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REPRESENTATION

ALL Associations and Guilds in affiliation with the Central Council will congratulate the Middlesex Association on the courageous way they have settled the difference of opinion over the vexed question of representation for a triennial period. Personal pride has been pocketed for the sake of harmony. The decision arrived at at the Clerkenwell meeting was a hard one for the individual members, and the fact that those who did not see eye-to-eye with the conclusions of the President (the Rev. Percival Gough) could be almost counted on the fingers of the hand was striking testimony to the desire of the Association to work in comity with ringers the world over.

The point at issue arose over Rule 3 of the Central Council which reads:—'That, except in the event of a vacancy, in which case the new member shall be elected only for the unexpired period of the three years, the election of Representative Members shall take place triennially, before the end of the year.' The triennial election of honorary members last took place in London in 1948. On that occasion Mr. Ernest C. S. Turner, the hon. secretary of the Middlesex Association, failed to secure re-election. The Association quite naturally desired that he should continue to remain on the Council. To decide who should give way the existing members resigned and new nominations were sought. This method was done at the time in complete innocence, the principle implied by Rule 3 that a person elected for a triennial period cannot resign and then offer himself for election for the same period for which he has been previously elected being overlooked and not appreciated by the chairman or any other member present.

The unfortunate sequel, alas, is too well known, in that those who had resigned and were irregularly elected were deprived at York of the privileges of accredited representatives. But there had been a warning. The Hon. General Secretary of the Council did write to the secretary of the Middlesex Association calling attention to Rule 3, and the latter frankly admits that he misinterpreted the letter.

The infinite pains taken by the new President of the Middlesex Association to sift the conflicting views and to secure legal guidance on the correct interpretation of

the rule will commend itself to all those with independent views on the subject. The steps he proposed to remedy the breach that might possibly have existed were most praiseworthy. 'I was the culprit,' he told the meeting, 'because I took the chair and conducted an irregular election, although I was not aware of it at the time.' The Middlesex Association are not to lose their full representation at the last meeting of the triennial session at Eastbourne. Three new members have been elected, and they can make their journey with good heart, knowing that they will be kindly received by the President and his officers.

The Guilds and Associations of British change ringers are so interlinked that it is impossible for one territorial Association to remain outside. The whole structure of the Exercise is built up upon this principle. The Middlesex Association embraces in the Diocese of London one of the great pillars of English Church life, and it is unthinkable that such an Association, with its honourable tradition and the great men it has contributed to all branches of the Exercise, should be divorced. Any separation would be a slur on their memory. Apart from the rank and file of the Association, there are the hundreds of non-resident members — men and women who have felt it is a real privilege to have rung peals for this Association.

One final point the Editor feels should not be permitted to pass unnoticed. One of the speakers said: 'In the past we had a free Press, but, with the Press tied to the Central Council, one could not get views expressed if they were not complementary to the things they (the Council) do.' The Editorial Committee has entrusted the present editor with a measure of editorial discretion similar to that enjoyed by editors generally. The purport of 'The Ringing World' is to be the family journal of ringers the world over and to promote and stimulate the art of church bell ringing. We have exercised a reasonable degree of latitude; we have permitted ideas to be propounded that are contrary to accepted principles of committees of the Central Council. The guiding principles behind our judgment are good fellowship and unity among the church bell ringers of England and to keep constantly before the Exercise our sense of vocation. As another speaker at the meeting said: 'Our main object is to ring our church bells on Sundays.'

TWELVE BELL PEALS

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 15, 1950, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. WOOLDS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in D.

*FREDERICK G. LEAKER...Treble	*P. LESLIE PEARCE ... 7
ANNIE BROWN ... 2	*SYDNEY G. RICHES ... 8
ALFRED E. REEVES ... 3	*FRANCIS C. MOGFORD... 9
*MARY P. HILLIAR ... 4	WILLIAM H. PARKER ... 10
*JACK WORRAIL ... 5	*NORMAN H. COOMBS ... 11
THOMAS H. KIMBER ... 6	EMLYN F. HANCOCK ... Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by EMLYN F. HANCOCK.

* First peal of Maximus. First peal of Maximus as conductor. First peal of Plain Bob Maximus by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

EXETER, DEVONSHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Apr. 22, 1950, in 3 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 72 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in B flat.

DONALD G. CLIFT ...Treble	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING... 7
HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 2	NORMAN H. COOMBS ... 8
ALBERT M. TYLER ... 3	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON... 9
ARTHUR H. REED... 4	THOMAS G. MEYERS ... 10
*G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 5	EMLYN F. HANCOCK ... 11
ERNEST J. TAYLOR ... 6	LEONARD DERRICK } Tenor
	WILLIAM H. KINGCOTT }

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by DONALD G. CLIFT.

* 300th peal. Rung as a farewell peal to the Very Rev. Dr. Carpenter, Dean of Exeter, retiring.

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 22, 1950, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE TOWN HALL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 42 cwt.

*HOWARD HOWELL ...Treble	RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... 7
HARRY F. HOLDING ... 2	FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... 8
†ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 3	†RICHARD BENSON ... 9
GEORGE A. PACKER ... 4	CHARLES H. PAGE ... 10
RICHARD J. WARRILLOW ... 5	JOHN N. LINDON ... 11
MAURICE G. TURNER ... 6	HAROLD WALKER ... Tenor

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

* 50th peal of Stedman Cinques and 25th peal of Stedman Cinques as conductor. † First peal of Stedman Cinques. 25th peal together for J. N. Lindon and H. Howell. First twelve-bell peal for the Association.

TEN BELL PEALS

WESTMINSTER, LONDON.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 15, 1950, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt.

REUBEN CHARGE ...Treble	CECIL J. MATTHEWS ... 6
MRS. E. E. DAVIS ... 2	JOHN PHILLIPS ... 7
MRS. R. F. DEAL ... 3	RICHARD F. DEAL ... 8
MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS... 4	REUBEN SANDERS ... 9
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 5	THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM H. HEWETT.

In memoriam Cyril F. Johnston.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Apr. 20, 1950, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF SOLIHULL SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

H. JAMES TURNER ...Treble	TERRY R. HAMPTON ... 6
ALBERT WALKER ... 2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 3	LEONARD TREVOR ... 8
JOHN PINFOLD ... 4	HENRY H. FEARN ... 9
FRANK E. HAYNES ... 5	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

The first peal of Solihull Royal (No. 622 in Corrigan's Collection).

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Apr. 20, 1950, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

THOMAS WILSON ...Treble	†JOSEPH A. TOMLINSON ... 6
*BRIAN A. TOMLINSON ... 2	†JOSEPH E. WILSON ... 7
*LEONARD HENRYS ... 3	†JAMES SKEATS ... 8
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 4	†FRANK HEYES ... 9
†ARTHUR SWINDLEHURST ... 5	†HARRY ANDERTON ... Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by HARRY ANDERTON.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. All are regular Sunday service ringers at the Cathedral.

STONHAM, ASPAL, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 22, 1950, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAMBERT,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt. in E flat.

GEORGE A. FLEMING ...Treble	*RONALD W. STEWARD... 6
CHARLES E. FISHER ... 2	CECIL W. PIPE ... 7
RUSSELL PARKER ... 3	CHARLES A. ANDREWS... 8
FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD ... 4	WILLIAM J. BUTTON ... 9
GEORGE W. PIPE ... 5	ALAN R. ANDREWS ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE R. NEWTON. Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.

* First peal on ten bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WHITTLESEY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Mar. 24, 1950, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

W. H. OLDFIELD ...Treble	WILLIAM SMITH ... 5
DAVID PETERS ... 2	FRANK WARRINGTON ... 6
JOSE TURNER ... 3	FRANCIS H. NEWMAN ... 7
HERBERT GOAKES ... 4	*JEFFREY OLDFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal. In honour of the birth of a daughter to the Rev. and Mrs. P. W. Dorman.

HEREFORD.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

JOHN D. ROCK ...Treble	E. PETER ROCK ... 5
*GEORGE DAVIS ... 2	REGINALD T. JONES ... 6
LESLIE EVANS ... 3	MICHAEL P. MORETON ... 7
†AUSTIN T. WINGATE ... 4	WILFRID F. MORETON ... Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by M. P. MORETON.

* First peal of Surprise Major. † First peal in the method. First peal of Surprise Major as conductor. First peal in the method in the county. Rung in honour of the Easter Festival.

OXTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 10, 1950, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in E.

*JAMES M. PEMBERTON...Treble	ALFRED W. CUSICK ... 5
JOAN M. WEBSTER ... 2	JOHN COOKE ... 6
CHARLES B. PEMBERTON ... 3	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN ... 7
JAMES H. COOKE ... 4	ALFRED K. LEATHAM ... Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by ALEXANDER J. MARTIN.

* First peal of Surprise Major. First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Wirral Branch. In memoriam Samuel Moston, for 52 years a ringer at this church.

AUDLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Apr. 12, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 18 lb. in F sharp.

*MICHAEL DOWNING ...Treble	JOHN BRASSINGTON ... 5
MARGARET FLACKETT ... 2	G. ARNOLD MOORE ... 6
FREDK. WM. GROCOTT... 3	REGINALD ROWLEY ... 7
ERIC B. ALLMAN ... 4	*ERIC LOWE ... Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by FREDK. W. GROCOTT.

* First peal. First peal of Bob Triples by all the band, on the bells and for the Association. A wedding compliment to Miss Margaret Cooper and Mr. Eric H. Oakes.

BARTON-UNDER-NEEDWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wed., Apr. 12, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. Parker's Six-part (No. 13).		Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.	
*PETER BERESFORD	... Treble	BARNABAS G. KEY	... 5
*DENNIS BERESFORD	... 2	*GEORGE E. OLIVER	... 6
*JOAN BERESFORD	... 3	GEORGE L. RODEN	... 7
NOREEN BRAIN	... 4	EDWARD J. WHITE	... Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal in the method. A compliment to Miss N. Brain on her twentieth birthday.

QUEENSBURY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Apr. 12, 1950, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

PAUL BIRKET	... Treble	HARRY WILD	... 5
MOLLY AMBLER	... 2	VERNON BOTTOMLEY	... 6
WILLIAM AMBLER	... 3	EDWARD JENKINS	... 7
FRED HODGSON	... 4	SAM LONGBOTTOM	... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by SAM LONGBOTTOM.

First peal in the method as conductor. A birthday compliment to Mr. William Ambler and to celebrate the wedding anniversary of the conductor.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 14½ cwt.

ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN	... Treble	*COLIN E. WRIGHT	... 5
JOHN ARMSTRONG	... 2	JAMES R. FLEETWOOD	... 6
*MISS D. FLEETWOOD	... 3	FRANK V. GANT	... 7
HAROLD WORBOYS	... 4	SYDNEY PENFOLD	... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK V. GANT.

* First in method. In memoriam Thomas A. Laybourn, died April 19th, 1947.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 25 lb.

ARTHUR F. WARREN	... Treble	FREDERICK A. BARKER	... 5
*MABEL A. PROCKSON	... 2	*PHILIP BLAKE	... 6
*WILLIAM D. PROCKSON	... 3	*BERNARD J. WILLIS	... 7
*LEONARD E. TUBB	... 4	JOHN G. NASH	... Tenor

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN G. NASH.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major. First peal as conductor and first peal on the bells since augmentation.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt. in C.

*BRIAN G. WARWICK	... Treble	*JOHN M. MYATT	... 5
*JILL POOLE	... 2	*PETER J. STANFORTH	... 6
JOHN BRAMLEY	... 3	*TERENCE A. THORNER	... 7
*MICHAEL D. STANFORTH	... 4	*HARRY POYNER	... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by HARRY POYNER.

* First of Major in the method on tower bells. † First of Major in the method. ‡ First peal in the method on tower bells and first as conductor.

SALISBURY, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 15, 1950, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation).		Tenor 12 cwt.	
*FREDERICK E. MANN	... Treble	JACK MUSSELL	... 5
ROBERT E. TURNER	... 2	RONALD N. MARLOW	... 6
FRANK L. HARRIS	... 3	WILLIAM C. SHUTE	... 7
LESLIE PAGE	... 4	†JOHN MERRIFIELD	... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. SHUTE.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal. A silver wedding compliment to the treble ringer and his wife.

STOKE, COVENTRY.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

On Sat., Apr. 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF HITCHIN SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

ALBERT WALKER	... Treble	HENRY H. FEARN	... 5
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	... 2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	... 6
TERRY R. HAMPTON	... 3	FRANK E. HAYNES	... 7
JOHN PINFOLD	... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN	... Tenor

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

First in the method for the Guild and by all the band.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Apr. 16, 1950, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BERTOLINE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in E.

GEORGE ASTBURY	... Treble	*JOHN TIMMIS	... 5
FREDK. WM. GROCOTT	... 2	JOHN BRASSINGTON	... 6
MARGARET FLACKETT	... 3	ARTHUR ALLMAN	... 7
ERIC B. ALLMAN	... 4	G. ARNOLD MOORE	... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK W. GROCOTT.

* First peal of Major.

GREAT TEW, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Apr. 16, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A Variation of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 22½ cwt.

MARGARET L. TUTT	... Treble	JOHN S. WALTON	... 5
*EDMUND E. PEARSON	... 2	EDGAR J. SMITH	... 6
IVOR D. HARRIS	... 3	WALTER F. JUDGE	... 7
WILLIAM J. CROSS	... 4	HENRY J. HARTFIELD	... Tenor

Conducted by MARGARET L. TUTT.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

PATTINGHAM, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Mon., Apr. 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation)		Tenor 14 cwt.	
ALBERT G. RICHARDS	... Treble	FREDK. G. HINTON	... 5
JOHN N. LINDON	... 2	HOWARD HOWELL	... 6
*ARTHUR G. NEWMAN	... 3	MAURICE G. TURNER	... 7
*J. NORMAN HADLEY	... 4	ALAN ELSMORE	... Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Triples.



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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Comprising 1,760 Yorkshire, 1,728 Superlative and 1,664 Cambridge with 102 changes of method. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

MARGARET A. SWANN ... Treble	*H. LESLIE PASK ... 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2	JOHN FREEMAN ... 6
RAYMOND F. SMITH ... 3	JOHN WALDEN ... 7
FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Tenor

Arranged by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
*First peal of Spliced Surprise. First peal of Spliced Surprise on the bells. Rung on the conductor's birthday.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Apr. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 12½ cwt.

*RONALD CHAFER ... Treble	*HARRY HALL ... 5
GEORGE E. FEIRN ... 2	JACK BRAY ... 6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 3	GEORGE W. MOODY ... 7
PHILIP BARNES ... 4	BRIAN BRAY ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

*First peal of Triples.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Apr. 19, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Comprising 640 London, 320 each of Eastcote, Bristol, Rutland, New Gloucester, Wordsworth, Wembley, Lindum, Pudsey, Yorkshire, Cambridge, Superlative, Lincolnshire, Norfolk, and 160 each of Watford and Uxbridge, with 139 changes of method. Tenor 7½ cwt.

EDWIN G. MOORE ... Treble	ALAN R. PINK ... 5
VICTOR J. F. BENNETT ... 2	WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 6
MARGARET L. TUTT ... 3	MICHAEL E. H. BARROW ... 7
MARIE R. CROSS ... 4	WALTER F. JUDGE ... Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in 16 methods by all the band. The conductor's 25th peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

BARKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Apr. 20, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

CALEB FENN ... Treble	CHAS. E. WILLMINGTON ... 5
ALBERT W. BEARD ... 2	SIDNEY J. HOLGATE ... 6
COLIN E. WRIGHT ... 3	FRANK V. GANT ... 7
RICHARD W. STANNARD ... 4	JOHN H. CRAMPION ... Tenor

Composed by ALBERT C. HARDY. Conducted by CALEB FENN.

In honour of the marriage of Miss Marie Constance Kirkman and the Rev. Edward Freeman Hudson, M.A., Rector of Dengie-with-Asheldham, Essex (late Curate of Barking), which had taken place a few hours previously at the above church.

NORTHOP, FLINTSHIRE.

THE GUILD OF CLERICAL RINGERS.

On Thurs., Apr. 20, 1950, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. EUGAIN AND PETER.

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

REV. J. H. B. ANDREWS Treble	REV. B. F. SHEPPARD ... 5
REV. C. CAREW COX ... 2	†REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS ... 6
*REV. T. PETER HEARN ... 3	REV. A. S. ROBERTS ... 7
CANON R. F. WILKINSON ... 4	REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD Tenor

Composed by REV. E. S. POWELL. Conducted by REV. C. C. COX.

*First peal in the method on tower bells. †First peal in the method. The first clerical peal rung in Wales. In memoriam George Frederick Coleridge, Charles Augustine Phillips and Charles Cecil Marshall, priests.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Apr. 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

LEONARD WALSH ... Treble	CHARLES W. BLAKEY ... 5
DEREK WHILFORD ... 2	KENNETH HARTLEY ... 6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 3	CHARLES CLEGG ... 7
ALFRED V. WILLIAMS ... 4	ROGER LEIGH ... Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

A birthday compliment to Princess Elizabeth.

ALVERSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstan's Four-part. Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN H. HUNT ... Treble	HAROLD A. NOBES ... 5
ERNEST A. JURD ... 2	JOHN W. MEADE ... 6
PATRICK PAGE ... 3	FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... 7
BRYAN C. STIRLAND ... 4	ERNEST BROWN ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. BURNETT.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in E.

*LILY DUNN ... Treble	ALBERT GREENHALGH ... 5
MURIEL REAY ... 2	RICHARD BENSON ... 6
EDWARD IDDON ... 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... 7
EVEREST FORD ... 4	PETER CROOK, JUN. ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

*First peal in the method. To celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Everest Ford.

BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 22, 1950, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Brooks' Variation. Tenor 22½ cwt.

CECIL H. JALLANDS ... Treble	ARTHUR MACKEARS ... 5
WILLIAM G. THORPE ... 2	SIDNEY PROCTOR ... 6
*ARTHUR J. HAYNES ... 3	JOHN CRAGG ... 7
ARTHUR W. WARD ... 4	THOMAS H. HALL ... Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

*First peal of Stedman. A birthday compliment to Mrs. A. W. Ward.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

CYRIL WRIGHT ... Treble	STANLEY SLANEY ... 5
ARTHUR B. COOPER ... 2	FREDERICK FLINT ... 6
HERBERT E. TAYLOR ... 3	JOSEPH SAXTON ... 7
*DENNIS SCOTT ... 4	GORDON C. BRIGGS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GORDON C. BRIGGS.

*First peal of Major 'inside.' A birthday compliment to Mrs. J. Saxton, wife of the ringer of the seventh.

GODSTONE, SURREY.

On Sat., Apr. 22, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb. in G.

FRANCES A. EDGAR ... Treble	WILLIAM SIMMONDS ... 5
RICHARD E. PRICE ... 2	VERNON J. BENNING ... 6
GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN ... 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 7
DAVID BEVERIDGE ... 4	FRANK E. DARBY ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

First peal in the method by all.

HEADCORN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 22, 1950, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM R. MANSEY ... Treble	PETER C. WRIGHT ... 5
FREDERICK S. MACZEY ... 2	*JOHN H. R. BETTS ... 6
TOM SAUNDERS ... 3	GEORGE F. CANTRELL ... 7
MARGARET H. BAKER ... 4	LUTHER J. HONESS ... Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE (119). Conducted by P. C. WRIGHT.

*First peal of Major.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 22, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 7½ cwt.

JAMES A. MILNER Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 5
*ANNE WORTH 2	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER... 6
JAMES FERNLEY 3	PETER LAFLIN 7
WILFRED STEVENSON ... 4	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal in the method. First peal of London on the bells. A 70th birthday compliment to Mr. J. W. L. Slack, an esteemed member of the Macclesfield Branch.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 22, 1950, in 3 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

ARTHUR E. CHILTON ... Treble	OWEN A. NEEDHAM ... 5
PETER N. WHITE 2	WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN. 6
*W. ROBERT PARKER ... 3	JOHN FREEMAN 7
†COLIN W. REED 4	JOHN E. COOK Tenor

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

* First peal of Cambridge Major. † First Surprise peal. The first peal of Cambridge Major on the bells.

OVER, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 22, 1950, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

HARRY L. MARTIN ... Treble	GEORGE E. CRISP ... 5
STANLEY GILBERT 2	†WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN ... 6
JOHN G. GIPSON 3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... 7
*ALAN PAYNE 4	MANSFIELD GINN Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell. † First peal.

SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

*SIDNEY FLINT Treble	*WILLIAM COURT 5
RONALD KENRICK 2	THOMAS HESKETH 6
THOMAS HAMMOND ... 3	*EDWIN BIRKETT 7
*WILLIAM DEACON 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (194). Conducted by J. RIDYARD.

* First peal in the method.

SPELDHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.

*REGINALD E. LAMBERT... Treble	DORIS E. COLGATE ... 5
†EDNA M. SILLS 2	§THOMAS E. SONE ... 6
†ALFRED W. DURHAM ... 3	*†ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 7
ROBERT COLLINS 4	WILLIAM ROGERS ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 41). Conducted by THOS. E. SONE.

* 275th peal together. † First peal of Surprise. ‡ 100th peal together. § 75th peal of Surprise.

UTTOXETER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 22, 1950, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*RONALD BARLOW Treble	MARGARET FLACKETT ... 5
FREDK. WM. GROCOTT... 2	ARTHUR PEAKE 6
MARGARET RIGBY 3	†G. ARNOLD MOORE ... 7
JUNE M. HENSHAW ... 4	NEVILLE R. HOLLAND... Tenor

Composed by J. W. F. TROTMAN. Conducted by F. W. GROCOTT.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Surprise 'inside.' First peal of New Cambridge for the Association, on the bells and by all the band except the conductor. First peal of New Cambridge as conductor.

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On Tues., Mar. 28, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

DENIS BURLING Treble	F. S. WILSON 4
MRS. E. GOOCH 2	FRANK PICKERING 5
GEORGE R. HINER 3	HARRY MORTEMORE Tenor

Conducted by HARRY MORTEMORE.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam to Rev. Carey Davies, Vicar of Rawmarsh.

HOYLANDSWAINE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Apr. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Plain Bob, Woodbine Treble Bob, Merchant's Return and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

WILFRED BROADHEAD ... Treble	ARTHUR CHAMPION ... 4
PETER CARBUTT 2	ERIC STAINROD 5
LEONARD W. CARBUTT ... 3	HARRY MANN Tenor

Conducted by ERIC STAINROD.

First peal as conductor. A birthday compliment to Mr. L. W. Carbutt. Rung on the wedding anniversary of the conductor.

OAKS-IN-CHARNWOOD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 10, 1950, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of College Single, Reverse Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Court, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*IRIS KING Treble	C. WILLIAM HALL 4
†JACK BENISTON 2	RICHARD MANTON 5
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD ... 3	ROLAND BENISTON Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal 'inside' in seven methods.

KEELE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Apr. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 1,680 Stedman, 1,680 Grandsire, 1,680 Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt.

*ERIC NIXON Treble	*RONALD BARLOW 4
FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... 2	†EWART H. EDGE 5
MARGARET FLACKETT ... 3	*GEOFFREY C. BEECH Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK E. WILSHAW.

* First peal in three methods. † First peal of Doubles.

MADELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Apr. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, four of Kent Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 26 lb.

*GEOFFREY C. BEECH ... Treble	*†ERIC NIXON 4
†RONALD BARLOW 2	EWART H. EDGE 5
†MARGARET FLACKETT ... 3	FREDK. E. WILSHAW Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK E. WILSHAW.

* First peal of Minor on tower bells. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' ‡ 25th peal. First in three Major methods by all the band. First peal of Minor as conductor.

KINGSLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Apr. 12, 1950, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF PRIMROSE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents.

FREDERICK A. JAINE ... Treble	JOHN D. ROCK 4
LESLIE EVANS 2	MICHAEL P. MORETON ... 5
E. PETER ROCK 3	WILFRID F. MORETON Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL P. MORETON.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild. In honour of the wedding in Cairo of Sheila St. Bride Moreton and Guy Stackhouse Graham.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Apr. 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

MARLOW SIMPSON Treble	*DORIS KILLINGLEY ... 4
JOAN BUSSEY 2	LESLIE BARRY 5
MARY DREW 3	CHARLES LARNER Tenor

Conducted by JOAN BUSSEY.

* First peal of Doubles. Rung for Miss D. Killingley, who hails from Richmond, Yorkshire.

HARDWICKE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

LESLIE BARRY Treble	*DAVID KING 4
JOAN BUSSEY 2	*JOHN SIMS 5
*JACQUELINE EVANS ... 3	CHARLES LARNER Tenor

Conducted by JOAN BUSSEY.

* First peal.

KIRKBY MALLORY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

NORMAN STATHAM ... Treble	HECTOR A. KNIGHTS ... 4
ALFRED BALLARD 2	FRANCIS R. DEACON ... 5
TED SOWMAN 3	JOHN J. NORRIS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN J. NORRIS.

A birthday compliment to Norman Statham.

LANGLEY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Carlisle, Chester, Alnwick, London, York, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in E.

FREDERICK A. FINCH ... Treble	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 4
*GEOFFREY DODDS 2	RICHARD E. PRICE 5
WILLIAM WELLING ... 3	TONY PRICE Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

* First seven-Surprise peal.

RIPPLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 13 cwt.

MRS. J. THOMAS Treble	ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY ... 4
JOHN THOMAS 2	ARTHUR JOPP 5
*JACK ROBERTS 3	CHARLES J. CAMM Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES J. CAMM.

* First peal of Minor.

TICKNALL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sun., Apr. 16, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Stedman, six of April Day, eight of St. Simon's, ten of Plain Bob and sixteen of Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt. in F.

TOM J. MARRIOTT ... Treble	ARTHUR J. MARRIOTT ... 4
*PETER MARRIOTT 2	WALTER G. SOAR 5
LEONARD WARREN ... 3	JOSEPH HULSE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER G. SOAR.

* First peal of Doubles. First in five methods of Doubles by all the band. First peal as conductor. A farewell to the Rev. J. G. Pope. Also a compliment to Peter Marriott on his 15th birthday.

EAST BUDLEIGH, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*MICHAEL BOARD Treble	*CYRIL DEEM 4
*JOHN CARTER 2	*JAMES SMITH 5
*SIDNEY SKINNER ... 3	BRIAN PIDGEON Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY SKINNER.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise on the bells. A wedding compliment for John Quick.

REDBOURN, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Apr. 19, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF PRIMROSE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOE HOBBS Treble	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM ... 4
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... 2	*BERTRAM C. JOHNSON... 5
TERENCE G. MORTON ... 3	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal of Minor. First peal in the method by all, on the bells and by the Association. Quickest peal on the bells. Rung to celebrate the wedding anniversaries of the ringers of the 2nd and tenor.

SLINFOLD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Apr. 20, 1950, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

C. ERNEST SMITH Treble	*JOHN HILL 4
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 5
LEONARD STILWELL ... 3	A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal in seven methods. The conductor's 250th peal. A farewell peal for the Rector, the Rev. A. E. N. Hughes, who is leaving the become Bishop of Kalgoorlie, Australia.

DUNSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Apr. 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being six 120's each of New, St. Simon's and Canterbury Reversed and twelve 120's each of Plain and Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt. 8 lb.

*SHIRLEY WISEMAN ... Treble	GEOFFREY R. PARKER ... 3
EVELYN M. WRIGHT ... 2	COLIN W. REED 4

JOHN E. COOK Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. COOK.

* First peal. First peal of Doubles by all the band.

HANDBELL PEALS

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Apr. 4, 1950, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes,

In St. Peter's Belfry,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents.

Tenor size 12 in F.

*ERIC NIXON 1-2	†FREDERICK WM. GROCOTT 3-4
	†FREDERICK E. WILSHAW 5-6

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM GROCOTT.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'in hand.'

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Apr. 9, 1950, in 1 Hour and 49 Minutes,

In St. Peter's Belfry,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents.

Tenor size 12 in F.

ERIC NIXON 1-2	FREDERICK WM. GROCOTT 3-4
	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW... 5-6

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM GROCOTT.

BUCKNALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 10, 1950, in 1 Hour and 30 Minutes,

At 4, NORTH STREET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 240 and 20 120's of Grandsire and 20 120's of Plain Bob.

Tenor size 8 in C.

ERIC NIXON 1-2	FREDERICK WM. GROCOTT 3-4
	MARGARET FLACKETT ... 5-6

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM GROCOTT.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Apr. 13, 1950, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At NEWSTEAD, STOKE ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 12 in F.

EDGAR VALLANCE 1-2	ALFRED BALLARD 5-6
W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON... 3-4	JOHN J. MORRIS 7-8

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LATE NEWS.

The sudden appearance of the verger in
the last course of the peal attempt for Sted-
man Caters at Sheffield Cathedral on Satur-
day so startled some of the ringers that the
peal was lost in the last few changes. The
attempt had been in progress nearly 3½
hours.

During the recent visit
of their Majesties the King
and Queen to Stratford-on-
Avon they met the ringers and showed a keen
interest in bells and ringing. They had a
special word for the learners, asking such ques-
tions as 'Have you been taken up with the
rope yet?' Her Majesty expressed a wish to
see the bells, but the Vicar explained to her
that he was afraid it might spoil her pretty
dress having to climb so many steps.

Mr. George W. Pipe has completed Kent
Treble Bob from Minor to Maximus.

Mr. L. Barry has circled the tower of Hard-
wicke, Gloucestershire, and Mr. J. Church that
of Henlow, Beds.

The peal of Kent Treble Bob Major rung
at Melbourne and published in our issue of
April 7th was 5,056 changes and not 5,088.
This was the composer's error.

Mr. John P. Fidler informs us that the
lightest six in the country are at Wormhill,
Derbyshire, with a tenor of 1 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.
These were cast by John Taylor and Co. in
1863.

Regarding the Trowbridge broadcast last
Sunday, Mr. Cecil W. Pipe, of Grundisburgh,
writes: 'Congratulations to the ringers, the
mike setter and the bell founders. That was
ringing. That was. The ringers' names and
bell founders deserve publication.'

After nearly forty years in South Wales as
'maintainer of ringing enthusiasm' and 'con-
vener of peal bands,' Mr. Ernest Stitch has
taken up residence at Wolverhampton. A peal
of Double Norwich at Cowbridge, Glam., on
April 15th, came to grief, but 1,260 Stedman
Triples was rung to mark the occasion by A.
Hannington 1, E. Stitch 2, A. Hoare 3, A. J.
Pitman 4, R. E. Coles 5, J. Lovett 6, T. M.
Roderick (cond.) 7, H. Blick 8.

BELFRY GOSSIP

A new triumph for youth
was established at Trow-
bridge last Saturday, when
a peal of Stedman Cinques was rung. The
average age of the band was 19 years 8 months.
John E. Chilcott was the conductor and there
were three ladies in the party—the Misses
Joyce England, Jill Brittain and Audrey
Diserens. They claim that this was the
youngest band to ring a peal on twelve bells.
The peal was composed by a member of the
band, David E. Parsons. The majority of the
band came from the Metropolitan area, and
they trust that their success will serve as a
spur to their friends at Leicester.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bray, of Burton-on-
Stather, have the distinction of having taken
part in the greatest number of methods rung
'in hand' to a peal of Minor, Major, Royal
and Maximus and also of Minor on tower bells.

In the April issue of the East Anglian Maga-
zine, Mr. R. W. M. Clouston contributes an
interesting article on the ancient art of bell-
ringing. It is illustrated by pictures of Laven-
ham tower and other explanatory pictures of
bells.

He points out that in Suffolk alone there
are 233 rings of bells, numbering between five
and twelve. 'Although all but 40 of them are
ringable, it is sad to record that very few
are rung regularly for Sunday services, despite
the fact that the working parts are in first
rate order.'

The trend, he comments, may be largely
due to the longer hours worked by the agricul-
tural community as compared with their
counterparts in industry. But the interest was
certainly there in the past, so it is hoped that
the present trend will stop and that the
typically English art of change ringing will
recover its popularity in East Anglia.

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THE outstanding annual meeting of 1950 was undoubtedly that of the Middlesex Association, held on April 22nd at St. James', Clerkenwell. Main topic on the agenda was the representation of the Association on the Central Council following the inadvertent irregular election of three members as representatives to the Central Council at the previous annual meeting. This was followed by the decision of the Standing Committee not to permit them to act as representatives at the York Conference.

By an overwhelming majority the meeting accepted the view of the president (the Rev. Percival Gough) as to the irregularity of the election and expressed its apology to the Central Council for the irregularity. Three new members were elected for the Eastbourne Conference.

The meeting commenced with ringing under the superintendence of the Master (Mr. C. H. Roberts), which was followed by the service, at which the Association's secretary (Mr. E. C. S. Turner) read the lesson and an address was given by the Vicar (the Rev. C. T. M. Browne), who gave the assembly a real welcome.

Tea was followed by the business meeting, at which the president presided, supported by the officers of the Association.

The meeting started with an act of remembrance to those who had died during the year, viz., Rev. A. M. Bashford (Hillingdon), Messrs. A. Deas (Gosforth), E. Hancox (Hillingdon), E. B. Hartley (Wembley), J. Herbert (Twickenham), F. J. Pistow (Saffron Walden), F. A. Smith (Bushey), G. Williams (Eastleigh) and W. W. Worthington (Lichfield).

THE REPORT.

The report for 1949 was read by the hon. secretary and recorded that 15 ordinary meetings had been held, apart from joint meetings, the average attendance being 42 in the North and East District and 44 in the South and West District. New members elected totalled 56 (honorary 6, non-resident life 18, ordinary 32).

Forty-nine peals were rung and included the first peal ever rung of Bennington Surprise Major and first for the Association of Glasgow. Hitchin and Peterborough Surprise Major and Duffield Major. Six peals were rung for the Mission to London. A most noteworthy performance was a peal of Bob Minor at Feltham, which Mr. T. Price conducted, ringing two of the bells. The number of quarter peals rung was 146, the Holloway band heading the list with 31. St. Mary's, Hornsey, were welcomed back into the Association.

The bells of St. Mary's, Harrow, were thoroughly overhauled and rehung in ball bearings by Mears and Stainbank. Members completing 50 years' membership were A. Harding (St. Mary's, Ealing) and G. A. Hughes (Stanmore). In accordance with the resolution adopted at the last annual meeting they had been made honorary life members.

The hon. treasurer (Mr. W. H. Oram) reported an excess of expenditure over income of £15 19s. 2d. The assets of the Association were £167 5s. 11d.—The report and accounts were adopted.

CENTRAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATION.

The Chairman said they regretted that the question of Central Council representation had to be discussed at a meeting like that, but there was a danger of breaking up a very happy union that was traditional in the Exercise. He called on Mr. W. H. Coles for a statement.

Mr. Coles said the situation arose at the Central Council meeting in London, when their secretary (Mr. Ernest Turner) was not re-elected an honorary member. They felt that he should be on the Council as one of their representatives, and they took steps to put him back. In doing so they inadvertently and quite unintentionally broke a rule of the Central Council. All their members resigned and offered themselves for re-election. That was interpreted as being out of order, and when those members appeared at York they were not allowed to take part. That caused a lot of controversy and bitterness. Those who went to York had a fool's errand and were very disappointed.

There were two sides to the story and the committee had gone into the matter very deeply. He thought he could say the whole of the committee felt very injured about the whole business. They wrote to the secretary of the Central Council and tried to arrange a meeting with someone responsible to discuss the matter. This was not possible; all they could get was just formal acknowledgment of their letters.

To cut a long story short, they decided to approach their president, and he was able to arrange a meeting with Mr. Lewis (president of the Central Council) and Mr. Albert Hughes. It was pointed out that in a triennial election it was improper for a person to resign during the triennial period and expect to get back to the same Council.

The point had been thrashed out very carefully and the majority of the committee recommended the meeting to accept a proposal made by the president of the Central Council. Mr. Lewis Cockey had resigned from the Association because the committee did not take a stand against the Central Council. They had received a tremendous amount of help from their president.

Mr. A. W. Coles: I happen to be one of the rebels. I resigned simply to get Mr. Turner back.

NO INTENTION OF DOING WRONG.

The Hon. Secretary said he wanted to stress that they had no intention of doing anything wrong when the members resigned. They assumed it would be O.K. He did not think anybody wanted to break the rules of the Council. He admitted that he did get a letter querying the election. He must admit that he inadvertently misinterpreted the sense of that letter. If there was any blame attached to that he was prepared to accept it. He hoped there would be no ill-feeling as the result of the incident. Their main object was to ring their church bells for Sunday services.

The President said when the Association elected him as president he realised that it was an honorary and complimentary position and he had no desire to interfere with the administrative duties of the Association. Last November Mr. Cockey wrote to him and put before him the difficulties. He invited Mr. Cockey and two or three others to a meeting and they discussed it at great length. They also held two general committee meetings and discussed the whole question.

Previous to that he had got into touch with the president of the Central Council. In the meantime he had written dozens of letters to his clergy friends who were on the Central Council. He got from them an unbiased account and also from a number of other people. The reason he went into the matter thoroughly was because he took the chair and conducted an irregular election, and although

he was not brought in until two months after he was glad he was because he wished to put himself right with the Central Council.

THE CULPRIT.

'I was the culprit,' said the Rev. P. Gough. 'Although I knew nothing about the difficulty when I took the chair, I regarded the election as a normal part of the routine. I have since spoken to several distinguished legal friends and there was a unanimous verdict that that election was irregular. In a triennial election you cannot resign and stand again in the same triennial period.'

As it was an irregular election, the Central Council was fully justified in intimating this irregularity through its secretary and then excluding those members from the meeting at York. That was very unfortunate, but the blame for their fruitless journey to York rested with them and not with the Central Council. It later would be their duty to send from this Association an apology to those two members who had the fruitless journey to York.

A good deal had been made of the fact that the general secretary of the Central Council, Mr. Fletcher, had received the letter from Mr. Turner stating that four representatives of the Central Council had tendered their resignation. But they had not honestly de facto resigned. Anyone who did that and sought re-election would make an utter farce of the rules and regulations of the Central Council, and they could not imagine because they wanted one member on the Council all should resign and come back. That was not honest. That election was fantastic, and he used the word fantastic because those who tried to do it in that way did not want to be difficult or hostile to the Central Council. The answer to that letter was written on the following Monday from Mr. Fletcher and read, 'Dear Mr. Turner: I thank you for your letter and note the four names. I have altered my records.' That was the usual routine of the secretary. It did not matter when this irregularity was discovered, it was still an irregularity. It was not the duty of the secretary to point out that the election was irregular, but to pass on to the appropriate committee or officers any doubts he might have had.

A fortnight after Mr. Fletcher wrote to Mr. Turner to say that he had now had an opportunity to say that he had now had an opportunity

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Notice to Central Council Members

The Mayor and Mayoress of Eastbourne will hold a reception for members and friends, to be followed by tea, immediately after the Council meeting (5 p.m.) on Whit Tuesday. Admission will be by ticket only.

Tickets have been reserved for those who have answered the circular recently sent by the hon. secretary, and will be forwarded with the meeting papers. Members who have not replied and who wish to attend the reception must send their names to the hon. secretary before Saturday, May 13th.

The Corporation of Eastbourne have given members special privileges during their stay in the town, and have issued passes to admit members to Corporation-owned amusements, etc. These passes will only be forwarded to those who have notified the hon. secretary of their intention to be present.

G. W. FLETCHER, Hon. Sec.
The White House, Caister-on-Sea.

Middlesex County Assn.

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tunity of considering the names of the new representatives (but they were not new) and pointed out that elections to the Council were triennial, and vacancies could only be filled when a representative resigned. A representative could not resign and then seek re-election during a triennial period. The letter concluded, 'I should be glad if you would tell me now under what rule the election was made.'

That letter was so serious that a general committee should have been called. Unfortunately, nothing was done and those members were allowed to go to York. Mr. Turner replied to the letter and pointed out he was elected unanimously, but that was not the point. It was not questioning Mr. Turner's election, but questioning the election of the other three who had resigned.

EXPRESS REGRET.

'I feel I cannot recommend any other course than that we, as an Association, should express our regret to the Central Council for that infringement, and we should, if we can get permission, which I have, elect three new representatives to the meeting at Eastbourne to complete the triennial session. I should like the following letter, signed by myself, to go to the secretary of the Central Council:—

'Dear Sir,—I enclose the names and addresses of the three new representatives on the Central Council who were elected at a general meeting on April 22nd in place of those whose election last year infringed rule three of the Central Council. In forwarding these names, I am instructed to express the regrets of the Middlesex Association that this infringement took place, and assure the Central Council of our desire to co-operate with the Central Council and accept their decision.'

'I believe that no other way is Christian or proper.'

Mr. C. W. Roberts proposed that the president's statement go forward and be complied with.

In reply to a question, the President said it was not the responsibility of the chairman or the president of the Central Council to apologise to anybody. He assured him that those three representatives at Eastbourne would be received kindly and he would take steps to put them at their ease.

Mr. C. W. Roberts said he felt this subject very keenly for the prestige of the Association, and at the appropriate time he would like to thank their president for what he had done. He felt that the time had come for them to let 'bygones be bygones.'

Mr. G. L. Joyce, of Hornchurch, Essex, said that for 40 years he had had many disagreements with the decisions of the Central Council in various matters. In the past they had had a free Press, but with the Press passing to the Central Council, one could not get one's views expressed, unless they were complementary to those of the Council.

Mr. B. Hewitt suggested that the meeting should take no action as to filling the three vacancies. He moved that as an amendment, 'PLOT ALLEGED.'

Mrs. Mayne asked the president if when he met Mr. Lewis and Mr. Hughes, had they given him any information of the plot to depose Mr. Turner and get him off the Central Council.

The Chairman: 'I am afraid we did not discuss any plot, and I was not aware that there was any plot.'

Mr. C. C. Mayne: 'As a point of information I can tell you what that plot was.'

Mr. Turner: 'I have never complained to anybody that I have been badly treated, and I hope it will be forgotten.'

The Chairman thought that this discussion was entirely out of order, and expressed a wish that the meeting would avoid personalities.

Mr. W. Wilson said he was at York, and he held that even if the Association committed a

technical breach of the rules, it was not fair for the secretary of the Council to bar those members who had travelled all the way to York from taking part in the proceedings. He alleged that the action taken at York was an insult to their Association.

The Chairman: 'I gravely deprecate any talk of an insult to our members. It was not an insult.'

Mr. Wilson then moved as an amendment: 'That this association regrets that it may have committed a technical breach of the rules of the Central Council, and that for the remainder of the triennial period the Association does not elect representatives in place of those who were considered to be not eligible.' He knew that Mr. Cockey had written a letter of resignation. He had spoken to him, and he thought that if they agreed not to elect somebody in their place, they might succeed in keeping Mr. Cockey as a member. If they showed disloyalty to their own people then they lost Mr. Cockey.

Mr. Alec Cutler seconded the motion proposed by Mr. C. W. Roberts.

The amendment that no action be taken to fill the vacancies was then put and received only six supporters, being defeated by an overwhelming majority. The motion to send three representative members was carried, there being only four votes cast against.

Mr. Clarke proposed a vote of thanks to the president, the vote being carried with acclamation.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following officers were elected: President, the Rev. P. Gough; active vice-presidents, Messrs. W. H. Coles and A. W. Coles; Master, Mr. C. W. Roberts; treasurer, Mr. W. H. Oram; secretary, Mr. C. Ernest Turner; assistant secretary, Mr. Norman Genna; auditor, Mr. Maurice Hodgson; trustees, Messrs. T. J. Lock, E. C. S. Turner and W. H. Oram; representatives on the Central Council (after a ballot), Messrs. W. H. Coles, F. A. Finch and F. Goodfellow.

The secretary, reporting on the memorial to Mr. C. T. Coles, stated that the amount subscribed was £124 16s. and expenses 19s. 11d. The bell had cost £150, and the committee had decided to close the fund and meet the deficiency from the funds of the Association.

Mr. T. J. Lock said some weeks ago an appeal was launched for St. Paul's, Shadwell, providing the bells were hung for ringing, and he would like to move that the Association make a donation of £5 towards the fund. This was agreed to.

On the proposal of Mr. Lock, it was decided that a committee be formed to consider what arrangements could be made for ringing in connection with the Festival of Britain. This was agreed to.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Clerkenwell and those responsible for making arrangements for ringing and for the meeting.

NO PARTY TO RESOLUTION

Dear Sir,—I understand that a resolution was passed expressing regret at the action taken last year relating to the election of members to the Central Council.

In fairness to myself, will you please make it quite clear I was in no way a party to such resolution and that I dissociate myself entirely from it. Further, that in view of the treatment to which we were subjected at the meeting in question, I repeat the comments made at the time.—Yours faithfully,

J. E. LEWIS COCKEY.

Edgehill Road, W.13.

Within the last two years the Alford (Lincs) ringers have paid compliments by ringing quarter peals to their organist with fifty years' service, their treble ringer with fifty years' service and recently to a chorister with sixty years.

Coventry Diocesan Guild

ANNUAL MEETING AT ALLESLEY.

The annual meeting of the Coventry Diocesan Guild was held at Allesley, Coventry, on April 15th. The Rector (the Rev. F. W. Moyle, the famous broadcaster), gave a warm welcome in his fine address to about 100 members and friends. A splendid tea, arranged by the junior members of the Allesley band, was partaken of in two sittings in a room at the Rectory.

The committee discussed matters which were later brought up at the business meeting. The Rector presided for a short time, the chair being taken afterwards by the Master (Mr. A. H. Beamish). Apologies were read from the president (the Rev. R. T. Murray, Rector of Southam), Canon F. S. Herbert (Vicar of Nuneaton), the Rev. J. H. Dingley (Vicar of Bulkington), both vice-presidents, and Messrs. F. Brassington and R. J. Edden, ringing members.

The retiring president not seeking re-election, the Rev. R. P. Rigby (Vicar of Chilvers Coton) was elected, and Canon F. N. Didsbury, Rector of Bedworth, was elected vice-president to fill the vacancy left by the removal from the district of Canon O. M. Jones. All the remaining officers were re-elected en bloc.

Southam was selected as the meeting place for July 8th. New members elected were G. Tallis (Nuneaton), A. Wilson (Stoke), H. R. Leach (Bilton), H. L. G. Haywood, J. Flowers (Southam) and G. Measures and H. M. Windsor, both of Harbury.

A member of St. Andrew's, Rugby, band referred to 'The Ringing World' leader of March 24th last, when portions of a letter sent by Mr. H. R. Leach, of Bilton, near Rugby, were published complaining that the band there was only ringing plain courses through lack of instruction. 'Unquestionably it is one of the primary functions of guilds to provide instructors,' quoted 'The Ringing World.'

The nearest band to Bilton was that of Rugby, St. Andrew's, and they had visited Bilton, giving up their own practice to do so, but were made to feel unwelcome and had, therefore, not proffered their services as instructors again.

Mr. Leach refuted this, and to prevent further argument Mr. F. E. Pervin (Coventry and Rugby District secretary) said he would hold a district meeting there in June and endeavour to smooth out any difficulties.

Reports for 1948 and 1949 were distributed and also Guild badges had been purchased to the design decided upon by the members at the previous quarterly meeting and were on sale at 3s. each.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

With a bus service once a week, Goodnestone, far from a main road, was the venue of the latest meeting of the Canterbury District. In spite of the difficulties of travel, 83 members and friends attended, thus keeping up the splendid record of the district. These came from 22 towers.

Ringing commenced shortly after 2.30, and continued until service time, while those who were not ringing took a walk through the park and the avenue of horse chestnut trees, just coming into leaf.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. R. Davies), who gave a short address of welcome to all.

The district's good friend, Mr. Cecil Dinlot, of Whitstable, came to the rescue again with the tea, after which the usual business meeting followed. Two new members were elected, Hernhill for a by-meeting, with Eastry as the next quarterly were chosen, and the meeting closed with thanks to the Vicar, the organist and the 'Mayor of Goodnestone' (Harry Stringer) and his wife for all the local arrangements.

OBITUARY

THE REV. J. R. VINCENT.

With the passing of the Rev. Joseph Robinson Vincent at the age of 86 years, the former Rector of St. Mary's, Shenley, near Bletchley, Bucks, from 1901 to 1922, the North Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild has lost one of the great figures so well known to many of the older generation of ringers. The Rev. Vincent held the office of chairman of the branch from 1908 until 1922, in which year he left the parish.

Living entirely for his vocation, the Church was his first thought in every matter. Everything had to be the best possible in this connection, and during his incumbency the Rev. Vincent raised the standard of the church, and beautified it in such a way that Bishop Gore declared it to be one of the most beautiful in the Diocese of Oxford.

The bells were taken in hand during 1907, and a scheme was suggested to recast the 3rd of the ring of five, as this bell had two large pieces out of the sound bow, worn thin and knocked out by the clapper.

The Rev. Vincent was wholeheartedly in favour of a more ambitious project, and through his great leadership and enthusiasm the complete restoration was put in hand, the work being undertaken by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who made such an excellent job and provided the church with a ring of six of which we are justly proud to be the custodians. In passing it is worthy of record that the tenor is in its original state as when cast circa 1350 (except for losing its cannons about the year 1870). Strange to relate, the tenor was the only bell which had no defect.

On the reopening of the bells on June 6th, 1908, the North Bucks Branch annual meeting was fixed for Shenley; and so delightful were these meetings that the 'annual' was held regularly until the year of the departure of the Rev. Vincent. And what meetings they were! Quite apart from the business, there is the happy memory of the bright and cheerful service, with many robed clergy and choir; and such a rich volume of men's voices singing the familiar hymns as printed on the service leaflets, which, by the way, are still in use at the present time!

After the service there was always the tea, held under the cedar tree in the rose garden of the lovely grounds of the Rectory, presided over by the Rev. and the Hon. Mrs. Vincent. The ringers were 'their guests,' and such preparations were made in advance that this day became known locally as 'The Ringers' Day.'

This well-loved Rector had lived in Higham, Colchester, for 12 years, and on April 15th we heard of his death. The funeral took place at St. Mary's, Shenley, and after a Requiem, with a large congregation and choir in attendance, the Rev. Vincent was laid to rest in the same grave as his beloved wife.

To show their great regard for the memory of such a well-loved Rector, the ringers rang fully muffled touches of Grandsire Doubles before and after the service.

A quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung in the evening. This was half-muffled and conducted by Mr. H. Daniels, the first child to be baptised by the Rev. Vincent when he came to the parish of Shenley in 1901. E. A. C.

MR. E. T. EXETER.

We regret to record the death of Mr. E. T. Exeter, of Balcombe, Sussex, who passed away on April 21st at the age of 73. He was a member of the Sussex Association and College Youths. Although he was not a great ringer, he was most loyal and faithful to his Sunday service ringing.

The interment was at Balcombe on April 26th, after which the bells were rung half-muffled to Plain Bob Major by D. Laker 1, S. Wood 2, R. Johnson 3, J. Laker 4, C. Stoner 5, J. Gardner 6, E. Knapp 7, A. E. Laker 8.

MR. GEORGE W. STEERE.

The sudden and unexpected death of Mr. George W. Steere, of Sutton, Surrey, on April 23rd, is deeply regretted by a wide circle of friends. Mr. Steere, who was 55 years of age, had been in indifferent health for some months. He recently entered the Sutton and Cheam Hospital.

Born at Shalford, near Guildford, he learnt to ring on the bells of the village church where he was also a chorister. In the First World War he served in the R.A.S.C., and in 1919 joined the Holy Trinity, Guildford, company, and quickly became one of the foremost members of this band. With them he rang his longest length, 9,600 Double Dublin Surprise Major on April 6th, 1931.

He was a civil servant in the Customs and Excise and towards the end of 1927 he moved to the Metropolitan area. Then started a long association with the St. Martin's-in-the-Fields company. He was elected hon. treasurer of the Society of the Royal Cumberland Youths in 1928 and held that office at the time of his death. In 1936 he took over the duties of secretary, resigning last January.

He served the Cumberlands with great faithfulness in all departments. His ringing was sound and accomplished, but his friends will value him particularly for the sound common-sense he brought to bear on the problem of the moment, and that friendliness and ready smile for all who came in contact with him. He represented the Cumberlands on the Central Council, and his viewpoint was always listened to with close attention.

Mr. Steere was a Freemason and a chess player. The sympathy of the Exercise is extended to his widow, son and daughter.

THE FUNERAL.

The funeral service was held at Cranleigh Parish Church on Friday, the Rector (the Rev. H. L. Johnston) officiating. Previous to the service the bells were rung half-muffled, and at the graveside a course of Grandsire Triples by Mrs. F. I. Hairs 1-2, A. H. Pulling 3-4, F. I. Hairs 5-6, G. Cross 7-8. Afterwards the whole pull and stand was rung by H. Hutton 1, W. J. Robinson 2, Mrs. Matthews 3, D. Cooper 4, F. J. Hawthorne 5, T. M. White 6, W. T. Beeson 7, P. N. Bond 8.

There was a large attendance of personal, ringing and Masonic friends at the service. Among those present were Mr. A. H. Pulling (representing the Central Council), Mr. G. H. Cross (Master), Mr. P. N. Bond (secretary, Society of Royal Cumberland Youths), Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hawthorne, Mrs. Matthews, Messrs. D. Cooper, R. Whittington, W. T. Beeson, C. G. and H. Charman, C. Stevens, L. Warner, A. Tidy, J. Elliott, E. Barnett, sen., W. J. Robinson, H. Hutton, L. Hunter and T. M. White (also representing T. W. White).

Fast Peal at Exeter Cathedral

SCORED BY WEST COUNTRY RINGERS.

This week in our peal columns we record the peal of Stedman Cinques rung on the bells of Exeter Cathedral on April 22nd. The attempt was made by a West Country band for the Ancient Society of College Youths, and was accomplished in 3 hours 50 minutes, a fast time for the bells.

The seeds of the attempt, writes a correspondent, were actually sown in July, 1948, when the Bristol ringers visited the tower and rang some excellent Stedman Cinques.

Permission was obtained towards the end of 1949, and efforts were made to build up a band composed of a number of prominent London ringers. This, however, was not possible, and it was decided to make the attempt with an all 'West Country' band, whose efforts were rewarded by the scoring of a good peal, which, with the exception of no more than four missed dodges, was rung without a trip.

From the word 'Go' the bells settled down to a 'cracking' pace, which was maintained throughout the 26 courses in the titum position. There was a natural slowing up in the handstroke, but the attempt was never in doubt, and at the finish a very happy band received the congratulations of Messrs. Glass and Laver and the steeplekeeper, to whom grateful thanks are tendered for their help in raising the bells, adjusting the ropes, etc.

Incidentally, the ringers of the treble (D. G. Clift) and fourth (A. H. Reed) have now completed a trio of peals on the existing heaviest eight, ten and twelve in the country.

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING AT EDINBURGH.

The annual meeting of the Scottish Association was held on April 22nd at St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh. The attendance of ringers was the best ever in the history of this scattered association, where towers are few and far between.

The fine heavy ring of ten (tenor 41 cwt.) was rung to Caters and Royal as well as Triples, and rounds were provided for those unaccustomed to ringing ten. It was a true delight to the Cathedral ringers to hear their ten bells ring out, as at the present time it is only on such rare occasions that sufficient ten-bell ringers can be mustered at one and the same time.

During the service, held in the Cathedral, the Very Rev. H. B. Gooderham, Provost of Edinburgh, spoke shortly of the task of ringers and how it was an impersonal one compared with that of the choristers, as few outside the tower ever knew who rang the bells. He pointed out that ringers had the greatest impact on those outside the church, for the bells would not ever let the indifferent forget that the church was still alive.

After tea, which was provided by the Cathedral Society, the annual business meeting was held, the Provost ably presiding in the unfortunate absence through illness of the president, Professor Street. It was felt that the Master and president should remain in office for another year in order to conform to the constitution.

Mr. Charles Raine intimated that he wished to resign from the office of secretary and was thanked for all his labours during the last 13 years. Mr. Rognvald Wilson was appointed to take his place. It was decided to hold the half-yearly meeting in October at Alloa, as it is central for all towers, and the next annual at Paisley.

After the business was over the party split, some returning to the Cathedral and the others, going to St. Cuthbert's nearby, where there is an easy-going ring of eight (tenor 21 cwt.).

Ringings lasted at both towers till 8 p.m., and everyone enjoyed the ringing opportunities and chance of meeting old friends.

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CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Minutes of York Meeting

Minutes of the second session of the twentieth Council (52nd annual meeting), held in St. William's College, York, on Whitsun Tuesday, June 7th, 1949.

The Dean (the Very Rev. E. Milner White) extended a very warm welcome from the Minster and the Chapter, which was suitably acknowledged by the President, who presented the Dean with a copy of 'The History of the College Youths.' At the request of the President, the Dean opened the meeting with prayer.

PRESENT—

Ancient Society of College Youths.—Mr. G. W. Cecil.

Barnsley and District.—Mr. H. Chant.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Mr. J. T. Dyke, Miss N. G. Williams.

Bedfordshire Association.—Mr. H. Harding, Mr. A. C. Sinfeld.

Chester Diocesan Guild.—Mr. J. E. Bibby, Mr. J. W. Clarke, Mr. C. K. Lewis.

Coventry Diocesan Guild.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Mr. F. W. Perrens.

Derbyshire Association.—Mr. G. C. Briggs, Devon Guild.—Mr. A. L. Bennett, Mr. E. W. Biffin, Mr. T. G. Myers, Mr. F. C. Smale.

Durham and Newcastle Association.—Mr. F. Ainsley, Mr. W. H. Barber, Mr. W. N. Park.

Ely Diocesan Association.—Mr. E. H. Mastin, Essex Association.—Mr. F. V. Gant, Mr. F. B. Lufkin, Mr. H. J. Mansfield.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Mr. W. B. Kynaston, Mr. S. T. Price, Mr. F. Skidmore, Mr. W. Williams.

Guildford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. G. L. Grover, Mr. A. H. Pulling.

Hereford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. G. E. Oliver, Hertford County Association.—Mr. W. Ayre, Mr. R. G. Bell, Mr. C. W. Woolley.

Irish Association.—Mr. F. E. Dukes, Mr. J. T. Dunwoody.

Kent County Association.—Mr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Mr. F. M. Mitchell, Mr. T. E. Sone.

Ladies' Guild.—Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, Mrs. A. Richardson, Miss E. Steel.

Lancashire Association.—Mr. G. R. Newton, Mr. W. H. Shuker, Mr. A. Tomlinson.

Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Mr. A. Ballard, Mr. J. P. Fidler, Mr. H. J. Poole, Mr. A. E. Rowley.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Mr. J. Bray, Mr. G. E. Feirn, Mr. J. Freeman, Mr. J. A. Freeman.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.—Mr. J. W. Jones, Mr. E. Stith.

London County Association.—Mr. H. W. Rogers, Mrs. H. W. Rogers.

Middlesex County Association.—Mr. E. C. S. Turner.

Midland Counties Guild.—Mr. J. W. Cotton, Mr. B. G. Key.

North Staffordshire Association.—Mr. R. S. Anderson.

North Wales Association.—Mr. A. J. Hughes, Norwich Diocesan Association.—Mr. W. P. Duffield, Mr. F. N. Golden, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. A. D. Barker, Mrs. A. D. Barker, Mr. F. D. Boreham, Mr. A. E. Lock.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild.—Mr. G. W. Jeffs, Mr. W. Rose, Mr. G. S. Valentine, Mr. E. E. Whitmore.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Mr. G. H. Harding, Mr. F. Precey, Mr. W. C. West.

Shropshire Association.—Mr. G. L. Hewitt, Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—Mr. T. H. Francis.

Southwell Diocesan Guild.—Miss J. A. Southern.

Stafford Archdeaconry Society.—Mr. H. Knight, Mr. C. Wallater.

Suffolk Guild.—Mr. C. W. Pipe, Mr. C. J. Sedgley, Mr. G. E. Symonds.

Surrey Association.—Mr. F. E. Collins, Mr. D. Cooper.

Sussex County Association.—Mr. R. G. Blackman, Mr. F. H. Dallaway, Mr. F. I. Hairs, Mr. O. Sippetts.

Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild.—Mr. D. H. Bennett.

Truro Diocesan Guild.—Mr. H. Miles, Universities Association.—Miss M. R. Cross.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Mr. G. Pullinger, Mr. F. W. Rogers.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Mr. B. C. Ashford.

Yorkshire Association.—Rev. C. O. Ellison, Mr. P. J. Johnson, Mr. L. W. G. Morris, Mr. S. F. Palmer.

Honorary Members.—Mr. E. A. Barnett, Mr. C. Dean, Mr. G. W. Fletcher, Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, Mr. A. A. Hughes, Mr. C. F. Johnson, Mr. C. H. Kippin, Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mr. F. Sharpe, Mr. J. F. Smallwood, Mr. A. Walker.

SUMMARY.

Members

Associations. Present. Absent.

Wholly represented ... 24 66

Partially represented 20 35 36

Not represented ... 9 11

Hon. Members ... 53 101 47

... 11 9

... 112 56

REPORT AS TO MEMBERSHIP.

The Hon. Secretary reported a membership of 168, being 148 representatives and 20 honorary, made up as follows: 24 Associations entitled to four representatives, 5 to three, 13 to two and 11 to one.

The variations from the previous year were the St. Martin's Guild from one to two members and the Southwell Diocesan Guild from two to three members.

No affiliation fees were in arrear.

On the instructions of the Standing Committee three names appearing on the roll under the Middlesex Association were deleted, the elections not being in accordance with the rules of the Council.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

The following apologies were reported: Messrs. E. G. Fenn and A. B. Peck, College Youths; Messrs. S. G. Coles and H. J. Sanger, Bath and Wells; the Rev. B. F. Sheppard and Mr. E. M. Atkins, Cambridge University; Mr. F. Colclough, Dudley and Districts; Mr. C. W. Cook, Ely; Miss H. G. Snowden, Essex; Messrs. A. Harman and A. C. Hazelden, Guildford; Messrs. G. J. Lewis, W. F. Moreton and W. T. Poston, Hereford; Mr. H. G. Cashmore, Hertford; Messrs. T. W. Taffender and T. H. Taffender, London County; Miss B. Spice, Oxford University; Mr. C. H. Hawkins, St. David's; Mr. A. Paddon Smith, St. Martin's; Messrs. G. H. Cross, F. C. W. Knight and G. W. Steere, Society of Royal Cumberland Youths; Mr. H. Denman, Southwell Guild; Rev. A. S. Roberts, Mrs. A. S. Roberts and Mr. F. D. Teague, Truro Guild; Messrs. S. T. Holt and J. D. Johnson, Worcestershire; and honorary members, Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, Mrs. C. C. Marshall, and Messrs. G. E. Debenham, T. Groombridge, W. A. Osborne, E. A. Young and W. H. Viggers.

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE PRESIDENT.

New members presented were: Mr. H. Chant, Barnsley and District; Messrs. C. W. Biffin and T. G. Myers, Devon; Mr. F. Ainsley, Durham and Newcastle; Mr. E. C. S. Turner, Middlesex; Mr. F. Precey, Salisbury; Miss J. Southern, Southwell; and Mr. E. A. Barnett, honorary member.

ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS.

The retiring member, Mr. W. Rowe, together with Mr. C. W. Roberts, recommended by the Standing Committee, were elected on

the proposal of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. J. F. Smallwood.

LOSS OF MEMBERS THROUGH DEATH.

The President formally reported the death of the following: Canon C. C. Marshall, R. H. Brundle, G. P. Burton, H. Chapman, T. Groombridge, jun., and G. Williams. Tributes were paid to Canon C. C. Marshall by Mr. P. J. Johnson, and to Mr. George Williams by Mr. G. Pullinger. The members stood in silence as a tribute to their memory.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The Secretary reported that in the printed copy the name of Mr. A. Relfe, East Grinstead Guild, had been omitted and moved that with this correction the minutes as published be taken as read and be approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs and carried.

REPORTS

The various reports and accounts as presented have been published as indicated and are preserved in the Council's records.

REPORT OF HON. LIBRARIAN.

('Ringing World,' No. 1,993, June 17th, 1949, page 282.)

Adopted on the proposal of Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, seconded by Mr. J. F. Smallwood.

GENERAL ACCOUNTS.

('Ringing World,' No. 1,993, June 17th, 1949, page 282.)

Adopted on the proposal of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes and supported by Mr. C. Dean.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE**CARTER RINGING MACHINE.**

('Ringing World,' No. 1,993, June 17th, 1949, page 282.)

Adopted on the proposal of Mr. A. A. Hughes, seconded by Mr. A. Walker, with approval of the action taken by the Trustees in removing the machine from the Museum for repairs, and thanks to Mr. B. Price and Mr. D. Hughes for the work they had done and are doing.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Standing Committee reported that consideration had been given to the agenda, particularly in regard to the report of the Rules Sub-Committee, and recommended that the Council discuss the suggestions made to assist the sub-committee in their task of revision. The committee also reported that the sub-committee appointed to consider Decisions of the Council had presented an interim report and that a member had now been found to undertake the work in compiling the Roll of Honour. The report was adopted on the motion of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. F. W. Perrens. The suggested new rules were discussed at length.

REPORT OF THE PEAL COLLECTION**COMMITTEE.**

('Ringing World,' No. 1,993, June 17th, 1949, page 283.)

Adopted on the proposal of Mr. G. R. Newton, seconded by Mr. C. W. Woolley, with thanks to Mr. Stephen Hoare, of Watford, for his assistance. The recommendations of the committee that the late Gabriel Lindoff's collection of peals of London Surprise be not published as a broadsheet, and that the committee proceed with the production of a collection of peals of Royal and Maximus were accepted.

REPORT OF THE METHODS COMMITTEE.

('Ringing World,' No. 1,993, June 17th, 1949, page 283.)

Adopted on the proposal of the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, seconded by Mr. F. W. Rogers. Regarding the collection of Surprise methods prepared by the previous committee, the Standing Committee recommended that if copyright be claimed it be not recognised, and that Mr. E. C. S. Turner, the remaining member of this committee, be asked to deliver up the manuscript to the hon. secretary. On

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the proposal of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. R. S. Anderson, the recommendation was adopted.

REPORT OF THE PEAL ANALYSIS COMMITTEE.

('Ringing World,' No. 1.993, June 17th, 1949, page 284.)

Adopted on the proposal of Mr. C. Dean, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre. It was further resolved that any peal which does not conform to the present Decisions of the Council be ruled out, proposed by Mr. F. W. Rogers, seconded by Mr. F. W. Perrens.

REPORT OF THE RECORDS COMMITTEE.

('Ringing World,' No. 1.994, June 24th, 1949, page 295.)

Adopted on the proposal of Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs.

REPORT OF THE TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE.

('Ringing World,' No. 1.994, June 24th, 1949, page 295.)

An interesting verbal report by Mr. E. H. Lewis was adopted on the motion of the President, seconded by Mr. H. W. Rogers. The Standing Committee's recommendation that six copies of the President's book devoted to the calculations of horizontal forces be prepared for distribution to scientific bodies and the British Museum, at the discretion of the officers, was adopted on the proposal of the Hon. Secretary, seconded by Mr. H. Rogers.

REPORT OF THE LITERATURE, PRESS AND BROADCASTING COMMITTEE.

('Ringing World,' No. 1.994, June 24th, 1949, page 295.)

Adopted on the proposal of the Rev. F. L. Edwards, seconded by Mr. A. Walker.

REPORT OF THE PEAL BOARDS COMMITTEE.

Owing to changes in the constitution of the committee no report was presented. The Standing Committee recommended that the remaining members of the committee be asked to appoint a new convener, to obtain the papers at present in the hands of Mr. W. G. Wilson, who had resigned, and to co-opt Mr. J. W. Clarke, of the Chester Guild. The recommendation was adopted on the proposal of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. F. E. Dukes.

REPORT OF THE BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE.

('Ringing World,' No. 1.994, June 24th, 1949, page 296.)

Adopted on the proposal of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mrs. E. K. Fletcher.

REPORT OF 'THE RINGING WORLD' COMMITTEE.

('Ringing World,' No. 1.994, June 24th, 1949, page 296.)

Adopted on the proposal of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs. The action taken by the Hon. Secretary in submitting the accounts for audit to a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants was approved.

On the motion of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. A. Walker, the recommendation of the Standing Committee that the price of the paper be increased by one penny per week, with certain concessions to postal subscribers, was adopted.

MOTIONS.

It was proposed by Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, seconded by Mr. G. W. Fletcher and resolved: 'That this Council undertakes to review the principles of method structure with the purpose of adopting criteria for the recognition of the extended form of a basic method.'

It was agreed that this resolution be passed to the Methods Committee.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

On the proposal of Mr. F. H. Dallaway, seconded by Mr. H. J. Poole, Eastbourne was selected. Mr. J. Bray invited the Council to visit Lincoln in 1951.

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Dedications

RINGING CHAMBER AT WOOTTON BASSETT.

Members of the Calne Branch met at Wootton Bassett, Wilts, on April 22nd, for the dedication of a new ringing chamber. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. L. Sharpe), who also gave the address, and the act of dedication performed by the Rural Dean (the Rev. H. V. White).

After the service the ringers, who numbered 70, were entertained to tea at the Vicarage. The Vicar and churchwardens thanked all for their co-operation which had enabled Wootton Bassett to have one of the finest ringing chambers in the county.

Mr. L. A. Wilson, Ringing Master, in reply, gave a brief account of his 52 years' service in the tower, and said it had been a dream of his to get this floor erected. By a legacy left by Mr. W. T. Baxter, captain of ringers from 1898-1925, and with the help of past and present ringers and friends, he saw his dream come true. He hoped that when he had passed on those who followed would see that the bells were rung for divine service and take the same care as he had of the bells and ringing chamber.

Ringing ranged from Grandsire to Cambridge Surprise Major.

KILBRONEY, CO. DOWN, N.I.

The six bells of Kilbroney Parish Church, Rostrevor, Co. Down, were rededicated by the Rt. Rev. W. S. Kerr, D.D., Lord Bishop of Down and Dromore, on April 25th, in the presence of a packed congregation.

After the opening prayers and psalm the Bishop was conducted to the base of the tower. Here at the request of Mr. H. S. Lightbody, churchwarden and a ringer for over 50 years, he performed the act of dedication. The bells were then rung by F. E. Dukes (conductor), J. Purdy, W. Morrow, W. Rogan (Belfast) and Mrs. F. E. Dukes.

In his sermon the Bishop referred to the bell of St. Bronach, still preserved in the sister church at Rostrevor. This bell dates back to the ninth century and was for over two centuries 'lost' in an ash tree at the site of a former parish church.

At the conclusion of the service the bells were rung by visiting ringers from St. Thomas', Belfast; Lurgan; St. George's, Dublin, and Holywood. This was followed by an excellent tea in the Lecture Hall, to which clergy, congregation and ringers were invited.

The bells were installed in 1880 by Messrs. Taylors, the tenor weighing 13 cwt. They have now been rehung in ball bearings and a clock provided with a perspex dial—illuminated at night—through the generosity of Mr. Edward W. Evans, who bore the entire cost of the work. The bells were rehung by Messrs. Taylors and the clock restored by Messrs. Smith, Derby. The Rostrevor people are very grateful to Mr. Evans for this magnificent work. The ringers expressed themselves pleased with the 'go' of the bells.

It was the regret of everybody present that that G.O.M. James Cunningham, aged 92, and who is still an active ringer at Rostrevor, was unavoidably absent from the ceremony, due to an indisposition. Mr. Cunningham was one of the first ringers at Rostrevor when the bells were installed originally, and has continued right through their 70 years' existence to ring them Sunday after Sunday.

C.C. MINUTES—continued

VOTES OF THANKS.

On the President's motion, grateful thanks were accorded to the Dean, the Yorkshire Association, its president and officers, and Mr. George Horner and York company for arrangements, tea and hospitality, and the incumbents of the many churches for the use of bells.

Thanks to the President and officers were expressed by Mr. R. S. Anderson.

Oxford Diocesan Guild

EAST BERKS AND SOUTH-BUCKS BRANCH

When the East Berks and South Bucks Branch held its annual meeting at Bray-on-Thames on April 22nd, the Village Hall—where tea had been arranged—was overcrowded, and some ringers had to visit a riverside cafe. A hundred members attended altogether. There was ringing on the grand eight, tenor 27 cwt., in the tower of St. Michael's during the afternoon and evening, and the service was conducted by the Vicar of Bray and popular chairman of the branch (the Rev. E. S. C. Lowman). Mr. A. D. Barker, of Stoke Poges, secretary and treasurer of the branch for 26 years, and treasurer of the Oxford Guild, read the lesson.

Presenting his annual report, the Ringing Master, Mr. T. J. Fowler, of Cookham, said that 40 towers and 250 ringers were affiliated to the branch, making it the largest in the Guild.

Monthly meetings obviously could not visit every tower in the branch during a year, but were distributed as fairly as possible throughout the district. Everyone present at meetings had been catered for; advanced methods were invariably followed by simpler ones or rounds. Attendance at most had been quite good, but some of the striking not too good. 'I am convinced that the only way to become a good striker is by good handling and good listening,' continued Mr. Fowler.

Mr. George Gilbert, at Burnham, Bucks, had at last 'got rid of his old pots' and now had a fine Taylor eight. George had worked hard to raise the money for the job and was to be congratulated on his efforts. Two trebles recently added at Slough had given Buckinghamshire an excellent ten, and made Bill Birmingham 'another happy man.'

The annual meeting was being held at Bray for the first time, said Mr. Fowler. The branch was fortunate in having the Vicar of Bray as chairman. He took a keen interest in all activities, attending meetings and taking part in ringing.

Concluding, the Ringing Master said: 'Let us never forget that our first duty is to give of our best for Sunday service ringing. Regular and punctual attendance and good striking are something for a band to be proud of.'

Members stood in silence in memory of Canon G. F. Coleridge, who was described as 'the best known ringer in England, if not all the world.'

Officials elected were: Chairman, the Rev. E. S. C. Lowman; Ringing Master, Mr. T. J. Fowler; Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. Roland Biggs, of Hughenden; secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. D. Barker. Mr. Fowler, who is entering his 22nd year of office, has missed only three branch meetings during 21 years.

A WEST COUNTRY WEDDING

Many ringers were in the congregation that overflowed the village church of Marksbury, Somerset, on April 15th, for the wedding of Mr. William H. Kingcott, of Wrington, and Miss Hilda M. Prescott, of Timsbury.

The bride is vice-captain of the Marksbury band, of which her father is captain and also organist at the church. The bridegroom is towerkeeper and vice-captain of Wrington.

The choral service was conducted by the Vicar of Marksbury and included the Ringers' Hymn ('Unchanging God'). Mr. W. A. Prescott gave away his daughter. The bride was attended by the Misses Brenda Prescott and Eveline Kingcott (sisters of the bride and bridegroom), and Mr. T. Mark White was the best man. A reception followed at Kingwall Hall Hotel, and the honeymoon was spent at St. Ives, Cornwall.

In the evening a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters was rung at Wrington by W. R. Kent (first on 10 bells) 1, H. H. Yates 2, D. Yeo 3, R. D. Shot 4, T. Brice 5, A. Ferris 6, T. M. White 7, H. Vowles 8, H. Knight (cond.) 9, M. Collins 10.

Guild of Devonshire Ringers

NORTH-EAST BRANCH.

The little village of Huntsham may well be called the cradle of the Devon Guild, for it was here that Col. C. A. W. Troyte and his brothers trained the band who rang the Guild's first peal in 1875.

Huntsham was looking its best on April 15th for the Spring meeting of the North-East Branch. The lawns of Huntsham Court were gay with daffodils and narcissi, whilst the little church looked very beautiful with its Easter decorations. After the service over 40 sat down to a bountiful tea, which included cut-rounds and cream. Among the company were visitors from Dorchester, Combe Martin, Exeter, Wellington and Highweek, as well as the Rev. J. M. Turner, whose recently published book on handbell tune ringing bids fair to become the Troyte of that branch of our art, and incidentally is helping with the dollar drive.

The chairman, Mr. E. J. Taylor, welcomed the Rector of Huntsham, the Rev. J. M. Jones, into the branch, and expressed the hope that he would follow his wife's example and learn to ring.

The meeting agreed to accept the proposal of the North-West Branch to hold a joint meeting at South Molton in October. There will be a joint meeting with the Taunton Branch of the Bath and Wells Association at Wellington on July 1st, and the next branch meeting will be at Washfield on July 8th.

MID-DEVON BRANCH.

A quarterly meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch was held at Buckfastleigh on April 22nd. The bells were rung throughout the afternoon, and this was later followed by a short service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. W. Timms).

After tea the usual business meeting took place, with Mr. J. E. Lilley, of Newton Abbot, in the chair. It was reported that the meeting had been transferred to Buckfastleigh from Lustleigh at the last moment owing to the death of a Lustleigh ringer.

The following associate members were elected: Messrs. R. G. Crang, E. Hodge, H. Rogers and Master A. Rogers, of Dartington.

It was reported that a joint meeting with the South-West Branch would be held at South Brent on June 24th, and that the next quarterly meeting would be held at Dean Prior on July 22nd, both subject to the necessary permission being obtained.

GRANTHAM RINGERS' DINNER

Ringers from Grantham, Ancaster and Great Ponton met together for ringing, a service and a dinner recently, the company, which included wives, numbering 31.

The Rev. P. J. F. Simpson presided and the speeches were witty. Proposing 'The Ladies,' Mr. V. Scales sympathised with the wives over the absence of their husbands out ringing, to which Miss J. Brandon (Ancaster) rejoined that if wives objected they should come along and learn bellringing.

'The Beginners' were toasted by Mr. F. Parsons (Grantham), who reminded them of the usefulness of a little homework. Mr. R. Chadburn (Ancaster) dutifully replied by thanking the instructors for their patience and spoke of the friendly atmosphere in the belfries.

This theme was echoed by Mr. E. Hawley (Ancaster), who thanked Mr. J. M. Simpson for organising the meeting. In his acknowledgment Mr. Simpson suggested that another year a visit might be paid to Stratford-on-Avon or some other district.

The chairman concluded the speeches by giving statistics to show how Great Britain far exceeded the rest of the world put together in the number of bells and ringers. He suggested that ringers might justifiably look for better results from their efforts and 'give people a nudge' if they did not respond to the call of the bells on Sundays.

NOTICES

The charge for one insertion of a notice of a meeting is one penny per word, minimum 2s. For additional insertions with no change one-half above charge for each insertion.

Other notices one penny per word, minimum 2s. 6d.

All notices must be prepaid.

Notices must be received not later than Monday.

SITUATION VACANT

Wanted, GENERAL HOUSEMAN—married couple would be considered—live in. Most evenings free. Every Sunday and one other half-day off each week. Holidays and wages by arrangement. Apply Mrs. Hughes, Church Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, London, E.1. 6971

HANDBELLS WANTED

Wanted, set of handbells, not less than 12. State key, condition and size, etc.—George Yaxley, 7, Vicarage Road, Woking, Surrey. 6956

PUBLICATIONS

'CHURCH BELLS AND RINGERS OF NORWICH,' by A. G. G. Thurlow, 5s. 6d. post free from the author, St. Clement's Rectory, 3, Colegate, Norwich. An account of the bells of one of England's most historic cities, well illustrated with plans, cross sections and pictures. Second edition, much improved; no increase in price.

'THE ART AND SCIENCE OF HANDBELL RINGING,' illustrated, by J. M. Turner, Washfield, Devon, late president of N.E. Devon Guild of Ringers and broadcaster. 3s. 6d. post free from the Author. 6787

No better pen picture of early ringing societies has been published than J. Armer's Trollope's 'COLLEGE YOUTHS,' illustrated, 5s. 6d. post free.—'The Ringing World,' c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd. Guildford.

MISCELLANEOUS

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—Mr. Charles Raine has resigned from the secretaryship and any communications for the Society should now be sent to Mr. Rognvald Wilson, 15, Durham Road, Portobello, Midlothian. 6949

Any ringing tours this year? Prepare to permanently record your activities in a 'DELIGHT' LOOSE LEAF BOOK. All your records in one volume. Details from William Viggers, 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot. 6013

MEETINGS

ST. GEORGE COLEGATE, NORWICH.—The ceremony of the Hallowing of the Bells will be performed by the Lord Bishop of Thetford on Saturday, May 6th, at 7 p.m., previous to their being hung in the tower.—A. G. G. Thurlow, Vicar. 6876

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Worth (6), Saturday, May 6th, 3 p.m. Tea. Names for tea to G. T. Jennings 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 6890

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Hersham, May 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, Church Hall, 5 p.m. Notifications to W. Simmonds, 33, Burwood Close, Hersham.—F. Hawthorne. 6897

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Annual meeting, Faringdon, May 6th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to R. F. Gilling, Fernham, Faringdon. 6930

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, May 6th, at Barkstone (6). Bells 2.30. Meat tea at the Stag Hotel 4 p.m., followed by business meeting. Service 5.30.—Bernard H. Dalton, Church Road, Billingborough, Sleaford, Lincs. 6936

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery.—Meeting at East Coker on Saturday, May 6th. Usual arrangements. Early notification for tea essential.—F. Farrant, Martock. 6931

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery Branch.—Meeting, Charlton Horthorne (8), May 6th. Service 4.30. Tea following.—H. C. Lintern, Alhampton, Ditchat, Somerset. 6927

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Holywell, Saturday, May 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 6926

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting is at Whiston on Saturday, May 6th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Miss E. Wright, 501, Bawtry Road, Whiston, near Rotherham.—J. E. Turley, Hon. Sec. 6920

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Saxlingham Nethergate on Saturday, May 6th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea for those who notify Mr. G. Poyntz, Saxlingham.—A. G. Harrison, Hon. Sec. 6907

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—May 6th, altered arrangements: High Halden, bells 3 p.m., service 4.30. Beithersden, tea 5.30, bells 6.30. Bus leaves High Halden 5.20 p.m.—T. Cullingworth, Dis. Sec. 6961

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Poulton on Saturday, May 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 6958

BOURNEMOUTH RALLY.—Saturday, May 6th. Ringing at Christchurch Priory, 2.30 to 4.30; Bournemouth, St. Peter's, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 to 5.30; Bournemouth, St. John's (Surrey Road), 2.30 to 5 p.m. Dinner at Bournemouth Pavilion 7 p.m.—Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 6960

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Wolverton. Dedication of recast tenor, new framework and re-hanging of first five bells on Sunday, May 7th, at 3 p.m. Bells available to visitors after service. Our practice night will be on Thursdays at 7.30 p.m. 6922

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, May 13th, Isleworth, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business 5 p.m. Further ringing after Church rebuilt—dedicated May 12th. Names early, please. Surprise practice, St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, Wednesday, May 17th, 7.45. Everyone welcome to both.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. HOU 3921. 6946

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Sat., May 13th, Barkway, 3 p.m. until 5. Tea at Barley. Ringing at Barley after tea.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 6934

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Meopham (8) on Saturday, May 13th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea is by kind invitation. Will you please advise me by Saturday, May 6th, to enable the caterers to make their arrangements?—B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, near Sittingbourne. 6932

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, Swanmore (6), May 13th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business, Parish Hall, 5. Names by May 9th to H. Ainsley, Chapel Road, Swanmore, Southampton. Bishop's Waltham (8) bells available 2 to 3.30 and 6 to 8.—John H. Hunt, Dis. Sec. 6921

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, May 13th, Eckington (8), 3. Bring own food. Good attendance specially requested.—A. B. H. Cooper, District Sec. 6965

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Beverley (50th anniversary of dedication of ring), on May 13th. Bells (10) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 for all who notify Mr. A. Taylor, 26, Albert Avenue, Beverley, by Wed., May 10th. 6964

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting, Crosthwaite, near Kendal, on Saturday, May 13th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. Hudson, Felledge Farm, Crosthwaite, near Kendal.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 6967

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford City and District Branch.—Half-yearly meeting will be held at St. James', Cowley, Oxford (6), on Saturday, May 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30. Ifley (6) 7. Names for tea to Mr. Walter Holloway, 17, Westbury Crescent North, Cowley Oxford, by Wednesday, May 10th.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Sec. 6916

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Tring (8), May 13th, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. Badrick, 53, Western Road, Tring, by May 10th.—Pamela A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 6924

PORTRKERRY, NEAR BARRY.—Dedication of two trebles (to make six), Saturday, May 13th, at 3 p.m. Tea (2s. 6d.) for visiting ringers who notify by May 8th. Frequent Barry to Llantwit bus service.—L. J. Malings, Portkerry Road, Rhooose, Glam. 6908

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Badby, Saturday, May 13th. Names to me for tea not later than Friday, May 5th.—F. W. Hancock, Church View, Willoughby, Rugby. 6939

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Ulcombe (6), May 13th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 6937

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Meeting at Aldridge, Saturday, May 13th. Bells 3. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30. Names by May 9th to Rev. C. H. Barker, Swindon Vicarage, near Dudley. 6915

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Sleaford District.—Quarterly meeting at Ewerby (10) on Saturday, May 13th. Bells available 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided.—Mrs. D. Wray, Hon. Sec. 6892

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Crusaders of the S.W. Division.—Meeting at Shenfield (6), May 13th, 3.30 p.m. Meeting essentially for learners. Everybody welcome. Names for tea to H. Turner, Church Cottages, Hall Lane, Shenfield, Essex. 6976

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Westerham (8), May 13th. Bells 3. Names for tea to Mr. J. Weller, Moor Cottage, Westerham.—C. A. Bassett. 6957

OXFORD—WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILDS.—Combined meeting of Newbury and Basingstoke branches, Saturday, May 13th, Newbury (10). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. E. Curtis, 67, King's Road, Newbury, by May 10th. 6955

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewes Branch.—Holmes Chapel, 6 bells (not Goostrey), 2.30 p.m., May 13th. Names required by 10th.—Richard D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewes. 6979

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at Halewood (8) on Saturday, May 13th. Bells open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (cost 2s. 6d.) only for those notifying John Robinson, Halewood Farm, Halewood, before Wednesday.—J. M. Preston, Branch Sec. 6978

BARNLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Sandal, near Wakefield, Saturday, May 13th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Spencer, 425, Barnsley Road, Milnthorpe, near Wakefield, not later than May 9th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 6977

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Blunsdon (6), May 13th. Tea.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon. 6954

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Ruislip, Saturday, May 13th, 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and short business to follow. Ringing during evening.—F. Finch. 6979

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Next meeting is to be held at Eccleston on Saturday, May 13th. Will all those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, May 10th.—L. Walsley, Leyland Motors, Ltd., Leyland, Lancs. 6953

ELY ASSOCIATION (Ely and Cambridge Districts) and CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Joint meeting, Saturday, May 13th, Longstanton (8). Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 6951

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting, Puttenham, May 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names not later than May 8th. No name, no tea.—Eric T. Lee, Ashley Cottage, Ockford Road, Godalming. 6950

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting, Oldham, St. Mary's, on May 13th. Bells (12) available from 3. Business meeting 6.30. Ringing until 8 o'clock. Cups of tea can be obtained.—V. Wilson Sykes, Hon. Sec. 6982

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting at Cossington, Saturday, May 13th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Rowlatt, Main Street, by Wednesday, May 10th.—F. Key, Hon. Sec. 6975

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD and LEICESTER GUILD (Hinckley District).—Combined meeting, Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton, Saturday, May 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Ringing during evening. Social in Parish Hall 7.30 to 11.15; admission 1s. 6d., including refreshments. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 10th, to Mrs. D. E. Beamish, 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. Phone Nun. 3296. 6974

OXFORD GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Shiplake, May 13th, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Evening ringing. Names for tea (1s. 6d.) by May 9th.—T. N. Lanaghan, 31, Blenheim Road, Reading. 6973

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting at the Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, May 13th, 3 p.m. Practice afterwards at St. Stephen's, Westminster.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec. 6981

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Meeting, Milverton (8), May 13th. Bells 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting follow. Everyone welcome.—A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 6967

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts Branch.—Meeting at Harworth (6), Saturday, May 13th. Names for tea to Mr. A. Lister, The Glen, Harworth, Doncaster, by 9th.—H. Denman. 6970

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guild Festival, Trowbridge, May 13th. Annual meeting in St. James' Hall, Union Street, 2.15 p.m. Guild service, Parish Church, 3.45 p.m. Meat tea, Court Hall Cafe, 4 p.m. (2s. each). Towers available: 12 bells, Trowbridge; 8 bells, Bradford Christ Church, Melksham. North Bradley, Westbury, Warminster, Longbridge Deverill; 6 bells, Devizes St. James' (Southbroom), Hilpert, Holt, Seend. Ringing from 11 a.m. to 1 and after 6 p.m. Ringers intending to be present should signify their intention to the secretary by Monday, May 8th, at the latest.—F. Ll. Edwards, Hon. Sec., Kington Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset. 6969

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Stickney on Saturday, May 13th. Bells (6) at 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea in School-room at 5 p.m. Names for tea to me by Monday, May 8th. Good bus service from Boston.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 6968

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at Limpsfield (6) on May 13th, 3. Service 5. Tea and business following. Ringing after. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 9th, to J. W. Knight, 19, White Cots, Hurst Green, Oxted. 6980

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting at Slimbridge, May 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify for tea by May 9th to Miss Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 6965

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Monthly meeting, Heswall, Saturday, May 13th. Bells 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea and cakes provided—bring sandwiches. Names, please, by 10th.—A. J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 6963

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—At the Church of St. Lawrence, Caversfield, on Tuesday, May 16th, at 7 p.m., two treble bells will be dedicated by the Bishop of Dorchester. (Ring now augmented to five bells.) 6964

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Fryerning (6), Saturday, May 20th (note alteration of date). Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Number for tea to A. H. Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham. 6940

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Meeting at Woodbury, May 20th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by May 14th to B. Pidgeon, East Budleigh. 6929

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—Dedication by Bishop of Buckingham on Saturday, May 20th, 6 p.m., of Parish Church bells, rehung and augmented to ten.—W. Birmingham. 6959

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Annual meeting, East Hagbourne, May 20th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Notify by 16th.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks. 6962

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Owlebury (6), May 20th. Service 4.30. Tea following. Names by Monday, 15th.—L. A. Tremear, 34, The Dean, Alresford. 6943

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at Sutton-on-Trent (8), Saturday, May 20th, at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. for those who notify Miss G. Burchall, Pembroke House, Sutton-on-Trent, Newark, by previous Tuesday.—P. N. White, Hon. Sec. 6925

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting, Grimsby, Saturday, May 20th. Bells, St. James' (8), available 2.30 p.m. until service, and 7.20 p.m. until 9 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at the Tudor Cafe, 3s. per head, but only for those whose names reach Mr. H. I. Mingay, 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby, by Wednesday, May 17th. Business meeting in Church House, Bull Ring, 6 p.m., in Room No. 6. Please note, teas ordered have to be paid for.—F. Lord, Hon. Branch Sec. 6906

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—I.W. District.—Meeting at Freshwater (6 bells), May 20th. Names for tea to Mrs. Guy, Merrie Meade, Watergate Road, Newport, I.W. 6983

ST. GEORGE COLEGATE, NORWICH.—The ring of six will be opened for ringing on Saturday, May 20th, by the Archdeacon of Norwich. Service 3 p.m. Ringing afterwards. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, 3, Colegate, Norwich, by Friday, May 12th. 6877

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HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival and meeting at Hereford on Whit Monday, May 29th. Service 3.30, followed by tea and meeting. Bells: Cathedral (10), All Saints' (8), St. Nicholas' (6), available 11.30.—Rev. E. G. Benson, Hon. Sec., Presteigne Rectory, Radnorshire. 6966

UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.—Lincoln Week, August 18th-26th. Members participating, please write before May 11th.—Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 6938

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