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ORGANISATION OF YOUTH.

The proposal put forward in our last issue by Mr. Malcolm Melville to establish a Guild exclusively for the youthful members of the Exercise will, we are sure, have aroused great interest among the junior members of the ringing fraternity. Whether or not they will start such an organisation is entirely for them to determine, and if they desire it, it is not for their elders to say them nay. Those of us who have already passed the age limit may, perhaps, be permitted to offer them advice, but the actual decision must rest with the young people themselves. The main principles which they have to consider in beginning an undertaking of this kind is whether there is scope for such a Guild, and whether it will really serve the purpose for which it is intended.

There can be no question as to the place youth is taking in the Exercise to-day. Despite the lament in many quarters that young ringers are hard to obtain and harder still to retain, there was never a time when more young people were interested in the art of bell ringing. A generation ago really young ringers were comparatively few and far between; to-day every association boasts of a large number of them. The facilities for obtaining practice are greater than ever they were, and the youngsters of both sexes receive the utmost encouragement; indeed, it is often complained that some of them are taught to run before they can walk. There is not much ground for complaint in these days that youngsters do not get their share of opportunities of ringing or advancement, but we do think that there is a great deal to be said for providing them with greater means of mixing with ringers of their own age, of developing initiative and of learning how to shoulder the responsibilities of office which will fall to their lot when their elders have to lay down the reins.

Youth at the helm is the way to create energy and enterprise, and if a Guild of Youth were formed in connection with church bell ringing we do not think there need be any fears that promising youngsters who joined it would be 'dropped' by the 'old hands.' The old ringer, unless he be of the dog-in-the-manger type, is only too pleased to watch the advance of his pupil, and in any event the junior will not be entirely independent of his elders if he wants to make progress. Any fear of loss of interest by the seniors in their pupils can therefore, we think, be put aside as groundless. On the other hand, we believe that an organisation of youth would be one of the best means of keeping up a supply of ringers in our towers. It is the fact that age and youth, with their difference of outlook and lack of common interest in things outside ringing, do not mix well, that largely leads to failure to keep young people in the belfry, even if they have been induced

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to start. The towers where the inflow of regular recruits is most assured are the towers where new ringers can come in on some parity of age with others already in the band, and there is nothing which draws young people to the belfry better than the presence of other youngsters. If a new Guild of Youth can set out with the high ideal of popularising the art and inculcating the desire for service among others of their own age and so augment the supply of ringers in our church towers, it should have a great future before it. It would supplement rather than compete with the work of other ringing organisations, especially if it were made a condition that qualification for admission should be membership of some recognised association, guild or society. The future of ringing is with the young people of this country; they should be induced by every reasonable means to retain and increase their interest in the art; and if an organisation established among themselves can serve this end it is worthy of all the encouragement which their elders can give it.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANOASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 2, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5165 CHANGES;

Tenor 39½ cwt.

*ERNEST F. BENNETT... .. 1	Treble	JOHN BROWN 6
THOMAS W. HAMMOND 2		JOSEPH RIDYARD 7
EDWIN C. BIRKETT 3		JAMES MELDRUM 8
CLAUDE I. DAVIES 4		EDWARD CAUNCE 9
GEORGE R. NEWTON... .. 5		*HUGH ROBERTS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First ten-bell peal. † First peal of Grandsire Caters.

CARDIFF, SOUTH WALES.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 4, 1935, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 3003 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

EVAN COLES 1	Treble	ALFRED PARNELL 6
ERNEST COOMBS 2		GEORGE LARGE 7
*LESLIE BAINHAM 3		†REGINALD ADDIS 8
JOHN W. JONES 4		JOHN PHILLIPS 9
ERNEST STITCH 5		SEYMOUR R. BARKER... .. Tenor

Composed by FRED G. MAY.

Conducted by JOHN PHILLIPS.

* First peal of Caters. † First peal of Caters away from the treble. Arranged specially as a farewell compliment to Dr. E. E. Brierly, for many years churchwarden at this church, who is now leaving Cardiff and going into retirement in the Isle of Man.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 6, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

*REG. C. H. CONNOLLY 1	Treble	*ARTHUR G. ROSE 6
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 2		FRANK A. SPARSHOTT 7
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3		A. F. MARTIN STEWART 8
WILLIAM E. CHEATER 4		FREDERICK W. ROGERS 9
GEORGE PRESTON 5		ALFRED T. GREENWOOD Tenor

Composed by N. J. FITZTOW.

Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

* First peal on ten bells.

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EXETER, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, March 30, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

WILLIAM H. HOWE Treble	*ARTHUR T. TRUMAN 5
JOHN ARBURY 2	*HARRY CORRY 6
CHARLES R. LILLEY 3	*WILLIAM A. WILLS 7
JAMES E. LILLEY 4	ALFRED G. BETTS Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.
* First peal of Major.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 3, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 6½ cwt.

F. HORACE E. STUBBS ... Treble	CHARLES ALLSOP 5
JAMES F. HUTCHBY 2	THOMAS ATKINS 6
*LESLIE STEPHENS 3	COLIN HARRISON 7
JOHN GRUNDY 4	JOHN P. FIDLER Tenor

Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. W. J. Lyon, Rector of Loughborough, on his appointment as Hon. Canon of Leicester Cathedral.

ERITH, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE, & SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

*JOHN S. MORTON Treble	ALFRED G. HILL 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT 2	ALFRED J. HOUSE 6
JOHN H. CREESMAN 3	FREDERICK J. COLLUM 7
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 4	HARRY HOVERD Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by FREDR. J. COLLUM

* First peal of Spliced Surprise. † First peal of Spliced in four methods 'inside.' First peal of Spliced Surprise in four methods by the society. This peal contains 2,944 London, 608 Bristol, 736 each of Cambridge and Superlative, the latter methods being rung in alternate courses. The ringer of tenor has now completed the 'circle' to a peal at this tower.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 6, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JESSE GILBERT Treble	Sgt. J. WILLIAMS 5
THOMAS WORRALL 2	ERNEST MATTHEWS 6
GEORGE CONDICK 3	WILLIAM H. HARRIS 7
JOHN ADSTIN 4	HENRY NEWMAN Tenor

Conducted by JOHN ADSTIN.

* First peal of Triples.

SHIPLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 6, 1935, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

*KENNETH SIMPSON Treble	THOMAS W. STRANGWAY 5
WILLIAM H. SENIOR 2	GEORGE ROBINSON 6
CHARLES E. LAWSON 3	THOMAS B. KENDALL 7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 4	ERNEST H. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS

* First peal and rung at the first attempt. Specially arranged and rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Simpson Master K. Simpson, aged 14 years, is to be congratulated on an excellent performance.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 6, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

J. HALL Treble	F. L. FISHER 5
A. WATSON 2	*H. VINCE 6
*W. SMITH 3	H. HALL 7
*A. E. SMITH 4	A. LING Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by A. LING.

* First peal of Major. First attempt for a peal as conductor.

HILGAY, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(WISBECH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 6, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

ALFRED E. BACON Treble	EDWARD BARKER 5
WILLIAM BUCKENHAM 2	FRED WIGMORE 6
JOHN THOMAS 3	CLAUDE COUSINS 7
WALLACE COUSINS 4	ARTHUR G. BASON Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF WICKEN SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

ALBAN DISNEY Treble	KENNETH A. ROB 5
ALBERT L. WARD 2	RICHARD F. ROE 6
ALFRED H. CARTER 3	FRANK W. LLOYD 7
EDWIN LLOYD 4	JOSEPH S. CARTER Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by J. S. CARTER.

This method is now rung for the first time. Treble ringer belongs to Anstey. All the others are Sunday service ringers at All Saints', Wigston Magna.

SPELDHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 6, 1935, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF DARTFORD LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

ALFRED J. BATTIN Treble	ERNEST J. LADD 5
TOM SAUNDERS 2	LUTHER J. HOBBS 6
BERNARD V. COLLISON 3	ALIC RICHARDSON 7
ARTHUR LEWRY 4	THOMAS E. SONE Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by T. E. SONE.

First peal in a 'Little' method by all the band, also on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Lewry, mother of the ringer of the fourth.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFS.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 6, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

PERCY RICHARDS Treble	ROBERT MATTHEWS 5
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT 2	CHARLES WOODBERRY 6
JOHN BASS 3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS 7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 4	THOMAS HEMMING Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by THOMAS HEMMING.

First peal in the method as conductor. Arranged for Mr. Collins, of Croydon.

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THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 6, 1935, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.	
*WALTER MARTIN Treble	WILLIAM C. RUMSKY 5
GEORGE WIGHTMAN 2	WALTER RUFFLES 6
*JOHN FORD 3	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN 7
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 4	WILLIAM LAST Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.
* First peal in the method.

MITCHAM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THEURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

FRANK CORKE Treble	LAWRENCE GREENBOW 5
CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 2	EDGAR HANCOX 6
JAMES H. LUCAS 3	WILLIAM S. SMITH 7
CHARLES POTHECARY 4	WILLIAM H. JOINER Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR HANCOX.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.	
JAMES W. WILKINS Treble	ARTHUR G. JAMES 5
A. REGINALD BLABY 2	*HARRY C. JONES 6
ARTHUR NEWTON 3	ROLAND BIGGS 7
FREDERICK G. BIGGS 4	VICTOR EVANS Tenor

Conducted by JAMES W. WILKINS.

* First peal of Triples and first attempt. Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. John Evans. Also a birthday compliment to the daughter of James W. Wilkins, who is in Australia.

SIX BELL PEALS.

HIGH HALDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, March 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents, called differently. Tenor 13½ cwt.	
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ... Treble	*JAMES AVERY 4
WILLIAM GORRINGE 2	†GEORGE SIMS 5
ARCHIBALD STEVENSON ... 3	JAMES G. POWELL Tenor

Conducted by A. STEVENSON.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

REDGRAVE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, March 31, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Plain Bob and Woodbine Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

HERBERT C. FORDEAM ... Treble	*JAMES RICHES 4
LEWIS J. BATLEY 2	GEORGE FILBY 5
DAVID CRACKNELL 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

* First peal in four methods.

GREAT FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, April 1, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court and Plain Bob, and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, each called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN A. CRACKNELL ... Treble	CLAUDE WOODWARD 4
*HERBERT C. FORDHAM ... 2	ROY WOODWARD 5
PERCY L. JOHNSON 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

* First peal in five methods. Arranged for the ringer of the fourth, and a birthday compliment to the ringer of the fifth.

COITY, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 3, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

CHARLES H. PERRY Treble	*BENJAMIN J. TOBY 4
*D. REES JAMES 2	*ALFRED W. WRIGHT 5
*EDWARD T. BAILEY 3	FRANK MORGAN Tenor

Conducted by C. H. PERRY.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal of Doubles on the bells. It is 25 years since a peal was rung on these bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Betty Sommers, daughter of one of the local ringers.

RUSHMERE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*CHARLES R. SMITH ... Treble	ERNEST C. KIMM 4
EDGAR RIVERS 2	WILLIAM J. C. BROWN ... 5
*JAMES E. POTTER 3	*EDWIN C. SIMPSON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. G. BROWN.

* First peal in seven methods. First as conductor in seven methods.

FULMER, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 7½ cwt.

WILLIAM HENLEY ... Treble	GEORGE GUTTERIDGE 4
*WILLIAM H. FOSSELL ... 2	TONY PRICE 5
WILFRED EDWARDS 3	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

* First peal of Cambridge Minor. Arranged and rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Evans on the occasion of their golden wedding, also a birthday compliment to J. A. Loveday, a member of the local band.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, April 7, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 21 differently called 240's. Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS BEAVER Treble	ALBERT E. JONES 4
V. JAMES CARLESS 2	JAMES P. HYETT 5
WILLIAM BEAVER 3	FREDERICK J. WATKINS ... Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. H. J. Hamer, a 'stalwart' of the above church for nearly 50 years.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE WARWICK MEETING.

Minutes of the Second Session of the fifteenth Council (42nd annual meeting), held in the Court House, Warwick, on Whitsun Tuesday, May 22nd, 1934, at 11 o'clock.

The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Malins, supported by Alderman W. T. Collier, extended a cordial welcome on behalf of the Mayor and Corporation.

The Lord Bishop of Coventry welcomed the Council on behalf of the Church.

Prayers were offered by the Lord Bishop, and the president took the chair.

Present:—

Ancient Society of College Youths: Mr. A. B. Peck.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association: Messrs. H. W. Brown, J. T. Dyke and J. Hunt.

Bedfordshire Association: Messrs. A. King and A. E. Sharman.

Cambridge University Guild: Messrs. E. M. Atkins and E. H. Lewis.

Chester Diocesan Guild: Messrs. J. Norbury and T. Wilde.

Devon Guild: Rev. E. S. Powell and Messrs. T. Laver, E. W. Marsh and G. C. Woodley.

Dudley and District Guild: Mr. F. Colclough.

Durham and Newcastle Association: Mr. W. H. Barber.

East Derbyshire and Notts Association: Mr. T. Clarke.

Ely Diocesan Association: Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake and Miss K. Willors.

Essex Association: Messrs. E. J. Butler and G. R. Pye.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association: Messrs. J. Austin, E. Guise and W. Rose.

Guildford Diocesan Guild: Messrs. G. L. Grover and A. C. Hazelden.

Hereford Diocesan Guild: Messrs. J. Clark and A. W. Davis.

Hertford County Association: Mr. W. Ayre.

Irish Association: Mr. G. Lindoff.

Kent County Association: Messrs. T. Groombridge and F. M. Mitchell.

Ladies' Guild: Mrs. E. K. Fletcher and Mrs. R. Richardson.

Lancashire Association: Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee and Messrs. G. R. Newton, W. H. Shaker and A. Tomlinson.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild: Messrs. R. Richardson and J. Phillips.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association: Messrs. D. G. Clift and J. W. Jones.

London County Association: Messrs. A. D. Barker and F. E. Dawe.

Middlesex County Association: Messrs. C. T. Coles, G. W. Fletcher, W. H. Hollier and W. Pickworth.

Midland Counties Association: Messrs. E. Denison Taylor, E. C. Gobey, J. H. Swinfield and W. E. White.

Norwich Diocesan Association: Mr. A. L. Coleman.

Oxford Diocesan Guild: Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge and Messrs. W. Evetts, jun., R. T. Hibbert and A. E. Lock.

Oxford Society: Mr. W. Collett.

Oxford University Society: Mr. H. Miles.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild: Messrs. H. Baxter, R. G. Black, T. Tebbutt and F. Wilford.

St. Martin's Guild: Mr. A. Paddon Smith.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild: Rev. F. D. Edwards, Messrs. S. Hillier, C. H. Jennings and F. W. Romaine.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths: Mr. J. Parker.

Stafford Archdeaconry Society: Messrs. T. J. Elton and H. Knight.

Suffolk Guild: Rev. H. Drake and Mr. C. Mee.

Sursey Association: Messrs. D. Cooper and C. H. Kippin.

Swansea and Brecon Guild: Mr. Gwyn Lewis.

Truro Diocesan Guild: Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella.

Warwickshire Guild: Messrs. F. W. Perrins and J. H. W. White.

Winchester and Portsmouth Guild: Messrs. G. Williams, H. Barton and G. Pullinger.

Worcester and Districts Association: Messrs. H. G. Bird, R. G. Knowles and J. D. Johnson.

Yorkshire Association: Messrs. J. Cotterell, P. J. Johnson and S. F. Palmer.

Honorary members: Messrs. W. A. Cave, C. Dean, J. S. Goldsmith, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Messrs. A. A. Hughes, C. F. Johnston, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Messrs. J. A. Trollope, A. Walker, S. H. Wood and E. Alex Young.

REPRESENTATION OF SOCIETIES, ETC.

The Hon. Secretary reported that the total membership was unaltered, being 51 associations represented by 128 members, and 14 honorary members.

The only subscription unpaid was that of the Shropshire Association.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Members retiring according to the rules were the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Messrs. A. A. Hughes and Stephen H. Wood.

The Standing Committee recommended their re-election and the election of Mr. E. C. S. Turner to the remaining vacancy.

The recommendation was adopted on the proposal of Mr. F. M. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. W. A. Cave.

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE PRESIDENT.

In accordance with Rule II. the following were presented: Mr. F. Colclough, Dudley and District Guild, Mr. W. Evetts, jun., Oxford Diocesan Guild, Mr. G. Lewis, Swansea and Brecon.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Archdeacon Parry, Canon C. C. Marshall, Rev. J. B. Frith, Messrs. E. Bishop, C. E. Borrett, J. H. Cheeseman, G. Chester, W. T. Cockerill, A. Coppock, G. H. Cross, W. J. Davidson, F. N. Golden, C. Matthews, T. Metcalfe, W. J. Nevard, J. W. Parker, J. C. Pollard, A. H. Pulling, J. T. Rickman, F. W. Rogers, T. S. Sone, S. H. Symonds, T. H. Taffender; hon. members: Messrs. J. Griffin and C. W. Roberts.

LOSS OF MEMBERS THROUGH DEATH.

The President referred to the death of the following members and past members: Rev. A. T. Beeston 1911-1929, Mr. J. D. Matthews 1912-1934, Mr. J. Waghorn 1897-1908.

In their memory members stood in silence.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.

It was proposed by Canon Coleridge, seconded by Mr. E. A. Young, that the minutes published in 'The Ringing World' on May 11th, 1934, be taken as read and be approved, subject to the inclusion of Mr. F. W. Rogers' name under 'Members presented.'

Arising out of the minutes, Mr. E. M. Atkins asked what action was taken on the resolution expressing the hope that the Stedman Bells at St. Bene't's, Cambridge, would be rung regularly to the glory of God by a local band of ringers. The Hon. Secretary reported that this resolution was brought to the notice of the Ely Diocesan Association for their attention.

REPORTS.

The following reports, etc., were circulated to all members and associations and were published in 'The Ringing World.' They are available for inspection.

REPORT OF THE HON. LIBRARIAN.

The report was published in 'The Ringing World' on June 1st, 1934, page 347, and was presented by the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, hon. librarian.

The Standing Committee recommended that the hon. librarian be given power to renew stocks of books in common demand, that the sum of £5 be available in any one year for the purchase of books for the library, and that the officers of the Council may at their discretion reduce the price of surplus stocks.

The report and recommendations were adopted on the proposal of Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre.

Thanks were accorded to Mrs. Jenkyn for the gift of volumes of 'The Ringing World' up to 1932.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

The accounts published in 'The Ringing World' on June 1st, 1934, page 347, were presented by the hon. treasurer, and on the motion of Mr. A. A. Hughes, seconded by Mr. J. H. Swinfield, were adopted.

ELECTION OF HONORARY AUDITORS.

The Standing Committee recommended that honorary auditors be elected under Rule 8 to serve until the next London meeting, and further recommended that Messrs. A. A. Hughes and C. T. Coles be invited to serve.

The recommendation was adopted on the motion of the president.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE CARTER RINGING MACHINE.

Mr. E. A. Young reported for the trustees (see report published in 'The Ringing World,' June 1st, 1934, page 347). The Standing Committee recommended that the fee of 10s. 6d. be paid to the demonstrator who attended on April 28th. The report and recommendation were adopted on the motion of Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes.

On the president's motion it was agreed to accept Mr. G. F. Woodhouse's offer to demonstrate his ringing machine at the next Council meeting.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

This was published in 'The Ringing World' on June 1st, 1934, page 347.

The committee recommended that Mr. E. Denison Taylor be elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. J. D. Matthews. The report and recommendation were adopted on the president's motion. Mr. E. Denison Taylor expressed his thanks.

REPORT OF THE PEAL COLLECTION COMMITTEE.

The report (published in 'The Ringing World' on June 8th, 1934, page 362) was presented by Mr. G. Lindoff. The committee suggested that the articles on 'Variations' by Mr. J. A. Trollope, published in 'The Ringing World' in 1930 (pages 830-831) and 1931 (pages 10, 26, 42, 74, 90, 123, 138, 166 and 182), be reproduced in pamphlet form.

The Standing Committee recommended that the articles be considered by the committee, and that they collaborate with Mr. Trollope as to the suitability of publishing them as a pamphlet, either in their present form or as may be decided by the committee.

The committee agreed to include a few peals of Spliced Surprise Major in the collection of peals now being prepared.

The report and recommendation were adopted on the proposal of Mr. Lindoff, seconded by Mr. E. W. Marsh, and on the president's motion it was agreed to give the committee power to print the pamphlet on 'Variations' when completed.

REPORT OF THE METHODS COMMITTEE.

Mr. J. A. Trollope presented the report (published in 'The Ringing World,' May 18th, 1934, page 314).

With regard to the Council's publications the committee recommended 'that in no instance should any author or composer's name be put to any method, and that in the case of peal compositions names should be omitted except to old and well-known productions or such modern ones in which the proofs of originality are unmistakable. (We suggest that this recommendation shall apply to all future publications by the Central Council.) In the case of the Triples book we felt that it would not be fair to adopt it in its logical completeness. Two gentlemen, who were not members of the committee, provided a number of peals for the book, and in every case we have attached their names to these compositions. On the other hand, all peals composed by any of us, whether obtained specially for the purposes of the book or got previously, are being published anonymously. (Our proposal is that in later books of the Central Council of a similar character, anonymity should be the rule and not the exception.)'

The committee were given permission to delete the following sentences from their recommendation: (a) 'We suggest that this recommendation shall apply to all future publications by the Central Council.' (b) 'Our proposal is that in later books of the Central Council of a similar character, anonymity should be the rule and not the exception.'

On the proposal of Mr. Trollope, seconded by Mr. S. H. Wood, the report as amended was adopted.

ELECTION TO COMMITTEE.

It was proposed by Mr. S. Wood, seconded by Mr. C. T. Coles, and supported by the Rev. E. S. Powell, that Mr. E. C. S. Turner be elected to the committee.

REPORT OF THE PEAL ANALYSIS AND RECORDS COMMITTEE.

The report and analysis published in 'The Ringing World' on April 6th was formally presented by Mrs. Fletcher.

Attention was drawn to a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal rung by the Worcester and Districts Association which had been found to be false, and which the committee had already deleted from the official copy of the analysis.

The report was seconded by Mr. G. R. Pye and adopted.

REPORT OF THE TOWER AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE.

The committee's report stated that members had, during the year, dealt with problems in 17 towers. As in former years, the members of the committee reported verbally on matters dealt with (see 'The Ringing World,' June 8th, 1934, page 363).

The committee recommended that the attention of all Archdeacons be drawn to the dangers of Ellacombe Chiming Hammers if they were not properly used and attended to.

On the president's motion, seconded by Major J. H. B. Hesse, the report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE LITERATURE, PRESS AND BROADCASTING COMMITTEE.

The report published in 'The Ringing World,' June 15th, 1934, pages 378 and 379, was presented by the Rev. F. L. Edwards, seconded by Mr. W. Cave, and carried.

MOTIONS.

It was proposed by Mr. J. A. Trollope and seconded by Mrs. E. K. Fletcher: 'That no decision of the Council relating to the ringing of peals shall be binding unless passed by a two-third majority of the meeting.'

The Standing Committee recommended that, in place of the last two words, the words 'those members present' be substituted, and on the proposal of Mr. C. F. Johnston, seconded by Mr. C. T. Coles, it was agreed to make this substitution.

It was proposed by Mr. W. E. White, seconded by Mr. P. J. Johnson, that this resolution apply to all motions put before the Council. The amendment and resolution were both lost.

It was proposed by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, seconded by Mr. J. A. Trollope: 'That, notwithstanding any definition to the contrary, peals in any recognised Minor method or methods containing compositions in what is known as the "Bankes James Arrangement" are, in the opinion of this Council, permissible.'

The Rev. B. H. T. Drake proposed as a rider on behalf of the Standing Committee: 'That the "Bankes James Arrangement" be as defined in the Council's publication, "The Collection of Doubles and Minor Methods," on pages 120 to 132, with the exception of the compositions on page 127 numbered 149, 150 and 151, which are

known as the "Law James Arrangement of London." This was seconded by Mr. C. T. Coles and accepted by the proposer and seconder of the motion.

The motion in its amended form was carried.

It was proposed by Mr. E. M. Atkins, seconded by Mr. J. Parker, and carried: 'That this Council views with concern the comparatively small number of ringers ringing their first peal, and suggests that all ringers, mindful of their high calling, should do all in their power to encourage their less proficient brethren.'

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

The Standing Committee recommended that the next meeting be held at Shrewsbury, and on the president's motion the recommendation was adopted.

OTHER BUSINESS.

The following motions were recommended by the Standing Committee for consideration by the Council:—

CIRCULATION OF 'THE RINGING WORLD.'

It was proposed by Mr. F. E. Dawe, seconded by Mr. W. A. Cave, and carried: 'That in view of the meagre response made in answer to the resolution passed at Plymouth two years ago, a small committee of the Council be appointed to collaborate with the Editor of "The Ringing World" with a view to increasing the circulation of this paper among members of the Exercise.'

It was agreed that the committee consist of the officers of the Council and Mr. F. E. Dawe.

AUSTRALIAN TOUR.

It was proposed by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, seconded by Mr. W. A. Cave, and carried: 'That a letter of greetings be sent by the Council to the ringers in Australia, and that the Council approve the scheme to prepare a collection of photographs of English towers for presentation to Melbourne Cathedral and Hobart.'

MEMORIALS.

The Standing Committee recommended that a grant of £10 10s. be made to the memorial to the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, and £3 3s. to the memorial to Canon Baker.

On the president's motion the recommendation was adopted.

CONGRATULATIONS.

On the president's motion it was resolved that a letter of congratulation be sent to Archdeacon Parry, he being the first member of the Council to attain that dignity.

IRREGULAR METHODS.

An enquiry by Mr. A. D. Barker as to the Council's attitude to irregular methods which were still rung was stated by the president to be a matter for the affiliated associations, who had agreed to abide by the rules and decisions of the Council.

BROADCASTING.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards invited all members of the Council to write to the B.B.C. suggesting that the great bell in St. Paul's Cathedral be broadcast as well as the clock.

VOTES OF THANKS.

On the president's motion, thanks were accorded to the Mayor and Corporation of Warwick for the use of the Court House, Alderman Dr. Malins, Deputy Mayor, and the Bishop of Coventry for their presence and welcome, the incumbents of the various churches for the use of bells, the Warwickshire Guild for their hospitality, Mr. F. W. Perrens and committee for making excellent arrangements, Mr. Adams, of St. Mary's, Warwick, for his kind assistance, and to all tower and steeple keepers.

Mr. F. W. Perrens replied.

A vote of thanks to the president was proposed by the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge.

The meeting terminated at about 5.15 p.m.

After the meeting, members of the Council were the guests of the Warwickshire Guild to tea, with their president, the Rev. J. B. Davies, in the chair, supported by the Mayor of Warwick.

PASSING OF A SUFFOLK RINGER.

LINK WITH KESALE COMPANY 100 YEARS AGO.

On Friday, April 5th, there was laid to rest in the quiet churchyard of St. Peter's Church, Kelsale, Suffolk, the mortal remains of Mr. William Drew, who passed away after a long illness, patiently borne, on April 1st, at the age of 64 years. Of a quiet and unassuming disposition, the deceased had been a ringer at Kelsale Church since his school days, and was a member of the Norwich Diocesan Association and the Suffolk Guild. He had rung upwards of 60 peals, and was a safe ringer and conductor in many methods.

William Drew was a grandson of the late Henry Drew, who between 80 and 100 years ago was conductor of the old Kelsale company of ringers, and who helped to make Suffolk ringing history in those far-off days.

In addition to members of the family, the funeral was attended by several old ringing friends including Mr. F. Watling, representing the Saxmundham company, of which the deceased was also a member.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WESTERN DIVISION SECRETARY WANTS TO RETIRE.

The annual meeting of the Western Division was held at Brighouse on Saturday, March 23rd. In spite of very unsettled weather about 40 members were present, representing Armley, Batley, Bradford Cathedral, Birstall, Denholme, Elland, Halifax, Haworth, Headingley St. Michael's and St. Chad's, Holbeck, Idle, Keighley, Leeds Parish, Lightcliffe, Lindley, Queensbury, Rothwell, Shipley and Sowerby towers, together with the local company. The Vicar (the Rev. K. E. M. Haines) conducted the service, and gave a very friendly and interesting address.

Tea at the Co-op Cafe was followed by the business meeting, at which the vice-president (Mr. P. J. Johnson) was in the chair.

The following new members were elected: Messrs. R. Tysoe (Headingley), A. Barker and A. Dennison (Tadcaster), W. S. Green and T. C. Corlass (Keighley).

The Secretary (Mr. W. Ambler) explained the reason for not holding the December meeting, which was accepted. As the Mirfield ringers had expressed a wish for a meeting to be held at their tower on the newly rehung peal, it was resolved to hold the June meeting at this tower if arrangements could be made.

The Secretary intimated, owing to the curious nature of his work, a desire to retire, but as no successor could be found he was asked to carry on until the next meeting. The following were re-elected to serve on the committee: Messrs. J. Ambler, H. Peel and C. E. Lawson.

Mr. J. Ambler being re-elected to the general committee, the vacant seat on the divisional committee was filled by the election of Mr. R. Bottomley.

A vote of thanks to the retiring officers was voiced by Canon C. C. Marshall (president of the association).

A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens was proposed by the chairman, seconded by Mr. L. W. G. Morris.—The Vicar suitably replied.

A vote of thanks to the local company was accorded on the motion of Mr. L. W. G. Morris, seconded by Mr. W. H. Senior.—Mr. G. Drake, an old stalwart of the local company, replied in a pleasant speech.

The meeting stood in silence as a token of respect to that great ringer, the late Mr. William Pye.

Handbells were brought into use and some visited the tower for further ringing.

Will members please note that June 15th is definitely fixed for the meeting at Mirfield.

RINGERS' DINNER AT GLOUCESTER.

The seventh annual dinner of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association (Gloucester Branch) was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Gloucester, on Saturday, March 30th.

Mr. W. R. Eggleton was in the chair, supported by Mrs. Eggleton, Mr. S. E. Romans (chairman of the branch and Master of the association), Mr. W. H. Harris (branch secretary), and Messrs. J. Austin, J. Williams, and J. W. Jones (hon. secretary of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association), etc.

After the loyal toast, Mr. Romans, proposing 'Church and State,' said that Gloucester had for its diocese a very admired and fearless Bishop, backed by a clergy who, he was glad to see, were interested in the young and in sport, not forgetting bellringing.

Mr. John Clarke, responding, said that he was sorry to hear of so many apologies from the clergy, but during his 50 years as a ringer he had met very few examples of clergy who were against the ringers.

Mr. J. W. Jones proposed 'The Gloucester and Bristol Association,' whose members, he said, were carrying on their traditions of giving a chance to all ringers, and he wished them long life. No one was doing more for bellringing than Mr. Edgar Guise, the hon. secretary.

Mr. Romans, responding, referred to the honour the association had done him in appointing him their Master. He mentioned the memorial made for the memory of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, co-founder of the association, for which £340 had been subscribed, four hundred ringers from all parts of England attending the ceremony. He congratulated the committee on their organisation of this tribute. In May they would be celebrating His Majesty's Jubilee, and he knew few ringers would be failing when that time came.

Mr. S. Riches, Master of Bristol United Guild, proposing 'Other Kindred Societies,' said that he did not believe many societies under the Church, such as choirs, were as well organised as ringing, and in the work of Guilds there was much that could be done to help men on to the more advanced stages.

The toast of 'The Visitors,' proposed by Mr. J. Austin, was replied to by Mr. E. Guise, and the toast of 'The Ringing World' was also proposed by Mr. J. Austin. To this toast Mr. Eggleton added that of 'The Citizen.'

A successful evening concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Eggleton, and to all who had helped in their enjoyment, proposed by Mr. Romans, and with the National Anthem.

Musical selections were given by Messrs. R. Benfield, R. Dobell, L. David, F. T. Harris and Virgo, and entertainment by the Tuffley Revellers. The handbells were rung by Messrs. Austin, Harris, Romans and Williams.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

In the taproom of the Five Bells Inn, at Horton, a set of twelve handbells is suspended from the ceiling. How long they have been there no one really knows. At any rate they have been there longer than the oldest inhabitant, a lady of 94, can remember. Another inn in which a set of handbells seem to 'go with the house' is to be found on the road between Bagshot and Bracknell, Berks.

If a Guild of Youth is to be formed, why not, asks a correspondent, start a Guild of Age with St. Mary-le-Tower's seven grandfathers? There could soon be a society of patriarchs.

The bells at Wath-on-Dearne, Yorks, where more than a hundred years ago some wonderful records in Minor ringing were set up, are to be dedicated to-morrow evening by the Bishop of Sheffield. The bells have been restored and augmented to eight by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

On February 27th, 1816, the Wath ringers rang 'twenty-one peals,' in as many different methods, 'making 15,120 changes, which were brought round in masterly style in 8 hours and 27 minutes, without a man quitting his rope.' In the previous April almost the same band had rung 'fourteen peals.' The backbone of the company appears to have been a talented family named Blackburn.

Earis Barton, in Northamptonshire, is reputed to possess the finest Saxon tower in the country. The bells here have just been tuned, augmented to eight and hung in a new massive oak frame by Messrs. Taylor and Co. They were dedicated by the Bishop of Peterborough on Sunday week. A picture of the tower will appear in our next issue.

The good wishes of his many friends throughout the Exercise will go out to Mr. John Evans and Mrs. Evans, of Hughenden, who have just celebrated their golden wedding.

A peal of Grand sire Doubles, in which all the bells in turn act as the 'whole hunt,' was rung as long ago as December 26th, 1912, at St. Botolph's, Lincoln, so that the peal rung at Somerby, Leicestershire, on March 23rd last, was presumably the third, and not the second of its kind. The peal at Lincoln was rung by George Chester, James S. Betts (conductor), George Gromton, William Clarke and Richard Sharpe.

REPTON CHURCH BELLS.

OLD REPTONIANS INVITED TO CONTRIBUTE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Repton 'Parish Magazine' for March announces that the gudgeons and bearings of the church bells are worn beyond repair and that the Church Council have decided to rehang the existing ring of six on ball bearings.

It is also proposed to add two new trebles to make a ring of eight. One bell has already been promised, provided the necessary support is forthcoming for the second bell and the repairs to be carried out, and as soon as sufficient money is received the order will be given to the Loughborough Foundry to proceed with the work.

Amongst the thousands of Old Reptonians who have, in days gone by, relied on the church clock and its chimes to get them up in time for early school there must be some who are interested in the church and its bells, and who would like to give some donation towards the restoration.

Any contributions, however small, will be welcomed by the Vicar, Repton, Derby, or by the undersigned.

The Vicar concluded his letter to me by saying that it would be nice if eight Old Reptonians could ring at the dedication after the bells have been opened by the local ringers. Can this be arranged?

I will conclude by saying that it would be better still if the Old Boys would provide the second bell.

H. J. CANN (Capt.).

The Ridgeway,
Sheets Heath, Brookwood, Surrey.

GREAT-GRANDFATHERS IN A PEAL.

IPSWICH VETERANS.

The quarterly meeting of St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, was held on Tuesday, April 2nd. Before proceeding with the business mention was made of the tremendous loss, not only the society but the whole Exercise had sustained by the death of one of its members, Mr. William Pye, and on the suggestion of the chairman all present stood for a few moments in silence as a tribute of respect to his memory.

At this meeting four courses of Stedman Cinques and a course of Cambridge Surprise Maximus were rung, in which seven grandfathers took part, and two of these were great-grandfathers, viz., Robert H. Brundle and Frederick J. Tillet, both of whom rang in the 16,608 Oxford Treble Bob Major at Debenham nearly 43 years ago, the latter ringing the tenor. Mr. Robert Brundle has rung with five generations of the Tillet family.

THE NEW ZEALAND TOUR.

(Continued.)
TO ROTORUA.

Train v. motor-car was decided in favour of a six-seater saloon, enabling the whole party to travel in comfort upwards of 152 miles out to Rotorua and back the following morning. No visitor to New Zealand is expected to leave the country without paying a call at the Maori Settlement and the Thermal Wonderland at Rotorua. On Friday, therefore, we were up at 5.30, had breakfast at 6, and started off by car at 6.30 a.m.

The route was via the towns of Hamilton and Cambridge, including an unexpected deviation of 20 miles on a by-road, as the main was totally closed for rapid resurfacing. Passing for miles alongside the river Waikato gave us glimpses of the Thames Valley in imagination, disillusioned when the second tyre gave out, but this was ultimately made good at Hamilton. Homely features on this part of the journey were to be seen: replicas of English country with the humble farms and outbuildings, the hedgerows on the roadsides and grazing cattle in the pastures.

The latter part of our ride over narrow mountainous roads gave us wild picturesque views of the heart of the interior, studded with high tree ferns and gum trees. We arrived at Rotorua at noon, and after lunch we visited the Maori village. With the help of an official guide a well-informed tour was safely completed. Hot and cold springs rise here and there like a fountain; there are pools of boiling mud, which throw up large blobs of material to fall back with a splash, like jumping frogs. You have to be careful where you walk, for in places only a thin crust of old lava covers the subterranean caves. Steam and mist, continually creeping upwards, give the region a weird aspect.

In this reserve the natives have their own schools and church and follow their own handicrafts after instructional classes. Our courteous guide, named Annie, was able to give us a little more history than usual in perfect English. We were caught in a New Zealand down-pour of rain and took to the shelter built on the property, where we stayed for an hour, giving us rest and opportunity to show her an English mystery, viz., a course of Grandsire Triples without handbells, by Messrs. Hardcastle, Fussell, Martin and Linter. It was well done, not a word spoken, and we left her quite astonished that no two 'fists' were moved at the same instant.

In the settlement men were busy repairing and painting the fences, houses, and pathways, in preparation for the visit of the Duke of Gloucester. Near their meeting house we were fortunate in witnessing an uncommon incident, specially rehearsed for pictures to be taken for a cinematograph film.

SHARING THE NATIVES' DINNER.

A group of natives in native costume were just about to uncover their cooking oven when we arrived, and to share the fish and potatoes among themselves. They generously offered our party some of their dinner. My sample was excellent, and Maude's photograph of the affair one of the best. The 'oven' is a primitive arrangement, just a hollow in the ground with hot stones laid in and covered with rush mats. The food is then placed on them and more mats used to retain the heat.

The storm over, the next places of interest were the blue and the green lakes, some 10 miles out on a winding road—between mountains—not unlike that from Ambleside to Broughton, without the stone walls. Going back to the other side of the town, we visited Fairy Springs, where trout come up to spawn. Electric lamps are hung on the trees along the banks of the stream and reveal thousands of the fish. They are so accustomed to being fed when visitors arrive that they will take food from your hand if it is held near the surface of the water. The lady in charge showed us round the springs and her museum, and amongst her jokes was the riddle, 'Why does the sea moan?' which has never been answered by an American tourist up to now. Reading the weather reports from Australia, we wondered if any of our 'Bendigo' friends could answer it.

Making good use of the daylight, it was 7.30 before tea and dinner together were served to us at Costello's Cafe, the finest meal of turbot, it was agreed, that we had ever had.

Mrs. Willson, our landlady, was given particular instructions to call us early—5 a.m. on Saturday morning—for our return journey. Her calling and her breakfast were punctiliously performed, and we were on our way at 5 o'clock before realising that her clock was an hour fast. The early morning drive in the clear air and bright sunshine will long be remembered, ending at Auckland at 11.40, and Onehunga at 1 o'clock for luncheon.

The population of New Zealand totals 1,536,964. Of these the Maori number 71,131 in the various settlements, and of the whites 98 per cent. are British stock. The city of Auckland has the largest population (221,300) in New Zealand, and the whole country has the lowest death rate in the world, viz., 8.4 per thousand.

Our afternoon was spent at the Parish Church of St. Matthew, and here at 2.30, quite a good company of change ringers met us, considering we were in a non-ringing city. In addition to our own party there were Messrs. Baker (Guildford), Colegrove (Oxford), Charge (Fulham), Hamblin and son (Hersham),

Fountain (Lincoln), Guppy (Melbourne), Davis (Oldham), and a tenor man, and I will add the verger's young son, keen on tower and handbell ringing. The bells are one of Warner's good octaves (tenor 10 cwt.)—similar to Boyne Hill, Berks—cast for the great Exhibition of London, 1851, and on show at the Crystal Palace. They were purchased by subscriptions raised in New Zealand and England and presented to Bishop Selwyn with the express stipulation that they were to be hung in the first church tower in Auckland built to receive them. They were shipped to New Zealand about the year 1863, and at that time there was no place to receive them. St. Mary's C.B. Cathedral, as the centre of the Church in the city, had no tower, but the authorities erected a wooden structure in the grounds nearby, and here for 40 years the bells were chimed in tunes, etc., or tolled for the usual services, a Maori boy being one of the chief performers. In 1906, St. Matthew's Church being completed, the bells were removed to the steeple and rung for the passing of the old year and the coming of the new, and here they have remained ever since, faithfully observing the trust imposed, although rumour hints that the Cathedral people consider they are on loan to St. Matthew's.



THE QUAINTEST BELFRY IN THE WORLD.

A Maori image at Ohinemutu, near Auckland, in which a bell supplants the usual protruding tongue, which denotes defiance.

These bells are famous as the Selwyn octave, but have not been rung for many years—they are the only ringing peal in the North Island—mostly on account of structural defects in the steeple, and more so from local prejudice, after Press letters of complaint some years ago. A wedding ceremony at 3 o'clock had to be considered, this giving us a rare chance to hear the bells and try them by means of clocking, with ropes tied to clappers. Courses of Grandsire Triples and Bob Minor were rung on handbells, part of a Warner set of 36 kept in the belfry, most of the company taking a hand and rousing up latent talent and new interest.

For many years Mr. A. J. White, the captain, struggled hard to keep the art going in Auckland, and like most Southern Hemisphere conductors has had his share of disappointment. He conducted the first quarter-peal (Grandsire Triples) on Sunday, August 11th, 1912, recorded in the belfry, and another in August, 1913, followed soon afterwards by a valiant attempt for a full peal that failed after 3,322 changes had been rung in 2 hrs. 5 mins. St. Matthew's is a handsome and commanding stone building in Early English style, with beautiful features in the interior, consisting of chancel, nave, north and south aisles, with a western entrance and lobby. This tower has a most uncommon design, the ringing room is 20ft. square, and rather overdone in the spacious open windows of the belfry. It is built in an unusual position, with lofty open arches to the church interior that show signs of weakness or settlement in the south-east pier. The foundation stone was laid by the Earl of Ranfurly, G.C.M.G., on St. George's Day, 1902, and the site selected stands at the corner of two main roads, having a decided fall eastwards. This led to a semi-basement being constructed beneath the east end of the church—tower, baptistry and chancel—providing accommodation for choirboys, lavatories, stores, etc., but this necessitated the two piers going down another 10ft., which is not conducive to tower security in a country subject to seismic disturbances. Owing to the recent death of the Vicar, a locum tenens is doing duty, so no effective suggestions could be offered. Friends on the spot—Mr. J. C. Wells, Mr. Colegrove and Mr. Dunsheath—are watching for an opportunity to put this tower on the ringing map, the latter gentleman, a metal merchant, rather advocating a recasting of the bells, which I consider would be a scandal.

The best news in Auckland related to a legacy of £500 left to All Saints' Church, Ponsonby, by Mr. Stutchbury, especially for a peal of bells for that church in memory of his grandfather, from London, who was in his younger days a lowly bellringer. The ringers of England will watch with keenness how this handsome gift will be installed for use in the future—thumping or swinging?

After leaving the church it was a parting and farewell with many of our friends, and then home to Onehunga for an alfresco evening with a party of 20 townspeople. The social room of a local tennis club was decorated, and here handbells, by special request, refreshments, speeches, and talks about various English counties terminated at 11.30, after neighbourly good-nights and discussion of plans for the morrow. So ended one long spell of sunshine and variety—really a day and a half.

On Sunday, our only one here, calls were made on the neighbours in the morning, and after lunch there was a drive out to Mangere, crossing the bay by a long pontoon bridge to the Auckland aerodrome and speed track. In the hangar were several machines that had flown wonderful journeys, but none went up as the clerk of the weather had notified bad weather ahead. This was corroborated two days after we left by flooding, the most widespread in memory for North Auckland. Taheke Bridge, 240ft. long, was swept away, and damage of £2,000 estimated. Others, including one of 70ft. span at Puketū, were devastated. Boat passengers from Australia never left their cabins, the weather being so unkind.

Messrs. Goode and Wilkinson kindly drove us out on a stretch of 20 miles along a high ridge, resembling Wenlock Edge, with fine views of the sea coast on either hand, and then back to tea as the rain began to fall gently.

Our Wellington train left Auckland Central at 7 p.m. Mrs. Scammell, Mrs. Charge and Mrs. Field, and many of our male friends were there to wish us 'good bye,' our number increased to six by Mr. Charge joining us. We had booked reserved seats for the long ride of 424 miles, with occasional 'naps,' with eyes open as well as closed on the way, coffee and sandwiches; but the most annoying thing was the unnecessary awakening by the ticket examiner, who roused us six times on the run. Half-way we passed a large reserve of land secured to the nation, with a railway station, where we felt the effects of the famous mountain, 'Ngauruhoe,' being in eruption. We had heard on Saturday that 'he' had started his old tricks again, and found, with favourable wind, our carriage getting dusky with the sulphurous fumes.

GOOD-BYE, NORTH ISLAND.

Arriving at Thorndon terminus, Wellington, near the harbour, at 9.50 a.m., we were very glad, after a night of it, to stretch our legs with a walk round the city. Breakfast was followed by a visit to St. Peter's Church. While we were standing to admire the Town Hall, there came along a sight-seeing car, run by the 'Bell' Bus Company, which we boarded without question, and enjoyed a right good round of the city at 5s. each for a 30 miles' trip taking three hours. The name, I think, caused the British bellringers to jump on—a sort of fellow-feeling. On this journey we followed the irregular line of the coast, with many bays and points of interest. The straits, named after Captain Cook, are only 14 miles wide, and at times we were up to a point 650ft. above sea level. We had extensive views of the South Island and the snow-clad heights of Mount Tapuaenuka (9,467ft.). It was our good fortune to arrive at Wellington's war memorial about 4 p.m., when the carillonist was giving a special recital for relaying to England and throughout Australasia. I well remember hearing these same bells in Hyde Park, London, before they came out, and having a cup of tea by kind invitation of the bell founders, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. I have come to the conclusion that the little wooden building near the Serpentine gave the best musical results, speaking generally.

After tea we boarded the 'Rangitira.' The boat was fully occupied, and all six of us helped to fill up a 12-berth enclosure on the staircase. Our steward, named Evans, from Tring, inquired after Mr. Reeves, an old friend, and we were joined by Mr. Roberts, of New Plymouth, and formerly of Gravesend tower.

Wellington was left behind with a new crescent moon shining in competition with the city lights, and we made for Littleton on a smooth sea, most of the passengers making a late bed. W. H. F.

TENTERDEN RINGER'S DEATH.

St. Mildred's, Tenterden, has lost one of the pioneers of change ringing at Tenterden by the death of Henry Holdstock at the age of 73 years. He had been a service ringer for over 50 years, and had rung 25 peals. He was also a member of the choir for 40 years. His genial disposition made him much liked by all who knew him, and his services as a ringer will be greatly missed.

The funeral service took place on Tuesday last. The bells were rung half-muffled in the evening, members of the Kent County Association being also present from Frittenden and Hawkhurst.

EGERTON, KENT.—On Sunday, February 3rd, for evening service, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Smith (first quarter-peal) 1, Mrs. D. Pack 2, F. Roberts 3, A. Waddington (conductor) 4, A. Missing 5, J. Pack (first quarter-peal) 6.

A GUILD OF YOUTH.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It was a real pleasure to read Mr. Malcolm Melville's letter in this week's issue of 'The Ringing World.' As a young ringer myself, I had the same idea about a year ago, and have been considering it ever since. I am of the opinion that this would be the solution to the present-day problem of holding young ringers' interest. It is perfectly true what Mr. Melville says about youths of 12-17 not being expected to mix freely with their elders of between 50-70. By making the age limit 25 years or under, there is plenty of real talent for peal ringing. And I think that it would be a splendid idea to arrange as many peals as possible with ringers all under 26.

The person, whose letter Mr. Melville quotes, against the idea must have a very false impression of young ringers' abilities. After the brilliant performance the other week at Crayford, where a band whose average age was only 22, rang a peal of Spliced Surprise in four methods, he surely cannot doubt that there is some excellent talent available for young peals. There is the band in and around London which, if they were organised, would be capable of ringing a peal of Treble Twelve at Southwark Cathedral, where the tenor is 50 cwt. All are under 25, and I hope one day to see the attempt take place.

I would therefore suggest to Mr. Melville that he ask all young ringers when enrolling to mention how many peals they have rung and how many conducted, and in what methods. An idea of the different talents of various ringers would then be judged and peals arranged accordingly.

I will not take up your valuable space further now, but in conclusion I should like to say that anything I can do to assist in forming a branch in Kent and district I shall be delighted to do, if Mr. Melville will communicate with me. I may also be able to give him some valuable suggestions.

A. PATRICK CANNON.

Treeside,
Middle Deal Road,
Deal, Kent.

'FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE ART.'

Sir,—Your correspondent, Mr. Melville, takes the words from my mouth. I refer to the passage in his letter where he asks, 'Will the older ringer feel insulted and jealous if the younger one joins his proposed new Guild and rings peals with it, so that someone else takes the credit for the work he has done?' I can say quite firmly, 'Yes,' and, as Mr. Melville adds, that ringer would not feel inclined to help that youngster any more. This is exactly what has happened in my own case and dozens of others I can quote.

I am glad to see that Mr. Melville advocates his scheme on national lines, and I am yet to hear a really sound argument that it would not be for the betterment of the art if the whole fraternity was run in this way. It would eliminate many things which here are too numerous for me to mention. I hope Mr. Melville's scheme will go forward and have all the support it deserves; but I would utter a word of warning. In appointing a committee see to it that they are all young men of sound business principles, and not put there just because they happen to be good Surprise ringers. The ringing fraternity has long been cursed with this habit, and men put on committees through personal influence. Because a man is a good Surprise ringer it doesn't always follow that he understands the way to manage and build up an association. In business, a man is put in a position because he is the best man at that particular job, not because he is the best at something else.

PERCY AMOS.

Northampton.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

A quarterly meeting was held at Lewisham on Saturday, March 30th. The bells were kept going during the afternoon, and the Vicar conducted the service. He gave the society a very cordial welcome, and said how pleased he was to meet them. He also said how much the Church owed the ringers. Personally, he very much valued their services and the time they gave to their work. After tea, at which the Vicar was present, the business meeting was presided over by the Master, Mr. G. H. Cross, who made a few appropriate remarks on the loss sustained by the death of Mr. W. Pye, and asked those present to stand in silence as a mark of respect to the memory of so great an example.

Two new members were elected. After the business meeting a return was made to the tower, where ringing was kept going till 8.30. The methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise Major.

The next meeting will be held at Burnham in July, due notice of which will appear in 'The Ringing World.'

The best thanks of the society are extended to Mr. H. Warnett for making the arrangements for a successful meeting.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

NO COMPETITIONS TO BE HELD.

Annual Dinner Decided Upon.

Members of the Surrey Association, at their annual meeting at Reigate on Saturday, decided to hold an annual dinner but to have nothing to do with ringing competitions. Between 60 and 70 members attended the meeting, after evensong in the Parish Church, at which the Rector (Rev. R. Talbot) officiated, and gave an address upon training and discipline. Tea was served in the Parish Hall, the expense being generously defrayed by Alderman Temple Newell, who with the Rector, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Johnston and the hon. secretary (Mr. C. H. Kippin), supported the Master of the association (Mr. D. K. C. Birt). Ringers were present from Banstead, Beddington, Benhilton, Buckland, Carshalton, Croydon (St. John's and St. Peter's), Ewell, Kingston, Leatherhead, Merstham, Mitcham, Redhill and Reigate, with visitors from Aldershot and Beckenham.

Two matters of importance arose out of the minutes of the last meeting. The Hon. Secretary reported that in accordance with a resolution passed, a conference of secretaries of the Kent, Surrey and London County Associations and Guildford Diocesan Guild was held to discuss questions of boundaries. As a result the committee of the Surrey Association had decided to take no further action. As far as the London County Association was concerned, there was no overlapping, because they did not have annual subscribing members. The members paid one sum as a life subscription. As far as the Kent County Association was concerned, they were taking no steps whatever to form themselves into a diocesan association. Moreover, the Surrey Association would be likely to find a difficulty in choosing a diocesan title, because the London County Association had got the title of North Southwark, and said very bluntly they intended to stick to it.

The decision of the committee was endorsed.

DECISION AGAINST COMPETITIONS.

Another subject referred to the committee was that of having a ringing competition, similar to those held in the North and West of England. It was agreed by the committee, the Hon. Secretary reported, that ill-feeling between towers might result from such a competition. It was felt that some hands not so good as others might become dissatisfied, and that a competition might do more harm than good. The question of having a competition based upon attendance and the number of bells rung for Sunday services was delegated to a sub-committee for consideration, and that was turned down also. It was felt to be impracticable, as not all the towers rang at regular intervals. In some cases ringing took place both morning and evening every week, in other cases only once a fortnight, and in some few cases only once a month. In those circumstances they would have a difficult job to compare results. Moreover, if there was a ten-bell tower with only nine members it would be impossible to get 100 per cent., whereas they might have a six-bell tower with eight members that could get 100 per cent. every time. In addition they had in that association the difficulty that in some towers in the overlapping districts not all the ringers belonged to the association. In view of all this the committee thought it would be best to leave it alone. This decision was also agreed to.

THE ANNUAL REPORT.

The report and statement of accounts were both adopted on the motion of the chairman.

In their annual report the committee said that 23 peals were rung by the association during the year, 83 ringers taking part, and there were 12 conductors. Four members rang their first peal and two their first peal as conductors. The outstanding performances were Cambridge Surprise Royal by five married couples at Beddington; a peal in four spliced Surprise Major methods at Godstone; and Bristol Surprise Royal at Beddington—the first ever rung. Although the number of peals had decreased each year for several years, mainly through the closing of towers to peal ringing, individual interest was still being maintained. In 1932, when 51 peals were rung, 100 ringers took part with 16 conductors; in 1933, 28 peals, 96 ringers and 14 conductors; in 1934, 23 peals, 83 ringers and 12 conductors. The association still flourished financially. Although most of the expenses were incurred through the general treasurer, the bulk of the funds were held by the district treasurers. The total amount in the association's funds was 234 16s. 2d., being an increase of 24 10s. 10d. upon the year's working. The North-Western Division had had a most successful year. Most towers were maintaining a regular Sunday service band, and the meetings had been well supported. At the five district meetings there had been an average attendance of 40, compared with an average of 33 in 1933. A mid-week joint meeting with the Ladies' Guild at Streatham proved very successful, and it is hoped to arrange more of these mid-week meetings during the coming year. In the Southern District the meetings had had an average attendance of 25, but combined practices had not been very well attended. There were now 274 members in the association (excluding compounding members) as follows: North-West District, 5 hon. members, 181 ringing members; Southern District, 9 hon. members, 79 ringing members. The report concluded

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IMPORTANT NOTICE.

Owing to Good Friday, 'The Ringing World' will go to press a day earlier than usual next week, and will be published on Thursday.

Correspondents are, therefore, reminded that all communications intended for the next issue must reach 'The Ringing World' office by Monday.

Secretaries who have notices for insertion are particularly requested to bear this in mind, and conductors of peals rung to-morrow, or during this week, are asked to send their reports off in time to reach the editorial office by Monday morning.

We would again point out that the address of 'The Ringing World' is NOT 63, Commercial Road. Letters addressed there are liable to delay. 'The Ringing World,' Woking, Surrey, is all that is required.

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with the thanks of the committee and officers to the members for their support during the year.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The following new members were elected: P. J. Reeves and Miss Joan Sparrow (Beddington), Ronald Massey (St. Peter's, Croydon), A. Busby (St. John's, Croydon), H. Mance (St. Leonard's, Streatham), Mrs. Massey (Kingston), and, as a compounding member, Mrs. A. M. Rawlins (Beckenham).

Southwark Cathedral was selected for the next annual general meeting, with Kingston in reserve.

The following officers were declared re-elected, no other nominations having been made: President, the Bishop of Croydon; Master, Mr. D. K. C. Birt; hon. treasurer, Mr. C. Dean; hon. secretary, Mr. C. H. Kippin; assistant secretary, Mr. F. E. Darby; auditor, Mr. G. W. Steere.

In thanking the members on behalf of the officers, the Master said they would welcome new blood, and he asked them to bear this in mind when next the time arrived for nomination.

The committee recommended: 'That special effort be made in every affiliated tower that suitable ringing takes place during the day of H.M. the King's Jubilee, on May 6th next.'

A letter was read from the Rev. Melville Williams, of Limpsfield Chari, expressing the hope that the bells throughout the district would be rung at the same time as the bells at St. Paul's Cathedral for the Jubilee service.

The Master commended the suggestion, but said no band could be tied to the hour of ringing. He had no doubt ringers would make the most of the occasion, and he hoped that in every tower there would be ringing at some time during the day.

Mr. Wells said it was not often the public wanted bells rung, but no doubt they would on this occasion, and it was one of the days when the ringers could give them what they wanted (laughter).

The motion was passed, and a copy is to be sent to the secretary of each tower.

SUPPORT FOR AN ASSOCIATION DINNER.

Mr. F. W. Housden proposed that the association hold an annual dinner, the first to take place in October next.

No fewer than 42 of those present promised their support, and the motion was carried. It was also agreed that if there should be any deficit on the event, the amount should be shared by the districts in their usual proportions.

Mr. C. E. Reading proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the officers of the association for their work, and spoke of the excellent way in which the hon. secretary discharged his duties, and the valuable service rendered by the Master.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith seconded, and paid tribute to the admirable relations existing between the Surrey Association and the overlapping organisations, which he attributed largely to the ability and tact of the hon. secretary and district hon. secretaries.

Mr. Kippin acknowledged the vote which was accorded with applause. By acclamation also the meeting thanked Alderman Temple Newell for his hospitality, and those who had made the local arrangements for their assistance. The Master also welcomed the visitors, for whom Mr. C. F. Johnston replied, remarking that it was a great pleasure for the members from the north-west to come out into the southern district.

This terminated the business, and ringing, which had taken place during the afternoon on the ten bells of the Parish Church, was then resumed.

DEATH OF CAPT. A. E. REEVES.

FORMER OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD SECRETARY.

The funeral took place on Saturday at Bradfield, Berks, where he had lived for many years, of Captain Albert E. Reeves, who was 70 years of age.

Capt. Reeves began his ringing career in 1884, and rang his first peal on December 5th, 1885, at Basingstoke, in which Mr. Tom Hibbert and the late Mr. Henry White also took part in a peal for the first time.

In two directions Capt. Reeves served the Oxford Guild faithfully and well. He proved a very competent instructor. In 1901 he became instructor at St. Giles', Reading, when the bells were augmented from six to eight, and conducted the first peal on the bells in the same year. He took the Sonning band in hand when they could ring only a plain course of Grandsire Triples by heart. When he left them they had rung peals of Grandsire and Stedman with their conductor. In 1903 the band, in recognition of the work he had done, presented him with a marble clock. He then gave instruction at Henley-on-Thames, where, in appreciation of his services, he was presented with an aneroid barometer. He also gave instruction at Hurst, Mapledurham, Pangbourne and other places.

In 1902 he was elected assistant secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and, in 1911, on the retirement of the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, was appointed as hon. general secretary, which post he held for six years until, owing to military duties, he felt compelled to resign. Capt. Reeves had rung a considerable number of peals, but had kept no exact record.

In his younger days Capt. Reeves served for twelve years in the Royal Berks Volunteers, which he left with the rank of corporal. When war broke out he took a commission, and rose to the rank of captain. Prior to this he had held lieutenant's rank in the Church Lads' Brigade. After the war he became keenly interested in the work of the British Legion. Many members of the Legion were present at the funeral, and the Oxford Diocesan Guild was represented by the local band and several visitors. The fact that the annual committee meeting of the Guild was being held at the same time prevented a great many old ringing friends from being present. Grandsire Triples were rung on handbells over the grave, and afterwards Doubles and Minor were rung half-muffled on the six bells of the Parish Church.

The sympathy of their many friends will go out to Mrs. Reeves and her family in their bereavement. Mrs. Reeves is also well known in ringing circles. As Miss Mary E. Shillingworth, she was one of the founders of the Ladies' Guild, and is one of the few lady ringers who hold a College Youths' certificate.

FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

On Sunday, April 7th, at St. Paul's Church, Hounslow, for evening service, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Sparrow (first quarter-peal of Stedman and first attempt) 1, F. G. Goddard 2, C. J. Tricker 3, W. F. Ellingham 4, W. Barrett 5, C. F. Winney (conductor) 6, F. E. Hawthorne 7, W. W. Webb 8.

At Crayford, Kent, on Sunday, April 7th, at the Church of St. Paulinus, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples for evening service: F. J. Groombridge 1, Rene Redpath (first attempt as conductor) 2, T. Groombridge, jun., 3, Mollie Redpath 4, J. A. C. Abson 5, E. A. Barnett 6, E. Barnett 7, G. V. Murphy 8.

At St. Mary's, Lambeth, on Sunday evening, April 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, the first quarter-peal by an entirely local band at this church: J. Hardy 1, F. Holland 2, E. Hardy (first quarter as conductor) 3, B. E. Clarke 4, W. Hardy 5, W. Batten 6, T. Wyatt 7, F. Ringrose 8.

At Stoney Stanton, Leicestershire, on Sunday, April 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Charlton 1, Rev. R. P. Farrow 2, F. Bayliss 3, J. Bayliss 4, C. H. Briggs 5, W. A. Wood 6, A. Ballard (conductor) 7, G. W. Ballard 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of treble and 3rd. Arranged for ringers of 1, 3, 4 and 6, who have been unable to ring at their own church for about two months owing to illness.

At Sulgrave, on April 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): T. Wilcox (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Salisbury (first quarter-peal) 2, W. Branson (conductor) 3, L. Wootten 4, J. Mardell 5, W. Wilcox 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. E. Walton (the donor of the treble bell) and Mr. J. Mardell.

On Tuesday, April 2nd, at St. Anne's Church, Bagshot, Surrey, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung for the induction of the Rev. Bankes Jones to the living: *E. Comer 1, Mrs. Welton 2, J. Corbett 3, C. W. Denyer 4, F. Nye (conductor) 5, *H. Hall 6, H. Hunt 7, *A. Brudenel 8. * First quarter-peal.

At Buckdon, Hunts, on Friday evening, March 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): A. G. Cox (first quarter-peal) 1, W. D. Mann (first quarter-peal on an 'inside' bell) 2, J. E. Papworth (conductor) 3, W. Cornell 4, T. H. Stanyon 5. First quarter-peal as conductor. All are members of the local band.

GOLDEN WEDDINGS.

THREE WELL-KNOWN RINGERS.

The golden weddings of three well-known ringers were celebrated last Saturday.

Mr. Samuel E. Andrews, who has been a member of the College Youths since 1892, and was one of the old St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, band, who were famous about 30 years ago, was married at Radwinter, Essex, on April 6th, 1885. For the past 14 years he has been living at Byfleet, Surrey, but before that he worked for 32 years in Brixton. Mr. Andrews was formerly one of Westminster Abbey band, and rang at the Abbey for the wedding of Princess Mary and afterwards for the wedding of the Duke of York. His opportunities for church bellringing have been very limited since he removed to Byfleet, but he has spent a good deal of time in coaching a handbell tune-ringing party, established by the head of the firm by which he was employed.

On the same day Mr. John N. Oxborrow, another of the old St. Stephen's band and of the Abbey company, as well as, of course, the College Youths, celebrated his golden wedding.

As will also be noted from our peal columns, the Oxford Guild stalwart, Mr. John Evans, of Hughenden, has reached his golden wedding day.

To each of these ringers and the ladies who have shared their joys and sorrows for half a century, we tender congratulations and good wishes.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PREPARATIONS FOR COUNCIL'S MEETING AT SHREWSBURY.

A very successful quarterly meeting of the Shropshire Association was held at Coalbrookdale on Saturday, April 6th. Visitors began to arrive about 2.30 from Birmingham, Wombourne, Wolverhampton and some 16 county churches. Hon. members present were Mrs. Cope Darby (patron of Holy Trinity Church), Major E. R. T. Corbett (County Ringing Master), Rev. E. G. Pigot (Moreton Corbet, treasurer), Canon G. M. Bell (Worthing), Rev. T. Eland (Vicar of Coalbrookdale), etc. The bells were kept going in the four standard methods from Doubles to Royal. A short service was held in church conducted by the Vicar, Mr. George Turner being at the organ. Tea in Trinity Hall, kindly given by Mrs. Cope Darby, who with the churchwarden, their wives and other local ladies and gentlemen, looked after the wants of the visitors.

At the business meeting, Major E. R. J. Corbett, who presided, first thanked Mrs. Cope Darby for her very generous hospitality and for her presence at tea. He spoke in high appreciation of the Darby family, who were donors of the church, her grandfather having given the old eight bells in the year 1852.

Mrs. Cope Darby thanked Major Corbett, and explained how happy she was to be back at the old Darby home at Coalbrookdale and to do all in her power for the church and the neighbourhood.

A course of Grandsire Caters was then rung on handbells by five members of the county association.

Major Corbett explained that a small committee had met in Shrewsbury on March 30th to arrange for the Central Council meeting in that town. The Mayor had promised to allow the use of the Castle Council Chambers for the Council's meeting, and that other necessary arrangements for the pleasure and comfort of the Central Council members and friends were well in hand.

The members present at the meeting on Saturday unanimously agreed that the Shropshire Association should entertain the Central Council members and friends to tea at Shrewsbury on Whit Tuesday.

New members elected included eight from Wroxeter and several others.

Returning to the tower, the bells were kept going until 9 p.m., when a very good meeting terminated.

PARISH COUNCIL AND CHALFONT BELLS.

GENERAL TO RAISE DISCUSSION.

The Parish Council of Chalfont St. Giles are bent upon settling about the village bells. General Sir Alexander Gordon has given notice that he intends to raise at the next meeting the question of the ringing of the village church bells, and the interval is to give the members the opportunity of thinking the matter over.

It might be as well if someone informed the busybodies on this Council that they cannot control the church bells as they do the parish pump, and we hope the Church authorities will tell them so, even if in more polite language.

The bells can be rung by legal right and established custom, subject only to the control of the incumbent; and one of the first questions that might be asked of those members of the Council who seek to silence them is whether the bells came to them or they came to the bells, because if the latter they may rest assured they have not a leg to stand on.

It is interesting to note that at Chalfont there is a good Minor band, who can ring Treble Bob and Surprise methods well.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on April 30th, St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 23rd, at 7.30. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting of St. Mark's, Dalston, on Saturday, April 13th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30, with meeting to follow. All ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whittle-le-Woods on Saturday, April 13th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. Important business will be discussed, so a good attendance is desired.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Prescott on Saturday, April 13th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.15 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. For tea (9d. each) notify the Vicar, St. Mary's Vicarage, Prescott.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—Combined practice Sat., April 13th, St. Mary Bourne. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary Cray on Saturday, April 13th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. These bells were put at our disposal at short notice. Please show your appreciation by ensuring a good attendance.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The first quarterly meeting will be held at Kibworth on Saturday, April 13th. Bells (8) available at 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. A good meeting is hoped for.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Ash on Saturday, April 13th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Room.—C. W. Denyer, Dis. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Faringdon on Saturday, April 13th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service 3.30.—R. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Low, Bentham, on Saturday, April 13th. Tower open at 2 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m., price 1s. per head. All are welcome.—E. Swain, Hon. Sec., 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Westmeon on Saturday, April 13th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 at the New Inn.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Lingfield on Saturday, April 13th, commencing at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Hon. Sec., Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—Feltham, Saturday, April 13th. Bells (8) from 3.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 in Railway Hotel. Book May 18th for Isleworth.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKS. — The bells will be dedicated by the Bishop of Sheffield to-morrow (Saturday), April 13th, at 7.30 p.m. The peal has been restored and augmented to eight bells by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The 55th annual general meeting will be held at Rochester, on Easter Monday, April 22nd. Committee meeting at 11. Association service in the Cathedral at 12 noon. Address by the Very Rev. the Dean of Rochester. Luncheon in the Corn Exchange at 1 o'clock, followed by the general meeting. The following towers will be open for ringing: Cathedral (10), 10.30-12, 3-4, 4.45-8.30; Rainham (8), after meeting till 8.30; Gillingham (8), Chatham (8), Frindsbury (8), Rochester, St. Margaret's (8), all from 10.30-11.30, and after meeting until 8.30. The nearest six-bell tower is about five miles distant, and arrangements will be made for same if requested. Tickets for luncheon (which includes reasonable refreshment), 1s. each to practising members, 3s. each others. Application for tickets must be made to the undersigned, together with remittance, on or before Tuesday, April 16th.—Fred M. Mitchell, Gen. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Easter meeting will be held at Richmond on Monday, April 22nd. Bells (8, tenor 13 cwt.) will be available for ringing all day. Dinner will be provided at Bishop Blaize Hotel at 1 p.m. Members 2s., non-members 2s. 6d., to those who notify secretary not later than Wednesday, April 17th.—E. Brown, 11, Ingram Road, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

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DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Ottery St. Mary on Easter Monday, April 22nd. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting, Church Institute, 5.15. All ringers welcome. Sidmouth Bells (8) available 6 p.m. by arrangement.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Easter Monday, Burton-on-Trent. Bells available: St. Paul's (10), from 10.30; Winshill (6), 11.30 to 12.30, 1.30 to 3.30, 6.30 to 7.30; Rolleston (8), 12 to 4. Committee meet 3 p.m. Short service at St. Paul's 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting in St. Paul's Institute 4.45, arranged only for those who apply for tickets (1s. 9d. each) by April 15th, from Mr. J. W. Cotton, Coronation Street, Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 22nd. Business meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House at 3 p.m. prompt. Chairman, the Very Rev. A. W. Davies, M.A., D.Litt., Dean. Service with address by the Dean in the Cathedral at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided at 6 p.m. for all those who notify me before Wednesday, April 17th. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 1 to 2.45; St. John-in-Bedwardine (8), All Saints' (10), St. Nicholas' (6), and St. Swithin's (6). Subscriptions should be paid and reports obtained in St. Helen's Church House between 12 noon and 1 p.m.—J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec., Shepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Norwich on Easter Monday, April 22nd. The bells of St. Peter Mancroft (12) and St. Michael-at-Coslany (8) and All Saints' (5) will be at the disposal of the members from 10 a.m. Divine service will be held in the Church of St. Peter Mancroft at 12.30 p.m., when the address will be given by the Rev. J. E. H. Williams, M.A., Rector of Acle. Luncheon will be served at the Bell Hotel, Orford Hill, at 1.30 p.m. Tickets, 2s. per head. The annual business meeting will follow immediately after the luncheon.—Arthur L. Coleman, Gen. Sec. and Treasurer, High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday, April 22nd. The bells of St. Paul (10) will be available from 10.30 a.m., St. Peter (6) later. Lunch at the Silver Grill at 1 p.m. Annual meeting to follow.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Mansfield on Easter Monday. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 p.m., 1s. each, to those who notify Mr. C. Carr, 3, Forest Road, Mansfield, by Thursday, April 18th.—J. W. England, Sec.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Llantrisant (Glam) on Easter Monday, April

22nd. Bells (8) available from 2 o'clock. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea and business meeting to follow.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Altery View, Newport, Mon.

PIDDINGTON, NORTHANTS.—The bells will be dedicated by the Bishop of Peterborough at 3 p.m. on Easter Tuesday. The ring of five has been restored and augmented to six by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Launton on Saturday, April 27th. Tower open 2 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea 4.15, followed by short business meeting. All ringers welcome. For tea please notify F. Sharpe, Launton, Bicester, Oxon, before April 25th.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A meeting will be held at Odiham and Upton Grey on Saturday, April 27th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in Odiham Church at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify by April 23rd, to Mr. E. Jarrold, Close Lodge, Odiham.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Secretary.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Sudbury on Saturday, April 27th. Bells at St. Peter's (8) and St. Gregory's (8) available all day. Service at St. Gregory's at 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Parish Hall at 5.15 at 1s. each. Meeting follows. Names to Mr. H. G. Herbert, 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting at Lincoln, April 27th. Service in the Morning Chapel of 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 24th.—F. W. Stokes, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—Annual meeting will be held at Ashton on Saturday, April 27th. Bells ready 3.30 p.m.—T. E. Loxton, Hon. Sec., 64, Currier Lane, Ashton-under-Lyne.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Sowton on Saturday, April 27th. Bells (8) at 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45. Meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than April 22nd.—R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ryde on Saturday, April 27th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.; followed by business meeting. Will all those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, April 23rd?—H. R. James, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Portland Street, Newport, Isle of Wight.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Holcombe Rogus on Saturday, April 27th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Monday, April 22nd?—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Bolton, on Saturday, April 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea in the School adjoining. Names please to Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton, Lanes.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at Pendlebury on Saturday, April 27th. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. All welcome.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The King's Jubilee. Two days before, namely, on Saturday, May 4th, the spring meeting will be held at Tunbridge Wells. The district secretary appeals to all ringers and hon. members to help make this a record meeting. Tower open 3.15. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Buses, Opera House to St. Peter's Church, every few minutes. Notify me of attendance by April 30th.—Alec Richardson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

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HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Sunday, April 7th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by the local band: Mrs. R. Biggs 1, R. Biggs (conductor) 2, A. G. Jones 3, H. Stratford 4, A. R. Blaby 5, A. Newton 6, F. Biggs 7, Joseph Evans 8.

SALFORD, LANCS.—On Sunday, March 31st, before evening service, at Sacred Trinity Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: John Bolton 1, Albert Lees 2, Harold Hollingworth 3, George Pye 4, Ralph Ravenscroft 5, Fred Page (conductor) 6, Harold Lees 7, Jack Wright. Ring as a compliment to Mr. A. Lees (local tower leader) on the occasion of the christening of his infant daughter.

LINCOLN.—At St. Botolph's Church, on Sunday, March 31st, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. L. Millhouse 1, F. Walker 2, C. S. Mayer 3, G. Mayer 4, K. W. Mayer 5, R. T. Sharpe (conductor) 6.

LONDON.—At St. Giles' Church, Camberwell, on Sunday, February 10th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Miss B. M. Mills 1, W. D. Grainger 2, G. Kenward 3, T. H. Taffender 4, E. J. King 5, W. Berry 6, W. Spice (conductor) 7, E. E. Peters 8. Specially arranged to oblige G. Kenward and W. Spice, of Tunstall, Kent.

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PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, February 10th, for evening service at St. Mary's, Portsea, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. W. Rogers 1, *Miss J. Pearce 2, *L. Pearson 3, A. T. Greenwood 4, J. D. Harris 5, J. Topp 6, T. R. Taylor (conductor) 7, *L. Duguid 8. * First quarter-peal of Stedman.

PRESTON, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, February 10th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bourne Surprise Minor (1,320 changes): F. Day (conductor) 1, R. Chambers 2, F. Hunt 3, C. Pryke 4, J. B. Hall 5, H. Hollocks 6. First quarter-peal of Bourne by all and in West Suffolk.

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LATE NOTICES.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Cambridge on Easter Monday. Ringing at St. Mary's, St. Andrew's, St. Bene't's and R.C. and at Chesterton and Clumpington. Service at St. Mary's 4 p.m. Tea at King's Parade Café 5 p.m., followed by annual meeting.—B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, Hon. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday. Towers of St. Peter's, St. Michael's and St. Stephen's open for ringing about 2 p.m. Service at Cathedral 4.30. Preacher, Rev. W. C. Stainsby, Rector of Great Berkhamstead. Tea at Abbey Institute after service, followed by business meeting. High tea 1s. 9d. each. Please let me know if you are taking tea, by first post Saturday, April 20th, to prevent disappointment. This is important.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, St. Albans.

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