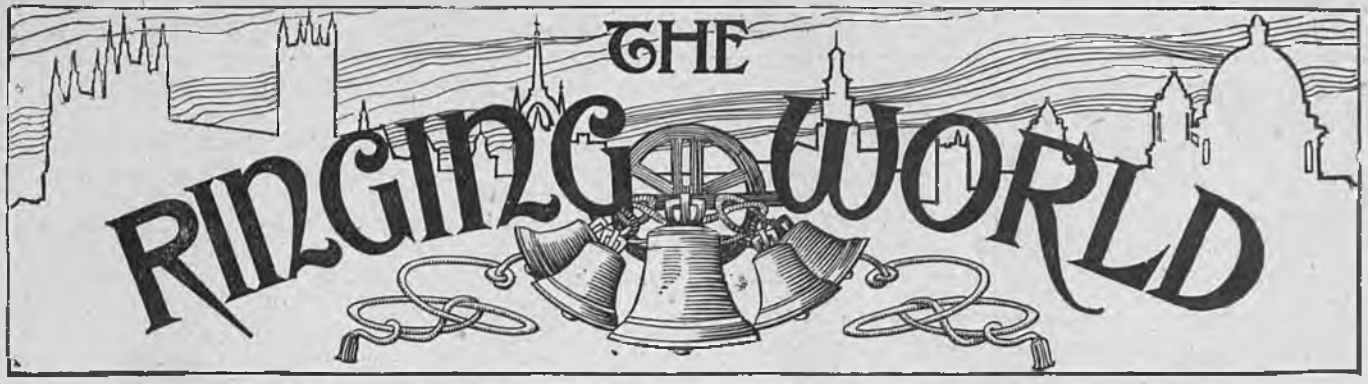


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PROGRESS—AND OTHERWISE.

The study of the Central Council's analysis of peals is always interesting, and may well be instructive to those who examine it for the purpose of judging what progress, or otherwise, is being made in the art of ringing in the various associations and in the country as a whole. We have already called attention to one disturbing feature of the analysis for 1932—the serious decline in the number who rang their first peal. There is another matter where there is little cause for congratulation, and that is in the large number of peals on five and six bells in which only one method was rung. There is a very slight improvement on the figures of the previous year, but the standard of Minor and Doubles ringing, judged by the number of methods rung in peals, has sadly deteriorated since the last generation. Forty years ago—in the year 1893-4, to be exact—out of sixty-one peals of Minor just a solitary one was rung in one method only, and fifty of them in seven or more methods. In 1932, out of a total of 408 peals of Minor, no fewer than 155 were in only one method, and only 107 in seven or more methods. We readily admit that a peal even in one method may be a considerable achievement and act as an encouragement to a young ringer, but we cannot imagine that it is merely the encouragement of the young ringer that has produced so large a percentage of one-method peals. There must, we think, be other causes, and among them we would suggest lack of enterprise and initiative on the part of many six-bell bands. In these days we pride ourselves on our progress in ringing, but in this matter we lag a long way behind the average performance of our fathers.

At the other end of the scale, however, there is marked evidence of advance, and it is to be found chiefly in the ringing of the higher methods. The increase in the total number of peals rung, as compared with the preceding year, was 120, of which no fewer than 79 were in the Surprise class. There are no statistics available to show how this increase arose, whether it was due to a more widespread practice of Surprise ringing or to many of the Surprise ringers ringing more peals, but we think our readers will agree with the assumption that the figures are an indication that more bands are practising Surprise methods. There are evidences also of a great deal more enterprise among those whose skill has lifted them to this level. Apart from the wonderful performances, which include the splicing of a number of methods into one peal, peals were rung in no fewer than thirty-one different Surprise Major methods, including eleven methods rung for the first time. In breaking away from the rut the Surprise ringers are setting a splendid example, which ought

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to be followed by less accomplished bands. Only eleven different plain Major methods were rung in the year, but in the Central Council's 'Collection' there are hundreds to choose from, which would not only make for variety but for progress; for the plain methods, many of them interesting and not altogether simple to ring, are stepping stones to more advanced practice. Bands who are looking for something to add interest to their ringing might make a study of some of the methods in this book: they would find it opens up a new and unexpected field.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, May 30, 1933, in Three Hours and Forty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5009 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

ALBERT WALKER Treble	WILLIAM SAUNDERS 7
FRANK E. PERVIN 2	WILLIAM C. DOWDING 8
FRANK W. PERRENS 3	ERNEST MANSELL 9
GEORGE E. FBARN 4	FRANK E. HAYNES 10
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 5	A. PADDON SMITH 11
THOMAS MILLER 6	JAMES H. SHEPHERD Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

TEN BELL PEAL.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 31, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5022 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. in D.

*GEORGE CASE Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 6
WILLIAM SAUNDERS 2	REV. E. GEOFFREY BENSON 7
JOSEPH L. STANLEY 3	WALTER LAGO 8
ALFRED S. BAYLEY 4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 9
*FRANK COTTRELL 5	*JACK GARRETT Tenor

Composed by G. HAYWARD.

Conducted by E. V. RODENHURST.

* First peal on ten, and first attempt. First peal as conductor on ten and first attempt.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

RADCLIFFE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 20, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

THOMAS B. WORSLEY Treble	THOMAS WALLWORK 5
DAVID VINCENT 2	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 6
WILFRED HALLIWELL 3	JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW 7
ROBERT WALLWORK 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

BREWOOD, STAFFORD.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, May 27, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CHAD,

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

*HARRY BOSWELL Treble	ROBERT PICKERING 5
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 2	HERBERT KNIGHT 6
GEORGE F. SWANN 3	†EDWARD V. RODENHURST 7
FRANCIS BROTHERTON 4	THOMAS J. ELTON Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. HRYWOOD.

Conducted by G. F. SWANN.

* First peal of Double Norwich. † 300th peal; they have been rung in 103 towers, in 19 counties and for 14 associations. 50th peal rung together by treble and 4th ringers. Rung for the festival of the Ascension and for Queen's Mary's birthday.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 27, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6066 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

ROLAND BIGGS Treble	GEORGE MARTIN 5
* FRANCIS E. MAY 2	RICHARD A. POST 6
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 3	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by F. E. TAYLOR.
* First Surprise peal. Conductor's 100th peal.

DODDERHILL, DROITWICH, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 27, 1933, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
SIDNEY T. HOLT 2	FRED HAWKES 6
THOMAS W. LEWIS 3	CYRIL TANSELL 7
ROBERT G. KNOWLES 4	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.
First peal of Major on the bells. The quarterly peal for the Western Branch.

BRIGHTLING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 27, 1933, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

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

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
This is believed to be the first Surprise peal rung on the bells.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 27, 1933, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES
Tenor 14½ cwt.

FRANK CLAYDON Treble	FREDERICK RIDGWELL 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	WILLIAM PYE 6
CHARLES T. COLES 3	JAMES BENNETT 7
ERNEST J. BUTLER 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.
The conductor's 800th peal.

LONDON.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 27, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BATTERSEA,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

HORACE BELCHER Treble	* ERNEST A. REEVE 5
* MISS MARGARET PACK 2	EDWIN F. PIKE 6
HARRY HOSKINS 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
WILLIAM H. HEWETT 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by W. H. HEWETT.
* First peal in the method.

MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 27, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

JOHN HALLOWS Treble	STEPHAN L. PARRY 5
WILLIAM BERRY 2	FRED DONKERLEY 6
ALWYN TAYLOR 3	HAROLD HAMER 7
OGDEN MOORES 4	JOHN H. E. MASSEY Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by W. BERRY.
Rung to celebrate the Queen's birthday. In this peal the 2nd is never in 5-6 at a course-end.

DUNMOW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 27, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

HERBERT DEVENISH Treble	ERNEST TOWNSEND 5
* ALBERT RIBBINS 2	JOSEPH JENNINGS 6
ERNEST RENTER 3	WALTER SMITH 7
ARTHUR SMITH 4	WILLIAM KEEBLE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE
* First peal in the method 'inside.' The monthly peal for the division. The conductor has now 'circled' this tower. This makes the 13th tower in which this has been accomplished by him.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 29, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES PARR Treble	FRED DONKERLEY 5
FRED HINDLE 2	* WILLIAM MILLER 6
WILLIAM AARON 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 7
ARNOLD BRUNTON 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.
* First peal in the method. Rung for the wedding of Mr. J. A. Tomlinson (son of the conductor) and Miss E. Hartley, who were married at the above church on May 27th. L. J. Williams has now rung each bell in this tower through a peal.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 29, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPHE, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE & SUPERLATIVE
SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES E. DAVIS Treble	JOHN T. KENTISH 5
MRS. R. F. DEAL 2	GEORGE R. PYE 6
EDWIN F. PIKE 3	* JOSEPH MARKS 7
JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS Tenor

Composed by the Rev. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS
* First peal in four methods. This peal contains 2,944 London, 608 Bristol, and 736 each of Cambridge and Superlative, the two latter methods being rung in alternate parts.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 31, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF PAINWICK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES!
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

RONALD A. BOLLEN Treble	WILLIAM WELLING 5
* MISS KATH. M. BRADFORD 2	* WILLIAM T. BEESON 6
* JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 3	EDWARD S. T. FARR 7
LEONARD STILWELL 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method for the association.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 31, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

* FRANK JONES Treble	JAMES A. MILNER 5
ERNEST BENNETT 2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 6
TOM WILDE 3	WILFRED STEVENSON 7
HARRY LANGLEY 4	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST BENNETT.
* First peal. Rung with the bells fully muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Fernley, wife of the leader of the local band.

**BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINGS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)**

*On Thursday, June 1, 1933, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PEYER,*

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).**

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

MRS. J. BRAY Treble	HAROLD EASTOE 5
ARTHUR W. HOODLESS ... 2	ERNEST BRITAIN 6
WALTER GODDARD 3	JACK BRAY 7
GEORGE W. MOODY 4	*JOSEPH ATKINSON Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal on eight. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss W. Blytho, one of the local band, also as a welcome to Mr. J. Houldridge, a missionary home from Africa.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 1, 1933, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS-THE-MARTYR,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.**

NORMAN PATTERSON Treble	HAROLD B. DITCHBURN ... 5
GEORGE S. TAYLOR 2	THOMAS STEPHENSON 6
A. NONNELLY WOOD 3	JOSEPH W. PARKER 7
FRANK AINSLEY 4	ROBERT L. PATTERSON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

Arranged for Mr. A. N. Wood, of Northampton, it being his first peal of Double Norwich. Tenth peal in ten attempts by the treble ringer.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 3, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.**

ALFRED J. BULL... .. Treble	KENNETH SNELLING 5
KEITH HART 2	JACK M. CRIPPS 6
*A. WINGFIELD DURHAM ... 3	WILFRED WILLIAMS 7
GEORGE OLLIVER 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal in the method.

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 3, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.**

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	REGINALD BROWN 5
*JOHN W. FAITHEFULL ... 2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 6
FREDERICK A. BURNETT ... 3	FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... 7
†ERNEST G. WILLIAMS ... 4	WILLIAM E. CHEATER Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* 50th peal, all of which have been rung with one arm. † First Surprise peal. Rung to celebrate the King's birthday.

LINTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 3, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.**

HARRY BAKER Treble	*CHARLES H. SONE 5
THOMAS E. SONE 2	TOM SAUNDERS 6
MRS. H. BAKER 3	†BENJAMIN F. BAKER... .. 7
HORACE GILBERT 4	LUTHER J. HONESS Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* 125th peal together. † First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the birthday of His Majesty the King. The conductor has now 'completed the circle' twice in this tower. The band wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Sone for their hospitality after the peal.

NEWMARKET.—At All Saints' Church, on May 17th, 720 Bob Minor: A. Beale 1, S. Howlett 2, S. Ward 3, B. D. Buttress (conductor) 4, R. C. Sharpe 5, S. J. Twitchett 6. First 720 by ringers of 1st and 2nd.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 3, 1933, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.**

T. LINCOLN Treble	H. DEVONISH 5
H. PENNACK 2	G. W. ABLITT 6
H. WARNE 3	DR. SPENCER-PHILLIPS ... 7
W. LINCOLN 4	A. HEAD Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by DR. SPENCER-PHILLIPS. Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

HIGHER WALTON, LANC.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 3, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.**

*HARRY HARDACRE Treble	E. ROGER MARTIN 5
JOHN CBARNOCK... .. 2	JOHN BOOTH 6
JOHN T. BIMSON... .. 3	WILLIAM SHARPLES 7
FRED HARWOOD... .. 4	JAMES W. GROUNDS Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (75). Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

* First peal in the method. The composition, now rung for the first time, was composed in 1905. Rung for the King's birthday.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 3, 1933, in Three Hours,

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

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.**

HERBERT FULCHER Treble	CHARLES LOOME 5
ALBERT G. HARRISON... .. 2	RUSSELL RICHES... .. 6
CHARLES BAKER 3	GEORGE POINTS 7
WILLIAM FLATT 4	ERNEST WHITING... .. Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 3, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
CARTER'S No. 35. Tenor 11 cwt. 18½ lb. ♯**

WILLIAM SHORT... .. Treble	RALPH MOORS 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE... .. 2	RALPH PARTON 6
ROBERT MATTHEWS 3	SAMUEL GROVE 7
*REGINALD CHANCE 4	WILLIAM J. CARTER Tenor

Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

* First peal of Stedman. Arranged and rung for His Majesty's birthday. Treble ringer's 850th peal.

HILLINGDON WEST, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 3, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.**

GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... Treble	PERCY E. JONES 5
EDGAR HANCOX 2	ARTHUR HARDING 6
JAMES H. LUCAS 3	FRANK CORKE 7
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 4	WILFRED S. CHILDS Tenor

Conducted by FRANK CORKE.

Rung in honour of His Majesty the King's birthday; also of the mother of the ringer of the 2nd, who is 84.

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BRAMLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 3, 1933, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION OF THORSTANS'. Tenor 12 cwt.	
THOMAS WM. STRANGEWAY <i>Treble</i> 1	†FRANK RAYMENT 5
*JOSEPH THACKRAY 2	JOSEPH BROADLEY 6
CHARLES E. LAWSON 3	GEORGE WM. STEEL... .. 7
*HENRY G. GRIMWOOD 4	HARRY HOMER Tenor

Conducted by T. W. STRANGEWAY.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal. First peal of Stedman on the bells. Rung in honour of the birthday of H.M. the King.

BECKENHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 3, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.	
ISAAC EMERY <i>Treble</i> 1	†GEORGE WICKENS 5
WILLIAM MARTIN 2	†F. C. SHORTER 6
*ARTHUR S. RICHARDS 3	EDMOND MOUNTER 7
JOHN LYDDIARD 4	WALTER SMITH Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by W. SMITH.

* First peal. † First in the method. Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL AND THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 5, 1933, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 23 cwt.	
JOHN H. B. HESSE, Honorary Member 1	<i>Treble</i> 2
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE, Warwickshire Guild 3 4
FRANK W. PERRENS, Warwickshire Guild 5 6
ALFRED H. PULLING, Guildford Guild 7 8
EDWIN H. LEWIS, President 9 10
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH, Honorary Member 11 12
JAMES HUNT, Bath & Wells Association... .. 13 14
JOSEPH T. DYKE, Bath & Wells Association 15 Tenor

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

HEANOR, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 5, 1933, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.	
ARTHUR KNIGHTS <i>Treble</i> 1	WILLIAM P. STIRLAND 5
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 2	AMBURN WILSON 6
WILLIAM A. WOOLER 3	NORMAN C. LEWIS 7
WILLIAM J. THYNG 4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS... .. Tenor

Composed by AMBURN WILSON.

Conducted by N. C. LEWIS.

First peal of Oxford Treble Bob on the bells.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

MINSTERWORTH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 13, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten six-scores of Grandsire and 32 six-scores of St. Dunstan's, each called differently. Tenor 11½ cwt.

THOMAS BALDWIN <i>Treble</i> 1	FRANK LYTLETON 4
PHILIP POCKETT 2	A. H. HEAVEN 5
WILLIAM BOLLOCK 3	WILLIAM HOOPER Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS BALDWIN.

SANDY, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 20, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH ST. SWITHUN.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Bob and one of Plain Bob.

ARTHUR DILLEY... .. <i>Treble</i> 1	CHARLIE BALL 4
*PERCY TOMPKINS 2	HERBERT SHERMAN 5
TOM BARTRAM 3	LEWIS BYWATERS... .. Tenor

Conducted by LEWIS BYWATERS.

* First peal 'inside.'

STRETTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 22, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.	
*SYDNEY J. ANTHONY... .. <i>Treble</i> 1	†KENNETH E. BIRTLES 4
HARRY PARKER 2	REGINALD W. WORRALL 5
*HAROLD WORRALL 3	JOHN H. DAVENPORT... .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY PARKER.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside' and of Minor.

APSLEY END, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 24, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Double Court, Hereward Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.	
*HENRY GOLDING <i>Treble</i> 1	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 4
†FRANCIS TOMPKINS 2	*HERBERT GATES 5
STEPHEN H. HOARE 3	WALTER AYRE... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal of Minor and first attempt. Rung in honour of Empire Day, and as a birthday compliment to Mrs. H. Golding and Mrs. W. Ayre. It is 21 years since a seven-method peal was rung in this tower or district.

HOYLANDSWAINE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 26, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of New London, Duke of York, Violet, Woodbine, Kent, Oxford and Merchant's Return. Tenor 10 cwt.

ERNEST BROOKES <i>Treble</i> 1	*WILLIAM STEELE 4
*WILLIS DYSON 2	*HERBERT HOLBROOK... .. 5
RAYMOND CROSSLAND 3	†JAMES H. SYKES... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST BROOKES.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal in seven methods 'inside.' First peal in seven methods as conductor. Rung in honour of the birthday of H.M. the Queen, as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 4th and 5th, and also to commemorate Empire Day.

WIVENHOE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 27, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Double Court, 720 St. Clement's, two 720's Kent Treble Bob, two 720's Oxford Treble Bob, and 720 Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

WALTER SOUTHGATE <i>Treble</i> 1	ERNEST DURRANT 4
URBAN W. WILDNEY 2	HORACE A. WRIGHT 5
ALAN R. ANDREWS 3	EDWARD E. DAVEY Tenor

Conducted by E. E. DAVEY.

First peal on these bells for over 28 years.

NORTHILL, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 27, 1933, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 30 six-scores of Grandsire with ten callings and 12 of Bob Doubles with 12 callings. Tenor 20 cwt. (approx.)

*WILLIAM WAGSTAFF... .. <i>Treble</i> 1	ARTHUR DILLEY 3
†PERCY TOMPKINS 2	HERBERT SHERMAN 4
LEWIS BYWATERS Tenor	

Conducted by LEWIS BYWATERS.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal of Doubles as conductor. First peal on the bells, which are believed to be the heaviest peal of five in the county.

SWAVESEY, CAMBS.—On Feast Sunday, May 28th, for evensong, touches of Bob Minor. After service a 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. L. Perkins 1, A. W. T. Ginn 2, F. G. Glaves 3, M. Ginn 4, C. Robinson 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6. As a good peal this 720 'wants no framing.'

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 27, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Using two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN DENTON Treble	ERNEST BAILEY 4
CHARLES BAILEY... .. 2	JAMES SPALDING 5
EDGAR BAILEY 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Edward Chatten, a member of the local company, who passed away in Southwold Hospital on May 22nd, aged 72 years. The quickest peal on the bells.

HINTON WALDRIST, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 27, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings. Tenor 7½ cwt.

J. VALENTINE JONES Treble	*FREDERICK H. WHIPP 4
FRANK WHEELER... .. 2	WILLIAM B. KYNASTON 5
HUBERT E. TAYLOR 3	CHARLES J. GARDINER Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM B. KYNASTON.

* First peal. Rung as a compliment to the village schoolmistress and organist (Mrs. Smith) on completion of 26 years in the former and 30 years in the latter capacity. The band take this opportunity of thanking her for her kind hospitality after the peal.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, May 28, 1933 in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Consisting of two extents each of Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob and three of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

RICHARD T. HOLDING... .. 1 reble	HARRY W. HOWARD 4
ALBERT CRAWLEY 2	NORMAN G. LEECH 5
FRANCIS BROTHERTON... .. 3	HARRY PARKER... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. PARKER.

KINGSTONE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 28, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, 10 different callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

*EDWARD T. GRIFFIN... .. 1 reble	F.C. RICHARD STUCKEY 4
†W. HARRY HEBDITCH 2	†WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5
†P.C. FRANK HANSFORD 3	†J. REGINALD HEBDITCH Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. ‡ 100th peal.

STONE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, May 28, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, with ten callings. Tenor 5½ cwt.

*FREDERICK H. OLDNALL 1 reble	*FREDERICK W. BURNELL... .. 4
†FREDERICK J. AUSTIN 2	SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY 5
†ERNEST G. LEWIS 3	ALFRED JONES 1 chime

Conducted by S. O'C. HOLLOWAY.

* First peal at first attempt. † First peal. Conductor's first peal as conductor, and first peal of Doubles. Rung in honour of the 85th birthday of Col. Howard, of Stone, Vicar's warden for 60 years.

FRENESHAM, SURREY.—At St. Mary's Church, on Wednesday, May 31st, for confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): Miss D. I. Aslett 1, W. G. Chandler 2, E. J. Pepler 3, W. H. Chandler 4, A. J. Cluter (conductor) 5, E. A. Case 6. First quarter-peal by ringer of the treble and 1st quarter-peal by ringer of 2nd on an 'inside' bell.

EVERSHOT, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WEST DORSET BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, May 31, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSMUND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE AND BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Fourteen different callings. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

*HUBERT SMITH 1 reble	†HERBERT GROVES 4
H. DENNIS W. BISHOP 2	†WILLIAM H. BOWDITCH 5
†HAROLD C. R. VINE... .. 3	†WILLIAM J. GROVES Tenor

Conducted by H. D. W. BISHOP.

* First peal in two methods and first peal of Doubles. † First peal and first attempt. First peal attempt as conductor. First peal of Doubles on the bells. First peal ever rung by a local band, who all are service ringers at the above church. The band wish to take this opportunity to thank Mr. W. C. Shute for instruction.

WITHERNSEA, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 1, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

STANLEY WEBB Treble	THOMAS M. SHEPPARD 4
ERNEST E. TAYLOR 2	GEORGE DOWLING 5
JOHN M. PICKERING 3	PERCY J. METCALFE Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY WEBB.

Rung to celebrate the birthday of the ringer of the 2nd, this being his first peal 'inside.'

DESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 3, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*LEONARD G. JORDON... .. 1 reble	FRED MEARS 4
ARTHUR E. ROWLEY 2	ERNEST H. BAGWORTH 5
FRANCIS R. DEACON 3	†ARTHUR DEBENSAM 1 chime

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal. Rung as a wedding compliment to George B. Brewin, one of the local band, who was married the same day to Miss Mabel Taylor, of Earl Shilton.

HANDBELL PEALS.

CRETINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, May 25, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF G. WIGHTMAN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16 in B.

*JOHN ARBON 1-2	†DAVID G. WIGHTMAN 5-6
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN... .. 3-4	GEORGE WIGHTMAN 7-8

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by G. WIGHTMAN.

Umpire—Stephen Wightman.

* First peal of Kent. † First peal on handbells.

BIRMINGHAM.

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On Friday, May 26, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

14 ST. MARTIN'S RINGING ROOM,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

ALBERT E. NORMAN 1-2	FRANK E. PERVIN 7-8
ALBERT WALKER 3-4	FRANK E. HAYNES 9-10
GEORGE F. SWANN 5-6	MORRIS J. MORRIS 11-12

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

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BENNINGTON, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Whit Monday, June 5, 1933, in Ten Hours and Fifty-two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 18,144 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*HENRY WALLACE <i>Treble</i>	ALFRED J. HOESE 5
WILLIAM A. TACK 2	WILLIAM K. NORTH 6
ROBERT HOWARD 3	BARNARD PATMORE 7
SIDNEY CARTER 4	JOHN WELCH... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by S. CAPTER.

* First peal of Bob Major. Longest peal of Major yet rung.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.
SOUTHERN DISTRICT.**

A meeting was held at Bletchingley on Saturday, May 20th, ringers attending from Buckland, Forest Hill, Godstone, Horley, Limpsfield Chart, Mersham, Redhill, Reigate, Westerham, and members of the local band. Ringing continued during the afternoon with short intervals, except when the treble bell went the wrong way down owing to the stay not being able to stand an extra bump. One of the local members kindly took the matter in hand and soon had it rigged up again with a couple of bolts, and all went happily afterwards. A short service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. A. A. Crawshaw), which was very appropriate. Tea was partaken of at the Church Hall, followed by the business meeting, Mr. D. K. C. Birt, Master of the association, presiding.

The Chairman referred to the death of Mr. P. Etheridge, of Horley, who had been a member of the association for many years. As a mark of respect the whole company stood in silence for a few moments.

One new member, Mr. J. Coppard, of Bletchingley, was elected. It was proposed that the next quarterly peal be Grandsire Doubles, to be attempted at Kingswood, with Mr. R. V. Fuller as conductor, with members of the local band standing in. Owing to Burstow tower being unavailable on July 22nd, it was decided to hold the next meeting at Limpsfield Chart on that date.

At the close the Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for granting the use of the bells, conducting the service, and for kindly interest in the association, also to the local members for making all arrangements. The tower was again visited, and ringing continued until 9 p.m., the cream being served up in a well-struck course of Cambridge Major.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at Pulborough on Saturday, May 20th. Although the weather was everything one could desire, only 18 members attended owing to various other attractions. However, the following towers were represented: Arundel, Chichester, Billingshurst, Heene, Sinfold, Shoreham, Pulborough and Washington. A short service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. E. Frost) and Canon Corfe, who gave a most interesting address on the history of bells. The company partook of tea at the Chequers Tea Room, and were accompanied by the Rector, Canon Corfe and Mr. Churchwarden Deudney.

The Rector presided at the business meeting, at which the secretary announced that it was proposed to hold the next meeting at Kirdford.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector, to Canon Corfe, and to Mr. H. Doick for making the local arrangements.

After a stroll round the spacious and well-kept Rectory grounds, with the Rev. E. Frost pointing out the various objects of interest, the company made their way back to the belfry for further ringing.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
VISIT TO TAMWORTH.**

The last quarterly meeting of the society's year was held at Tamworth on Saturday, April 29th. Upwards of 60 put in an appearance from Bilston, Bradley, Bridgnorth, Coventry, Derby, Dudley, Erdington, Lichfield (St. Chad's), Nuncaton, Rugby, Stafford, Tettenhall, Walsall, Willenhall, Wolverhampton (St. Peter's), etc. One of the chief attractions at this particular meeting was to hear the new bells, the front seven having been recast and the tenor returned. On examining the old wooden frame it was found that the death watch beetle had played havoc with it, and it was deemed advisable to replace it with an iron one. Messrs. Taylor and Co. are to be congratulated on the splendid improvement they have made. Ringing in various methods, including the four premier Surprise methods, went apace until 4.45, when a short service was held in church, with a practical address delivered by the Vicar, the Rev. E. H. Rogers. An excellent tea was laid in the schoolroom, at which the Vicar presided. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for his address, use of bells, etc., to the organist for his kindly assistance, and to all others who had helped to make the meeting so successful. In his reply, the Vicar gave the company a warm welcome to Tamworth, and hoped they would pay another visit in the near future.

Negotiations are afoot to arrange a joint meeting with members of the Hereford Diocesan Guild and the Stafford Archdeaconry, full particulars of which will be given later.

The annual (jubilee) meeting is to be held at Lichfield on June 17th.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A band of 'brass hats' and others, representing the Central Council, lost a peal of Stedman Caters at Fulham on Saturday after about 2½ hours' ringing. Strange how these 'cast-iron' jobs crack up!

At the next meeting of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, to be held at Seale on June 24th, a proposal to start a bell restoration fund for the district is to be discussed.

Fifty years ago to-day the last peal on the bells of St. Michael's, Coventry, was rung. To-day is also the anniversary of the first peal rung in America. Henry Haley conducted Holt's Ten-Part at Christ Church, Philadelphia, on Sunday, June 9th, 1850.

A NEW RECORD.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION'S 18,144 BOB MAJOR.

The Hertfordshire band were successful in their effort on Monday to raise the record length of a peal of Major.

They succeeded in ringing 18,144 of Plain Bob in 10 hours 52 mins. at Bennington. There has only been one longer peal than this rung on tower bells, the record of Stedman Caters at Appletton.

THE PEAL AT OVER.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Much has been heard in the past as to what shall be recognised as a peal. We should not ring Doubles with more than one cover, or Minor with a cover; we ought not to ring peals on the Bankes James' or any other plan where the bells do not come into rounds at each 720; we ought not to do this and ought not to do that. Now, in your issue of May 19th we read of another new sort of performance on eight bells at Over, Cambridge, on which it would be very interesting to hear the views of your readers, and especially those on the Central Council. It has been said that this peal is in the nature of a novelty and in a similar likeness to the peal at Exeter and others where heavy or bad-going bells have been excused for having two men to ring them. Seeing that the circumstances at Over are quite different, one is tempted to ask where is the likeness? Since it is generally recognised that each man in a peal shall ring the full number of changes, without interval, a further question arises, should these men claim a peal after having rung only one hour and two hours respectively?

TRUTH.

RINGERS' JUGS AND PITCHERS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In the June issue of 'Apollo' (a journal of the arts for connoisseurs and collectors) there appears a fully illustrated article on 'Ringers' jugs, jacks, pitchers and gotchers,' by J. R. Nichols and myself.

For some considerable time we have been collecting data and illustrations of these interesting old-time relics, and have got details of the following:—

Jugs and pitchers.—Norfolk: Garboldisham, Norwich, and Great Yarmouth. Suffolk: Beccles, Bungay, Clare, Hadleigh, Hinderclay, Ixworth and Stowmarket. Cheshire: Crowe, Church Lawton and Macclesfield. Westmorland: Kendal. Oxon: Witney. Dorset: Witchesampton. Essex: Braintree. Also a former one at Swansea; pewter flagons at St. Paul's, Salisbury, and Dorchester, Dorset; leather jacks of Lincoln and Stafford; ram's horn drinking vessel at Cirencester.

If any ringers or friends can give information of any other jugs, etc., of a similar nature, I should be very grateful if they will communicate with me direct.

ERNEST MORRIS.

24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

WHO WAS THE FOUNDER?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Can any of your readers help me to answer the question of a friend of mine as to the origin and founder of three small bells near here in Lincolnshire, one of which is on his house? They are marked R A B. The stamp between R and B has a bell between two branches of leaves.

(1) At Crosby, hanging in a brick and stucco bell gable on the church. In 1553 there were four great bells and a sanctus, but there is no trace of a tower now.

(2) Binbrook, on the school since 1882, when it lay in the church. In 1553 there were three great bells and a sanctus. The tower fell into ruins with the church about 1820. Diameter, 13 inches.

(3) Holton-le-Moor, at the Hall, which was built in 1784, but there is no record of its origin. A bell from the church, which was cracked, dated 1634, was recast into two in 1848, but there is no record of a sanctus bell.

E. W. CARPENTER.

Kingerby Vicarage.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

RECORD ATTENDANCE AT TUESDAY'S MEETING.

There was a record attendance of members at the annual meeting of the Central Council, held in London on Tuesday, the number present being 109. These included eleven out of the twelve honorary members, and 98 elected members, representing 40 out of the 51 societies affiliated to the Council. Out of the total roll of 141 members only 32 were absent. The meeting was probably also a record in length. It began at 11 a.m., and with only an hour and a quarter's break for lunch went on to 6.15 p.m.

The Council were welcomed by the Worshipful Master of the Skinners' Company, Mr. R. D. Poland, who was thanked by the president.



MR. E. H. LEWIS,
re-elected President.

After the meeting had been opened with prayer by Canon Coleridge, Mr. E. H. Lewis was re-elected president, and Mr. G. W. Fletcher hon. secretary and treasurer.

THE NEW LIBRARIAN.

The Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake was appointed hon. librarian to succeed the late Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn.

The following hon. members were re-elected: Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Messrs. J. S. Goldsmith, J. Griffin, C. F. Johnston, J. A. Trollope and E. A. Young. There were three vacancies, two of which had been caused by the death of Mr. H. W. Wilde and the resignation of Mr. E. W. Elwell.

It was decided to follow the usual practice and keep open one vacancy for emergencies. Mr. C. Dean, formerly a representative of the Surrey Association, and a member of the Peals Analysis Committee, was elected to one of the remaining vacancies, and for the other three names were proposed: Mr. J. George, Mr. W. H. J. Hooton and Mr. C. W. Roberts. On a ballot being taken, Mr. C. W. Roberts was elected.

This being a newly-elected Council there were a number of new members presented to the president.

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received from Rev. W. H. Ingham, Mr. T. Metcalfe, Mr. J. C. Pollard, Mr. J. R. Newton, Mr. S. T. Rackham, and Mr. R. Richardson and Mr. J. Phillips through illness.

Congratulations were extended to three members of the Council: Mr. William Storey (Newcastle), on his appointment as a Justice of the Peace; the president of the Yorkshire Association, who had been made a Canon of Ripon; and Mr. Stephen Wood on his recent marriage.

Death among members was referred to by the president. Those who had died during the year included the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Mr. E. Barnett, Mr. H. W. Wilde, Mr. T. Faulkner, Mr. F. Hopgood and C. Pleyer. The following former members had also passed away: Messrs. A. E. Parsons, W. Walmsley, H. Haigh and E. P. O'Meara. The Council stood in silence as a tribute to their memory.

FINANCE.

The Hon. Secretary presented a statement of the sale of publications, showing that £17 18s. 5d. had been received, and a balance of £7 3s. 1½d. had been handed over to the general fund.

The statement of the accounts of the Council showed receipts amounting to £110 17s. 6½d., including £61 11s. 11d. in hand at Whit-sun, 1932, subscriptions, 1931-32, £4, 1932-33 £31, hon. members £2 2s. 6d., interest £5, sale of publications £7 3s. 1½d. The expenditure included £10 10s. to the Rev. C. D. P. Davies Memorial Fund, £13 16s. 1d. to the Stedman Fund, and other items amounting to £17 18s. 3½d., leaving a balance in hand of £67 12s. 2d. The Council's investments include £50 3½ per cent. Conversion Stock, £50 4½ per cent. Consols, the present market value being £138 3s. 9d.

The trustees of the Carter ringing machine (Messrs. E. A. Young and A. A. Hughes) presented a report indicating that the machine was in excellent order. It was demonstrated to a large party of Council members on Monday at the Science Museum, South Kensington, and rang and recorded three courses of Grandsire Cinques.

COMMITTEES.

Under a reference made to them last year the Standing Committee reported upon the constitution of the various committees of the Council. They recommended that in future the Standing Committee should consist of the officers of the Council and the conveners of committees (ex-officio), and twelve elected members, who should have power to co-opt not more than two additional members. They also recommended that the conveners of committees should in the first place be appointed by the Council.

The recommendations were adopted, and the retiring members re-elected.

A report from the Peal Collection Committee showed that the work of proving the remainder of the Collection of Treble Bob peals was proceeding slowly. The report of the committee appointed to draw up a pamphlet on 'Variations' indicated that the matter had been at a standstill during the year, owing chiefly to the death of Mr. H. W. Wilde. It was decided to amalgamate the two committees. Messrs. G. Lindoff (convener), G. R. Pye and C. W. Roberts were added to it, and the other members (Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Rev. E. S. Powell, Mrs. E. K. Fletcher and Mr. J. A. Trollope) were re-elected.

NEW BOOKS.

The new book on Triples Methods, it was reported by the Methods Committee, was nearing completion, and it was decided, on the recommendation of the committee, that in the case of compositions produced by the committee for the purposes of the book they should be printed under numbers and not under the authors' names.

The committee, consisting of the Rev. E. S. Powell and Messrs. J. A. Trollope and S. H. Wood, were reappointed.

The reports of the Peals Analysis Committee and the Towers and Belfries Committee were adopted. The committees were reappointed, and Mr. James Hunt added to the latter.

The final report of the Stedman Tercentenary Commemoration showed that the Council have had to provide £13 16s. 1d. to complete the payment of the accounts. The full details showed that the cost of the memorial scheme had been £535 16s. 11d.

The Literature and Press Committee's report was read by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, and the committee reappointed with the exception of Mr. W. Willson, who has retired from the Council.

The proposed new rules of the Council, presented for adoption in a report of the Rules Committee, were agreed to without alteration.

It was reported that the pamphlet for beginners upon the proper way to handle a bell rope was ready for publication. The Council decided to issue it at 2d. per copy.

BREAKING UP OLD BELLS.

Mr. F. K. Dawe proposed the following motion:—

That this Council deprecates the breaking up of church bells renowned for their tonal qualities and historic interest, urges Church authorities not to assent to their destruction except for the gravest reasons, and furthermore recommends that independent expert advice be obtained in all such cases before action is taken.

This was seconded by Mr. E. A. Young, and debated at some length.

Eventually the following amendment, proposed by Mr. C. F. Johnston, was accepted by the proposer and seconder of the original motion and agreed to:—

That this Council deprecates the breaking up of church bells of proved good tone and of real historic interest, urges the Church authorities not to assent to their recasting except for the

gravest reasons structurally or musically, and furthermore recommends that independent advice qualified to advise on historic, engineering and musical grounds, be obtained in all such cases before action is taken.

Mr. G. R. Newton had given notice of the following motion, which was seconded by Mr. Tomlinson:—

That this Council uses its influence to encourage five and six bell companies to ring their peals in more than one method. It also urges them to include, whenever possible, at least seven methods in their peals.

After discussion the motion was carried.

'AS YOU WERE' IN THE MINOR CONTROVERSY.

'The Minor Controversy' occupied the attention of the Council for something like two hours. The following motions were, for the sake of convenience, debated together:—

Proposed by Mr. S. H. Wood and seconded by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith:—

That peals of Minor shall in general consist of seven or more separate extents rung consecutively and without interval. That Compositions arranged on what is known as the 'Bankes James principle,' notwithstanding that they do not conform to the above definition, shall be recognised as peals.

Proposed by Mr. C. T. Coles and seconded by Mr. E. M. Atkins:—

That a peal of Minor should consist of seven true and complete round blocks of 720 changes each, in a recognised method or methods, rung consecutively and without interval, rounds thus occurring at the beginning and end of and at regular intervals throughout the peal.

That a peal of Doubles should consist of 42 true and complete round blocks of 120 changes each, in a recognised method or methods, rung consecutively and without interval, rounds thus occurring at the beginning and end of and at regular intervals throughout the peal.

That peals as above may be lengthened by the addition of one or more true and complete round blocks of 720 (or of 120) changes each fulfilling the same conditions, with or without one true round block having less changes.

That any departure from the above standards is not encouraged; notwithstanding this, however, a peal of Minor or of Doubles may consist of any arrangement of 5,040 changes in a recognised method or methods, provided that no change is rung more (or less) than seven times in a peal of Minor, or 42 times in a peal of Doubles, and that the whole starts from and ends with rounds. Such a peal may be lengthened, provided that no change is rung more than once for each additional 720 (or 120) changes, and that the whole ends with rounds.

The following amendment to both proposals was moved by Mr. W. E. White, seconded by Mr. E. Denison Taylor:—

That a peal of 'Doubles' must consist of not less than forty-two true and complete round blocks of 120 changes each, rung consecutively and without interval, each 120 commencing from and finishing with rounds. It may be lengthened by the addition of any number of 120's and/or by the addition of one shorter touch fulfilling the above conditions. It may be rung with or without a cover bell.

That a peal of 'Minor' must consist of not less than seven true and complete round blocks of 720 changes each, rung consecutively and without interval, each 720 commencing from and finishing with rounds. It may be lengthened by the addition of any number of 720's and/or one shorter touch fulfilling the above conditions. It may not be rung with a cover bell.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards suggested as an amendment to Clause 4 that the first portion of Mr. Coles' motion should read: 'That any departure from the above standards is not encouraged; but that in view of the present experimental stage of development in composition any arrangement of 5,040 changes in an acknowledged method or methods may be recognised as a peal, provided . . .,' etc.

This was unsupported, and on a vote being taken on the amendment proposed by Mr. White it was declared carried by 44 votes to 26. On being put as the substantive motion, there was again a majority in favour, but as under the old rules which governed this meeting it had to be carried 'by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the meeting,' the President, after the names had been taken, declared that it was lost. So that the position remains exactly as it stood before the meeting.

Wolverhampton and Warwick were proposed for the 1934 meeting, and Warwick was selected.

GRANTS TO MEMORIALS.

On the recommendation of the Standing Committee, the following grants were made: Five guineas to the Law James Memorial at Surfleet, ten guineas to the memorial to Sir Arthur Heywood at Duffield, three guineas to the memorial to Mr. H. W. Wilde, and three guineas to the memorial to Mr. E. Barnett.

Thanks to all concerned in the arrangements for the meeting and the social events connected with it brought a long session to a close.

The members and their friends were afterwards the guests at tea of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, and later there was a social at Anderton's Hotel, the headquarters

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

The summer-like afternoon no doubt was the reason why a large number of members were present at the Hornchurch meeting of the South-Western Division on Saturday, May 6th, between 80 and 70 putting in an appearance from Orsett, Corringham, Bentley, Prittlewell, Leigh-on-Sea, Hornchurch, Barking, Walthamstow, Romford, Edmonton, Leytonstone, Braintree, Hornsey, Over, Willingham, Bishopsgate, South Weald, Woodford, Fryerning, Brentwood and Dagenham. The bells were kept busy from 3 p.m. till 4.30, when service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. K. Waller), and the address given by the Rev. J. W. Eisdell, who is always a welcome visitor to the meetings. Tea held in the Village Hall was followed by the business meeting, with the Vicar in the chair, supported by Rev. J. W. Eisdell, Mr. C. H. Howard (Master), and Mr. A. Prior (District Master). Five new members were elected—three from Barking, one from Romford and one life non-resident. Brentwood was chosen for the next meeting to be held by special invitation on June 3rd. Business concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for allowing the use of tower and bells and for conducting the service, to the Rev. J. W. Eisdell for his splendid address, to the organist (Mr. Page) for kindly giving up his valuable time to come along and accompany the hymns, etc., to the Hornchurch band, especially Mr. McDougall, the secretary and Mr. J. Dale, steeplekeeper, for having everything in readiness.—This was carried with acclamation and responded to by the Vicar, who said he was only too pleased to welcome the association to Hornchurch, and hoped they would be able to see their way to pay another visit in the near future.

The Vicar kindly allowed visitors to walk round the Vicarage garden, and many took this opportunity, which gave them a chance to see a Judas tree in full bloom—a rather rare sight so far as Essex is concerned.

Other members returned to the tower, and the bells were soon going again. During the afternoon and evening touches in various standard methods, ranging from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise, were rung, not forgetting rounds for some of the beginners, whilst one member rang his first touch of London and another conducted his first touch of Stedman Triples. When, all too soon, nine o'clock came and tracks were made for home, everyone had apparently enjoyed themselves in this famous old Essex village, with an opportunity for a pull on this splendid peal.

A MID-WEEK MEETING.

BRAUGHING'S ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED.

On Wednesday, May 10th, a meeting under the auspices of the Herts and Essex Associations was held at Braughing. This date is honoured yearly by the local ringers to celebrate the ringing of 12,000 Bob Major in 1779. A touch of Grandsire by the home team ushered in the day, and, later, visitors arrived in force from about twenty different towers. Touches of Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge, London, Bristol and Stedman were rung. The party at tea taxed the resources of the Brown Bear to the utmost, but Mrs. Denton, the hostess, rose admirably to the occasion.

The towers represented were St. Albans (St. Peter's), Beddington (Surrey), Bennington, Bishop's Stortford, Cambridge, Great Staughton (Hunis), Hatfield, Harlow Common, Great and Little Munden, Melbourn, Leytonstone, Standon, Streatham, Romford, Ware, West Ham, Walthamstow, Bishopsgate, and a strong muster of the local team. About forty ringers put in an appearance during the day, and Aspenden, another old-world village, was suggested for the next mid-week gathering on June 14th.

EMPIRE DAY.

PARINGDON, BERKS.—At All Saints' Church, on Wednesday, May 24th, for Empire Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Walker 1, F. Wheeler 2, C. I. J. Pearce 3, H. Edwards 4, H. Taylor (conductor) 5, F. Whipp 6, E. C. Hughes 7, B. Townsend (first quarter-peal) 8.

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of the Council. There was great regret that, owing to illness, Mr. Rupert Richardson was prevented from presenting 'famous ringers and others,' on the screen, but there was an interesting incident towards the close of the evening when the president presented to Canon Coleridge a set of pipes and a tobacco pouch, as a slight token of their regard upon his having attended his 41st Council meeting. Canon Coleridge is the only member who has attended every meeting of the Council since its formation. There were in the room three others who were members of the first Council: Messrs. F. E. Dawe, G. B. Lucas and W. D. Smith.

On Monday and Tuesday various peals of bells in London were rung by members, including those of St. Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey and the Imperial Institute.

The committee who made the excellent social arrangements was representative of all the societies in and bordering on London.

DUFFIELD'S RECAST RING OF TEN BELLS, A MAGNIFICENT RING.

'Come and hear the new sweet-toned bells that are different.' Thus ran the message advertising the dedication of Duffield's recast bells; but how different! In the words of one well-known critic of the Exercise, 'they exceeded even my wildest hopes of expectation,' and this was the unanimous verdict of those who attended the dedication ceremony on Saturday, when the church was crowded to capacity by villagers, ringing visitors and friends from a large area.

To ringers, Duffield is always associated with the name of Heywood, for it was here that Mr. Arthur Percival Heywood, afterwards Sir A. P. Heywood, lived, at Duffield Bank, and was the leader of a most enthusiastic band of ringers in the 1880's and 1890's. He it was who founded the Central Council of Church Bellringers and became its first president. His work as a composer and his treatise, 'Church Towers and Bell Hanging,' are evidence of the great interest he took in our art. He was president of the Midland Counties Association from 1886-1916, and although the opening of a recast peal of ten bells from the Loughborough Foundry would in any case have attracted a large crowd, the event had a special interest to members of the M.C.A., as the association had undertaken to pay for the recasting of the treble bell to the memory of Sir Arthur. Nearly 250 ringers and friends turned up, representatives being present from all the districts which the association covers, with visitors from Sheffield Cathedral, Birmingham, King's Norton, Erdington, Bishop Ryder's, Birmingham, Stockport, Northampton, with Mr. J. F. Smallwood.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Dr. Irwin, Vicar of Duffield, and the Bishop of Derby performed the act of dedication. The latter took as his text, 'Woe unto me if I preach not the Gospel,' the inscription which appears in Latin on the Bourdon bell, 'Great Paul,' at St. Paul's Cathedral, London. The service was both inspiring and interesting, for, in addition to driving home his message on the position which ringers hold as minor ministers of the church, he cleverly interposed his remarks with a reference to Fabian Stedman and St. Ben's Church, Cambridge, where he had been Vicar for some six years, and had assisted in the search of the parish and other registers in an endeavour to trace a record of the exact date of Stedman's birth. The sermon was more in the form of a homely talk than anything else. Everyone felt at their ease, and realised that the Bishop was talking to them more as a friend rather than as a high dignitary of the Church. The collection, which was in aid of the Bells Fund, amounted to over £13.

Ten was served in the chapel nearby the church, three sittings being necessary. At the second sitting, Mr. E. Denison Taylor, founder of the bells, expressed his kind appreciation of the many complimentary remarks which had been made concerning the recast peal, and made some appropriate allusions to the late Sir A. P. Heywood and his model railway at Duffield Bank. He paid special tribute to Dr. Irwin for his ready support of the scheme in connection with the bells; to Mr. Ruffell, churchwarden, and Mr. Sidney Dawson, captain of the ringers, for their patience and determination to see the job thoroughly done, and for the kind way in which they had dealt with the firm throughout the whole of the transaction.

Mr. Ruffell said how delighted he was at the wonderful improvement in the tone of the recast bells, which he believed were, without doubt, the finest in the whole county of Derbyshire.

The ringing during the dedication was performed by members of the local band, but afterwards the tower was thrown open to all, a feature of the ringing being three courses of Stedman Caters splendidly struck, which enabled those outside to hear the bells to the very best possible advantage, the beat being 24 to the minute.

The former ring had a tenor of about 16 cwt., in the key of F, but the recast peal is in the key of E natural, with tenor weighing 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. The bells have been tuned on Taylor's 'true harmonic' system, and now possess a resonance and sweetness of tone with a perfectly balanced effect, which was so noticeably lacking in the old peal.

Duffield Church has a glorious setting, being some hundreds of yards away from the main road. Fields are all the way round, and the River Derwent ripples along close by. Truly the ideal place with an ideal peal of bells for a ringers' outing. Can it be wondered that so many lingered to have another pull after a refresher at the Bridge Inn? As one ringer put it, 'They are not half slogging them bells to-day,' ringing having been carried on ceaselessly from 4 to 9 p.m.

No praise is too high to Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, for the splendid peal which they have installed in the tower of Duffield Church. The writer believes that the rings of ten at King's Norton and Banbury are modelled similarly to the Duffield peal, but they will have to be something more than 'exceptionally good' to be better than Taylor's latest example of their fine work.

A JUBILEE.

VETERANS JOIN IN PEAL AT BIRMINGHAM.

The peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on Tuesday of last week was a jubilee peal for Messrs. T. Miller and W. H. Fussell. Mr. Miller rang his first peal of Stedman Cinques in St. Martin's tower in April, 1880; Mr. Fussell his first peal in the county of Warwick in April, 1883, at St. Chad's, Birmingham. Mr. T. Russam was unable to join the company owing to indisposition. He is the third survivor of the two old teams of those early '80's.

DEATH OF MR. EDWARD P. O'MEARA. A PROMINENT COLLEGE YOUTH.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Edward P. O'Meara, which occurred after a short illness on May 5th. Mr. O'Meara commenced his ringing career in the city of Bristol with the late Mr. Jim Hinton and his colleagues.

Removing to London in the late eighties, Mr. O'Meara soon became prominent in the London societies, and his work for the promotion of ringing is still remembered with gratitude by the older generation.

He installed gas lighting in the ringing room of St. Magnus', London Bridge, which swept away the ancient illumination by candles. At St. Augustine's, Kilburn, he put the new ring of Belgian bells into a suitable condition, to enable them to be rung in English fashion, and took part in the first peal rung there on May 26th, 1900. For his gratuitous work the incumbent, the Rev. FitzPatrick, presented him with a silver cup.

Mr. O'Meara was instrumental in raising a fund to procure a mahogany roll-top desk, a purse of money (gold) and an illuminated album containing subscribers' names, as a testimonial to the then secretary of the College Youths in appreciation of his work for several years. This presentation was made at a large gathering at a famous hostelry in Ivy Lane, City, on April 21st, 1900.

Mr. O'Meara rang the 9th in the first peal of Maximus on the famous Bow bells, Cheapside, on January 19th, 1907, and took part in a good many performances on all numbers at towers in and around London. At St. Michael's, Cornhill, is a fine tablet presented by Mr. O'Meara, recording the non-conducted Stedman Cinques rung there on February 22nd, 1915. The tablet was unveiled and dedicated by the present Rector, the Rev. John H. Ellison, M.A., M.V.O.

Mr. O'Meara very ably filled the office of Master of the College Youths in the four years, 1899, 1900, 1905 and 1906.

During and since the war his business arrangements kept him from taking an active part in bellringing, so that he was almost unknown to the younger generation.

The generous hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. O'Meara is widely known by the many whom they have entertained in past years, and their sympathetic help in cases of need was always forthcoming.

The funeral took place at Stronham Park Cemetery on May 9th, attended by Mrs. A. Miller (daughter), Mr. E. O'Meara (son), Mr. Arch Miller (son-in-law), and a good many old ringing friends. A course of Stedman Triples, following three rounds twice repeated, was rung over the grave in slow time by Messrs. H. Langdon, H. R. Pasmore, C. F. Winney and W. T. Cockerill.

DEVON GUILD ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual general meeting of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers was held in Exeter on Whit Monday, and drew a large attendance of members. A short service was held in the choir of Exeter Cathedral, with an address by the Dean of Exeter. Luncheon was served at Deller's Cafe, where members were joined by the Bishop of the diocese (Lord W. Gascoyne Cecil), the Dean of Exeter, the president of the Guild (Rev. E. S. Powell), Revs. E. V. Cox, H. L. Pigot, F. H. Jellyman, R. Seymour, E. J. Pizey and 197 members. At the outset of the meeting the president announced with regret that this would be his last attendance as president, as he had accepted the offer of an incumbency near Daventry, Northants. He thought the occasion was a notable one, it being the first time in the 59 years of the Guild's history that the Bishop and Dean had both been present.—The Bishop also voiced our regret at losing Mr. Powell, but perhaps at some future date he might return. The president was re-elected pro tem. until the committee have had time to find a successor. The general secretary, general treasurer and vice-presidents, with the addition of Mr. E. Shepherd, were also re-elected. The Rev. E. S. Powell, Mr. T. Laver, Mr. E. W. Marsh and Mr. G. C. Woodley were elected Central Council representatives. Mr. E. Shepherd was nominated for the office, but withdrew in favour of the general secretary. Torquay was selected as the place for the annual meeting in 1934, on the proposal of Mr. Bennett. Six associates were elected for Walkhampton band, and two members from Whimple were awarded certificates. Ringing was carried on at five of the city churches and at the Cathedral.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

The May meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held at Grendon, near Atherstone, in beautiful weather. The church and the Rectory are about a mile away from the village, and approached from the main road through a gate and up a narrow lane. The six bells were kept going for about two hours during the afternoon to various methods. A gong sounding from the Rectory called the ringers and their friends to tea. This was served at small tables under a large cedar tree in the centre of a beautiful lawn, facing the Rectory windows. A tour of the Rectory and the gardens followed, and then, with many thanks to the Rector, Rev. A. C. Crawley-Boevey, and his wife, a return was made to the church, where ringing continued until about 8 o'clock. Courses and touches in the standard methods up to and including London Surprise Minor were rung during the afternoon and evening.

DARTFORD BELLS.**A MISAPPREHENSION CORRECTED.**

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District of the Kent County Association was held at Dartford on Saturday, May 20th. The weather was kind, and there was a fair attendance. Touches in various methods from Grandsire Triples to London, Bristol and Spliced Surprise were brought round in the afternoon under the direction of the Ringing Master (Mr. T. Groombridge, sen.).

Service was conducted by the Vicar and senior curate. Afterwards some fifty members were entertained at tea in Sutton's Hall as the guests of Mr. S. K. Keyes. The Vicar presided, supported by Alderman A. J. Penney, J.P., C.C., Charter Mayor-elect of Dartford, Mr. J. Lack, people's warden, and Rev. F. W. Jordan, senior curate.

At the conclusion of the meal a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the donor of the tea for his generous hospitality. Owing to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Keyes, Mr. J. Lack responded, and in a jovial speech testified to his interest in matters relating to bells and bellringers, congratulated the Exercise on the continually rising status of ringers, and noticed with distinct approval the growing interest in the art displayed by the fair sex. He also referred to the forthcoming celebrations in connection with the granting of a charter to Dartford, and trusted that the bells would duly take their part in the festivities attending the institution of Alderman A. J. Penney as the first Mayor of the Borough of Dartford (cheers).

Alderman Penney welcomed the meeting to Dartford, and expressed his gratification at the way the bells were used to call the people to church and to mark all the most joyous and important events of life. In connection with Dartford bells, he would like to say that the report, published in one of the evening papers, that they were to be recast was entirely without foundation. Thanks to the good work of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank the bells were unlikely to require any attention for some considerable time to come (cheers).

The Vicar (Rev. Elliott Mitchell) stated that the report arose from a misapprehension of a remark of his, to the effect that Alderman Penney's civic honours would be celebrated by a peal on the bells, which he had had recast and rehung as a memorial to his parents. This had been construed as a hope that the recasting would be completed in time for such a peal, whereas actually the restoration was carried out some few years ago.

Then followed a course of Grandsire Cinques on handbells, which was much appreciated.

The Vicar presided at the business meeting, at which one new member was elected. Mr. E. Barnett (district representative) read a report of the proceedings of the committee at the meeting held at Chislehurst on Easter Monday. This report was adopted with a vote of thanks to Mr. Barnett.

The selection of the place for the next meeting led to a considerable discussion on the desirability and possibility of avoiding the arrangement of meetings in contiguous districts on the same date, with special reference to the 'clashing' of dates in the Rochester and Lewisham districts. It was finally decided to try if some mutual arrangement was possible to avoid this, and that the next meeting should be held (D.V.) at Eynsford on Saturday, August 19th.

Mr. R. A. Jenkins, the indefatigable local secretary, expressed the appreciation of himself and the members for interest and care shown in Dartford in respect of their bells. A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for the service, and to the organist for his services was carried.—The Vicar replied.

Further handbell ringing followed, after which a return was made to the tower. A very enjoyable afternoon and evening was spent.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.**

A youthful and lively crowd met at Great Kimble for the May practice meeting of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Formerly known as Kimble Magna, this was John Hampden's church.

'Jupiter Pluvius' has taken a fancy to attend some of our meetings, and on this occasion arrived just before the Amersham contingent, not to their advantage. After numerous methods had been rung, including live or six in the Surprise category, the party adjourned for tea, which was followed by Grandsire and Stedman Triples on handbells, also some tunes with the assistance of the visitor from London.

The sun having by this time brightened things up a bit, it was decided to go on to Ellesborough, another ring of six. Amongst the touches rung here was one of Spliced Cambridge and London, which inspired one of the spring poets to the following:—

'Little Boy Blue, come ring up your bell,
For Cambridge and London, with bobs in as well.
Where is the little boy ringing the fifth?
He's dodged with the fourth and caused him to shift.'

(This should be all.—Conductor.)

The next practice will be arranged in Berks, if possible, whilst an invitation to St. Andrew's, Holborn, in London, has been accepted.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Est. 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on June 15th and 29th. *The Coffee Pot on the 13th (8 p.m.). St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 22nd. *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 27th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

PRYCE TAYLOR MEMORIAL, LOUGHBOROUGH.—Service at the Parish Church, Loughborough, on Saturday, June 10th, at 3 p.m. The rings of 10 at the Parish Church and of the bell foundry tower will be available after the service. By kind permission of the Rev. Canon Briggs, the Rectory grounds will be open. Tea will be provided in the Fearon Hall.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, June 10th, at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, ordinarily known as St. George's-in-the-Borough (Little Dorrit's Church). Ringing 3 to 5. Tea locally. Meeting and further ringing 6.30 to 8.30. Hearty welcome to all.—J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—An invitation meeting and tea will be held at Ardleigh on June 10th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Will all those intending to be there please notify me as soon as possible.—F. R. Sparling, Station Road, Wivenhoe.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A by-meeting of this district will be held at Yalding on Saturday, June 10th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Please notify me early.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungallow, Linton, Maidstone.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Clement Danes, London, W.C., on Saturday, June 10th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea to follow. Business meeting afterwards. Gentlemen cordially invited.—M. L. Cross, 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Singleton on Saturday, June 10th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30. Visitors and non-members heartily welcomed.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool, S.S.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Hornby on June 10th. Business meeting after tea. Tea, 1s., to all who notify Mr. F. Fisher, Shoemaker, Hornby, near Lancaster.—E. Swain, Branch Sec.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—East Norfolk Branch.—Meeting to be held at Lowestoft, St. Margaret's Church, on June 10th, 3 p.m. Bells (8). Meeting 4 p.m.—J. Harwood, Hon. Sec., 4, Cobden Terrace, Northgate Street, Great Yarmouth.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford and District Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Illey on Saturday, June 10th. Bells at 3 p.m. Guild service at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Book the date and please come.—W. Simmonds, Hon. Sec., 7, Fairacres Road, Oxford.

SALISBURY GUILD. — N. Dorset Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Bradford Abbas on Saturday, June 10th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Other towers available. All ringers cordially invited. — E. V. Roe, Caundle Marsh Rectory, Sherborne, Dorset.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Broughton on Saturday, June 10th. Bells available from 3 p.m. — Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Tempsford on Saturday, June 10th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come. — C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Winslow on Saturday, June 10th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Guild service at 4 p.m. Address by the Rev. S. H. C. Wynne. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—E. F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 92, High Street, Winslow, Bucks.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Towcester Branch.—The annual festival will be held at Cold Higham on Saturday, June 10th. Bells available from 11 a.m. Lunch 1.15 (to non-branch members 2s. 6d., notify secretary). Service 3.30. Preacher: Rev. J. F. Russell, Vice-Principal of Cuddesdon. Tea 4.30. Two other towers (6) can be used after the service.—Rev. R. Howes, Cold Higham Rectory, Towcester.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — A bi-monthly meeting will be held at Ludlow (8 bells) on Saturday, June 10th. Bells at 3 p.m.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Navenby (6), Saturday, June 10th. Bells available from 2 p.m.—Harold Marcon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — A ringing meeting will be held at Burgess Hill on Saturday, June 10th. Tower opened 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Huyton on Saturday, June 10th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea (1/3) and meeting to follow. For tea, notify Mr. J. Tickle, Rosebank, Rupert Road, Huyton. A good attendance is requested. Nominations for branch officers required: Ringing Master and Branch Sec.—Claude I. Davies.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, June 10th, at St. Mary's, Sunbury-on-Thames. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Short service at 5. Tea in Church Hall at 5.30. The "summer" (?) meeting will be held at Harlington on Saturday, July 15th.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Heptonstall (via Hebden Bridge) on Saturday, June 10th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec., 40, Littlemoor, Queensbury.

HERTS AND ESSEX ASSOCIATIONS.—A joint meeting will be held at Aspenden on Wednesday, June 14th. The bells (8) open during afternoon and evening. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea after. All will be heartily welcome, members or otherwise. Trains and buses to Buntingford, one mile from this real old-world village.—W. H. Lawrence, Little Munden; G. Dent, Harlow Common.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A joint meeting of the Ely Association and Suffolk Guild will be held at Newmarket on Thursday, June 15th. Bells, All Saints' (8), St. Mary's (6) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., 1s. All ringers welcome.—R. Sharpe, Dis. Sec., Suffolk Guild.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held jointly with Bolton Branch at Walkden on Saturday, June 17th. Tower open for ringing at 2 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. For tea arrangements see Bolton Branch notice below. The next special practice will be held at Miles Platting Tuesday, June 13th.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of the Bolton and Manchester Branches will be held at Walkden on Saturday, June 17th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea at 1s. per head. Names for teas to Mr. John Potter, 73, Manchester Road, Walkden, not later than Thursday, 15th. The Bolton meeting has been transferred from Blackrod, per calendar.—Peter Crook and Donald Brown, Hon. Secs.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD. — The annual (jubilee) meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 17th. Bells: Cathedral (10) 3 till 3.45, also after the meeting. St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) from 3 o'clock. Service in the Cathedral at 4, with an address by the Very Rev. Dean Savage. Tea (1s. 3d.) in St. Mary's School at 5 (members 9d.). Please send word not later than Tuesday, June 13th.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Sevenoaks on Saturday, June 17th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea (free), followed by business meeting after service. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, June 13th.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Rd., Tunbridge Wells.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, June 17th, at St. Magnus-the-Martyr, Lower Thames Street, E.C. Bells ready from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. A good muster is expected. Visitors welcome.—J. G. Prior, Hon. Dis. Sec., 77, Anthony Street, London, E.1.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Hartfield (6 bells) on Saturday, June 17th. Tower open 3. Service 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation, at the Anchor Hotel. Those intending to be present please notify me not later than Wednesday, June 14th. Half rail fare, maximum 1s. 6d.—R. Swift, Hon. Div. Sec., Iping, Ifield Road, Crawley.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Kinver on Saturday, June 17th. Bells will be available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.15. Address by the Vicar, the Rev. T. A. Cooper-Slipper. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Monday, June 12th, please.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Newdigate on Saturday, June 17th (not the 24th, as originally fixed). Usual arrangements. Please let me have numbers for tea by June 14th.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec., 37, Church Walk, Leatherhead.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Barton-le-Cley on Saturday, June 17th. Bells at 3 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—A meeting will be held at Bere Regis on Saturday, June 17th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30, tea to follow. Permission has been given to visit the gardens, etc. The bells of Hilton, Milton Abbey, Puddletown and Wool also available.—C. H. Jennings, Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—The annual festival of the above branch will be held at Newport Pagnell (eight bells), on Saturday, June 17th. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify in good time. All ringing visitors welcome. A good attendance desired.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Stone-in-Oxney on Saturday, June 17th. Bells ready 2.30. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Southern District will be held at Bishop Auckland on Saturday, June 17th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Owing to limited catering, those requiring tea please notify me by 15th inst.—J. T. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 54, Newlands Road, Darlington.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The 2nd quarterly meeting will be held at Syston (8) on Saturday, June 17th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., to those who notify the undersigned not later than Thursday previous. A good attendance is hoped for.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury and Devizes Branches.—A joint meeting will be held at Amesbury on Saturday, June 17th, ringing commencing 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringing friends welcome. The following bells will also be available for ringing: Woodford, Shrewton, Durnford, Upavon and St. Martin's, Salisbury.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Great Waltham on Saturday, June 17th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, June 14th. Book the date and please come.—A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—West Tyne District.—Meeting at Hexham on Saturday, June 17th. Bells (8) at 2.30. All ringers welcome.—R. W. Leighton, 15, Burnly Street, Blaydon-on-Tyne.

DEVON GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Calverleigh on Saturday, June 17th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Monday, June 12th?—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—The eighth annual meeting will be held at Daventry (eight bells) on Saturday, June 17th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting is to be held on Saturday, June 17th, at Arley, near Nuneaton (instead of Solihull as previously arranged). Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea provided. Frequent bus service from Nuneaton (Broad Street).—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Milton Ernest on Saturday, June 17th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All are welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Stagsden, Beds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Helmshore, on Saturday, June 24th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Nominations are to be in at this meeting for secretary and committee-men.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Farnham District) AND LADIES' GUILD (Southern District).—A combined meeting will be held at Scale on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation of Mrs. Bruce, at Marazion. All who require tea please notify by Wednesday, June 21st.—H. F. Mills, Hon. Sec., Ladies' Guild; C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., Farnham District, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The annual joint meeting of the societies in the above area will be held at Conisborough on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (8) available from 3 to 7.30 p.m. Tea in the Church Hall at 9d. per head to those who notify Mr. S. Harrison, 11, Church Street, Conisborough, by the 21st. A service will be held at 7.30, to which the Vicar gives a cordial invitation to all ringers and friends.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Stanmore, June 24th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5, followed by tea and business meeting. Please advise me by June 21st certain for tea requirements, charge 1s.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A meeting will be held at Chatteris, Cambs, on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (6) 2.45 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Short service 6 p.m. Please notify Mr. A. J. Abrams, East Park Street, Chatteris, for tea. I would appeal to all district ringers to make a special effort to attend. All ringers welcome.—F. Warrington, Branch Sec.

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The Western District meeting of the Herts County Association, held at Hemel Hempstead on May 13th, was unanimously voted the 'best ever' for that district. From the first touch to the last, the 'striking' was above the average for meetings. Members and friends 'rolled up' in such good numbers that Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Cambridge, London, and, after tea, even Spliced Surprise were attempted. Everyone had the opportunity of ringing, no matter what their standard of attainment, the Surprise people being very eager to assist those of lesser capabilities.

The usual service was held in this grand Norman church, kindly taken by the Vicar, who gave a warm welcome to all.

The company was provided with tea in St. Mary's Hall, at the kind invitation of the Vicar. Postcards and penny stamps must be difficult to obtain in some places, for the caterers wore a very worried look when they found the numbers so much increased. However, all survived, and there were four cakes left!

Following tea, the Vicar again extended a hearty welcome to all. In the course of his remarks he mentioned the sad loss which he, personally, and the ringers generally had sustained in the death of the Rev. Hollis, followed by the tragedy of the widow's death ten days later.

Turning to the brighter side, he emphasised Mr. H. Golding's 50 years' work as a ringer at the Parish Church.

The business meeting followed, when two 'young' probationers were elected, and Flamstead chosen as the place for the next meeting.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for his kindness in every way, and to those who had helped to make the meeting such a success. The Secretary personally thanked the visitors for their attendance.

A message of sympathy and of hopes for a speedy recovery was sent to Mr. A. Day (Harpenden), who was in the West Herts Hospital for an operation. This concluded the meeting, a little handbell ringing being then indulged in.

Ringers attended from Berkhamstead, Hitchin, Luton, Harpenden, Tring, Linlade, Redbourn, Waltham Abbey, Abbots Langley, Hemel Hempstead, Leverstock Green, Bushey, St. Albans, Watford, Beaconsfield and Apsley End.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On June 4th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: F. Turner (first quarter-peal) 1, C. Saunders (first on a bob bell) 2, B. Wittering 3, F. Turner 4, W. Lawrence (conductor) 5, W. Bradford 6.

BOLTON.—For special service at St. George's Church, on Sunday, May 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Owen 1, W. Rushton 2, C. Brown 3, E. Ford (conductor) 4, H. Rushton 5, P. Crook, jun., 6, P. Crook 7, W. R. Mosley 8.

GORSEINON.—On May 28th, at St. Catherine's, Gorseinon, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by: G. Howell 1, A. W. Dobbins 2, Haydn Dobbins 3, R. Baird 4, J. Hanson 5, W. Dobbins 6, J. Williams (conductor) 7, C. Pettit 8. Rung on the 20th anniversary of the dedication of this church.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—On Sunday, May 28th, before evening service, at St. Helen's Church, 1,265 Stedman Caters: F. Barrett 1, Miss M. Reynolds 2, H. J. Bakumbe (conductor) 3; Mrs. A. E. Lock 4, F. E. May 5, W. F. Judge 6, A. E. Lock 7, G. Cudwell 8, J. S. Napper 9, R. G. Rice 10.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Sunday, May 21st, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: I. Auger 1, R. Biggs 2, A. Newton 3, R. Blaby 4, F. G. Biggs 5, A. G. Janes 6; P. Newton (conductor) 7, Jos. Evans 8.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—At St. John's, on Sunday, May 14th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes) in 52 mins.: C. A. Over 1, F. W. Goodfellow (conductor) 2, R. W. Darvill 3, W. H. Coles 4, W. H. Gutteridge 5, G. H. Gutteridge 6, F. G. Baldwin 7, W. Honor 8, H. A. Folkard 9, F. T. Smith 10.

EXETER.—For evening service, at Sowton Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) by the following member: J. Totterdell 1, W. H. Howe 2, A. G. Betts 3, A. G. Gooding 4, W. Seldon 5, A. Tapley 6, W. Reeks (conductor) 7, A. Holway 8. Rung for the 40th anniversary of the ordination of the Rector, the Rev. W. H. A. Cullin.

UFFORD.—For evensong, on St. George's Day, and in honour of the birth of a son to Mr. F. Woodruffe (the ringer of the 5th), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: S. Woodward 1, C. Fisher 2, F. Nichols 3, J. Langstroth 4, F. Woodruffe 5, G. Blake 6, J. Trotman (conductor) 7, G. Warner 8. Mr. F. Woodruffe and the ringers of the 1st, 6th, 7th and 8th belong to the Woodbridge band, who wish to thank the Rev. H. Drake for granting permission to ring the quarter, Woodbridge bells being now dismantled. First quarter-peal by the ringers of the 1st and 8th, and first as conductor.

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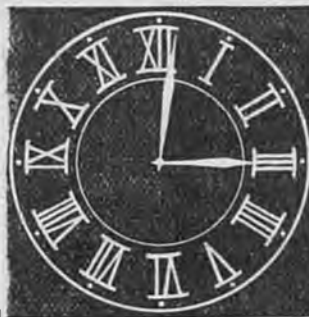
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