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While with some bands the standard of peals of Minor has reached a high level, as witness the frequent ringing of seven Surprise methods or the spicing of anything up to thirty or more methods into seven 720's, there has been evidence for some years that too many ringers have been content to rest satisfied with a considerably lower standard of performances. The motion which is to come before the Central Council at their next meeting inviting the Council to use its influence to encourage five and six bell companies to ring peals in more than one method, and, wherever possible, to include at least seven methods, is, therefore, a timely one. In these days, when method ringing has reached a stage far in advance of anything contemplated at the beginning of this century, it seems strange that there should be rung such a large number of peals of a standard which would have been looked upon almost with disdain fifty years ago. When Jasper Snowdon was alive and Yorkshire was a great centre of six-bell ringing, anything less than seven methods for a peal of Minor was practically unheard of. In this respect, therefore, we have gone backward, and it is time something was done to try to reduce the number of peals on five and six bells rung in only one method.

We know that it will be argued that the capacity of beginners is often limited to one method and that they ought to be encouraged to ring peals even if their ability is confined to this minimum. Also, we shall be asked whether it is any worse for a five or six bell band to restrict their peals to one method than it is, say, for an eight bell band to do so. By all means let young ringers be encouraged to ring a peal in their one method, if that is the limit of their initial capacity; the objection is to their resting satisfied with one method and never doing anything beyond it. That is pure stagnation, and it should be the endeavour of every band to get away from that condition, which eventually leads to decay. Bands whose opportunities of ringing are limited almost wholly to five and six bell methods ought continually to be striving to add to their 'repertory'; indeed, every company, no matter how many bells they have at their disposal, ought to be imbued with this spirit, but there is a difference between the six-bell bands and those who ring on higher numbers. The more bells there are the more difficult, generally speaking, the ringing becomes, method for method. There is, for instance, far more in ringing a peal of Grandsire Triples than in ringing a peal of Grandsire Doubles. And if there is little excuse for the company who have rung a peal of Grandsire Triples advancing no further than that method, there is still less

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for the band that has rung a peal of Grandsire Doubles or Bob Minor to practise nothing else.

As to question whether it is any worse for a five or six bell band to ring only one method in a peal than for an eight bell band to do so, the two performances are not quite on the same footing. On seven or eight bells or more the inclusion of more than one method introduces a different and more advanced factor; it involves 'splicing,' which is a totally different thing to starting each fresh method from rounds, as can be done in a seven method peal of Minor. There is nothing to be said against those more advanced ringers who, having mastered a number of methods, make a departure by ringing a 5040 in one method, such as a peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor; what is to be discouraged is the frequent ringing of peals in one method by companies who are content to remain on the lower rungs of the ladder and seem disinclined to try to mount higher. The motion before the Council should ventilate the views of all classes of ringers, but we feel there will be general agreement on it in principle. If it is passed, however, the influence of the Council must be exercised through the associations, who could doubtless do a great deal were they to apply themselves to the task.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

READING, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 17, 1933, in Three Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE MUNICIPAL CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 20 lb.

HARRY G. FOXELL Treble	WALTER F. JUDGE 7
MISS PAT HOLLOWAY 2	HARRY W. SMITH 8
WILLIAM HIBBERT 3	RICHARD T. HIBBERT 9
HERBERT LANGDON 4	EDGAR HUMFREY 10
CHARLES PULLEN 5	*JAMES S. NAPPER 11
*MISS STELLA DAVIS 6	*CECIL J. CULLUM Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by H. LANGDON

* First peal of Cinques. Miss Davis is the third 'Berkshire gal' to ring Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques in the county. R. T. Hibbert has rung the bells 'round' in this tower, the peals comprising Triples, Caters and Cinques, Major, Royal and Maximus. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. H. Langdon, with all good wishes from the band.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 17, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5097 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt. in C sharp.

FRED HAVES... .. Treble	ROBERT G. CHAPPELE 7
MRS. ARTHUR D. BARKER 2	FRANK WEST 8
ARTHUR D. BARKER 3	LEONARD STILLWELL 9
REV. C. ELLIOTT WIGGS 4	P.S. CECIL A. SMITH 10
RALPH COLES 5	RICHARD A. POST 11
F. DONALD BOREHAM 6	WILLIAM H. PLUMRIDGE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED HAVES.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barker have now rung Stedman Cinques together in the three twelve bell towers of the diocese.

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TEN BELL PEAL.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 17, 1933 in Three Hours & Twenty-Three Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 1/2 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Ten Bell Peal: C. Ernest Smith (Treble), Jack M. Cripps, Frank I. Hairs, Wilfred Williams, Keith Hart, Alfred T. Greenwood, Nelson Elliott, Oliver Sippetts, Kenneth Snelling, Frederick W. Rogers (Tenor).

Composed by SAM THOMAS. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BURLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 8, 1933, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in B flat.

Table listing names and positions for the Eight Bell Peal: Robert Thomas, George W. Slack, G. Wilfred Slack, John Marshall, Frank Scholefield, John W. Scholefield, Fred Hutchinson, Leonard Drake (Tenor).

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by LEONARD DRAKE.

* First peal.

CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 8, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 16 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Cambridge Surprise Major: Leslie C. Wightman, James Bennett, Albert E. Whiting, William J. Botton, George Pryke, T. William Last (Tenor).

Conducted by T. W. LAST.

* First peal in the method with 'inside' bell. Arranged as a birthday compliment to the 3rd, 7th and tenor ringers.

WALKEDEN, LANCOS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 8, 1933, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Sydney Leatherbarrow, Joseph Leatherbarrow, Christopher Gudgeon, Walter W. Wolstencroft, Wilfred Halliwell, John Potter, Norman Heaps, Thomas B. Worsley (Tenor).

Composed and Conducted by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

* First peal of Plain Major. † 25th peal together. Rung on the 44th anniversary of the first peal in the method by the association.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, April 10, 1933, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF WOODBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 3/4 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Woodbridge Surprise Major: Albert E. Whiting, George Bennett, James Bennett, Leslie G. Brett, George Pryke, George Whiting, Leslie C. Wightman, T. William Last (Tenor).

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by G. WHITING.

This method is now rung for the first time, and the peal was rung at the first attempt.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.—On Easter Day for morning service, a quarter-peal of Minor, being 720 New London Pleasure, 360 Woodbine, 240 Oxford Treble Bob: W. Williams 1, J. Williams 2, S. Head 3, A. Phillips 4, W. H. Lawrence 5, S. Carter (conductor) 6.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 10, 1933, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON. BRISTOL. CAMBRIDGE & SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR. 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Spliced London Surprise Major: Ernest Brett, John T. Kentish, Mrs. R. F. Deal, Edwin F. Pike, George R. Pye, James E. Davis, Joseph Waghorn, Charles W. Roberts (Tenor).

Composed by Rev. H. L. JAMES. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* First peal in four methods. This peal contained 2,944 London, 608 Bristol and 736 each of Superlative and Cambridge, the two latter methods being rung in alternate parts.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 15, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5068 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 6 1/2 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Cambridge Surprise Major: Charles H. Kippin, Alfred Ballard, C. Henry Webb, Ronald H. Dove, Tony Price, Percy L. Harrison, Percival A. Aldham, Ernest Morris (Tenor).

Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

Arranged for Messrs. Kippin and Price.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 15, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OLAVE, HART STREET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THORSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Stedman Triples: Edwin Barnett, Edwin A. Barnett, Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, George H. Cross, George W. Fletcher, Leonard Haybut, Mrs. George H. Cross, Henry T. Willson (Tenor).

Conducted by EDITH K. FLETCHER.

Rung for the Easter festival. Also as a birthday compliment to Prebendary T. Wellard, Churchwardens D. O. Kerr and F. H. D. Man, and to Edwin Barnett.

RINGWOOD, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 15, 1933, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Kent Treble Bob Major: George Williams, Arthur V. Davis, Edward G. L. Coward, Frederick S. Bayley, William C. Shute, Frederick E. Collins, Cyril J. Turner, William E. Cheater (Tenor).

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal in the method. Rung prior to the Easter Eve service at 6.30 p.m.

SHOREHAM-BY-SEA, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 17, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

Table listing names and positions for the Cambridge Surprise Major: Jack M. Cripps, Owen H. Giles, C. Ernest Smith, Alfred T. Greenwood, Kenneth Snelling, Frederick W. Cripps, Horace Gardner, Wilfred Williams (Tenor).

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Surprise.

GREAT YARMOUTH.—At St. Nicholas' Church for morning service on Easter Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): C. Gower (first quarter-peal) 1, A. Moy 2, H. Bromfield (first quarter-peal of Caters) 3, J. Harwood 4, W. Lee 5, C. Parnell 6, C. W. Bird (Kettering) 7, R. Tooley 8, E. Kett (conductor) 9, H. Jermy 10.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Monday, April 17, 1933, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.	
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... Treble	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 5
JOHN P. PELLOE ... 2	*RONALD J. C. HAGLEY ... 6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
GEORGE W. STEERE ... 4	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell in Stedman. Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Melville.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 17, 1933, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.	
FRANK CLAYDON ... Treble	ROBERT YOUNG ... 5
ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 2	ARTHUR SANDERS ... 6
FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... 3	WALTER ARNOLD ... 7
*THOMAS BIRD ... 4	CHARLES SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by W. ARNOLD.

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

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 17, 1933, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

G. RONALD EDWARDS ... Treble	JAMES MARTIN ... 5
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 2	*C. I. J. MELDRUM ... 6
THOMAS W. GILMOUR ... 3	LESTER L. GRAY ... 7
JOSEPH RIDYARD ... 4	EDWARD CAUNCE ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

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

WALDRON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 17, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.	
HAROLD S. HOBDEN ... Treble	ALBERT HOBDEN ... 5
WILFRED BOOTH ... 2	PHILIP S. THOMPSON ... 6
*CHARLES A. LEVETT ... 3	*FREDERICK H. DALLAWAY ... 7
ALFRED J. TURNER ... 4	WILLIAM JENNER ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD S. HOBDEN.

* First peal in the method.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

SHIPHAM, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt. (approx.)	
WALTER FARLEY ... Treble	RICHMOND ROBERTS ... 4
JEFFERY TOSSEL ... 2	GEORGE GILLING ... 5
EDWARD G. NORTON ... 3	EDWARD J. AVERY ... Tenor

Conducted by E. J. AVERY.

SHIPBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 6, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 11½ cwt.

*J. BALCOMBE ... Treble	J. BEACH ... 4
*A. HIBSEN ... 2	J. MEDHURST ... 5
*O. F. WILLS ... 3	*A. BRIDGER ... Tenor

Conducted by J. MEDHURST.

* First peal. First as conductor.

CLUTTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 6, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 9½ cwt. (approx.)	
*HERBERT J. BABER ... Treble	JEFFERY TOSSELL ... 4
ERNEST TOSSELL ... 2	EDWARD J. AVERY ... 5
†F. CECIL MOGFORD ... 3	HAROLD E. BLACKER ... Tenor

Conducted by E. J. AVERY.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' Also the first peal of Minor on the bells. Rung as a farewell to Mr. H. E. Blacker on his impending departure from his native village, after 15 years' ringing at this church.

CROSSENS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 8, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... Treble	JAMES MARSH ... 4
JOHN BOOTH ... 2	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... 5
FRED HINDLE ... 3	EDWARD BLUNDELL ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

First peal on the bells.

PENISTONE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 15, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

HERBERT HOLBROOK ... Treble	*ERIC TYAS ... 4
ERNEST BROOKES ... 2	JAMES H. CHARLESWORTH ... 5
RAYMOND CROSSLAND ... 3	JAMES HILTON SYKES ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES HILTON SYKES.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Kettering Branch.)

On Easter Monday, April 17, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

ARCHIBALD S. TOSLAND ... Treble	HORACE PATRICK ... 3
GEORGE W. CLARKE ... 2	BURLEY P. MORRIS ... 4
ERIC J. SARGEANT ... Tenor	

Conducted by ERIC J. SARGEANT.

First attempt for peal as conductor. Rung by the local band.

HANDBELL PEAL.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Thursday, April 13, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT 18, GLISSON ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in O.

REV. A. C. BLYTH	W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 5-6
(Christ's & Selwyn) ... 1-2	REV. B. F. SHEPPARD
C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) ... 3-4	(Trinity) ... 7-8

Composed by J. B. WOOLLEY (Jesus). Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY

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At Lewes, Sussex, on Saturday week, a party of old friends who rang peals together 40 years ago met to celebrate the first peal rung by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, on April 8th, 1893.
 From left to right (standing): Messrs. B. Hobbs (Eastbourne), K. Hart (Brighton), S. E. Armstrong, who deputised for F. Bennett (Brighton), E. C. Merritt (Brighton), A. J. Turner (Lewes), R. J. Dawe (Lewes). Seated: Messrs. H. Raun (Brighton), J. George (Birmingham), J. S. Goldsmith (Woking) and G. Williams (Eastleigh).
 Photo by E. Reeves, Lewes.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DORCHESTER BRANCH'S GREAT MEETING.

In glorious spring weather the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild held their quarterly meeting at Buckland Newton on Saturday week. A motor-coach left Weymouth and picked up ringers at Upwey and Dorchester. The journey was made via Pyddletown, where they viewed Waterston House (of Thomas Hardy's novel, 'Far from the madding crowd'), and Pyddlehinton, where they were met and welcomed by the Rector (the Rev. W. G. Newman), who conducted the party over his Parish Church, and where the tower and five old bells were inspected. The journey was continued to Buckland Newton, where several members had met early, for the purpose of obtaining good practice, with the renowned North Dorset 'fans.'

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. S. Field), and the address given by the Rev. A. S. Bryant (Rector of Upwey). The church was almost filled, the choir was in attendance, with Mrs. Field at the organ. Tea was partaken of on the Vicarage lawns, and the quarterly meeting followed, a great feature of it being the large representation present. The Devon Guild was represented by Mr. G. C. Woodley (Sidmouth), Bath and Wells by Messrs. L. Davis, W. Laver and W. Osborn (North Cadbury, Somerset). Among those also present were Mr. C. D. Heginbotham (chairman of the Devizes Branch), Mrs. Heginbotham and E. Heginbotham (Devizes), and ringers of North Dorset Branch from Bishop's Caudle, Kington Magna, Hazel Bryan and Long Burton, of Wimborne Branch from Bournemouth, St. John's and St. Peter's, of West Dorset Branch from Bridport, Bradpole and Evershot, and of the local branch from Bradford-Peverell, Buckland-Newton, Dorchester, Sydling, Stratton, Upwey and Wyke Regis. A good number of clergy came with their ringers, and, with honorary members, brought the total up to about 70.

In the absence of the chairman (the Rev. E. S. Tarrant) through indisposition, the Master of the Guild (the Rev. R. H. Gundry) took the chair. Apologies for absence were received from the Revs. F. L. Edwards and C. A. Phillips, and Messrs. W. Bedford, E. Hutchings, W. Hewlett, F. J. Howard, J. Orchard, R. J. Tompkins and H. A. Runyard.

Messrs. V. E. Hussey, Hastings, Middleton and J. W. Taylor were elected hon. members.

Reporting on future meetings, the hon. secretary said an invitation had been received from the Wimborne Branch to attend their quarterly meeting at Wimborne St. Giles, the seat of their president (the Earl of Shaftesbury), on April 22nd. The annual festival would be held at Dorchester St. Peter's on Tuesday, May 16th, a bye meeting, by kind invitation, would be held at Bere Regis, and the next quarterly meeting at Wyke Regis in July, notice of which would appear in due course in 'The Ringing World.'

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

WREXHAM, NORTH WALES.—At St. Giles' Parish Church on Sunday, April 9th, for afternoon Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: A. Lea, sen., 1, F. Mitchell 2, P. Cross 3, F. Evans (conductor) 4, J. Capper 5, A. Lea, jun., 6, W. Cathrall 7, A. Hodges 8.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, April 9th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes): H. Ridgway 1, J. A. Green 2, A. N. Wood 3, F. Case 4, L. Smith 5, R. Foddy 6, T. Roberts 7, A. J. Green (conductor) 8. This is the first quarter-peal of Cambridge for Sunday service at this church.—On Sunday, April 2nd, for evensong, the local band rang a course of London Surprise Major: H. Ridgway 1, J. A. Green 2, T. Roberts 3, F. Case 4, L. Smith 5, G. Cooper 6, R. Foddy 7, A. J. Green 8. The first course of London by all.

SHEFFIELD.—On Sunday, April 9th, for evening service at St. Marie's, Norfolk Row, Sheffield, 1,329 Grandsire Triples in 55 mins.: C. H. Lake 1, J. Osguthorpe 2, G. Lewis 3, T. O'Hara 4, G. Holmes 5, R. Harrison 6, R. Harrison, jun., 7, H. Hurst 8. Composed and conducted by Mr. George Lewis, and rung to celebrate the marriage of his daughter Elsie on the Saturday previous. It contains the 24 6-7's in the handstroke position.

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The secretary commented upon the fact that the chairman had been in the Dorset County Hospital, and they would be pleased to know he was enjoying improved health. Mr. W. Williams (captain of the West Lulworth band) was, he regretted, still in hospital after seven weeks, as the result of serious injuries received when he fell down the bellry steps, after ringing for evensong. The secretary also made feeling reference to the passing of an old member, Mr. T. Page, of Bronwey. He added that he hoped Charnminster bells would be ready by the festival.

The Chairman moved a comprehensive vote of thanks, and especially referred to the kindness of the Vicar and Mrs. Field for providing the tea and the warm welcome they always received at Buckland Newton.

The Vicar, replying, said it was a pleasure, and they always looked forward to a visit from the Guild.

The Chairman, on behalf of the branch, gave the visitors a hearty welcome.—Mr. G. C. Woodley (Devon Guild) and Mr. C. D. Heginbotham responded. The latter told one of his amusing good stories in dialect. The meeting ended, the members again repaired to the bellry, where excellent practice was obtained until late in the evening. The following methods were rung: Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent, Double Court and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

RIPON CATHEDRAL BELLS.

GIFT OF A NEW RING OF TEN.

Ripon Cathedral and its bells will no doubt bring back war memories to a large number of ringers, for during 1914-1918 a large training centre for soldiers was established between Ripon town and Studley Royal, and the Cathedral, or Minster as it is known locally, was the venue of many 'church' parades. To the ringing of the bells, playing of bands and skirling of the bagpipes, troops used to parade in the square adjoining the Cathedral before entering for divine service.

The sound of that clanging peal will be heard no more, but in its stead a musical ring of ten bells will ripple forth its melodious tones over the market place and the extensive parish of nearly 50,000 acres.

The former ring was of very mediocre tone and comprised six bells by Lester and Pack, 1761, two by Warner's, 1866, and two by Shaw, of Bradford, dated 1891. The Dean of Ripon, the Very Rev. Charles Mansfield Owen, was desirous of having the peal made more worthy of the fine old Cathedral, and the work was entrusted to Messrs. Taylor



THE BELL TOWER AT RIPON CATHEDRAL.

This unusual glimpse of the south-west tower of Ripon Cathedral, containing the new peal of ten bells, reveals some of the beautiful architecture of the exterior of the nave. The photograph is by Mr. F. E. Dawe.

and Co., of Loughborough, who have been associated with so many of the fine peals in the towers of the Cathedrals and other important churches throughout the country. The entire peal has been recast, and in the south-west tower of Ripon Cathedral there is now a grand ring of ten bells, tenor weighing 23 cwt. 0 qr. 24 lb. in E flat, hung with modern fittings in a strong and massive cast iron frame.

The dedication service took place on Saturday, April 8th, by the Dean of Ripon, who was assisted by Canon Tuckey and Canon Garrod, both Canons Residentiary, and also by Canon Marshall (president of the Yorkshire Association and Vicar of St. Chad's, Far Headingley), who preached the sermon. Canon Marshall first voiced his appreciation of the opportunity given to him of speaking on the occasion of the dedication of the bells as they came back to the Cathedral tower, and to their industry in that tower after being recast and relung in an

entirely new frame. He appreciated the opportunity, because it came to him, not merely as an individual, but rather by virtue of his position as president of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers. He referred to the founding of the Yorkshire Association 58 years ago by Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, who did so much not only in fostering bell ringing—a peculiarly English Church art—but in advancing the status of change ringers and bringing about much needed bell reform. Canon Marshall said he was particularly grateful that the Dean had not only asked him to preach at that service, as representing the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers, but had asked his advice and help in the work undertaken and now accomplished. He went on to speak a word of gratitude to the benefactress of the Cathedral who had made the work possible by her generosity. Any gift which concerned the bells of the churches was a singularly appropriate one, because the bells were so closely connected with the work of the Church and because they sounded forth Sunday by Sunday their message of joy and praise and their witness to the eternal things of life. He said that in the recast bells they had an example of the best that modern bellfounders could give in the accomplishment of their art.

At the conclusion of the service, by kind invitation of the Dean, the visitors were entertained to tea, when speeches were made, Mr. E. Denison Taylor responding to the toast of 'The Bellfounder.'

In addition to the Ripon and local ringers from Sharow, representatives were present from Sheffield Cathedral; St. Michael's, Headingley; St. John's, Darlington; Bradford Cathedral; Selby Abbey; St. Hilda's, Middlesbrough; Kirby Stephen; Saltburn and other towers. The visitors will no doubt treasure the photograph, nicely mounted, of the Dean and Canons with the newly recast bells, which was thoughtfully placed upon each plate at the tea table.

Each of the bells bears the stamp and name of John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, and in addition the following inscription appears upon the tenor bell:—

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EDWARD WALLACE WINNER, SECRETARY TO THE CHAPTER.

The handling of the ropes is excellent, and the sound of the bells both inside and outside the tower reveals the wonderful transformation which has been effected in the process of recasting, and the Loughborough firm is to be congratulated in completing the work in a manner so eminently successful.

And thus is added in the County of Broad Acres another glorious peal of ten, other peals from the same foundry being those at Bradford Cathedral; Beverley Minster; St. Mary's, Beverley; Holy Trinity, Hull; St. Giles, Pontefract; Selby Abbey; Rotherham Parish Church; Huddersfield Parish Church; and the noble rings of twelve at York Minster and Leeds Parish Church.

Whilst the restoration of the bells has been taken in hand the clock work has been thoroughly reconstructed, the dial repainted and regilded. This work has been carried out by Mr. Charles Potts, of Marshall Mills, Leeds.

THE LATE MR. EDGAR ERNEST BURGESS.

As already briefly recorded, the death occurred on the 6th inst. at Greenway Avenue, Taunton, of Mr. Edgar Ernest Burgess, at the age of 62 years. The deceased was hon. general secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association for 19 years, retiring in 1925, when members of the association presented him with a watch and also made him a life member in recognition of his valuable services.

The funeral service was held at St. Andrew's Church, Taunton, when a large congregation assembled to show their respect. He was laid to rest in that lovely village churchyard at Selworthy, West Somerset, 28 miles west of Taunton, Selworthy having been his birthplace and where also he learnt to handle a bell. A large number of floral tributes were sent from various organisations to which he had belonged and others he still actively supported, including one from the Diocesan Guild, St. James' Guild, Taunton, and from the Dunster Deanery.

After the interment, Selworthy bells rang out half-muffled, as did the bells of St. James', Taunton, to his favourite method, Stedman. Mr. Burgess, never a great believer in peals, rang altogether 55, conducting one each of Grandsire and Stedman Triples. The other methods in which he rang peals were Plain Bob, Treble Bob and Double Norwich. He joined the St. James' band, Taunton, in 1894, and rang there regularly up to 1925. He was also a member of St. Andrew's, Rowbarton, Church choir for well over 20 years, and was very seldom absent from his duties.

Mr. Burgess was a bachelor and leaves in bereavement three brothers and two sisters, who have received numerous expressions of sympathy.

**DEATH OF VETERAN DORSET RINGER,
AN OLD COLLEGE YOUTH.**

Mr. Thomas Page, formerly a well-known London ringer, who was elected a member of the Society of College Youths on January 28th, 1868, has just passed peacefully to his rest at the age of 84. Mr. Page was a well-known and highly respected resident of Broadwey, Dorset, where he lived at Summer Close after his retirement from the Railway Clearing House, London.

As an enthusiastic bellringer, he was naturally attracted to Upwey Church, where he was the means of reviving interest in the art of bellringing. He was elected a member of the first Church Council in 1920, and served until failing health prevented him from undertaking the journey. He belonged to the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. His name figures on the peal boards in many of the church belfries in London and Dorset.

At the funeral service, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. Walder), at Broadwey on Tuesday week, the tower of St. Peter's, Dorchester, was represented by Messrs. J. T. Godwin, G. T. White, W. J. Simons and R. Hayward. Mr. C. H. Jennings, the hon. secretary of the Dorchester Branch, was prevented from attending by illness, and sent a message 'Saluting the memory of a true and loyal servant of the Church and a good bellringer.' The bells of Upwey Church were rung half-muffled on the previous Sunday.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION.**

A very enjoyable meeting of the South-Eastern Division was held at Springfield on Saturday, April 8th, when 20 members were present from eight towers. A service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. C. Colwyn Hargreaves), who gave a helpful address.

At the business meeting it was arranged to hold the next meeting at Maldon (All Saints) on Saturday, June 10th. The Master of the association referred to the death of the Rev. H. F. de Lisle in Cape Town, and said what a great help he had been to the association in years gone by.—The members stood in silence as a token of respect.

A vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and his warm welcome, and also to the organist for his services and the local band for having everything ready, was passed, and members returned to the tower for further ringing.

STAGSDEN, BEDS.—At St. Leonard's Church on April 4th, 720 Bob Minor: T. Welch 1, S. Clark 2, H. Welch 3, P. C. Bennett 4, P. L. Bazley 5, R. West (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 5. First 720 Bob Minor on the bells. All are members of the Staggsden company with the exception of the conductor.

MUFFLED BELLS AT ALSAGER.

On the evening of Monday, April 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells deeply muffled at Christ Church, Alsager, as a token of respect to the late Sir Ernest Craig, Bart., who passed away the previous day.

Sir Ernest was at one time an honorary member of the Crewe Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild and took a great interest in the Alsager bells.

The quarter-peal was rung by R. Hodgkinson 1, E. Moseley 2, E. Harper 3, B. Ferneyhough 4, J. Brassington 5, E. Peake 6, F. E. Corfield (conductor) 7, R. Moseley 8. First quarter-peal for the ringers of the treble and 2nd, first quarter-peal away from the treble for the ringer of the 6th, and first quarter-peal for the ringer of the 7th as conductor. With the exception of the ringers of the 3rd and 5th, the band consisted of the usual Sunday service ringers.

STEDMAN TRIPLES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Recently in your paper Mr. W. A. Cave suggested I was unable to compose a peal of Stedman Triples. My answer is below for what it is worth.

5040					
231456	S	H	L		Q
641235	x	x			
542631	x		S.9		
312645	x	x		S.11	x
132654	x				
462135	x	x			
365142	x				x
215364	x	x			
234165	x		x		
614325			x		
435216	x	x	x		
136245					x
514236	x	x			x

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

One of Yorkshire's stalwarts, Mr. Sam Thomas, who was cut off in his prime some years ago, is to be commemorated by the restoration and augmentation of the bells at Rammoor Church, Sheffield, where he did much valuable work in the cause of ringing.

Twenty-two years ago last Monday, the record peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus (12,240 changes) was rung at Ashlon-under-Lyne in 8 hours 39 minutes. The tenor was turned in by Mr. James George.

THE BELLS OF MERTON COLLEGE.

FAMOUS PEAL TO BE OF HOURLY USE.

The fine peal of bells in Merton College Chapel, Oxford, which hitherto has been heard only five times a year, has been linked up in an original way with a new time-keeping installation, and will now be heard every hour.

Although a bell is, of course, rung for chapel, the full peal has only been rung on the anniversaries of the King's accession, the King's birthday, the King's coronation, the Queen's birthday and the Prince of Wales' birthday, all of which occur in the summer term.

The bringing into constant use of the bells has been made possible by the installation of 'Synchronome' electric clocks, the first installation of the kind to be made in any Oxford University building.

There was an old clock in the Quadrangle erected by Thwaites, of Clerkenwell, in 1813, sounding ting-tang quarters on bells which were quite unworthy of this, the oldest college in Oxford. After a century of service, it has been scrapped, and the hands of the 5ft. dial are now driven by an electrical impulse dial movement from a Synchronome Master Clock in the Porter's Lodge.

In this system there is no necessary association between the clock and the bells except the electric wire connecting them, and, therefore, Mr. Hope-Jones, M.I.E.E., F.R.A.S., suggested that the fine old bells should be used for quarter chiming and striking, although the chapel tower is some distance away from the clock in the Quadrangle. He recommended the adoption of the Canterbury quarters, partly on account of the close historical association between Merton and Canterbury, but mainly because of their suitability for the bells themselves, which constitute a perfect E flat octave.

The origin of the bells is lost in the mists of antiquity. They are first mentioned in the college accounts of 1238, and Henry de Abyndon, who was Warden of Merton from 1421 to 1437, gave £20 towards a new peal of bells.

In 1657, the existing peal of five ancient bells was melted down and cast into eight bells. These, however, did not prove satisfactory, and were again recast by Christopher Hodson and rehung in 1681, and have remained to this day.

The Westminster quarters are not heard in Oxford. One suspects that this is due to their Cambridge origin, but, whatever the reason, it is a pleasant change to get away from that somewhat hackneyed tune. Undoubtedly the Canterbury chimings are more devotional. They are based upon the eighth Gregorian tone and were composed by the Rev. Canon Helmore, the Precentor of Canterbury, at the request of Dean Farrer in 1897, on the occasion of the celebration of the 15th centenary of the landing of St. Augustine, A.D. 597.

Life has always moved slowly in this seat of learning, and whilst there may be neither the wish nor the need to speed it up, there is no merit in unpunctuality. The clocks' chorus from Oxford towers at each hour is a long drawn out performance, lasting several minutes. It is fitting that the oldest college should provide the solo in this chorus, and impose, in commanding tones, true time measured by a Synchronome pendulum.

A SOMERSET RESTORATION.

TICKENHAM CHURCH BELLS REHUNG.

Tickenham is a little village near Nailsea on the Bristol side of Clevedon, and on Thursday, April 6th, an evening service was held for the rededication of the ring of six bells by the Ven. the Archdeacon of Bath and Wells.

Tickenham has an interesting history with its 13th century church and the remains of a cloister which ran to the ancient monastery. The upper story of this ancient building has a magnificent oak roof and has been converted for the use of a sketch club under the leadership of the Rector, the Rev. G. P. Packer, himself a skilful and enthusiastic artist.

After proceeding to the tower for the dedication ceremony, the Archdeacon delivered a striking address, his text being 'I am a man under authority.'

After the service some excellent ringing was shared by Messrs. Bye, Morgan and the Tickenham band, Mr. T. Wyatt (Clapton), representatives from Portishead, Nailsea, Long Ashton, Clapton and Mr. Cyril Johnston, of Croydon.

A pleasant and successful evening was brought to a close with hand-bell ringing of sundry varieties in another building in the village.

The bells are a ring of six, with a tenor weighing 15 cwt. They have been rehung on ball bearings, the frame has been strengthened and general repairs undertaken by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who have carried out most successfully a restoration requiring considerable skill and care.

THE REV. C. W. O. JENKYN.**SUDDEN DEATH AT NEWBURY.****COLLAPSE IN THE STREET WHILE LISTENING TO BELLS.**

It is with the very deepest regret that we record the death, under tragically sudden circumstances, on Monday, of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, of Broadlands, Caversham, Reading, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. His passing removes from our midst another prominent figure whose labours for something like forty years have been devoted to raising the standard of ringing and elevating, in the opinion of both ringers and clergy, the position occupied by the former in their relation with the Church.

In many directions the late Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn exerted his influence to further the art of ringing, not only in his own diocese of Oxford, where his advice was



THE LATE REV. C. W. O. JENKYN.

constantly sought by the clergy and diocesan authorities, but outside, where his counsel was welcomed and valued.

His unexpected death will be a great blow to the Oxford Diocesan Guild, of which he had been Master for nearly 24 years, and to the Central Council, of which he was the Honorary Librarian; but he died in harness and while listening with critical ear to the last peal of bells augmented in his diocese.

On Sunday fortnight two new treble bells added to the old octave had been opened and dedicated at Newbury Parish Church. His clerical duties had prevented Mr. Jenkyn attending the service, but on Monday he availed himself of the first opportunity that presented itself of visiting Newbury to hear the new ring of ten. It was the occasion of an 'open' ringing meeting, and a considerable number of ringers availed themselves of the opportunity. The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn joined them in the afternoon and appeared to be quite all right. He took part in a touch of Grandsire Caters, in which he rang the second, and when the bells stopped he remarked, 'What a

lovely peal; I must go outside and listen to them.' He got about a hundred yards away from the tower when he collapsed in the street and died in a few moments. Mr. H. W. Curtis, who is hon. secretary of the Newbury Branch of the Oxford Guild, and who had conducted the last touch, is also an ambulance man, saw a crowd collecting, and, on running to the spot, unaware until he arrived who it was that had fallen, was horrified to find that it was Mr. Jenkyn, who had left him at the bottom of the tower only a few moments before.

The tragic event was a great shock to all the ringers assembled at Newbury, and the belfry was, of course, immediately closed.

The Rev. Cyril Walford Osborn Jenkyn was born at East Garston, a Berkshire village, where his father was Rector for a great many years, in 1874, and he had celebrated his 59th birthday on the 8th of this month. He was educated at Marlborough.

Mr. Jenkyn had not been in really good health for some time. During the war he was badly gassed, and during the last two years this experience revealed its unhappy effects. For some time during last winter he suffered from laryngitis, and as a result was unable to attend various functions, but the real trouble lay in a weakened heart. On Good Friday he conducted the three hours' service at one of the Reading churches. On Easter Day he assisted at a very early celebration and was also the celebrant at 8 a.m. service. He rang in the morning at St. Laurence's Church, and with Mrs. Jenkyn attended the service, and in the evening he rang and worshipped at Caversham.

On Monday, up to the time of his fatal seizure, he spent an active day. In the morning, accompanied by Mrs. Jenkyn and his sister, he went by car to the woods near East Garston, which he loved so well, enjoyed their spring beauty in the sunshine and gathered primroses. He returned to Reading, which is more than 20 miles distant, to lunch; listened for a couple of hours to a peal of Stedman Cinques which was in progress at St. Laurence's Church, and then returned to Newbury to hear and try the new bells. He was welcomed to the tower by the assembled ringers, and, in response to inquiries as to his health, said he was feeling better. Having taken part in a three-course touch, he went down to hear the bells from outside, and, as mentioned above, collapsed and died almost at once.

He graduated B.A. at Trinity College, Cambridge, in 1895, and was a student at Wells Theological College in 1896. In 1897 he was ordained deacon and became curate of Waltham St. Lawrence, Berks. In the following year he was ordained priest, in 1899 became curate of Witney, and took his degree of M.A. in 1900. He remained at Witney until 1910, when he was appointed chaplain of Queen Anne's School, Caversham, which office he filled up to the time of his death, but from 1915 to 1919 he served as a chaplain of the Forces, reaching the rank of Major. His gallantry in bringing in wounded under fire in the Ypres Salient gained for him the award of the Military Cross in 1916.

In his younger days Mr. Jenkyn was a fine oarsman, and he retained his interest in this sport to the last. For many years he was one of the officials at Henley Regatta, at which he frequently served as a timekeeper. When at Trinity he rowed in his college eight and was awarded his Blue, but did not row in the inter-varsity race, being the reserve man. He remained for the rest of his days a member of the Leander Club and took a keen interest in the Reading Rowing Club, of which he was at one time president.

He took an active interest in Freemasonry and was chaplain of the Caversham Lodge. He had also been Provincial Grand Chaplain of Oxfordshire. Among the public services which he rendered was that of chairman of the Reading Tuberculosis After-Care Committee.

CAMBRIDGE DAYS.

He first learned to handle a bell while quite a boy at East Garston, where there is a little peal of six, and afterwards he got further practice at Lambourne on the ring of eight, but his experience at that time did not extend beyond call changes.

His real interest in ringing began in his Cambridge days, and while at Trinity College he became a member of the Cambridge University Guild, with whom he rang his first peal on April 17th, 1894. It is a sad coincidence that his death took place on the 39th anniversary of this performance. The peal was the first rung by the University Guild on tower bells and took place at Sawston. It was Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, conducted by the Rev. H. Law James, the others taking part in addition to Mr. Jenkyn being the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, the Rev. C. A. Clements, Messrs. G. F. Woodhouse, E. B. James, C. E. Earle Bulwer and W. J. Conybeare. In 1893 Mr. Jenkyn was secretary of the Guild, and in 1894 and again in 1896 was elected Master. Nearly every year from the time of its inception Mr. Jenkyn took part in the annual tour of the University Guild.

In most of his peal ringing Mr. Jenkyn was to be found at the heavy end, and he had rung the tenors at Bow and Southwark to peals, as well as the tenth at St. Paul's Cathedral. He took part in several clerical peals, including one at Darlington and another at Bishop Auckland by eight members of Cambridge University Guild, and the 'first peal on ten bells by ten priests of the Church'—a peal of Stedman Caters at Warwick in 1910. His last peal, we believe, was rung at Kingston, Dorset, during the Somerset and Dorset tour last year.

The interest in ringing which his Cambridge experiences inspired laid the foundation of the wonderful work which he afterwards did in the diocese of Oxford, and when, in 1909, the Rev. F. E. Robinson passed to his rest, Mr. Jenkyn was elected Master of the Guild, having for two years previously filled the office of Deputy Master. How well he has for the last 24 years discharged those duties is too well known to need any lengthy comment at this moment. From the first Mr. Jenkyn threw himself with wholehearted enthusiasm into the task. He visited every part of the wide scattered diocese, he spent his energies in furthering the objects of the Guild and the interests of the ringers, and as the years went by so the love of the members for their Master grew. His passing will sever a link of friendship which has been strengthened by time, and there will be a deep sense of loss in many a tower to-day.

Apart from the influence which he exerted and the encouragement which he gave throughout the diocese, Mr. Jenkyn was an able administrator, and it was largely through his clear-sighted guidance, which, incidentally, he was only too ready to attribute to others, that the Oxford Guild has reached its present flourishing condition. He was a model chairman and presided over the annual meetings of the Guild with an ability that few could surpass. He had the gift of expressing himself in terse but pointed phrases, and he never wasted words. He was as fond as most ringers of a good peal, but he did not put peal ringing first. He was able to conduct peals, but he was always ready to leave that department of ringing to others. He did far more than this. In his own words at the jubilee gathering of the Guild, he had endeavoured to offer to the Guild and diocese just those gifts which he felt he had and which he wanted to use in the right way.

WORK FOR THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

And it was by the exercise of these gifts that he did so much valuable work in his own diocese and for the Central Council, upon which he served for so many years, having been elected as a representative of the Guild in 1905. While he was Master of the Oxford Guild he lost no opportunity of urging upon church authorities the importance of putting and keeping their bells in order, and, as a result, the number of rings in the diocese which were unringable had been reduced to a very small proportion. Few men, outside those professionally engaged in the bellhanging craft, had more knowledge of the technical side of this work than Mr. Jenkyn, and his advice was sought and accepted by the Oxford Diocesan Advisory Board on all matters relating to church bells.

It was in this capacity as an adviser also that he gave valuable assistance to the Towers and Belfries Committee of the Central Council. For years he had been the hon. librarian, and in this role not only stored the valuable library of the Council in his own house at Caversham, but had acted as its publisher. The office was created in 1913, and Mr. Jenkyn has been the only occupant. It was he who compiled the memorial book containing the names of all the ringers who, as far as could be ascertained, made the supreme sacrifice in the Great War. This beautiful volume is now deposited in the library of St. Paul's Cathedral. Mr. Jenkyn also acted as hon. treasurer of the Stedman Tercentenary Commemoration Fund, a position which he undertook at the request of the Editor of this journal, before the scheme had been placed before the Council. His help in this capacity was one of the factors which led to the great success of the undertaking.

In August, 1931, Mr. Jenkyn acted as 'padre' of the pilgrimage made by ringers to the Merin Gate, where he conducted the impressive service that will long remain engraved on the memories of those who were privileged to take part in it.

There is no one who has come in contact with the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn who will not mourn his death. He was a man of competence, of tolerance and broadminded views, of courage and of affability.

His life was gentle, and the elements
So mix'd in him, that Nature might stand up
And say to all the world,
'This was a man!'

To the widow, who has been so suddenly bereaved, the whole Exercise will extend its heartfelt sympathy.

The funeral is to take place to-day at the little village of East Garston, near Newbury, at 12.30 o'clock. The Rev. Canon Coleridge will officiate. At the same hour the 'Caversham' Lodge of Freemasons will hold a memorial service at St. Peter's Church, Caversham.

It is requested that all communications in respect of the Central Council's publications and library be, for the present, addressed to the honorary secretary, Mr. G. W. Fletcher, 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield, Middlesex.

DOVER BELLS TO BE BROADCAST.

The bells of St. Mary's Church and also the Zeebrugge bell, which was presented to Dover by the King of the Belgians, are included in the broadcast which is to take place on St. George's Day (April 23rd) and the anniversary of the Zeebrugge raid in memory of the famous Dover Patrol.

It is understood that the B.B.C. are relaying the broadcast to various parts of the Empire, including Australia.

GLoucester AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION THE DAVIES' MEMORIAL SCHEME.

At the annual general meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association held at Gloucester on Easter Monday, when over 70 members attended, it was resolved to proceed forthwith with the scheme for the memorial at Tewkesbury Abbey to the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies. In addition to providing £75 towards a Ringers' Chapel, and adding two trebles to complete the ring of twelve bells, it is proposed to tune the existing ten, provided that the Parochial Church Council will be responsible for half the additional cost.

Use was made during Monday of the several peals of bells in Gloucester placed at the disposal of the members, and although it was regrettable that the Cathedral bells were not available, much good has been done by the help of the Mayor of Gloucester, who has obtained the promise that the Dean and Chapter will carefully reconsider a previous ruling and allow more ringing upon the bells. A Ringers' service was held in St. Mary de Crypt Church at 2.30 p.m., conducted by the Rector, the Rev. J. M. Camus.

At the business meeting, held in the Spread Eagle Hotel, the Master (Mr. J. Gould) presided, supported by Mr. S. Romans (vice-president) and the Rev. Noel Hope.

The Master, in his report, stated that 47 peals had been rung and that a pleasing feature was that 21 conductors had taken part. He congratulated the Minchinshampton Guild upon having rung London Surprise and York Surprise Minor during 1932. He was grateful to the hon. secretary (Mr. E. Guise) for having secured, with the help of other Bristol ringers, a band of Sunday service ringers at Emmanuel Church, Chilton. He also thanked all those who had contributed to the Davies Memorial.

The hon. secretary reported that an objection to ringing had been laid before the Lord Bishop of Bristol, and that his lordship had supported the association in the matter. The hon. secretary urged that all precautions should be taken to avoid any complaint. He also emphasised strongly the need of support to 'The Ringing World.' An appeal on behalf of the journal had been sent to every Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association tower, and he hoped that many members had become new subscribers. The hon. treasurer's statement of accounts showed a successful financial year.

The Central Council representatives gave an interesting report of the meeting at Plymouth last year, Mr. Rose and Mr. Austin giving lengthy reports. Mr. E. Guise, endorsing the reports, stated that the Rules Revision Committee's suggestions were gratifying, as that was the point upon which the association succeeded in 1929. There had been severe criticism through 'The Ringing World' upon the action of the association, but it was somewhat assuring that the critics had, too, realised that revision was necessary.

PROPOSED RETUNING OF TEWKESBURY BELLS.

The report of the Davies Memorial Committee stated that £75 had been handed to the Vicar of Tewkesbury to proceed with the chapel portion of the memorial, and they recommended proceeding with the bells forthwith. They further recommended that the existing ten bells should be tuned and that the association should keep the subscription list open for half the amount of extra money required if Tewkesbury Parochial Church Council provide the other half. The hon. secretary stated that the Memorial Fund had reached £220.

It was unanimously agreed that the whole scheme be proceeded with. A sum of £15 was voted from the association funds towards the £250 and its additional sum for tuning the existing ten bells as a first donation.

Regarding the question of the border lines between the branches, this will be further considered to the best advantage of the association by the branches.

All the officers were re-elected, as were also the Central Council representatives—Messrs. J. Austin, W. Rose, E. Guise and E. Bishop.

For the next annual meeting (in 1934), Cirencester was chosen on Easter Monday, 1934.

A vote of thanks to the Rev. J. M. Camus, Mr. Harris and all those who had helped to make the meeting a success was unanimously passed. Tea and further ringing brought the day to a successful end.

During the meeting the Mayor of Gloucester attended and welcomed the association to Gloucester. He assured the members that all his efforts would be made for the continuance of the old English art of bellringing.

A SCOTTISH QUARTER-PEAL.

On April 4th, at the Cathedral Church of St. Mary, Edinburgh, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples on the back eight (tenor 42½ cwt.): A. Mauran 1, H. Russan 2, W. Heathcote (conductor) 3, M. A. Simpson 4, A. G. Collinson 5, J. Irwin 6, C. R. Raine 7, A. Burman 8. Longest touch by all the ringers except the conductor and A. G. Collinson.

TERCENTENARY OF THOMAS TOMPION.

BELLRINGERS ASSIST IN HONOURING CLOCKMAKER.

There was a distinguished gathering at St. Mary's Church, Northill, Bedfordshire, on Saturday, April 1st, when a memorial plaque was unveiled to Thomas Tompion, 'the father of English watchmaking.' The plaque is the gift of the Clockmakers' Company, and is of marble. It bears beneath the armorial bearings of the Clockmakers the inscription: 'The Worshipful Company of Clockmakers, in the year of their tercentenary, 1931, commemorate their Master of 1704, Thomas Tompion, the Father of English Watchmaking, who was born in this parish and died in 1713, aged 74 years, and was buried in Westminster Abbey. One of those who were honoured in their generation and were glorified in their times.' Under, in Latin, is 'Tempus Rerum Imperator,' or 'Time the ruler of all things.'

The plaque was unveiled by the Master of the Company (Mr. Bernard Kettle) at a special service, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. Curling Dunn), and an address was given by the Archdeacon of St. Albans, after the Master had delivered an eulogy of the work of Tompion.

Ringling was a feature of the day at Northill. The five bells rang the congregation into church, and, after the service, ringing was continued well into the evening. Ringers were present from Bedford, Biggleswade, Clifton, Everton, Sandy Roxton and Henlow, together with the Northill band Mr. C. J. Hall, district secretary, and Mr. C. F. Johnston, of Croydon, who also attended as a member of the Worshipful Company of Clockmakers.

In Westminster Abbey on the same afternoon Sir Francis Newbolt, Deputy Master of the Clockmakers' Company, laid a wreath on Thomas Tompion's tomb. Tompion was born in Northill in 1649, and began life as a blacksmith, but afterwards became the foremost clock and watchmaker in the country, being appointed Clockmaker to the Royal Observatory when it was founded in 1676.

He would appear also to have done some bellfounding, for it is said that he cast a bell for Northill, while he is also reputed to have made the clock which still marks the hours in Northill Church.

In 1751 George Graham, Tompion's former apprentice and partner, was buried in the same grave in the Abbey.

SPELDHURST BELLS RESTORED.

A DOUBLE SERVICE BY THE BISHOP OF ROCHESTER.

On Friday evening, April 7th, the ring of eight bells at St. Mary's Parish Church, Speldhurst, was rededicated by the Lord Bishop of Rochester.

The fine old church appears to be in perfect condition, and it is interesting to note that one of the churchwardens, Mr. C. W. Powell, J.P., D.L., who is a cousin of the Chief Scout, has been responsible in a great measure for the restorations of the church from time to time, and that his family has had a long association with the church and the bells, the treble bearing the names of two past members of the family some 50 years ago.

For the joint service a full congregation was in attendance, including some 70 candidates for Confirmation. Immediately at the close of the dedication of the bells, the Bishop addressed the candidates and proceeded to their Confirmation. The procession of 40 girls, all dressed in white, headed by the Rector, the Rev. J. H. Masters, as they filed into the church, gave a picturesque touch to a ceremony intimately connected with the bells.

The usual dedication rounds were rung by the local band, and the first touch after the service was a 504 of Grandsire Triples by Messrs. Moon, A. Maynard, Still, Turley, Denton, V. Maynard, Collins (of Croydon) and E. Turley, sen. Mr. Cyril Johnston also took part in subsequent ringing, which continued till 9 p.m.

The bells are a peal of eight, with a 13½ cwt. tenor in F sharp. No. 7 has been recast and the whole peal tuned by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and the marked improvement in the tone and effect of the peal was the subject of much comment and satisfaction to the village of Speldhurst.

5,120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR.

BY A. J. PITMAN, PORT TALBOT, GLAM.
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Repeated.

Has the 6th the extent at home at ten course-ends, and eight times in fifth's.

Rung at St. Mary's, Willesden, on March 21st, 1933, conducted by C. T. Coles.

EASTER BELLS.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.—On Easter Eve, April 15th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins.: F. C. Cattermoul 1, H. W. Cooper 2, W. F. Ellingham 3, W. H. Stevens 4, H. C. Chandler 5, W. G. Lewis 6, C. S. Bird (conductor) 7, W. W. Webb 8.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.—On Easter Day, at St. Peter's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Brooks): W. Copperwheat 1, S. G. Robinson 2, F. Stubbs 3, F. Kirk 4, J. Stubbs 5, C. M. Whitney 6, W. J. Whitmore (conductor) 7, C. Barker (first quarter-peal) 8.

BENLITON.—At All Saints' Church on Easter Day, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Smerdon 1, G. Rayner 2, F. Randall (first in method) 3, C. S. Poole 4, G. Chiverton 5, G. Reed 6, W. C. Smith (conductor) 7, R. Foreman 8.—Also for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Mrs. E. Enticknap 1, G. Reed 2, G. Chiverton 3, H. Smerdon 4, E. Enticknap 5, G. Rayner 6, W. C. Smith (conductor) 7, R. Foreman 8. All the above are Sunday service ringers at this church.

MACCLESFIELD.—On Easter Day for evening service at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. Gayes 1, A. Challinor 2, E. L. Ronan 3, A. V. Rees 4, J. Tipper 5, W. Stevenson 6, J. Worth (conductor) 7, J. Waunsley 8. Rung for the Easter celebrations of the church and also on the occasion of the engagement of Mr. J. Tipper to Miss M. Steele.

STAGSDEN, BEDS.—At St. Leonard's Church on Easter Day for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: T. Welch 1, S. L. W. Knott 2, H. Welch 3, A. Welch 4, P. L. Bazley 5, P. C. Bennett (conductor) 6.—For evening service, 360 Bob Minor: S. Clark 1, P. L. Bazley 2, H. Welch 3, A. Welch 4, S. L. W. Knott 5, P. C. Bennett (conductor) 6. This is the first 720 of Bob Minor ever rung on the bells for Sunday service by an entirely local band of ringers. The bells were rung for the last time before restoration by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. on Easter Sunday, 1932.

ILMINSTER.—On Easter Day for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins.: B. Sibley 1, A. Sibley 2, E. White 3, A. J. Sibley 4, V. Crabb 5, F. Hansford 6, G. Sibley (conductor) 7, G. Novell 8. First quarter-peal for ringers of 1, 2 and 3.

OVER, CAMBS.—At the Parish Church on Easter Day for matins, 672 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: A. W. T. Ginn 1, D. Adams 2, G. Whybrow 3, C. Robinson 4, M. Ginn 5, R. Thoday 6, A. J. Ginn 7, F. Warrington 8.—For evensong, a quarter-peal (1,280 changes) in the same method: A. W. T. Ginn 1, C. Robinson 2, F. Ginn 3, G. Whybrow 4, M. Ginn 5, R. Thoday 6, A. J. Ginn 7, F. Warrington (conductor) 8.

FARINGDON, BERKS.—On Easter Day for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: E. Walker 1, F. Wheeler 2, H. Taylor (conductor) 3, C. I. J. Pearce 4, H. Edwards 5, E. C. Hughes 6, T. Clarke 7, J. Beasley 8.

WINDSOR.—On Easter Day at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 49 mins.: G. F. Smith 1, E. S. T. Farr (conductor) 2, *J. E. Glass 3, H. H. Hillyer 4, T. Smith 5, J. W. Croft 6, L. Stilwell 7, F. Simmonds 8. * First quarter-peal.

KENSINGTON.—At St. Mary Abbot's Church on Easter Day for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,263 changes): F. V. Sinkins 1, E. R. Mackrill 2, A. Cutmore 3, W. E. Judd (conductor) 4, W. H. Wood 5, H. C. Cook 6, B. Wiffin 7, C. Hunt 8, E. G. Miles 9, Capt. C. Warner 10.

SEVENOAKS.—At St. Nicholas' Church for Easter evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss Joan Baker (first quarter) 1, H. J. Ford, sen., 2, W. G. Turley 3, P. G. Turley, sen. (conductor) 4, H. B. Baker 5, S. Comber 6, H. D. Ford 7, H. Comber 8. The band is made up of four fathers, one daughter and three sons, and all are members of the above tower.

RUISLIP.—On Easter Day, at St. Martin's Church, for 7 a.m. service, 1,260 Bob Minor: George Bunce (first quarter-peal) 1, G. M. Kilby 2, W. Bunce, jun., 3, J. Bunce (first quarter-peal) 4, W. Bunce, sen., 5, Tom Collins (conductor) 6, S. Ewer (covering) 8.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Harold Ivo (first quarter-peal) 1, W. Bunce, jun., 2, P. Thrift 3, W. Bunce, sen. (conductor) 4, J. Bunce 5, Harry Ivo 6, Tom Collins 7, Fred Collins 8.

NETHERTON.—At St. Andrew's Church on Easter Day for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: L. Prestidge 1, H. Hill 2, W. Green 3, S. J. Hughes 4, A. Rowley (conductor) 5, A. Prestidge, jun., 6, T. A. Townsend 7, J. H. Davies 8. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. H. Hubball and Mrs. Lily Round. The bridegroom has long been a much respected member of the Netherton band.

NORTHFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Easter Day for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. Bond (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Withers, sen., 2, J. Withers 3, J. Turner 4, J. Vaughan 5, F. Hobbs 6, A. Chambers (conductor) 7, A. Hobbs 8.

NORTHAMPTON.—At St. Peter's Church on Easter Day for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 43 mins.: J. C. Dean 1, A. Slade 2, E. Sibley 3, I. Farey 4, W. R. Parker 5, W. Sturgess 6, W. H. Austin (conductor) 7, J. Wilkins 8.—For evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Brooks): E. Sibley (conductor) 1, A. Slade 2, I. Farey 3, J. C. Dean 4, W. H. Austin 5, W. Sturgess 6, W. R. Parker 7, J. Wilkins 8.

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, April 22nd. Cathedral bells (8) 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.; S. Nicolas' (10), 3.15 to 4.15. Service in the Cathedral 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5.15 p.m., in Holy Trinity Parish Hall, 1s. each; business meeting afterwards.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Ipswich on Saturday, April 22nd. Towers open all day: St. Mary-le-Tower (12), St. Clement's (6), St. Matthew's (6), Rushmere (6), and St. Margaret's (8), 2.30 to 4.30 and 6.30 to 7.30. Committee in St. Matthew's Vestry at 4 p.m. Service in St. Matthew's Church 4.30. Tea (1s. each) in St. Matthew's Church Hall, 5.15. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Clerkenwell, April 22nd. Service at 5 p.m., with organ recital. Preacher, the Bishop of Kensington. Tea at 5.45, followed by business meeting. Ringing at Cripplegate (12) from 3 to 4.30 p.m., at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (8) from 7.30 to 9 p.m., and at St. James, Clerkenwell (8), from 3 to 5 p.m., and after meeting.—C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E4; F. W. Goodfellow, 98, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath, Hon. Secs.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT.—A quarterly meeting and eight-bell contest will be held on Saturday, April 22nd, at Northowram (near Halifax). Draw 3 p.m.—L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Great Holland on April 22nd. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—James R. Sparling, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Overton on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells available from 2.30. All requiring tea please notify Mr. A. Taylor, Church Road, Overton.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec., Yateley, Hants.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bampton on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Oakford (8), Morebath (6) and Huntsham (8) also open.—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silvertown, near Exeter.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—A meeting will be held at Lewes on Saturday, April 22nd. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at the Church Hall, 1s. 3d. each, 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. Bells available again afterwards.—J. M. Cripps, Div. Sec., 4, Hooper Cottages, Old Shoreham, Sussex.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Elizabeth's, Reddish, on Saturday, April 22nd. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. The next special practice will be held at Miles Platting, Tuesday, April 25th, commence 8 p.m.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Froyle on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation of Sir Hubert Miller, at The Shrubbery House at 5 p.m.—B. C. Taylor, Binsted Vicarage, Alton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Isham (six bells) on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells 2.30. Service and unveiling of tablet in memory of Walter T. Wilson, late treasurer of the Guild, at 4.15. A representative attendance from all branches is hoped for.—H. Baxter, 256, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ilminster on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 4.45 p.m. Service 6 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Rugby on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells of St. Andrew's Church available during afternoon and evening. Committee meeting in the vestry at 4 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5, followed by business meeting. Reports will be ready for distribution.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly district meeting will be held at Swanmore on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in the Parish Hall, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, 14, Cobourg Street, Portsmouth.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual committee meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, April 22nd, at 3.15 p.m., in St. Lawrence's Hall, Abbey Street. A good attendance is hoped for.—R. T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the Southampton District will be held at Romsey on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Retford on Saturday, April 22nd. The bells of East Retford (10), West Retford (6) and Ordsall (6) open from 2 p.m. Service in East Retford Church at 4.30. Those who require tea must notify Mr. D. A. Piercy, 60, Wharton Street, Retford. All welcome. Good meeting requested.—H. Revill, and Robert W. Stockdale, Hon. Secs.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—A quarterly meeting is to be held at St. Giles' on Saturday, April 22nd. Ringing from 3. Tea in Parish Hall at 5. Service at 6. Address by Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, General Secretary of the Guild.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Biddenham on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at 5. All welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Stagsden, Beds.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Potton on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come and make the meeting a success.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Rd., Sandy.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 27th, at 7.30.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Gillingham on Saturday, April 29th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea at 9d. per head. Will members please send me a card not later than Tuesday, 25th? Half-rail fares will be allowed according to rule.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham, Kent.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern and Western Districts.—A joint meeting will be held at Chester-le-Street on Saturday, April 29th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Advise Mr. F. Sheraton, Hermitage Lodge, Chester-le-Street, for tea. Everybody welcome.—F. Robson and H. Tyson, Joint Hon. Dis. Secs.

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

ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, KIDDERMINSTER.—A tablet erected by the society in the ringing chamber of St. Mary's Parish Church to the memory of the late Mr. J. Thomas Salter will be unveiled on Saturday, April 29th, at 4 p.m., by the Rev. Canon L. B. Sladen, followed by a short service in the church with address by the Rev. J. F. Hastings. Ringers and friends interested are cordially invited to be present. Tea will be provided for all who notify the undersigned by Saturday, April 22nd. Bells available afterwards.—K. Salter, Sec., The Berwyns, Marlpool Lane, Kidderminster.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Tamworth on Saturday, April 29th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service in church, with address by the Rev. E. H. Rogers, Vicar, at 4.45. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Please notify intention of attending not later than Tuesday, 25th inst.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Aldwincle on Saturday, April 29th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea kindly notify me by April 26th.—J. Nickerson, Halford Street, Thrapston.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Brede on Saturday, April 29th. Tower open 3 o'clock. All ringers are welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Brading on Saturday, April 29th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. All ringers welcomed. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, April 26th?—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., Collingwood, 23, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Sandford St. Martin, on Saturday, April 29th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4 o'clock, followed by tea and meeting. Great Tew bells (8) available afterwards. For tea please notify by Tuesday, April 25th.—E. Pearson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Deddington, Oxon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Linton on Saturday, April 29th. Tower open 3. Service at 4.45, followed by tea (free) and business meeting. Please notify me early. Note: This meeting is being held at Linton as Lenham bells are not available. All ringers welcome.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held at Upper Pyne, on April 29th. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, 1s. each. Bands and visitors attending please notify me by April 23rd.—W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, St. Thomas, Exeter.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting of the above branch will be held at Byfield (6) on Saturday, April 29th. Usual arrangements with regard to tea, etc.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wonston on Saturday, April 29th. Service in the Parish Church at 3.45, followed by tea, and business meeting at 4.30 in the Rectory, by kind permission of the Rector. Please let me know if you are coming.—George Noice, 6, Cathedral View, Winchester.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—A meeting will be held at Chardstock on Saturday, April 29th. Bell 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5.15. Will those requiring tea please notify me by April 25th?—C. H. Lathey, Sec., 10, Newfoundland, Bradpole, Bridport.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next meeting will be held at Tideswell (bells 8) on Saturday, April 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—A. G. Wallace, Hon. Dis. Sec., Monyash Road, Bakewell.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Corston on Saturday, April 29th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. A good attendance is requested.—Theo Grant, Hon. Sec., Swainswick, Bath.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting has been arranged at Slough on Saturday, April 29th. Bells available: Farnham Royal (8), Stoke Poges (6), 3 to 4 p.m. Slough (8) 3 to 4.30 p.m. Guild service at St. Mary, Slough, 4.30 p.m. Tea at The Cheshire Cheese, 28, High Street, 5.30 p.m., at 1s. per head, for those who notify me not later than April 24th. Business meeting to follow.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cogenhoe on Saturday, April 29th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Will those who will require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, April 25th?—F. Browning, 10, Butts Hill, Bugbrooke, Northampton.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Aberavon on Saturday, April 29th. Bells (8) available during the afternoon and evening. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. A cordial welcome is extended to all ringers.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Alteryon View, Newport, Mon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting of Bolton and Wigan Branches at Horwich on Saturday, April 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—Peter Crook and Norman Brown, Hon. Secs.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—General meeting.—The society's next meeting will be held at Batley on Saturday, April 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea can be obtained near the church. Business meeting 7.30 p.m. in the Church Rooms.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds 12.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Shiplake on Saturday, April 29th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Service 7 p.m. All requiring tea please notify me by April 26th.—E. G. Foster, Hon. Sec., 401, London Road, Reading.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, April 29th, at Stoke Bishop and Westbury-on-Trym. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Kindly let me know for tea for 26th inst.—Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Green Bank, Bristol 5.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A district meeting will be held at Hawley on Saturday, April 29th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting in Church Room 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, 26th.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting of the Bridgwater Deanery will be held at Moorlinch on Saturday, April 29th. Please let me know not later than Tuesday how many will require tea from your tower. Bells available 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. All ringers welcome.—C. Evans, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Bridgwater.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Peasemore on Saturday, April 29th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify Mr. M. Rosier, Peasemore, near Newbury, not later than Wednesday, April 26th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The annual meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, April 29th. Bells (13) ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m.—S. Thompson, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Tattenhall on Saturday, April 29th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Those who require tea are particularly asked to notify me not later than the previous Wednesday.—J. W. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Circular Drive, Chester.

RIPON CATHEDRAL.—Owing to the very limited time allowed for ringing at the recent dedication service of the recast bells, it has been arranged to hold a ringing day on Saturday, April 29th. Bells will be available from 3 p.m. to 4.45 and from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. All ringers welcome.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District.—A district meeting will be held at Measham on Saturday, April 29th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. It is essential that all those requiring tea send in their names to me, not later than first post on Friday, April 27th. All welcome.—A. Sharp, 194, Uxbridge Street, Burton-on-Trent.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ichester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hardington Mandeville on Saturday, April 29th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock.—F. Farrant, North Street, Martock.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Tickhill on Saturday, April 29th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea, at 6d. per head, will be provided only for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, April 25th. A good attendance is requested, and please do not forget notice for tea. Method for special practice: Superlative Surprise.—E. Cooper, Sec., 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Radwinter on Saturday, May 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at 1s. per head. Those intending to be present kindly advise me as early as possible.—H. A. Wacey, 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Southwark Cathedral, London Bridge, on Saturday, May 6th. Bells (12) available from 3 p.m. and after the meeting. Service in the Cathedral at 5 p.m. Tea (1s. per head) and meeting to follow at the Chapter House nearby. Nominations for general officers and Central Council representatives to be sent to me by April 22nd. Please let me know by Tuesday, May 2nd, numbers for tea without fail.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec., 18, Guy Road, Beddington, Croydon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Silverdale on May 6th. Bells at 2 p.m. Tea 1/3 to all who notify Mr. W. Bolton, Croftlands, Silverdale, via Carnforth, not later than Wed., May 3rd.—E. Swain, Hon. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Rye on Saturday, May 6th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock (1s. 3d. per head). Business meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present notify me not later than Wednesday previous to meeting?—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Speldhurst on Saturday, May 6th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at the George and Dragon Inn after service, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, May 2nd. By kind permission of the Rector, the grounds of the Rectory will be open to members.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Rd., Tunbridge Wells.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Hornchurch on Saturday, May 6th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present kindly advise me by Wednesday, May 3rd, and oblige? Subscriptions for 1933 are now due.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford.

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Honiton Clyst on Saturday, May 6th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Numbers for tea, please, by May 1st, to M. Powell, Hon. Dis. Sec., Clyst St. George, Exeter.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Kirkham on Saturday, May 6th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30. A good attendance desired. The local team have lately had instructions in change ringing. Please come and give them encouragement.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool.

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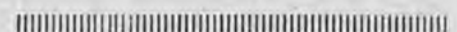
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