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THE ENTHUSIASTS.

Few things in all the twenty-five years' existence of 'The Ringing World' have given us greater pleasure than the messages that have been reaching us from those readers who have supported the paper since its first number and whose names we are delighted to include in the 'Roll of Honour.' These letters have, in scores of cases, brought congratulations and compliments, which are most encouraging, but what has impressed us most of all has been the sense of loyalty revealed and the appreciation of the fact that the prosperity of the art of ringing depends very largely upon the maintenance of a journal devoted to its varied interests. These writers are, of course, all of them growing old in the art, for even a quarter of a century is a good spell in a man's life, but the loyalty of many of them goes back a good deal further than the first days of 'The Ringing World,' and a few even to the era before the 'Bell News.' They have always realised that the future success of change ringing has depended to a great degree upon the interchange of ideas, the extension of knowledge to the widest possible degree, and the co-ordination of the efforts of ringers in the main essentials. Without the medium of a journal this would be nearly, if not quite, impossible.

It is this realisation which we wish could be impressed to a greater degree upon those who think that a ringing paper is an unnecessary luxury and those who prefer to leave its support to others. One stumbling block to this is, of course, the fact that many ringers, indeed, from the number who actually support 'The Ringing World,' we can say the majority, have but a poor conception of the ideals of ringing. They have no ambition to make progress in the art, are content with what instruction they can get from their colleagues in the belfry, and, for the most part, only indifferently fill the office which they hold in the church. The ringer who fully appreciates the responsibilities of his office is the ringer who is also loyal to his colleagues and eager to advance in the art. He is not the man who thinks only of his paltry share in the loaves and fishes, or wonders what he can get out of it. He is the man who puts his best into it for the sake of the art and of the office that he holds. It is to the men of this type that ringing newspapers have always had to look for support in the past, and with them largely lies the difficult task of securing that support which will make the maintenance of their journal possible in the future. There are, we know, hundreds of ringers who have come into the Exercise since the first number of 'The Ringing World' was published, who are as keen

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and enthusiastic in their support of the paper as any whose names have appeared in the Roll of Honour. We thank them equally with the older readers, and hope that we may continue to merit their confidence and receive their help in inducing others to follow their example.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 4, 1936, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5037 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

*CHARLES H. WOODBERRY...Trebble	†FREDERICK G. HANDLEY ... 7
*WILLIAM SHORT... .. 2	†JOHN LLOYD 8
ROBERT MATTHEWS 3	†ERNEST CALCOTT 9
JOHN BASS 4	*JOHN SMITH 10
†JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. ... 5	WALTER FARLEY 11
†CHARLES W. COOPER ... 6	†JOHN HADDLETONTenor

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by CHAS. H. WOODBERRY

* First peal of Grandsire Cinques. † First peal of Cinques. First peal of Cinques as conductor, and first peal of Grandsire Cinques on the bells. Tenor man's first peal for 36 years. Quarterly peal for the branch.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, April 13, 1936, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Collegiate Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt. in C sharp.

FRANCIS BROTHERTON...Trebble	*SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY ... 7
HERBERT KNIGHT 2	HOWARD HOWELL 8
DANIEL T. MATKIN 3	JAMES GEORGE 9
BERT HORTON 4	*KENNETH W. KNOWLES ... 10
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 5	THOMAS J. ELTON 11
WILLIAM FISHER 6	†HARRY GRIFFITHSTenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by H. KNIGHT.

* First peal on 12 at first attempt and first in the method. † First peal. Rung for the Easter festival.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 4, 1936, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

No. 3 VERSION.

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

MRS. F. W. HOUSDEN ...Trebble	*FRANK E. DARBY 6
EDWARD G. TALBOT 2	†GEORGE W. STEERE 7
THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... 3	FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN ... 8
MRS. C. H. KIPPIN 4	TONY PRICE... .. 9
DANIEL D. COOPER 5	*CHARLES H. KIPPINTenor

Composed by FRANK E. DARBY. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

* 100th peal together. † First peal of London Royal. E. G. Talbot has now rung every bell in this tower to a peal.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 11, 1936, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Magnus-the-Martyr, London Bridge,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ERNEST J. KINGTrebble	ERNEST E. HOLMAN 6
THOMAS H. TAFENDER ... 2	ERNEST W. FURBANK... .. 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... .. 3	HERBERT E. ADDSLEY 8
CHARLES A. HUGHES 4	EDWARD D. SMITH 9
RAYMOND G. COUSENS ... 5	JACK A. WAUGHTenor

Composed by G. R. FARDON.

Conducted by ERNEST J. KING.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 13, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

CHARLES BUTCHER Treble	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 6
WILLIAM LOUD 2	WILLIAM C. WEST 7
CHARLES F. ANDREWS 3	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT 8
JAMES BILBY 4	GILBERT H. HARDING 9
JESSE FRANCIS 5	WILLIAM R. BAXTER Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by WILLIAM R. BAXTER.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Monday, April 13, 1936, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt.

FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ... Treble	GEORGE W. STEERE 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	GEORGE GILBERT 7
THOMAS BEVAN 3	*HARRY SEAR 8
ARTHUR G. MASON 4	EDWARD D. SMITH 9
ERNEST W. FORBANK 5	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING
* 150th peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 4, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

*HERBERT PARKIN Treble	JOHN A. DOWNING 5
HAROLD G. REYNOLDS 2	ALFRED C. PANKHURST 6
JAMES G. POWELL 3	ALFRED C. LEVETT 7
JACK SINDEN 4	GEORGE R. MARTIN Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED C. LEVETT.

* First peal. First peal on the bells for 24 years, and first peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, April 9, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM P. GARRETT Treble	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 5
PHYLLIS E. TILLET 2	FREDERICK C. CRAPNELL 6
HARRY R. ROPER 3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE 7
CHARLES CLARKE 4	JOHN F. TILLET Tenor

Composed by T. DAY. Conducted by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY.

Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of Margaret Elizabeth, wife of S. C. Reeve-Flaxman, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (son of the late Rev. A. E. Flaxman, M.A., Rector of Grundisburgh, 1894-1906), who passed away on April 7th.

BIRLING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 11, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

HARRY BAKER Treble	GEORGE KENWARD 5
CHARLES H. SONE 2	THOMAS E. SONE 6
WILLIAM WENBAN 3	STANLEY J. T. SHELLOCK 7
TOM SANDERS 4	LUTHER J. HONESS Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

First peal of Kent on the bells. The composition, No. 419, is rung for the first time.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, April 13, 1936, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 23 cwt.	
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... Treble	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 5
*DENNIS A. SYMONDS 2	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 6
GEORGE A. FLEMING 3	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 7
CHARLES CLARKE 4	*LEONARD OFFORD Tenor

Conducted by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY.

* First peal in the method.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTS

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 4, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Bankes James' Arrangement. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

GEORGE W. CREASEY ... Treble	MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 4
MISS KATHARINE BURCHNALL 2	*HAROLD DENMAN 5
JACK L. MILLHOUSE 3	*EDWARD DALINGWATER ... Tenor

Conducted by G. W. CREASEY.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.
First peal of Cambridge Minor for North Notts Association. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. Denman.

HOLBROOK, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 4, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

One extent each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's and Plain, and two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

OLIVER J. KIDBY ... Treble	*PERCY K. PARKER 4
*MISS PHYLLIS E. TILLET 2	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 5
WALTER E. LAZELL 3	EDWIN E. SIMPSON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. G. BROWN.

* First peal in five methods.

DROITWICH, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 4, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-DE-WITTON,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

*CHARLES HARRISON ... Treble	ALLEN MORGAN 4
†WILLIAM HARRISON 2	*JOHN H. COLLEY 5
*THOMAS H. YOUNG 3	WALTER H. RAXTER Tenor

Conducted by W. H. RAXTER.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal. First peal of Minor as conductor.

KEMPSTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 11, 1936, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 19 cwt.

CHARLES W. CLARKE ... Treble	NOEL WILES 4
HENRY W. GAYTON 2	HENRY STAPLETON 5
REGINALD WEST 3	PEARL INSKIP Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

The 150th peal rung together by ringers of treble and 2nd.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 11, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in nine methods, viz.: (1) Charlwood Delight, (2) St. Albans and Wragby Delight, (3) Charlwood and Neasden Delight, (4) Capel and Oxford Treble Bob, (5) Sandal and Oxford Treble Bob, (6) London Scholars' Pleasure and Oxford Treble Bob, and (7) Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

WILLIAM ATKINSON Treble	ERNEST BENNETT 4
KENNETH LEWIS 2	JOHN WORTH 5
ADAM T. MARSLAND 3	JAMES A. MILNER Tenor

Conducted by J. A. MILNER.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. S. Arden, a member of the local band, to Miss A. Brown, which took place at this church earlier in the day.

WHISTON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 11, 1936, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THÉ-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being eight six-scores of London Doubles, and 34 six-scores of Grandsire, with different callings. Tenor 15 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

*PERCY SMART Treble	PHILIP JONES 3
†WILFRED JOYCE 2	*CHARLES BOLL 4
PERCY AMOS Tenor	

Conducted by P. JONES.

* First peal and first attempt, and belong to Whiston belfry. † First peal in more than one method. First peal in more than one method on the bells.

GAMSTON, NOTTS.
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 11, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

MISS GRACE BURCHNALL Treble	ARTHUR MULVEY 4
MISS KATH. BURCHNALL ... 2	*JAMES W. RAITHEY 5
*CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ... 3	HAROLD DENMAN Tenor

Conducted by H. DENMAN.

* First peal in three methods. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss C. G. Salt, daughter of the Rector, to Mr. C. F. Perry, R.A.F., which took place earlier in the afternoon.

KELSTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 13, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's. Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDERICK STANTON Treble	CLAUDE S. KNOTT 4
*GEORGE J. HAWKINS 2	FREDERICK SAVAGE 5
GEORGE BAATZ 3	WILLIAM G. BROWN Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM G. BROWN.

* First peal of Minor. First peal by all the band except ringer of 2nd. Rung at first attempt.

HANDBELL PEAL.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 9, 1936, in Two Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
AT 20, ABERDEEN CRESCENT,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 17 in B flat.

ALFRED BARNES 1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY 5-6
JAMES W. WASHBROOK ... 3-4	PETER LAFLIN 7-8
HAROLD JACKSON 9-10	

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

Witness—Mrs. A. F. Bailey.

Rung for the 49th anniversary of Mr. A. Barnes' first peal (April 11th, 1887). It was his 101st handbell peal.

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REVERSING A METHOD.

In the last article we suggested that those who are interested in these elementary studies should endeavour to do a little 'method construction' on their own account, by writing out a course of Reverse New Bob from the lead of New Bob which we then printed. In reversing any method in which the treble conforms to a plain or treble bob hunt, the essential thing is to insert the places made by the working bells in the same relation to the treble going from back to front and front to back, as in the original method are inserted as the treble goes from front to back and back to front—reversed, as it were, in a looking glass.

For instance, in Grandsire Doubles you make 3rd's place as the treble leaves the lead going up. In Reverse Grandsire the place is made in 3rd's as the treble leaves the back on its way down. It happens that in Grandsire Doubles the place is 3rds, whether it be in the original or the reverse method. But if it were Grandsire Triples, the 3rd's place in the original, would actually be 5th's in the reverse, because 3rd's from behind, when you count the places, takes you actually into 5th's. In the same way in Minor, to reverse a 4th's place when the treble is hunting up, you must have a 3rd's place when the treble is hunting down.

Briefly, then, to reverse a method, use the same places, counted from the back and corresponding with the reversed position of the treble, as you used in the original counted from the front.

In New Bob, as it happens, the 3rd's places remain the same both in the original and the reverse, because 3rd's place is made on every possible occasion. The difference between the two methods is only in the transfer of the 2nd's place made when the treble leads to 4th's place when the treble has its whole pull behind.

Here is another way of getting it. Having written out one lead of the original version, write out each row of figures backwards. You will not be reversing the same lead, but you do reverse the method, and a complete course can be made up from any lead. Indeed, it may be an advantage to break away from the plain course. Below we put side by side a lead of the original and a reversed lead by writing the figures of the rows backward:—

12345	54321
21354	45312
23145	54132
32415	51423
23451	15432
32541	
23514	14523
32154	41532
31245	45123
13254	54213
	45231
13524	42531
31542	24513
35124	42153
53214	41235
35241	14253

While, however, the work is changed in the method from front to back, or vice versa, the bobs are still made when the treble is at the front, and consequently the calls affect the work in a different way. In the original version a bob does away with 2nd's place, when the treble leads, but in the reverse method it does away with the 3rd's place before the treble leads. Here is the difference in the bobs, as shown by the figures; try out for yourself its effect upon the sequence of the work of the method.

New Bob.	Reverse New Bob.
42531	35241
24351	32541
42315	23514
24135	32154
call bob 21453	31245
12435	13425
14235	14352
41253	41325
42135	43152
24315	34512

In each case, without the bob, the bells would have come round.

A six-score in either method can be obtained by a bob at any one lead in the first course, followed by bobs at the corresponding leads of the two succeeding courses.

Now try another bit of method construction. St. Dunstan's is a method built up like New Bob but without any 3rd's place made when the treble is above 3rd's. Can you write it out?

DINGLEY, NORTHANTS.—On Saturday, April 4th, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Doubles in 45 minutes, consisting of 240 changes each of Old Doubles, Plain Bob, Grandsire and London Doubles, and 300 changes of St. Simon's: P. Amos 1, E. Morris 2, J. Davey 3, R. Russell 4, P. Jones (conductor) 5. Rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal in seven methods. This is the greatest number of changes rung on the bells since 1929.

BELLS DEDICATED AT CODSALL, STAFFS. MEMORIAL TO FORMER RINGER.

It is not an easy task to describe the beauty and exquisite richness of the new ring of eight bells at Codsall, Staffs. From a ringer's point of view, the peal is perfect. They can be heard level and to nicety in the ringing room—there is no excuse for bad striking in this tower. From the non-ringer's point of view the bells have added to the amenity of the village, for in spite of the lightness of the peal it possesses a rich and pleasing quality with a depth of tone which causes 'weight judges' to be out in their calculations or guesses.

The dedication service on Sunday evening, April 5th, was an unforgettable occasion and one which made a very big impression upon the inhabitants of the village. In addition to the bells, there was the dedication of a credence table, churchwardens' staves and a churchyard gate, all of which was done by the Ven. Archdeacon of Stafford—perhaps, better known formerly as Canon Hodson—who later preached a very impressive sermon. It is, indeed, interesting to note that the Nonconformist friends shared in this enrichment of the church, and at this special service the lessons were read by the Rev. McMillan, of the Free Church in the village.

The ringing arrangements were in the hands of Messrs. Perry and Knight, and they are to be congratulated upon their selection of the opening band. There was no fault to find with the striking, and the touch of Grandsire Triples at the conclusion of the service demonstrated in no small way what can be done with these bells.

It seemed to surprise the inhabitants that so many visiting ringers should turn up and make so good use of the bells, ringing being kept up until a somewhat late hour.

We have it on good authority that an amusing incident occurred prior to the service. A cyclist was seen to arrive and approach the church in a somewhat furtive manner. After looking round, as though to see if the coast were clear, he disappeared through the door of the turret stairs. He was quickly followed by several people, who had heard someone remark, 'That chap's gone to take the tenor.' As could be expected, they were naturally perturbed for the safety of the bells and, thinking they were going to be robbed of a bell, chased up the stairs and caught him in the act of measuring the tenor! Happily he had some friends amongst the visiting ringers who could vouch for his integrity, otherwise Swindon might have been a ringer short for a few Sundays.

Mr. Charles Horrell, who had been mainly responsible for the restoration of the bells, was the most disappointed man of the day, as, owing to a riding accident, he was confined to his bed. We wish him a speedy recovery, and trust he will live long to hear and enjoy this fine peal of bells.

For many years Codsall has possessed a very mediocre peal of six with a tenor of about 9 cwt., whose ringing order caused ringers to give the tower a very wide berth, while, in addition to the poor running order, the ringing arrangements were far from pleasant, as one had to stand on boards that were laid on the backs of the pews. That has now been done away with, and a fine ringers' gallery has been erected. As for the bells themselves, they have been recast at the expense of the people of Codsall, and two treble bells given in pious memory of Edwin Moreton, an old ringer of Codsall. They are the gift of his daughters, the Misses Moreton, who have also given a memorial tablet. The augmented ring of eight is hung in a fine new framework. Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who were entrusted with the work, left no stone unturned to ensure a perfectly satisfactory job from every point of view, and they have provided a peal of fine musical tone which has even exceeded the most optimistic expectations of the Church authorities, whose joy and thankfulness were expressed to the firm's representative, Mr. John P. Fidler, time and time again. From the peal ringer's point of view here is a peal ideal in every way.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Archdeaconry of Ely Branch was held at Ickleton on Saturday, April 4th. With quite a representative gathering from the district, members from the Central Branch and visitors from Essex and Hertfordshire, the reputation of the Ickleton meetings was well maintained. Ringing commenced with rounds (perhaps some clever person will say it always does) at about 3 p.m., and finished with a course of London Surprise Major at about 8.30.

The Vicar, who conducted the service, in the course of his address referred to the great loss the association has sustained in the tragic death of the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake.

All are grateful to Mr. P. Webb, of the local band, for making the arrangements for the meeting.

THE MASONIC PEAL BOOK.

VOLUME DEPOSITED IN GRAND LODGE.

For the information of ringing brethren, Mr. F. White asks us to publish the following with regard to the Masonic Peal Book:—

The book is deposited in, and is the sole property of, the Grand Lodge of England.

The Grand Librarian will issue sheets for the writing of peals to a recognised writer on application, and has agreed to insert the sheets in the book. The address is 'The Grand Librarian, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London, W.C.'

Mr. J. Holland, of 9, Rolis Passage, Chancery Lane, E.C.4, has written the last few peals, and is agreeable to do them in future at the same rate as originally arranged with the late Mr. Scarborough, viz., 8s. per peal. (It is, of course, not intended that Mr. Holland should have the monopoly, but he is on the spot and his terms are moderate.)

Details of the ringers are restricted to the title (Bro. or W.Bro.), and the number and name of one Lodge. Other titles, such as Provincial or Grand rank or other degrees are omitted. Footnotes are also restricted to matters of purely Masonic interest. The details of the book, as shown in the bill, are: 'The leaves are of Jap vellum, gilt edges, book sewn in sutured silk, silk ends, sewn blue silk, and the book is bound in Sumach tanned morocco of a Masonic blue, and the lettering of embellishments are of pure gold.' The cost was £7 7s., exclusive of the illuminating of the front page, which cost a further 18s. Every care has been taken to ensure that all peals rung by Freemasons have been written in the book, but if any have been inadvertently missed, will the conductor kindly inform Mr. F. White, Westfield, Cranbrook, to whom no further reports should be sent. The peals recorded are as follow:—

- 4/12/1919.—St. Clement's, Strand. Grandsire Caters.
- 29/3/1924.—Garston, Lancs. Kent Major.
- 14/2/1925.—Bushey, Herts. Stedman Triples.
- 27/2/1926.—St. Barnabas', Erdington. Stedman Triples.
- 24/4/1926.—St. Alphage, Solihull. Stedman Caters.
- 17/7/1926.—Cheimsford Cathedral. Stedman Triples.
- 9/4/1927.—Crayford. Cambridge Major.
- 31/10/1927.—Chester-le-Street. Stedman Triples.
- 19/11/1927.—St. Alphage, Solihull. Kent Royal.
- 4/1/1930.—St. Mary's, Liverpool. Minor in seven methods.
- 4/4/1930.—Colerne, Wilts. Grandsire Triples.
- 18/10/1930.—Halewood, Lancs. Double Norwich.
- 15/11/1930.—Melksham, Wilts. Grandsire Triples.
- 7/3/1931.—Stepney. Kent Royal.
- 21/3/1931.—St. Albans (Abbey). Superlative.
- 25/7/1931.—Shoreditch. Kent Maximus.
- 3/5/1932.—St. John's, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Stedman Triples.
- 3/2/1934.—St. Barnabas', Erdington. Grandsire Triples.
- 22/9/1934.—Crayford. Bob Major.
- 26/1/1935.—Edgbaston, Birmingham. Stedman Triples.
- 28/10/1935.—St. Olave's, Hart Street, London. Stedman Triples.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

NUTFIELD REVISITED AFTER 16 YEARS.

A quarterly meeting of the Surrey Association (Southern District) was held at Nutfield, which was visited on Saturday, March 28th, after an absence of 16 years. Thirty-four members attended from Reigate, Redhill, Merstham, Buckland, Horley, Dorking, Capel, Croydon, Beddington, Swindon, Godstone, Burstow and Lingfield. Ringing was followed by a service, conducted by the Rev. Hartwell Jones, who gave an inspiring address. The lesson was read by Alderman Temple Newell, J.P. Tea was served in the Club Room, and the Vicar presided at the business meeting, at which it was reported that five peals were rung during the last quarter.

It was proposed to attempt the next quarterly peal at Betchworth, the method to be Cambridge Surprise Major, and the conductor Mr. R. V. Fuller.

The election of five new members previous to peals was ratified.

Notice was given that a joint meeting with the Sussex Association would be held at Crawley in May, and the next quarterly meeting at Buckland on June 27th.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and to Mr. and Mrs. Moon and the ladies for the excellent arrangements at the tea.

The Secretary recalled the fact that it was 16 years since a meeting was held at Nutfield. The Vicar, in reply, gave the association a welcome to Nutfield.

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT ST. ALBANS.

Rev. R. F. R. Routh elected President.

After ringing on the bells of the Abbey, St. Peter's, St. Stephen's and St. Michael's Churches, St. Albans, and at Sandridge, on Easter Monday, members of the Hertford County Association attended evening song at St. Albans Abbey, at which a special address was given by the Rev. E. H. Evans, of Hertford.

They afterwards assembled for tea and the annual meeting of the association at the Abbey Institute. The Archdeacon (the Ven. H. A. Skelton) presided, and extended a cordial welcome to the company, which represented over 30 parishes and included ringers from outside the county.

The annual report, presented by the hon. secretary (Mr. G. W. Cartmel), and the statement of accounts, submitted by the hon. treasurer (Mr. G. E. Debenham), were adopted. The general fund showed a balance in hand of £7 10s. 9d., as against £8 11s. 5d. at the beginning of the year. The credit balance of the Benevolent Fund had been increased by £3 6s. 8d., bringing the total to £16 8s. 2d., and a Voluntary Bell Fund had been opened.

THE HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT.

In his survey of the past year's work, the Hon. Secretary said: Whilst the world has been unsettled in political and economic conditions, and in a position of not knowing what a day may bring forth, bellringing has been carried on in our villages, hamlets, cities and towns as usual, the bells sounding out their warnings and also their jubilant notes of praise and thanksgiving to the world at large. As to the work of the association, I can confidently say that it has fully maintained its traditions both in the variety and standard of methods practised, and peals rung. Whilst numerically a small association, our ringing achievements are without rival. Five peals of London Surprise Major, and a peal of Spliced London and Cambridge Surprise Major rung double-handed on handbells by Messrs. H. G. Cashmore, C. W. Woolley, H. Hodgetts and F. W. Brinklow stands pre-eminent as the highest accomplishment in change ringing. Then there is the first peal of Eryri Major rung at Bushey (an enlargement of Bristol Surprise Major). It is interesting to recall that the method was practised by Mr. G. N. Price and his band at Oxhey 25 years ago, but was abandoned because no true composition could be found of peal length. Also a peal of Wembley Surprise Major rung without previous practice by any member of the band, being the first ever rung. At Bushey Heath a peal of Spliced Surprise Major, the first in the county by a resident band, has also been rung.

The peal list comprises 49 on tower bells and 22 on handbells, rung in nearly all the standard methods. The first peal of Stedman Cinques at the Cathedral is also another worthy record for the association, in which seven scored their first peal of Cinques. It was an excellent peal throughout, and has been fittingly commemorated by the erection of a peal board.

Progress has been made in higher methods by several bands. Congratulations are given to the Abbots Langley band on their success in ringing their first local peal, of which they are justly proud. It is noticeable that, whilst a great number have rung their first in different methods, only four have rung their first peal, three of whom were in the Abbots Langley peal. There have been 26 conductors, Mr. H. G. Cashmore heading the list with nineteen.

At the last annual meeting a voluntary bell restoration fund was brought into being at the suggestion of the president. I have received several applications from parishes in the county asking whether we had a fund to help bell restoration, but have always had to give a negative reply. I trust a liberal response will soon enable our treasurer to add more to the account he has already opened at the Westminster Bank.

FOUR MEMBERS FOR CENTRAL COUNCIL.

In drawing attention to the report by Mr. W. Ayre, on the last Central Council meeting, the Hon. Secretary pointed out that under the new rule regarding representation which comes into force at the Whitsun meeting, Hertfordshire is entitled to four representatives, and the committee decided to be fully represented on the Council, and names would be submitted to that meeting. The report continued:—

Bellfounders have been busy in the county in adding to and reconditioning existing peals, notably the augmentation of the Cathedral bells to a ring of twelve on Jubilee Day, Monday, May 6th.

The Dean of St. Albans (E. H. L. Henderson) has left us, but I would place on record our appreciation of the many services he has rendered to our association, and we owe to him the idea of a ring of twelve. As soon as the appeal was issued, success seemed assured, for very quickly Dr. and Mrs. Madge promised the treble and Mr. W. W. Worthington, of Lichfield (one of our members), the third. The second was given by members in memory of Mr. Edward P. Debenham, our president, and the fourth was by public subscription.

'The Ringing World' has recently completed its Silver Jubilee, and I would offer to Mr. Goldsmith thanks for the services he has rendered by the publication of his weekly journal. The writing of a weekly article and the sub-editing of a miscellaneous collection of reports needs a well-balanced judgment if it is to meet the wishes of its supporters. These conditions have been fulfilled. In the Jubilee number Mr. Goldsmith made an appeal for more generous support. He reminded us that the hand that has guided the paper for 25

years cannot go on indefinitely, and expresses fear for the future of the journal when his life's work is done. It would mean disaster to ringing generally if the publication stopped. I am confident that a five per cent. increase in sales would go a long way to stabilise future publishing. The Herts County Association has been to the fore on many occasions, so let us see to it that the future of 'The Ringing World' (as far as we are concerned) is removed from the danger zone, and is assured to at least the present generation.

It has been decided to commemorate the life-work of William Pye by raising a fund to augment the ring of six at Leytonstone to a peal of eight, and we have been asked to join the scheme. No words of mine are needed to extol his wonderful achievements and the impetus his life must have given to the advancement of change ringing.

CHANGES IN DISTRICT MANAGEMENT.

The excellent work of our district secretaries is appreciated by every member, and we thank them. It is a most important work, upon which our progress in change ringing chiefly depends. Your committee have recently revised the general rules which will be submitted to you to-day, the general principles of which I trust will meet with your approval. It is suggested that each district has its own committee of management, the size of that committee being left to the discretion of the members. The government of the association will be vested in the president, treasurer, general secretary, assistant secretary (if any), the five district secretaries, and two elected representatives from each district committee. Only members in their respective districts will be allowed to vote at district meetings, although other members may speak at the chairman's invitation. This will form a thoroughly representative committee, and should lead to increased interest and advancement in each district.

It is satisfactory to notice that many services have been arranged at district meetings. This is a welcome asset, and I feel sure meets with the approval of ringers generally.

The Benevolent Fund has now a useful balance at the bank. Thanks to the general good health and prosperity of our members, no demands have been made upon the funds, and we are in the happy position, should occasion arise, with the approval of the general committee, to help any contributory member needing assistance. May the day be not far distant when every band will consider it a privilege to send its yearly contribution.

We are again indebted to the clergy for granting permission to hold the various quarterly meetings, for the services they have arranged and general interest taken in our work; also to those who have granted their towers for peals and afterwards, perhaps, borne the brunt of complaints, when the ringers have gone. It has been a successful year, and I venture to predict further advance if the revised rules are accepted, for they will diffuse a greater share of responsibility to the committee in each district, and a backing to the district secretaries which has hitherto been lacking.

It was decided to contribute £1 1s. to the William Pye Memorial Fund.

Mr. E. Jennings (Preston) was elected a non-resident member of the association, and Messrs. L. Hansell (St. Albans), J. White (St. Albans) and the Rev. W. T. Rickett (Tring) were elected ringing members.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Rev. R. F. R. Routh, of Hitchin, was unanimously elected president, and in returning thanks he expressed regret that the retiring president (Mr. W. Ayre) was unable to be present, owing to a family bereavement. Other officers elected were: Hon. treasurer, Mr. G. E. Debenham; hon. secretary, Mr. G. W. Cartmel; assistant hon. secretary, Mr. George Debenham; hon. librarian, Mr. H. P. Frost; hon. auditor, Mr. W. Mercer; Central Council representatives, the Rev. R. F. R. Routh, Messrs. W. Ayre, H. E. C. Goodenough and C. W. Woolley; district secretaries, Messrs. D. C. Mears (Northern), W. H. Lawrence (Eastern), W. Nash (St. Albans), C. H. Horton (Watford) and W. Ayre (Western).

The revised rules, as submitted to the bands, with the exception of Rule 3, which was amended to include members of Luton, Stammore and Edmonton towers, were approved.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. E. H. Evans for his address.

It was decided to send a letter of condolence to the family of the late Mr. J. Frewett, one-time hon. auditor of the association.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. BIG DISTRICT MEETING AT HEADCORN.

The meeting of the Ashford District of the Kent County Association, in conjunction with the Romney Marsh Guild, held at Headcorn on Saturday, April 4th (having been postponed from March 21st), was attended by over 60 ringers and their friends from Ashford, Canterbury Cathedral, Gravesend, Hawkhurst, Hythe, Linton, Little Chart, Newington, Sturry, St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Tenterden, Throwley and the local tower.

The bells were raised about 3 p.m., and kept busy until 4.30, when the usual service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. J. G. Pope). Mrs. Pope presided at the organ.

Tea proved quite a problem, for although all were under one roof they were in three rooms, and some time elapsed before all were accommodated. As any kind of business meeting was out of the question under such conditions, the party afterwards returned to the tower, and the business of both societies was transacted there, the Vicar being in the chair.

Minutes of three previous meetings were read and passed.

A short discussion of the proposed new rules of the Kent Association took place, but it was pointed out that nothing could be done at that meeting except explain, if necessary, any point that was not clear. All hands had been sent a copy of the proposals to compare with the existing rules, and their job was to vote for or against the alterations at the annual meeting on Easter Monday.

Eleven new members were elected, viz., three from New Romney, one from Headcorn, two from Newington, two from Stowting, one from Hythe, and two from Tenterden.

The Guild had, among other things, one peal to report, and it was decided to accept an invitation to hold the next meeting at Newington, Folkestone, on Saturday, May 2nd.

The Vicar was thanked for all he had done in connection with the meeting, also Mrs. Pope for her valuable assistance at the organ.—In replying, the Vicar said he was always pleased to have the ringers at Headcorn, and especially in this case, as he had met once more a number of his friends from his last parish of Hythe.

The bells were then brought into use again, everyone being catered for from rounds for the beginners to Cambridge for the more advanced. A most enjoyable afternoon came to an end by lowering the bells in peal.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Sunday, March 29th, for Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Kinchin 1, W. Rawlings 2, H. Price 3, C. R. Steed 4, W. Cockings 5, H. Brookes 6, V. B. Hunt (conductor) 7, H. Preedy 8.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

CONGRATULATIONS TO 'THE RINGING WORLD.'

A quarterly meeting of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at Edgbaston Parish Church on Saturday, April 4th. About 40 members attended, and the bells, a nice ring of eight, tenor about 10 cwt., were kept going in various methods from Grand-sire Triples to London Surprise Major.

The Vicar of Edgbaston, Canon Stuart Blofeld, who is also an hon. member of the Guild, conducted the Guild's service and gave a very interesting and helpful address on the dignity of the office of bell-ringers and the necessity of ringing to the best of one's ability.

Tea was partaken of in the schoolroom, and this was followed by the business meeting, at which Mr. Councillor Paddon Smith presided, in the absence of the Master, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, who was unavoidably absent at Lincoln.

Mr. Paddon Smith was again unanimously re-elected the Guild's representative on the Central Council for the ensuing session.

Mr. Frederick V. Nicholls, of Stourbridge, was elected a life member, and Messrs. W. L. Whiston, of Handsworth, and J. W. Pettigrew, of Aston, were elected full ringing members.

It was decided to hold the bi-quarterly meeting at Bishop Ryder's Church, Birmingham, on Saturday, May 9th, and the quarterly meeting at the Parish Church, Knowle, on Saturday, July 4th.

On the proposition of Mr. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. J. H. Shepherd, it was unanimously agreed that a letter of congratulation and thanks be sent to the Editor of 'The Ringing World' on its attaining its Silver Jubilee.

The Secretary suggested that the best way to show appreciation was to become regular subscribers to the paper, and urged anyone present who was not already a subscriber to send his order along without delay.

On a show of hands it was found that seven members present had been regular subscribers since the first issue.

The Chairman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his address at the service, to the churchwardens who had kindly provided the tea, to Mr. Freemantle for making the local arrangements, and to the ladies who had so efficiently served the tea. It had been a happy gathering, and everyone had enjoyed it.

The Vicar, responding, said it was always a pleasure to entertain the Guild at Edgbaston. He particularly missed the Master that afternoon, but was pleased to know that he was recovering from his prolonged illness.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Will Mr. A. J. Harding, late of Webb's Road, Clapham Junction, S.W., please get into communication at once with Mr. T. W. Taffender, hon. secretary, London County Association, 26, Southway, Raynes Park, S.W.20?

Owing to the illness of the Bishop of Peterborough the dedication of the bells at Paulerspury and Cosgrove has been postponed. A notice will appear in due course when another date has been decided upon.

The ring of eight bells of St. Michael's Church, Yorktown, Camberley, Surrey, is to be rehung with new fittings in a new frame by John Taylor and Co.

After a lapse of 24 years another peal has been rung on the ring of steel bells at St. Clement's Church, Hastings. They were cast about 70 or 80 years ago by Vickers, of Sheffield. There are happily only one or two other such peals about, one being at Randwick, Sydney, on which the tourists to Australia had the pleasure(?) of ringing during their stay in that city.

Mr. James George has been appointed Vicar's warden at Bishop Ryder's Church, Birmingham.

By the way, Mr. George—he is 82—rang the ninth to a peal of Stedman Cinques at Wolverhampton on Monday, and when it was finished offered to ring the tenor (33 cwt.) to a peal of Bob Major! He could probably have done it, but the public had to be thought of.

Lavenham bells will be heard on the Regional wavelength on Sunday evening in a 'half-hour programme' from that village at 10.15 p.m. Handbell ringing will also be heard.

A clerical ringing week, with headquarters at Hereford, will begin next Monday.

THE SOUTHWARK CINQUES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was very sorry indeed to read in 'The Ringing World' that the composition of the long peal of Stedman Cinques at Southwark, in 1923, was false, and I extend my sympathy to those who took part in it.

That it was magnificent ringing, I can testify from the account given to me by my father.

He set out that morning intending to catch a train about 11 a.m. to Salisbury, where the Central Council were meeting. Having previously looked out his trains, I was surprised when he came in to say good-bye an hour or so earlier than I expected. On inquiring the reason for such an early start, he said, 'I want to listen to some of that peal at Southwark.'

When he returned home on the Wednesday, I asked him if he had had a good time. He replied, 'Yes, I didn't get down to Salisbury until after 7 o'clock on Monday. I simply could not come away from Southwark. Never, in my life, have I heard such beautiful ringing. Periodically I would take off course-ends as they came up, and Mr. Cockerill would check them with his figures. If only I could have been certain of getting a bed at Salisbury, I would not have come away until the end.'

If my father were alive to-day, I am sure that his disappointment would be almost as great as that of the band.

E. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

SPLICED SURPRISE IN MIDDLESEX AND ELSEWHERE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Congratulations to Mr. James Hunt on his belated conversion. From being a decided objector to splicing on the 'lead' plan he has become such an admirer that he describes a recent peal on this plan as 'the best ever.'

I would remind him that the peal rung at Staines was real Spliced—it was not laminated, it does not contain full courses of any method rung, but it is a typical example of the class of peal that the resolution so strenuously opposed by him at the last meeting of the Council was designed to protect.

Mr. Hunt, like most of us, lives and learns, but he still has a long way to go.

C. T. COLES.

PEALS OVERLOOKED.

Dear Sir,—On behalf of the band which rang the seven-method Surprise Major peal at St. Mary's, Staines, I would like to thank Mr. Hunt for his letter published in the last issue of 'The Ringing World.' Whilst congratulating him in so changing his opinions as to express his approval of spliced peals which do not contain a full course of each method rung, I feel that in describing our performance as 'the best ever' he has overlooked the series of peals composed by A. J. Pitman and conducted by the late William Fye, culminating in the peal in twelve methods rung at St. Mary's, Ealing, in 1931.

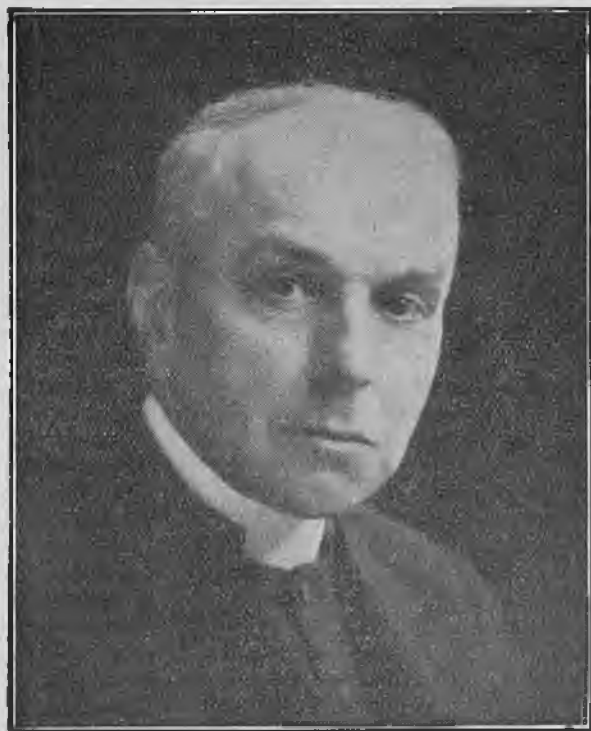
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DEATH OF CANON H. J. ELSEE. **LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION'S PRESIDENT FOR** **45 YEARS.**

An Original Member of the Central Council.

It is with profound regret that we have to announce the sudden death on Good Friday of the Rev. Canon Henry John Elsee, M.A., for almost 40 years Vicar of St. George's, Bolton, and President of the Lancashire Association for more than 45 years. His passing removes a revered and much loved figure from the Church in Lancashire and creates a void in the Exercise which it will be difficult to fill.



THE LATE REV. CANON H. J. ELSEE.

Canon Elsee died with tragic suddenness, yet probably in a manner and at a time that he would, if he could, himself have chosen. He had gone straight from a service at the Parish Church in the afternoon to visit a sick person, and while at the bedside he collapsed and was dead before he could be conveyed to hospital.

He had preached in his own church in the morning, and his text was almost prophetic, Christ's last words on the Cross: 'It is finished.' Canon Elsee that day finished his course, after a life devoted to the good of his fellow-men.

During 40 years at St. George's Church, Bolton, his vicariate was notable in many ways. Not only did he establish himself in the affection of his parishioners, but he was a leader of religious life and social work in this busy industrial town. Some 25 years ago he undertook a scheme of reconstruction of the old church, which was reopened in 1911 after an expenditure of about £10,000, and it was characteristic of him that in the very last issue of his parish magazine he should offer £100, towards a sum of £500 required to clear the debt on the Church House and redecorate the church, 'in token of my gratitude for the years which I have spent at St. George's.'

Canon Elsee was appointed an honorary canon of Manchester Cathedral in 1918, and in 1927-28 spent nearly a year visiting S.P.G. missions in Southern Rhodesia. In 1930 he was appointed Rural Dean of Bolton, and in 1931 a proctor in Convocation.

HIS INTEREST IN RINGING.

Outside his work, Canon Elsee's only hobby was bellringing. Born at Rugby in 1863, he learned to ring a bell when he was but nine or ten years of age. It was Benjamin Voos, the old sexton of the Parish Church, who taught him, the ancient custom of ringing the Curfew providing him with the opportunity. Afterwards the youthful pupil learned to ring Grandsire Doubles on the old five bells,

which still hang in the western tower of the church. Rugby is one of the very few churches that possess two towers and two rings of bells. The one at the eastern end now has a peal of eight.

Canon Elsee was at Rugby School from 1876 to 1882, when he went up to St. John's College, Cambridge. There he became a member of the University Guild, which had been established in 1879, and here he learned more of the science of ringing, which up to that time had been limited to five bells. In those days the members included some who afterwards occupied a noteworthy place in the Exercise, among them, of course, the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, the president, to whom every ringer who has graduated at Cambridge owes a great debt. Among the undergraduates who were then practising were those who afterwards became Canon W. W. C. Baker, Rev. R. Copeman, Rev. W. C. Pearson and Professor M. C. Potter. In 1882 the young Guild was strengthened by the advent of the late Rev. H. B. Woolley and Mr. J. T. Rickman, in addition to Canon Elsee. In 1883 and 1884, Canon Elsee was secretary and treasurer of the Guild, and in 1885 and 1886 conductor, an office which later was merged into that of Master. He became a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths in 1884.

Canon Elsee was ordained in 1886 at Ely, and for a year was curate of Horningssea, four miles out of Cambridge, where there were five bells. In 1887 he went to Manchester, and for nearly nine years was curate of St. Andrew's, Ancoats. Here there was only one bell, but Canon Elsee used frequently to get practice at the Cathedral, where he rang his first peal—Grandsire Caters—in 1888.

In 1896 he was appointed to the care of St. George's, Bolton. The church has a ring of eight bells by Rudhall, but owing to its situation in the middle of a populous area, peal ringing has had to be considerably limited.

PRESIDENT OF THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

From the time Mr. Elsee went to Manchester he actively interested himself in the affairs of the Lancashire Association. In 1889 he was elected vice-president and was made president in the following year, so that he has occupied this office for nearly 46 years, amid the growing respect and esteem of the members.

He has represented the Lancashire Association on the Central Council since it was founded in 1891, and his opinions always carried the greatest weight on this body. There are, we believe, only two other members remaining who were elected to the first Council, viz., Canon G. F. Coleridge and Mr. George Williams.

Canon Elsee's parochial duties prevented him from any very extensive peal ringing, and he did not keep any record of these performances. He had, however, rung peals of Grandsire Triples, Caters and Cinques, Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques, Plain Bob Major and Royal, Treble Bob Major, Royal and Maximus, and Double Norwich Major.

It is a sad reflection that only three weeks ago Canon Elsee unveiled in his own tower two peal boards, one recording the only peal of Stedman rung on the bells, a performance which took place in October, 1900. For the unveiling, recorded in our last issue, four of the band were present—Mr. A. E. Wreaks, now of Paisley, Mr. Thomas Peers, of Heysham, and Mr. Henry Moss, with Canon Elsee.

Canon Elsee was a bachelor, and is survived by a brother, Canon Charles Elsee, Vicar of St. Guthbert's, Hunslet, Leeds, and two sisters, who reside in North Wales.

The funeral service took place at St. George's, Bolton, on Wednesday, prior to interment at Clynog, Caernarvon.

THE NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.

NORTON RINGERS' SERVICES.

A meeting of the North Staffs and District Association was held at Norton on Saturday, April 4th. Fifty-two were present from Brown Edge, Bucknall, Burslem, Biddulph, Cheadle, Crewe, Draycott, King'sley, Lawton, Longton, Newcastle, Norton, Uttoxeter and Wistaston. Tea was provided by the Norton ringers in the Church Institute.

The Rector (Rev. J. G. Hamlet) was present; he should be an ideal ringers' parson, by the way he praises his ringers. He is proud of the fact that the services of his nine ringers total 189 years.

The usual vote of thanks was passed, and nine new members elected. Everyone had a very enjoyable time, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, and Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Woodbine, Cambridge, Wells, Norwich Surprise, York and London Minor were rung during the afternoon and evening.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A very enjoyable meeting of the Eastern District of the Herts County Association was held at Sawbridgeworth on March 28th, when about 30 members and friends attended from Broxbourne, Harlow, Stansted, Waltham Abbey, London, Chelmsford, Springfield, Nazeing, Sawbridgeworth and Little Munden. A service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Goudge).

The business meeting was presided over by Mr. W. Morris, of Sawbridgeworth. Sawbridgeworth is situated upon the extreme eastern edge of Herts, and still retains much of its old-world appearance around the church. The bells are still ringable, although beginning to need the attention of a bellhanger, and hopes are entertained that they may be overhauled. The methods rung ranged from Grandsire to Double Norwich, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise.

THE ROLL OF HONOUR.

GROWING LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS FOR 25 YEARS.

Old Readers Write of Value of 'The Ringing World'

Readers of 'The Ringing World' who have been subscribers to the journal from the first number until to-day make a proud list, and there are more to come. Those who have not yet sent their names and addresses should do so at once.

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INTERESTING POINTS FROM READERS' LETTERS.

The names of those readers who have supported 'The Ringing World' from the first number up to the present time continue to flow in and with them interesting and encouraging messages. It is impossible for us to quote from even a tithe of the letters we have received, but we hope that all who have written to us will accept our thanks.

Many who have subscribed to 'The Ringing World' from its beginning had previously subscribed to other ringing papers for a number of years. For instance, there is Mr. John Jaggard, who has purchased all the ringing papers since 1876. Then Mr. William Story and Mr. C. L. Routledge, of Newcastle, Mr. W. T. Pates, of Cheltenham, Mr. G. Condick, of Gloucester, Rev. W. Pearson, of Henley, Suffolk, tell us that they have not only taken every copy of 'The Ringing World,' but were subscribers to 'The Bell News' from its foundation. Numerous other ringers gave their support to the old papers from the early eighties onward, among them Mr. C. Draper, of Duffield, Mr. W. Bellows, of Skipton, Yorks, who began ringing in 1876, and is now 78 years of age, Mr. E. A. Bacon, of Loughton, Essex, Mr. W. G. Easter, of Gillingham, Kent, Mr. W. Haigh, of Etchingham, Sussex, Mr. W. J. Nevard, of Great Bentley, Essex, and Mr. F. E. Dawe, of Woking.

Mr. J. Puleet, of Tring, who is now 65, has been reading the ringing papers ever since he was twelve years of age, while the number who have supported a ringing paper for over 40 years would make a long list.

Some of our readers indicate the value 'The Ringing World' has been to them in various ways. Here are a few taken at random: Mr. Percy Webb, of Ickleton, Cambs, says: 'I have been to many meetings, have rung on many bells and made many friends, which would not have been possible had it not been for 'The Ringing World.' Mr. R. Whittington, of Cranleigh, says that, 'Looking over the interesting happenings that have been recorded, many containing references to old friends who have now passed away, brings back very happy memories to me and my wife of our peregrinations all over England on our tandem.'

Mr. C. H. Howard, formerly Master of the Essex Association, says, 'Although I am not now able to take an active part in ringing, or attend association meetings, it still gives me great pleasure to read of the activities of my old ringing friends.'

'It would not be Friday without 'The Ringing World,' writes Mr. Warren S. Hornbrook, of Plymouth. 'I invariably read each issue from date to imprint, and enjoy every "stickful." 'May I,' he adds, 'congratulate the Printer's Reader on its accuracy. It is a very rare event for an error to get past him.'

That is a tribute which we should like to endorse.

We know of many readers who on Friday morning look first to 'The Ringing World' before their daily paper. Mr. F. L. Wilson, of Wincanton, says he 'would rather go without lunch any Friday than miss "The Ringing World."'

WAR MADE NO BREAK.

A number of readers kept up their contact with ringing through the Great War by means of 'The Ringing World.' Mr. Pearl Inskip, of Kempston, Beds, for instance, received it week by week for the whole four years in France, and the paper followed others to nearly every area of the campaign.

Another correspondent emphasises the point that his interest does not finish when he has purchased his weekly copy. Mr. O. T. Coles, hon. secretary of the Middlesex Association, says, 'I have taken (AND READ) "The Ringing World" from No. 1 to date, and have the complete set.'

Mr. J. P. Hyett, J.P., tells us that he is in some doubt as to whose name should be entered in the 'Roll of Honour,' as his wife has very cheerfully paid for each copy. He adds that he must be among the very small band of J.P. subscribers.

Mr. J. T. Dyke, hon. secretary of the Bath and Wells Association, in informing us that he bought the first number and all subsequent ones, adds, 'I well remember sneaking out of college during the Friday mornings to get to the newsagent at the corner.'

The 'first and last reader' in the British Isles is Dr. J. Symons, of Penzance, the octogenarian president of the Truro Diocesan Guild, who was an original subscriber and continues 'an eager reader of our journal.'

Mr. George Lewis, of Sheffield, another of those who have taken every number, says it was his privilege to take part in the first peal published in 'The Ringing World,' viz., a peal of Maximus at Sheffield, nine of the band being still alive.'

Mr. F. E. Dawe reminds us that the first letter that appeared in 'The Ringing World' was from his pen. No one has been a warmer advocate of this journal than he has.

And here is a hint that we pass on to others. Mr. Storer W. West, churchwarden of Whitwick, Leicestershire, referring to the fact that he has taken all the ringing papers since 1891, says, 'I have also not forgotten the firms and business men who have advertised in the ringing papers.'

When 'The Ringing World' first appeared, and was ordered by Mr. R. T. Holding, jun., his father, who was a staunch supporter of 'Bell News,' thought it was 'another flash in the pan,' and chipped him good and hard when the newsagent delivered 'The Ringing World.' 'Needless to say,' adds Mr. Holding, 'the mistake was soon remedied, and I always look forward to your next issue.'

Mr. W. Shepherd recalls 'Ringers' Day' at the Crystal Palace in 1911, 'one of your best ventures.' 'Since then,' he adds, 'you have kept on and on with an uphill task always in front of you, for it is not appreciated even now that one copy per band is not enough, and that one copy per ringer is surely the duty. I was always taught as a boy to buy my own copy, and not lend it to others for a cheap read.'

A MEMENTO FROM GLOUCESTER.

A gift which we shall cherish very much has come to us from Mr. John Austin, of Gloucester. In his letter, informing us that he has taken the ringing papers from 1885, when he rang his first peal, he says, 'I am sending you a small memento of your 25 years' service to the art, a bell out of the canons of Thornbury bells, which was presented to me when we rang our first peal of Cambridge Royal.' The record is inscribed on the bell, and that peal was the commencement of Surprise Royal and Maximus as we know it to-day. As a matter of fact, Mr. Austin was the first man to call a bob in Cambridge Maximus, but singularly he has never yet rung a peal of it.

'I wonder how many on the 'Roll of Honour' possess a first copy?' asks the Rev. E. V. Cox, president of the Devonshire Guild, who makes a practical suggestion, 'Let all on the "Roll" get a new subscriber,' he says. 'Mine is Mr. H. J. Rowe, Home Living, Brampford Speke.'

'I have had the pleasure of purchasing "The Ringing World" and the enjoyment of reading its various topics, discussions and explanation,' writes Mr. F. Watkinson, of Handsworth, Sheffield. 'How you manage to select them from the mass you must have received with the fair judgment you do, is almost past comprehension. Although seven copies are taken every week by members of my band, we still endeavour to increase the number, but it is really only those who remember the days of the lingering death of "The Bell News" and the birth and short life of those other papers before "The Ringing World" appeared, who really understand what the paper means to the Exercise. So few realise that without it now our art could not make the progress it is doing.'

B.B.C. APOLOGY.

'A TRAVESTY' OF RINGING.

An apology from the B.B.C. was read at the meeting of the Norwich Diocesan Association at Norwich on Monday. The B.B.C. had broadcast a gramophone record of the bells of St. Peter Mancroft during a talk on East Anglia, by Mr. R. H. Mottram, the Norwich novelist. The record was made by the B.B.C. van outside the church, unknown to the Vicar or ringers.

The Vicar (Rev. Hugh McMullan) described it as 'a travesty—an extraordinarily poor idea of what the bells are capable.'

The reply of the Recording Programme Executive, after offering apologies for the apparent discourtesy, explained that the B.B.C. representative took the record just before morning service, when he was pressed for time.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE ROYAL.

No. 2 VERSION.

By CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

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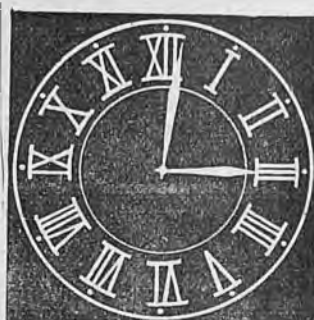
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This method, together with the composition, was rung for the first time at Beddington, Surrey, on Saturday, September 21st, 1935, conducted by Chas. H. Kippin.

CHICHESTER.—On Easter Sunday, for morning service, at the Cathedral campanile, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples: H. W. Stovold 1, W. Falconer 2, T. A. Doick 3, W. E. Ticehurst 4, H. J. Tucker (composer and conductor) 5, G. Marshall 6, J. H. Blake 7, A. Carver 8. This quarter-peal contains 'Queen's' Tittums and eighteen 4-6's. The above are all Sunday service ringers.



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NOTICES.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held to-morrow (April 18th) at Retford. Towers open for ringing: East Retford (10), 2.30-4.25; West Retford (6), 2.30-4.10; Ordsall (6), 2.30-4, and after tea. Divine service in East Retford Church 4.30. Tea 5, followed by the meeting, both in the Church Hall. Please come and make it a record annual meeting. — R. Towler, Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held to-morrow (Saturday, April 18th), at Ipswich. Bells will be available at St. Mary-le-Tower (12), St. Margaret (8), St. Clement, St. Matthew, also Rushmere, Tuddenham, Sproughton, Bramford (6), and St. Lawrence (5). 4 p.m., committee meeting in the Vestry; 4.30, service in St. Mary-le-Tower. Sermon by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, conductor of the Stoke-by-Clare Ringers. 5, tea in the Co-operative Hall at 1s. 5.30, general meeting there under the Bishop of Dunwich. — Herbert Drake, Hon. Sec., Ufford Rectory, Woodbridge.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on April 30th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 28th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch. —The next practice meeting of the above branch will be held at Unitarian Church, Garton, on Saturday, April 18th. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Milborne Port on Saturday, April 18th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch (Newport Pagnell Rural Deanery).—A meeting at Weston Underwood, Saturday, April 18th, at 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Please send notice to the Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Kirkham on Saturday, April 18th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.30. A good attendance desired.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James', Leyland, on Saturday, April 18th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. Charnock, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Stoney Stanton, on Saturday, April 18th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.45, followed by tea and meeting. Finish your Easter holiday with a good meeting, so all come.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting of the West Norfolk Branch will be held at Gaywood on Saturday, April 18th.—W. J. Eldred, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Whitchurch, Saturday, April 18th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m.—R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., 88, North Street, Castle Fields, Shrewsbury.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—North-East Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Cullompton on Saturday, April 18th. Bells (10) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Roll up in large numbers.—R. Harris, Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge, on Saturday, April 18th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m.—C. M. Meyer, Dis. Sec., 87, Norfolk House, Regency Street, S.W.1.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, April 18th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea 5.30. Everybody welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, April 18th, at the Parish Church, Llanbadarr Fawr, Radnorshire. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec., Belle Vue, Brecon.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hartford on Saturday, April 18th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. T. Parker, Dis. Sec., Gt. Staughton, St. Neots.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Prescot Parish Church on Saturday, April 18th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at a local cafe. Service in church at 5 p.m. Meeting in the Parish Room.—H. Grundy, Branch Sec., Alness, Green Leach Avenue, St. Helens, Liverpool.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sleaford Branch.—A meeting will be held at Ewerby, near Sleaford, on Saturday, April 18th. Bells of St. Andrew's Church (10) open from 2.30 to 8.30. Tea 5 o'clock (1s. each). —H. S. Hinkins, 41, The Grove, Sleaford, Lincs.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Curdrige on Saturday, April 18th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome. — A. T. Greenwood, 6, Sheffield Road, Portsmouth.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wootton St. Lawrence on Saturday, April 18th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Special Meetings: Saturday, April 18th, unveiling of memorial peal board to his late Majesty, in the belfry of Newcastle Cathedral at 5.30; April 25th, meeting at St. Andrew's, Bishop Auckland, by invitation of the Vicar and wardens. Bells available at 2.30, unveiling of peal board at 4.15, service at 4.30. Tea in Schoolroom at 5 o'clock. Will members intending to be present please advise me at once?—George S. Taylor, 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Much Wenlock on Saturday, April 18th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me as soon as possible. — H. G. Thomas, Hildon, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth.

FOBBING, ESSEX.—Two new bells installed to complete the peal to eight by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Barking on Wednesday, April 22nd, at 8 p.m.

GUILD OF DEVON RINGERS.—Ayesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Rockbeare on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m., also Honiton Clist (8 bells) at 2.30 p.m. Service will be held at 4.30 p.m. Address by the Vicar, the Rev. T. Caldwell. Tea (1s.) at 5 p.m. in the Public Hall, meeting to follow. Those requiring tea, please notify me not later than Saturday, April 18th.—R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, April 25th. Ringing: Cathedral (8), 4 to 5 p.m.; S. Nicolas' (10), 3 to 4.45. Tea 5 p.m. (1s. each), in Holy Trinity Hall. Service in the Cathedral 6 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. Numbers for tea not later than April 21st to J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Woking.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Lambeth, on Saturday, April 25th. Ringing to commence 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, the 22nd? Gentlemen cordially invited.—M. L. Cross, Hon. Sec., 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, Kent.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Felstead on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present please notify me not later than first post, Wednesday, 22nd inst., and oblige.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Walsall on Saturday, April 25th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Short service at 4.45, with address by the Rev. H. J. Carpenter, M.A., Vicar. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Please send word not later than Tuesday, 21st inst.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Steeple Aston on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Lower Heyford and Rousham (6) bells available in the evening. If requiring tea, please notify.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The annual meeting will be held at the Parish Church of St. Michael, Ashton, on April 25th. Bells at 3 o'clock.—T. Jackson, Hon. Sec., 100, Blandford Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Pershore on Saturday, April 25th. The eight bells, which have recently been restored, available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by the Tuesday previous.—J. E. Newman, Hinton, Evesham.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting at Lincoln, April 25th. 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. J. A. Freeman, 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln, not later than Wednesday, April 22nd.—F. W. Stokes, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Ealing, on Saturday, April 25th. Service at 4.45 p.m. Preacher, Rev. W. Paton, Vicar of St. Lawrence, Brentford. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.15. Business meeting to follow. Ringing at St. Mary's, Ealing, 3 to 4.45 and 7.15 to 8.30; St. Lawrence, Brentford, 3 to 4; and Christ Church, Ealing, 8 to 9. Those requiring tea are requested to advise Mr. Goodfellow by April 20th.—C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4, F. W. Goodfellow, 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath, Hon. Secs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Rainham on Saturday, April 25th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea, by kind invitation of the local ringers and friends, only to those who acquaint me not later than Tuesday, 21st. Half rail fares allowed.—Stanley J. T. Sherlock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham, Kent.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Braughing on Saturday, April 25th. Bells during afternoon and evening. Service at 5. Tea after, at the Ringers' Home from Home. All heartily welcome. A visit to this old-world village in spring is well worth while.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Staplegrave on Saturday, April 25th. Ringing 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, etc., in the schools after. Those requiring tea please notify by the previous Tuesday.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral, Dundee, on Saturday, April 25th. Service at 4. Tea, by invitation of St. Paul's Cathedral ringers, at 4.30. Business meeting to follow. The Old Steeple (8) will also be available. All ringers welcome. Let me know by Monday, April 20th, numbers likely to be present.—Wm. F. M. Stenhouse, Hon. Sec., 7, Brantwood Avenue, Dundee.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—A meeting will be held at Elkstone on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation of the Rector, at 5.30. Business meeting to follow. Please advise for tea not later than the 22nd.—Walter Yeend, Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery. — The quarterly meeting will be held at Kewstoke on Saturday, April 25th. Bells open 2.30. Divine service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m.—L. G. Tanner, 4, Hopkins Street, Weston-super-Mare.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern and Eastern Districts. — A joint meeting will be held at Helmsley on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (8) available during the afternoon and evening. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 at the Feversham Arms (1s. 6d. per head). Names for tea to Mr. F. S. Rickett, Church Street, Helmsley, not later than Thursday, April 23rd. Business meeting immediately after tea. A hearty invitation is extended to all interested.—Edward Hudson, 4, Keldale Terrace, Sharow, Ripon; Horace S. Morley, 5, Ebor Street, Selby, Dis. Secs.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Hawkhurst on Saturday, April 25th. Tower open 3 o'clock. All ringers are very welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Keysoe on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (5) ready from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Little Staughton bells available after tea. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Pottton on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come. Let us have a good meeting.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Horwich Parish on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Doultong on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea and meeting to follow. Those wanting tea please let me know by the 20th.—G. M. Hasell, Branch Sec., 11, Council Houses, Timsbury, Bath.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Charing on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Half fares up to 2s. will be paid to members attending this meeting. A hearty welcome is extended to all ringers. Minor enthusiasts should 'brush up' those half-forgotten methods. Please send a p.c. for tea.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Eger-ton, Kent.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ryde on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service in All Saints' Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in the Welby Institute, followed by business meeting. All requiring tea please notify by April 22nd to H. P. James, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Portland Street, Newport, Isle of Wight.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch. — **THE BRIGHT YOUNG PEOPLE'S ANNUAL.**—Saturday, April 25th, at Wootton Bassett, Bucks (8 bells) at 3 p.m. Has A. D. B. got your p.c.? If not, why not? Write it now.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Eastmeon on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 at the George Inn. Business meeting follows. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by April 22nd?—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wrington on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at the Golden Lion at 5 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The spring meeting of the above branch will be held at Peasemore on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., at 6d. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify Mr. M. Rosier, Peasemore, near Newbury, by Wednesday, April 22nd, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Mortimer on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m.: St. Mary's (8), St. John's (6). Service, 4.30, at St. John's, followed by tea for ringers at St. John's Hall. Please let me know by Wednesday, April 22nd, how many for tea.—E. G. Foster, Hon. Sec., 401, London Road, Reading.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Chilvers Coton on Saturday, April 25th. Service in church at 4.30. Tea at 5 in the Church Hall, followed by the general annual business meeting. Coton bells available during afternoon and evening. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.—M. Melville, Gen. Hon. Sec., Exhall, Coventry.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Bentley on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea provided for those who let me know by Wednesday, the 22nd. A good attendance is hoped for at this meeting. Both tower and handbells available. — Ernest Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Puddletown on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, to be followed by short business meeting. Kindly advise early for tea.—C. H. Jennings, 3, Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—A meeting will be held at Walpole St. Andrew on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Visitors welcome.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—A meeting will be held at Evershot on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5.15. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to meeting, please. All welcome.—C. H. Lathey, Sec., Middle Street, Bradpole, Bridport.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Ogbourne St. George (5 bells) on April 25th. All ringing friends welcome, but kindly advise for tea not later than April 22nd.—Walter J. Jennings, 16, Lainey's Close, Marlborough, Wilts.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Eccleston on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available from 3. Service 4.30. Will those who hope to be present for tea please notify me not later than the previous Thursday?—J. W. Clarke, Wayside, Circular Drive, Chester.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bathford on Saturday, April 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15.—Theo Grant, Swainswick, Bath.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Huntspill, on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5. Please let me know not later than Tuesday next how many will require tea.—C. Evans, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Bridgwater.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton and Daventry Branches.—A special joint meeting will be held at Weedon (6) on Saturday, April 25th. Usual arrangements. Will those members requiring tea kindly notify either secretary by Tuesday, April 21st?—J. C. Dean, 16, St. Peter's Street, Northampton; W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

SOUTHWARK, ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR.—The re-opening of the bells is included in the bi-centenary celebrations, and will take place after evensong on Sunday, April 26th. Ring of eight, tuned and rehung by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—The postponed luncheon of the Guild will be held at Trinity, on Tuesday, April 28th. Will all those non-resident members wishing to attend inform the secretary as soon as possible?—A. N. Peter Woodard (Jesus), Sutton Vicarage, Ely, Cambs.

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LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—A meeting will be held at Wellingore on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting

to follow. Will those requiring tea notify me not later than Wednesday, April 29th. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Mrs. R. Richardson, Hon. Sec., Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Southport, on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Emmanuel bells after tea. Ringers who intend to be present send names to Mr. J. Ridyard, 16, Vangham Road, Birkdale, Southport.—W. O. Farrimond, Hon. Sec.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—A meeting has been arranged at Scottow on May 2nd, when the recently rehung and augmented peal (6) will be at members' disposal from 2.30. Service at 4.15, tea at 4.45. It is hoped all members will make an effort to visit this tower on May 2nd and notify their intention of supporting the meeting.—Nolan Golden, 35, Harlington Avenue, Reepham Road, Norwich.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Bromley Common, on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea (at 1s. 3d. per head) to those notifying me not later than Tuesday, April 28th. Please see that your tower is represented.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting, Pinner, Saturday, May 2nd. Bells from 2.30 to 9 o'clock. Service at 5. Sea, 1s. each, at 5.30. Please advise me by April 30th, please. Business meeting to follow. All welcome.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The festival will be held at Marlborough on Saturday, May 2nd. Service in St. Mary's Church at 12.30. Preacher, Rev. J. Jones, Rector. Luncheon and annual meeting in Town Hall at 1.30 p.m. Price 1s. 6d. Towers open: St. Peter's, Marlborough, and Aldbourne (8 bells), St. Mary's, Marlborough, Collingbourne Ducis, Collingbourne Kingston, Milton, Pewsey, Preshute (6), Chiseldon, Chilton, Saver-nake St. Katherine's (5). Ringers intending to be present please inform the secretary by Monday, April 27th.—F. Llewellyn Edwards, Hon. Sec., Kington Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.

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