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## SUCCESSFUL ASSOCIATIONS.

Three, at least, of the principal associations that met for their annual meetings on Easter Monday were able to show increased membership during last year. They were the Kent, Worcestershire and Norwich Associations, and it is a satisfactory indication that, despite the 'slump' under which some associations seem to be suffering, there are others that have every reason to be satisfied with the numerical progress they are making. It was revealed at the Worcestershire meeting that the present membership is the highest on record. The gratification at this result must be the reward of those whose efforts have made it possible, but those responsible deserve congratulations. There will always be ups and downs in the progress of associations, but the case of Worcestershire goes to prove that consistent endeavour will, in the end, compensate for the disappointing periods which, from time to time, must necessarily be faced. Wisely, however, the Worcestershire Association emphasises that the effort to maintain membership must not be slackened, even at this high tide level. It is easier to slip back than to go forward, and not only must endeavours continue to be made to bring in those ringers who still remain outside the association, but individual towers must be unremitting in their endeavour to maintain their ranks. And this applies, of course, not alone in Worcestershire, but everywhere.

In addition to its increased membership the Kent County Association is also very happily placed in regard to its financial position. Its monetary affairs have been extremely well managed in the past and in its various funds the association, which, be it remembered, contributes liberally to the expenses of members attending meetings, has accumulated nearly a thousand pounds. If, at the moment, the association in one respect is not so happy as it might be, its steady progress shows that at the core it is sound. The members at their annual meeting faced a delicate problem, and it is to be hoped that the negotiations at which the honorary secretary hinted will culminate satisfactorily. It would be a thousand pities if a 'canker' developed in the very district which is richer in the promise of youth than almost any other district in any association in England and were to lead to decay. But the Men of Kent and the Kentish Men have in the nearly sixty years of the association's history shown themselves capable administrators and are not likely, we imagine, to let personal feelings disintegrate such a splendid structure as that which they have built up with so much care and labour. In the meantime the association has the numerical and financial scope to

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carry it a long way to that ideal which the Vice-President (Mr. E. H. Lewis) has urged—the affiliation of every tower in the county and the raising of the standard of striking everywhere to the highest level. A sinking of differences and a loyal and united effort are all that are needed.

## TWELVE BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 15, 1939, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
 AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,  
 A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5037 CHANGES;

Tenor 50½ cwt.

THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... 7
HARRY HOSKINS ... 2	HENRY G. MILES ... 8
EDWIN H. LEWIS ... 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 9
DEREK M. SHARP ... 4	HARRY HOVERD ... 10
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 5	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 11
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 6	RICHARD F. DEAL ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. ROGERS. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JDN.

First peal of Grandsire Cinques by all except T. Groombridge, sen., and H. E. Audsley. First attempt on twelve tower bells by G. V. Murphy.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 15, 1939, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-BOW, CHAPSIDE,  
 A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5018 CHANGES;

Tenor 54 cwt. 12 lb.

HORACE BELCHER ... <i>Treble</i>	JAMES BENNETT ... 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 8
CHARLES T. COLES ... 3	GEORGE W. STERRER ... 9
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 4	FRANK E. DABBY ... 10
THOMAS G. FOX ... 5	RUEN SANDERS ... 11
HERBERT E. THOMPSON ... 6	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by W. H. HEWETT.

\* First peal on twelve bells.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 15, 1939, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,  
 AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,  
 A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

SIDNEY CHENEY ... <i>Treble</i>	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... 7
GEORGE S. MORRIS ... 2	SHIRLEY BURTON ... 8
*ALFRED BALLARD ... 3	†WILLIAM J. ROOT ... 9
HERBERT W. PERKINS ... 4	HARRY BROUGHTON ... 10
†KENNETH A. ROE ... 5	ARNOLD BRUNTON ... 11
HARRY WAYNE ... 6	†RALPH HUBBARD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by SHIRLEY BURTON.

\* First peal of Cinques on tower bells. † First peal of Cinques.  
 First peal of Cinques as conductor.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 10, 1939, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,  
 A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 40 cwt. in C.

*EDMUND B. BARRINGTON ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 6
SIDNEY A. RICKETS ... 2	EDWARD G. L. COWARD ... 7
GEORGE H. HURST ... 3	THOMAS J. SETTER ... 8
†ALBERT C. JEANES ... 4	*PERCY N. G. RAINEY ... 9
*TREVOR E. MARES ... 5	HERBERT C. VOWLES ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by W. C. DOWDING.

\* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal on ten bells and first attempt. First peal on ten bells as conductor.

BERKELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 14, 1939, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

ANDREW J. CORRIGAN ... .. Treble	GILBERT PEARCE ... .. 6
MISS NORAH G. WILLIAMS ... 2	R. GORDON CROSS ... .. 7
F. NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 8
GABRIEL LINDOFF ... .. 4	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... 9
ALFRED PEARCE ... .. 5	A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by F. NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal of Royal on the bells.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 15, 1939, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt. in C.

FREDK. J. LAMBERT, SEN. ... Treble	WILLIAM GORRINGE ... .. 6
H. RICHARD FRENCH ... .. 2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... .. 7
JOHN O. WELLER ... .. 3	WILLIAM WENBAN ... .. 8
WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD ... .. 4	FREDERICK WHITE ... .. 9
THOMAS E. SONE ... .. 5	LUTHER J. HONESS ... .. Tenor

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

Composition No. 21. \* First attempt for Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 8, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes;

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

WILLIAM E. FLETCHER ... Treble	FRANK VARTY ... .. 5
FRED HARTMAN ... .. 2	LESTER L. GRAY ... .. 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 3	EDWIN JENNINGS ... .. 7
PERCY SWINDLEY ... .. 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

TAWSTOCK, DEVON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sunday, April 9, 1939, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ERNEST J. TAYLOR ... .. Treble	CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER ... 3
RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... .. 2	THOMAS G. MYERS ... .. 6
FREDERICK A. TARGETT ... .. 3	RONALD G. BECK ... .. 7
A. WILLIAM MYERS ... .. 4	WILLIAM HIBBERT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

All the ringers are members of the Devonshire Guild. First peal on the bells since they were rehung and augmented to eight by Messrs. John Taylor and Co.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 10, 1939, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in F sharp.

HORACE S. WORSLEY ... Treble	MRS. E. BRADLEY ... .. 5
MRS. J. READER ... .. 2	FRED TERRY ... .. 6
WILLIAM HAWLEY ... .. 3	CHARLES BROWN ... .. 7
MISS D. M. HAWLEY ... .. 4	EDWARD BRADLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by E. BRADLEY.

SOUTH MOLTON, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, April 10, 1939, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

AGBREV L. BENNETT ... Treble	ERNEST J. TAYLOR ... .. 5
EDWIN H. NASH ... .. 2	THOMAS G. MYERS ... .. 6
FREDERICK A. TARGETT ... 3	RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... .. 7
CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER ... 4	WILLIAM HIBBERT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD T. HIBBERT.

All the ringers are members of the Ancient Society of College Youths. First peal on the bells since restoration by Messrs. John Taylor and Co.

AMBLESIDE, WESTMORLAND.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 10, 1939, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in D flat.

THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... Treble	*RALPH G. EDWARDS ... .. 5
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 2	FRANK VARTY ... .. 6
C. KENNETH LEWIS ... .. 3	JOHN WORTH ... .. 7
EDWIN JENNINGS ... .. 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

\* First peal of London. First peal of London in Westmorland.

ALMONDBURY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 10, 1939, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in E.

WILLIAM WOODHEAD ... Treble	KENNETH SIMPSON ... .. 5
MISS MARY WHITE ... .. 2	GEORGE ROBINSON ... .. 6
ARTHUR ARMITAGE ... .. 3	CHARLES E. LAWSON ... .. 7
HARRY DAVISON ... .. 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

SHIFNAL, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 10, 1939, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. in E flat.

*E. DENNIS POOLE ... Treble	WILLIAM J. CHESTER ... .. 5
WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... .. 2	EDWARD V. RODENHORST ... 6
THOMAS PRICE ... .. 3	WALTER LAGO ... .. 7
FREDERICK PRICE ... .. 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. THORP.

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

\* First peal of Treble Bob.

NORTON-IN-HALES, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 10, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JAMES A. MILNER ... Treble	ARTHUR W. HALL ... .. 5
BARNABAS G. KEY ... .. 2	ALBERT FORD ... .. 6
JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER ... 3	RICHARD BENSON ... .. 7
ANDREW THOMPSON ... .. 4	HARRY PARKER ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by HARRY PARKER.

First peal of Major on the bells.

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On Monday, April 10, 1939, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

AT THE MEMORIAL TOWER OF SS. PATRICK AND ANDREW,  
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;  
Tenor 17 cwt.

CLEMENT W. CRACKNELL ... Treble	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD ... 5
EDWIN A. CRACKNELL ... 2	SHELFORD SPARROW ... 6
HARRY D. LISTER ... 3	GEORGE W. ABLITT ... 7
KEITH W. WHITTLE ... 4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON. Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL

MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, April 10, 1939, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;  
Tenor 16 cwt, 3 qr. 23 lb.

CLEMENT W. CRACKNELL ... Treble	GEORGE W. ABLITT ... 5
SHELFORD SPARROW ... 2	HARRY D. LISTER ... 6
EDWIN A. CRACKNELL ... 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 7
KEITH W. WHITTLE ... 4	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER

HEREFORD.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 10, 1939, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,  
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;  
Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... Treble	ALFRED T. POULTON ... 5
GEORGE T. COUSINS ... 2	JOHN J. WEBB ... 6
AUSTIN T. WINGATE ... 3	WILLIAM POSTON ... 7
WILLIAM T. POSTON ... 4	ERNEST F. SALMONS ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by E. F. SALMONS.  
Especially arranged and rung in honour of the Easter festival.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 11, 1939, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,  
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 18 cwt.

HERBERT H. WALKER ... Treble	CLAUDE TARR ... 5
*HENRY PURCHASE ... 2	ARTHUR H. REED ... 6
†CYRIL J. STEVENS ... 3	WILLIAM H. LLOYD ... 7
WALTER J. POOLE ... 4	†RICHARD J. BISHOP ... Tenor

Conducted by W. H. LLOYD.

\* First peal of Grandsire Triples 'inside.' † First peal of Grandsire Triples. ‡ First peal on eight bells.

DITCHLING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 12, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,  
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
Tenor 8 cwt.

JOHN DEARLOVE ... Treble	*GEORGE APPS ... 5
H. STALHAM ... 2	†GEORGE LUCAS ... 6
FREDERICK PAGE ... 3	FRANK I. HAIRS ... 7
*E. J. DAVEY ... 4	RAYMOND OVERY ... Tenor

Composed by SAM THOMAS. Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Major. First peal in the method as conductor.

SALFORD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 13, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED TRINITY,  
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;  
Tenor 11½ cwt.

GEORGE PYE ... Treble	WILLIAM BRAMMER ... 5
HAROLD HOLLINGWORTH ... 2	BURLEY WALSHAW ... 6
FRANK REYNOLDS ... 3	WILLIAM A. SHUKER ... 7
GEORGE A. BELL ... 4	C. KENNETH LEWIS ... Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by F. REYNOLDS.

First peal on the bells since rehanging.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, April 11, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,  
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 14 cwt.	
ERNEST WILSON ... Treble	RALPH W. SAYERS ... 5
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 2	REGINALD WOODYATT ... 6
*HORACE HOUGH ... 3	JOHN J. JEFFERIES ... 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 4	FREDERICK G. YATES ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

\* First peal of Triples. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mrs. E. Thomas, mother of the donor of these restored and augmented bells, who passed over in her 90th year.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 13, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,  
A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, CAMBRIDGE, SUPERLATIVE & BRISTOL  
SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;  
Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES ... Treble	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 5
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 2	EDWIN JENNINGS ... 6
MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 3	FRANCIS KIRK ... 7
CECIL C. MAYNE ... 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.  
The peal consisted of 2,240 London, 1,664 Bristol and 576 each of Superlative and Cambridge, with 115 changes of method.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, April 13, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,  
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.  
Tenor 14 cwt. in F

ALAN R. PINK ... Treble	WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 5
GEORGE AYERS ... 2	WALTER F. JUDGE ... 6
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER ... 3	VICTOR J. F. BENNETT ... 7
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR ... 4	*LESLIE F. POLLEN ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

\* First peal on eight bells. Rung to mark the occasion of the enthronement of Dr. A. T. P. Williams, lately Dean of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, as Bishop of Durham.

GLEYEDON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 13, 1939, in Two Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,  
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;  
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

GABRIEL GEORGE LINDOFF ... Treble	GABRIEL LINDOFF ... 5
MISS MARIE R. CROSS ... 2	R. GORDON CROSS ... 6
F. NOLAN GOLDEN ... 3	A. PATRICK CANNON ... 7
ANDREW J. CORRIGAN ... 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by F. NOLAN GOLDEN.

BITTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 15, 1939, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... Treble	F. NOLAN GOLDEN ... 5
ANDREW J. CORRIGAN ... 2	R. GORDON CROSS ... 6
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 3	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... 7
STEPHEN H. WOOD ... 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by F. NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in the method on the bells.

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**SIX BELL PEALS.**

SILSDEN, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 8, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being four 720's of Plain Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and one of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*MISS DOREEN LISTER ... Treble	MISS MARY WHITE ... 4
ARTHUR BAIRSTOW ... 2	KENNETH SIMPSON ... 5
VERNEY BAIRSTOW ... 3	ERNEST H. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST H. SIMPSON.

\* First peal.

PUBLOW, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 9, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being four six-scores of Plain Bob and 38 of Grandsire (13 different callings). Tenor 21½ cwt.

*LESLIE W. BALL ... Treble	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD ... 4
*LEONARD S. COLES ... 2	LESLIE B. COLES ... 5
RONALD W. TREASURE ... 3	*EDWARD GILL ... Tenor

Conducted by F. C. MOGFORD.

\* First peal in two methods.

WELWYN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 10, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being an extent each of College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

LAURIE WILTON ... Treble	JOHN CHURCH ... 4
LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... 2	FRANCIS S. BRAUMONT ... 5
RONALD J. SHARP ... 3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... Tenor

Conducted by C. E. JEFFRIES.

The first peal on the bells.

MARBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 10, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

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

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 8½ cwt.

HAROLD W. CLUTTON ... Treble	*WILFRED H. CLUTTON ... 4
FREDERICK W. CHAPMAN ... 2	ALBERT J. BIGGS ... 5
*THOMAS P. BARLOW ... 3	*CHARLES W. ALLMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by A. J. BIGGS.

\* First peal 'inside.' † First peal and first attempt. First peal as conductor.

PYTCHLEY, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(KETTERING BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 10, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

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

Forty-two different callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

*BERNARD BROWN ... Treble	CECIL BROWN ... 3
GEORGE BROWN ... 2	RICHARD ABRAMS ... 4
SIDNEY MUNTON ... 3	SIDNEY MUNTON ... Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY MUNTON.

\* First peal.

ASH PRIORS, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 10, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

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

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 10½ cwt.

EDGAR QUICKE ... Treble	FRED ALDERMAN ... 4
CYRIL J. SIEVENS ... 2	CLAUDE W. J. TARR ... 5
WILLIAM E. NEWBERRY ... 3	ERNEST LOCK ... Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR QUICKE.

SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 10, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Helen,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and two 720's of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

SYDNEY FLINT ... Treble	GEORGE SHELLAND ... 4
THOMAS G. HORRIDGE ... 2	*WILLIAM H. DEACON ... 5
*JACK HALE ... 3	ROBERT GUY ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. DEACON.

\* First peal.

HARROLD, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 10, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter and All Saints,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Twenty-one extents each of Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F sharp.

DONALD L. COCKINGS ... Treble	J. HAROLD SWEPSTON ... 4
OWEN G. WARREN ... 2	PERCY AMOS ... 5
*JOHN HILSON ... 3	†JEFFREY SUSANS ... Tenor

Conducted by D. L. COCKINGS.

\* First peal 'inside' in two methods. † First peal.

FRAMPTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 10, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN R. KEMP ... Treble	ARTHUR R. YOUNG ... 4
WILLIAM WILKINSON ... 2	*ALBERT FIRTH ... 5
JOHN R. YOUNG ... 3	ALBERT E. FLATTERS ... Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by J. R. YOUNG.

\* First peal of Minor away from the treble.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 10, 1939, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Peter,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Consisting of 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

MISS MARY GARLEY ... Treble	WILLIAM SHELFORD ... 4
MISS MARY BROWN ... 2	E. MARRICE ATKINS ... 5
ARTHUR GARLEY ... 3	THOMAS GARLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GARLEY.

An Easter Joy peal, specially rung to celebrate the jubilee of the Rector's ordination.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(St. John's Society.)

On Tuesday, April 11, 1939, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

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

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

Being 42 six-scores, 10 different callings. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

*REGINALD V. HUBBARD ... Treble	SIDNEY HARRISON ... 4
WILLIAM H. CLARKER ... 2	†JOHN H. HILL ... 5
*JOHN HURST ... 3	*STANLEY R. HAYNES ... Tenor

Conducted by J. HILL and J. HURST.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal away from tenor. First peal of Doubles on the bells.

SHARESHILL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, April 12, 1939, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Forty-two six-scores, 12 callings. Tenor 11½ cwt.

BARNABAS G. KEY ... Treble	J. DENNIS HOLDEN ... 4
*RICHARD J. WARRILOW ... 2	HOWARD HOWELL ... 5
ROGER L. HAWESWORTH ... 3	HOWARD BUTLER ... Tenor

Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

\* First peal of Stedman Doubles.



ROCK FERRY, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, April 11, 1939, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SPICED SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven spliced extents, viz.: (1) Northumberland and Carlisle; (2) Ipswich and Cambridge; (3) Alnwick and Newcastle; (4) London and Wells; (5) York and Durham; (6) Chester and Munden; (7) Beverley and Surfleet.

JOHN COOKE ... .. Treble	JOSEPH LESLIE ... .. 4
*JAMES H. COOKE ... .. 2	FRANK T. PARRY ... .. 5
*ALEC J. MARTIN ... .. 3	WILLIAM DEAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN COOKE.

\* First peal and first attempt. First peal of Spiced Surprise Minor on the bells. There were 52 changes of method.

WONSTON, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, April 14, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*NESTA SMITH ... .. Treble	†LESLIE A. TREMEER ... .. 4
*RICHARD SMITH ... .. 2	†REGINALD A. REED ... .. 5
†WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... .. 3	†LEONARD KNOTT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD A. REED.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Treble Bob Minor. First peal in the method on the bells. First peal of Treble Bob and of Minor as conductor. A birthday compliment to W. R. Melville and L. A. Tremeer.

(Many other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

SUDDEN DEATH OF MR. N. SPINDLOW.

RINGER AT DUCKLINGTON FOR FIFTY YEARS.

The death occurred suddenly on Thursday, April 6th, of Mr. Nobel Spindlow, of Ducklington, Oxon, a very well-known and highly respected member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

Mr. Spindlow was foreman of the tower band at Ducklington, near Witney, and had been a ringer at the church for upwards of 50 years. He was also sexton there for over 30 years.

Deceased was a man of great personality and patience, and was always willing to help a band of youngsters and teach them the art of change ringing.

The funeral took place at Ducklington on Monday, April 10th. The body was borne to the church by Ducklington ringers, while the bells were rung fully muffled with the tenor open at back-stroke only. After the interment, a well-struck quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (with ten callings) was rung with the bells half-muffled by W. T. Bond 1, O. Bowsber 2, P. Trinder 3, L. Olliffe 4, H. Farmer (conductor) 5, G. Harris 6.

SUSSEX RINGER'S DEATH.

The funeral of Mr. Alfred Cripps took place on Saturday last at St. Andrew's Church, Steyning, Sussex. Formerly an old Shipley, Sussex, ringer, Mr. Cripps was obliged to give up ringing some 20 years ago, owing to deafness, but remained at work until nine months ago, when an internal complaint caused him to take to his bed and he passed away on Wednesday of last week at the age of 64 years.

Family mourners at the funeral included the deceased's widow and daughter. His brother, Mr. F. W. Cripps, was unable to be present owing to illness. Ringers who attended were Mr. J. M. Cripps (nephew) and Mr. Keith Hart, of Brighton.

In his early days, Mr. Alfred Cripps conducted the first peal in seven Surprise Minor methods for the Sussex County Association and rang peals in the popular methods of that time on six, eight and ten bells. For some years he was leader of the Shipley band and a regular Sunday service ringer.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

A successful meeting of the Winchester District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild was held at Alresford on April 1st. About 40 members were present, and at the business meeting the district chairman (the Rev. N. C. Woods) thanked Canon Robertson (Rector) and took the opportunity of introducing the new district secretary, Mr. W. G. Goodchild.

PEAL NOTES

(Continued from next column.)

Mr. Nolan Golden, of Norwich, with some other visitors, paid a successful visit to the Bristol district last week-end and scored a peal a day for three days. The Double Norwich on Saturday was composed over lunch. It proved to be a very musical composition, with S at 1, S at 3, S at 5 and S at 8 in every part. It also proved the Norwich Association's secretary to be an adept with figures.

PEAL NOTES.

YOUNG RINGERS' SUCCESS.

To ring seven extents of Spiced Surprise Minor in 14 methods as one's first attempt for a peal is a notable achievement, to say the least of it. Two young ringers at Rock Ferry, Cheshire, did this on April 11th, when what is believed to be the first peal of Spiced Surprise Minor for the Chester Guild by a Sunday service band was rung. Of the two young ringers, James Cooke is only 15 and Alec Martin 18.

Some other youthful ringers, three of them scoring their first peal, took part in a peal of Grandsire Doubles on the front six at St. John the Divine's Church, Leicester, on the same day. These three, R. V. Hubbard (aged 18), J. Hurst (16) and S. R. Haynes (19), are all ex-choirboys, while John Hill, who had previously rung a peal on the tenor, is only 15 and still a member of the choir. They have been under the tuition of Messrs. W. H. Clarke and S. Harrison, who completed the band. John Hill and John Hurst shared the conducting.

It was the first peal of Doubles on the bells. The original eight were installed in 1902 and the peal augmented to ten in 1928 by the generosity of Mr. William Willson.

A North Staffordshire band is indebted to the Rector of Norton-in-Hales for permitting them to attempt a peal at a minute's notice on Easter Monday. It had been intended to go for a peal of 10,080 Treble Bob at Broughton, but illness at the Hall nearby necessitated its abandonment. The Rector of Norton at once gave consent to the use of his bells for a peal, and 5,120 of Kent was rung. It was the first peal at Norton by the North Staffordshire Association.

The first peal on the bells at Salford, Lancashire, since they were rehung, was rung on April 15th. The peal celebrated the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Bell, brother-in-law and sister to the conductor, Mr. F. Reynolds.

A peal of Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles was rung at Publow, Somerset, by the local band on Easter Day, in honour of the festival. It was the first time that a peal in two methods had been rung on the bells.

Bernard Brown, of Pytchley, Northants, celebrated his 146th birthday by ringing his first peal at the first attempt. He rang the treble to a peal of Grandsire Doubles on Easter Monday and rang well.

It is estimated that the band who rang the peal of London Surprise at Ambleside on Easter Monday travelled not less than 1,800 miles for the job (including the return journey). Some of the band are prepared, for a nominal fee, to give tuition in the technique to be used with ticket collectors when travelling by ordinary trains with special excursion tickets. For reasons of modesty they prefer to remain clothed in anonymity.

RINGERS WEDDED.

Mr. George Burrell, one of the Lincolnshire record Minor band, was married on Easter Monday, at Frampton, to Miss Lois Neal, who for the past five years has been a regular service ringer at this tower. A peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung after the wedding in honour of the event.

Mr. J. R. Kemp has now rung a peal on all the bells in Frampton tower.

Mr. W. H. Deacon, of Maghull, Lancashire, rang his first peal at the first attempt on Easter Monday at Sefton, and also conducted it. This was an excellent performance, for it was a peal in six Minor methods.

The first peal on the bells at Welwyn, Herts, was rung on Easter Monday. It consisted of seven different Minor methods.

The peal at Yeovil on Easter Monday included four visitors, Messrs. E. G. L. Coward, of Mere, H. C. Vowles, of Yetminster, and two from Birmingham, P. N. G. Rainey and W. C. Dowding. The latter, incidentally, rang his 150th peal and first as conductor on ten bells. He had never previously made a call in Grandsire Caters.

Six of the Claines band, with the assistance of the Association Master (Mr. S. T. Holt) and Mr. J. J. Jefferies (who formerly had connections with the tower), paid tribute to the late Mrs. E. Thomas by ringing a half-muffled peal of Grandsire Triples following upon the interment in Claines Churchyard on April 11th.

Her son, Mr. E. P. Thomas, is a vice-president of the association, and in 1927 was responsible for having the treble of the old five recast and three new bells added to make the octave, as a memorial to his father (some time Mayor of Worcester).

Mrs. Thomas lived to the ripe age of 89 and took a great interest in the ringing at Claines on Sundays—ringing which she was able to hear if the wind was in the right quarter. Her son, though not a ringer himself, is keenly interested in bells, and has done much towards various restorations in Worcestershire, while ringers in and around Worcester, as well as the Birmingham ringers, have at several times enjoyed his hospitality.

A Suffolk Guild band pulled off a couple of peals on Easter Monday, Kent Treble Bob Major at Elvedon, and Double Norwich Major at Mildenhall.

The peal of Bob Major at All Saints', Hereford, on Easter Monday, was Mr. W. H. Symonds' 100th peal.

Another early composition by the late Mr. Arthur Knights has just been rung. A peal of Grandsire Caters (No. 21), which he composed in 1885, was called on Saturday at Maidstone by Mr. T. E. Sone, who has now called 75 different compositions by Mr. Knights, the first time they have been rung.

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**EAST DERBYSHIRE & NOTTS ASSOCIATION****CHANGE OF PRESIDENT.**

The annual meeting of the East Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Association was held at Ripley on Easter Monday. Ringing was curtailed in the afternoon owing to several weddings taking place, but advantage was taken of every interval, and the 'go' of the bells leaves nothing to be desired. Tea was served in the Co-operative Cafe and was followed by the business meeting. About 45 were present.

Mr. John Hobbs presided, supported by all the officers of the association, but the Vicar of Ripley (the Rev. H. P. Hargreaves) was unavoidably absent. The balance sheet was accepted as very satisfactory, as was the auditor's report, presented by Mr. H. Doughty.

The president (Mr. Wilson Dobb) having intimated his desire to be relieved from the cares of office, the meeting unanimously appointed Mr. John Hobbs, who expressed his appreciation of the honour and assured the meeting of his intention to do all in his power to further the interests of the association.

Mr. Wilson Dobb became vice-president, and the Ringing Master and Central Council representative (Mr. Tom Clarke), the treasurer (Mr. O. M. Heathcote) and secretary (Mr. J. W. England) were re-elected. Messrs. J. Machin and H. Doughty were elected auditors and the following appointed on the Executive Committee: Messrs. E. A. Ashman, A. Elliott, T. Jennings and J. Bleby.

A resolution was carried placing on record the appreciation of the services rendered to the association by the retiring president, Mr. W. Dobb, during the period of nine years in which he has held this office.

Mr. Dobb and Mr. J. Swain were elected honorary life members of the association.

The Jubilee Shield, which is awarded annually to the most progressive tower, was handed to Mr. J. Bleby, captain of the Sutton-in-Ashfield ringers.

The secretary reported an increase in membership, and it was decided to institute a bell repair fund.

The annual dinner held in November last year was considered very successful, and it was agreed to continue this function, voting resulting in Alfreton again being selected.

One honorary member and 13 ringing members were elected.

Meetings were arranged for 1939 as follows: Quarterly meetings at Ashover, Swanwick and Heanor, and the next annual meeting at Sutton-in-Ashfield on Easter Monday, 1940. A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Ripley for the use of the bells and his interesting address, to the organist and local band was accorded on the motion of Mr. E. D. St. John Smith, seconded by Mr. T. Clarke.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.****RETIREMENT OF THE HON. SECRETARY.**

After 18 years of valued service to the Bedfordshire Association as hon. secretary, Mr. A. E. Sharman, of Dunstable, retired from the office at the annual meeting on Easter Monday, much to the regret of the members. The meeting was held at Bedford, where the bells of St. Paul's and St. Peter's Churches were available during the day. Ringers from all parts of the county arrived during the afternoon, and by tea time 50 members and friends made their way to St. Peter's Hall, where Miss Steele and Mrs. Tysoe had prepared a splendid meal.

The business meeting followed and was presided over by the president, the Rev. Canon A. Rust.

Canon A. Rust was re-elected president, and the vice-presidents, hon. auditor and representatives to the Central Council were all re-elected en bloc.

Mr. A. E. Sharman, the general secretary, announced that owing to business reasons he was unable to carry on the work and thought that the office should be filled by a younger man who would be able to devote the necessary time to the association. He went on to say how much he regretted having to relinquish the secretaryship, but that he was very pleased to propose that the present Luton District secretary, Mr. F. J. Plummer, be elected general secretary.

The Chairman spoke of the very efficient way in which Mr. Sharman had run the association during his 18 years in office and said how sorry they all were that he saw fit to resign. He would like to take the opportunity of thanking him on behalf of the association for the work he had so well done (applause).

The nomination of Mr. Plummer was seconded and carried without opposition.

Mr. Sharman then explained the Central Council's attitude about the publication of a book on Surprise Major methods, and said that each association was approached with the idea of guaranteeing the finance of the venture. Miss Steele and himself, who attended the last Council meeting, voted against the proposal, and Mr. Sharman went on to say that they were still of the same opinion. He then explained the reasons, firstly that there would be no demand for the book in Bedfordshire, as the county was chiefly a five and six-bell county; secondly, that the Council should not draw on the reserves of the associations to finance their publications, and, thirdly, that the book would probably be only the first of a series requiring financial assistance.

The business meeting then closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicars of St. Paul's and St. Peter's for the use of the bells, and many of the ringers returned to the towers for further ringing.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The friends of Mr. Isaac Emery (leader of the ringers at SS. Peter and Paul's, Bromley, Kent) will be sorry to hear of an unfortunate accident which befel him on Wednesday of last week. While cycling he was involved in a collision with a motor-van and sustained a fracture of the left collarbone, laceration of the right arm and head bruises. He was taken to Bromley and District Hospital and detained.

After the wedding of Miss Doris White at Moorlynn Church, near Bridgwater, recently, the bells were rung by her father, Mr. John White, of Fursland Farm, and her seven brothers, Messrs. Jack, Eric, Jim, Tom, Reg, Sam and Charlie White.

Mr. Fred Pearmain, of St. Mary's, Wimbledon, was 69 on Sunday last, and until three years ago had not touched a rope for 40 years. His fellow-ringers will wish him many more happy ringing years. He started his ringing at Dunmow, Essex, when there were only six bells, and the band were all the same name, Pearmain.

The Hertford County Association visited Hertford for the annual meeting this year for the first time since April 7th, 1890. Among those present on Easter Monday who were also at the meeting 49 years ago were the hon. secretary (Mr. G. W. Cartmel) and Mr. G. B. Lucas, of Walthamstow.

The explanation of the absence of two peals in the Norwich Diocesan Association's record in the Analysis tables is that these two peals were sent in for publication in 'The Ringing World' without the name of the association. This is one of the points upon which conductors should be particularly careful in forwarding reports.

But, having given the committee's explanation, perhaps we ought also to print the censure passed upon us. One of the committee responsible for this portion of the Analysis 'tells us off' thus: 'If any subsequent alteration was published none of us noticed it, but that, of course, is not unlikely, for, as we all complain, you insert the amendments in such unexpectedly odd corners!'

We shall have to see what can be done about it in future, but we always thought the members of the Analysis Committee, above all people, read 'The Ringing World' from end to end.

The tenor of the ring of five at Earl Stonham, Suffolk, is badly cracked, and the ringers now welcome the congregation to church by ringing handbells round the font.

Bronllys, in Brecknockshire, now has a ring of six bells, the old five having been restored and a treble added by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. Bronllys Church has the only detached tower with six bells in Wales. Many ringers were present at the dedication of the bells on April 8th.

We regret that owing to pressure on our space many reports have had unavoidably to be held over.

## SPLENDID WORK BY GIRLS.

### HANDBELL RINGING AT MALVERN WELLS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Possibly some of your readers who remember the late Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, of Hereford, will be glad to hear of the excellent work being done by his daughters at the Abbey School, Malvern Wells. They have, without any help, taught a band of their fellow-pupils, all under 15 years of age, to ring handbells—double-handed, of course—with good striking. During the spring term 14 differently called extents of Plain Bob Minor have been rung by nine ringers, all under 15 years of age. One 720 of Double Bob Minor was rung and two courses of Plain Bob Major. One of the Plain Bob extents was rung in 7 minutes 15 seconds. The ringers taking part in these touches were Dorothy Richardson, Margaret Eastwood, Hazel Weall, Patsy Price, Jill Budden, Aphra Roberts, Joyce Tarry, Rosemary Taylor and Anne Harper. Brenda and Monica Richardson are a little older and deserve congratulation on this splendid young band.

B. M. BOYLE.

Combe Martin, N. Devon.

## LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION THE ANNUAL MEETING.

There was a splendid attendance at the annual meeting held at Cardiff on Easter Monday. The bells were made good use of during the afternoon and again in the evening after the business meeting had concluded. Service was conducted by the Vicar, Canon Lewis. Tea, very kindly provided by the church authorities, was taken in the Church Schoolroom, the Vicar presiding.

The usual routine business was afterwards transacted, including presentation of restoration and instruction reports.

Mr. G. Popnell was elected Master for the year, the Rev. Ivor J. Richards treasurer and Mr. J. W. Jones hon. secretary.

Mr. J. W. Jones and Mr. E. Stinch were elected the representatives on the Central Council.

It was decided to subscribe to the printing of the Collection of Surprise Major Methods as set out in the circular letter issued by the Central Council.

The next annual meeting will be held at All Saints', Newport, the next Glamorgan quarterly meeting at St. Athan, and the next Monmouth quarterly meeting at Caldicot.

A number of new members were elected, Rumney tower rejoining. A very pleasant and enjoyable afternoon and evening were spent and the meeting proved a huge success.



# LEADING CONDUCTORS—67.

## THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

One of the stalwarts of the Lancashire Association is Mr. Thomas B. Worsley, of Bolton. He has served the association in various official capacities for many years, and in addition to his peal ringing activities he is known throughout the Exercise for his work as a composer. His compositions are of outstanding merit, for he has aimed at quality rather than quantity.

Mr. Worsley was born in the parish of Deane, near Bolton, on September 30th, 1886, and, while now attached to St. Mary's, Deane, began his ringing career in 1909 at the six-bell tower of St. Bartholomew's Church, Bolton. His first peal, however, was rung at Deane; Grandsire Triples on February 20th, 1911, and his first as conductor was also rung there, when he called a peal of Grandsire Triples on April 18th, 1913.

He has taken part in some memorable performances, including the 11,232 Superlative Surprise Major at St. Peter's, Bolton, and the 17,824 Oxford Treble Bob Major at Heptonstall, rung in 10 hours 51 minutes. Both these were conducted by Edward Jenkins. Then, too, he took part in that other great record of 15,312 Cambridge Surprise Maximus, rung in 11 hours 33 minutes, at Ashton-under-Lyne and conducted by William Pye. He rang in the first Spliced Surprise peal by the Lancashire Association, Superlative and Cambridge, at Radcliffe in 1932, and later in the same year was the first Lancashire ringer to ring a peal of Spliced Surprise in four methods. He did this under William Pye's conductorship at Romford, Essex.

Mr. Worsley's conducting has been done rather by force of circumstances than from inclination, but he has been greatly assisted by that other well-known Lancashire ringer, Titus Barlow, with whom he has rung over 180 peals, and Edward Jenkins. Of the 315 peals which Mr. Worsley has rung, 282 have been for the Lancashire Association, and he has conducted 88. His peals have been rung in 60 towers in eight counties.

Mr. Worsley has been a member of the Lancashire Association Committee almost continuously since 1915, was vice-president from 1933 to 1935 and has been one of the association's representatives on the Central Council since 1936.



MR. THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

## DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

### EAST DEVON BRANCH GROWING.

The East Devon Branch of the Devon Guild held their annual meeting at Awliscombe on Easter Monday. There was an attendance of 70, including 30 visitors, two of whom were from Notts and Essex.

The bells at Awliscombe were recently increased from five to six by the addition of a treble, and the rehanging of the old ring took place last year, and a substantial raised oak floor, for the convenience of the ringers, has been installed.

Full use was made of the bells during the afternoon and evening in various methods, with Mr. W. G. Burrow in charge.

A short service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. G. Mannington), who extended a hearty welcome to the ringers.

Tea in the Parish Room, arranged by Mrs. Bishop and helpers, was followed by the business meeting, over which the Rev. A. A. Falis De Salis (Honiton) presided, supported by the Rev. E. V. Cox (Brampford Speke), president of the Guild.

Mr. J. H. Godfrey (Ottery, hon. secretary and treasurer, who was cordially greeted on recovery from illness) presented an encouraging report and anticipated that before long the membership would be 100.

The following officers were elected: Chairman, the Rev. A. A. Falis De Salis; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. H. Godfrey; representatives on the General Committee, Messrs. P. Davis, W. E. Dickens and C. Turner; Ringing Master, Mr. W. G. Burrow.

A balance in hand of £18 16s. 5d. was reported.

Ottery St. Mary was chosen for next year's annual meeting, and Luppitt for a gathering on August 26th.

Two new members were elected, the Rev. W. L. Airey (Lidford) and the Rev. E. G. Mannington (Awliscombe). Eight certificates were presented, six recipients being members of the Broadhembury band (Messrs. W. P. Ploese, W. Churchill, E. Squires, R. Matthews, W. Jewell, C. Eveleigh), and the others Messrs. F. Warren (Honiton) and Nelson Owen (Ottery St. Mary).

# NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

## A YEAR OF PROGRESS.

### Too Many Ringers Still Outside.

The 62nd annual meeting of the Norwich Diocesan Association brought almost a hundred ringers to Norwich on Easter Monday, when the bells of St. Peter Mancroft, St. Giles-on-the-Hill, St. Michael at Coslany and All Saints' were available from 10.30 a.m. A large variety of methods was rung, including Cambridge Surprise Royal, Duffield Royal, London, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major.

The service in St. Peter Mancroft was conducted by the Vicar and president of the association (the Rev. Hugh McMullan). The Rev. E. William Blyth (Rector of Northrepps and an enthusiastic ringing member of the association) gave the address from Isaiah lii., 2. He spoke of the message broadcast by the bells as worthy of all the skill the ringers could put into their ringing.

Luncheon was served at the Castle Hotel, when 83 members and friends sat down.

At the business meeting which followed, the president was supported by the Revs. E. W. Blyth (Northrepps), A. St. John Heard (Bergh Apton), J. M. La F. McNally (Hethersett), J. E. H. Williams (Acle), Mr. Arthur L. Coleman (vice-president), Mr. F. Nolan Golden (general secretary and treasurer), Messrs. W. L. Duffield, J. A. Godfrey and W. J. Lee (branch chairmen), J. G. W. Harwood, A. G. Harrison and H. Tooke (branch secretaries), and diocesan members from Acle, Alburgh, Attleborough, Bergh Apton, Buxton, Cromer, Dickleburgh, Diss, Fakenham, Gressenhall, Halvergate, Hethersett, Loddon, Lowestoft, North Elmham, Northrepps, Norwich, Pakefield, Pulham, Reedham, Redenhall, Rockland All Saints, Shelfanger, Snettisham, Thetford, Yarmouth, Winfarthing, Wiveton, Wroxham and Wymondham. Messrs. A. E. Austin (Newmarket), A. H. Holliday (Bristol), E. F. Poppy (Stoke Ash), W. C. Porter (Oxford) and J. Mayes (Thornham) were very welcome visitors.

The President referred to the great loss the association, in company with the diocese in general, had suffered by the death of Canon G. M. MacDermott, their late president. He was a man universally beloved and to the ringers was a very sincere friend, known and loved by each one of them individually. Canon MacDermott was always out to do his best for ringing generally in the diocese.

Mr. R. T. Woodley also referred to the loss the ringers had sustained by the death of Canon H. J. Furraght, of Lowestoft.

The members rose and stood for a moment as a mark of respect to the memory of these gentlemen.

## RECORDS BROKEN.

The annual report commented upon the very satisfactory attendances at the district meetings, in comparison with the support given during former years. In every branch records in this direction had been broken, while a greater variety of methods had been rung, which was another healthy sign. Membership totals showed an increase of 24 over the previous year, and the annual subscribers now exceeded 400. During the year 68 members were elected—10 honorary, 8 non-resident life members, and 50 members 'of the genus labelled "performing" so delightfully in the rules'—but losses by death and the non-payment of subscriptions gave a net gain of only 24. The balance sheet showed a balance of only £1 18s. 5d., but the end of the financial crisis appeared in sight.

The association was the first to reach the extraordinary total of 5,000 peals. In the past year 103 peals were rung, a decrease of five on the record set up in 1937, but the quality of the peals had improved. Cambridge Surprise Royal and Double Norwich Court Bob Royal appeared in the list after a regrettable absence of many years, and Pudsey Surprise Major, Belgrave Surprise Major, Real Double Superlative Surprise Major, Painswick Surprise Major, a peal of Spiced Plain Bob, Double Bob, Hereward Bob and Double Oxford Bob Major, and peals of Minor in 15 methods in seven extents had been rung by the association for the first time. One hundred and eighty-four ringers and twenty-seven conductors took part in the peals.

The report concluded with thanks to the branch secretaries for their successful labours, and added that 'in spite of record attendances at the several meetings, there are large numbers of ringers who do not put enough into the association and who could profit much by regular attendance. In too many instances the success of a meeting has depended on the support of a few enthusiasts whose sphere of activity is not confined to any one branch. The welfare of the association is every member's concern, and his act of membership is not concluded by a simple payment of two or five shillings. We need his support at meetings, his suggestions and constructive criticism for improving our activities in the ringing world. In particular, we want to help him, if it is in our power, to improve his striking, and thus the efficiency of his service as a churchworker. Again, though our membership is rising, many ringers in the diocese are outside our ranks—and we and they are the poorer for it. Let us not, then, get together and congratulate ourselves too enthusiastically on our past achievements, but get to work to improve still further our standard of ringing and to augment the number of our associates.'

The President, moving the adoption of the report, congratulated the association on one of its best reports of recent years. He said it was very gratifying to him, as president, to see they were on the upward grade in the matter of members. Speaking for the diocese—

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## WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

### NEW MEMBERSHIP RECORD.

#### Decline in Peal Ringing.

A record membership was reported at the annual meeting of the Worcestershire Association at Worcester on Easter Monday. The total has now grown to 530. There were nearly one hundred members present at the meeting in the College Hall, the president (Dean Davies) being in the chair. He surprised the members with a kindly gift. 'Since we met last year,' the Dean said, 'I have spent some four months away, two of them in India. While I was there my thoughts did go back to this association, because I remembered the last annual meeting and hoped to be able to attend this one. I want to ask the association to accept a small present I got while in India—which indeed reminded me of you. It is an elephant's bell. This is an orderly gathering, so that I do not suppose a bell is needed. This is the kind of bell slung over the shoulders of the elephants, one bell—bigger than this one—hanging on each side.'

The Dean presented it to the secretary (Mr. J. D. Johnson) on behalf of the association, and suggested, amid laughter, that it be recorded on the minutes that if this elephant bell should become a 'white elephant' it might be sold without hurting his feelings, and anything obtained from the sale might be given to the tower fund. The members expressed their hearty appreciation of the gift.

The annual report presented by the secretary, after referring to the activities of the year, said the outstanding feature of the year had been the election of the remarkable number of 106 new performing members. The report added:—

'Despite this number, and making allowance for lapses, removals and losses through death, our paid-up membership for 1938 does not reach the high level which seemed possible earlier in the year. For the fourth time in succession, the Western Branch records an increase—this year of 26; the Southern Branch shows an increase of 11, but the Northern Branch a decrease of 22. There are, however, in the two latter branches several hands whose subscriptions for 1938 are outstanding, but we feel confident these will be forthcoming early in 1939. The net result is a total of 510, 15 more than last year, and 14 above our previous highest number for any one year. The association records reveal the peculiar fact that each peak year has been immediately followed by a slump. May we express the hope that everyone will work together in an effort to avoid history repeating itself in 1939.'

'The General Fund shows a credit balance on the year's work of £5 10s. 3d., and no calls having been made on the Belfry Repairs Fund, its value has been increased by £11 4s. The total worth of our funds is now £94 8s. 2d.'

The committee reported that grants of £5 each had been approved towards the restoration of the bells at Hanbury and Wollaston, and that it had been decided to advance the cost of twelve copies of the Central Council's publication, 'The Collection of Surprise Major Methods.'

#### FALLING OFF IN PEALS.

The peals analysis and points table, compiled by Mr. J. Pigott, described 1938 as rather disappointing so far as the number of peals was concerned, only 48 being rung and being one of the leanest of recent years. This compared very unfavourably with a year or two ago when they nearly topped the century, and they could not but feel that it in some measure reacted on their efficiency. They would like to see all towers in union making an effort to secure at least one peal during the year, and thought this could be done in most instances, even if it necessitated calling in a little neighbourly assistance.

The number of members taking part in peals was 132, of which nine rang their first peal and 70 accomplished something they had not previously done. The conductors numbered 16, among whom there was only one new one, while it was regretted that no handbell peal was recorded over the year.

The peals, which were made up with 13 on six bells, 32 on eight and three on 10, were distributed as follows: Northern 16, Western 15, South 7, and Mixed 10, and the order of merit was as under: Claines, 1,167 points; Brierley Hill, 1,072; Upton-on-Severn, 739; Wollaston, 613; Selly Oak, 593; Hinton, 574; Worcester Cathedral, 556; Clent, 415; Kidderminster, 413; Crowle, 336; Hartlebury, 330; King's Norton, 222; Suckley, 203; independents, 1,174. Twenty-two towers scored less than 200 points, their total being 1,812, and making the grand total 7,407 points, this showing over last year a drop of nearly half, which was not too encouraging.

The balance sheet for the year showed receipts £73 15s., which included £8 12s. brought forward, and a credit balance of £9 2s. 3d., with £5 deposited in the savings bank at the end of the year.

Receipts on the Belfry Repairs Fund account totalled £50 17s. 4d., and there remained a credit balance of £8 4s. 6d. (compared with a debit balance of 8s. 9d.).

The report and balance sheet were approved.

The Secretary pointed out that the feature of the report related to the membership. Since it was drafted there had been 20 back subscriptions paid, so that now the membership read 530, which was 34 more than they ever had before (applause).

Mr. J. R. Newman, Severn Stoke, voiced the pleasure it gave him as former secretary to note the progress the association was making. He felt it remarkable that a county like Worcestershire, which was

by no means big, should have such a membership. It showed great keenness, and a lot of work put in by the officials, to whom congratulations were due.

It was decided to hold the association's dinner annually on the last Saturday in September, with a sub-committee of two from each branch to make the arrangements.

The members stood in silence as a mark of respect for members who had passed away during the year, and a vote of sympathy was similarly expressed with the Rev. J. F. Hastings, of Martley (a vice-president and former clerical secretary), on the loss of his wife, and to Mr. E. P. Thomas, of Claines (vice-president), on the death of his mother. Both Mrs. Thomas and her son have been the generous donors of new bells to several towers in the diocese.

#### OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

All the officers were re-elected, including the Dean as president; Mr. S. T. Holt (Crowle), Master; the Rev. G. W. Webb (Longdon), clerical secretary; Mr. J. D. Johnson (Evesham), lay secretary; Mr. W. H. Johnson (Timberdine), hon. treasurer; Messrs. E. E. Barber and J. R. Newman, auditors. The following were also elected to the Central Committee: The Rev. J. F. Hastings, Messrs. E. P. Thomas, W. B. Cartwright (hon. members), S. T. Holt, J. D. Johnson, C. H. Woodberry (Central Council representatives), J. Pigott (peals analyst), C. W. Cooper (librarian), R. G. Knowles and W. Short.

The arranging of the annual peal was left in the hands of the Master, Mr. W. Short, Clent, suggesting that it be rung for an eminent Worcestershire man, the Bishop of London, Dr. Winnington-Ingram. Mr. Short mentioned that he understood the Bishop was resigning on September 1st. His father was a Rector in the Worcester diocese for 54 years.

This was unanimously agreed, and the Master asked the Dean if the Dean and Chapter would allow the peal to be rung on the Cathedral bells for such an occasion.

The Dean intimated that he would bring the matter before the Chapter.

The meeting discussed the venue for the next annual meeting. The view was put forward by some members that a change would be good for the association, and Mr. C. H. Woodberry, stating that he had noted the small attendance at this meeting, moved that next year it be held at Stourbridge.

It was pointed out that, if the meeting was held in the north one year, in justice it should go south the following year, and after further discussion a resolution was carried that Worcester again be the venue next year, the voting being—for Stourbridge 15, for Worcester 29.

Thanks were accorded the Dean for presiding, to the incumbents of city churches who had that day put church bells at the disposal of the association, and to the officers.

#### A STRIKING ADDRESS.

The members attended choral evensong in the Cathedral, at which the preacher was the Rev. J. R. Bamber, Vicar of Wollaston. In the course of his address he said he very much appreciated the honour of being invited to preach at that service, but he had no special qualifications to do so, other than his love of bells and gratitude to the men who rang for service and spent their leisure hours in practice. On such an occasion a non-ringer could do one of two things; he could preach a general sermon with a passing reference to bells, or he could take his courage in both hands and from his slight knowledge of ringing draw a few simple lessons applicable to everyday life, and this he proposed to do. Taking his text from Psalm 150, 'Praise Him upon the well tuned cymbals; praise Him upon the loud cymbals,' the preacher said this was the nearest reference he could find to bells in the Bible. From the cymbals of the Bible, two crude plates clashed together by hand, they had progressed to the carefully cast, carefully tuned and carefully hung bells demanded by modern change ringing. And in the ringing chamber was a band of ringers working together in a carefully arranged plan. Not every one of the band knew the whole of the plan, but depended on the calls made by the leader. There would be pandemonium if no one took any notice and each decided to please himself. If there was one place on earth where co-operation was required, and where the leader should expect obedience, that place was in a ringing chamber. Was that not the parable of the world at large? The change from the cymbals was similar to the change in mode of life. There was need for more co-operation between man and man; need of a great leader to guide them in their dodging, place-making and hunting to the end of the peal. Men and women everywhere were seeking a leader; they had that leader in Christ, but how many of them obeyed and followed the calls He made?

As they knew, a well-tuned bell had different notes, all in harmony one with the other. It had its strike note, and its hum note, which registered an exact octave below its strike note. All Christians would do well to ask themselves if their hum note was in harmony with their strike note. Or did they sound one note in the presence of God and another elsewhere? Was their Christian strike note on Sundays in harmony with the hum note of their weekday life?

Jesus Christ was the only Leader for the world, but before He could lead we must allow Him to take us into His foundry and to tune us until our hum notes were in harmony and sympathy with our strike notes.

Ringling took place during the day at the Cathedral, All Saints' St. John-in-Bedwardine, St. Nicholas' and St. Swithun's.

## HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

### HON. SECRETARY'S FIFTIETH YEAR OF OFFICE.

The annual meeting was held at Hertford on Easter Monday. As the last meeting was held at Hertford on April 7th, 1890, speculation was rife as to the measure of success it would meet with. Gladdened by a glorious spring day, members came from every division of the county, and the committee have reason to be satisfied with the results, with one exception, the cheery welcome and speeches from the Dean of St. Albans and other clerical supporters were missed. The Rector of Hengeo was the only cleric present, for a brief stay, and Mr. A. Purkiss Ginn, of Hertford, a member of the College Youths. Between 70 and 80 sat down to tea in St. Nicholas' Hall, kindly lent by the authorities of St. Andrew's Church, before which they gathered in church for a short service, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. N. T. Gardner). He preached from the text, 'Go ye, therefore, and tell my disciples,' and said that was the commission the ringers carried with them as they climbed the steps of their belltowers and rang the bells for divine service. He also feelingly referred to the death of Mr. George Gray, of Hertford, who, he said, had done an immensely valuable work for bellringing in Hertford.

The business meeting was presided over by the retiring president, Mr. A. E. Cooke, of King's Langley, who recorded his pleasure derived from his presidency for the past year, and expressed the hope that the meeting would have far-reaching success.

Mr. G. F. Debenham presented the accounts, which showed a credit balance which had increased during the year from £1 0s. 2d. to £2 19s. 10d., but he explained that, as he had had to draw £3 from reserves, a loss on the year of £1 0s. 4d. had really been incurred. Although receipts from subscriptions had risen by £4 19s. 6d., this was largely accounted for by the payment of subscriptions in arrears. The Benevolent Fund showed a credit balance of £25 18s. 3d., but £2 of this was paid out during the previous week to a necessitous member. The sum of £3 13s. 5d. stood to the credit of the Voluntary Bell Fund, and it was agreed to grant three guineas from this to the cost of the restoration of the bells of St. Mary's, Hitchin. The treasurer expressed the hope that next year the accounts would be very easy, for with the increased subscription and a good set of officers this was possible.

The statement was received on the motion of the treasurer, seconded by Mr. D. Mears.

The secretary presented his annual report, which was adopted upon the motion of Mr. G. E. Debenham, duly seconded, with thanks.

### HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT.

In his annual report the hon. secretary said that of the 50 peals rung on tower bells, 28 had been Surprise methods, 14 having been rung for the first time, which was an advance on anything hitherto recorded. Three peals had been rung upon handbells. The first peals of Erin Cinques and Bob Maximus rung at St. Albans Cathedral constituted another record. He also drew attention to the great advance made at the Apsley tower, where peals in 25 and 24 methods had been rung. There had been 14 conductors, and seven members had rung their first peal, which was very small. Nearly all the peals have been rung in the western side of the county, but he trusted ere long they would hear of advance being made in the Eastern and Northern Divisions.

District meetings, continued the hon. secretary, have been numerous, some of which have been joint with neighbouring associations, and very useful work has been done both by this and combined practices. One also welcomes the continuance of the short service which the clergy so readily arrange for the meetings. These simple services, with the homely address, are an inspiration to the ringers, and form an abiding link with the clergy.

Our membership keeps normal, which is not satisfactory. We need some forward movement amongst the younger members of our churches to fill up gaps. It may need some sacrifice of time, but this always brings compensation if undertaken in the right spirit. May I commend this thought to every tower leader?

At the last Easter meeting, owing to financial restrictions, a resolution was passed raising the subscription by 6d. a year. For 54 years the subscription has remained at the low level of one shilling; but with increased charges all round, the committee had no other option. As the increase is only 1d. per month, I feel sure you will shoulder this small increase in the interests of the association, and support the demands of your district secretaries at the beginning of each year, when they become due.

May I commend to your notice our Benevolent and Voluntary Bell Funds. Both are most useful adjuncts to our society, and deserve our best support. Also, if you are keen, buy 'The Ringing World' and see what others are doing, for we represent a great brotherhood. Don't lose sight of this fact. It is vital for success of any ringing society.

After referring to the various bell restorations that had taken place during the year and the loss of members by death, the hon. secretary went on to refer to the excellent work of the district secretaries and expressed great regret that failing health had caused the retirement of Mr. W. H. Lawrence (Eastern Division).

The report gave extracts from the report of the district secretaries and contained reference to the articles, under 'Leading Conductors,' which have appeared in 'The Ringing World,' in relation to three

members of the association. It concluded: 'Our thanks are given to all who have furthered the interests of the association, not only during the past year, but for many years. The Cathedral authorities, the incumbents of our village and town churches, our honorary members, our district secretaries, not forgetting the many who keep the bells in ringing trim. I trust that this meeting will send you forth with the inspiration to carry on your church work as bellringers with a greater enthusiasm and success. That you will all endeavour to see the best only in each other, and not the worst side (for we all possess both), and if dissensions do arise, as sometimes they do, get together and put matters straight, ever remembering your calling, "Workers together with Him."'

Mr. H. Symons, of Hitchin, was elected a member, and confirmation of provisional election of Mrs. F. W. Housden and Mrs. P. Humphreys was also agreed to.

Mr. W. Ayre moved that the association be responsible for 12 copies of the 'Collection of Surprise Major Methods.' He pointed out that the sale of the 12 copies would give the association a profit of 3s. and that the book would not be advertised for general sale until the associations had the fullest opportunity of disposing of their copies.—Mr. G. E. Debenham seconded, and this was agreed to.

### THE NEW PRESIDENT.

Mr. G. E. Debenham proposed that Mr. A. Day, of Harpenden, be president for the year, and in doing so emphasised the capabilities of Mr. Day as a ringer, together with his great interest in the association.—This was seconded by the secretary and carried unanimously.

Mr. Day, having been invested with the badge of office, said the day was the greatest moment in his ringing career. His endeavour would be to carry out his duties to the satisfaction of all, and he would strive to give his support to the district secretaries by attending as many meetings as possible.

Mr. G. E. Debenham was elected treasurer and proposed Mr. G. W. Cartmel as secretary, pointing out that he was elected assistant secretary to his father at the meeting at Hertford in 1890, and four years later was appointed secretary on the resignation of Mr. E. P. Debenham. Mr. Cartmel was now entering his fiftieth year of office, and he expressed his thanks for his long service.

On the motion of Mr. G. Radley, seconded by Mr. Cooke, the following were elected members of the Central Council: Messrs. W. Ayre, Harold Cashmore, C. Woolley and H. E. C. Goodenough.

Mr. Frost was appointed librarian, and, in reply to a question, mentioned that no requests for books had been made during the year.

Mr. G. Radley, in a few appropriate words, thanked the secretary for his long services, and Mr. Don Mears thanked the members for the subscription towards the Hitchin restoration. Mr. F. Kirk also congratulated Mr. G. E. Debenham upon being elected an honorary member of the Central Council.

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and his fellow-incumbents, he thanked them warmly for the work they had put in during the year on behalf of their parish churches. 'Yours is a very real spiritual contribution to the spiritual life,' said the President, 'and I am sure where ringers come together in the right spirit, realising they are taking part in a corporate act of worship, the ringing of bells does enhance that atmosphere in which we all seek to worship God.' They must, he added, keep in mind that it was a spiritual undertaking and that bells were not rung for their devotion, but for the glory of God as an integral part of His worship.

Mr. A. L. Coleman seconded the motion, which was carried. Mr. Coleman then moved the re-election of the Rev. Hugh McMullan as president and spoke of the great services Mr. MacMullan had rendered in that capacity. Mr. J. G. W. Harwood seconded the proposition, which was carried with enthusiasm.—The President, in reply, said he was glad he was not sacked, because he really had become attached to the diocesan ringers and looked forward to the Easter Monday meetings especially. He appreciated the work of the Executive Committee and the members.

The vice-presidents were re-elected, Canon Ralph L. Whytehead being added in place of the late Canon Enraght.

Mr. Nolan Golden was re-elected general secretary and treasurer. Mr. Golden spoke of the fine work done by the branch secretaries and their committees.

Mr. George P. Burton was re-elected hon. auditor for the 31st time. Three new members—Messrs. A. Durrant (Reedham), J. Green (Wroxham) and W. D. Richmond (Garveston)—were elected. Messrs. A. L. Coleman, F. N. Golden and L. W. Houghton were elected to represent the association on the Central Council.

Certain minor changes in the association rules were agreed to, and standing orders were suspended to bring the revised rules into force.

The Secretary spoke of the Central Council's forthcoming book on Surprise Major methods, and it was agreed that the association should take up 30 copies of the book.

Mr. W. C. Duffield thanked the incumbents of the city churches for permission to have the use of their bells throughout the day, and the Rev. E. W. Rlyth for his part in the service.

Mr. C. H. Moore thanked the association for its donation to the Hethersett Bells Restoration Fund.

## NOTICES.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Botolph's Church, Bishopsgate, on Saturday, April 22nd. Service at 4.45 p.m. Preacher, Rev. P. D. Ellis. High tea at the Express Dairy, Wormwood Street, at 5.30 p.m., at 1s. 3d. each. Business meeting after tea. Ringing arrangements as follows:—St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate (8) from 2.30 to 4.45 and after the meeting; St. Giles', Cripplegate (12) from 2.30 to 4.15 p.m.; St. Lawrence Jewry (8) from about 7.30 to 8.30 (one hour only); St. Olave's, Hart Street (8) from about 7.30 to 9 p.m.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Gen. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4. Larkwood 1959.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting has been arranged at Beaconsfield on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (8) available from 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Burnley Parish Church on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited. Please make this a bumper meeting.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at All Saints', Hollingbourne (6 bells) on Saturday, April 22nd. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5, followed by tea and business meeting in Parish Room. Frequent buses pass on main London-Folkestone road (10 minutes from village).—R. G. Rayfield, Hon. Dis. Sec., Downsvew, Spring Lane, Ightham.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Yateley on April 22nd. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4. Tea and business meeting follows at Yateley Hall by the kind invitation of Miss de Winton Corry.—J. G. Stilwell, Lea Cottage, Yateley, Camberley.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Gainsborough District will be held at Willingham-by-Stow (excellent ring of 6, tenor 12 $\frac{3}{4}$  cwt.) on Saturday, April 22nd. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at a small charge. A special invitation is extended to visitors.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Netherseale on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance to try this handy peal. Visitors cordially invited.—J. W. Cotton, Overseal.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be at All Saints', Maldon, on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting after. The bells at St. Mary's (6) will be available after tea.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Curdrige on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., at the Reading Room. Business meeting follows. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, Hon. Sec., 6, Sheffield Road, Portsmouth.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—A meeting will be held at Denver on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Frome & Midsomer Norton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at High Littleton on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—E. H. Nash, Hon. Sec., The Talbot, Melis.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Barkstone on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (6) available during afternoon and evening. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting at 5.15 p.m.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Lincs.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Miles Platting, Manchester, on Saturday, April 22nd. Tower open for ringing at 6 o'clock.—J. H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Carlton-in-Cleveland on Saturday, April 22nd. Tea will be provided at the Fox and Hounds Inn. All ringers are welcome.—J. Reed, Hon. Sec., 67, Hedley Street, Guilsborough.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at the two six-bell towers in Lytham on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 5.30.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Morecambe on April 22nd, where the new ring of eight bells will be available from 3 p.m. All members and friends are warmly welcomed to come and try out the bells for themselves.—E. Swain, Branch Sec.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Harlow Town on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome.—W. Wheeler, Hon. Dis. Sec., Mill Street, Harlow Common, Essex.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hemmingford Grey on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—W. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Pottton on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers will be welcome. Please come. I mean you.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD (Alton and Petersfield District) AND LADIES' GUILD (Southern District).**—A meeting will be held at Blackmoor on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business meeting follows.—C. E. Bassett, 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at New Mills on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea please advise Mr. S. Hammond, 9, Meadowsides, Newtown, New Mills.—C. K. Lewis, Hon. Sec.

**SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.**—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, April 22nd. Tower open 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—I. B. Thompson, 52, Lace Street, Nottingham.



**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Loughborough District.—The next meeting is at Ibstock on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Reports are now to hand. Come and get yours. Buses every few minutes from Coalville (Marlborough Square).—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec., Hyom, Penistone Street, Ibstock, Leicester.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Southport on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells, at Christ Church, available from 2.30. Emmanuel, after tea. Tea will be free, for which please notify Mr. J. Ridyrd, 16, Vaughan Road, Birkdale, Southport.—S. Forshaw, 55, Poolstock, Wigan.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The quarterly meeting of the West Norfolk Branch will be held at North Creak on Saturday, April 22nd. Service at 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Please try and let me know if you are coming, as it is not so easy to cater in a small village as in a town.—W. J. Eldred, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Great Shefford on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., at 6d. each. All ringers welcome.—T. J. Fisher, Hon. Sec., Arniston, Manor Lane, Newbury.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—Annual meeting at Slaugham on Saturday, April 22nd. Tower open 3 p.m. Service and meeting to follow.—O. Sippetts, 10, Three Bridges Road, Crawley.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Gravesend on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells available at St. George's 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea will be taken at Co-operative Cafe (five minutes from church) at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting.—G. H. Spice, Hon. Dis. Sec., 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—A combined practice will be held at St. Peter's, St. Albans, on Monday, April 24th. Bells (10) from 8-9.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. V. Frost, Dis. Sec.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Practices for April: \*St. Paul's Cathedral, 25th; St. Magnus', 27th. All at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—A. B. Peck, Sec., 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

**EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—A mid-week meeting will be held at Hartfield (6) on Wednesday, April 26th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea should be sent to Mr. K. Garwood, 28, Brooklands Way, East Grinstead, Sussex—who is now organiser of the Guild's mid-week meetings—not later than April 24th. All are welcome.—B. Saunders, Hon. Sec.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—The monthly practice will be held at St. Leonard's Church, Shoreditch, on Thursday, April 27th, at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. W. Steere, 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, April 29th. The bells of the Cathedral (8) will be available from 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m., S. Nicolas' (10) from 3 p.m. to 4.15 p.m. and S. Nicolas' and Shalford (8) after the meeting. Service will be held in the Cathedral

Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea (1s. each) in Holy Trinity Parish Hall at 5.15 p.m. Those who require tea *must* let me know by Tuesday, April 25th. Business meeting in Holy Trinity Parish Hall immediately after tea.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, Guildford.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual meeting at Lincoln on Saturday, April 29th. Service in the Morning Chapel of the Cathedral at 3.15 p.m. Tea at 4.30 at the Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, at 1s. 6d. per head, followed by business meeting. Ringing at the Cathedral, St. Peter-at-Gowt's and St. Botolph's from 2 p.m., and in the evening. Also at St. Giles' (8) from 6 to 8 p.m. Those requiring tea please send their names without fail to Mr. G. Chester, 16, Carline Road, Lincoln, not later than Wed., April 26th.—F. W. Stokes, Hon. Sec.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Brighton on Saturday, April 29th. St. Peter's and St. Nicholas' open for ringing 2.30 to 4.15 and in the evening. The Good Shepherd, Dyke Road, 7.30 to 9. Service at St. Peter's 4.30, tea, price 2s. 6d. (1s. to members) at the Pavilion Grill Room, 5.15. Half rail fare, maximum 2s. 6d., allowed to resident members. Names for tea by April 24th.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Gen. Sec., 70, Hollingbury Park Avenue, Brighton 6.

**WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Evesham on Saturday, April 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in the Walker Hall. Numbers for tea by Tuesday previous to J. E. Newman, Hinton, Evesham.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at North Weald on Saturday, April 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. Please let me have numbers for tea by Wednesday, April 26th.—J. H. Crampion, Dis. Sec., 7, Cedar Avenue, Chadwell Heath.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—North Norfolk Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Northrepps on Saturday, April 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Room, but don't forget that postcard with names or numbers for tea by Tuesday, April 25th, to Henry Tooke, Branch Sec., The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, April 29th, at the Church of St. John the Baptist, Tuebrook, Liverpool. The tower will be open at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea will be provided. It is many years since a meeting was held at this tower. Please help to make this one successful and send word to me if you are coming for tea not later than Wednesday, April 26th.—G. R. Newton, Branch Sec., 57, Ampthill Road, Liverpool 17.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hereford District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Kingstone on Saturday, April 29th. Bells (6) available from 3 to 8.30. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea, 5.15 p.m., 6d. each, to those notifying me not later than Tuesday, April 25th.—R. H. Stickley, Dis. Sec., The Hollies, Lugwardine, Hereford.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Bramley on Saturday, April 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea can be obtained near the church. Business meeting and election of officers 7 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds 12.



**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chester Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Dodleston on Saturday, April 29th. Ringing from 3. Service 4.30. Tea provided for those who notify me not later than the previous Tuesday.—J. W. Clarke, Mollington, Chester.

**BUSHEY HEATH.**—Saturday, April 29th. Tower open from 3.30. Tea 5.30, Parish Hall. Nearest rail station Bushey. Coach and bus services stop at church. Excellent service. Arrangements having to be made for tea, names **MUST** be in by April 26th.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. City 4270.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Leigh Parish Church on Saturday, April 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch. —The quarterly meeting will be held at Westbury (8 bells) on Saturday, April 29th. Ringing commences 3 p.m.; service at 4.30; tea at 5; meeting to follow.—W. C. West, Branch Hon. Sec., 584, Semington Road, Melksham.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—The next meeting will be held at West Hallam on April 29th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged for all who notify me by Wednesday, April 26th. Reports to hand. Subscriptions now due.—Wm. Lancaster, Hon. Sec., 83, Albert Road, Chaddesden, Derby.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bridgwater Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Bridgwater on Saturday, April 29th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Please notify early for tea. All ringers welcome. — C. Evans, Local Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Bridgwater.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bridgnorth Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Chetton on April 29th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Those requiring tea please inform H. G. Thomas, Hildon, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Luton District) & HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION (St. Albans District).**—A joint meeting will be held at St. Mary's Parish Church, Luton, on Saturday, April 29th. The bells (8) will be available from 3 p.m. Tea and discussions at the Red Lion Hotel at 5 p.m. All ringers will be very welcome. Methods: Plain, Surprise and Spliced.—F. J. Plummer and H. V. Frost, Dis. Secs.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Alphege, Greenwich, on Saturday, April 29th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar and churchwardens, to those who notify me not later than Tuesday, April 25th.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting of the Southern District will be held at Shildon on Saturday, April 29th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Those requiring tea, please inform me not later than Thursday, 27th inst.—J. T. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 54, Newlands Road, Darlington.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Reading Branch.—A meeting will be held at Henley on Saturday, April 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Evensong 5 p.m. Tea in the Chantry House 5.40 p.m., 9d. each. Please let me know by Wednesday, 26th, how many for tea.—E. G. Foster, Hon. Sec., 401, London Road, Reading.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Iichester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Drayton on Saturday, April 29th. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please notify for tea.—F. Far-rant, Martock.

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Next meeting at Wellington, Saturday, April 29th. Ringing 3-4.30 and 6.30-8.30 p.m. Please notify me for tea. — W. A. Farmer, Hon. Sec., 70, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury.

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.**—The annual meeting will be held at the Parish Church of St. Michael's, Ashton-under-Lyne, on April 29th. Bells available from 6 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Carus Wilson, Sec.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ross District.—The quarterly district meeting will be held at Weston-under-Penyard on Saturday, April 29th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea to Mr. W. Poston, Bridstow, Ross, Herefordshire.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Barnby Don on Saturday, April 29th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Will those who require tea please let me know not later than Wednesday, 26th? All are welcome, so let us have a bumper meeting.—E. Cooper, Hon. Sec., 6, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, Doncaster, Yorks.

**PEAK DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Next meeting, Tide-well, Saturday, April 29th. Bells (8) available 3.15 p.m. Will all members who possibly can turn up to make this a good meeting. Please write to the Secretary not later than Wednesday, April 26th?—H. L. Warburton, 72, Cause-way Head Road, Dore.

**SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on Sat., April 29th, at Llandefaelog. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., tea and business meeting to follow.—J. P. Hyett, Dis. Sec., Dulas Terrace, Hay.

**HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Goudhurst on Saturday, May 6th, *not April 29th*, as proposed. I shall be grateful if members and others will notify me if they require tea.—J. G. Powell, Hon. Sec., 1, Woodbury Road, Hawkhurst, Kent.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting will be held at St. Peter's Church, Walsden, on Saturday, May 6th. Tea in the Schoolroom at 4.30. Each to those who notify Mr. J. Dugdale, 38, Ramsden Wood Road, Walsden, by Wednesday, May 3rd.—Ivan Kay, Hon. Sec.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Andover District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Highclere on Saturday, May 6th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify by May 3rd to the undersigned.—F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec., Deane Rectory.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—St. Michael's, East Peckham (6 bells) is beautifully situated in the heart of the fruit growing district. Come and see for yourself on Saturday, May 6th, the occasion of the Spring meeting. Half fares will be paid to members attending. Look out for further details next week. Please notify me for tea not later than Tuesday, May 2nd.—Alec E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — The half-yearly meeting will be held at Morecambe on Saturday, May 6th. The new bells at Holy Trinity will be available from 2.30 p.m. Tea in Memorial Hall or Miss Wood's Café at 5.15. Names or numbers to Mr. E. Swain, 23, Thornton Road, Morecambe, by Wednesday, May 3rd. —W. H. Shuker and T. Wilson, Hon. Secs.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—A meeting will be held at Puttenham on Saturday, May 6th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Will all those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, May 3rd? —W. F. J. Cope, Hon. Sec., 26, Curling Vale, Onslow Village, Guildford.

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