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CALLING THE BELLS ROUND.

It not infrequently happens during a touch that something goes wrong and the conductor desires to bring the bells round. It may be that mistakes have been made in the ringing, or there has been a miscall, or that the time available will not permit of the full length started for, but in any case some special action must be taken, and the conductor has to decide what to do. Usually he waits for what seems to be the first convenient opportunity, and then attempts to force the bells into rounds. Sometimes it can be done fairly easily, but generally it means a nasty jar in the striking, and always it is, more or less, a confession of failure. When the striking is reasonably good, this sudden forcing up of rounds sounds bad, and there is little or nothing to be said in favour of it. It is much better to let the bells go on until the time available is exhausted, and to set the bells in the middle of the changes. If the final change is one when a combination of the larger bells strikes behind, it will not sound at all bad outside the steeple—at any rate it will sound as if it were done intentionally—whereas the forcing up of rounds almost always advertises, even to a casual hearer, that something has gone wrong with the ringing.

But there is another and a far better way, and that is to call bells round by the ordinary use of bobs and singles. It is a thing which ought to be understood and employed by conductors much more than it is. It is, of course, well enough known by the most skilful men, though it probably is much less used than it once was, for the reason that the more advanced bands now practise methods which do not readily afford opportunities for its employment. The average conductor naturally expects the touch he starts for to run its allotted course, and does not know how to deal with the abnormal when it occurs.

To call the bells round when they have become misplaced in Surprise Major methods is almost always a lengthy task, so much so that it is not worth considering. To call them round in Double Norwich may be long, but when time does not press it will be an interesting job for a conductor. Bob Major is still more interesting, for the man who has learnt how to bring the bells round in that method in the quickest time has learnt much which will be of the greatest use to him in calling peals and touches in any method.

But it is in Minor and Triples ringing that calling round can best be done, and where it gives the best and quickest results. In those methods the bells can be

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brought home, in an astonishingly short time, from any position, by a man who understands how to do it. Three calls is the most needed in Minor, and the same number will suffice for Grandsire Triples. The man who can at any given time bring the bells round in Grandsire Triples in the minimum number of calls can claim to be one who really understands conducting. There are not many such, and so great proficiency is not necessary, for there are plans of calling round in Grandsire which are not difficult to learn and to apply in any emergency, and which do not require more than a few calls to put into operation. These should be understood and used by everyone who aspires to be a conductor in a belfry where Grandsire is practised. The man will need to know something about coursing order and the effect bobs and singles have on it. He would do well to study on paper how the bells can gradually be brought into the needed positions, and when he begins to grasp the essentials of the matter he will do well not to wait until something has gone wrong with the ringing, but to start from some change, selected haphazardly, and to bring the bells home from that. He would find it good practice in conducting, and probably gain much knowledge of the art of the greatest use to him.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 14, 1945, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt.

WALTER F. JUDGE ... <i>Treble</i>	CHARLES W. MARTIN ... 7
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 2	WALTER C. ROSE ... 8
JAMES HEMMING AND GEOFFREY J. LEWIS ... 3	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... 9
MARIE R. CROSS ... 4	ARTHUR H. REED ... 10
JOHN E. SPICE ... 5	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... 11
WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 6	REV. C. E. WIGG ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

TEN BELL PEAL.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Sat., April 21, 1945, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

FRANK E. HAYNES ... <i>Treble</i>	ALBERT WALKER ... 6
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 2	JOHN PINFOLD ... 7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 3	WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 8
RICHARD J. B. HADDEN ... 4	HENRY H. FEARN ... 9
THOMAS HEMMING ... 5	GEORGE E. FEARN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by WM. B. CARTWRIGHT.
First peal of Cambridge Royal as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., April 18, 1945, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

HARRY G. WAYNE ... <i>Treble</i>	*HERBERT W. PERKINS ... 5
G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 2	*BURLEY MORRIS ... 6
WILLIAM J. ROOT ... 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... 7
SHIRLEY BURTON ... 4	HAROLD J. POOLE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal in the method.

DODDERHILL, DROITWICH, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Apr. 19, 1945, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*ERNEST WILSON ... <i>Treble</i>	ALLEN MORGAN ... 5
FRED N. FLUCK ... 2	DENIS R. MORRIS ... 6
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 3	REGINALD WOODYATT ... 7
WALTER H. RAXTER ... 4	GEORGE AMBLER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

* First peal of Major. Half-muffled for President Roosevelt.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., April 19, 1945, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

WALTER AYRE ... <i>Treble</i>	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... 5
*GRAHAM C. TARR ... 2	†E. J. ALBAN KENDALL ... 6
DR. F. S. POOLE ... 3	HERBERT GATES ... 7
*LAURENCE R. TARR ... 4	WILLIAM J. RANDALL ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by W. J. RANDALL.

* First tower-bell peal. † First peal of Bob Major.

ARKSEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 21, 1945, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. in F sharp.

F. BERNARD DITCHER ... <i>Treble</i>	J. EDWARD CAWSEY ... 5
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK ... 2	G. GORDAN GRAHAM ... 6
JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... 3	HAROLD WAGSTAFF ... 7
MILTON C. FOWLER ... 4	JOHN E. TURLEY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSEY.

* First peal in the method on the bells. The conductor has now called a peal from each bell in this tower.

KIDLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 21, 1945, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

*WILLIAM JUDGE ... <i>Treble</i>	NEIL I. ALLNATT ... 5
WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 2	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... 6
ARTHUR H. REED ... 3	WALTER F. JUDGE ... 7
*ALBERT DISERENS ... 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 21, 1945, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.	ARTHUR JONES ... 5
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... <i>Treble</i>	†FREDERICK A. FINCH ... 6
J. E. LEWIS COCKEY ... 2	ARTHUR HARDING ... 7
*DEREK R. JUDD ... 3	FRANK MILLER ... <i>Tenor</i>
*JEFFERY C. BIRT ... 4	

Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 21, 1945, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt. in D.

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.	RONALD J. C. HAGLEY ... 5
HAROLD A. MAY ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE L. GROVER ... 6
WILLIAM H. VIGGARS ... 2	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3	FRANK C. W. KNIGHT ... <i>Tenor</i>
GEORGE W. STEERE ... 4	

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

SIX BELL PEALS.

ACTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., April 11, 1945, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 15 120's Plain Bob, 9 120's April Day and 18 120's Grandsire. Tenor 14 cwt.

*BRIAN COOPER Treble	HARRY W. HOWARD 4
FREDERICK S. SUTTON 2	JOHN E. BROUGH 5
FRANK BARNARD 3	JOHN YOUNG Tenor

Conducted by J. E. BROUGH.

* First peal.

WITHINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Apr. 13, 1945, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*SHEILA MORETON Treble	JOHN D. WORSEY 4
*GEORGE DAVIS 2	LESLIE EVANS 5
WILLIAM H. SYMONDS 3	WILFRID F. MORETON ... Tenor

Conducted by W. F. MORETON.

* First peal. First peal of Minor as conductor. Rung half-muffled for President Roosevelt.

LANGLEY, BUCKS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 14, 1945, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of London Surprise, York Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 17 cwt.

WALTER SPARROW Treble	RICHARD E. PRICE 4
*ALAN F. THIRST 2	TONY PRICE 5
WILLIAM WELLING 3	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

* First peal of Minor.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., April 15, 1945, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three extents of Plain Bob and two each of Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise.

FREDK. J. LAMBERT, SEN. Treble	REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 4
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. 2	ALAN BROMLEY 5
FRANCIS BROMLEY 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 21, 1945, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of St. Clement's Bob and two 720's each of Single Oxford Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb. in B flat.

HILDA M. TAYLOR Treble	†NORMAN V. HARDING ... 4
*MARY PEMBERTON 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 5
†FRANK H. HICKS 3	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

* First peal of Minor. † 100th peal. ‡ 50th peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

CONGLETON, CHESHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sun., Apr. 8, 1945, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,
AT MOSSLEY VICARAGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

JOHN E. SPICE 1-2	*BETTY SPICE 5-6
WILLIAM L. B. LEESE ... 3-4	†*JEAN A. SOUTHERST ... 7-8
†ANNA SELLORS 9-10	

Composed by H. W. HALEY. Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.

* First handbell peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman Caters. ‡ First peal in the method and first of Caters. First handbell peal in the method as conductor, and the first peal of Stedman on handbells by any University Society.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., April 13, 1945, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT LONDON ROAD SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*GRAHAM C. TARR 1-2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 5-6
CHRIS. W. WOOLLEY ... 3-4	HENRY HODGETTS 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

* First peal.

OXFORD.

THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., April 16, 1945, in Two Hours and Five Minutes,
AT NEW COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

*MARGARET C. COSSAR ... 1-2	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 3-4
JOHN E. SPICE 5-6	

Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.

* First peal.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., April 17, 1945, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT 20, SWAISLAND ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

*DENNIS L. HALL 1-2	NORMAN SUMMERHAYES ... 5-6
ALLAN G. HALL 3-4	JAMES E. BAILEY 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by J. E. BAILEY.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Major 'in hand' by all except conductor.

WOODTHORPE, NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., April 18, 1945, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
AT 42, ARNO VALE ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

*MRS. R. A. WARD 1-2	JOHN THOMAS 5-6
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE ... 3-4	*ROBERT H. WARD 7-8

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal.

GUISELEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Apr. 18, 1945, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*ARTHUR C. WALSH 1-2	WILLIAM BARTON 5-6
†WILLIAM DIXON 3-4	†JOHN MCGLENN 7-8

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

* First peal. † First peal on handbells.



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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The first session of the nineteenth Council (48th annual meeting) will be held, on the recommendation of the Standing Committee, on Whitsun Tuesday, May 22nd, 1945, in the City Council Chamber, Birmingham (by kind permission of the Lord Mayor), at 11 a.m. precisely.

All notices of motions should be sent immediately.

A list of hotels in Birmingham is given below, and members are advised to make their arrangements as early as possible, as accommodation is very limited.

G. W. FLETCHER, Hon. Sec.

HOTELS.

The Grand Hotel, Colmore Row.
The Imperial Hotel, Temple Street.
The Queen's Hotel, New Street Station.
The Stork Hotel, Corporation Street.
The Woolpack Hotel, Moor Street.
The Midland Hotel, New Street.

TEMPERANCE HOTELS.

The Cobden, Corporation Street.
The Arden, New Street.

Major J. H. B. Hesse has recently been very ill with pleurisy and pneumonia and is still far from well. He is grateful to those who have sent messages of sympathy.

The peal of Minor at Horsmonden was rung for the golden wedding of Mr. F. J. Lambert.

In the peal of Stedman Cinques at Painswick on April 14th, Mr. James Hemming rang the 3rd for the first forty minutes.

WEDDING OF THE REV. J. P. PELLOE.

On April 18th in Ely Cathedral, the Rev. John P. Pelloe was married to Miss Kathleen Jeffery. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. E. P. Pelloe, of Oxford, assisted by the Bishop of Ely and the Dean. The Precentor, the Rev. F. H. Hilliard, was best man.

A peal of Double Norwich was attempted at St. Mary's after the ceremony, but was lost ten courses from the end through the breaking of a rope. At Thurcaston the Midland Counties Association rang a peal of London Surprise.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

MEETING AT TRURO.

A meeting of the Truro Diocesan Guild was held at Truro on Easter Monday. Over 130 ringers attended from Gwennap, St. Enoder, St. Ive, Perranarworthal, St. Columb Minor, St. Mary's, Penzance, Redruth, Camborne, Tuckingmill, St. Gluvias, St. Agnes, Kenwyn, Liskeard, Gulval, Illogan, Wadebridge, Kea, Luxulyan, St. Stephen-in-Brannel, Truro Cathedral and the Benenden School (handbell band), Newquay, as well as visitors from St. Andrew's and Emmanuel, Plymouth.

Those present attended evensong in the Cathedral, and lunch and tea were provided in St. Mary's Hall. There was ringing throughout the day on the ten bells at the Cathedral and on the eights at Kenwyn, Kea and Probus.

RINGING IN WAR TIME.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Recently I received a bundle of 'Ringing Worlds' for the latter months of last year, and was surprised, and a little perturbed, to find peals and meetings going on as in normal times, with little or no reference to the great triumphs and bitter sorrows of these days of war.

The correspondence on peal ringing in war time prompts me to make two observations. First, as I am not now in touch with the feeling of people at home, I will not express an opinion, beyond saying that I myself have not the slightest objection to anyone who wishes to do so ringing peals. I do, however, claim that we exiled ringers have the right to expect our brothers at home to teach and to keep on teaching. Teaching, and the maintenance of Sunday ringing, must, I insist, take precedence over peals and ringing for personal pleasure and satisfaction. Some of the peals are undoubtedly helping on the process of teaching—for example, the Bob Minor at Clay Cross, which was the first peal for five of the band. Of some peals, however, I am more doubtful. Peals in the rather more advanced methods, rung in famous towers, by bands of ringers whose names are widely known: against these I would place a question mark. To the members of these bands I would say, without criticism, and in a friendly spirit, 'Are you doing your share of teaching?'

My second observation concerns footnotes. The right and proper and traditional use of our bells is for the glory of God, and for the expression of national rejoicing or sorrows. Let footnotes be reserved for these occasions. In these days of tremendous historical significance do not cheapen the footnote by using it to recognise purely personal events—birthdays, weddings or the birth of a litter of spotted pups to the conductor's mother-in-law's mongrel bitch.

My greetings and good wishes to all my ringing friends.

R. D. St. J. SMITH, C.F.

S.E.A.C.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

The first visit of the East Grinstead and District Guild to Lamberhurst on Saturday, April 14th, proved a great success, ringers attending from Canterbury, Sturry, East Grinstead, Hartfield, Rotherfield, Uckfield, Tunbridge Wells, Wadhurst and the local company.

Thirty-four sat down to a really pre-war tea, after which the company was entertained with some well-struck tune ringing by Mr. and Mrs. French, of Sturry. The Vicar, the Rev. E. Salisbury-Gose, welcomed the ringers, saying how much the church appreciated their services.

Returning to the tower, the business meeting was held in the belfry under the chairmanship of Mr. B. Collison. Two new members were elected, Mr. J. Turley, of Rotherfield, and Miss Wiseman, of Tunbridge Wells. Uckfield was proposed for the May meeting, with Fairwarp as an alternative.

Ringing up to London Surprise Minor was enjoyed till 8.30 p.m.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

MEETING AT ASTON.

Between 60 and 70 members of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham attended a meeting at Aston Parish Church on April 7th. Service was conducted by the Vicar, the Ven. H. McGowan, who gave an address. Tea was provided by the local ringers, and at the business meeting, which followed, the Vicar presided, supported by the Master, Mr. Albert Walker. It was announced that the headstone had been replaced on Henry Johnson's grave and everything was again in order. Miss F. L. Wright, Mr. Charles Dean, Mr. Tom Greenhall, Mr. John Lloyd, Mr. E. W. Pve and Mr. F. G. Handley were elected life members, and Messrs. D. Marsh, M. Myers, G. W. Anker and A. Inett as ordinary members.

It was resolved to hold the next quarterly meeting at Knowle and the bi-quarterly meeting at Handsworth. On the proposition of the treasurer, Mr. T. H. Reeves, seconded by Mr. Paddon Smith, it was decided to support the appeal for funds to augment the peal of bells at Shirley Parish Church from six to eight with a donation of £10 from the Guild's funds. Mr. A. Walker referred to the recent death of Mr. G. R. Pve, a life member of the Guild, who took part in the record peal of 11,111 Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.

MEETING AT BISHOP'S WALTHAM.

A meeting of the Portsmouth District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild was held at Bishop's Waltham on April 21st, when nearly 50 ringers were present from Alverstoke, Bishopstoke, Bishop's Waltham, Fareham, Micheldever, North Stoneham, Portsmouth (Cathedral and St. Mary's), Soberton, Swanmore, Titchfield, Wickham, Wonston, Croydon, Salisbury and Sundry. The Guild service was conducted by the Rev. Dr. E. Braham, Vicar of Newtown. Tea was in the Rectory, after which the business meeting was held. Dr. Braham was elected an honorary member and several ringing members from Wickham were elected. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Titchfield on July 21st. Ringing during the day ranged from rounds to Cambridge, Superlative and Bristol Surprise Major.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT ROWBERROW.

A meeting of the Axbridge Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held at Rowberrow, at which ringers were present from Bleadon, Shipham, Churchill, Badgworth, Bristol, Bromley (Kent), Dinder, Obeddar, Congresbury, Worle, Kewstoke, Weston-super-Mare, Salisbury, East Brent, Wrington, Yatton and Nailsea.

The Rector, the Rev. G. A. Beechey, conducted the service, and Mrs. Leacroft and Mrs. Marshall entertained the party to tea in the Manor.

The president, the Rev. L. T. Powys David, presided at the business meeting, at which Messrs. W. Hardwidge and H. Body (Badgworth) and Mr. R. C. Simpson (Blagdon) were elected members. It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Mark in June, and practice meetings at Worle in April and Locking in May. The secretary was requested to write to Major Hesse, of Wrington, conveying sympathy in his illness.

In the evening Shipham was visited, where ringing continued 9 p.m. The methods were Grandsire, Stedman, St. Simon, Plain Bob and Union Doubles, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Little Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.

MEETING AT BRECON.

A meeting of the Northern Branch of the Swansea and Brecon Guild was held at St. Mary's, Brecon, on April 7th, when 28 ringers were present from Brecon (St. David's), Bronllys, Cefn Coed, Llanelly (Brecon), Llangattock and the local band, in addition to visitors from Morriston, Burrington and Broombrough. At the service the Dean of Brecon, the Very Rev. E. A. T. Roberts, gave an address on the ancient bells of Wales and afterwards entertained the ringers to tea.

The Dean took the chair at the business meeting, at which mention was made of the deaths of J. P. Hyett (late district secretary), W. Williams (St. David's, Brecon) and W. D. Griffiths (Talgarth), who had passed away since the last meeting. The officers were appointed as follows: Secretary and treasurer, Mr. D. H. Bennett (Bronllys), Ringing Master, Mr. A. Hunt (Cefn Coed), auditor, Mr. E. Chappel (Cefn Coed).

Cefn Coed was selected as the place of the next meeting. Three new members were elected, viz., John Owens, Brian Owens, Philip Owens, all of Bronllys. The methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and rounds.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT KILDWICK.

The annual meeting of the Western Division of the Yorkshire Association was held at Kildwick on April 14th, and nearly 40 members were present from Addingham, Bradford Cathedral, Bramley, Denholme, Drighlington, Guiseley, Haworth, Headingley (St. Michael's and St. Chad's), Heptonstall, Idle, Liversedge, Pudsey, Queensbury, Shipley, Silsden, Skipton and Colne.

Tea was served in the schools, and the business meeting, held in the Parish Room, was presided over by Mr. P. J. Johnson, vice-president, who was re-elected to office for a further term of three years.

Messrs. H. Armitage, Miss L. K. Bowling and W. Dixon were elected to the committee and Mr. Armitage to the general committee.

It was decided to hold the June meeting at Marsden, or, failing that, at Ilkley.

The vice-president appealed for increased interest in the affairs of the association by the younger members, and suggested a policy of electing each year one or more to the positions of trust, so that a gradual development could take place.

The collection for the belfry repairs fund realised 15s., and 13 new members were elected.

THE BELLS OF LAHORE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was on leave in Lahore (Northern India) and visited the Cathedral, where I found a peal of six bells. Although a thorough inspection was not possible I noticed that they were hung in H frames (steel) and were complete with ropes.

It was told that the bells could be rung whenever a band could be assembled.

There must be many ringers serving in S.E.A.C. who would like to ring again and who would travel to Lahore to meet others and ring on one of the very few peals of bells which exist outside England.

R. FAITHFULL.

DEATH OF MR. MARK BROOMFIELD.

The death is announced of Mr. Mark Broomfield, of St. Leonard's, Aldrington, Sussex, who passed away on April 7th. The funeral service was in St. Leonard's Church on April 10th and was attended by his fellow ringers and friends. Half-muffled touches were rung before and after the service.

Mr. Broomfield had been a member of St. Leonard's band for over 50 years and joined the association in 1895. He rang in the first peal of London Surprise Minor rung in Sussex.

THE LATE PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT.

MUFFLED RINGING.

The following touches were rung on Sunday, April 15th, half-muffled to the memory of the late President of the United States.

HINDLEY, LANCS.—720 Grandsire Doubles: A. Horrocks 1, L. Wood 2, C. Monks 3, F. Platt 4, H. Cooper 5, W. Horrocks 6, J. Halsall (conductor) 7, T. Parrimond 8. 4, 6 and 8 covering.

COLESHILL, WARWICKSHIRE.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): R. G. Hancock 1, J. Fifield 2, W. C. Rhodes (conductor) 3, *C. W. Atkins 4, E. A. Morris 5, *P. Willis 6, E. H. Hill 7, *B. Cantrill 8. * First quarter-peal.

SEFTON, LIVERPOOL.—1,260 Bob Minor: W. Thorley 1, S. Flint 2, J. Prescott 3, R. Guy 4, G. Skelland 5, W. Deacon (conductor) 6.

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.—720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: *F. R. Harris 1, *R. H. Mewies 2, *J. D. Rock 3, *L. T. Mainwaring 4, *E. P. Rock 5, †L. Evans (conductor) 6. * First 720 of Minor. † First 720 of Treble Bob Minor.

SLOUGH.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. River 1, G. Gutteridge 2, J. Gayford 3, Mrs. Bowerman 4, W. E. Judd (conductor) 5, W. Gutteridge 6, E. Hudson 7, E. H. Preston 8.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Peter Jay 1, Richard Dixon 2, William Perry 3, Bernard Sadler 4, Frederick Sotter 5, J. Allan Walker 6, Frank B. Lufkin (conductor) 7, Charles R. Chambers 8.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. W. Loveridge 1, A. Crane 2, S. Smith 3, W. Daniells 4, W. Sear 5, F. Sear 6, H. Sear (conductor) 7, H. Pearson 8.

BOURNEMOUTH.—At St. Peter's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: *John Davis 1, *Percy Brayshaw 2, *Mary Davis 3, *Andrew Pearmain 4, *Bruce Rogers 5, Eli Waters 6, Arthur Davis 7, John Coles 8. * First quarter of Stedman.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTER.—1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: *R. Perry 1, J. E. Clark 2, J. L. Willars 3, G. Deacon 4, S. Cox 5, *D. Dalby 6, *A. Patrick 7, C. Marshall (conductor) 8. * First quarter of Norwich.

EYNSHAM, OXON.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Calcutt (conductor) 1, J. Gardner 2, T. W. Bond 3, J. Flanders 4, C. Bennett 5, H. Caves 6.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. G. P. Elphib (first quarter) 1, F. J. Crees 2, G. P. Elphick 3, G. S. Wiggins 4, B. Heasman 5, W. J. Coppard 6, R. C. Hide (conductor) 7, T. W. Woolton 8.

PINNER.—720 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 behind): H. Punt 1, F. Robbins 2, Miss P. Holmes 3, E. Ware 4, R. Colyer 5, H. Stratford 6, N. Genna (conductor) 7, N. Fise 8.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.—720 Bob Minor: F. Dill 1, J. R. Mayne 3, D. Cattell 4, Mrs. C. C. Mayne 5, E. J. Leversuch 6, W. Wenban (conductor) 7, C. Wenban 8.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.—On April 16th, 1,260 Bob Minor: E. W. Ledsham (first quarter of Minor) 1, A. Walker 2, E. C. Shepherd (conductor) 3, W. H. Parker 4, V. A. Hemming 5, E. T. Lloyd 6.

The following were rung on Tuesday, April 17th:—

LONDON.—At St. Paul's Cathedral, three courses of Stedman Cinques: E. G. Fenn, W. H. Pasmore, H. Langdon (conductor), J. F. Smallwood, R. W. Green, H. Hoskins, W. S. Langdon, H. Belcher, C. W. Roberts, J. Bullock, R. F. Deal, A. B. Peck and T. Langdon. After the service, three courses of Stedman Cinques: E. G. Fenn, W. H. Pasmore, H. G. Miles, J. F. Smallwood, R. W. Green, H. Langdon (conductor), W. S. Langdon, H. Belcher, R. F. Deal, J. Bullock, A. B. Peck, J. Rumley and T. Langdon.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.—1,260 Doubles, being 480 Plain Bob and 780 of Grandsire: Miss J. Lawrence (first quarter, aged 15) 1, L. G. Toseland 2, Mrs. D. J. Porter 3, R. W. Lawrence (conductor) 4, B. P. Morris 5.

BEVERLEY.—At St. Mary's, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: R. Owen 1, Bdr. Collins, R.A. 2, C. H. Shepherd 3, C. Constable 4, T. Southwick 5, G. Dowling (conductor) 6, Sgt.-Major Baker 7, F. Osgerby 8, Gnr. Moon, R.A. 9, G. Braithwaite 10.

STOWMARKET.—1,264 Bob Major: P. Whittell 1, L. Foster 2, T. Sparrow 3, H. Copeland 4, F. Sterry 5, J. Steed 6, S. Sparrow 7, O. G. Barnard (conductor) 8.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: James Marr 1, J. Beagley 2, George Carter 3, William H. Viggers 4, Richard Hasted (conductor) 5, Frank C. W. Knight 6, Thomas Upshall 7, Albert E. King 8.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.—1,680 Bob Minor: G. Dean 1, A. Thorogood 2, C. W. Cook (conductor) 3, G. Easy 4, A. Hurst 5, E. H. Finch 6.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MEETING AT WOKINGHAM.

The annual meeting of the Sonning Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Wokingham on April 21st. Service was at All Saints', the address being given by the Rev. S. J. Greves, of Sonning. Tea was at the Rectory, and was followed by the business meeting, presided over by Canon G. F. Coleridge, chairman of the district. All the officers were re-elected, and it was decided to continue monthly practices. Ringing was at All Saints' and St. Paul's.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

LINCOLN.—On April 5th at St. Giles', 1,260 Stedman Triples: K. W. Chandler 1, Miss M. M. Lyon (first quarter in the method) 2, K. W. Mayer 3, J. F. Hodgson 4, L. Snell 5, H. L. Pask 6, J. A. Freeman (conductor) 7, J. Waiden 8.

EWELL, SURREY.—On April 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Betty Layton 1, Pat Smees 2, F. Mann 3, D. Layton 4, H. Smerdon 5, A. Harman (conductor) 6, H. E. Good 7, H. Lacey (first quarter-peal) 8. Rung for the wedding of Miss E. Harrington, of the Ewell band, to Mr. J. S. Stephenson, the organist of Hadleigh Church, Suffolk, which took place at St. Mary's Parish Church, Ewell.

EXETER.—On April 8th, at Heavitree, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. G. Glass 1, R. B. Roberts 2, T. G. Bartlett 3, A. W. Searle (conductor) 4, G. Skinner 5, A. Mitchell 6, E. Glass 7, R. Wilmington 8.—On April 15th at St. David's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Lethbridge 1, C. Clarke 2, T. G. Bartlett 3, Miss Q. Pring 4, G. Skinner 5, J. Salway 6, G. Retter (first quarter as conductor) 7, R. Wilmington 8.

LAVENHAM.—On April 8th, 1,264 Bob Major: B. Cornell 1, W. Andrews 2, L. Wright 3, S. H. Symonds (conductor) 4, F. Boreham 5, W. R. J. Poulson 6, L. Poulson 7, W. Jarvis 8.

BURSTOW, SURREY.—On Monday, April 9th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss Betty Tyrell (first quarter-peal) 1, F. Sadler 2, R. Beale 3, L. Penfold 4, H. Parsons 5, A. J. Bull (conductor) 6.

LONDON.—At Westminster Abbey on April 10th after the memorial service to the late Earl Lloyd George, 504 Stedman Triples with the bells half-muffled: H. R. Newton 1, W. H. Pasmore 2, T. Langdon 3, H. G. Miles 4, A. B. Pack 5, H. J. Pitstow (conductor) 6, H. Langdon 7, J. Rumley 8.

BANHAM, NORFOLK.—On Wednesday, April 11th, 720 Bob Minor: F. Waldron 1, R. Grant 2, S. Holman 3, J. Rout (first 720 Minor) 4, J. R. Smith 5, W. G. Saunders (conductor) 6.

ALRESFORD, HANTS.—On Saturday, April 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss Nesta Smith (first quarter-peal of Stedman Triples) 1, Mrs. C. H. Kippin 2, W. Newnham 3, W. Melville 4, L. Tremear 5, E. R. Warner 6, C. H. Kippin (conductor) 7, R. Smith 8.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.—On Saturday, April 14th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: D. T. Hills 1, T. Beaumont 2, H. Springate 3, F. Richardson 4, W. A. J. Knight (conductor) 5, W. J. Walker 6, E. A. G. Allen 7, C. E. J. Norris 8.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On Sunday, April 15th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: F. Hayes (conductor) 1, C. J. Squires 2, F. West 3, R. Coles 4, G. R. Goodship 5, W. H. Plumridge 6, C. A. Smith 7, G. F. Hinton 8, S. T. Goodchild 9, A. C. Strathdee 10.

ILMINSTER, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, April 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Gentle (first quarter-peal) 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, F. Norris 3, H. E. Walker 4, A. J. Grant 5, C. Gummer 6, E. White 7, J. Stenner 8.

WORCESTER.—On Sunday, April 15th, at St. John's, 720 Bob Minor: James Woodyatt 1, Reginald Woodyatt (conductor) 2, Fredk. N. Fluck 3, George Hinton 4, Frederick Giles 5, W. Lewis 6.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXFORD.—On Sunday, April 15th, 840 Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Doubles: Len. J. Coles 1, Miss Peggy Smith 2, Fred Hill 3, David Hill 4, Tom Smith (conductor) 5, Roger Coles 6.

DEVIZES.—On Wednesday, April 18th, at St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. Price (first quarter-peal) 1, Mrs. Waite 2, F. Hale 3, S. Grant (conductor) 4, J. Romain 5, J. Cully 6.

WESTON UNDERWOOD, BUCKS.—On April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: *Miss E. Sharp 1, *V. Adams 2, *Rev. J. F. Amies 3, H. Stanton 4, R. Howson (conductor) 5, *A. Armstrong 6. *First quarter-peal.

DEVIZES.—On Thursday, April 19th, at St. John's, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: *Miss B. J. Davis 1, *W. Mortimer 2, *J. Romain 3, W. Swift 4, *F. Hale 5, G. Winter 6, *S. G. Grant (conductor) 7, A. J. Cully 8. *First quarter-peal of Stedman.

POTTERSPOUR, NORTHANTS.—On Saturday, April 21st, 1,260 April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: J. Higgins 1, W. Yates 2, H. Ridgeway 3, F. Lambert 4, E. C. Lambert (conductor) 5.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Saturday, April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Walters 1, C. Gregory 2, H. Greenough 3, K. White 4, F. James 5, E. Robey 6, A. Webb (conductor) 7, F. Sawyer 8.

ALDBOURNE, WILTS.—On Saturday, April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: *N. W. Hawkins 1, F. J. Daniell 2, W. W. T. Daniell 3, A. Adams 4, C. J. Gardner (conductor) 5, *T. A. Palmer 6, W. A. T. Carter 7, *A. V. Jerram 8. *First quarter of Triples.

LITTLE WALTHAM, ESSEX.—On Sunday, April 22nd, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. Parker 1, A. L. Simmonds 2, E. J. Butler 3, F. Clark 4, H. Bradley 5, H. Devenish (conductor) 6.

HASTINGS.—On Sunday, April 22nd, at Christ Church, Blacklands, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. J. Bradford 1, V. Williams 2, Sgt. T. J. Warner 3, A. E. Easton 4, S. G. Smith 5, G. Piper 6, J. Downing (conductor) 7, Flight-Sergt. J. E. Pennells 8.

EGHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, April 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Hiscock 1, W. Parker 2, W. A. Goldstone 3, E. Morey 4, R. Andrews 5, J. Hesse 6, W. Peck (conductor) 7, E. Ryder 8.

FULMER, BUCKS.—On Sunday, April 22nd, 720 Bob Minor: W. H. Gutteridge 1, L. Harding 2, G. E. Swift 3, G. H. Gutteridge 4, F. Bolton 5, W. L. Gutteridge (conductor) 6.

FINCHLEY.—On Sunday, April 22nd, 1,260 Bob Minor: W. Harwin 1, B. Tubb 2, F. Barker 3, C. Levett 4, E. Pratchet 5, A. Warren (conductor) 6.

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ESSEX ASSN.—Halstead, Saturday, April 28th, 2 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Choral evensong 6 p.m.—Hilda G. Snowden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Belle Vue, Hedingham Road, Halstead, Essex.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Kingsclere (6), Sat., April 28th. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Chesterman, Hon. Sec.

SOCIETY OF CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, Saturday, April 28th, 3.30 to 5 and 6 to 7.30 p.m.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec., 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey.

OXFORD GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Annual, Windsor Parish Church, Saturday, April 28th, 3.30 p.m. Bells, service, tea and meeting.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. Phone, Slough 23260.

KENT ASSN.—Bethersden, April 28th, 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Dis. Sec., Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSN.—Greasley, Saturday, April 28th, 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Important business.—T. Groombridge, jun., Dis. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Chilcompton (6), Saturday, April 28th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—E. H. Nash, The Tailbot, Mells.

ELY ASSN.—Annual, Cambridge, April 28th. Service 4; preacher, the Lord Bishop of Ely. Tea at Dorothy Cafe, 2s. Ringing, Great St. Mary's 2-4, St. Benet's 2.15-3.45, Great St. Andrew's 6.30-7.30, R.C. 7.30-8.30.—K. Willers, Trumpington, Cambridge.

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Rochester District.—Quarterly, Northfleet, Saturday, April 28th, 2.45. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting in Infants' Schools (next churchyard). Swanscombe bells available 3 o'clock.—G. H. Spice, Hon. Sec., 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne.

LINCOLN GUILD.—Annual, Lincoln, Saturday, April 28th. Cathedral bells, 2 to 3 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m.; St. Peter-at-Gowt's (6), from 2 p.m. Business in Chapter House 3 p.m. Evensong at Cathedral 4 p.m. Tea, St. Giles' Parish Hall.—F. W. Stokes, Hon. Sec., Blankney, Lincoln.

SALISBURY GUILD.—Annual, Salisbury, Saturday, April 28th. Business in St. Martin's Parish Hall, Milford Street, at 2.30 p.m. Guild St. Martin 4.15 p.m. Tea (1s.) in St. Martin's Parish Hall at 5 p.m. Ringing: St. Thomas', St. Martin's, St. Edmund's (8), St. Paul's, Amesbury, Britford, Coombe Bissett, Wilton (6) (1—2.15, 6—9 p.m.). Names to Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Kington Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.—Practice, St. Mary's, Willesden (near White Hart), Tuesday, May 1st, 7—9.30 p.m.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, E.1, Saturday, May 5th, 3 p.m.—A. B. Peck.

SUSSEX ASSN.—Annual, Brighton, Saturday, May 5th. Ringing, St. Peter's, afternoon and evening, St. Nicholas', evening. Service, St. Peter's, 4.15. Allowances, tea 1s. 3d., max. rail fare 2s. 6d. Names for tea by April 28th.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Gen. Sec., 21, Kenmore Avenue, Brighton 6.

KENT ASSN.—Walmer, May 5th, 2.30. Service 4. Tea (1s. 6d.), 4.30.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Stanwick (5), Saturday, May 5th. Service 4.30. Tea 1s. 6d.; names early.—A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSN.—East Norfolk Branch.—Gorleston-on-Sea (8), May 5th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in St. Andrew's Hall, 5.15. Please send names or numbers for tea by May 1st.—J. Harwood, Branch Sec., 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth.

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Annual, Leeds Parish Church, Saturday, May 5th, 2 p.m. Service 3 p.m. Tea (1s. 3d.) in St. Peter's Hall, 4 p.m. Names to G. Robinson, 32, Heathfield, Adel, Leeds, by May 2nd. Business in St. Peter's Schools immediately afterwards.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford.

DEVON GUILD.—Huntsham (8), May 5th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. G. Dymond, Hon. Sec., Silverton.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSN.—Worcester, All Saints', May 5th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea provided. Names early to E. F. Cubberley, Kempsey, Worcester.

ESSEX ASSN.—Thorpe-le-Soken (6), May 5th, 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea (1s.) 4.30 p.m. at Crown Hotel. Names early. Last bus to Colchester 6.55 p.m.; last train, 7.54 p.m.—L. Wright, Park Farm Cottages, Shimpling, Bury St. Edmunds.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Leek (10), Saturday, May 5th, 3 p.m. Names to E. Sharratt, 13, Lowther Place, Leek, Staffs.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Blackburn Branch.—Padiham, Saturday, May 5th, 2.30 p.m. Business in tower 6 p.m.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec., 133, Ormerod Street, Accrington.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Christ Church, Southport, Saturday, May 5th, 2.30 p.m. Names to Mr. J. Ridyard, 16, Vaughan Road, Birkdale, Southport.—S. Forshaw, 55, Poolstock, Wigan.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Eaton Socan (8), Saturday, May 5th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSN.—Loughborough District.—Castle Donington, Saturday, May 5th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m.; bring food. Other arrangements as usual.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec.

HERTFORD ASSN.—Eastern Branch.—Sawbridge-worth, Saturday, May 5th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by May 2nd.—G. Radley, Dis. Sec., 18, Macers Lane, Wormley, near Hoddesdon, Herts.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Drayton, 2 miles from Langport, frequent bus service, Saturday, May 5th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, Martock.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual, Clerkenwell, May 12th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at 1s. 3d. Names for certain by May 7th. Ringing arrangements will be announced later.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

SURREY ASSN.—Annual, Reigate (10), May 12th, 3.15 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and business 6 p.m. Names to Mr. W. Claydon, 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate.—C. de Ste. C. Parks, Assn. Hon. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—Western District.—Apsley End (6), Saturday, May 12th, 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Names by Wednesday, May 9th, to W. Ayre, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Annual, Kettering, Whit Monday, May 21st. Committee 2.45. Service 3.30. Tea and business after. Names for certain by May 12th. Ringing: Burton Latimer (8), Rothwell (8), 10.30 to 12.30, Kettering from 1 p.m., Weekley (6), Warkton (5) after tea, Burton Latimer.—R. G. Black, Hon. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering.

BRISTOL.—St. Mary Redcliffe, practice every Tuesday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.—D. G. Clift and J. M. Stallard.

NOTTINGHAM.—St. Peter's. Ringing Sundays 10.15 a.m. and 6 p.m., Thursdays 7.30 p.m.—Frank Bradley, Ringing Master, 60, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—The address of Arthur Tomlinson, 10, Station Terrace, Blackpool, is now 56, Bank Hey Lane (South), Little Harwood, Blackburn.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—On and after Monday, May 7th, the address of Mr. D. G. Clift will be No. 21, The Chine, Stapleton, Bristol 5.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT SELBY.

A meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association was held at Selby on April 14th, and was attended by about 70 ringers and friends from Arksey, Barnby Don, Beverley, Campsall, Doncaster, Goole, Hemingbrough, Hessele, Howden, Hull, Kirk Ella, Pontefract, Sherburn-in-Elmet, Sutton-on-Hull, York and the local company. Service in the Abbey was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Glover.

Tea, provided by the local ringers, was served by ladies of the Abbey, in the Abbey Schools, and was followed by the business meeting, presided over by the vice-president, Mr. A. H. Fox. Three new members were elected, Messrs. A. C. Pacey of Hessele, and Frank Reed, of Barnby Don, and Miss Margaret S. Bradley, of Sherburn-in-Elmet. An invitation to hold the annual district meeting at Kirk Ella was accepted. A collection for the Bell Repairs Fund realised £2 3s.

THE DEVON GUILD.

MEETING AT HOLSWORTHY.

About thirty ringers attended a meeting of the North-West Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, held at Holsworthy on April 14th. Service was conducted by the Rev. R. L. P. Johnson, assisted by Prebendary E. V. Cox, the president of the Guild. At the business meeting, which followed tea, good reports were presented and 11 new members were elected. The Rev. W. H. T. Ravenhill was appointed chairman of the branch, Mr. J. W. Sangwin hon. secretary, Mr. F. Sanwgin Ringing Master, and the Rev. W. H. Smale and Messrs. A. J. Metters and F. Sangwin members of the general committee. Petrockstowe was selected for an autumn meeting. The methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

MEETING AT WEDNESBURY.

A meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford was held at St. Paul's, Wednesbury, on April 14th, at which between forty and fifty members and friends were present. Service was conducted by the Vicar, who gave an address. It was decided to accept an invitation to hold the annual meeting at St. Bartholomew's, Wednesbury, on June 23rd. During the afternoon and evening the bells of St. Paul's and St. Bartholomew's were rung in a variety of methods.

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