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THE EASTER MEETINGS.

Next Monday will be, as usual, a busy day among ringing associations, for the Easter holiday is a favourite time for general meetings. Our notice columns show the considerable number of important gatherings that are to be held. Among those which are holding their annual meeting are the Bedfordshire Association, Chester Diocesan Guild, Ely Diocesan Association, Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, Hertford County Association, Kent County Association, Midland Counties Association, Suffolk Guild and Worcestershire Association. In addition several other important societies are having meetings which are certain to attract considerable numbers of ringers. The holiday meetings form a valuable part of the work which the ringing associations do, for, apart from the annual business which is transacted, they provide opportunities for wider intercourse than is often possible with Saturday meetings.

With some ringers the business part of the proceedings at these meetings is looked upon as something of a bore—a necessary evil sandwiched into a day's pleasure—and they are better pleased when they find that the affairs to be transacted are 'cut and dried,' and they can get away again quickly to the hellsies. This is a mistaken attitude, for the success of an association depends largely upon the interest taken in its concerns by members. An organisation may be carried on satisfactorily for a time by the efforts of a few enthusiasts; but, sooner or later, lack of interest by the rank and file and a tendency to leave everything to the officials is bound to show itself in a falling off of activity. Those associations best maintain their vitality which have a critical membership—critical, that is, in seeking to maintain the organisation in an effective condition.

Important financial matters will occupy the attention of the Midland Counties Association at Derby, and at Nantwich the Chester Guild will not only be concerned with ringing affairs in their own diocese, but they have on the agenda a resolution from the Bowden and Stockport Branch 'that it is the opinion of this Guild that the existing names of Minor methods should stand.' This, of course, refers to the appointment last year of a committee of the Central Council to overhaul the nomenclature of methods, and it is significant that it comes from the branch in which several of the methods, so unsuitably named, were first rung, and in which resides one of the gentlemen originally responsible for many of the titles which have been so adversely criticised. It is a happy sign to find Central Council affairs figuring on an association agenda, and it is a pity, as we have often pointed

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out, that subjects of general ringing interest do not appear more often on the agendas of our associations. Whatever the outcome of this particular discussion at Nantwich, we welcome it as a sign of a widening interest in matters outside purely 'domestic' affairs.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 4, 1925, in Four Hours and Five Minutes,

AT ST. SAVIOUR'S CATHEDRAL, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS Treble	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
GEORGE R. PYE 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 8
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 3	HERBERT LANGDON 9
EDWIN F. PIKE 4	HAROLD W. CLARK 10
WILLIAM PYE 5	REUBEN SANDERS 11
HERBERT E. AUSDLEY ... 6	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.
First peal on twelve bells as conductor.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, March 25, 1925,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAGNUS-THE-MARTYR, CITY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

MRS. R. F. DEAL Treble	DANIEL COOPER... .. 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	ROBERT T. CHAPPEL ... 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 3	JEFFERY R. GAMMON ... 8
RICHARD F. DEAL 4	HARRY MANCE 9
WILLIAM MILLER 5	WILLIAM E. J. HEWSON ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER
* First peal of Stedman Caters.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 4, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM EDGE Treble	ROBERT SPERRING 6
RICHARD T. HOLDING ... 2	HARRY OVERTON... .. 7
HARRY F. HOLDING 3	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 8
* GEORGE H. CRAWLEY ... 4	JAMES H. RIDING... .. 9
GEORGE R. JONES 5	RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... Tenor

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal of Stedman away from tenor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 28, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5048 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

THOMAS R. BUTLER Treble	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 5
THOMAS BUTLER 2	GEORGE R. JONES 6
EDWARD HARRISON 3	ROBERT SPERRING 7
* JOHN HAYES 4	WILLIAM HIGGINSON Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal in the method.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on Saturday, Mar. 28th. in 40 mins., a quarter-peal of Grand sire Doubles: R. P. Bullen 1, R. Jackson 2, W. A. Taylor (first in the method as conductor) 3, F. W. Hagyard 4, S. Howard 5, H. Dean 6. The ringers are members of St. Mary's tower, Wimbledon.

NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 28, 1925, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES

Tenor 19 cwt.

*ERNEST GOSDEN... .. Treble	RICHARD A. GOFTON 5
JOSEPH A. GOFTON 2	R. ALDER GOFTON 6
JAMES E. GOFTON 3	STEPHEN W. STRATFORD 7
WILLIAM L. GOFTON... .. 4	THOMAS T. GOFTON Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

* First peal of Major. First peal of Bristol on the bells. Rung on the opening of the Borough of Tynemouth's War Memorial extension of the Tynemouth Victoria Jubilee Infirmary, North Shields.

SOUTH SHIELDS.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 1, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

ERNEST E. FERRY Treble	A. EDWARD HERNE 5
*JOHN E. SCOTT 2	*JOHN GEORGE 6
*ARTHUR PAYNE 3	ADAM DEAS... .. 7
WILLIAM STOREY 4	*ERNEST GORDEN Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by E. E. FERRY.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. Rung as a 'welcome' peal to the Rev. A. W. Lister (a vice-president of the Association), who was inducted Rector of St. Stephen's, South Shields, the same day.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 4, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

WALTER G. ROWE Treble	JOHN A. COLE 5
FREDERICK W. ROGERS 2	D. CECIL WILLIAMS 6
GEORGE PULLINGER 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. C. Privett, of Fareham, one of the oldest members of the Guild; also to Mrs. J. Gater, of West End, who has been a worshipper at this church for a number of years.

WOOTTON BASSETT, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CALNE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 4, 1925, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

C. J. GARDINER Treble	*H. FLEWELLING... .. 5
L. A. WILSON 2	*W. H. WHEELER 6
W. H. TRIDEMAN 3	G. LANCASTER 7
*S. HOPPER 4	W. G. LANCASTER Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by W. G. LANCASTER.

Rung to celebrate the completion of the War Memorial screen in the church. First peal of Major as conductor. * First peal of Major.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 4, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 6½ cwt.

THOMAS ATKINS Treble	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD... .. 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 2	*EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 6
ALBERT H. WARD 3	EDWARD READER 7
J. FREDERICK MILNER 4	PERCY PRICE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Major in the method. First peal as conductor in the method.

KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, April 4, 1925, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

*FRANK B. YATES Treble	WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT... .. 5
HARRY WILLIAMS 2	CHARLES WEBB 6
PERCY O. LARLIN 3	JOHN NEAL 7
WILLIAM H. BALL 4	JOHN WITBERS Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by P. O. LAFLIN.

* First peal. First peal on the bells since they were recast by John Taylor and Co.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, April 4, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

*CHARLES CHAPMAN Treble	*JAMES PRATT 5
GEORGE F. SWANN 2	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH 6
JAMES GEORGE 3	JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON 7
MORRIS J. MORRIS 4	THOMAS H. REEVES Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. W. PEMBERTON.

* First peal in the method. The 50th and 25th peal for 5th and 6th ringers respectively. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung on the occasion of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Russam.

SIX BELL PEALS.

ECCLESTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 4, 1925, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*ADAM BLOGG Treble	WILLIAM LANCASTER 4
FRED BLACKLIDGE 2	†ARTHUR HARTLEY 5
ALFRED BLOGG 3	WILLIAM SHARPLES Tenor

Conducted by W. SHARPLES.

* First peal, and elected a member of the association previous to starting. † First peal of Minor.

POWICK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 4, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 23½ cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES... .. Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT... .. 4
WILLIAM NIBLETT 2	JOHN J. JEFFERIES 5
WILLIAM RANFORD 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

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OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE 1924 MEETING.

The first session of the twelfth Council (thirty-second meeting) was held in the historic Jerusalem Chamber at Westminster Abbey on Whitsun Tuesday, June 10th.

There were present at the general meeting 83 members, representing 32 Guilds (this being the greatest attendance of members in the Council's history).

After the meeting had been opened with prayer, the Council proceeded to the election of officers, and prior to the president's election, the honorary secretary temporarily took the chair. He stated that only one nomination had been received, and that on behalf of Canon Coleridge, who had been proposed by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, and seconded by the Rev. H. Law James. He (Mr. E. Alexr. Young) therefore declared Canon Coleridge duly elected for the ensuing three years. The president then took the chair.

After expressing his thanks to the Council, the President said that for honorary secretary and treasurer there was only one nomination, that of Mr. E. Alexr. Young, the proposer and seconder being as before, and he, therefore, declared him elected for three years. — Canon Baker proposed, and the Rev. C. E. Matthews seconded, the re-election of the honorary librarian, which was carried, together with a vote of thanks to the Council's officers for their services.

The minutes of the last meeting having been published, were taken as read, and duly confirmed and signed.

Apologies for absence were received from the Rev. A. H. F. Boughay and the Rev. H. T. S. Richardson, Messrs. G. Bolland, C. E. Borrett, R. B. Chambers, G. Chester, E. Edwards, E. H. Lewis, D. J. Nicholls, H. W. Wilde, G. Williams and Mrs. A. Edwards.

Before passing to the general business, the President here presented to the late honorary secretary and treasurer, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, a silver cup, asking him to accept it at their hands as a slight token of their appreciation of all he had done in serving the Council during nearly 20 years.—The Rev. C. D. P. Davies, in receiving the cup, expressed in fitting terms his great pleasure and his hearty thanks.

The Honorary Secretary and Treasurer (Mr. E. Alexr. Young) presented the financial statement, which showed that the year began with a balance at the bank of £76 18s. 7d., and that the balance, after the receipts and expenditure of the year had been dealt with, was £62 17s. 1d. The accounts were adopted, on the motion of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, seconded by the Rev. H. Law James.

The Honorary Librarian then read his statement upon the year's sales, etc., which had dropped to 265, as against 315 the previous year. He also referred to some of the Council's publications being now either out of print or likely to be so shortly. In regard to publishing the *Corrigenda of Peals*, this had been partly done, and the remainder would follow. The honorary librarian then presented the illuminated roll of honour, now completed. The work was by Mr. Cousins, of Cambridge. The cost was £5 15s, above the £20 voted. (This amount was contributed by those present at the meeting.)

The President voiced for the Council how deeply they were indebted to the honorary librarian for all he had done in compiling the roll. It was undoubtedly one of the most beautiful modern examples of its kind of work. The Honorary Librarian then moved that the Memorial Book be placed in the Library at St. Paul's Cathedral, London (the Dean having kindly consented). This having been seconded by Canon Baker, it was unanimously agreed that it be deposited for inspection and on permanent loan, and to be produced to the Council upon demand of the officers; with this, a proposition of Mr. W. A. Cave's, seconded by the Rev. C. E. Matthews, was also agreed, that it be placed on the table at the annual meetings.

The Honorary Librarian then completed his report by referring to the distribution of the corrigenda slips, and suggested that applicants should forward 1d. stamp. The report was then, upon his motion, seconded by the Rev. C. E. Matthews, agreed to, as was also the statement that the Council was unable to pay for advertising in Association Reports.

Election of honorary members. Those retiring, with the exception of Mr. K. A. Daniel, were re-elected, viz.: Mr. J. Carter, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Mr. J. S. Pritchett and Mr. J. A. Trollope, on a motion by Canon H. J. Elsee, seconded by Canon Baker, and the names of Mr. J. Griffin and Mr. E. Alexr. Young (the honorary secretary) were added.

A large number of new members attending for the first time, were then formally introduced to the President, who cordially welcomed them. (For names see those marked with a star in the schedule.)

The Standing Committee and its enlargement being referred to by the President, it was unanimously agreed that they be re-elected as

follows: Canon Coleridge, Canon Elsee, the Revs. C. W. O. Jenkyn, C. D. P. Davies, H. Law James, with Messrs. W. T. Cockerill, J. Griffin, E. H. Lewis and E. A. Young (Messrs. Parsons and Daniel having dropped out).—It was then proposed by Mr. W. T. Cockerill, seconded by Mr. Smith, and agreed, that the three bell founders' representatives be added, viz., Messrs. A. A. Hughes, C. F. Johnston and Pryce Taylor, as was also, on the proposition of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, seconded by the Rev. F. L. Edwards, the inclusion of Alderman J. S. Pritchett.

The Dean of Westminster (Bishop Ryle) here entered, and gave a hearty welcome to the members.—The President, responding on behalf of the Council, thanked him, and added that they were honoured in being allowed to meet in such an historic Chamber.

The Council then received the following committee's reports:—

Peal Collection Committee.—Mr. J. A. Trollope having reported generally upon the year's work, the committee, consisting of the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Messrs. J. A. Trollope, H. W. Wilde, J. W. Parker and Miss E. K. Parker, were, on the President's proposal, re-appointed nem. con., and the report adopted.—Subsequently, on the motion of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, seconded by Mr. J. A. Trollope, the Rev. E. S. Powell was added to the committee.

The Literature and Press Committee.—The Rev. C. E. Matthews having referred to the report which had been previously published, moved its adoption.—This was seconded, and carried. The committee, consisting of the Revs. C. E. Matthews, F. L. Edwards, A. T. Beeston, Messrs. G. P. Burton and W. Willson, were re-elected.—Subsequently, on the motion of the Rev. F. L. Edwards, seconded by Mr. J. S. Pritchett, Mr. A. Paddon Smith was added to the committee.

Methods Committee.—The Rev. H. Law James here spoke as to the further delays in printing the collection.—The President referred generally as to the position, and then proposed the re-appointment of the Rev. H. Law James, Messrs. E. H. Lewis and J. A. Trollope to the committee, which was carried nem. con.

Peals Analysis Committee.—The Rev. E. W. Carpenter having referred to the great work and to the report published, moved its adoption, this being seconded by the Rev. A. T. Beeston, and carried nem. con.—The President then referred in terms of eulogy to the work of the members of the committee, and extended the thanks of the Council to them. Their re-election was then proposed by Mr. T. Hervey Beams, and the Rev. F. L. Edwards seconded, but the Rev. E. W. Carpenter was unable to offer to serve again. The Rev. A. T. Beeston and Messrs. J. W. Parker and G. Williams were duly re-elected.—The President expressed the regret the Council felt at the Rev. E. W. Carpenter's retirement, after 16 years' valuable service on the committee, and on the motion of Mr. T. J. Salter, seconded by Mr. J. George, Miss E. K. Parker was elected in his place.

Towers and Belfries Committee.—The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn reported that no formal work had been done during the year, but he wished to call the attention of the Council to the desirability of considering the attitude of the new Advisory Committees, especially in regard to bells and their restoration. After some comments by Canon Elsee, the Rev. C. E. Matthews and Mr. C. H. Howard, Canon Baker proposed, and the Rev. H. Drake seconded, that 'the Council strongly urge that each Diocesan Advisory Committee should include at least one member having expert knowledge of bells, bell-hanging and change ringing; and that the resolution be communicated to the secretaries of the committees and congresses.'—Carried nem. con. The committee, consisting of Mr. E. H. Lewis, the Revs. C. D. P. Davies and C. W. O. Jenkyn, Major J. H. B. Hesse, and Mr. E. A. Young, were, on the proposal of the President, duly re-appointed nem. con., and on the further motion of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, seconded by Canon F. J. O. Helmore, Mr. H. Fairclough was added to the committee.

Records Committee.—The Rev. A. T. Beeston referred, in general terms, to the year's work, but regretted that their report, having been lost in the post, must be deferred. The committee, consisting of the Revs. A. T. Beeston, H. Law James and Mr. T. Hervey Beams, were then duly re-appointed, on the motion of Mr. C. H. Howard, seconded by Mr. W. A. Cave.

Science Museum Exhibit Committee.—The Honorary Secretary reported at some length as to the present position, stating that framed diagrams had been given to the Museum, illustrating 'Standard Methods,' including those printed at his own expense by Mr. W. A. Cave. In reference to the Carter Ringing Machine, he suggested that Mr. Carter was prepared to make the Council Trustees, and he (Mr. Young) proposed that if possible the Council should arrange to meet the offer, and formally move his report.—The Rev. C. D. P. Davies, in seconding, referred to the desirability of maintaining some control and use of the Ringing Machine.

Alderman J. S. Pritchett, having been asked by the President for his views, kindly stated his opinion to be that the Council not being

a corporate body, could not act legally as a trustee, but there could be no objection to Mr. Carter, appointing as trustees, say, the President of the Council and such two other members of the Council as it might from time to time select. The report was adopted, and the committee, consisting of the Revs. C. D. P. Davies, E. Banks James, Messrs. E. H. Lewis, A. A. Hughes, C. F. Johnston, Pryce Taylor and E. Alexr. Young, were, on the motion of the President, re-appointed nem. con.

The Council then adjourned for lunch.

Card of Instruction.—The Hon. Secretary outlined the difficulties which had arisen since the card was proposed, and £5 promised by the Rev. H. Drake, though somewhat conditionally, it would appear. The latter having expressed some of his objections, discussion was adjourned until later.

The President pointed out, that owing to the overlapping in the scope of the next three motions, it was felt by the Standing Committee that it was desirable they be conjoined as far as possible. This finding general acceptance, he called upon Mr. G. P. Burton to move his motion, which he did as follows: 'To call attention to the Nomenclature of Methods, and to move the appointment of a Nomenclature Committee: (1) To review the whole existing method nomenclature, and to make recommendations for revision to the Council.' It being agreed to take it seriatim, the first part of the motion was then seconded by the Rev. H. Drake, both speakers strongly urged the need of such a committee, and pointed out that good ringers were not necessarily masters of good wording. The mover instanced as objectionable old examples, 'Grandsire' and 'Jolly Dick.' And in regard to the new names, supported and proposed a motion from Leytonstone, which desired to see 'Geranium' and other flower names omitted, as being equally absurd. The Rev. E. W. Carpenter, for the Analysis Committee, then justified their selection of names, feeling that the proposed committee would prove of little use. Messrs. J. S. Pritchett, J. A. Trollope and the Rev. H. Law James also spoke generally against the motion. They were followed by Messrs. C. T. Coles, H. Hunt and A. D. Barker, who spoke for the motion, Clause 1, of which was eventually carried by 34 to 29 votes.

Clause (2), viz.: 'To prepare a selection of suitable topographical names, to which method nomenclature is to be limited for the future,' was then moved by Mr. G. P. Burton, and seconded by Mr. T. Hervey Beams. Following some discussion, an amendment, proposed by the Rev. F. L. Edwards, and seconded by the Rev. H. Law James, met with general approval, and was agreed to as a substantive motion as follows, viz., that the rest of the motion should read: 'To suggest a suitable system of Nomenclature for the future.'—This was carried nem. con.—A motion that the election of the committee be deferred for a year being defeated by 35 votes to 32, the Council then elected the following as members of the committee, viz., Mr. G. P. Burton, the Rev. H. Drake, Messrs. A. D. Barker, T. Hervey Beams, and A. L. Colman.

The President then called upon Mr. T. H. Taffender to move his resolution that 'The Council only recognise as peals upon handbells, those that have been umpired, and that the latter qualification shall be that of being able to ring the method and check each call as made.' The proposer called attention to the loose nature of the present general practice and the necessity of stiffening the Council's present rule.—The motion was seconded by Mr. J. George, but on being put to the meeting was lost by a large majority.

The President then called upon Mr. T. Hervey Beams to move his resolution: 'To alter Rule 6' by omitting 'but that the meeting following the Triennial Election be always in London.' Mr. Beams called attention to the changes of the past 33 years and the need for revision. He suggested a London meeting every five years.—The Rev. F. L. Edwards having seconded; the motion, on being put to the meeting, was lost by a large majority.

The President then called upon Mr. J. Hunt to move his resolution: 'That the Council consider the advisability of publishing instructions showing how bobs are made in various Minor Methods as published.' Mr. Hunt having done so, the motion was seconded by Mr. A. H. Pulling, and, with the proviso that the same be an instruction to the Methods Committee to deal with in their revision of Minor Methods, was carried.

The Next Annual Meeting.—On the recommendation of the Standing Committee, and by general consent, it was agreed to accept the invitation to Chester for 1925.

Card of Instruction.—Upon returning to the consideration of the card, as presented by the honorary secretary, it was, on the motion of the President, agreed nem. con. that it be left for the Standing Committee to agree to publish it, regard being paid if possible to one or two of the points referred to by the Rev. H. Drake.

On the motion of Canon Elsee, the Council commended to the support of the ringing associations, the proposal to erect in a suit-

able place in Oxford a memorial to the late Mr. James W. Washbrook.

Notice of a revision of the definition relating to peals on eight bells and upwards, so as to include peals in spliced methods, was given by Mr. W. A. Cave, and in connection with the ringing of a peal comprising fourteen 360's of Minor, to which attention was called by the Rev. H. Law James, the President mentioned that the Standing Committee proposed to take in hand the general revision of the Rules and Decisions of the Council.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Dean, which Canon Perkins (who was now present to describe the Jerusalem Chamber) promised to convey, and the business proceedings terminated at about 5 p.m., with a vote of thanks to the President, who briefly responded.

'BRISTOL' SURPRISE EXTENSION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I trust you will pardon me for again wishing to speak on this subject, but Mr. Taylor's article calls for some correction. He publishes two sets of figures of 'Bristol' Royal and terms the second of the two Mr. Craven's variation. Mr. Taylor has got mixed up somehow, as it is the figures he claims as Royal which I published. (See issues of 'Ringing World,' March 3rd, 1922, and January 12th, 1923.) I am sorry to note that Mr. Taylor's version of Maximus is away from the correct line of extension. The reason I say so is that the two chief characteristics are violated: 1st, the coursing order of the bells; and, 2nd, the correct pivot bell and its correct work.

Taking the first essential, it will be noticed in the Major the coursing order reverses every dodging block of the treble's path. When in 1-2 even bells are hunting down and odd bells up; as the treble passes through 2-3 a 4th's place is made, which reverses the coursing order; i.e., odd bells are coursing down and even bells up. The quarter section line is reached where the pivot bell meets the treble, as per example.

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24351786
23457168.

Any extension which has not got the course bells in these relative positions is not Bristol, i.e., pivot bell crossing with the treble and pivot bells fore and aft, coursing bells making the places. The pivot bell must also make a run through from back to front, divided with the necessary work entailed in passing the middle.

I might say that there is no exaggeration in the number of variations possible on the whole turn block system. I have a large number, and all without the use of 'adjoining' places, a feature which, in my opinion, ought not to be tolerated on ten bells and upwards. I must congratulate Mr. Taylor on the able and descriptive analysis he has made of the method, but beg to differ from him regarding Bristol Maximus.—Yours truly,

ARTHUR CRAVEN.

MR. FRED R. BORRETT'S 500 PEALS.

By a peal of Superlative Surprise recently, Mr. F. R. Borrett, of Pulham Market, brought his total up to 500, of which he has conducted 215. The following is the list:—

Plain Bob Major	23
Plain Bob Royal	2
Plain Bob Maximus	2
Grandsire Triples	4
Grandsire Caters	1
Grandsire Cinques	1
Stedman Triples	28
Stedman Caters	5
Stedman Cinques	6
Oxford Treble Bob Major	128
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	1
Kent Treble Bob Major	27
Kent Treble Bob Royal	15
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	10
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	97
Double Norwich Court Bob Royal	1
Superlative Surprise Major	101
Cambridge Surprise Major	17
New Cambridge Surprise Major	13
Norfolk Surprise Major	4
Bristol Surprise Major	6
London Surprise Major	8

Total 500

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

STRONG FINANCIAL POSITION.

In their annual report, the committee of the Midland Counties Association, referring to the finances, say: Once again your committee has reason to be proud of the position attained. Probably no other association in Great Britain can view its funds with the equanimity of the M.C.A. We have a current balance from 1924 of £60, and the amount standing to our credit is £246. Such a position is unprecedented in the annals of our association. It must be borne in mind, however, that our source of profit comes exclusively from the gallant roll of honorary members. Ringing subscriptions alone would not allow us to even pay our way, and we are indeed grateful to all of our patrons for their invaluable help. The accumulation of funds, however, has given rise to various trends of thought. There is much to be said for local autonomy of funds. On the other hand, we are in union with each district, and should our honorary members diminish—as they undoubtedly will some day—the association might be wrecked for want of unity. Your committee does not believe in hoarding up vast sums for future generations to spend. This generation should enjoy the fruit of its labour, and to this end suggestions of rule alterations are in the air. We wish to be up to date and to create the greatest good to the greatest number; and a special committee is about to discuss how this can best be done. Before this report is in print, their deliberations will have taken concrete form for recommendation to the annual meeting.

The 'Bell Restoration' Fund shows a balance in hand of £14. Grants, have been made to Thurlaston, Leicestershire, and to North Wingfield, Derbyshire. Further grants are being made during the current year to other churches.

PEAL RINGING.

The following list shows the peals rung by the association during the past year: Cambridge Surprise Maximus, 1; Stedman Cinques, 2 (both on H.B.); Cambridge Surprise Royal, 4; Leicester Surprise Royal, 1; Bob Royal, 2; Stedman Caters, 18 (9 on H.B.); Grandsire Caters, 2; London Surprise Major, 3; Bristol Surprise Major, 5; Yorkshire Surprise Major, 3; Cambridge Surprise Major, 6; New Cambridge Surprise Major, 1; Pudsey Surprise Major, 2; Superlative Surprise Major, 5; Norfolk Surprise Major, 1; Spliced T.B. Major, 3; Oxford T.B. Major, 1; Kent T.B. Major, 3; Double Norwich C.B. Major, 3; Canterbury Pleasure Major, 1; Bob Major, 9; Little Bob Major, 1; Stedman Triples, 20 (4 on H.B.); Grandsire Triples, 15; Minor in 5 methods 1; Minor in 4 methods, 2; Minor in 3 methods, 1; Bob Minor, 6 (1 on H.B.); Doubles in 2 methods, 1; Stedman Doubles, 1 (on H.B.); Grandsire Doubles, 6; total, 130 (17 on H.B.).

Possibly the first thing members interested in peals will notice is the revival of handbell peal ringing, 17 of such peals being recorded during the year. All these, with the exception of one of Bob Minor, are Stedman peals, varying from Doubles to Cinques. The only other Stedman Cinques on handbells by the M.C.A. is the famous silent peal rung in 1903.

The number of peals rung during 1924 is smaller than the total for both 1922 and 1923, and for tower bells alone is less than for the last three years, but the variety of the methods rung is more extensive, the 130 peals appearing under 31 divisions. Stedman, both on tower and handbells, appears to be the most popular method, for, with the exception of Grandsire Triples (15), the other peals are well distributed.

Very important additions to our records are Cambridge Surprise Maximus, Leicester Surprise Royal, and Pudsey Surprise Major, the latter method serving as a gentle reminder that all our go-ahead ringers are not in one corner of the district. The ringers who are breaking new ground in such splendid manner are congratulated, and it is hoped their example will be an incentive to other districts.

One peal which deserves special mention is the 9,120 Spliced T.B. Major, the extent in this variation.

The peals rung have been conducted by the following 38 members: H. J. Poole, 22 (10 H.B.); W. P. Whitehead, 14 (5 H.B.); E. Morris, 13 (1 H.B.); F. H. Dexter, 10; J. Flint, 10; B. Reader, 6; F. Coiton, 5; M. Swinfield, 5; E. C. Shepherd, 4 (1 H.B.); A. H. Ward, 4; G. Freebrey, 3; L. W. Jacques, 3; R. Barrow, 2; B. A. Knights, 2; J. Lord, 2; C. A. Manning, 2; W. Wilson, 2; C. Allsop, F. W. Bailey, J. A. Barratt, R. H. Bartram, E. C. Chasty, A. Coppock, J. T. Dyke, J. A. Fenton, E. C. Gobey, A. H. Mansfield, F. M. Mitchell, W. Moore, G. S. Morris, F. Pervin, G. R. Pye, F. A. Salter, J. F. Smallwood, E. H. Stoneley, J. Taylor, W. White, T. H. Wright (1 each).

The composition of one peal (Superlative) rung for the association during the year, has been found to be false; therefore, this peal has not been accepted nor recorded.

Our membership roll at the 31st December, 1924, is as follows: Patrons and honorary members, 237; ringing members, 778; total, 1,015.

GRANDSIRE AND PLAIN BOB.

By GEORGE BAKER.

Although I pointed out in the 'Bell News' as long ago as June, 1900, that the Bob lead of the Grandsire Method is symmetrical within the lead and the Plain lead is not (a fact which can be demonstrated by anyone who understands reciprocal proof) it was only as recently as last October that I was flatly contradicted by one of 'the powers that be' when I made a declaration that Grandsire is NOT Plain Bob with a bell in the hunt.

When other experts realise that proof can now be given by the Round Blocks and Transpositions as to the relationship of methods, perhaps they will drop their arbitrary definitions, and try to understand the natural laws of method construction.

Here it will be well to remark that, if a method is the same on all numbers, the round blocks and transpositions will prove the fact. Below I give the round blocks, etc., of Bob Singles and Bob Minor, also of Grandsire Doubles and Grandsire Triples, the figures will speak for themselves, and I hope we shall never hear repeated the false statement that Grandsire is Plain Bob with a bell in the hunt.

BOB SINGLES.

	Round Blocks.	Transpositions.
1234	x 1342=1342	1342
2143	x 3124=4213	2314
2413	x 3214=4132	4213
4231	x 2341=2314	2143
4321	x 2431=3124	4213
3412	x 4213=2431	2314
3142	x 4123=3241	1342
1324	x 1432=1423	1234

1342 1423

BOB MINOR.

	Round Blocks.	Transpositions.
123456	x 135264=135264	135264
214365	x 312546=421635	231456
241635	x 321456=513264	521364
426153	x 234165=261435	245316
462513	x 243615=316254	526413
645231	x 426351=241536	245163
654321	x 462531=315246	526413
563412	x 645213=241653	245316
536142	x 654123=315462	521364
351624	x 561432=243615	231456
315264	x 516342=325164	135264
132546	x 153624=142635	123456

135264 156342

The halfway transposition rows from Singles to Maximus are as follow, and it will no doubt be a grain of comfort to the mathematicians to find that at least one of their theories is true.

Singles	2143
Minor	245163
Major	24567183
Royal	2456789103
Maximus	24567890c1t3

GRANDSIRE DOUBLES.

	Round	Blocks.	Transpositions.
12345	x 12534	12534	12453
21354	x 21543=12453	12453	13425
23145	x 25134=15324	13425	53124
32415	x 52314=52143	53124	25134
34251	x 53241=41325	13425	25134
43521	x 35421=23145	25134	13425
45312	x 34512=31245	25134	13425
54132	x 43152=24315	13425	12453
51423	x 41325=32541	12453	12345
15243	x 14235=14352	12345	12345
12534	x 12453=12534	12345	12345

N.B.—To obtain a symmetrical set of round blocks in the Grandsire Method one has to start from 21354.

GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

	Round	Blocks.	Transpositions.
1234567	x 1253746	1246375	1246375
2135476	x 2153746=1532746	1342567	1342567
3241657	x 5231476=6214375	6132475	6132475
3426175	x 5324167=7132546	5613427	5613427
4362715	x 3542617=2714365	6753124	6753124
4637251	x 3456271=3162547	5627134	5627134
6473521	x 4365721=2415367	6751234	6751234
6745312	x 4637512=3152467	5627134	5627134

7654132	x	6473152 = 2416537	6753124
7561423	x	6741325 = 3154762	5613427
5716243	x	7614235 = 2436571	6312475
5172634	x	7162453 = 3254716	1342567
1527364	x	1726543 = 1436275	1246375
1253746	x	1275634 = 1253746	1234567

Grandsire Halfway Transposition rows from Doubles to Cinques:

51234	Doubles.
6751234	Triples.
685971234	Caters.
68507x91234	Cinques.

No one will be able to say that the mathematical progressions of Plain Bob and Grandsire are the same, therefore the methods are not the same.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

Correspondents are particularly requested to send in reports of Easter Day and Bank Holiday ringing and meetings to reach us on Tuesday, the 14th. Reports of peals rung on Easter Monday should be posted the same night to ensure insertion in the next week's issue.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, March 29th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), composed by T. Collison, in 45 mins.: T. Marshall 1, R. Edwards 2, R. Kynaston 3, H. T. Hughes 4, W. B. Kynaston 5, G. Williams 6, R. T. Evans (conductor) 7, E. H. Kynaston 8.

DARLINGTON.—On Sunday, March 29th, at Holy Trinity Church, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: T. Tilt (first 720 in the method) 1, W. H. Thomas 2, R. Park 3, W. N. Park 4, F. W. Lupson 5, G. W. Park (conductor) 6. For evensong, 840 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. Oliver 1, W. H. Porter 2, R. Park 3, W. N. Park 4, W. H. Thomas (Bristol) 5, G. W. Park (conductor) 6.

LAWTON, CHESHIRE.—On Sunday, March 29th, at Lawton, for evening service, 640 Bob Major: R. Arrowsmith 1, W. Longman 2, T. Arrowsmith 3, E. Harper 4, J. Booth 5, J. Wildblood 6, G. Bidulph 7, W. Rigby (conductor) 8. First touch of Bob Major by ringers of 1st, 3rd and 7th.

LONG STANTON.—On Sunday, March 29th, for evensong, 640 Kent Treble Bob: Rev. H. B. Woolley 1, H. J. Hazell 2, E. Gleaves 3, F. J. Cook 4, Geo. Crisp 5, E. Warrington 6, C. W. Cook (conductor) 7, J. B. Woolley 8.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.—On Sunday evening, March 29th, for Confirmation service, conducted by the Lord Bishop of Rochester, 720 London Surprise, in 23 mins.: Cyril M. Mitchell 1, J. Burles 2, Fred M. Mitchell (conductor) 3, H. Argent 4, Fred A. Mitchell 5, G. Morrad 6.

MARKET DRAYTON.—On March 29th, for evensong, 518 Grandsire Triples (by J. Holt): W. Broadhurst 1, A. M. Hickman 2, T. Tudor 3, E. V. Rodenburst (conductor) 4, J. Clark 5, S. Hughes 6, W. Weatherby 7, G. Hall 8. Rung after meeting late for a quarter-peal.

STOKE POGES.—On Sunday morning, March 29th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. W. Stevenson 1, E. C. Hartley 2, T. G. Hawkins 3, J. Shuker 4, W. L. Gutteridge 5, A. D. Barker (conductor) 6.

CHILDWALL, LIVERPOOL.—At All Saints' Church, for confirmation service, on March 29th, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor, in 45 minutes: E. Gillis 1, E. L. Humphries 2, E. Trevitt (conductor) 3, J. Seddon 4, W. Betley 5, J. Roberts 6.

LONDON.—The St. Andrew's, Holborn, Guild.—On Sunday, March 29th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 44 minutes: H. Franks 1, R. Green 2, C. Chooet 3, E. Brett 4, A. Darnell 5, J. Bullock 6, E. Russell (conductor) 7, J. Hawkins 8.

DEATH OF MR. W. ROCK SMALL.

We regret to announce the death, on Saturday last, of the well-known veteran ringer, Mr. William Rock Small, of Tipton, Staffs, who passed away at the advanced age of 85 years.

The funeral takes place on Wednesday.

A sketch of Mr. Small's ringing career will appear in our next issue.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Appleton, the place of not a few long peals, including the longest of all, claimed a record length of Grandsire Caters, made on April 11th, 1888, when the Oxford Guild rang 15,265 in 8 hours 5 minutes.

College Exercise Major, a little practised method, took its name from the College Youths who rang the first peal in the method in 1760. A peal of 5,600 was rung at Bletchingly on April 11th, 1789.

Kettering, which has long been a centre of Northamptonshire ringing, was among the earliest provincial towers where peals were rung. A peal of Grandsire Triples rung there on April 12th, 1731, was the outcome of a challenge made, when a peal was recorded as having been rung in 3 hours 18 minutes, on Feb. 20th, 1729, that a peal could not be rung in less than 3½ hours.

To prove the 'wiseacres' in the wrong, another peal was rung in 2 hours 48 minutes, and the record states: 'Since it was asserted our first performance could not be rung in less than 3 hours and a half, for an experiment and before skilful judges, on ye 12th of April, 1731, ye whole peal of 5,040 was completed at 30 changes each minute, in 2 hours and 48 minutes by the persons underwritten: Tho. Howard 1, Tho. Woodford 2, John Law 3, G. Eayre 4, Hen. Parker 5, Rob. Booth 6, Jno. Carley 7, Jona. Barlow 8.'

The anniversary of the great performance at Loughborough falls on Sunday next. It was on April 12th, 1909, that the 18,027 Stedman Caters was rung in 12 hours 18 minutes, at All Saints' Church—one of the most wonderful achievements on record.

Easter has been a favourite time for record breaking, and it was on Easter Monday, April 13th, 1914, that the Ashton-under-Lyne men rang the 14,000 Treble Bob Royal, and thus beat the previous longest length in the method which had stood for 130 years.

The first peal of Cumberland Exercise Major was rung on April 16th, 1838, at Birstall, Yorks.

Mr Connor O'Brien, of Dublin, who is sailing round the world in a 20ft. boat, recently reached Pernambuco, in South America.

What can be accomplished in an agricultural village by determined and persistent effort, is illustrated by the restoration of the tower and bells at Wethersfield, where £1,500 has been raised for the purpose. The tower was struck by lightning about ten years ago, and the bell frame, as well as the structure, was damaged. The Essex Association, through the Master (Mr. C. H. Howard), has given valuable assistance in the work carried out on the bells and fittings.

ORGANIST PEAL RINGERS.

Dear Sir,—I am pleased to note a mate of my rank and file, Mr. D. Cecil Williams, Mus.Bac., Fellow of the Royal College of Organists, scoring 50 peals, but in reply to the query, whether he is the first Mus.Bac. to achieve that honour, I think I can claim the preference, as being now only four short of my 100th peal, and having turned the 50 long before the war. All my peals have been pulled off since I took my degree.—Yours faithfully,

W. E. PITMAN,

Mus.Bac., Oxon, Fellow of the Royal College of Organists, Organist and Choirmaster of St. George's, Canterbury, and a member of the Cathedral band, St. Margaret's Street, Canterbury.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT.

The April meeting of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at Heston on Saturday. The bells were set going soon after 3 p.m., under the direction of the Ringing Master, and several touches from Grandsire to Double Norwich were rung before service, at which the Rev. Col. W. Maclean officiated, and, in a brief address, welcomed the society to Heston on behalf of the Vicar (the Rev. F. W. Wilkinson).

Tea and business meeting followed in the Church Hall, with the Rev. Col. W. Maclean presiding, supported by the Vice-President, Ringing Master and Mrs. Maclean. The company numbered 25.

St. Mary's, Ealing, was selected for the May meeting, and Ruislip for June, due notice of which will appear in 'The Ringing World.'

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells and Church Hall; to the Rev. Col. W. Maclean, Mrs. Maclean, the Vice-President, the Ringing Master, and Mr. C. S. Bird, of the Heston Band.

The tower was again visited with the Rev. and Mrs. Maclean, and Surprise methods were practised, another pleasant afternoon and evening concluding at 9 p.m.

THE FIRST PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

The 184th anniversary of the first peal of Treble Bob Royal which occurred on Tuesday, recalls the fact that St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, London, where the peal was rung, was one of the earliest towers in London to have ten bells. A chronicler in 1708 wrote that at this church 'there are 10 Tuneable Bells, which make a pleasant harmony when rung in peal.' At this time there was no peal of twelve in London, and, indeed, only York and Cirencester in the provinces had the maximum number. Eighty years later there were only nine peals of ten in Middlesex, viz., St. Mary-le-Bow; Christ Church, Spitalfields, St. Giles', Cripplegate; St. Sepulchre's, Holborn; St. Margaret's, Westminster; St. Leonard's, Shoreditch; St. Magnus-the-Martyr; St. Dionis Backchurch, and All Saints', Fulham.

By this time there were four peals of twelve, viz.: St. Bride's, St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, St. Michael's, Cornhill, and St. Saviour's, Southwark.



ST. SEPULCHRE'S CHURCH, HOLBORN.

[Photo by F. E. Dawe.

St. Sepulchre's bells had been recast in 1739, by Samuel Knight, of the Holborn foundry. The frame was made and the bells rehung by Robert Catlin, who was himself an active ringer. The rehanging, apparently, led to renewed activity in this belfry, and at least two

peals were rung there in 1741. We referred to them briefly last week. The ancient tablets contain the following details:—

SOCIETY OF EASTERN SCHOLARS.

On Tuesday, April 7th, 1741, was rung in this steeple a compleat peal of five thousand two hundred Oxford Triple Bob 10 in. The performers:—

Jos. Dickinson	Treble	Wm. Rowan	6th
John Sharpe	2nd	Wm. Phillips	7th
Wm. Simms	3rd	Thos. Bennett	8th
Wm. Lovell	4th	P. Mainwaring (call'd bobs)	9th
John Blake	5th	R. Windlesborough	Tenor

This is the first compleat peal of 5,000 Oxford Treble Bob ten-in that was ever rung, and completed in 3 hours 57 minutes.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 30th, 1741, the above Society rang 5,000 changes of Union Bob Royal in 3 hours 46 minutes. The performers were:—

Saml. Lee	Treble	Jos. Griffiths	6th
Jabez Stephenson	2nd	Richd. Spicer	7th
John Dearmor	3rd	Saml. Jeacocks	8th
Wm. Pickard	4th	Robt. Mobbs	9th
Benjn. Annable	5th	John Trevell	Tenor

Conducted by R. Spicer.

When merit's justly due, a little praise then serveth.

A good peal needs no frame, a bad one none deserveth.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

RE-OPENING OF SHILTON BELLS AFTER RESTORATION.

The re-opening of the bells at Shilton after augmentation and restoration took place on Saturday last, in the presence of a large concourse of parishioners and visitors from the neighbouring towns and villages. The church was filled to overflowing long before the time of the service. Prayers were read by the Vicar (Rev. C. T. Pyemont), and the special lesson by Canon F. R. Evans, of Bedworth.

The Lord Bishop of Coventry performed the dedication ceremony, and also gave an inspiring address, based on the words 'Sursum Corda' ('Lift up your hearts'). He congratulated the people of Shilton on having their bells put in order in their time, an opportunity that did not come in every generation.

Two new trebles have been added, and the old four bells recast, making a handy little ring of 6, with the tenor about 7 cwt. The work of rehanging and recasting was entrusted to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, and the way the work has been carried out reflects great credit on the firm, the tone and 'go' of the bells being excellent.

Upwards of 60 ringers were present during the afternoon and evening, and included Mr. S. H. Roper, the firm's representative, and Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon. Others were present from Allesley, Birmingham, Bulkington, Chilvers Coton, Coventry, Croft, Exhall, Monks Kirby, Nuneaton, Rugby, Stoke, Southam, Wolvey and other places.

Before the service commenced the bells were raised in peal by the following members of the Guild: T. W. Chapman (Ringing Master, Nuneaton) 1. E. H. Johnson (a native of Shilton, Coventry) 2. Miss G. M. Dodds (Chilvers Coton) 3. J. B. Fenton (district secretary, Rugby) 4. A. Wilkerson (hon. general secretary) 5. A. Roberts (ex-Ringing Master, Stoke) 6. Some well struck Grandfire Doubles were rung by the same band immediately after the dedication. They also rang the first touch of Minor at the conclusion of the service. Thereafter the bells were kept going in various methods until about 8 p.m.

A sumptuous tea was provided for the ringers, who, owing to the large number present, had to be accommodated in relays. Nevertheless, each and all passed a very pleasant time. The methods successfully brought round included Grandfire, Stedman and Bob Doubles, Plain Bob Minor, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge and London Surprise.

At the conclusion of the tower bell ringing, handbells were in evidence. The Rugby Quartette gave a wonderful exhibition of tune ringing, under the able conductorship of Mr. A. J. Hessian, who, everyone was pleased to see, had come out of his retirement again. The Webb family, too, from Croft, delighted the company as usual with their tune ringing. Train time brought a happy and successful gathering to a close.

BATH.—At St. Saviour's, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1344 changes) in 54 minutes: J. W. Bell 1, W. J. Prescott 2, T. Grant 3, H. D. Taylor 4, J. Hallett 5, C. W. Bell 6, H. E. Mills 7, A. Prince (conductor) 8. Also for confirmation service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Grandfire Triples (1260 changes) (taken from J. F. Pennings' one part) in 41 minutes: J. Taylor 1, J. Hallett 2, J. W. Bell 3, T. Grant 4, H. D. Taylor 5, C. W. Bell 6, A. Prince (conductor) 7, H. E. Mills 8. At the conclusion of the service a touch of Grandfire Triples (420 changes) was rung, after which the Bishop congratulated the ringers upon the excellent ringing both before and after the service.

COLERNE CHURCH AND ITS BELLS.

AN ISOLATED TOWER IN AN ISOLATED PARISH.

Colerne, in the north-west corner of Wiltshire, a village of considerable antiquity and of past glories, lies on high tableland midway between Bath and Chippenham. It overlooks the Box valley, and the traveller by the Great Western Railway, before entering or emerging from the Box tunnel may, if he is on the look out, catch a glimpse of the noble tower of the church, perched half-way up the sky-line, and dominating the landscape.

From this elevated position, the highest in Wiltshire, the sweet sound of the bells is wafted far and wide over the hillside, recalling to the listener Faber's hymn, 'Like bells at evening pealing.'

Until the year 1877 there were only six bells, and an old writer thus explains their excellence: 'Lawson Huddleston, of Shaftesbury, with many and extraordinary accomplishments, had a kind of passion for bells. To oblige any clerical friend who had six bells in his church, he would pass days and weeks in the belfry, chipping and modulating the sound of every bell till they answered exactly the



COLERNE CHURCH, WILTS.

intervals of the monochord. I had often heard of the music of Colerne bells. No one could tell why their sounds were so pleasing. There is a note that the bells were new tuned when Aubrey visited the place in 1659.

A close relationship, centuries old, has existed between Colerne and New College, Oxford. In 1388, Elizabeth, wife of Edward the Dispenser, sold the manor for 700 marks to William of Wykeham, who conveyed it to New College.

In 1447, King Henry VI. granted the warden and scholars of New College a market at Colerne every Friday, and a yearly fair for three days, on the vigil, day and morrow of the decollation of St. John-the-Baptist, 28th, 29th and 30th August.

In 1660, George Rivers, D.D., warden of New College in Oxford, gave a 'goodlie oak that grew upon their manor of Colerne, which yielded well nere 5 tunne of timber besides the tops and arms,' to the present Abbey at Bath for its rebuilding.

Just outside the south porch, which was built by William of Malmesbury, circa 1280, was the plinth of an ancient cross, fragments of which are preserved in the church, and from which Mr. Harold Brakespear, of Corsham, was enabled to produce, as nearly as possible, a replica of the original. Bishop Browne holds that it was one of the several crosses erected to mark the stages of the journey, when the body of St. Aldhelm was borne from Glastonbury to Malmesbury for burial.

Colerne has had its share in our Island story. It is rich in historical associations. On its western border is Bannerdown, or the 'holy hill,' where traditionally St. Augustine met the British Bishops, and on the side of the main road on this border stands an ancient cromlech called the 'Shire Stones,' the bases standing in the different counties of Wilts, Gloucester, and Somerset. On its eastern side is Slaughterford, where King Alfred defeated the Danes.

In the year 1877, the church was restored at a cost of £4,000, chiefly through the instrumentality of Richard Walmesley, of Ludenham, Colerne, and W. H. Poynter, of Hortham Lodge, Corsham.

At the same time, two trebles were added to the peal of bells, and the whole rebung in an oak frame by Messrs. Warner and Sons, London, and a board in the tower records the first course of Grand-

sire Triples (November, 1879) on the bells, and by the local ringers. The inscriptions on the bells are as follows:—

1st and 2nd.—John Warner and Sons, London, 1877.

John Joseph Strutt Bird, Vicar.

Richard Walmesley and Joseph Pinchin, Ch. Wds.

3rd.—Peace and Good Neighbourhood. A.R., 1737.

4th.—Peter Drowet and John Browning, Ch. Wds.

5th.—What Melody is wanting then when thou hast.

Peace with God and Men. R.P., 1652.

Thomas Shewring; John Head.

6th.—No inscription.

7th.—Peter Drowet and John Browning, Ch. Wds.

William Bilbie, Chewstoke, Somerset. Feet, 1783.

8th.—Thomas Drowet and Edward Ranger, Ch. Wds, A.R., 1737.

Many ringing bands from the neighbouring districts often made a visit to Colerne a 'day's outing,' and Mr. Joseph T. Dyke recalls a visit at a time when the bells were going badly, and when in an attempt to keep the tenor 'going' he bruised his knuckles through striking the floor.

During the process of renovations last year, many pieces of metal were taken out of the brasses. From one side of the 5th three pennies were removed, and Mr. Charles W. Bell, tower master of St. Saviour's, Bath, informs me he witnessed the late Mr. James Hinton, of Bristol, putting them in more than 25 years ago.

The following can be seen on the belfry wall,

Anno Domini 1881:

This is a Belfry that is free

For all those that civil be,

And if you please to come and ring

It is a very pleasant thing.

There is no music, played or sung,

Like unto bells, when they're well rung.

Then ring your bells well, if you can,

Silence is best for every man.

But if you here do swear or curse,

Three pence you pay, pull out your purse,

Come pay the clerk, it is his fee,

For all who swear shall not go free.

A. P.

RESTORATION OF WETHERSFIELD TOWER & BELLS

AN ESSEX RING OF SIX.

The bells of St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Wethersfield, Essex, were rededicated by the Bishop of Chelmsford on Thursday afternoon last. Notwithstanding the cold and inclement weather, there was a large congregation present to witness the ceremony.

Some ten years ago the church spire was struck by lightning and damaged. The oak frame carrying the bells, the oldest of which, cast in 1683, is by Miles Gray, was also damaged, so that it was not possible to ring the bells with safety. The Saxon tower has been completely restored, and the bells rebung in a new teak frame, with ball bearings, and buffers attached to the clappers. They have also been retuned, and make a very musical ring in F, with a tenor 11½ cwt. The work has been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and the 'go' and tone of the bells reflect great credit on the firm.

During the service a few rounds were rung, and afterwards an excellent 720 Kent Treble Bob was rung by C. H. Howard (conductor) 1, Miss E. Pettitt 2, W. H. Dyson 3, G. Wiffen 4, H. E. Hammond 5, H. J. Collins 6. The ringers were then invited to tea at Wethersfield Manor by Lady Blannery, who expressed her appreciation of the ringers and the bells.

The ringers returned to the tower, and rung 720 Bob Minor: B. Redgwell 1, W. H. Dyson 2, Miss E. Pettitt 3, G. Wiffen 4, H. E. Hammond (conductor) 5, H. J. Collins 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob: W. H. Dyson 1, L. Wiseman 2, G. Wiffen 3, B. Pettitt 4, N. Hawkins 5, C. H. Howard (conductor) 6. Short touches were afterwards brought round, in which W. Gould and J. Bloomfield (local ringers) took part.

The parishioners were delighted to see a lady ringer taking part in the opening, and several lady onlookers expressed a wish to the Vicar to be allowed to join the new band which is being formed, and of which the Rev. J. C. Rossiter, M.A. (the Vicar), is a member.

During the afternoon and evening the Vicar and his wardens watched the ringing with interest. The Vicar thanked the visiting ringers for so kindly volunteering their services, and expressed the appreciation of the parishioners at once again hearing their own church bells peal forth their message from the ancient church tower.

The total cost of the restoration amounts to £1,500, the whole of which has been raised by voluntary effort, except two legacies of £100 each.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.—At the Church of St. Gabriel, on Sunday, March 29th, 720 Bob Minor: F. Lawrence 1, A. Harland 2, J. Rowlett 3, J. Lawrence 4, A. Short 5, C. Camm (conductor) 6.

ST. PETER-AT-ARCHES, LINCOLN.
AN APPEAL.

The bells of St. Peter-at-Arches Church, Lincoln, were founded by Abraham Rudhall, of Gloucester, in the year 1728. They were last rebung by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. in the year 1890, at which time Mr. Taylor reported that the frame might be patched up so as to last some years. This was done. Recently it was found desirable to consult Messrs. Taylor again as to the condition of the bell frame. They now report 'the time

The congregation is not a wealthy one, so we have to appeal to others to help us.

St. Peter-at-Arches bells are well known, and the belfry has for long past been a nursery for change ringers. Many a well-known ringer has had some part of his early training in change ringing at St. Peter's.

We appeal to all friends of the Exercise to help us to get this work going again, and let these fine old bells ring out once more to the greater glory of God.

This appeal has the support of the Bishop of the Diocese.



ST. PETER-AT-ARCHES CHURCH.

has now arrived when nothing further can be done in this direction (i.e., of patching up), and in our opinion it would be an absolute waste of money to do anything in the way of repairing the present timber framework.'

It is proposed to rehang the bells in a cast-iron frame, supported by steel girders, with the best modern appliances.

The Church Council has decided to undertake this work when the necessary funds (about £600) have been raised.

Signed on behalf of the committee,
REGINALD BOND, Rector,
JAMES M. SKERRITT,
HERBERT E. GAMMON,
Churchwardens,

Countersigned, **H. LAW JAMES**,
Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
DERBY DISTRICT.

The monthly meeting of the Derby District was held at Spondon on Saturday, March 28th, when members were present from Alvaston, Breaston, Derby, Eivaston and West Hallam; also Sir H. Fowler and Mr. G. Thompson, of the local band. The methods practised were Kent, Oxford and Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles (Sir Henry taking part in the last named).

Tea and business meeting was held in a nearby cafe (presided over by Mr. G. Freebrey), when it was agreed to hold the next meeting at Ashbourne on May 30th, the April meeting being postponed on account of the annual meeting of the association on Easter Monday.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and Mr. Thompson for making arrangements, was carried, and this terminated the meeting. The bells were then again requisitioned.

ACTON.—On March 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: M. England 1, E. Lankester 2, C. Brown 3, R. H. Boddington 4, R. Holloway (conductor) 5, Miss Hawksworth 6, H. Wincote 7, W. Elliott 8. On March 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Easton 1, R. Fardon (conductor) 2, M. England (first inside) 3, C. Brown 4, Miss Hawksworth 5, H. Wincote 6, R. Holloway 7, W. Elliott 8. Also on March 29th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: R. Fardon (conductor) 1, H. G. Frampton 2, Miss Hawksworth 3, H. G. Owen 4, H. Wincote 5, C. Brown 6, E. W. Coulson 7, Miss M. Chamberlen (first quarter-peal) 8.

ANCIENT BELLS.
To the Editor.

Sir,—With reference to Mr. Jerram's letter, L'Estrange gives in his 'Norfolk Bells' names of pre-Reformation founders on bells, as follows:—

- Bexwell bell: Magister Johannes Riston me fecit 1299.
 - Ketteringham 4th: Ricus Baxter Brasyer de Norwyco. Fecit me, 1420.
 - Norwich St. Laurence 3rd: Wilelmys Revel me fecit.
 - Norwich St. Peter, Permoungergate 3rd: Ricus Baxter. Fecit me, 1420.
 - Roudham St. Andrew bell: Wilelmys Revel me fecit.
 - Sall 6th: Edmonds de Lenne me fecit, 1353 or 1417.
 - Long Stratton 4th: IEGV Enlehon De Toi Sire Ion Stvrmin Fit Fere moi. Thomas Made Me, 1327. (Inscription in Norman French).
 - Babingley bell and Tuddenham bell: Thomas me fecit, 1333 or 1440.
 - Somerton West bell: Johannes De Lenne me fecit, 1340.
 - Wendling 3rd: Jhovannes de Gvddinc. Fecit me, 1320.
 - Trunch 3rd: Thomas delenne me fecit, 1333 or 1440.
- Yours truly,
FRED R. BORRETT.

LOUGHTON, ESSEX.—On Tuesday, March 24th, for practice, 518 Grandsire Triples: J. A. Waugh (first in the method, age 13) 1, G. Perry 2, E. A. Bacon (conductor) 3, H. W. Hayes 4, G. Carter 5, S. Carter 6, W. Clark 7, J. Rann, jun. 8. Great credit is due to the treble ringer for the way he rang his bell.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, April 5th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 46 mins.: C. Fenn (conductor) 1, W. Beard 2, F. C. Russell 3, R. Fenn 4, E. H. King 5, A. C. Hardy 6, E. G. Cottis 7, R. Mutton 8. Composed by J. Carter.

MOULTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, April 5th, for morning service, at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor: H. England 1, T. H. Wise 2, W. T. Wilson 3, H. Marlow 4, F. Wilford 5, T. Tebbutt (conductor) 6.

BATH.—On Sunday, April 5th, at St. Saviour's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), taken from Holt's Original, in 45 mins.: J. W. Bell 1, J. Taylor 2, Miss Norah G. Williams (conductor) 3, A. Prince 4, J. Hallett 5, T. Grant 6, C. W. Bell 7, H. E. Mills 8.

HAVANT, HAMPSHIRE.—On Sunday, April 5th, for morning service, at St. Faith's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, from Holt's Original, in 50 mins.: J. D. Harris (conductor) 1, F. W. Rogers 2, T. R. Taylor 3, J. Topp 4, R. Hasted, junr., 5, R. J. Stone 6, W. Tate 7, M. Marshall 8.

BATTERSEA.—At the Church of St. Mary, for men's service, on April 5th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: A. Clark 1, H. Mance 2, C. F. Mitchell 3, H. W. Mance 4, W. Essery 5, F. A. Finch (hrs. in method) 6, H. H. Mance (first as conductor) 7, L. Bayliss 8.

EALING.—At Christ Church, for morning service, on Sunday, April 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. S. Palmer 1, A. Brookland 2, G. Harbour 3, A. Harding 4, C. Edwards 5, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 6, J. H. Trollope 7, F. S. Palmer, senr., 8.

FULHAM.—At St. Saints' Church, for evening service, on Sunday, April 5th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. W. Driver 1, W. H. Hollier 2, W. Sheppard 3, H. G. Owen 4, A. Cutmore 5, *D. Stevens 6, A. Harding 7, H. A. Folkard 8, F. Skevington (conductor) 9, *H. Stevens 10. * First quarter-peal. Rung on the 21st birthday of D. Stevens.

MARKET DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On Sunday, March 29th, for evensong, at the Parish Church, 504 Oxford Treble Bob and 72 Double Court: F. Otter 1, W. A. Day 2, H. M. Day 3, C. T. H. Bradley (of Folkingham) 4, J. Landon 5, G. H. Wells 6.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Sunday, March 29th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes), in 50 minutes: W. Messum 1, Miss I. Hastie 2, A. C. Otway 3, D. Wright 4, A. H. Winch (conductor) 5, G. Marriner 6, G. Cook 7, A. Harman 8, A. Dean 9, F. Miles (first quarter-peal) 10.

WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.—At St. Andrew's Church, for evening service, on Sunday, March 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. J. Greedy 1, J. Parkman 2, A. E. Barrington (first quarter-peal as conductor) 3, W. Baker 4, W. Hartnell 5, J. Hartnell 6, H. Rawle 7, A. Stone 8.

EAST GRINSTEAD.—At Swithin Church, on Sunday morning, March 29th, for service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 50 minutes: G. Lambert 1, G. Hewett 2, T. Potter 3, W. Mills 4, N. E. Hope 5, T. Tullett 6, J. Wrin (conductor) 7, S. Cherron 8.

GUILDFORD.—For confirmation service, at Holy Trinity Church, on April 1st, a quarter-peal (1,248 changes) of Superlative Surprise Major, in 50 mins.: W. E. Jelley 1, C. N. Burdock 2, J. T. Scott 3, H. Hutton 4, W. R. Melville 5, G. W. Steeve 6, H. Burdock 7, A. H. Pulling (conductor) 8.

TUNSTALL, KENT.—On Sunday, March 21st, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Stedman Triples was rung for divine service in the evening by G. Kenward 1, E. H. Spice 2, S. Taylor 3, E. Dobbie 4, S. B. Dobbie 5, W. J. Walker 6, W. Spice, senr. (conductor), 7, Larry Hales 8.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Mar. 22nd, for evening service, 840 Grandsire Triples: T. Coulthurst 1, T. Watson (conductor) 2, W. S. Forshaw 3, G. Jackson 4, A. Brown 5, W. H. Dennison 6, T. Metcalfe 7, J. Burrows 8.—On Sunday, March 29th, for morning service, 672 Grandsire Triples: T. Watson 1, T. Coulthurst 2, W. S. Forshaw 3, A. Brown 4, W. H. Dennison 5, J. Burrows 6, T. Metcalfe (conductor) 7, T. R. Jackson 8.

HORNSEY, N.—On Sunday, March 22nd, for evensong, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Bob Minor, in 24 mins.: H. Blee 1, E. Hibble 2, J. G. Nash 3, A. Howell 4, A. Putland 5, C. H. Ross (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, March 29th, for evensong, 720 Bob Minor, in 28 mins.: H. Blee 1, J. G. Nash 2, E. Hibble 3, A. Howell 4, A. Putland 5, C. H. Ross (conductor) 6.

ELTHAM, KENT.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: H. Flowers 1, F. Fraser 2, J. Hurrell 3, F. Gorrige 4, R. Thompson 5, Cyril Brett Smith 6, R. Brett Smith 7, Capt. W. Anderson, M.C. (first quarter as conductor), 8.

NOTICES.

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NORFOLK GUILD OF RINGERS FOR THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH.—General meeting will be held at Aylsham on Easter Monday, April 13th. By kind permission of the Vicar, the ring of ten bells, and also, by permission of the Rector, the ring of eight bells at Marsham, will be at the disposal of the members. Luncheon at the Black Boys' Hotel, Market Place, at 1.30 p.m. Tickets 2s. 6d. per head.—Arthur L. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held on Easter Monday, April 13th at Leicester. The following towers will be open for ringing from 10.30 a.m.:—St. Margaret's (12), St. Martin's (10), St. John's (8), St. Saviour's (8), and St. Peter's, Belgrave (8). The Committee will meet at 12 o'clock noon. Hot luncheon has been arranged (for ticket holders only) at 12.45 prompt.

The general meeting of members will be held immediately after luncheon, and there will be a service in St. John the Divine's Church at 3.15 p.m. A smoking concert has been arranged for 7.30 p.m. The meetings, luncheon, and concert will all be at the Victoria Hotel, London Road, near L.M.S. Station.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Darley Dale, Derbyshire.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Folkestone, on Easter Monday, April 13th. Service in Parish Church at 12 noon. Address by the Rev. G. A. Lewis (Rector of Cheriton). Collection for the Benevolent Fund. Dinner in Woodword Hall 1 p.m. Business meeting after dinner. Towers open for ringing: Folkestone (8), Cheriton (8), Hythe (8), Newington (6), Lyminge (8).—Fred J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec., Canterbury.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—REVISED NOTICE.—The annual meeting will be held at Day's Restaurant, Cornhill, Ipswich, at 2 p.m. on Easter Monday. Committee meeting in St. Mary's Vestry at 12.15 p.m. Service at St. Mary-le-Tower at 1 p.m. Luncheon 2s. 6d., at 1.30 p.m. Bells available all day at St. Mary-le-Tower, St. Margaret's, St. Clement's.—Herbert Drake, Ufford Rectory, Woodbridge.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Central Division will be held at Southover, Lewes, on Easter Monday, April 13th. Tower open 2. Service 4. Tea 5 (by kind invitation of the Rector).—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Rotherham on Easter Monday, April 13th. By kind permission of the respective clergy the fine new peal of ten at the Parish Church will be available from 12 noon onward, and the peal of eight at St. Stephen's, Eastwood, between the hours of 10.30 a.m. to 2 p.m., and from 3 p.m. onward. Further details on circulars.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 90, Blackman Lane, Leede.

STAINDROP, COUNTY DURHAM (2 miles from Winston, L.N.E.R. Station).—By the courtesy of the Vicar (Rev. H. S. C. Spurrier, M.A.), the new peal of eight (tenor 15½ cwt.) will be available on Easter Monday, April 13th, to all ringers. A bus will meet the 10.11 and 10.29 trains from the north at Bank Top Station, Darlington, and another will leave the Turk's Head, Bondgate, Darlington, at 10.30 a.m. Fare: 1s. single, 2s. return. The buses will return at any time after 6 p.m. to suit ringers. Cheap fares are usually available to Darlington on Mondays. The 'United' bus leaves Bishop Auckland for Staindrop (Route 18) at 10.35 and 2.35 p.m., and returns at 4.52 p.m.—Mr. H. Shipp, 6, Duke Street, Staindrop, near Darlington.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Blyth on Easter Monday, April 13th. Bells ready early morning, Tickhill (8) bells will also be open from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., and Harworth (6) at intervals in morning and afternoon. Visitors welcome, and special parties requiring use of Tickhill and Harworth bells write Hon. Sec. early next week. Meat tea will be provided at 4.30 p.m. at Sheffield House, Blyth.—H. Haigh, Hon. Sec., 103, Gateford Road, Workshop.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT & OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held in conjunction with the General meeting of the Yorkshire Association at Rotherham on Easter Monday, April 13th. The re-cast peal of 10 at the Parish Church will be available from 12 noon onwards, and St. Stephen's, Eastwood, from 10.30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. onwards. Committee meeting in the Parish Hall at 2.30 p.m. Business meeting will follow the one held by the Yorkshire Association.—T. W. Chown, Hon. Sec., 68, Canada Street, Sheffield.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Richmond on Easter Monday, April 13th. Dinner will be provided at Mr. Brewill's Cafe; members 2/6, hon-members 3/-. Service will be held in the Church at 4 p.m. Address will be given by Canon Leigh, Rector of Richmond.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Cambridge, Monday, April 13th. Towers available: Great St. Mary (12), St. Andrew's (8), Church of our Lady (8), Chesterton (6). Service at 12 at Great St. Mary's, with address by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Price. Luncheon and business meeting at the Dorothy Café at 1 p.m.—Rev. R. Copeman, Hon. Sec., Owlstone Road, Cambridge.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting, April 13th, at Nantwich. Service 11.45. Cold dinner 12.45 a.m. Meeting 2 p.m.—Edwards Elwell, Sec., Capenhurst, Cheshire.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual Meeting.—Please note unavoidable alterations. Management committee meeting 12 noon, and general business meeting 2.30 p.m., in Tolsey Hall. Service 6 p.m., in the Abbey. Dinner 2s. Tea 1s. 6d., in the Plough Hotel or Willow Cafe. Only those who have notified me may expect meals. Reports will be given to all who have intimated their intention to be present. Charabanc from Bristol leaves St. Stephen's Church (City) at 7.45 a.m.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at St. Albans Easter Monday. Towers open for ringing 2 p.m. (six bell towers by arrangement with conductors). Service in the Cathedral 5 p.m., with address by the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, M.A. Tea and business meeting 6 p.m. in Abbey Institute. Let me know if you can come—it will help the caterer.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., 'Duffield,' St. Albans.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at South Weald on Easter Monday, April 13th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m.—E. Butler, Dis. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at Raunmore Common on Easter Monday, April 13th. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 with meeting after.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Wallington.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD OF RINGERS.—East Devon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Branscombe, Devon, on Easter Monday. Service, Parish Church 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock., Mason's Arms Hotel. Members free. Meeting 5.30. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday, April 13th. The bells of St. Paul's (10) will be available from 9 a.m., St. Peter's (6) from 12 noon throughout the day. Luncheon will be at the Silver Grill Restaurant (near St. Paul's) at 1 p.m., to be followed by the meeting for the election of officers, etc. Members of kindred societies will be heartily welcomed.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at: St. Magnus, on April 16th and 30th; St. Michael's, Cornhill (for service) on the 19th, at 6 p.m.; *St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 21st; Southwark Cathedral, on the 28th; all at 7.30. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A special meeting of this district will be held at Earl Shilton on Saturday, April 18th. Bells (8) available at 4 p.m. Special business meeting, with smoking concert to follow. A good attendance is requested.—W. Cope, Local Hon. Sec., Wigston Parva, Hinckley.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Highclere on Saturday, 18th April. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45; 6d. per head will be allowed towards the cost of tea to all members informing me not later than 11th April.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dis. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will take place at Southgate on Saturday, April 18th. Service 5 p.m. Preacher, Rev. S. F. L. Bernays, Rector of Finchley. Tea in the schoolroom at 5.45, 1s. each, to those who advise Mr. W. Pickworth, 2, Balaam's Lane, High Street, N.14, by April 15th. Send in your names to avoid disappointment. Ringing at Southgate (10) from 2.30 to 5 and after the meeting; also at Wood Green (6) from 3 to 4.30.—C. T. Coles and W. H. Hollier, Hon. Secs.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Lambeth, on Saturday, April 18th. Tower open from 3.30 p.m. till 8 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Business after. Will those requiring tea let me know before the 15th? Ringers and friends will be welcomed.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, S.W.3.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The first quarterly meeting will be held at Wivenhoe on Saturday, April 18th, when the bells will be available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30 and tea and meeting at 5.15 p.m. All ringers intending to be present are asked to notify me before Tuesday, 14th April, as no accommodation will be provided for tea after that date.—R. W. Stannard, 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brindle on Saturday, April 18th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 1s. 6d. a head to those who notify Mr. William Sharples, Thorpe Green, Brindle, near Chorley, not later than Tuesday, April 14th. A good attendance is requested, as Mr. Wm. Taylor is expected to read a paper at this meeting.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—The next meeting will be at Tilston on Saturday, April 18th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (price 1s.) 4.15. Names for tea not later than the 14th.—J. W. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Alford, Chester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Reddish on Saturday, April 18th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Meeting at 7 p.m.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Rainhill on Saturday, April 18th. Bells ready at 3. A good meeting is requested.—Walter Hughes, Branch Sec., 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Leake on Saturday, April 18th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, followed by business meeting immediately afterwards. Will those who intend being present kindly let me know by Wednesday, the 15th, to facilitate making arrangements for tea? Buses leave Boston Post Office at 2.30 and 4.30, returning at 8 and 10 p.m. All ringers welcome.—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., The School House, Butterwick, Boston.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Milborne Port on Saturday, April 18th. Tea in the Church Room at 4 p.m. Meeting to follow. Service in the Parish Church at 5.30 p.m.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Brixworth on Saturday, April 18th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 o'clock. Will all those who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, April 14th?—T. Tebbutt, 53, Louise Road, Northampton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting of the above association will be held on Saturday, April 18th, at Sharnbrook. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—L. Turner, Dis. Sec., 7, High Street, Kempston, Beds.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—A quarterly meeting of the above district will be held at Leintwardine on Saturday, April 18th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—W. J. Beniams, Hon. Sec., 33, New Street, Ludlow.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined ringing practice will be held at Waltham St. Lawrence on April 18th from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. (6 bells).—R. Darvill, Highcockett Lodge, Hare Hatch, near Twyford, Berks.

DEVON GUILD OF RINGERS.—North-Eastern Branch.—The meeting will be held at Bickleigh, on Saturday, April 18th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, 1/- each. Cadeleigh tower will also be open. Those requiring tea must send their names to me by Tuesday, April 14th.—Miss M. Hanson, Hon. Sec., 2, The Avenue, Tiverton, Devon.

LADIES GUILD.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Yateley on Saturday, April 18th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome. Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, April 14th.—Miss H. F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Lowick (6) on Saturday, April 18th. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea must advise me by Tuesday, the 14th. A good attendance is requested.—J. Nickerson, Branch Sec., Halford Street, Thrapston.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Rolvenden on Saturday, April 18th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged.—C. W. Franklin, Hon. Sec., 18, Kingsnorth Road, Ashford.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The annual general meeting of the Guild will be held at Rugby on Saturday, April 18th, next. The bells of St. Andrew will be open for ringing at 3 p.m. Committee meeting in the Vestry at 4 p.m. (important business). The Guild's special service will be taken in Church at 4.30 p.m., with an address by the Vicar of Monks Kirby (Rev. R. L. B. Oliver). Tea and business meeting to follow. Election of officers, etc., for the ensuing year. Will those requiring tea send word to Mr. J. B. Fenton, 9, Penfold Street, New Bilton, Rugby, not later than Wednesday, the 15th inst.?—A. Wilkerson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Brecon District.—The next quarterly practice will be held at Llanfagan on Saturday, the 18th April. Tower of St. Margaret's (8 bells) open from 2 p.m. Short service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m., by invitation of Rev. T. Aneurin Davies. Please notify me by Monday, 13th April latest, numbers expected to tea.—W. R. Howells, Hon. Sec., The Elms, Struet, Brecon.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, April 25th. Evensong at the Cathedral at 4.30. Ringing at St. Peter-at-Gowts (6) and St. Botolph's (6), from 2.30 to 3.30 and from 7.30 to 9. Tea at the Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, at 5.30, at 1s. 9d. per head. Members requiring tea must send their names to their branch secretary on or before Tuesday, April 21st. Visitors to advise Mr. G. Chester, 16, Carline Road, Lincoln.—F. W. Stokes, Hon. Sec., Blankney, Lincoln.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Milton-next-Gravesend on Saturday, April 25th. Tower open at 3. Association service in the church at 5 o'clock, conducted by the Rector of Milton, the Rev. G. W. Mennie, M.A. Tea will be provided in the Johnston Institute for all those who notify me on or before Wednesday, April 22nd (free). Half fares up to 2s. will be paid at this meeting to members. All ringers invited.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend, Kent.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Lenham on Saturday, April 25th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea after service, followed by business meeting. Please notify me by April 20th.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Linton, Maidstone.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Shenstone on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available from 3. Service, with an address by the Vicar (Rev. E. Molloy), at 4.45.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Western Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Sudbury on Saturday, April 25th. All Saints' (8) and St. Gregory's (8) available from 2 o'clock. Tea at the Bull Hotel (1s. per head). Will those intending to attend tea notify me not later than April 22nd (Wednesday)? Business meeting follows.—S. H. Symonds, 78, Church Street, Lavenham.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at King's Norton on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea will be arranged at a moderate charge for those who advise me not later than the 21st inst. of their intention to be present.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting is at Penistone on Saturday, April 18th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Tea 1/- each to those who apply before the 15th to Mr. G. Hill, Hoylandswaine, near Penistone. (This rule re tea is definite.) A hearty welcome is offered by the local company.—C. D. Potter, Sec.

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