Metcalfe) presented the report and balance sheet. In the report he complained that few peals had been rung during the year and referred to the declining interest taken in peal ringing throughout the association. The Sunday service sheet did not seem to be the interest it was intended to be, as only six sheets had been returned out of upwards of 20 sent out. Middlesbrough were awarded the highest number of points, with 87 touches, totalling 1,083 points. This is the fifth year in succession that the chief award has gone to Middlesbrough, and the certificate for the best Sunday service ringing now becomes the property of the Middlesbrough tower. Whitby came second with 673 points. This tower has won the second certificate four times out of five, and it now becomes the property of Whitby tower.

Considerable discussion took place as to whether the Sunday service sheets should be continued, the outcome being a resolution that a reconsideration of points be recommended to the next annual meeting.

The president and vice-president were re-elected, with the addition of J. O. Pollard to the vice-presidents. The auditors and Points Committee were also re-elected.

The secretary, having held the office since 1909, wished to retire on medical advice, and his resignation was accepted with very great regret.

Mr. E. Brown, one of the Middlesbrough ringers, was elected to fill the vacant position.

A hearty vote of thanks to all the retiring officers for their work during the year was accorded, and the president was thanked for presiding at the meeting.—The president replied in happy terms. This concluded the proceedings.

The new hon. secretary's address is 12, Ingram Road, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

MR. C. H. HOWARD'S RETIREMENT.

LONG CONNECTION WITH ESSEX RINGING.

The retirement of Mr. Charles H. Howard, of Braintree, from the office of Master of the Essex Association, recalls that his connection with church work began when he was only nine years of age, when he joined the choir at the church of his native village, Great Baddow. It was there, too, he learned to pull a bell, but it was not until he went to Braintree that he had the opportunity to study change ringing. In 1899, when the 700th anniversary of St. Michael's Church was celebrated, the event was marked by adding two trebles to the existing peal of six. Mr. Howard took a hand in the work of raising the necessary funds and carried his task to a successful conclusion.

Mr. Howard, who joined the association nearly 50 years ago, was elected to the Mastership of the association on the retirement of the late Canon Papillan in 1909, and since that time has done a vast amount of work for the association and in the promotion of the art of ringing in Essex towers. When the association celebrated its



MR. C. H. HOWARD.

jubilee in 1929 and Mr. Howard had completed just 20 years as Master, the members presented him with a silver tea and coffee set in recognition of his services to the association. In the course of his duties he has visited every church tower in Essex, and, until he was prevented this year by ill-health, had only missed one annual meeting of the association since he joined it. He is still one of the Essex Association's representatives on the Central Council.

One of the world's busy men who do not shirk their responsibilities to their neighbours, Mr. Howard has filled many public positions. Among other things, he has been a member of the Braintree Urban Council for 26 years without a break; for 20 years, till his retirement through indisposition some months ago, he held the position of hon. lay secretary to the Braintree Rural-decennial Conference; and altogether he is connected with 32 organisations of one kind or another.

He sang in Braintree choir for 17 years, rang regularly for both services, was a sidesman and afterwards churchwarden of the Parish Church. Truly his has been a life of service, and his many friends throughout the ringing Exercise will wish Mr. Howard a complete return to health.

BELLS FOR JOHANNESBURG.

CENTENARY COMMEMORATIVE PEAL.

The jubilee of the founding of Johannesburg will take place in two years' time, and, writes Canon G. H. Ridout, it is hoped to mark the occasion by completing the Cathedral tower, of which 40ft. has been built, leaving another 100ft. to be erected, and by installing a ring of bells.

What ringing is now done in Johannesburg is done on handbells by a band, chiefly of ladies, which Canon Ridout has trained.

In 1933 twelve 720's of Bob Minor were rung, and one quarter-peal on the occasion of the inauguration of the clock and chimes at St. John's College.

In 1934, up to May 3rd, seven 720's, and two quarter-peals, one being on the day of Prince George's arrival in Johannesburg and being also a welcome to the Mother Superior of East Grinstead, who was on a visit.

Sister Mildred, Sister Mabel and the conductor (Canon G. H. Ridout) took part in all the above (22), Sister Vivian (20), Sister Mary Beatrice (17), Mother Madeleine (6) and Mr. T. A. Nash, of Durban (1).

Further news from South Africa comes from Mr. Alfred Pye, of Iford, who has just returned from an extended tour. On his arrival at Capa Town at the end of January, he visited the suburb of Woodstock, where there is a peal of eight. There he met several old friends and rang some Grandsire Triples and spent a very pleasant evening with them. He left next day for Durban, but on his way back he met and rang with them again. The bells at Woodstock, says Mr. Pye, want rehanging very badly. The wonder is that they are ringable at all. When the bells were first bought they stood in the church for some time, as no arrangement was made to hang them. Mr. L. Green was then consulted and he got an architect and builder to hang them. That was about 40 years ago, and nothing has been done to them since.

Mr. L. Green, Mr. J. Priest and Mr. F. G. May, whom Mr. Pye met, wished to be remembered to all old friends at home.

On arriving at Durban, Mr. Pye was met by Mr. Simpson, one of the local ringers, who arranged a practice at Greyville, where there is a peal of ten, tenor 18 cwt. 25 lb., by Taylor and Co., in good ringing order. Some plain courses of Grandsire Doubles on the back six and call changes on the ten were rung.

There is a light peal of eight at St. Peter's, Durban, by Taylor and Co., in good ringing order, but the tower is very small and vibrates, causing the bells to drop sometimes. Only call changes are rung, but are well struck.

In the course of his tour Mr. Pye visited Ladysmith. The church has one bell hung for ringing in a small tower a little distance from the church. It does not appear, however, to be raised, as it has only a short rope. Inside the church are inscribed the names of all the men who lost their lives in the Relief and Defence of Ladysmith. Mr. Pye saw the names of six of his old comrades whom he had forgotten, and it brought them to his memory again. Mr. Pye afterwards went on to Johannesburg, and visited the Victoria Falls, Bulawayo and the Matopo Hills, where Cecil Rhodes is buried, before returning to Cape Town.

A TRANSFORMATION AT CRAMLINGTON.

BELLS RETUNED AND REHUNG.

The six bells (tenor 20 cwt.) of St. Nicholas' Church, Cramlington, have long been known to Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association ringers as heavy-going and very harsh in tone, but, thanks to the generosity of Miss M. I. Hornsby, of Cramlington, this reproach has now been rolled away.

A special meeting of the association was held on Saturday to try the bells, and, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for inviting the association, Mr. William Story, J.P., of Newcastle, said that Messrs. Taylor and Co. always turned out a good job, but in this case they had excelled themselves, and the peal was now one of the most musical in the district, if not in the country.

The Vicar (the Rev. T. W. Allen), in replying, said they were very glad to welcome the association, and were delighted that the members entered into their joy in having the bells retuned and rehung, and the organ completed and fitted with electric blower.

Miss Hornsby also expressed his satisfaction at the way the work had been carried out, and this was endorsed in a happy speech by one of the churchwardens.

The bells were kept going from about 3.30 until 8.30, touches of Bob Minor, Kent, Cambridge Surprise, etc., being rung, and Doubles and rounds for the learners.

PASSING OF A PADRE.

At Christ Church, North Shields, for evening service, on Sunday, May 27th, a half-muffled touch of 972 Stedman Caters was rung as a tribute to the memory of the late Canon Crawhall, who was for many years Vicar of the parish. He was senior padre to the 50th Division of the Northumberland Fusiliers during the war. The ringers were A. Tully 1, E. A. Hern (conductor) 2, M. B. Livesley 3, T. Burns 4, J. L. Gray 5, J. E. Scott 6, R. Gray 7, J. Scott 8, A. Cook 9, H. Wilson 10.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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PEALS IN POPULAR METHODS.

The adoption of the report of the Peal Collection Committee was moved by Mr. Gabriel Lindoff. It stated that, at a meeting of the committee held in London on September 25th, 1933, it was decided to collect peals in the following methods: Plain Bob, Grandsire, Double Norwich, Stedman, Treble Bob, Superlative, Cambridge, London, Bristol, Yorkshire, Pudsey, Rutland and Lincolnshire, a draft of about ten of each to be submitted to the Central Council for publication. With regard to 'Variation' it was decided that Mr. Trollope's articles upon that subject (which appeared in 'The Ringing World' in 1930 (pages 830-831) and 1931 (pages 10, 28, 42, 74, 90, 123, 138, 166 and 182) should be audited by Mr. Lewis and submitted to the Council. It was hoped to have the next draft of the Peals Collection ready to lay before the Council at the next meeting.

The President said the Standing Committee recommended that the articles on variation by Mr. Trollope be considered by the committee, and that they collaborate with Mr. Trollope as to the suitability of publishing them as a pamphlet, either in their present form or as may be decided by the committee.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith asked the committee to take into consideration the inclusion of a few peals of Spliced Surprise Major in the collection which it was proposed to publish, as this form of ringing was growing in popularity.

Mr. Lindoff agreed to do this.

The President moved that the committee be given power to print the pamphlet, and this and the report were agreed to.

A USEFUL BOOK.

The Council next considered the report of the Methods Committee, which was published in 'The Ringing World' on May 18th. In moving its adoption Mr. J. A. Trollope said the 'Collection of Triples Methods' would shortly be on sale. It had been drawn up with the special idea of catering for the less advanced ringers and, because the scope was less than in other methods, the committee had been able to put in one or two features which would be an improvement from the point of view of less experienced bands. In the methods of pure Triples they had printed the course in full, because they thought the average ringer, who wanted to learn a method, could do so easier if he was provided with the whole course than by working it out himself from a single lead. They had included a selection of touches and quarter-peals as well as peals, and he asked secretaries of associations and other responsible people to do what they could to get the books into the hands of the people for whom it was intended, because there must be quite a large number of bands who were not capable and not likely to be capable of ringing Surprise methods, but who ought to be able to ring methods like Double Court Triples or Double Oxford, but who now confined themselves largely to Grandsire. This was one of the directions in which they could cater for that class of people who had a tendency to think they were neglected by more advanced ringers.

ANONYMITY IN COMPOSITION.

Another point that arose in connection with the report, continued Mr. Trollope, was the question of the authorship of compositions and methods. It was not intended to aim at anything in the way of finality. The committee's suggestion that, in future, compositions given in the collections of methods should appear anonymously was only put forward as a basis of discussion so that people might understand the situation arising now and in the future. There were, however, two sentences in the committee's report which seemed to some extent to attempt to fetter the action of the Council in the future. They were not put in for that purpose, but since they did, to some extent, bear that construction, the committee would like to delete the sentences. The sentences were, 'We suggest that this recommendation' (regarding anonymity) 'shall apply to all future publications by the Central Council,' and 'Our proposal is that in later books of the Central Council of a similar character, anonymity should be the rule and not the exception.' The committee would like to delete those two sentences, but in doing so he called attention to the earlier sentence in which the committee stated, 'We should recommend that in no instance should any author or composer's name be put to any methods, and that in the case of peal compositions names should be omitted except to old and well-known productions or such modern ones in which the proofs of originality are unmistakable.' That, said Mr. Trollope, was what had actually been the custom of the Exercise from the beginning. It rather shifted the onus of proof of authorship. In olden times they assumed a man was the composer unless they proved otherwise. Now, they thought it better that they should have proof of originality and not assume it. He thought, however, that the old ideas were bound to come back sooner or later. Certain classes of peal composition would take the same place that quarter-peals now had. Of the ordinary touches that were rung no one could say who was the composer. There were a number of peals getting into the same category, but the committee had not the slightest intention of doing anything in any way to rob a man of his credit or to suggest that if a man produced things,

like the compositions of Mr. Pitman, for instance, he was not entitled to full credit for it.

Mr. S. H. Wood seconded, and the report, with the sentences deleted, was adopted.

HOW ERRORS CREEPT INTO A 'COLLECTION.'

Mr. A. D. Barker asked for an assurance that the new book on Triples would contain no irregular methods, as in the Minor, and that there would be no mistakes in it which the Council would afterwards have to withdraw.

Mr. Trollope said there were no irregular methods in the book, but, as far as mistakes were concerned, he could give no undertaking. He had never yet come across a man who could give an assurance that a mistake would not happen.

The Rev. E. S. Powell said the best defence of the accuracy of the book which he could make was that it was being printed within a few months of completion. In the case of the book on Doubles and Minor, owing to unfortunate happenings, still in the memory of the Council, it was not published until something like four or five years after completion. The result was that when they came to the correction of the proofs members of the Methods Committee had absolutely forgotten about the subject, and he was personally responsible for getting several methods stuck in at the last minute which had been rejected years before. In the hurry at the finish they allowed them to slip in again. The other members of the committee were responsible, in that they accepted his word that the methods were all right. The same trouble was not likely to occur again. If they had made mistakes of that kind this time they would deserve a greater 'strafing' than they received last time.

The Rev. H. Drake said he thought the lines on which the committee wanted to proceed were the wrong ones. He thought it was quite wrong that there should be anonymity with regard to peals or compositions. They ought to go rather in the opposite direction and make somebody responsible for every peal; if the compositions were anonymous no one would be responsible. What Mr. Trollope said was quite right with regard to originality, but they should have some way in which responsibility for a peal composition could be nailed down. He was sorry that there would be peals inserted in the book of Triples methods that were anonymous, but at any rate there they had the responsibility of the committee. In other cases, however, peals would be published and no one would know anything about them or who was responsible for them. He thought it could be got over if it was said that a peal was 'arranged' by so-and-so. That would not mean that he was necessarily the original composer. Someone else might have arranged it before him, but he was responsible on that particular occasion when it was rung. He thought it was quite wrong that they should sanction peals or compositions going forward without a name or someone being responsible for them.

IDENTIFICATION OF PEALS.

Mr. S. H. Wood said one very simple way to get over the difficulty would be for conductors to record in their reports that the peal rung was 'number so and so' in the Central Council's Collection. That definitely told them what peal was rung, whereas if they simply said a peal was composed by, say, Mr. Trollope, it did not tell them what the figures were that were rung. It placed responsibility on him for a true peal, but if they put a peal number that was in the Collection they knew exactly what peal was rung, and those who compiled the book were responsible for the truth of the figures.

The Rev. E. S. Powell said he thought the general idea at the back of the minds of the Methods Committee could be expressed in this way: The time was coming, it was not yet and probably would not come for another ten or fifteen years, but it was coming when, instead of the proper designation of a peal being 'composed by so and so,' or, as had also been suggested, 'arranged by so and so,' they would meet the case by saying 'attested by so and so.' Incidentally it put the conductor in a stronger position than he was now. They were familiar with instances in the past where eminent composers had quarrelled whether certain figures had been obtained by one or the other, but there could have been no quarrel if the composition had been 'attested' and not 'composed.' The figures would be more valuable if 'attested' by two composers instead of 'composed' by them. The committee had not the least desire to detract from the credit due to a composer for any originality, yet in view of the fact that the scope for originality was getting smaller every year, in future the onus should rather lay on the composer to prove that there was something original in his figures than that the onus should be on the critic. Some means should be adopted by which figures rung could be guaranteed, so far as it was possible to guarantee anything human, before a conductor asked a hand to ring them with him, and he suggested that attestation was the best method of doing this.

Mr. S. H. Wood then proposed that Mr. E. S. C. Turner, of Ealing, be added to the Methods Committee. Those who knew Mr. Turner, he said, knew of his great ability as a composer, ringer and conductor, and he was particularly good at the kind of work which the Methods Committee had to do. Their next job was to be the Surprise Major methods, and Mr. Turner would be of great value in that work.

Mr. C. T. Coles seconded, and the motion was carried.

DANGER OF ALTERING COMPOSITIONS.

Mrs. Fletcher moved the adoption of the Peals Analysis Committee's report with one slight amendment to the statistics.—Mr. G. R. Pye seconded and it was agreed to.

The analysis and the report were published in 'The Ringing World' on April 6th.

Mr. C. T. Coles said at least one peal of Cambridge Royal included in the analysis had turned out to be false. It was rung by the Worcestershire Association, and he drew attention to it as a warning to conductors not to alter the figures of peal compositions. In this case it was a composition which had been rung a great many times. It was composed by Mr. William Pye, but in the case in question the last four courses were altered and three bobs Home shifted from one block to another to add to the music of the peal, but as it turned out it made the peal false. It was not only unfortunate for the men who rang the peal, but it was unfair to the man whose name was given to it as composer. It was a thing that might be avoided by people ringing compositions as they were originally given and not altering them because they think that they can be altered with advantage.

A representative of the Worcestershire Association said the peal had been withdrawn.

COMPARISON OF PLAIN AND BALL BEARINGS.

The President moved the adoption of the Towers and Belfries Committee's report. He said the committee had met the previous evening and considered the question of Ellacombe chiming hammers. They decided to compose a letter, which they would send to all Archdeacons, warning them of the dangers of Ellacombe hammers if they were not properly used and attended to. Possibly some of such letters would go into the waste paper basket, but if they could get through to only a few Archdeacons it would be worth while sending out. If it did nothing else it would let the Archdeacons know the Council existed and were willing to help them if they were willing to be helped (hear, hear). The question of ball bearings for bells had also arisen during the year. There were those who said they liked the old style of bearing best, because they liked a little bit of friction towards the end of the stroke, which gave a slight drag and made the bell easier to handle. Theoretically that would not stand. He worked out the amount of friction of a well-cared for bearing of the old-fashioned type, and came to the conclusion that the amount of energy lost in friction was so small that there was far less difference between a ball bearing and a well-cared for old-fashioned bearing than between a well-cared for and an ill-cared for old-fashioned bearing. There was practically no difference between the well-cared for old-fashioned bearing and the ball bearing, but if the old-fashioned bearing was neglected the amount of friction was increased enormously until the bell became almost unringable. They never knew how bells would go in a fixed bearing in a timber frame, because it depended largely on the weather and the amount of twist in the upper members of the frame. Therefore, ball bearings or at least self-aligning bearings seemed more suitable than the old bearings in such cases.

On the question of welding, said the President, he did not think the committee were prepared yet to give an opinion on the value of this process. They were watching the subject very carefully.

SAFETY OF TOWERS.

Proceeding, the President said it had come to their knowledge in quite a number of cases that church authorities were prepared to allow bells to be rung on a few occasions or for a short time and not on a larger number of occasions or for a long time. They were right in saying that if they wished to, but they were not right in giving as the reason that it was not safe to do otherwise. He thought they should make it quite clear, and the committee agreed with him in this, that as far as the safety of the tower was concerned, if it was safe to ring for ten minutes it was safe to ring a quarter-peal, and if it was safe to ring a quarter-peal it was safe to ring a peal; if it was safe to ring 12 times a year it was safe to ring 13 times a year (hear, hear). With certain kinds of machinery it was possible to calculate the life of the machine; they might do it in the case of bells. They might say that the remaining life of the bearings of a particular bell was only 24 hours and that at the end of that period of use they would have to be repaired. They might conceive that if certain church authorities did not want to spend any money for two years and knew they only had 24 hours' life left in the bearings they would limit the ringing to one hour once a month for the two years. But they could not do that with regard to a tower. He did not think any architect or engineer would be prepared to say, because a crack in a tower was gradually expanding, that that tower had 24 more hours of life, and that if the bells were rung for an hour once a month it would come down at the end of two years. If they could do it he was sure the ringers would not wish to ring at all (laughter). He thought they might put it on record that it was absolutely absurd for authorities, when they wished to curtail ringing or to limit the time, to make the excuse that it was not safe for the tower to ring the bells more often or longer. If they gave any other reason the ringers would accept it, if it was a sensible reason, because they knew the authorities had the ultimate say whether they wished the bells rung or not, but they only made themselves foolish when they gave foolish reasons for withholding permission to ring (hear, hear).

Major Hesse seconded the adoption of the report.

The Rev. F. Li. Edwards suggested that, in addition to sending the proposed letter to the Archdeacons, they should also send a copy to the secretary of each Diocesan Advisory Board, who would consider it his duty to lay it before the Board, and it would have the effect of still further whetting the memory of the Archdeacons.

CLAPPER FLIGHTS.

Mr. E. A. Young said the Rev. E. Bankes James recently referred in 'The Ringing World' to the fact that at one time the flights of clappers were made much longer than was the common practice to-day, and suggested that the reason might have been an endeavour on the part of the old bell founders to improve the tone of the bells, or some other abstruse idea. As far as he (Mr. Young) could recollect, no one stepped into the breach and ventured to discuss it. As they had among them that day several experts in that particular branch of the art, it would be interesting to know whether there was any point in the suggestion.

Major Hesse referred to the interesting fact that the bells of St. Andrew's, Wells Street, London, were soon to be restored to their place in the re-erected tower in the suburbs. Major Hesse referred to the inspections which he had made during the year, including Woking, where he was particularly interested in the memorial bell provided by his own Guild in memory of Admiral Walker, who was a ringer at that church, and Sherborne Abbey, where a big job had been carried out entirely satisfactorily as far as he was concerned. With regard to the question of clapper flights, he answered Mr. James' letter in 'The Ringing World'. His own idea was that the old founders used to put long flights to the clappers in order to make the bells clapper up right side and make the bell speak as loudly as possible. If it was a good bell, a big clapper was a detriment; if it was a bad bell a large clapper would not make it a good bell.

Mr. J. Hunt said he had made inspections in seven towers in his own diocese. In one case there were three bells. They had pushed heavy pieces of wood under the bells to keep them from moving and tied the ropes to the clappers. As a result the second bell had been cracked.

The President said he did not want to butt in on the province of the bell founders, but from the theoretical point of view a clapper with a long flight and of the same weight as one with a shorter flight would tend to give the bell a more definite blow. The reason was that the speed of the revolution of the bell and the speed of revolution of the clapper depended upon the distance of the centre of gravity from the gudgeons. Both the bell and the clapper acted as a pendulum, and the longer a pendulum the slower it went. If they transferred part of the weight from the ball of the clapper to the flight they increased the distance of the centre of gravity from the point of suspension and reduced its natural speed of revolution. During the first part of its revolution the bell was pushing the clapper and transferred some of its energy to the clapper. At a certain point it has given the clapper so much of its energy that the clapper really started to move faster than the bell and towards the end of the swing caught the bell and gave it a blow. If they transferred some of the weight from the ball to the flight, during the first part of the swing the bell was pushing the clapper more than it would if the centre of gravity of the clapper were nearer the gudgeons and therefore transferred more energy, and although the clapper was of the same weight as one with a shorter flight, it would give a blow of greater energy at the end of the swing. That was the theoretical side of it; as to the actual practice, the bell founders themselves were much more able to give them the facts than he could.

The committee's report was adopted.

(To be continued.)

SOME HITHERTO UNPUBLISHED WARWICKSHIRE HISTORY

Four of the bright(?) young people were looking for 'the Ope,' instead of 'the Oak,' at Leamington of all places, too.

Following the advice of the Mayor of Warwick, 14 well-known persons were seen drinking water at midnight on Whit Tuesday (President, please note).

One of the teetotalers fell down the stairs at Stratford-upon-Avon. Although his funny-bone was badly bruised, it is hoped that his contributions to 'The Ringing World' will not suffer.

Enormous numbers of cyclists were to be seen around Warwick, most of them were at the service at Meridon. One 'bright young thing,' after doing nearly 100 miles, is getting alarmed at his loss of weight, in case he 'can't pull the tenor off.'

Bachelors should be careful when staying in Warwick. The ghost of Fulke Greville, the celebrated bachelor of Warwick, 'who did as he liked,' apparently resented the visit of a well-known ringing bachelor, and recorded his displeasure by arranging an 'omnibus' bed, complete with bells, wife, child and apple pie. A brother representative has since adopted 'the infant,' presumably to train it as a ringer.

A well-known 'J.P.' also had a shock when he went to his room. The 'movie-man' missed a great picture when he saw the 'boots, boots, boots, marching up and down again.'

Incidentally, whilst the pictures were 'on,' one not unknown lady was told to go and hold her husband's hand!

Did Miss Plymouth see the 'film star' she was looking for, or did she leave too early?

KEIGHLEY RINGER'S DEATH.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION MEMBER FOR 40 YEARS.

The band at St. Andrew's Church, Keighley, Yorks, has suffered a severe loss by the death of the former local secretary, Mr. Robert W. Jennison, who had been a ringer for over 40 years, and was elected a member of the Yorkshire Association in 1894. Mr. Jennison was 63 years of age and passed away on Monday week.

'Bob' Jennison was a popular figure in Keighley, and in his younger days was one of the best known players in Yorkshire Rugby Union football circles. He took an active part in the game for about ten years, and to the end of his days he had a love of sport.

The story of how he took up ringing is an entertaining one. When asked not long ago what led him to become a ringer, he gave the following account of the incident: 'As a matter of fact,' he said, 'I took it up at first more as a joke. I was playing football in those days with the Keighley club—in the old Rugby Union days—and a friend said to me, "Nah, then, Bob, would tha like to come and learn to bell-ring?"

'Laughingly, I replied, "I don't know, but if tha can do it I think I can." Later I found myself in the Keighley Parish Church belfry, and my friend said, "Nah, Bob, just see if tha can tinkle in for t'parson."

'I tried, but I am afraid I made a poor attempt, and I there and then decided to take up bellringing and master it. When I first became a ringer there was a man in the team called John Normington. He was a ringer for about 50 years, and was ringing when he was 80 years of age.'

Mr. Jennison was not a very ardent peal ringer, but he had rung about 40. He was, however, a lover of good ringing and good striking. He served on the committee of the Yorkshire Association and was highly respected among the members. A typical Yorkshireman, he was of a very kindly nature, and was always anxious to help all with whom he came in contact in all spheres of life and work.

He was a member of the Grand United Order of Oddfellows for many years, and was secretary of the Worth Valley Lodge; he was also a trustee of the local branch of the A.E.U. A widow and seven children are left in bereavement. One son, Mr. R. W. Jennison, is also a ringer at Keighley.

The funeral took place on Wednesday week, the service being conducted by the Rev. E. B. Evans. The Keighley Parish Church ringers present were Messrs. R. Bottomley (secretary), J. Hall, H. Green, E. Green, H. Atkinson, J. Robertshaw, J. Edmondson and J. Coulton; while others who attended were Messrs. V. Bairstow (Denholme), J. Lawson (Lightcliffe), J. Broadley (Bradford), T. Kendall (Shipley) and J. Cooper (Silsden). Keighley Rugby League F.C., the Grand United Order of Oddfellows and the Associated Engineers Union were also represented.

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FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.—At the Parish Church for evening service on May 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Arthur Stadden 1, Miss B. Stadden (first quarter-peal as conductor) 2, Mrs. W. Edwards 3, Miss V. Hyman 4, Miss G. Stadden 5, F. Smith 6, A. E. Colbourn 7, J. Thomas 8.

OXTON, BIRKENHEAD.—At St. Saviour's Church on Thursday, May 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Thomas 1, H. S. Brocklebank 2, W. O. Wharton 3, J. L. Grant 4, A. A. K. Bolton 5, R. Edgar 6, H. Martin (conductor) 7, S. Moston 8. First quarter-peal and longest length in the method by the treble, fifth and sixth ringers. It is 15 years since the conductor called a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, the previous one being rung at Kidderminster on April 27th, 1919.—On Monday, May 28th, 910 Grandsire Triples: F. Thomas 1, H. S. Brocklebank 2, W. O. Wharton 3, J. L. Grant 4, A. A. K. Bolton 5, J. W. Evans 6, H. Martin (conductor) 7, S. Moston 8. Rung on the occasion of the dedication of gifts to the Church Schools of Birkenhead by the Bishop of Chester.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.—On Sunday, May 20th, for afternoon service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: F. H. Hicks 1, R. T. Lambert 2, R. E. Lambert 3, F. J. Lambert 4, A. Bromley 5, A. W. Durham (conductor) 6. First 720 by the ringer of the treble, who hails from Rotherfield, and was specially arranged for him. Also rung on the 104th birthday of Mrs. Caroline Jones, of Gillingham, the oldest inhabitant of Kent!

KENT SCHOOL, CONNECTICUT, U.S.A.—On May 3rd, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: A. Terry 1, L. J. Attwater (conductor) 2, W. Abbe 3, A. D. Bosson 4, R. L. Westlake 5, R. B. Abbe 6, S. M. Wheelock 7, R. Davies 8. This is the longest length by the Kent Guild, and the first quarter-peal by six of the student ringers.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew, on Whit Sunday, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: *A. W. Leigh 1, *J. Halsall 2, *A. Greenhalgh 3, *R. V. Hart 4, J. L. Wright 5, *T. Smith 6, F. Frankland Rigby 7, *W. Smalley 8. * First quarter-peal in the method. First quarter-peal in method as conductor. All are members of the local band.

SOUTHGATE.—On May 15th for morning service, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Royal: A. R. Glasscock 1, S. Wade 2, W. Pickworth 3, E. King 4, G. Plater 5, N. A. Tomlinson 6, W. Bowden 7, H. Miller 8, J. E. Miller 9, J. Armstrong (conductor) 10.—For evening service, 1,260 Evin Triples: Mrs. King 1, J. Armstrong (conductor) 2, Mrs. Tomlinson 3, E. King 4, W. Bowden 5, G. Plater 6, J. E. Miller 7, D. Ovington 8.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Sunday, May 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples for evening service: Jos. Evans 1, R. Biggs (conductor) 2, Miss O. Biggs 3, F. Biggs 4, R. Blaby 5, A. Newton 6, P. Newton 7, V. Evans 8.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On Sunday, April 22nd, for evensong, 720 Bob Minor: W. Hollands (first 720) 1, W. A. Cooke 3, F. Cheal 4, C. Belsey 5, W. Walker 6, W. G. Seager (first as conductor) 7, F. Stevens (first 720) 8.

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Pinner, June 9th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea at 5.40 at 1s. Frequent trains from Baker Street. All ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Rotherfield on Saturday, June 9th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Half rail fare, maximum 1s. 6d.—R. Swift, Hon. Div. Sec., Iping, Ifield Road, Crawley.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Bentley (not Bagshot) on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting at The Lindens.—C. W. Denyer, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Grundisburgh on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Tea, 1s. each, at the Dog Inn at 4.30. Meeting follows.—Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By the kind permission of Rev. C. Magraw, the next by-meeting will be held at Ash, on Saturday, June 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—Percy W. Smith, Fair View, Littlebourne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will take place at Walsden on Saturday, June 9th. Tower open for ringing from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. This is the first meeting of the branch at the above tower and a good attendance is expected.—H. Hamer, Hon. Branch Sec., 3, Nall Street, Milnrow.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Llanfrechfa on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (6) available. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. (Twelve minutes' walk from Ponthir Railway Station.)—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Alteryon View, Newport, Mon.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Elland on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea at 1s. per head.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec., 40, Littlemoor, Queensbury.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—A joint fellowship gathering of the four Dorset Branches will be held at Milton Abbey on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (8), also Bere Regis, Hilton and Puddletown, available from 2.30 p.m. Special service at 4 p.m., preacher the Lord Bishop of Salisbury. Tea to follow in the Mansion House, chair to be taken by the President of the Guild, Lord Shaftesbury. Parties will be shown over the Mansion House,

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MOULTON, NORTHAMPTON.—Dedication of the two Carey bells, June 9th, 3 p.m. (Carey Centenary), by Rev. J. White, Rural Dean. Great united service in churchyard, address by Carey's great-grandson. Tea 4.45 (1s.). Handbells. Tickets, Moulton Vicarage. Apply early. Bells available. A musical ring of 8.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next meeting for ringing only will be held at Heversham and Beetham on June 9th. Bells will be available as follows: Heversham (6) at 2.30 and Beetham (6) at 3.30.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—On Saturday, June 9th, a meeting will be held at Knebworth. Bells ready 3 p.m. Short service followed by tea at 5 p.m. at the Lytton Arms. Learners will be welcomed. Make this a real 'jubilee' meeting.—Don Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fritton, Moormead Close, Hitchin.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, June 9th. Bells available from three o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at Battle Axes Hotel. Nailsea bells available during the evening.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Bath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Sefton on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30. Tea 9d. each. Special method, Double Court. Bus, Spellow Lane to Sefton Church, 2.30 p.m. and hourly. Well worth a visit.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford City and District Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Long Crendon on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting.—Richard A. Post, Hon. Sec., 21, Old Road, Headington, Oxford.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Henlow on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A ringing meeting at Wilburton, near Ely, on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at the Royal Oak 5 p.m. A very good bus service all ways. All ringers welcomed, including 'Katie's.' If possible please notify by postcard.—F. Warrington, Mill Road, Over, Cambs.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Hillesden on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Guild service at 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 92, High Street, Winslow, Bucks.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next meeting will be held at Baslow on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m.—A. G. Wallace, Hon. Sec., Monyash Road, Bakewell.

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at South Kirkby on Saturday, June 9th. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. Visitors make their own arrangements for tea. Shield contest will be held at Wortley on Saturday, July 14th. Draw 2.45 p.m. Tower closed for practice after June 16th. Entrance fee (6s. per band) and subscriptions to prize fund be sent by Wednesday, July 4th, to A. Panther, Hon. Sec., 29, Avenue Road, Wath-on-Dearne.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western and North-Western Divisions.—A mid-week meeting will be held at Leyton on Wednesday, June 13th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Old Vicarage Parish Hall 5.15 p.m. Will those intending to be present and requiring tea kindly advise Mr. C. Hughes, 24, Buckland Road, Leyton?—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Escrick on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Service in Church 4 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock. Will those requiring tea (1s. 6d. per head) please advise Mr. Anderson, Black Bull Inn, Escrick, by Thursday, June 14th?—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby, Yorkshire.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Tarleton on Saturday, June 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 1s. 6d. per head, arranged for all who notify Mr. J. Hague, The Smithy, Tarleton, not later than Thursday, June 14th. A good attendance is hoped for at this meeting.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The annual joint meeting of the societies in the above area, viz., the Barnsley and District, the Doncaster and District, and the Sheffield and District Societies, will be held by kind invitation at Rawmarsh, near Rotherham, on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 in the open if fine, at 1s. per head. Please notify Mr. C. F. Wilson, 131, Wheatcroft Road, Sandhill, Rawmarsh, Rotherham, by Wednesday, the 13th, for same.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Belbroughton on Saturday, June 16th. Bells will be available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.15. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will all those intending to be present kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, June 12th?—W. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The jubilee meeting will be held at Boston on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (10) available from 2 p.m. Tea in Memorial Hall 4.45 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Choral Evensong 6 p.m. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by June 12th certain? All ringers welcome.—William E. Clarke, Park House, Norfolk Street, Boston.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Silverton on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Monday, June 11th.—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Danbury on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting after. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, June 13th?—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Wistaston (6 bells) on Saturday, June 16th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me know by the 13th inst.?—Rich. D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Charing on Saturday, June 16th. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Daventry (8) on Saturday, June 16th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Kirkby-in-Ashfield on Saturday, June 16th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea will be arranged for at 5 p.m. Please send names for tea by Wednesday, June 13th, to J. W. England, The Common, South Normanton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary the Virgin, Bury, on Saturday, June 16th. Tower open for ringing at 3. Meeting in the tower at 6.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Business important.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Singleton on Saturday, June 16th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30. Bring food, cups of tea provided.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Bishopstone on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (8) available 3 o'clock. Tea 5 o'clock. Please advise for tea.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Bucklebury on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., at 1s. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify Mrs. Blunden, Post Office, Bucklebury, near Reading, not later than Wednesday, June 12th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting of above branch will be held at Newport Pagnell on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please send along in good time. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, West Didsbury (8 bells), on Saturday, June 16th. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. All ringers welcome. Miles Platting, Tuesday, 12th, 8 p.m.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Forest Branch will hold their next meeting at Mitcheldean on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (8) open 3.30 p.m. No service. Tea and business meeting in schools at 5 p.m. Ringers who require tea must let me know not later than Wednesday, 13th. — Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec., 44, Newerne Street, Lydney, Glos.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Westerham, on Saturday, June 16th, commencing 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me by Wednesday next. All ringers welcome. — G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Owing to inability to secure Newton Tower, the June meeting is postponed until June 23rd. This will be run in conjunction with the Lancashire Association Committee meeting, and will be held at Ormskirk Parish Church. Further details later.—William O. Farrimond, Branch Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting of the Western Division will be held at Billingshurst on Saturday, June 23rd, next. Tower open from 2.30. Tea, 5 o'clock, at the Guest House. Kindly advise me early all those requiring tea.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Nicolas', Guildford, on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, Ayers' Hall, 5. Gentlemen invited. Please notify for tea by Tuesday, June 19th. — H. F. Mills, Maiden Combe, Northbrook Road, Aldershot.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, HOYLANDSWAINE.—Annual ringing contest (6 bells) will take place on Saturday, June 30th. A copy of rules will be sent to any company of ringers on receipt of stamped addressed envelope. Teas not guaranteed if not applied for. — E. Brookes, Hon. Sec., Hall Lane, Hoylandswaine, Sheffield.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—General quarterly meeting at Matlock, June 30th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Committee meet 3.30. Meat tea, 1s. 3d. per head, 5 p.m., at the Duke William. General meeting follows tea. Darley Dale bells (8) available after meeting. — Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—The rededication of the restored ring of 8 bells, 3 recast, the whole retuned and rehung in ball bearings and new fittings by Taylor and

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SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Erith on Saturday, July 7th. Towers open at 3 o'clock till 9 p.m. Service at St. John the Baptist 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Numbers for tea not later than Tuesday, July 3rd. A good muster is requested.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec., 7, Gilstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

THE LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Surfleet, Lincs, on Saturday, July 14th. Further particulars later.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.—The new peal of 12 bells, complete with new frame, etc., by Taylor's, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Salisbury on Wednesday, July 25th, at 6 p.m. Ringers' Day, August Bank Holiday. Ringing all day from 10.30 a.m. All ringers welcome. Tea will be provided for those who advise only. Further particulars later.—C. F. Andrews, 22, Drynam Road, Trowbridge.

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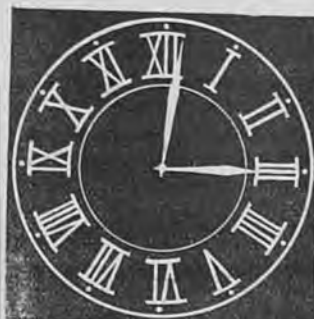
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