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## MORE COUNCIL MATTERS.

The motions which are to come before the Central Council, when they meet at Whitsun, may not occupy as much time as, on the face of them, seems to be threatened. About two of them at least there is not likely to be much division of opinion. There is general agreement, we believe, that it would be well if some authoritative guidance could be given on the subject of the muffling of bells; it will also be a great advantage if the Council have information as to books on ringing matters in the hands of private persons, and whether access to these books for perusal or study can be given. This information will be valuable in a double way. It will enable students of ringing and ringing history to know where they can turn for information, and it should serve as a means of keeping track of books which might otherwise eventually be lost.

To the advantage of beginning the Council meeting earlier in the day, if it is practicable, we have already referred, and to the motion which deals with 'The Ringing World' we must return in a later issue. There remains the vexed question of the definition of a 'spliced' peal. It would be possible to squander no end of time on this subject, and, as it comes first among the motions, to exclude debate on anything else, but we fancy the chief movers in the proposals may be likely to come to agreement and in this way save the time of the Council. The danger of monopolising more than a fair share of the meeting on this topic comes from the putting forward of ill-considered amendments. A compromise, which avoids any actual definition, is that which Mr. Stephen Wood put forward last year, and which seems to have been acted upon by ringers since. By denoting the number of changes of method in a peal it is certainly possible for the average ringer to judge the merit of the performance in this direction, and probably serves the purpose better than the splitting of hairs in the use of words; for it does convey definite information.

But the Council ought not to have sprung upon them amendments requiring this or that special requirement for the use of the term 'spliced.' The original proposal, put forward by Mr. C. T. Coles, was evolved after a great deal of consideration, and even if this is not persisted with, in face of Mr. Wood's amendment, it did contain the considered views of men who had given great thought to the matter, and it has been in print long enough for everyone to comprehend. But it is unfair to the Council to ask them, on the spur of the moment, to consider some definition of a technical nature, which

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closer inspection would reveal to be riddled with defects. Any amendment of this kind, if it is contemplated, ought certainly to be circulated well beforehand.

## TWELVE BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 9, 1936, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, SHOREDITCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 28½ cwt.

EDWARD J. BEER ... .. Treble	THOMAS BEVAN ... .. 7
MRS. GEORGE H. CROSS ... 2	STANLEY J. T. SHELLOCK ... 8
GEORGE RADLEY ... .. 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... .. 9
*H. RICHARD FRENCH ... .. 4	JAMES E. BAILEY ... .. 10
†NORMAN SUMMERHAYES ... 5	GEORGE W. STEERE ... .. 11
THOMAS NEWMAN ... .. 6	GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

\* First peal of Stedman Cinques. † First attempt for a twelve-bell peal.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 9, 1936, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

HERBERT LANGDON ... .. Treble	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 7
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 2	JAMES G. PRIOR ... .. 8
HARRY HOVERD ... .. 3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 9
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 4	ERNEST BRETT ... .. 10
ROWLAND PARK ... .. 5	ALFRED B. PECK ... .. 11
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 6	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

The conductor's 300th peal, first of Cinques as conductor and his 'completion of the circle' in this tower.

## TEN BELL PEALS

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 2, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON, STEPNEY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6007 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

THOMAS LANGDON ... .. Treble	ROBERT W. GREEN ... .. 6
HARRY HOSKINS ... .. 2	LAWRENCE B. PORTER ... 7
WILLIAM H. PASMORE ... .. 3	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... 8
HERBERT LANGDON ... .. 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... .. 9
HENRY G. MILES ... .. 5	ERNEST BRETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON. Rung half-muffled in affectionate memory of Thomas Benney and John W. Rowbotham.

WIGAN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(WIGAN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 9, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6057 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

JAMES MARSH ... .. Treble	*GEORGE JENKS ... .. 6
*ALBERT PARKER ... .. 2	JAMES W. GROUNDS ... .. 7
*SYDNEY FORSHAW ... .. 3	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... .. 8
JOHN BOOTH ... .. 4	JOHN BROWN ... .. 9
*JAMES TAYLOR ... .. 5	†WILLIAM H. SETTLE ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

\* First peal on ten bells. † First peal. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal on the bells and first peal on ten bells by the Wigan Branch. Rung in honour of the appointment of the Rector (Canon Thicknesse) as Dean of St. Albans.

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On Saturday, May 9, 1936, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicolas,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;**

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. Treble	*LOUIS J. LOCKYER ... .. 6
EDWARD T. GRIFFIN ... .. 2	A. F. MARTIN STEWART ... .. 7
REGINALD A. REED ... .. 3	REGINALD BROWN ... .. 8
WILLIAM M. STONE ... .. 4	WILLIAM E. CHEATER... .. 9
REGINALD C. H. CONNOLLY ... 5	OWEN H. GILES ... .. Tenor

Composed by ROBERT WILLIAMS. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS

\* First peal of Grandsire Caters. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, who has now conducted 1,000 peals.

BOSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 9, 1936, in Three Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

*MRS. J. BRAY ... .. Treble	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... .. 6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... .. 2	MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... .. 7
MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... .. 3	EDWIN H. LEWIS ... .. 8
JOHN WALDEN ... .. 4	JACK BRAY ... .. 9
FREDERICK W. STOKES ... .. 5	*WILLIAM E. CLARKE... .. Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE.

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 3, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13½ cwt.

OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Treble	GEORGE OLLIVER... .. 5
REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... .. 2	KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 6
NELSON ELLIOTT ... .. 3	CECIL NICE... .. 7
ALFRED J. BULL ... .. 4	C. ERNEST SMITH... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 5, 1936, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Parish Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

*FREDERICK E. PITMAN ... Treble	*SYDNEY J. HUMPHREY ... 5
PERCY J. SPICE ... .. 2	WALTER SMITH ... .. 6
R. GORDON CROSS ... .. 3	†EDMOND MOUNTIER ... 7
HARRY HOSKINS ... .. 4	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. HOLDEN.

Conducted by J. E. DAVIS.

\* First peal in the method. † Fiftieth peal.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 6, 1936, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At Christ Church,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*JACK FILSELL ... .. Treble	*DUDLEY THORPE ... .. 5
ERNEST GOWER ... .. 2	†HERBERT FISHER ... .. 6
HAROLD S. HOBDEN ... .. 3	ALFRED J. TURNER ... .. 7
HAROLD G. F. REYNOLDS ... 4	LOUIS W. FAULKNER... .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD S. HOBDEN.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' Rung as a 16th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 7, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

*HENRY PURCHASE ... .. Treble	CLAUDE TARR ... .. 5
†CLIFFORD PARKMAN ... .. 2	†WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT ... 6
ALBERT TODT ... .. 3	†GEORGE SPARKES ... .. 7
WILLIAM CROSS ... .. 4	†WILLIAM G. HARTNELL ... Tenor

Conducted by A. TODT.

\* First attempt for a peal of Triples and belongs to Chipstable.  
† First attempt for a peal and belong to Wiveliscombe. † First peal of Grandsire Triples.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 9, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas-the-Martyr,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ERNEST J. BUTLER ... .. Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2	ROBERT HEAZEL ... .. 6
HENRY T. WILSON ... .. 3	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... .. 7
HARRY TURNER ... .. 4	JOSEPH MARKS ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to E. W. Furbank.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 9, 1936, in Three Hours,

At the Church of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

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

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM WALKER ... .. Treble	JESSE ELDRIDGE ... .. 5
THOMAS S. GOODCHILD ... 2	THOMAS J. FOWLER ... .. 6
GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 3	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. 7
ARTHUR MARTIN ... .. 4	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR MARTIN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rt. Hon. Sir Charles A. Bennett, chairman of the branch.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, May 9, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Luke, Blakenhall,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 10 cwt.

HARRY BOSWELL ... .. Treble	ALBERT D. COLLINS ... .. 5
ERIC E. SPEAKE ... .. 2	CHARLES R. COLLINS ... .. 6
THOMAS G. MARTIN ... .. 3	DANIEL T. MATKIN ... .. 7
HOWARD HOWELL ... .. 4	HERBERT E. BOOTH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT D. COLLINS.

OLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 9, 1936, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE E. LARGE ... .. Treble	ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... 5
WALTER H. RAXTER... .. 2	SIDNEY T. HOLY... .. 6
*ALLEN MORGAN ... .. 3	*REGINALD WOODYATT ... 7
WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... .. Tenor

Composed by FRED ROBINSON.

Conducted by G. E. LARGE.

\* First attempt for a peal in a Treble Bob method. A 67th birthday compliment to 'Father,' Mr. William Ranford.

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**THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Saturday, May 9, 1936, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,**  
**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
 Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.  

G. DENNIS DRIGHTON ... Treble	BURLEY P. MORRIS ... 5
MISS EVELYN STEELE ... 2	CHARLES W. BIRD ... 6
HENRY W. GAYTON ... 3	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... 7
ALFRED H. MARTIN ... 4	WALTER PERKINS ... Tenor

 Composed by REV. EARLE BULWER. Conducted by WALTER PERKINS

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.  
**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Saturday, May 9, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,**  
**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**  
 Tenor 24 cwt. in D.  

GEORGE HOWLETT ... Treble	ERNEST F. POPPY ... 5
JAMES BETTS ... 2	ERNEST WHITING ... 6
WILLIAM FLATT ... 3	RUSSELL RICHES ... 7
FREDERICK R. BORRETT ... 4	CHARLES LOOME ... Tenor

 Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by E. WHITING.

Arranged for the ringers of the 2nd, 4th and 5th, for the fortieth anniversary of their first peal in the method. The same composition was rung.

WARBURTON, CHESHIRE.  
**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Saturday, May 9, 1936, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,**  
**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
 'GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.  
 Tenor 27 cwt.  

HERBERT MCKINNELL ... Treble	WILLIAM BRAMMER ... 5
CHARLES OLLIER ... 2	HAROLD JONES ... 6
ALAN J. BROWN ... 3	WILFRID J. MOSS ... 7
ALFRED FROST ... 4	ROBERT THOMAS ... Tenor

 Conducted by W. J. MOSS.

First peal in the method as conductor. First peal on the bells, which were dedicated in 1885.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.  
**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Saturday, May 9, 1936, in Three Hours,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,**  
**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
 Tenor 18 cwt.  

REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... Treble	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 5
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. ... 2	WINGFIELD A. DURHAM ... 6
FRANK BENNETT ... 3	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... 7
HERBERT MARKWELL ... 4	FREDERICK WHITE ... Tenor

 Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

MITCHAM, SURREY.  
**THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Saturday, May 9, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,**  
**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**  
 Tenor 16 cwt.  

JOSEPH S. HAWKINS ... Treble	ROEBEN CHARGE ... 5
FRANK E. MITCHELL ... 2	CHARLES POTHECARY ... 6
WILLIAM H. JOINER ... 3	WILLIAM S. SMITH ... 7
LAWRENCE GREENHOW ... 4	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD ... Tenor

 Composed by F. ROBINSON. Conducted by C. W. R. GRIMWOOD.  
 \* First peal in the method.

WOODFORD, ESSEX.  
**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Saturday, May 9, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,**  
**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
 Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.  

*ROBERT J. MAYNARD, SEN. Treble	CHARLES T. COLES ... 5
*HENRY RUMENS ... 2	ERNEST E. HOLMAN ... 6
*FRED C. MAYNARD ... 3	*RAYMOND G. COUSINS ... 7
*JOHN G. NASH ... 4	JACK A. WAUGH ... Tenor

 Composed by JOHN JAGGAR. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.  
 \* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

WEST HALLAM.  
**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Saturday, May 9, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,**  
**A PEAL OF FORWARD MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
 Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.  

WILLIAM THORNLEY, SEN. Treble	ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN ... 5
FRANK BRADLEY ... 2	EDWARD FOSTER ... 6
*FREDERICK A. SALTER ... 3	*RALPH NARBOROUGH ... 7
GEORGE E. FOSTER ... 4	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... Tenor

 Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by J. F. MILNER.  
 \* First peal of Forward Major. First peal in the method on the bells.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**  
 BONVILSTON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.  
**THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Wednesday, May 6, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,**  
**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
 Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.  

D REES JAMES ... Treble	CHARLES H. PERRY ... 4
JOHN W. JONES ... 2	ERNEST STITCH ... 5
ALFRED W. HEATH ... 3	JOHN PHILLIPS ... Tenor

 Conducted by CHARLES H. PERRY.  
 HORTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.  
**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Thursday, May 7, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,**  
**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
 Being seven extents in 11 methods, viz.: Ipswich Surprise, College Exercise Treble Bob, Norbury Treble Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Thelwall and Childwall Bob, Double Oxford and St. Clement's Bob, Plain and Single Oxford Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.  

JAMES A. GLASS ... Treble	WILLIAM WELLING ... 4
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 2	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... 5
LEONARD STILWELL ... 3	ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor

 Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

First peal in 11 methods by all the band and on the bells. L. Stilwell's 200th peal. This peal contained 33 changes of method.  
 TALGARTH, BRECONSHIRE.  
**THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Thursday, May 7, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GWENDOLINE,**  
**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
 Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 11 cwt.  

STANLEY C. POWELL ... Treble	BERNARD H. DAVIES ... 4
DAVID H. BENNETT ... 2	*WILLIAM J. JONES ... 5
JAMES P. HYETT, J.P. ... 3	SELWYN L. SPEAKE ... Tenor

 Conducted by D. H. BENNETT.  
 \* First peal of Doubles. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of E. Bowen, D. J. Moore, Charles Powell and William Pritchard, all of whom were ringers at the above church. The last named was interred on May 2nd, 1936.

WESTON, HERTS.  
**THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Saturday, May 9, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,**  
**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
 Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings.  

EDWIN C. BUCK ... Tenor	WALTER D. POOLBY ... 3
PERCY TOMPKINS ... 2	LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... 4

 R. THOMAS NEWMAN ... Tenor  
 Conducted by L. H. BYWATERS.  
 First peal on the bells.

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## PADWORTH, BERKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 9, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes.

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

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Double Court, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.  
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

EDWARD W. RICHARDS ... Treble	REGINALD W. REX ... 4
MISS STELLA DAVIS ... 2	*GEOFFREY E. FOWLER ... 5
CHARLES J. GARDINER ... 3	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON ... Tenor

Conducted by W. BERTRAM KYNASTON.

\* First peal. First peal in seven methods by all, except the ringers of 2 and 6. First peal in seven methods as conductor. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

## HISTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 9, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

LAURIE NORFOLK ... Treble	FRANK WARRINGTON ... 4
*JACK PARISE ... 2	STANLEY G. SHIPP ... 5
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... 3	MANSFIELD GINN ... Tenor

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON  
\* First Surprise peal.

## BIGBY, Lincs.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 9, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall, College and Wavertree.  
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

RONALD BOWNNESS ... Treble	GEORGE L. HALL ... 4
MARTIN WALKER ... 2	GEORGE DOBBS ... 5
*DEREK M. SHARP ... 3	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... Tenor

Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

\* First peal in seven methods.

## HANDBELL PEAL.

## LONDON.

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On Friday, May 8, 1936, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes.

AT 17, MANDRAKE ROAD, UPPER TOOTING.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 1-2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 5-6
WILLIAM E. JUDD ... 3-4	JAMES R. MACKMAN ... 7-8

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER

## FOR BEGINNERS.

## THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

After what we have already said about Thurstan's 'Quarter-peal,' made up of five parts of three courses each, it should take the beginner little time to learn the complete peal.

The first two quarter-peals are united by calling an additional pair of bobs at 7-8 in the third course of the fourth part, which brings up a new part end 43521. Then follow five parts of the 'standard' calling, until, at the third course in the ninth part, another additional pair of bobs is inserted at 7-8, which brings the bells back to the place in the original quarter-peal at which they left it, and the part end is the fourth part end of the quarter-peal given last week.

The part ends which have been inserted, beginning at the fourth part, are:—

43521  
32415  
21534  
15243  
54132

The next part end, the 9th, is what comes up as the 4th in the original quarter-peal, viz., 12534, which, you may notice, has been displaced from its proper position by its exact reverse, 43521.

In the second half of the peal the two quarters are united by the omission of a pair of bobs, the 7-8 in the first course of thirteenth and eighteenth parts, which, in effect, splices one quarter-peal into the other, the second omission taking up the changes where the first omission broke away.

The two half-peals are joined together by a single, called in the last course of the tenth part, when the 7th is in 4-5 up, after having been in quick, and just before the bells, if the single were not called, would come round. The single does not affect the 6th, but while the 7th makes fifth's and dodges down, the 4th makes 6th's and dodges in 6-7 up. The result of this is that the actual course end is cut out, and you have the 6th going in quick after the 7th. Bobs are called at 5-6 (when the 7th is doing the half-burns, just as in the last course of each part), and a new part end (the tenth) is produced at the end of the course—25431.

The final single comes at the beginning of the third course in the 20th part. It is called when the 7th is dodging down with the 6th. The 7th makes the single and dodges up and the bells then come round. These odd changes are really the missing ones between the 7th in 4-5 up and 5-4 down at half-way.

Here are the part ends affected by the extras, omits and singles:—

	23145
4th part end, after extras	43521
9th part end, after extras	12534
10th part end, after single and 5-6	25431
13th part end, after omits	41235
18th part end, after omits	14325
20th part end, after single	23145

The course ends given last week and earlier in this article will give you the transposition for ascertaining the part ends, when the standard calling has been used. Get pencil and paper and work out all the 20 part ends. You should memorise as many of them as you can before starting to call the peal, not only to check up on the ringing to see if the bells are right, but to facilitate putting into operation some of those other guides which we set out in the last article.

A guide to the extras and omits, in case you lose count of the parts you have rung, is to be found in the fact that the 5th, as well as the 6th and 7th, is unaffected by them. When you want to call the extras (in the 4th and 9th parts), watch, after the second course end, to see if the 5th is following the 7th and 6th from behind. The 5th is the observation bell's 'opposite number, after,' and is actually working with the 7th in the slow at the extra bobs—in the relative position of 5-6, to the 7-8 of the 7th, in fact.

To know when to omit the bobs in the second half (in the first course of the 13th and 18th parts) remember that the 5th is behind, dodging in 6-7 up, at the preceding pair of bobs (3-4).

After a little study and practice the beginner should be able to see, as he goes along, many of the things we have mentioned. At first, perhaps, he will only be able to realise that such and such a thing is happening, but very soon he should see the positions developing before he reaches them, and then he will find himself gradually able, if trouble occurs, to guide the bells into the right channels. Of course, a knowledge of how all the bobs are to be made does not necessarily mean that all the trips can be corrected, but as a starting point it is invaluable, and after practice the beginner's powers of observation will grow.

When calling a peal make as many 'landmarks' as you can, but it is a mistake to try to overload your memory. It is better to build up your knowledge gradually but permanently than to try and 'crum' your head with a lot of things so imperfectly that at the crucial moment, when the knowledge is required, you cannot recall it.

## WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Alton and Petersfield District was held at East Meon, Hants. Members were present from Blackmoor, Bishopstoke, East Meon, Fareham, Hawkey, North Stoneham, Privett, Petersfield, Portsea, Soberton, Steep, Wickham and, in addition, one unattached and one compounding member from Milland. The bells were rung throughout the afternoon and evening to Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

The Guild's service was held, at which the Vicar of East Meon (the Rev. C. H. Mylne) officiated and gave a short but inspiring address.

Tea was provided at the George Inn, to which 31 sat down. The business meeting followed, the district chairman (the Rev. F. G. Eyres) presiding.

The company stood in silence as a mark of respect to the late captain of the Alton band, Mr. W. Perry, who died very suddenly several weeks ago.

Three ringing members from Blackmoor (Messrs. E. Amey, G. Hall and W. Amey) were elected.

The next quarterly meeting was fixed for July 25th, to be held at Binsted. An evening meeting was fixed for June 3rd at Blackmoor.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar of East Meon for the use of the bells and his address, also to Mr. Harris, who officiated at the organ, and to the caterers.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

### EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild always attracts ringers from all over the country, and, despite the fact that there were 43 other meetings advertised for the same day, to say nothing of the cup final, it is pleasing to note that 68 persons sat down to tea and nearly 80 ringers were present at Woodburn during the afternoon and evening from Berks, Bucks, Herts and Middlesex. Ringing included the four Surprise methods, Superlative, Cambridge, Bristol and London.

The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. A. Hendy, M.A., assisted by the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg, Deputy Master of the Guild, the choir being augmented by ringers from Cookham, South Harrow and Old Windsor. It is worth recording that everything went to schedule so well that tea was finished by 5.45 p.m. Various items on the handbells helped to fill in the gap, whilst the secretary tried to write his report.

The chair was taken by Sir Charles A. Bennett, supported by Mr. W. H. Fussell (vice-chairman), the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg (Deputy Master) and Mr. R. T. Hibbert (general secretary). The Chairman expressed his great regret at being absent from the two previous annual meetings, but said how pleased he was to be present on this occasion and to see so many of the usual smiling faces. Mr. Fussell evidently having found the secret of perpetual youth. It was also very gratifying to see so many young faces to keep the art in a flourishing condition.

Several new members were elected, accounts passed and reports accepted. The sum of £2 2s. was voted to the W. Eye Memorial Fund.

The officers elected for 1936 were: Chairman, Sir Charles A. Bennett; vice-chairman, Mr. W. H. Fussell; branch secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. D. Barker; Branch Ringing Master, Mr. T. J. Fowler; branch representatives to serve on the General Committee, Mrs. A. D. Barker, Messrs. T. J. Fowler, J. L. Kirk, M.S.A., J. C. Truss, F. D. Boreham, W. E. Redrup and W. Birmingham.

It was decided to hold the next monthly practice at Amersham.

Votes of thanks were accorded to all those who assisted in making the meeting a success, especially Mrs. Martin and her helpers at the tea table.

It was unanimously decided to take part in the joint meetings to which the branch had been invited by the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association. The secretary was also instructed to write various letters!

Mr. R. T. Hibbert again made a cheerful speech, saying that as long as he could get there, he would come to see his old friends. The tower was again visited until 9 p.m., which came all too soon for most people.

### NEWBURY BRANCH MEETING.

The spring meeting of the Newbury Branch was held at Peasemore on Saturday, April 25th, when 32 members were present from Bucklebury, Beedon, Brightwalton, Chieveley, Compton, East Ilsley, Newbury, Peasemore, Thatcham, Woolton Hill and Yattendon. One visitor attended from Abingdon. A short service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. Ward Brennan), who gave a very inspiring address. Mrs. Holmes was at the organ. Tea was served in the Village Hall by Mrs. W. Blea, 28 sitting down.

The chairman of the branch (the Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford) presided at the business meeting.

The summer meeting was fixed for Thatcham on Saturday, June 20th.

Votes of thanks were accorded with applause to the Rev. J. Ward Brennan for his address and welcome, to Mrs. Holmes for playing the organ, and to Mrs. W. Blea and her helpers for providing the tea.

The tower was again visited and Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor rung.

### BELFRY MEMORIAL TO KING GEORGE V.

An interesting event took place at the Liverpool Branch meeting of the Lancashire Association, held at St. Luke's, Great Crosby, on Saturday, May 9th. A tablet was unveiled to the memory of the late King George V. As a memorial, the belfry has been renovated and two beautiful new windows put in.

At the bottom of the belfry steps is a tablet with the inscription, 'To the memory of King George V.'

The Vicar, the Rev. A. P. Miller, in his address, pointed out a pleasing coincidence. The day of the ceremony, i.e., May 9th, was the anniversary of King George's proclamation, May 9th, 1910.

### MUFFLED BELLS.

At Coalbrookdale, Shropshire, on Wednesday evening, May 6th, with bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. Frederick Rich, for many years a sidesman and auditor at Holy Trinity Church, who was interred at Coalbrookdale in the afternoon, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Jones 1, E. D. Poole (first quarter-peal 'inside') 2, R. Evans 3, J. F. D. Pratt 4, W. Saunders 5, A. S. Bayley (conductor) 6, B. L. Jones 7, J. F. Hanley 8.

## 'THE INCOMPLEAT CAMPANOLOGIST.'

### STOURBRIDGE STUDENT WRITES OF HIS FIRST PEAL.

The 'Spring Term' issue of 'The Stourbridge Edwardian,' the magazine of King Edward's School, Stourbridge, contains an interesting article entitled 'The Incompleat Campanologist,' written by H. Walton, Form VI.1.2, who a few months ago rang his first peal. This article is just the kind of thing to interest the type of young men that is wanted in the Exercise, and we hope it may induce other Stourbridge students to take up the art.

Having reproduced from 'The Ringing World' the official record of the peal referred to, rung at Olent, the writer says: 'It calls up memories of a raw and gusty Saturday afternoon, when I set out with my brother, who was also ringing his first peal, to walk a cold wet mile to the Parish Church, where we met six other ringers. It was a quarter to four when the small oaken door, which is plentifully studded with big iron nails, was unlocked, and we climbed the spiral staircase in the tower to the ringing chamber, a small room some twelve paces square, hung with boards recording former peals on the bells, and with eight bell ropes neatly looped to hooks in the walls.'

'As this was the third attempt at this particular peal, the first attempt failing when a broken clapper spoiled two and a half hours of ringing, and the second proving a miserable fiasco, we all knew our positions, and after each ringer had made himself comfortable by divesting himself of coat, collar and tie, and any other articles of apparel he thought fit, the bells were "pulled up."'

After explaining what change ringing is, and what a peal consists of, the writer described the peal in which he took part. 'The time seemed to go slowly, as it was only marked by the directions of the more experienced ringers to others who had gone astray, and by the instructions of the conductor, whose duty it is to see that the bells keep in their proper order throughout.'

'After a time, I began to calculate how far we had gone, and, glancing at the clock, saw that we were progressing steadily. After about an hour and a half I felt that the twelve hundredweights of bell metal on the other end of the rope had grown to twelve tons, and as the minutes dragged past, I was rather concerned, feeling sure that if the weight of the bell continued to increase at the rate of a ton per minute (as it appeared to be doing) it would soon carry my insignificant eight stones up to the roof and back. Fortunately for me, this horrible disaster was averted by the end of the peal. The voices of choirs of angels never gave half as much joy to the rapt listener as the sound of those last few changes did to me. What a wonderful feeling of relief to set the bell and sit down!

'The more experienced ringers showed no signs of fatigue, but the muscular labour of three hours of exercise, which combines the arduous toil of coal-heaving with the subtle tortures of Swedish drill in the gymnasium, needs to be felt to be appreciated. My back appeared to be broken, my legs were certainly paralysed!

'This then was my first peal, and to most people it probably seems a waste of a perfectly good Saturday afternoon. Despite this, ringing exerts a kind of fascination because of its wide appeal. It provides exercise for mind and body, and can be specially recommended as a means of keeping at bay the dreaded "middle-aged spread"; the intricacy and neatness of the calculations involved delight the heart of the mathematician; no one with a sense for the dramatic can fail to be interested by the part ringing plays in the life of the nation—the bells which pealed out joyfully on the occasion of the late King's Silver Jubilee spoke a little later, with muffled voices and slow strokes, of a land in mourning for the Sovereign's death.

'It takes about a life-time to become a really good ringer, and this is why I am as yet "incompleat," and this article must necessarily be brief. I could fill in space by writing at length about the feats of some of the giants of ringing, but I hesitate to daunt any reader who, moved by my eloquent pen, has decided to take up the art. When next then, dear reader, you hear the sound of the bells, remember that you are enjoying the work of men who are keeping alive English traditions and an essentially English art, to which they have devoted most of their spare time, an art which I hope will never die out. With this I lay down my pen, for if my piscatorially-inclined namesake had the presumption to think he knew all there is to be known about fishing, I know that I can never describe fully all there is to be known about ringing, and, therefore, refer any inquiring mind to the nearest tower where change ringing is practised, there to make his own inquiries.'

### WHO IS THE OLDEST CUMBERLAND?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In the last issue of 'The Ringing World' I was pleased to read a letter from my old friend, 'Bill' Fussell, with regard to the oldest College and Cumberland Youths. Three of the four mentioned I have had the pleasure of ringing with many times, viz., Tom Benney, J. M. Bouth and R. K. Knight.

As an old Cumberland, having been a member since January 14th, 1871, my certificate bearing that date, it would be interesting to know if there are any old Cumberlands living made members between September 24th, 1866, and January 14th, 1871.

Whitstable.

HENRY A. HOPKINS.

**METHOD NAMES.***To the Editor.*

Sir,—Your articles for Beginners in the issues for March 27th and April 17th touch on a point of interest of which there is varied opinion. I have heard this question asked: When a method is reversed or rung with the use of a different single, can it be considered the same method, or has it the right to be given a different name; should it be described as "such and such a method reversed," or with the use of extremes or different singles?

Some years ago a ringer reversed Stedman Slow Course and gave it the name of 'Chase.' It has since then been recognised as 'Chase' and many peals have been rung in which it has been included under that name. What, then, is there to prevent anyone naming reversed Grandsire—shall we say 'Whiston Doubles,' or reversed New Bob 'Houghton Doubles,' and similarly with any other method reversed, whether on five bells or more?

If the associations and the Central Council say this is not permissible, what is going to happen to all the peals that have been rung which have included 'Chase'? Some people say you cannot give one method two different names. What about St. Clement's Minor; is this not an extension of St. Simon's Doubles? Antelope, April Day and St. Dunstan's are all more or less a variation of Grandsire. London Singles, which, by the way, sounds like London Surprise, is another variation. Primrose is a variation of Cambridge, and so one could go on!

Where, then, does one stand in regard to reversed methods?

P. AMOS.

Northampton.

[As a matter of historical interest, 'Chace' was a method of Doubles known as far back, at any rate, as 1766 and probably earlier. It appears in the fifth edition of Monk's 'Campanalogia Improved,' in which there is no method printed corresponding with Stedman Slow Course.—EDITOR, 'Ringing World'.]

**NEW VICAR WELCOMED.**

At the Parish Church, Shipley, Yorks, for evening service on Sunday, April 19th, 720 Bob Minor: T. B. Kendal 1, Miss W. Foster 2, Miss M. White 3, E. H. Simpson 4, K. Simpson (first as conductor) 5, H. Stott 6. On Friday evening, April 24th, for the induction of the new Vicar (the Rev. W. J. Perritt), 960 changes of Kent Treble Bob: Miss W. Foster 1, G. Titterton 2, T. B. Kendal 3, Kenneth Simpson 4, Miss M. White 5, F. Seager 6, H. Stott 7, E. H. Simpson (conductor) 8. After service, 336 Bob Major.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION****MEETING AT PINNER.**

The North and East District of the Middlesex County Association held a very pleasant meeting at the old-world village of Pinner on Saturday, May 2nd.

The meeting was well attended and the eight bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening without any interruption through local residents complaining of the noise of the bells and a request for the cessation of ringing. This speaks well for the conciliatory attitude taken by the local ringers and church authorities in appreciating the cause of the frequent complaints and doing their best, with evident success, to moderate the sound of the bells near the church.

Ringing commenced soon after 3 p.m. and continued until 5 o'clock, when a short service was conducted by the Rev. J. O'Connor, who, in the absence of an incumbent, is temporarily officiating at the church. Mr. O'Connor, although a very sick man, gave the meeting a hearty welcome and also a very instructive address.

At the business meeting, presided over by Mr. G. W. Fletcher (vice-president), letters of apology were read from the association Ringing Master, Mr. A. W. Coles, also from the hon. secretary, who were unable to be present.

The agenda, which was quickly disposed of, included the election of three of the local ringers as members of the association and the fixing of the place for the next meeting, which will be at Stanmore on June 20th.

The Chairman announced that the Pye Memorial would be opened on May 30th. He remarked that as the tea would be provided by the Vicar and churchwardens, and, owing to the Central Council meeting being held in London at the same time, a large gathering was expected. It would be essential that due notice should be given to the secretary by those who anticipated being present.

The Chairman moved a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. J. O'Connor for the service, to Mr. J. S. Hogg for giving permission for the meeting to be held, to Mrs. Potts for her assistance, to Mr. Evans, the local organist, for presiding at the organ, and to Mr. K. J. Guyler for having made all the necessary arrangements, thereby ensuring the success of the meeting.—This was carried with acclamation.

A new peal of handbells was then brought into use, kindly placed at the disposal of the meeting by Mr. Taylor, of Watford, after which the tower bells were kept going until 9 p.m. The ringing was under the able direction of Mr. T. J. Lock, everyone present being well catered for.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are about to dismantle the heavy ring of five at Thorncombe Church, Somerset, preparatory to rehangings them and recasting the tenor.

Mr. George Williams, the Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, who reached his 79th birthday anniversary on May 7th, celebrated the event on Saturday by completing his thousand peals as conductor. Few ringers have rendered as much service to the Exercise as George Williams, and this makes his wonderful achievement all the more worthy. The peal, which was rung at North Stoneham, where are trebles given by Mr. Williams and the late Mrs. Williams, in celebration of their golden wedding, brought Mr. Williams' total peals to 1,399.

On Thursday, April 30th, members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang, with bells half-muffled, the traditional 'whole pull and stand' as a mark of respect and esteem to these very old members, at the Church of St. Magnus the Martyr, London Bridge.

To ring seven methods in his first peal is the excellent performance of Mr. G. E. Fowler at Padworth, Berks.

Messrs. John Taylor and Co. have received the order to rehang the heavy ring of eight of Great Waltham Church, Essex, with new fittings in new frame.

Selby Abbey bells will be broadcast in the 'Ringing Isle' series on the North Regional programme next Sunday evening, May 17th, at 5.15 p.m., preceded by remarks by Canon Solloway (Vicar) at 5.10. An electrical recording is to be made and broadcast on the following evening.

What is the quickest six-score on record on church bells? Recently 120 changes were rung at St. Nicholas' Church, Newton Blossomville, near Turvey, Beds, in 3 mins. 5 secs.

The Summer Festival of the Guildford Diocesan Guild will be held at Chertsey on July 11th.

## THE ROLL OF HONOUR.

We continue to receive the names of ringers who have supported 'The Ringing World' since its first number. There are probably still others from whom we have not heard. If there are we hope they will send their names and addresses at once, as our list must now be closed. Here are other names:—

Mr. E. S. Bailey, Leiston, Suffolk.  
Mr. J. M. Bailey, Leiston, Suffolk.  
Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, Canterbury, Kent.  
Mr. J. J. Mawby, Irthlingborough, Northants.  
Mr. F. E. Parsons, Staveley, Chesterfield.  
Mr. C. H. Perry, Bridgend, Glamorganshire.  
Mr. J. G. Rumsey, Leiston, Suffolk.  
Mr. J. H. Swinfield, Burton-on-Trent.  
Mr. J. Taylor, Batheaston, Bath.  
Mr. A. Y. Tyler, Irthlingborough, Northants.  
Mr. J. T. Ward, Irthlingborough, Northants.  
Mr. J. Woodhead, Rawdon, Yorks.  
Mr. R. T. Woodley, Lowestoft, Suffolk.

Mr. Woodhead is one of the few remaining ringers who rang peals with Jasper Snowden.

Mr. Woodley, a College Youth for over 50 years, has subscribed to the ringing papers from the days of 'Church Bells.'

## HISTORIC SLAVE BELL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In a recent issue of 'The Ringing World' you mention the 'historic slave bell' of St. Michael's, Fort Wellington, B.G.

I wonder if any of your readers could tell me the history of this bell or where to find it? I am a keen collector of the history and stories of old bells and rings, and am always grateful for any information on this fascinating subject.

As I am writing to you, Sir, may I add my sincere thanks with the many who have recently congratulated you on the Silver Jubilee of your journal? Though I have only taken in 'The Ringing World' since starting to ring some four years ago, I look forward to its publication every week with real pleasure. The fact that I can no longer ring does not in any way detract from my interest.

I am also following the notes on 'Broadcasting of bells before Sunday services' with great interest, and always listen-in to the broadcasts when possible.

I do hope the B.B.C. will soon realise how intimately our beautiful bells are connected with the church service in the hearts of most of us.

'HOPE KERSHAW.'

4, Southbourne Gardens,  
Bath.

## BELLS CELEBRATE HULL'S POLICE CENTENARY.

On Sunday, May 3rd, at Holy Trinity, Hull, prior to a service to commemorate the centenary of the foundation of the City Police, Thurstan's quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. Hobson 1, D. Sharp 2, G. F. Williams 3, C. Corrick 4, H. C. Bond 5, R. F. Deal (conductor) 6, J. H. Howell 7, E. Wood 8.



**FABIAN STEDMAN.****ONCE TREASURER OF THE SCHOLLARS OF CHEAPSIDE.**

Another interesting fact in the life of Fabian Stedman has been brought to light by Mr. J. Armiger Trollope, in a search among manuscripts in the British Museum.

The library of All Souls' College at Oxford contains a manuscript giving the rules of the Schollars of Chepe-syde, which was founded on February 2nd, 1603. It has always been assumed that this is the original book belonging to the society, and that the company came to an end some time shortly after the date of the last entry in 1634, but I have found evidence that it is a copy, though a nearly contemporary one.

The original is in the British Museum, among the Sloane MSS., and the society was still in existence as late as 1662.

The book is a small one of about one hundred pages, finely bound and written on vellum. Like most old documents written in cursive script it is very difficult to read, many letters being made in an entirely different way to those at present.

The wording of the rules, so far as I could judge from memory, is exactly the same as in the Oxford MSS., except that there are 37 in this and only 30 in the other. For several years the book is carefully kept, the names of the Generall and the four Wardens being entered annually; afterwards the writing is by another hand and is much more haphazard. There are numerous signatures by new members, and one or two make their mark, which does not mean that they were socially of a low class.

On five occasions a man was elected as Generall and 'fyned' for refusing to serve. On the 28th November, 1631, a touch was rung on the six bells at St. Sepulchre's Church, by a band consisting entirely of men who had held the office of Generall. The treble was rung single-handed, two men were put to each of the second and third, four to each of the fourth and fifth, and five to the tenor. Two more men 'stood by.' What they rang is not stated, but we may conclude from the advance that the art had then made that it was raising and falling with perhaps some plain changes between. This is, I believe, the only record extant of any ringing in the 17th century in which the names of the ringers are given.

The suggestion that the Society of College Youths was a revival of this company is clearly inaccurate. One belonged to Westminster, the other to the City of London, and until the Cheapside Scholars finally broke up in 1662 none of them seems to have joined the other company.

A man named Thomas Bostock, who held office in 1656, went to the College Youths in 1668, and was successively steward (1681) and Master (1686). He is described as an esquire in the younger company's list, a very unusual title there.

In 1662 appear two very interesting names. One is John Jenkins, the composer of the Five Bell Consorte, who joined the College Youths in the same year. The other is Fabian Stedman, who held the office of treasurer. This is the earliest contemporary notice we have of Stedman, and the question arises, how could he have discharged the duties of treasurer to a London society if he were living at Cambridge? I begin to think that he

(Continued in next column.)

**OPENING OF THE WILLIAM PYE MEMORIAL.****HOW TO GET TO LEYTONSTONE.**

As has already been announced, the William Pye Memorial at St. John's Church, Leytonstone, will be dedicated on Saturday, May 30th. For the convenience of visitors to London who desire to attend the service at St. John's Church, it is pointed out that Leytonstone Station (L. and N.E.R.) is only a few minutes' walk from the church, and there are trains from Liverpool Street at 3.8 and 3.35 p.m. Bus services, Nos. 10 from Victoria, London Bridge, etc., and 96 from Charing Cross, Bank, etc., pass the church. There is also a frequent service of trains from Aldgate.

**A REPRESENTATIVE BAND TO RING FIRST TOUCH.****To the Editor.**

Dear Sir,—It is desired to arrange a representative band to ring the first touch on the bells at St. John's, Leytonstone, after the dedication of the memorial bells on May 30th. I shall, therefore, be glad if association officials, Ringing Masters for preference, who intend being present, will advise me as early as possible. Apart from this selected band, arrangements will be made so that all present will be able to ring on the bells. There will be service ringing on Whit Sunday, 10 to 11 a.m. and 5.30 to 6.30 p.m.

C. T. COLES, Joint Secretary to Memorial Committee.

21, Vincent Road, E.4.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.****BRANCH MEETING AT DARTMOUTH.**

A quarterly meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild was held at Dartmouth on Saturday, when ringers were present from Exeter, Newton Abbot, Buckfastleigh, Collaton and Paignton. Ringing commenced at Townstal Church at about half-past three, and this was followed by a service at the same church, conducted by the Rev. H. K. Flamank (assistant priest), who, in the course of an excellent address, extended a hearty welcome.

The visitors afterwards adjourned to Dawe's Cafe, The Quay, for tea, and this was followed by the usual business meeting, the Rev. W. R. D. Mills (chairman) presiding.

It was reported that the thanks of the branch had been conveyed to the late chairman for his past services.

An apology for absence was received from the president of the Guild (the Rev. E. V. Cox) through indisposition, and the branch resolved to write to him and express their regret.

Certificates were presented by the general secretary to Messrs. W. Parnell and G. Yates, who had qualified to become performing members of Collaton band.

Messrs. J. Kenning and A. Pontin, of Collaton band, were elected associate members of the branch.

It was resolved to hold the next meeting on Saturday, October 17th. Coffinswell with Kingskerswell and Ipplepen were the places proposed. On a vote being taken, Ipplepen was chosen, subject to the usual permission being obtained. It was also resolved to organise a joint meeting at Buckfast Abbey on Saturday, September 19th, if possible.

The Chairman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Revs. A. Shell and W. A. Robertson for the use of their bells, to the Rev. H. K. Flamank for taking the service and for his address, also to the organist for his assistance.

The visitors afterwards wended their way to St. Petrock's Church for further ringing. The methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles.

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was really a London man, who accepted a post for a few years under John Field, the University printer, and then returned to London when he was offered a good job in the audit of Excise by John Cooke, who was a College Youth and head of the Exercise in London.

This is, I believe, the oldest manuscript in existence dealing with ringing. J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Mr. Trollope's most interesting discovery seems to add to the puzzle of Fabian Stedman's life. It is believed that he was born in or near Cambridge about 1631, and that he was a ringer at St. Benedict's Church.

The following are established dates in his life:—

College Youths visited Cambridge and were presented with his method	1657
Treasurer of Schollars of Cheapside	1662
Joined College Youths; described in Society's name book as of Cambridge	1664
Elected Steward of College Youths	1667
'Tintinnalogia' licensed in London	1667
'Tintinnalogia' printed in London	1668
Wrote to ringers of Leicester	1668
Visited Leicester and described as of Cambridge	1669
Parish Clerk of St. Benedict's	1670
Published 'Campanologia'	1677
Elected Master of College Youths	1682

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

### FESTIVAL AT MARLBOROUGH.

#### Message to H.M. the King.

For the first time for 14 years the Salisbury Diocesan Guild visited Marlborough for its annual festival, which was held on May 2nd. Although the town is situated right on the northern boundary of the great diocese, which includes most of the counties of Wilts and Dorset, over one hundred ringers were present at luncheon in the Town Hall. Earlier the festival service had been held in St. Mary's Church, when the Rector of Marlborough (the Rev. J. Jones) officiated, assisted by the curate (the Rev. J. Gason), while the Master of the Guild (the Rev. R. H. Gundry) read the lesson.

The Rector preached from the words, 'Workers together with God,' and spoke of the touching effect upon him, when, returning to England after an absence of 16 years, he arrived on an Easter Sunday and heard the church bells ringing. Bells in themselves, continued the preacher, were impassive and unfeeling, but they vibrated to personal joys and sorrows and to national joys and sorrows. Some people, when they heard the bells ringing, had not got the imagination to visualise the men standing beneath the bells, but bellringing was a great piece of church work and it was a work which they in that Guild had contributed towards. The work of the ringers was without question to draw the attention of the people to the worship of God, and ringing, if it was to be successfully carried out, had to be the result of great co-operation.

The Rector went on to refer to the great response which had been made to an appeal for £600 to renovate the bells in a certain parish, showing, he said, how close the bells were to the hearts of the people. He had seen in a copy of 'The Ringing World' that a peal of bells was to be rung in the Cathedral at Hobart, Tasmania. As he had often spoken in that Cathedral he could imagine how beautiful those bells would sound.

#### CALL FOR BELLS OF PEACE.

What a great call there was to-day for the bells of peace, said the preacher. Bells had been used on the Continent when any great trouble had arisen, but now truly the message of bells must be a message of peace.

Ring out old shapes of foul disease,  
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold,  
Ring out the thousand wars of old,  
Ring in the thousand years of peace,  
Ring in the valiant man and free,  
The larger heart, the kindlier hand,  
Ring out the darkness of the land,  
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

That was the task of the ringers to-day, to 'ring in the Christ that is to be.'

The service concluded with the singing of the National Anthem. The collection was divided between the memorial funds of the late Bishop of Salisbury and of the late William Pye.

The luncheon and annual business meeting followed at the Court Room of the Town Hall, the Master of the Guild presiding, supported by the Rev. F. L. Edwards (hon. secretary) and the Rev. J. Jones. Among the apologies for absence was one from Lord Shaftesbury, the president of the Guild.

Following the loyal toast, the Master referred to the losses which the country and the diocese had sustained since the last annual meeting of the Guild. First of all he would like to mention the passing of their beloved King George. They could not help but feel that they had lost a great man who had found his way into the hearts of every one of his people. King George was a man who seemed to understand the feelings of his people. At all times he entered into and took what part he could in helping and showing sympathy for whatever happened among the people of his Empire. And then there came another blow in the death of their Guild patron, the beloved Bishop of Salisbury. He thought that all members of the Guild could remember how the Bishop greeted them when the big ringers' gathering was held at Salisbury. The Bishop's death meant a great loss to the Guild and to the diocese as a whole.

The meeting stood in silence for a brief period.

The statement of accounts, presented by the Rev. F. L. Edwards, showed a balance in hand of £60 2s. 8d., with £25 8s. 1d. on the deposit account. The statement was adopted.

#### FIRST MASTER OF THE GUILD HONOURED.

The Rev. R. H. Gundry, of Ringwood, was unanimously re-elected Master of the Guild, with the Rev. F. L. Edwards, of Kingston Magna, as hon. secretary, and Mr. F. Green, of Devizes, as assistant hon. secretary. The hon. auditors, the Rev. R. E. G. Newman, of Gillingham, and Mr. H. R. Hopkins, of Kingston Magna, were re-appointed, as were the members of the committee and the Central Council representatives. It was agreed that the Rev. A. D. Hill, who was Master of the Guild for 14 years, 1884 to 1898, should be elected a vice-president. Mr. Hill was elected first Master of the Guild 52 years ago.

On the proposition of the Master, it was unanimously agreed that the following message should be sent to the King: 'The members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers in annual meeting assembled

humbly desire to assure your Majesty of their loyal devotion to your throne and person and pray that for many years to come it may be the privilege of the ringers of this ancient diocese to celebrate your Majesty's birthday with the music of the church bells.'

Congratulatory messages were also sent to the Archdeacon of Dorset on the celebration of his golden wedding, and to Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, of Woking, on the completion of 25 years as Editor of 'The Ringing World.'

A vote of thanks to the Rector, organist and choir at St. Mary's for their services was proposed by Mr. S. Hillier (Devizes), and, in reply, the Rector said, 'It has been one of the happiest, homeliest and merriest, in the right and best sense, of all church gatherings I have ever attended, and I attribute that to your chairman and secretary and to yourselves.'

Following the luncheon, ringing was carried on in the various towers until late in the evening.

In addition to the two Marlborough towers, the following belfries (by kind permission of the various incumbents) were available for visiting ringers during the day: Aldbourne, Ramsbury, Ogbourne St. George and Ogbourne St. Andrew, Chiseldon, Mildenhall, Presbury, Pewsey, Milton, Chilton Foliat, Collingbourne Kingston, Collingbourne Ducis, Everleigh, Great Bedwyn, Savernake St. Katherine's and Burghage. Organised bus tours were made to all the towers during the day by different parties.

### DORCHESTER BRANCH LOSSES.

The quarterly meeting of the Dorchester Branch was held at Puddletown on Saturday, April 25th, when, considering the inclement weather, the meeting was well attended. It was preceded by practice on the fine peal of six by the various bands. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Helps). Instead of the usual address, the Canon recited from Longfellow's 'Golden Legend,' the passage relating to the bells, and completed it by a quotation from Emerson. Tea followed in the Parish Hall, at which 50 were present. This was in the capable hands of Mrs. Helps and Miss Wood-Homer.

The meeting was presided over by the chairman of the branch, the Rev. A. W. Markby. Among the apologies for absence was one from the guild president, the Earl of Shaftesbury.

The secretary (Mr. C. H. Jennings) reported that the next quarterly meeting would be held at Abbotbury, and he hoped to arrange some practice meetings during the summer.

The Chairman moved a comprehensive vote of thanks to Canon Helps for all his kindness that day, and especially for the bright service; to the organist; to the ladies for arranging the tea; to Mr. W. J. Brymer for his generosity, and also for giving permission to visit his lovely gardens.—Canon Helps and Miss Wood-Homer replied.

The Chairman welcomed the visitors, and the vice-chairman (the Rev. R. P. Farrow) and the Rev. C. A. Phillips also spoke.

The sad losses the branch has sustained during the past few months were referred to by the chairman. In February, the death occurred of the Rev. E. S. Field, Vicar of Buckland Newton, and father of their Ringing Master. He was an honorary member for many years and also gave the branch a very warm welcome to Buckland Newton. With Mrs. Field he always entertained them on every visit. At the end of March they lost Mr. H. Runyard, captain of the Wool ringers since the formation of the band about 28 years ago, a founder of the present branch of the Guild 25 years ago and the Deputy Ringing Master for many years. He was always willing to give assistance to members, also to give the members a warm welcome to Wool. On the previous day (April 24th) they laid to rest Mr. William Bedford, honorary life member of the Guild, a great benefactor to the church at Bere Regis. He gave the extra bell, had the peal renovated and had always kept the bells in good condition. Almost every year the branch received an invitation to Bere Regis and enjoyed his hospitality. He always personally conducted the members over his wonderful and extensive gardens. He was a great friend to the ringers, and the previous quarterly meeting was held at his invitation at Bere Regis. The work of all three, said the Chairman, would live after them.

The meeting stood in silence as a mark of respect.

Several visitors took advantage of the opportunity to visit Ilington Park and gardens and also the Vicarage gardens. The members made good practice during the afternoon and evening, under the capable leadership of the Ringing Master. Some were piloted through their first touch in the method. The methods rung were Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob Minor, Stedman, Grandsire, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Doubles. The following towers were represented: Bradford Peverell, Buckland Newton, Dorchester, East Lulworth, Puddletown, Stratton, Sydling, Upwey, Wool and Wyke Regis, and ringers were present from the Wimborne Branch, Bournemouth, Poole and Shroton.

### HOLBORN GUILD'S 100th QUARTER-PEAL.

On Sunday evening, May 3rd, at St. Andrew's Church, Holborn, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples; J. S. Hawkins (conductor) 1, H. C. Alford 2, E. Brett 3, R. W. Green 4, E. A. Reeve 5, T. Langdon 6, F. G. Cole 7, W. J. Norton 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. C. Alford.

This was the 100th quarter-peal rung by the St. Andrew's, Holborn, Guild.

## CLERGY AND RINGING.

### DIFFICULTIES OF BECOMING EFFICIENT RINGERS.

To the Editor

Sir,—Your leading article in the issue of April 24th about the influence of clerical ringers is naturally of great interest to those of us here, who are training for the ministry of the Church, and at the same time trying to gain a knowledge of the rudiments of bell-ringing. We are as anxious as anybody that the great tradition of clerical bellringers, typified by the names you mention, Law James, Davies, Jenkyn and Elsee, should be maintained.

But I should like to suggest that the real function of the clergy with regard to the Exercise is not to produce first-class ringers in small quantities, but rather a large number of men who are interested in ringers and ringing, and who will take the trouble to become friends with their ringers, and to offer them encouragement at all times, and help in maintaining the strength of their bands.

I have no wish to be controversial, but it is, I think, an indisputable fact that the number of first-class clerical ringers alive to-day can be numbered on the fingers of one hand: I also think it is true to say that this has always been the case. The possession of a university education does seem somehow to be a definite hindrance to progress in the art of handling a bell. Why this should be so I am not prepared to say; but from personal experience I can vouch for the fact that it is so.

But the ability to add B.A. or M.A. to their names is not the only, nor even the most serious, disadvantage from which our clergy and prospective clergy suffer in their pursuit of proficiency in the art. Many of them are unable to obtain that most important of all requirements, continuity in their practice of ringing. First of all they go away to school; then for three or four years they spend three terms of eight weeks each year at the university, and their life at a theological college is similarly broken up into periods. A large proportion of their work, too, both as students and as parsons, is done in the evenings, when most ringing practices are held. Saturday afternoon is a favourite time for weddings, jumble sales, Sunday School treats and other festivities of a like nature: these prevent the parson from attending local ringing meetings and from ringing peals.

For these reasons I think it is true to say that the clergy do not have the same opportunity as other ringers for regular practice, without which the attainment of proficiency is extremely difficult, if not impossible.

At this college, for instance, our practices must be snatched in odd half-hours here and there during the week, and frequently they have to be given up altogether when there is some special lecture or meeting to be attended. The bells of the village church are in an unringable condition, so we get no Sunday ringing.

But we have about twenty men out of a total of forty who are interested in the Exercise, and have begun to learn to handle a bell and to find out how methods are composed, and have made a beginning with putting this knowledge into practice on handbells. Of these twenty, some will inevitably find themselves at churches without any bells when they go to a parish. Others will find their time too occupied with other activities to be able to keep up their ringing. Of the remainder, some are naturally only lukewarm adherents, and will tend to fall away altogether. Just a few will persevere, and will become useful ringers.

But even those who have neither the time nor the inclination to become good ringers may gain an insight into the Exercise from the instruction they receive, and a consequent interest in the art, which can be turned to good use by the local ringing associations. Such men will be the more willing to lend their churches for ringing meetings and peal ringing, or to act as district chairmen, than they would have been had they never come in contact with ringing at all. If the rudimentary instruction they receive bears no other fruit, it will have been well worth the labour expended on it. Especially under present-day conditions, the whole Exercise is dependent on the goodwill of the clergy for its very existence, and it is that goodwill which it is our business to foster.

More than that it does not seem possible to ask of the majority of our clergy. A very small number will continue as in the past to become first-class ringers, but with very few exceptions the greatest exponents of the art, whether from the side of peal ringing or of composing, have been laymen, and there is no reason to expect that it will be otherwise in the future.

There is one last thing I should like to say to ringers: how many of you realise what a frightening experience it is for a novice to enter a strange tower for the first time? It is not fair in all cases to blame the parson for his apparent lack of interest in his ringers. If the ringers wish for his interest and friendship, they must take the first step, and must refrain from bewildering the poor man with a lot of technical jargon before he has ever set his foot in the belfry. Ringers have in the past been apt to forget that the average non-ringer does not know the difference between ringing and chiming, or between a peal, a touch and a plain course.

Cuddesdon.

JOHN P. PELLOE.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Sunday, May 3rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. Blay 1, C. Carrott 2, \*A. Reeve 3, \*S. Miles 4, J. G. Macdonald 5, J. Cross 6, J. Cornford (conductor) 7, A. Fry 8. \* First quarter-peal in the method.

## LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

### IMPORTANCE OF GOOD RINGING IN BROADCASTS.

Master's Appeal.

The annual meeting of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at Lincoln on April 25th. Ringing started at the Cathedral (12) and at St. Peter-at-Gowts (6) and St. Botolph's (6) at two o'clock. At 3.15 a special ringers' service was held in the Morning Chapel of the Cathedral, when the address was given by the president of the Guild (the Very Rev. R. A. Mitchell, Dean of Lincoln). Tea was served at the Co-operative Hall, about 85 members and friends being present. The business meeting followed, presided over by the Dean of Lincoln.

The Dean was unanimously re-elected president, and Mr. Rupert Richardson Master. The meeting heard with regret that Mr. E. Dawber had been compelled, through serious eye trouble, to relinquish the office of hon. treasurer, and Mr. F. W. Stokes was elected to act as hon. secretary and treasurer.

Three of the representatives on the Central Council were re-elected, namely, the Ven. Archdeacon H. T. Parry, Mr. Rupert Richardson and Mr. G. Chester. Mr. Jack Bray was elected in place of Mr. John Phillips, who, being now non-resident and having been in very indifferent health for some time past, did not seek re-election.

In his report, the Master pointed out that the Guild had created another record as far as peals were concerned, 108 having been rung, as compared with the previous record of 96 in 1934. The Minor section had been particularly gratifying, the peals ranging from Plain Bob to 28 Surprise methods. Seven peals were rung containing 20 or more Minor methods. 'First pealers' numbered 15, against 22 in 1934, but 149 members rang a peal in a fresh method or a greater number of methods. For the 108 peals there were 32 conductors.

The report closed with a reference to broadcast ringing. It said: 'On one or two occasions lately broadcasts of bells have been completely spoilt by ringers attempting to ring something that was beyond them. Please do not let this happen in this diocese. If you are called upon to broadcast, be sure you are fully master of anything you attempt. If you cannot ring changes perfectly, ring rounds. Then you will not disgrace yourselves. Remember when you are broadcasting you have an audience of millions and you should keep whatever you do up to the highest possible standard.'

The meeting considered a proposition put forward by the Grimsby District of the Northern Branch, viz., 'That the compositions of Spliced Minor peals shall be printed in the annual report.' After some discussion an amendment was adopted, providing that such compositions shall be submitted to the hon. secretary in order that they may be considered by the Guild Committee, and such compositions included in the report as may be thought of general or outstanding interest.

Ringling was continued at the various towers after the meeting until nine o'clock.

### 'SPlicing' OF TREBLE BOB.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I did not intend replying to Mr. C. T. Coles, but as it is uncertain whether I shall be at the Central Council meeting, please grant me small space to put the matter as I see it.

Mr. Coles says all spliced peals of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob are not spliced but combined. He has also made the statement that they are irregular. Eleven years ago, sir, you published a book on method splicing, and it is still on sale. That book contains 720's of Spliced Kent and Oxford Minor. These 720's have been rung scores of times, although they are not spliced actually at the lead end. In my opinion it is impossible to get a 720 spliced that way. This book and standard of splicing was accepted by the Exercise, and heaps of peals of Major have been rung on the same lines, so also has Spliced Royal. There are three variations of Major, Worcester, Ilkeston and Liversedge. All have the same end in view, viz., to keep the tenors out of the slow, and there are some really beautiful compositions, producing glorious music, which it is impossible to obtain with the tenors in the slow.

Mr. Coles condemns all these. He says that the resolution was carefully thought out by smart men. I don't care who thought them out. Whoever did had not the courage to stand by them.

You, sir, knocked their resolution to smithereens when you published that composition which contained a full course of London. With all their care it didn't take them long to alter their minds.

At Shrewsbury last year I mentioned the word 'laminated,' knowing full well Mr. Coles would take the bait. He did, and supplied the answer. He wrote in 'The Ringing World' that laminated meant thin layers. Mr. Coles and his international band rang a spliced peal in several methods. Of one method they rang 1,440 changes, of another 1,184, then amongst the other methods was one of 160 (five leads and all at the Wrong). The tenors in this rang one lead four times repeated. I contend that that method was not rung.

I withdrew my amendment a few weeks ago. If I am at the meeting in London I am prepared to move two more.

In conclusion, may I say, if you break a bell rope, you splice it. I have seen a rope with six splices. Whether it is one or six they are both spliced. I suggest to Mr. Coles he should call his peals 'super spliced,' because he thinks his spliced peals so superior.

JAMES HUNT.

Taunton.



**DEATH OF MR. E. E. DAVIES.****ONE OF 'ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS.'**

The death took place at Gloucester on May 4th of Mr. Ernest Edward Davies, an old member of the St. Michael's Juniors' Society, which flourished in the days when the Revs. H. L. and E. B. James were active ringers in the city. Some time ago Mr. Davies met with a mishap and suffered head injuries, from which it is thought he never fully recovered. He visited St. Michael's belfry on Sunday, April 26th, but soon afterwards took to his bed and passed away on Monday of last week.

The funeral service was held at St. Michael's Church, the Rector (the Rev. E. C. Pritchard) officiating. The 23rd Psalm was chanted, and the hymns, 'When I survey the wondrous Cross' and 'Abide with me,' were sung. The interment took place at the cemetery, and after the committal the handbells were rung over the open grave by T. Baldwin, S. E. Romans, J. Williams and W. Harris. Among others who attended the funeral were Messrs. Meadows, L. J. Whiting, T. Condict and ex-Sergt. J. Williams (Newent). The mourners included, in addition to the widow and daughters and other members of the family, Mr. and Mrs. A. Peglar, of Bangor.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.****SUCCESSFUL BRANCH MEETING AT LONGSTANTON.**

In beautiful weather, between 40 and 50 ringers and friends attended the meeting of the Central Branch of the Ely Diocesan Association, held at Longstanton on April 25th. Among those present were Mr. Harry Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. Fields, Mr. and Mrs. F. Hurry, the Rev. R. Copeman, Mr. Hinking (Somersham), many 'brass hats,' local branch and district ringers and two friends from Swaffham, Norfolk. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. Goodchild, M.A., who had neither sermon nor address, but a good friendly talk on ringers' work. Miss Goodchild was at the organ. Tea, at the Black Bull, was followed by the business meeting, with the Rev. J. Goodchild in the chair.

The belfry election of one new member was confirmed. Fordham was selected as the place of next meeting.

Mr. L. G. Skeggs called attention to the secretary's advertisement in 'The Ringing World,' in which 'Taylors' were named.

The secretary, in reply, said in his opinion 'Taylors' were the 'Rolls Royce' where bells were concerned, but he added that when the meeting was held at Sutton the bells were advertised as rebung by Bowell.

A very friendly discussion proceeded on the real necessity of supporting 'The Ringing World,' which all realised was a paper that the ringing Exercise could not do without.

Mr. T. R. Dennis gave some interesting items concerning 'The Ringing World,' and the general trend of opinion was that more support should be given the paper so as to get a larger journal and perhaps a cheaper one.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar and Miss Goodchild brought the meeting to a close.

Ringings during the afternoon and evening was enjoyed by all, methods from Grandsire Triples to London Major being rung.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.****POSTCARD SCARCITY IN NORTH NORFOLK BRANCH.**

A well-attended meeting of the North Norfolk Branch was held at Scotow on Saturday, May 2nd, when the six bells were heard in a variety of methods from Grandsire Doubles to London Surprise during the afternoon and evening.

Members attended from Aylsham, Buxton, Happisburgh, Northrepps, North Walsham, Norwich, Paston, Wroxham, Wymondham and the local band, while representatives from the East and West Branches were present from Dersingham, Fakenham, Halvergate and Reedham.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Newton Kent, who gave a most impressive address from 'The Golden Legend' to a congregation of over fifty.

Tea was partaken of in the Hall, by kind invitation of Miss Emily Durrant. At the business meeting which followed, the branch chairman (the Rev. H. W. Benson) thanked Miss Durrant for her generosity. Mr. W. C. Duffield proposed and Mr. A. L. Coleman (general hon. secretary) seconded, a vote of thanks to the Rev. Newton Kent for his address. Mr. Coleman added that he hoped the other branches would be able to include a service in their meetings.—In reply, the Vicar expressed his pleasure at seeing so many ringers present. He hoped it would be possible for the association to visit them again before long, and regretted he had not twelve bells with which to exercise the members.

The next meeting was fixed on September 19th at Salle, provided this date does not clash with the arrangements of the other branches.

The branch secretary (Mr. N. Golden) referred to the apparent scarcity of postcards in the diocese. Eleven members had signified their intention of being present; he had provided for twenty, but over thirty sat down to tea.

N. G.

**PITMAN, KENT.**—On Saturday, May 9th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, a quarter-peal of Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob): E. Rankes 1, W. E. Pitman 2, R. H. Mails 3, J. Walter 4, F. G. Brett 5, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 6 (tenor 6½ cwt.).

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****NEW SILENCING DEVICE FOR BELLS.**

A new device for regulating the noise of bells came under trial and discussion at a quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District, held at St. Luke's, Bromley Common, on Saturday, May 2nd. Some forty members participated in touches in various methods from Grandsire Triples to Spliced London, Cambridge, Superlative and Bristol Surprise.

Service was conducted by the curate (the Rev. F. Kenyon), who gave a very interesting address based on the familiar phrase from the commandments, 'Six days shalt thou labour.' A collection was made for the association's Benevolent Fund.

Later, tea was served in St. Luke's Hall. Mr. E. H. Lewis, president of the Central Council and vice-president of the association, was at the head of the table, supported by Messrs. W. J. Jeffries (trustee), T. Groombridge, sen. (Ringing Master), and the district secretary.

Tea over, three leads of Treble Twelve were rung on handbells by Messrs. E. H. Lewis, E. A. Barnett, H. Audsley, E. Beer, T. Groombridge, jun., and G. H. Cross.

At the business meeting, the chairman apologised for the absence of the clergy through pressure of other engagements, and announced that the handbells just heard were the gift to St. Luke's bellringers of Mrs. F. Keep, widow of a late member of that band.

Ten ringers were elected members of the association.

After the chairman had read an apology for absence from Mr. E. Barnett, Mr. W. Smith, his co-representative, read a report of proceedings at the committee meeting held at Westerham on Easter Monday. This was adopted, with a vote of thanks to the authors for its preparation.

Eynsford was chosen as the place for the next meeting, to be held, if possible, on Saturday, July 25th.

Mr. W. J. Jeffries moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to the curate for the service and address, to the lady organist for her services, to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the room for tea and meeting and to the local secretary (Mr. A. Purdom) for the arranging of the tea, and to Mr. E. H. Lewis for presiding.—This was carried enthusiastically.

Mr. Lewis responded. He stated that one of his reasons for attending the meeting was to hear and gather opinions concerning the silencing device fitted to St. Luke's bells by Mr. C. Davis.

Various opinions were proffered and questions asked and answered. It seemed to be agreed that the contrivance was effective, cheap and long lasting and capable of regulation in respect of degree of suppression of noise required.

Further ringing in the tower terminated the meeting, which had drawn members from Beckenham, Bromley, Crayford, Chislehurst, Dartford, Eltham, Erith, Deptford (St. John's), Lee, Gravesend and London.

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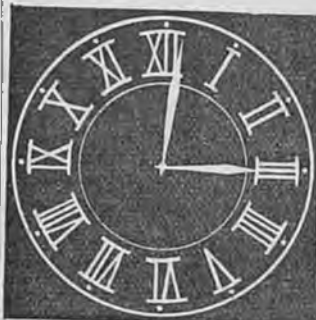
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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 28th, St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 21st, \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 26th, at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Fobbing on Saturday, May 16th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Nearest railway station Stanford-le-Hope. Buses from Grays to Southend pass within easy reach of the church.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford, Essex.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Worsley on Saturday, May 16th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. in the Mill Brow Cafe.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A general meeting will be held at Thirsk on May 16th. Bells (8) available from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. A meeting of the General Committee will be held at the Golden Lion Hotel at 4 p.m. Tea, 1s. 6d., at the same hotel at 5 p.m. General meeting immediately after tea. We have been assured of a most hearty welcome to Thirsk, so please come and help to make the meeting a success.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Sec., Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, Rotherham.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Hawley on Saturday, May 16th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting at the Red Lion Hotel (Blackwater). All welcome.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Chesterfield District will be held at Bolsover on Saturday, May 16th. Bells (8) open at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Subscriptions for 1935-36 are due.—J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Sec.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Meeting of Southampton District at Fawley on May 16th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Tea in Church Hall at 5 p.m. Dibden bells after tea.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, May 16th. Service in co-operation with the 4 o'clock evensong at the Cathedral. Tea at the Co-operative Hall, 5 p.m. (resident members free, non-members 1s. 8d.). Cathedral bells (12) available from 2 to service time, St. Peter-at-Gowts (6) and St. Botolph's (6) from 2 to 3.30. After the meeting the towers will be open for ringing until 9 p.m.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 2, Bayard Street, Gainsborough.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—V.W.H. Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Faringdon on Saturday, May 16th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service at 4.30.—R. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Great Glen on Saturday, May 16th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Buses from top of Charles Street (near new Police Station). A good attendance requested.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern District.—The next meeting is to be held on Saturday, May 16th, at St. John-at-Hackney (Marc Street). Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea, etc. Trams and buses pass the church. Hackney Station (L.M.S.) nearby.—James G. A. Prior, Hon. Dis. Sec., Section House, Ixworth Place, Chelsea, S.W.3.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting of the St. Albans District will be held at Harpenden on Saturday, May 16th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made. Will all who can please attend this meeting to elect the district committee?—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Fulbourn on Saturday, May 16th. Bells available 3 p.m. Arrangements being made for tea. Visitors heartily welcomed.—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—Short notice.—A meeting will be held to-morrow, Saturday, May 16th, at Brinklow, near Rugby. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Tea in the Church Room at 5 p.m.—Malcolm Melville, Gen. Hon. Sec., Exhall, near Coventry.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Buckden on Saturday, May 16th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Central Branch.—A meeting will be held at Haddenham, Cambs, on Wednesday, May 20th. Bells available at 5 p.m. Bells, a nice peal of six, recently rehung by Mears and Stainbank.—F. Warrington, Branch Sec., Over, Cambridge.

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**LANDULPH**, near Saltash, Cornwall.—The bells will be re-dedicated by the Bishop of Truro at 3.30 p.m. on Thursday, May 21st. Ring of 6 bells rehung in new framework by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—By-meeting at Dover on Saturday, May 23rd. St. Mary's (8) available from 3.15, St. James' (6) after tea. Service 4.30. Meat tea in the Dutch Room, Crypt Cafe, 5.15 (1s. 6d.). Please notify Mr. C. Turner, 116, Clarendon Street, Dover, not later than Thursday, May 21st. See the new channel ferry boats now lying in Wellington Dock, five minutes from cafe.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Oundle Branch.—The 37th annual meeting will be held at Polebrooke, Saturday, May 23rd. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Meat tea (2s.) 5 p.m. Those who wish to have tea, kindly let me know by May 18th.—L. S. Clark, Polebrooke Rectory, Peterborough.

**GUILDFORD GUILD.**—Guildford District.—Meeting at Witley, Saturday, May 23rd. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please send numbers for tea to Mr. G. Wootton, Northfields, Witley, before May 20th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Rawtenstall, on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. with tea to follow. Cards for tea, please, to Mr. T. Rollerson, 13, Railway Terrace, Rawtenstall, before May 21st.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Crewkerne Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hinton St. George on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Please advise, if tea required, by Tuesday, May 19th, to D. G. Taylor, Cornhill, Ilminster.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—The monthly meeting of the Bristol Rural Branch will be held on May 23rd at Stapleton. Bells (6) open from 3 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Please advise for tea.—R. C. Gifford, Hon. Sec., Gifford House, Frampton Cotterell, near Bristol.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Radwinter on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 73, Rye Street, Bishop Stortford.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—A meeting will be held at Stow Bardolph on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, the Rev. J. W. Sturgis-Jones. Tea at 5.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Grimsby District will be held at Mablethorpe on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea at the Cafe Regent at 5 p.m. at 1s. 6d. per head. Business meeting afterwards. Please advise me for tea by Wednesday, May 20th. Cheap excursions from Grimsby.—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Frampton on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at Church House 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Will all intending to be present please let me know by Wednesday, May 20th?—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Park House, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Pre-Whitsun meeting at Darlington on Saturday, May 23rd. Meet at St. Cuthbert's at 2.30. Committee meeting in Holy Trinity Choir Vestry at 4. Service in Holy Trinity Church at 4.30. Tea in the Cameron Hotel, Skinnergate, at 5.15. Those intending to be present please notify me before the 20th.—G. S. Taylor, 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Next meeting of the Gloucester Branch will be held at Quedgeley on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells (8) open from 3 p.m. Tea at 1s. Will those requiring tea kindly notify by May 21st?—W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 4, G.W.R. Terrace, Lydney Dock, Lydney.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Peak District.—A meeting is arranged to be held at Darley Dale on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells from 2 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—G. H. Paulson, Churchtown, Darley Dale.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Henlow on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come. Let's have a good meeting.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Totternhoe on Saturday, May 23rd. The bells (6) will be available from 3 p.m. Eaton Bray (6) in the evening if desired.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Bletsoe on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells (6) ready from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Central Branch.—A meeting will be held at Fordham, near Ely, Cambs, on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at the Crown Inn 5 p.m. Please advise Mr. J. W. Pickett, School House, Fordham, for tea by 20th. Please come and make the meeting a success.—F. Warrington, Branch Sec.

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**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Amersham (6 bells) on Saturday, May 23rd, at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 1s. per head for those who notify me not later than May 18th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**SATURDAY, MAY 23rd.**—Herts.—All roads lead to Aldenham. You cannot miss your place. Tower open 3.30. Tea at Village Club 5.30. Nearest station, Radlett or Bushey. Bus to church.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. City 4270.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Daventry and Guilsborough Branches.—A special joint meeting will be held at Whilton (6 bells) on Saturday, May 23rd. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry; Geo. Hollick, West Street, Welford, Rugby.

**JOINT MID-WEEK MEETING.**—Hertford County and Essex Associations.—A joint mid-week meeting will be held at Hitchin on Wednesday, May 27th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made.—Geo. Dent and Don Mears, Hon. Secs.

**THE WILLIAM PYE MEMORIAL.**—St. John-the-Baptist Church, Leytonstone.—The memorial bells will be dedicated by the Bishop of Barking on Saturday, May 30th, at 4 p.m. After the service tea will be provided by Canon Brown (Vicar) and the churchwardens to those who send their names to either the undersigned by Tuesday, May 26th. The bells will be available after tea, and arrangements will be made for all present to take part in the ringing. All ringers and friends are invited. Particulars of trains and other means of conveyance are given elsewhere.—C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, Highams Park, E.4; E. J. Butler, 313, Mawney's Road, Romford, Hon. Secs. to Memorial Committee.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Tetsworth dedication of bells (6) will take place on Saturday, May 30th, at 3 p.m. Tea in Schoolroom, 9d. per person. Please notify Vicarage, Tetsworth, Oxford, by May 27th. Ringing after tea.

**ST. VEEP, NEAR LOSTWITHIEL, CORNWALL.**—The bells will be rededicated by the Bishop of Truro on Saturday, the 30th inst., at 3 p.m. Ring of six bells rehung in new framework by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (Founded 1886).—The Jubilee will be celebrated at Hereford on Whit Monday. Ringing at City towers during the day. 2 p.m. Business meeting at St. Peter's Church House. 4.15 p.m., choral evensong at Cathedral; preacher, the Bishop. 5.30 p.m., meat tea at the Town Hall, presided over by the Bishop, price 2s. 6d., but members who apply for tickets beforehand will pay only 1s. Apply by May 28th (without sending money), to Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Hon. Sec., St. Nicholas' Rectory, Hereford.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Kettering on Whit Monday, June 1st. Central Committee meet in the Parish Hall, Market Place, at 10.45 a.m. Service in the Church of SS. Peter and Paul at 12 noon, with address by Canon

Smalley Law, D.D., Rector of Thorpe Malsor. Lunch at the George Hotel at 1 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Application for lunch tickets (with remittance 2s. 6d.) to be made to the general secretary not later than Tuesday, May 26th. This is important. The bells available are: Kettering (10) throughout the day, Rothwell (8), Burton Latimer (8), Weekley (6), and Barton Seagrave (5), after the meeting.—Robt. G. Black, Gen. Hon. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, June 1st. Bells available: Cathedral (12), Great Baddow (8), Boreham (8), Galleywood (8), Widford (8), Writtle (8), Broomfield (6), Danbury (6), Springfield (6), and Little Waltham (6). The service will be held in the Cathedral at 11.30 a.m., with address by the Rev. Canon J. H. Barrow, Vicar of Stansted, followed by the meeting in the Chapter House. Lunch at 1.15 p.m. (approximately) at the Golden Fleece. Will all those requiring lunch kindly notify me by Thursday, May 28th, in order that adequate arrangements can be made?—L. J. Clark, Hon. Gen. Sec., 36, Lynmouth Avenue, Chelmsford, Essex.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Tenth anniversary of formation of Northern District Ladies' Guild.—Meeting will be held on June 27th at Handsworth, Sheffield (as originally). All ringers and friends welcome. Cards for tea to J. Gilbert, 25a, St. Joseph's Road, Handsworth, Sheffield.—E. Dorice Kelly, Hon. Sec., 171, Richmond Road.

**NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting, which was to have been held at Wrexham on Whit Monday, has been postponed until August Bank Holiday.—W. Cathrall, Hon. Sec.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—Mr. E. C. Gobey wishes his ringing friends to know that he has removed from Ilkeston to Wilmfield House, Trowell, Notts.

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