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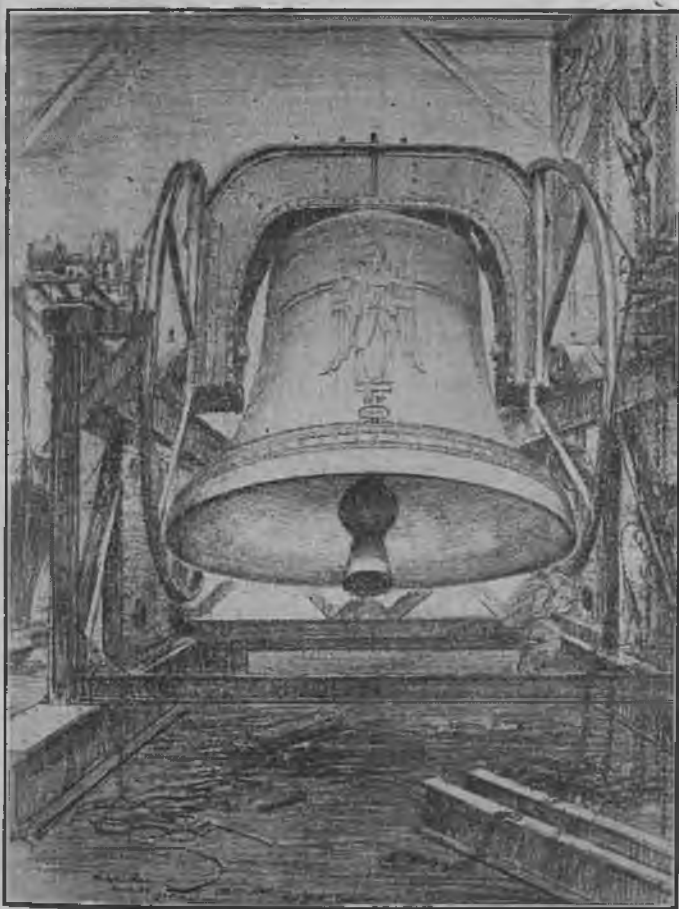
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## A STEP FORWARD IN NOMENCLATURE

The Central Council at Hereford, after five years of discussion, took a big step toward the final settlement of the names of Minor methods; in fact, as far as those which are to be included in the revised edition of the Collection are concerned, they may be said to be settled once and for all. In large measure the decisions arrived at will doubtless receive general approval, although there are still some inconsistencies left which might have been dealt with, had there been more representatives present who had studied the question, not merely of the selection of names, but of the derivation of methods. Nevertheless, the Council, by the motions which were carried, did indicate indirectly certain principles in nomenclature to which they will doubtless desire to adhere in the future and to improve upon as opportunity presents itself.

Probably the most important principle which the Council vindicated was its right to change, in the publications which it issues, names which it considers unsuited to the science of change ringing. This it did in the case of the floral names which have created so much discussion. Having the opportunity for the first time of giving a direct vote on the application of such titles to new methods, the Council exercised its right and changed them to something, we think, a good deal more dignified and which, at any rate, are far less likely to make ringers and their art ludicrous in the eyes of the public. Another class of names which the Council, by its vote, expressed a desire not to see extended is that of the titles of individuals, however exalted, unless they have played a prominent part in connection with the Exercise. In these and in other ways the Council showed that, despite its abrupt treatment of the Nomenclature Committee, it is desirous of seeing that method titles are something which should befit a serious art.

The trouble, of course, has been the haphazard way in which any Tom, Dick or Harry in the past has been able to give to a method whatever name his fancy or his ignorance prompted. Where those names have come down to us through the generations we shall probably go on suffering them, for the sake of their antiquity, but it is all for the good that the Council has now shown that it is ready to see that stupidities and errors of bygone days are not elaborated and extended as the art develops. Ringers can, of course, go on calling methods by any names they choose, but if the Council in their printed publications refuse to recognise those which are not in accordance with their considered judgment, these 'irregular' titles, like the 'irregular' methods, will gradu-

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ally disappear, and we shall have a nomenclature which, at least, will not lay the Exercise open to ridicule.

A deeper and more far-reaching question, however, is still untouched, and possibly may never be fully dealt with, Mr. J. A. Trollope covers the point in his letter elsewhere in this issue. The whole thing is wrapped up in the complications of method extension, and one begins to wonder whether it is safe to give the original name of a method to any extension, when we get beyond the range of a comparatively small group which includes Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Treble Bob. This question, already involved in the plain methods, will become much more acute when the Treble Bob Major methods are taken in hand, but possibly before that time some definite lines of procedure may be laid down.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 9, 1928, in Three Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL.

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5011 CHANGES;

Tenor 40 cwt.

SIDNEY BRIGGS ... ..	Treble	GEORGE LEWIS ... ..	7
* WILLIAM BARTON ... ..	2	* FREDERICK A. ADAMS ... ..	8
TOM O'HARA ... ..	3	† MAURICE E. WILSON ... ..	9
ALBERT H. WARD ... ..	4	JOHN THORPE ... ..	10
† ALBERT SMITHSON ... ..	5	HAYDN THORPE ... ..	11
ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... ..	6	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... ..	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE LEWIS.

\* First peal on 12 bells. † First peal. ‡ First peal of Maximus.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.  
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 19, 1928, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... ..	Treble	* FRANK JENNINGS ... ..	6
HERBERT J. SKELT ... ..	2	FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN ... ..	7
* THOMAS A. S. BLOXHAM ... ..	3	AMOS W. CLARK ... ..	8
ALFRED J. TRAPPITT ... ..	4	FRANK E. DARBY ... ..	9
DANIEL COOPER ... ..	5	CHARLES H. KIRPIN ... ..	Tenor

Composed by HENRY HALEY. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

\* First peal of Royal. First peal on the bells since their restoration by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 3rd. Frank E. Darby has now rung every bell in the tower to a peal.

NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 5, 1928, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

ERNEST GOSDEN ... ..	Treble	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... ..	6
THOMAS T. GORTON ... ..	2	EDWARD A. HERN ... ..	7
* ARTHUR TUGWOOD ... ..	3	STEPHEN V. STRATFORD ... ..	8
JOSEPH ROBERTSON ... ..	4	ADAM DEAS ... ..	9
* WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... ..	5	ROBERT SKROCH ... ..	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

\* First peal on ten bells. This peal was rung in honour of the Vicar of the above church, who was instituted Canon at Newcastle Cathedral earlier in the day.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On Thursday, June 7th, at the Church of St. Leonard, the Hythe, 720 and 240 Bob Minor: F. L. Bumpstead 1, J. E. Rogers (first 720) 2, W. Green 3, H. Finch 4, P. Grimsey 5, W. J. Schofield (conductor) 6.

## HASLEMERE, SURREY.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, June 9, 1928, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F sharp.

WILSON RUSHTON ... .. Treble	CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... .. 6
HERBERT LANGDON ... .. 2	MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... .. 7
HARRY R. PASMORE ... .. 3	WILLIAM S. LONDON ... .. 8
ALFRED B. PECK ... .. 4	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL ... .. 9
ALBERT A. HUGHES ... .. 5	RICHARD HAYES ... .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by H. LANGDON.  
First peal of Stedman Caters on the bells.

## BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 9, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 20 lb.

FRED N. SMEATON ... .. Treble	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... .. 6
ALBERT W. COLES ... .. 2	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. HEWITT ... .. 3	WILLIAM C. HART ... .. 8
MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... .. 4	JOHN DEARLOVE ... .. 9
OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. 5	KEITH HART ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Cambridge Royal on the bells.

## MANCHESTER.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 9, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of the Virgin Mary, SS. GEORGE AND DENIS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5091 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in D flat.

ALFRED BARNES ... .. Treble	*ARTHUR RIDYARD ... .. 6
EDWARD JENKINS ... .. 2	ALBERT J. HUGHES ... .. 7
*SAM HOLT ... .. 3	FRANK STONELEY ... .. 8
HAROLD JACKSON ... .. 4	†JOSEPH WILSON ... .. 9
TOM WILDE ... .. 5	RALPH F. WILLIAMS ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by E. JENKINS.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal of Stedman.

## WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 9, 1928, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6021 CHANGES;

*LESLIE WALSE, JUN ... .. Treble	ERNEST J. BUTLER ... .. 6
HAROLD A. EDWARDS ... .. 2	ALFRED PRIOR ... .. 7
JAMES ADAMS ... .. 3	†GEORGE DAWSON ... .. 8
†FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON ... .. 4	EDWARD D. SMITH ... .. 9
†ERNEST W. FURBANK ... .. 5	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... .. Tenor

Composed by R. MAYNARD, JUN. Conducted by A. PRIOR.

\* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. First peal as conductor on ten bells.

## CREWE, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 9, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

At Christ Church,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6079 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

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

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by J. H. RIDING.

\* First peal in the method. This peal was rung on the 50th anniversary of bells being put into this tower. The band, with the exception of Mr. Sperring, are Sunday service ringers at the church.

HILLINGDON WEST.—At St. Andrew's Church, on June 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins., for the induction of the new Vicar, the Rev. A. B. Thompson, B.A.: E. G. Swift 1, E. Hancox 2, P. E. Jones 3, J. H. Lucas 4, W. Honer 5, R. Carter 6, F. Corke (conductor) 7, C. Nicholls 8.

## WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, June 9, 1928, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH, QUART BOB CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN C. ADAMS ... .. Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS ... .. 6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... .. 2	THOMAS J. ELTON ... .. 7
ROBERT PICKERING ... .. 3	WILLIAM FISHER ... .. 8
JOHN PERRY ... .. 4	HERBERT KNIGHT ... .. 9
JOSEPH PIGOTT ... .. 5	BENJAMIN GOUGE ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH PIGOTT.

This is the first peal of Double Norwich Caters on the bells and by all except ringers of 5th, 8th and 9th.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

## SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, May 29, 1928, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Nicholas,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

JOHN T. BROWN ... .. Treble	RICHARD SMITH ... .. 5
*WALTER STAPLES ... .. 2	JOHN CURRY ... .. 6
JOHN G. AMES ... .. 3	CHARLES S. H. STILES ... .. 7
GEORGE W. SIMPSON ... .. 4	ARTHUR J. FARR ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by A. J. FARR.

\* First peal inside. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Geo. Jarvis, churchwarden, on his 92nd birthday.

## BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, May 30, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. Treble	HECTOR G. BIRD ... .. 5
ALFRED ROWLEY ... .. 2	ALFRED HACKETT ... .. 6
WILLIAM POTTER ... .. 3	THOMAS HEMMING ... .. 7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... .. 4	JOHN LLOYD ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

This peal was specially arranged for Mr. A. Rowley, of Tipton.

## WIDNES, LANCASHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 2, 1928, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Paul,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

G. RONALD EDWARDS ... .. Treble	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... .. 5
JOHN BREEZE ... .. 2	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... .. 6
JOHN COOKE ... .. 3	HERBERT LUDKIN ... .. 7
JAMES F. SMITH ... .. 4	*JOHN LEATHER ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. WILLIAMS.

Conducted by H. LUDKIN.

\* First peal on eight bells and first attempt.

## NEWCHURCH, WARRINGTON.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 2, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

## A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

THOMAS GRIMSHAW ... .. Treble	JAMES H. RIDING ... .. 5
WILLIAM BIBBY ... .. 2	JOHN E. BIBBY ... .. 6
ALBERT J. HUGHES ... .. 3	*JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... .. 7
THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... .. 4	EDWARD JENKINS ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. R. PYE.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

\* First peal of Bristol. First peal of Bristol on the bells.

ROYSTON, HERTS.—On Friday, May 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Howard 1, Miss K. Wellers 2, W. Mansfield 3, W. A. Tack 4, J. W. Ward 5, R. G. King 6, R. Howard (conductor) 7, F. Harper 8. Rung previous to the opening ceremony of the children's ward at the local hospital by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.  
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 2, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA.

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 1	...Treble	JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... .. 5
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 2		RICHARD J. STONE ... .. 6
LOWER R. TAYLOR ... .. 3		FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 4		EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. ...Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.

Rung as a welcome to the Ven. Archdeacon G. C. L. Lunt, M.A., M.C., who was inducted to this living on the previous Wednesday.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 2, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16½ cwt.

HORACE BELCHER ... .. 1	...Treble	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 5
*ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 2		FRANK BLONDELL ... .. 6
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER ... 3		CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
STEPHEN H. HOARE ... .. 4		ARTHUR HARDING ... ..Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.  
\* First peal of Double Norwich. Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 3, 1928, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13½ cwt.

BERNARD WELLS ... .. 1	...Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 5
REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 2		NELSON ELLIOTT ... .. 6
RONALD H. BULLEN ... .. 3		OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. 7
CECIL NICE ... .. 4		ALFRED J. BULL ... ..Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

ERITH, KENT.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 3, 1928, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

THOMAS A. S. BLOXHAM ...Treble	†HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... 5
FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 6
HERBERT J. SKELT ... .. 3	DANIEL COOPER ... .. 7
*FRANK JENNINGS ... .. 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... ..Tenor

Composed by CHAS. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.  
\* First peal in the method away from the treble. † First peal of 'Old' Cambridge. Charles H. Kippin's 100th peal as conductor.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, June 4, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, HOLBORN.

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL ...Treble	WILLIAM H. PASMORE ... 5
WILSON RUSHTON ... .. 2	THOMAS GROOMERIDGE ... 6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... .. 3	JAMES BULLOCK ... .. 7
WILLIAM ROUGHTON ... .. 4	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS ... ..Tenor

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

Rung on the silver wedding anniversary of the Master of the Society, Mr. J. S. Hawkins, and for the silver wedding, on June 1st, of Mr. W. H. Pasmore.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 5, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD LANKESTER ...Treble	*THOMAS LOCK ... .. 5
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 2	GEORGE M. KILBY ... .. 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	HARRY KILBY ... .. 7
*ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 4	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ...Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.  
\* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the second and seventh. This is the 100th peal rung in this tower by the brothers Kilby.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 6, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

J. CARTER'S ODD BOB, TWENTY-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD ...Treble	MAURICE SWINFELD ... .. 5
E. HARRYSTONELEY ... .. 2	JAMES S. HUTCHBY ... .. 6
RICHARD C. BELTON ... .. 3	EPHRAIM W. RANDES ... .. 7
CHARLES DRAPER ... .. 4	JOHN CURTIS ... ..Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

CARISBROOKE, ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ISLE OF WIGHT DISTRICT.)

On Thursday, June 7, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20½ cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM JOHNSON ...Treble	HARRY BARTON ... .. 5
WALTER SCOTT, JUN ... .. 2	SIDNEY MOODY ... .. 6
PERCY REYNOLDS ... .. 3	WILLIAM UPTON ... .. 7
*ARTHUR DRAKE ... .. 4	*BERT SIBBECK ... ..Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM JOHNSON.  
\* First peal and first attempt. First peal as conductor.

APPLEDORE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

On Thursday, June 7, 1928, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ARCHIBALD C. HAY ...Treble	*PERCY PAGE ... .. 5
MRS. H. BAKER ... .. 2	†HARRY BAKER ... .. 6
CHARLES W. PLAYER ... .. 3	CHARLES W. FRANKLIN ... 7
*KENNETH PATTENDEN ... 4	HARRY PARKES ... ..Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HARRY PARKES.  
\* First peal of Double Norwich. † 100th peal. First peal of Double Norwich as conductor and first attempt. First peal in the method by the Romney Marsh Guild.

HUNTINGDON.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 9, 1928, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17 cwt.

MISS C. FIELDS ... ..Treble	F. R. DENNIS ... .. 5
GEORGE D. COLEMAN ... .. 2	ALFRED G. RIVERS ... .. 6
FRANK WARRINGTON ... .. 3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... .. 7
SIDNEY COLEMAN ... .. 4	HERBERT FIELDS ... ..Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.  
First peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

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## DITCHEAT, SOMERSETSHIRE.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 9, 1928, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S No. 1.

Tenor 24 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

ALFRED E. REEVES ... .. Treble	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. 5
* EDWARD GEO. COWARD ... .. 2	ALEXANDER EVANS ... .. 6
RONALD G. BECK ... .. 3	WILLIAM R. BAXTER ... .. 7
REV. CHARLES D. P. DAVIES 4	SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

\* First peal of Stedman. The Rev. C. D. P. Davies is Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association. The band regret that owing to illness Mr. J. T. Dyko was unable to take part.

## PETERSFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 9, 1928, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... .. Treble	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... .. 5
* ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... .. 2	RICHARD J. STONE ... .. 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. 7
TOWER R. TAYLOR ... .. 4	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS

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

## SAMLESBURY, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 9, 1928, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

At the Church of St. Leonard-the-Less,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... .. Treble	FREDERICK HINDLE ... .. 5
JAMES HARRISON ... .. 2	JAMES MARSH ... .. 6
THOMAS CALDERBANK ... .. 3	* WILLIAM ROBINSON ... .. 7
EDWIN JENNINGS ... .. 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... .. Tenor

Composition from 'Clavis.'

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

\* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major.

## REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

## THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 9, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

FREDERICK BORRETT ... .. Treble	* GEORGE GOWER ... .. 5
* GEORGE CURSON ... .. 2	ERNEST WHITING ... .. 6
GEORGE HOWLETT ... .. 3	RUSSELL RICHES ... .. 7
CHARLES CUTTING ... .. 4	WALTER BARRETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. WILLIAMS.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

\* First in method.

## THURCASTON, NEAR LEICESTER.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 10, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

At the Latimer Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb. in G.

J. FREDERICK MILNER ... .. Treble	CHARLES R. BELTON ... .. 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... .. 2	HERBERT C. SPENCER ... .. 6
ALFRED BALLARD ... .. 3	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 7
JAMES S. HUTCHES ... .. 4	* RONALD RUSSELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal of Triples and first of Stedman.

## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

LITTLE GLEMHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 26, 1928, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Andrew.

## A PEAL OF BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

L. CARTER ... .. Treble	W. SMITH ... .. 3
* O. NEUSON ... .. 2	A. LING ... .. 4
	A. E. SMITH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. LING.

\* First peal, and belongs to Benhall.

HOLWELL, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 26, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Laurence,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILFRED P. LAMBERT ... .. Treble	WILLIAM J. COOMES ... .. 3
PERCY F. SPENCER ... .. 2	SIDNEY A. RICKETTS ... .. 4

WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. COOMES.

First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells.

RICHMOND, YORKS.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 30, 1928, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

At the Parish Church,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

THOMAS LUNN ... .. Treble	THOMAS WALTON ... .. 4
JOHN TODD ... .. 2	JOHN G. KINCHIN ... .. 5
JOHN FRENCHUM ... .. 3	GEORGE HOLMES ... .. 6

WALTER DOWNALL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE HOLMES.

First peal as conductor and first peal by local ringers since 1910. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to T. Lunn.

LLANELLY, BRECONSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, June 1, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes.

At the Church of St. Elli,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores.

Tenor 13 cwt.

BRINLEY JONES ... .. Treble	SYDNEY T. RACKHAM ... .. 4
HAWTHORN MORRIS ... .. 2	ALAC A. RACKHAM ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. SAUNDERS ... .. 3	WILLIAM WEAVER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAC A. RACKHAM.

Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. W. D. Thomas, curate of the above church, who has gone to take up similar work at St. George's, Chm, Shropshire. He was a true friend to the above band. All the ringers are Sunday service ringers at the above church.

HAUGHLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 2, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of St. Simon's, 16 of Plain Bob and 14 of Grandsire, with ten different callings. Tenor 18 cwt.

ALPHEDS J. BERRY ... .. Treble	ARTHUR CLEMENTS ... .. 3
RUSSELL E. WARD ... .. 2	GARNHAM A. BLANCELL ... .. 4

WILLIAM FORSTER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. A. BLANCELL.

First peal on the bells. Rung on the eve of King George's birthday.

OFFLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 2, 1928, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with different callings. Tenor 16 cwt.

* D. C. MEARS ... .. Treble	† H. W. ELSE ... .. 4
A. E. SYMONDS ... .. 2	† GEO. T. CROFT ... .. 5
H. W. ANSTER ... .. 3	J. H. CONQUEST ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEO. T. CROFT.

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

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MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.  
(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, June 2, 1928, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being three extents of Oxford and four of Kent. Tenor 6½ cwt.

CHARLES H. BRIGGS ... .. Treble	CHARLES BROWN ... .. 4
CHARLES H. WEBB ... .. 2	GEORGE A. NEWTON ... .. 5
TOM ATKINS ... .. 3	FRED H. DEXTER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. BROWN.

First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells, which were augmented from three to six by Taylor and Co. a few weeks ago. This peal was rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Hilda Rushby and Mr. 'Mutt' Sharp, of Grimsby; also as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the tenor.

WARMINGHAM, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 2, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Leonard.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

42 six-scores. Tenor 12 cwt.

* HAROLD ASBURY ... .. Treble	† JOHN PARKER ... .. 4
† ERIC B. ALLMAN ... .. 2	ARTHUR ALLMAN ... .. 5
JOHN BRASSINGTON ... .. 3	† ALBERT ASBURY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN BRASSINGTON.

\* First peal. † First peal inside. ‡ First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor. ‡ First peal on the bells. Arthur Allman's 50th peal for the Chester Guild.

NANTMEL, RADNORSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, June 3, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

At the Parish Church of St. Cynllo.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Consisting of 42 six-scores, 12 being Pitman's and four Mr. Morris' arrangement. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. Treble	GEORGE J. R. PRICE ... .. 4
WILLIAM EVANS ... .. 2	JAMES P. HYETT ... .. 5
CHARLES POWELL ... .. 3	* WILLIAM A. JONES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES P. HYETT.

\* First peal. A birthday peal for H.M. King George V. First peal of Doubles by the treble man. First peal on the bells, a little known ring situated amongst the Welsh hills near Rhydyer.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 9, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

**A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven extents, comprising (1) Immanuel and Lightfoot, (2) Stamford and Wearmouth, (3) Hexham and Surfleet, (4) Berwick and Beverley, (5) Norfolk and Ipswich, (6) Priuorose and Cambridge, (7) York and Durham.

GEORGE FULLER ... .. Treble	ANDREW MARSHALL ... .. 4
BERTRAM LUCK ... .. 2	ALBERT RELFE ... .. 5
JAMES BASSETT ... .. 3	ARTHUR H. SMITH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

First peal in fourteen Surprise methods by the association. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar (Rev. E. S. Jose).

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, June 2, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

At 81, BAKER STREET, SPARKHILL.

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 15 in C.

FRANK E. PERVIN ... .. 1-2	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... .. 7-8
FRANK W. PERRENS ... .. 3-4	GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. 9-10
ALBERT WALKER ... .. 5-6	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Referee: THOMAS H. KEEVES.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Phyllis Smallwood and the conductor.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

JOINT MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

The North and East District meeting, held at Stanmore on Saturday last, was an enjoyable affair. About 40 members attended and took part in some good ringing on the very nice peal of bells, now much improved in tone in the belfry by alterations recently made in the tower. Service was held at 5 p.m., at which the Rector (Rev. W. A. Hewett) gave the association his usual cordial welcome and his customary very helpful sermon. A bright feature of the service was a solo by Mr. Lawford, who sang 'Nearer, my God, to Thee.' Tea was served in the Institute, at which, in the unavoidable absence of the Rector, General Anderson presided. Afterwards the business meeting was held. Messrs. R. Coles (High Wycombe), L. W. Wiffen (Braine-tree), E. E. Holman (Walthamstow), and J. E. Rookes (Oxhey) were elected members, and Finchley chosen as the venue of the next meeting of the district on August 18th. It was also announced by the hon. secretary that a practice meeting had been arranged to be held at Hadley on Wednesday, June 27th, a joint meeting with the Herts Association at North Mimms on July 7th, and a joint meeting with the Essex and Herts Associations at Waltham Abbey on September 22nd.

Mr. C. T. Coles (hon. secretary) gave a report of the Central Council meeting recently held at Hereford, which he described as one of the most useful meetings of that body ever held.

The President (Mr. F. A. Milne) proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector of Stanmore for his address at the service and for the use of the bells; to the Rev. C. S. Durham (Harrow Weald), whose bells were rung in the evening; to General Anderson for the use of the hall; and also to the organist and soloist who had so well added to the harmony of the proceedings at the service. This was carried with acclamation.

Ringing afterwards took place at both Stanmore and Harrow Weald, at the former tower most methods from Grandsire Triples to London and Bristol Surprise being rung, whilst at the latter tower several Minor and Doubles methods were practised.

SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT TO MEET GUILDFORD GUILD.

An enjoyable meeting of the South and West District was held at Rushin on Saturday last, when some 40 odd members and friends attended. Good work was done during the meeting, Grandsire Triples and methods up to and including London Surprise Major being practised.

Service had been arranged for 5 p.m., but unfortunately the Vicar (Canon E. Cornwell Jones) was unable to get back in time from an adjoining village, where an induction service was held. Ringing was therefore continued up to 5.30, when refreshments were served at Fabbs Restaurant. Mr. Holloway (Ringing Master) presided, supported by the hon. treasurer and hon. secretary.

Routine business was transacted, and votes of thanks accorded to the Vicar and Messrs. Hunter and Bunce of the local band, and to all who assisted in making the meeting a success.

The Hon. Secretary read a letter from the hon. secretary of the Guildford Diocesan Guild (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith), inviting the district to co-operate with them at a meeting to be held at Egham in November. It was unanimously agreed to accept the invitation, and in return to invite the Guildford Guild to a return meeting at Acton in January, 1929 (if convenient), where the Middlesex Association would be delighted to welcome the members of the new Guild right in the midst of the Middlesex Association's district. It was left to the hon. secretary to make the arrangements in conjunction with the hon. secretary of the Guildford Guild.

The tower was afterwards again visited, where the Vicar gave a hearty welcome and a short address. He said how grateful he was to the association for the assistance it had rendered to his own band of ringers, of whom he was justly proud, and for the work generally done as a body of diocesan churchworkers.

Further touches in several methods were afterwards rung.

**A GENEROUS OFFER.**

Ringers rely largely on motor or pedal cycles to reach the towers where they ring. Those who contemplate purchasing a new machine, or who require accessories, should send for catalogues to Mr. Robert Whittington, general engineer, of Cranleigh, Guildford.

There are two special reasons for doing so. Mr. Whittington is a ringer, catering for ringers' requirements, and he has generously offered to hand over to the 'Ireneus Pistor' fund a percentage from list prices on all sales of motor and other cycles.

Ringers should read the advertisement which appears in another column, and then purchase their new mount through Mr. Whittington.

**MUFFLED BELLS**

On June 2nd, eight members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild attempted a peal of Grandsire Triples at Warminster, with bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Marchioness of Bath, who was interred the same day, but unfortunately the attempt came to an untimely end after 2 hrs. 20 mins. good ringing owing to an accident to the rope of the 6th. The ringers were: Master Heginbotham, Messrs. E. Kill, T. Holloway, F. Ashworth, F. Preecey, E. White, W. E. Fletcher (conductor) and E. Marlow.

**THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.****ANNUAL MEETING IN DUBLIN.**

The annual meeting of the Irish Association took place in Dublin on Whit Monday, when members attended from Belfast, Holywood, Drogheda, Bray, Arklow, Kilkenny, Limerick, and the local towers.

The bells of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Christ Church Cathedral, and the Church of SS. Augustine and John were open for ringing, and were made good use of.

Sixty-four members sat down to luncheon in the Central Hotel, after which the business was transacted, the president, Mr. N. Robinson, occupying the chair.

Bray and Arklow, the joint winners of the challenge shield with 100 per cent. each, were presented with that trophy by the Dean of St. Patrick's. Arklow, who had held the shield in the two previous years, in a very sporting manner allowed Bray to retain possession for the full year, an action which was fully appreciated.

During the year the Northern Branch was formed in Belfast, and it was reported that solid work was being done.

Alterations in the rules for the shield competition were again suggested. The only change decided on was to count all towers with more than eight bells as eight-bell towers.

A set of medals was offered by Mr. Wills for any band ringing their first peal during the year.

The following officers were elected: President, Mr. R. S. F. Murphy, P.C.; hon. treasurer, Mr. D. Gibson; hon. secretary, Mr. G. Lindoff.

Twenty-two new members were also elected, and the meeting closed with various votes of thanks.

On Wednesday, May 23rd, in honour of Mr. H. E. Wills' silver wedding, 1,008 Stedman Triples was rung at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin: G. Lindoff, jun., 1, H. E. Wills 2, T. McMorran 3, W. E. Lynch 4, W. H. Wilson 5, G. Lindoff (conductor) 6, G. F. Wilmot 7, J. Lane 8.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.****NEW SECRETARY FOR SOUTHWOLD DISTRICT.**

A district meeting of the above Guild was held at Southwold on Whit Monday, and ringers attended from Brampton, Barsham, Beccles, Henstead, Halesworth, Badingham, Earl Soham, Norwich, Kessingland, Wrentham, Reydon and the local company. Various touches were rung upon the bells during the afternoon, and a short business meeting was held in the tower to elect a district secretary for the Southwold District. On the motion of Mr. F. Launton, seconded by Mr. J. Spalding, Mr. E. Grindell was elected.

Further touches were afterwards rung. The Vicar sent an apology for his absence from the meeting. A very enjoyable time was spent.

**THE KING'S BIRTHDAY.****A ROYAL MESSAGE OF THANKS.**

The King's birthday was celebrated in many places by special ringing, and a congratulatory message was sent to His Majesty by Mr. W. H. Hollier, from the South and West District of the Middlesex Association, after a peal at Isleworth.

An acknowledgment from Buckingham Palace has been received in the following terms: 'The Private Secretary has received the King's command to thank Mr. W. H. Hollier and the members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild of Change Ringers for their kind message of congratulations on the occasion of His Majesty's birthday.—June 4th, 1928.'

The following touches were rung at Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, in honour of His Majesty the King's birthday, on Monday, June 4th: 504 Grandsire Caters: W. Welch 1, E. G. Hibbins (conductor) 2, B. D. Buttress 3, A. T. Chenery 4, J. Taylor 5, C. Smith 6, T. R. Dennis 7, H. Hazzell 8, A. G. Rivers 9, F. E. Kempton 10. Also 352 Grandsire Cinques conducted by S. J. Woods.

At the Church of St. Andrew, Holborn, London, on June 3rd, for evensong and the King's birthday, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 49 mins.: John Lee 1, J. Walsom 2, C. J. Choost 3, A. Coles 4, Percy J. Clark 5, E. Brett 6, J. S. Hawkins (conductor) 7, W. J. Norton 8.

At Ashford, Kent, on Sunday, June 3rd, after the morning service, in honour of the King's birthday, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: T. Tabrett 1, J. Parsons 2, H. C. Castle 3, E. S. Ruck 4, P. Page 5, C. W. Everett (conductor) 6, E. Powell 7, D. Godden 8.

At Oswestry, Shropshire, on Sunday, June 3rd, for evening service, and in honour of the King's birthday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: H. Wright (first quarter in method) 1, W. D. Kynaston 2, H. T. Hughes 3, E. H. Kynaston 4, R. Kynaston 5, G. Williams 6, R. T. Evans (conductor) 7, T. Marshall 8. The treble ringer hails from Nuneaton.

At Loughton, Essex, on June 3rd, for evensong and for the King's birthday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: J. Thorpe 1, G. Perry 2, E. A. Bacon (conductor) 3, H. W. Hayes 4, J. Rann, sen., 5, W. S. Carter 6, G. Carter 7, J. Rann, jun., 8. This was the 40th anniversary of the weddings of E. A. Bacon and J. Rann, sen., and the 11th of J. Rann, jun.

**BATH.**—On Whit Sunday, for morning service at the Church of St. Michael, Bath, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 42 mins.: H. W. Brown 1, Miss N. G. Williams 2, T. F. King 3, R. J. Cousins 4, T. Grant 5, W. J. Prescott (conductor) 6, G. H. Harding 7, H. Davis 8.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

It is seldom that a young ringer scores Maximus for his first peal—twelve ropes are too many for most people to begin with. But Mr. Albert Smithson, who had not previously rung a peal, took part last week in a peal of Little Bob Maximus, and rang well throughout.

St. Martin's Guild said farewell to the present peal of twelve in the Bull Ring on Sunday. They were rung for morning and evening service and lowered in peal. The faculty for their recasting has been received, and the dismantling will begin at once.

Until the new bells arrive, St. Martin's Sunday band will ring together at other churches, and they will meet next Sunday at the Cathedral, ringing for service in the morning, and broadcasting from 7.50 to 8 p.m. in the evening.

Yorkshire and Birmingham ringers are to have another fraternal gathering at Duffield on July 15th. Last year's event was so successful that it is hoped to make it an annual 'do.'

In view of the fact that four trebles are now waiting to be added to the eight at Lincoln Cathedral, it is interesting to recall that the first peal at the Cathedral was Treble Bob Major, conducted by Mr. F. E. Dawe, on June 15th, 1886.

The anniversary of another peal at Lincoln occurs next week. On June 20th, 1756, 5,040 'Carathan's' Triples (probably Garthorn's peal of Grainsire) was rung at St. Peter-at-Arches.

Jasper Snowdon, one of the greatest teachers of ringing of all time, was born at Ilkley, Yorks, on June 18th, 1844.

Owing to the repairs to the lightning-damaged wall of Lavenham tower, ringing is stopped for the time being. Notification will be given in our columns when the bells can be rung again.

Ringers who intended to visit Crawley to-morrow for the meeting of the East Grinstead and District Guild are informed that the meeting is postponed indefinitely.

## DEATH OF MR. FRED PITSTOW.

### PASSING OF A SAFFRON WALDEN VETERAN.

There passed away on Tuesday, at Saffron Walden, one of the stalwarts of the Exercise, Mr. Fred Pitstow—a pioneer of change ringing in the eastern counties—and a large circle of friends, particularly among the older generation, will regret the death of a fine ringer and genial companion. He was 77 years of age.

The late Mr. Pitstow's connection with bells began when he was only 15 years of age, and at a time when change ringing in Saffron Walden, where for over 300 years there has been a ringing society, was at a low ebb. But he and his equally celebrated brother, Nathan, used to walk to the neighbouring villages for practice, and often would go as far as Bennington to meet and ring with the famous Surprise band there. Mr. Fred Pitstow also became a frequent visitor to London, where he rang with the Cumberland Youths, at the time George Newson was in the heyday of his career. Mr. Pitstow was one of those who made his own opportunities for practice, and once within the space of a fortnight he rang a peal of Cambridge in London, Superlative at Duffield, London Surprise at Burton, Stedman at Burton, and Double Norwich in London, all of them at the first attempt and without any practice whatever except the periodical visits to the Bennington men.

After this a young band was got together at Saffron Walden, and they succeeded in ringing the first peal of Cambridge Surprise in the Eastern Counties, and the first peals of London and Superlative in Essex. Mr. Pitstow also took part in a number of other interesting 'first peals,' and altogether his total was over 200 from Maximus downward.

He joined the Essex Association in 1886, and had been an enthusiastic member ever since, having served for many years as District Master of the North Western District. He was also a member of numerous other associations.

In addition to being an able ringer, Mr. Pitstow was an accomplished musician, and for a long period was bandmaster of Saffron Walden town band.

The funeral will take place at Saffron Walden cemetery to-morrow (Saturday) at 3 p.m.

## LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting was held at Penarth on Saturday, June 9th, a goodly number of members putting in an appearance from both Glamorganshire and Monmouthshire towers. The bells, a ring of six, were rung in various methods during the afternoon, until a move was made to the Church Hall, where an excellent tea, most generously provided by one of the wardens, was enjoyed. The business meeting followed, over which the Rector presided. Various reports were presented, including one of the Central Council meeting.

Quite a number of new members were elected, and it was unanimously decided that the next Glamorgan meeting be held at Penarth.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for his kindness in granting the use of the bells, and for presiding, and also to the warden for his hospitality, and to the ladies for serving the tea.

Service was conducted by the Rector, who, after welcoming the association to Penarth, gave a most helpful address. The bells were afterwards rung during the evening, and this brought to a close a most enjoyable and exceedingly pleasant meeting. Amongst the visitors was Mr. Davies, of the 'Metropolitan,' who rings at Deptford.



## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

(Continued from page 362.)

## FLORAL TITLES CHANGED.

In the discussion which took place on the Methods Committee's proposals, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith moved: 'That the following names be substituted in the Treble Bob methods for those contained in the committee's list, viz.: No. 16 (for 'Shamrock') 'Waterford,' No. 17 (for 'Bluebell') 'Berwyn,' No. 20 (for 'Daffodil') 'Cheviot,' No. 21 (for 'Fuchsia') 'Chiltern,' No. 22 (for 'Foxglove') 'Cotswold,' No. 23 (for 'Hyacinth') 'Mendip,' No. 24 (for 'Marigold') 'Pennine,' No. 28 (for 'Dahlia') 'Quantock,' No. 28 (for 'Geranium') 'Snowdon.' He said this was the first time the Council had had an opportunity of giving a direct vote upon whether they desired an extension of the floral names, and he had limited the motion to deal only with those titles which had been introduced within the last four or five years. He did not suggest that they should touch those which had an historic interest, but he felt it was desirable that they should not encourage the application of the names of flowers to what was the product of a mathematical science. The names which he proposed to substitute were, he contended, much more dignified for the purpose for which they required them. The Council would notice that, with one exception, the proposed titles were the names of the ranges of mountains and hills in Great Britain. The exception was in the case of 'Shamrock.' In order that another injustice should not be done to Ireland, he proposed to substitute 'Waterford,' which was an historical name from a ringing point of view, inasmuch as the first peal in Ireland was rung in that city. As to the right of the Council to change the names already given to the methods, it was true that they had been rung under their present titles, and the Council could not prevent ringers calling them anything they liked. But he held that the Council had a perfect right to append to any method what name it pleased in any publication that was issued by it. In regard to these new floral names they were applied by a committee of the Council before the methods were rung or named by anyone else, and there was therefore no reason why the Council should not change them and give to the methods names which, he held, were much better suited to the purpose.

Mr. P. J. Johnson seconded, and remarked that when the Council gave names to methods in one of their own publications they should remember they were dealing with a science.

Mr. E. W. Elwell created amusement among the members when he said this dead horse had been flogged more than any other dead horse he had ever met. The extraordinary thing about it was that each time it was flogged it managed to gallop half-way up the hill before it dropped again. He hoped the Council would not let it gallop any further this time. He believed that the people who wanted to get rid of these names were earnest and honest in their desire, but he asked the Council to do as it had done in the past and uphold the right of ringers who rang a method for the first time to name it. These floral names were not given to the methods by the Analysis Committee, but largely by the members of the association which he represented, the Chester Diocesan Guild, who rang these methods for the first time, and he hoped the Council would uphold the tradition which entitled those who first rang a method to decide its name. Even the proposer of these new names, he said, must, it seemed, have something to remind him of the countryside, but what was more beautiful than to hear the bells sounding across the fields where the bluebells or the daffodils grew, and to have these names to remind them of the methods that were rung? Ringing might be a mathematical science, but he did not see any improvement in substituting for floral names such titles as 'Arithmetic Minor,' 'Mathematical Major,' or 'Pythagoras Maximus' (laughter).

Alderman Pritchett said he could not see the slightest objection to floral names for methods, and there was a great deal in the principle that those who invented the methods and rang them should have the right to select the names, unless they were manifestly absurd. These floral names were very appropriate. 'But apart from that,' said Alderman Pritchett, 'I am an old Tory, and I like to support that which is in possession' (laughter).

Mr. A. D. Barker: Is it not a fact that these methods were not named by those who rang them, but were named by a small committee of this Council?

Mr. Cave: Is it not really the fact that the friends of Mr. Elwell rang these methods after they were named, chiefly out of loyalty to our old friend Mr. Beeston?

The President: I am informed on good authority that they were named first and rung afterwards.

The Rev. A. T. Beeston: They were named by the company who rang them. When the performance was published they expressed the definite wish that they should be named by the names given to them by the Analysis Committee.

On the motion being put, it was declared carried by 40 votes to 19.

## OTHER ALTERATIONS.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith then proposed that No. 5 of Treble Bob methods be renamed 'London Treble Bob,' No. 4 of 4th's-place Delight methods be named 'Clarence,' No. 14 of 3rd's-place Delight methods be named 'Barham,' and No. 36 of 3rd's-place Delights be renamed 'Windsor.' He said that No. 5 was the name given to the method by Shipway. The method called 'Rochester' in the old books was an entirely different method. With regard to the method now known

as 'Duke of Clarence,' he thought they might drop the two initial words, and that in No. 36 they might substitute 'Windsor' for Queen Victoria. He deprecated personal names being attached to methods unless they were the names of men who had rendered conspicuous service to ringing. He proposed the name of 'Barham' for No. 14 in order to do away with a possible cause for confusion. The method was at present called Kent Delight, but they already had Kentish Delight, and they did not want two names so nearly alike in the same class. James Barham was an historic figure in Kentish ringing, and they might well perpetuate his name.—Mr. J. Hunt seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously, the President remarking that it was the very first time the Council had been unanimous over anything connected with this subject.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn said he had been asked to move the deletion of the words 'Castle' and 'Abbey' where they occurred in the names of Delight methods.—Mr. T. H. Beams seconded.

The Rev. H. Law James said there was a very good reason for eliminating these words from the titles. When they used the word 'Delight' they knew the class of method that was meant, when they divided the class by distinguishing 4th's-place Delights by the word 'Castle' and 3rd's-place Delights by the word 'Abbey,' it led to the impression that there were two kinds of Delight methods, but there were not; there was only one, and he supported this alteration very strongly (hear, hear).

The Rev. H. Drake said 'Castle' and 'Delight' were not names of methods but names for a class or description, and if they put them in they should go in as a description and not as a name. There was nothing in the report to show what the distinction was in these names. Was the word 'Bob' the name of a method or the name of a class of methods, or the name of a particular division of a class? In the same way with 'Castle,' 'Abbey' and 'Delight,' were they names for the division of methods into classes or merely put in at the whim of the person who named the methods? He agreed with the proposal that the words should be left out. If they were to remain, it should be made quite clear what they meant. Method No. 1 was Plain Bob, 1a was Reverse Bob. They ought to know what Plain Bob meant. Bob was an old word for dodge. Plain Bob meant that there was only one dodge in the method. Which was the name, was it 'Plain,' or was it 'Bob'? If they called the method 'Bob,' they could not call the class 'Bob.' They should make it clear in the report, before it was issued to the public, what were names of methods and what were names of classes, and, when they were the names of classes, the special definition of the class to which the names were given. He thought this should be done, even at the expense of a year or two's delay (laughter); if they did not do it they would regret it.

The Rev. H. Law James: May I suggest that Mr. Drake should read the Methods Report, where it was all explained over twenty years ago (laughter).

The Rev. H. Drake: I read that 20 years ago, and I should like to point out that it is twenty years old, and that is why I ask you to improve it.

The motion was carried.

## DOUBLE SURPRISE METHODS.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith said his attention had been called to the fact that in at least two places Double Surprise Minor methods were being rung. He had seen the figures of some of these methods, and they did not come within the class which the Council printed in its Collection, because of a bell making 5th's place when the treble was not behind. He understood that there were quite a number of these methods being rung, but what appeared to him to be important was this: In the Preface to the Collection of Minor methods it was stated that Superlative Minor was not worth ringing, inasmuch as, in common with all other Double Treble Bob Minor methods, it would not produce the extent of the changes. If that statement were correct it would be well that the Exercise should know that Double Surprise Minor methods would not go to the full extent of 720; if it were not correct the statement should be modified to meet the new discoveries.

The Rev. H. Law James said there were only three Double Surprise Minor methods that would produce a true extent.

Mr. Goldsmith said he had been informed that the number of these methods that was being practised was much larger than this; he believed at least a dozen or 16.

Mr. T. Faulkner said he wished to point out that Mr. Trollope had recently given as the reason why the name of Primrose appeared among the Surprise methods was that it was included under that name in Mr. Davies' book on Surprise methods. This method had been previously known as Ringers' Surprise. Surprise method No. 3 was now given as Alnwick. It was formerly printed as Canterbury, but changed to Alnwick by the Analysis Committee. He suggested that they should return to the name of Canterbury as originally printed, and that the name of Alnwick should revert to No. 2, which was now called Canterbury. These two names seemed to have been changed over. In the peal of 22 methods which was rung recently by members of the Essex Association, a 720 of spliced Nos. 3 and 5 was rung and published as Canterbury and Newcastle. If the former name were now to be given to method No. 2, someone in a few years' time might come along and say the peal could not have been true, because those two methods (2 and 5) would not splice.

Mr. Trollope said the name Canterbury was given to the wrong method in the first edition, and the Analysis Committee who went very carefully into the matter corrected it. The question between

Ringers' and Primrose was rather different. Both were old names; probably Ringers' was the older, but, generally speaking, ringers knew the method as 'Primrose.'

Mr. E. Butler said the band who rang the Spliced Surprise Minor peal were anxious to erect a board in the tower, and for that reason he asked the Council to stick to the names under which the methods were rung and not to print them in a different order. If they had to change the name for the peal board, the record would not conform to the record of the peal which appeared at the time in 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. Trollope thought a way out of the difficulty would be to print an appendix to the Collection showing, where there had been duplicate names, what alternative names the methods had been rung under.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies said he simply took the name Primrose out of a list: he was not responsible for the names in the Surprise Methods book.

Mr. T. J. Salter proposed that 'King's Norton' should be substituted for 'Primrose.'—Mr. J. S. Pritchett seconded.

Mr. Butler: We have rung it as 'Primrose' for years.

The proposal to change the name was defeated, and the Rev. H. Drake said he noted the Tory voted for the change (laughter). Mr. Drake questioned the origin of the name 'Bogedone' (No. 40, 3rd's-place Delight) and the introduction of the title of the Deity ('Immanuel', No. 22 of the Surprise methods). He thought this latter should certainly be changed.

The President agreed that they ought not to use the name of the Deity, and the Rev. H. Law James said the Committee would look into these points.

The Rev. A. T. Beeston said 'Bogedone' was named by the people who first rang the method.

The President: Where is the place?

The Rev. A. T. Beeston: I don't know.

Mr. Butler said 'Immanuel' was rung spliced with three other methods, and if they were to go on making changes like this six-bell ringers would not know where they were.

The report, subject to the alterations agreed upon, was then accepted.

#### THE PEALS ANALYSIS.

The Rev. A. T. Beeston moved the adoption of the Peals Analysis Committee's report, which has been printed in 'The Ringing World.' He was sorry there was one mistake in it, in regard to the length of the record peal of Treble Bob. The report gave it as 17,284 instead of 17,324, and he wished to rectify that.—Rev. C. D. P. Davies seconded.

The President said he hoped the members realised what labour that report meant to the members of the committee, Mr. Beeston, Mr. J. W. Parker, Mr. G. Williams and Mrs. Fletcher. It was a monumental work, which they undertook, and the Exercise could not be too grateful to them for what they did. He thought it was far more interesting than it used to be when they allotted points for dubious performances (hear, hear).

The report was adopted with thanks to the committee for their work.

#### METHOD NAMES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The point you make in 'Belfry Gossip' is quite a good one, but we have to face the fact that a system of naming on strictly logical and scientific lines is not possible. It would require a much more thorough knowledge of the construction of methods than exists to-day, and a wholesale renaming which would be far more inconvenient than useful. Shipway did make an attempt at a scientific nomenclature, and, within limits, a thoroughly sound and successful one. But it was within limits, and while the Exercise in following him has gained much, it has also missed much. Shipway taught us to see the proper relationship between Double and Single Norwich Major and between Double Norwich Major and Caters, but there are other relationships quite as close, e.g., between Double Norwich Major and Double Oxford Major. To quote the Central Council 'Collection of Major Methods,' 'Methods are not isolated independent things. They are closely related to each other in a number of different ways.' Court Bob Minor and its variations have many derivatives on eight bells. For practical purposes it is better to treat these as separate methods with separate names, and not as extensions with the same names.—Yours truly,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

#### ST. SIMON'S OR ST. CLEMENTS?

Dear Sir,—I note your comments in 'Belfry Gossip' re the question of St. Simon's Doubles being St. Clement's on higher numbers. Perhaps the Methods Committee will correct this very obvious error in their new publication. St. Simon's is nearly a century old, and has the prior claim. The committee cannot very well leave things as they are, as they published their intentions in the pages of your paper, and one of these avowed intentions was to do away with such anomalies as one method having two names.

I discussed the question of the gentleman's waistcoat with 'ye beste of spouses,' and explained the St. Simon's-um-Clement's affair to her, and she assured me that though a cat might have kittens in a bakehouse and call them rolls, they wouldn't be rolls, though they might perhaps account for the sausage in them.—Yours sincerely,

UNCLE JUSTACUSS.

#### THE MEMORIAL TO SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In the report of the Central Council meeting on page 362, in your last issue is this paragraph:—

The President: If the Midland Counties Association have been asked to place a bell in the tower and wish to obtain help from this Council, the Council should be approached in a proper way by the M.C.A. (hear, hear).

This I much resent. I have no time, nor inclination, nor do I think it desirable to place before the Exercise several copies I have before me of letters which passed between our worthy president, Alderman R. B. Chambers (who unfortunately is not at present enjoying good health), Miss Heywood, Mr. Alex. Young (hon. secretary, C.C.), Canon Coleridge (president, C.C.), Mr. Wilde, etc., on this subject of a memorial. I think if this correspondence was published, those who voiced, 'Hear, hear,' would say, 'Dear, dear,' instead. This matter has been thoroughly discussed both in our committee and general meetings on several occasions, and if only the reports of meetings (published in this paper) were read more attentively, it would be seen the M.C.A. did approach the Central Council, the correspondence on the matter going back to April, 1927. The very fact of the hon. secretary of the Council bringing the matter up proves this.—Yours faithfully,

ERNEST MORRIS.

Gen. Hon. Secretary, M.C.A.

#### COLLEGE YOUTHS' MASTER'S SILVER WEDDING.

The Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths (Mr. J. S. Hawkins) and his wife celebrated their silver wedding on June 4th, having been married at Holy Trinity Church, Bledlow, Bucks, on June 4th, 1903. It was only fitting that the society should honour its principal office holder on such an auspicious occasion, and a peal of Stedman Triples was rung at St. Andrew's Church, Holborn, on Monday week.

On the following evening Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins entertained a small party of friends to supper, when 'continued health and happiness' to the bride and bridegroom of twenty-five years ago was enthusiastically drunk with wishes that they might be spared to see their 'golden' wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins' children were with them to celebrate the event, one daughter, recently married, having flown from Paris to be present.

The silver wedding of Mr. W. H. Pasmore was celebrated by the same peal, and it is noteworthy that Mr. Hawkins has been responsible for arranging a golden wedding peal for Mr. and Mrs. Pasmore, sen., and a silver wedding peal for the present Rector of St. Andrew's and his wife.

#### LADIES' GUILD.

##### SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

The 9th annual meeting of the Southern District was held at Aldershot on Saturday, June 2nd. Unfortunately, several members were prevented from attending, and only seven towers were represented. Various touches from rounds to Treble Bob were rung during the day, and the local tower is to be congratulated on its promising young band of both sexes.

The Rev. Crichton-Melville conducted the Guild service, and gave an interesting address.

The party then adjourned to the Parish Hall, where the usual splendid tea awaited them.

Mrs. Melville presided at the business meeting, at which three new members were elected, all of Aldershot, viz., the Misses Margaret Scott, Edna Southby and Muriel Gill.

Miss Mills was asked to continue as secretary, the committee to remain as before.

It was proposed to hold the next quarterly meeting at Wokingham on October 6th, if possible.

#### FAREWELL HALF-PEAL.

##### RADYR RINGER OFF TO AUSTRALIA.

On Monday, June 4th, at Christ Church, Radyr, a half-peal (2,520 changes) of Grandsire Doubles (ten different callings) was rung in 1½ hours by the local band: E. Blackmore 1, J. Watkins 2, F. Brewer 3, A. E. Ray (conductor) 4, A. Watkins 5, A. Goodacre 6.

This half-peal was rung as a farewell to the ringer of the 3rd, F. Brewer, who is leaving for Australia, and to whom a presentation of a silver bell pendant, suitably engraved, has been made by his fellow-ringers.

This was the longest length of Doubles to date by all the band, and was the first half-peal to be rung on the bells by an entirely local company.

As a matter of fact, the first six-score to be rung here by an entirely local band was only accomplished on January 30th of this year. Thus it will be seen that the band, with the exception of the conductor, is composed entirely of beginners.

While regretting the loss of so valuable a member, all his friends unite in wishing Mr. Brewer 'Good luck and every success' in his new home 'down under.'

## BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. VETERAN LEADER IN WINNING TEAM.

The annual cup competition held at Hoylandswaine, and promoted by the local company, took place on Saturday, June 9th. There was a large gathering of local ringers, and many were accompanied by their wives and lady friends, making up a goodly company in merry mood, all anxious to witness a good contest. The usual conditions prevailed. 720 Minor in any method being the test piece. Eight bands entered, and the judge, Mr. J. R. Brearley, gave his award as follows: No. 1, Penistone, rung out; 2, Wath, rung out; 3, Felkirk, faults 256; 4, Darton, rung out; 5, Shelley, rung out; 6, Darfield, faults, 203; 7, Cawthorne, faults 71; 8, Sandal, penalty 5, faults 165, total 170.

Cawthorne were therefore easy winners, with Sandal next. The first prize was the cup, held for one year, and six salad bowls and servers for the ringers; the second prizes, six sugar basins for the ringers. This was the fifth contest, and Cawthorne have won upon three occasions. Mr. Harry Crossland, their treble ringer, is 83 years of age. His striking and skill are marvellous, and withal he is of a very genial nature. Since he was 19 years of age he has never failed his company or his church when duty called. The ringers of 2nd and 3rd are his sons.

The afternoon was, on the whole, fine, and the proceedings enjoyable. The Vicar (Rev. J. Hewetson) and the Misses Hewetson extended their hospitality and courtesy, and their kindness was much appreciated.

## DEVON ASSOCIATION FESTIVAL.

### EIGHT-BELL COMPETITION AT ALPHINGTON.

The Devon Association, which is not to be confused with the Devon Guild, held the first part of their 1928 festival on Saturday at Alphington, near Exeter, where there was an eight-bell competition. Six teams competed, and there were ringers from Northtawton, Crediton, Alphington, Babacombe, Lustleigh, Southtawton, Zeal Monachorum, Bridford, Christow, Colebrooke, North Bovey, and other parts.

Trial peals were first rung. A service was conducted by Rev. B. C. Bennett (Rector), assisted by Rev. A. F. McCarthy, Vicar of Zeal Monachorum, and hon. secretary of the association. A luncheon followed.

The judges were Messrs. W. Fewings (Northtawton), A. Darch (Torington), and R. G. Pidder (High Bickington). Results: 1, Northtawton, shield, 51 marks against mistakes; 2, Alphington, first certificate, 100 marks; 3, Upton (Torquay), second certificate, 218 marks; 4, Babacombe, third certificate, 245 marks; 5, Moretonhampstead, fourth certificate, 360 marks.

The competition, under the rules, is limited to teams of church service ringers, and there is a similar contest for six-bell men.

## INTER-ASSOCIATION MEETING AT STOCKTON.

A Whitsun Monday meeting was held at Stockton in beautiful weather, but it was disappointing in regard to the attendance. Those who did not attend are to be pitied, as it was a most enjoyable meeting, being a joint gathering between the Durham and Newcastle and the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Associations. A service was held in Stockton Parish Church, conducted by the president of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association (the Rev. A. Simpson), who welcomed the ringers to Stockton, and also gave an interesting address from the text, 'Seek that ye may excel.' Dinner was served at the Vane Arms.

At the general meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Association, presided over by the president, Mr. C. L. Routledge, two hon. members were elected.

The Rev. A. Simpson, who is also a 'joiner,' was prevented from attending either the dinner or meeting, as he had some important 'joinery' work to do, having to wed four couples.

The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association's annual meeting was presided over by Mr. W. Newton. All the visitors much enjoyed ringing at Stockton on the ten bells, which were kept going before and after the meeting in different methods, including Kent Major and Royal and Stedman Caters, etc., and at Thornaby (eight bells), where Plain Bob and Kent Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung. Time did not permit the Newcastle visitors to ring at Middlesbrough, but the meeting with so many southern friends was thoroughly enjoyable.

## MARRIED FOR SEVENTY YEARS.

Mr. and Mrs. John Marshall, of Satterthwaite, Cumberland, have just celebrated the seventieth anniversary of their wedding, which took place at Egton-cum-Newland Chapel in 1858. Mr. Marshall is 93 years of age, and has been connected with Satterthwaite and Rusland for the last 48 years. He has been attached to the churches in these parishes as chorister, bellringer, and clerk, and is highly respected. Mrs. Marshall, who is 91, was a native of Kirby-in-Furness.

On Wednesday, June 5th, a number of friends and neighbours assembled at Middle Forge, Satterthwaite, to meet the aged couple and their family, and Mrs. and Mrs. Marshall were presented with a purse containing £21 19s. 3d. A complimentary peal was rung at St. Michael's Church, Hawkshead, in honour of the unique occasion.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

### THE RESTORATION OF AMBROSDEN BELLS.

The annual meeting of the Bicester Branch was held at Piddington. The Vicar of Ambrosden (Rev. C. C. D. Oake) was the preacher at the service, and after tea at the Seven Stars the business was transacted under the chairmanship of the Vicar of Bicester, others present being the Revs. J. Amies (Edgecott), H. J. Edwards (Piddington), C. C. D. Oake (Ambrosden), Mr. E. A. Clifton (hon. secretary), and representatives from Bicester, Launton, Middleton Stoney and Piddington. The hon. secretary presented his report for the year, which showed that one new tower, viz., Stratton Audley, had been added to the branch, and the membership compared with 1927 was as follows: 1927, seven honorary and 44 ordinary members; 1928, seven honorary and 51 ordinary members. One hon. member had been added, and the branch had, by the death of the Rev. A. Brooke-Smith (Middleton Stoney), lost an hon. member who had always taken a keen interest in the work of the branch. Efforts had been made to get other towers and members to come into the Guild, but without result up to the present.

The Hon. Treasurer submitted the balance sheet, and pointed out that though progress was slow the branch was steadily going forward, and, compared with 1920, when he took over the office, the subscriptions had increased from £1 5s. to £8 3s. 5d., and the balance in the bank from £2 4s. 3d. to £13 5s. 6d.—The election of officers resulted as follows: President, the Rev. W. O'Reilly; hon. secretary, Mr. E. A. Clifton; Guild representatives, Mr. F. Neale and Mr. F. Sharpe. Mr. F. Sharpe, who kindly keeps the ringing records, gave his report of ringing done during the year, and stated that touches of Stedman had been rung for the first time by several members of the branch, where previously only Grandsire had been rung.

The Rev. C. C. D. Oake gave a detailed account of the proposed restoration of the Ambrosden bells, and said the bells would be going away during the next few weeks, and the old oak beams were being replaced by a steel frame for eight bells.—Several members spoke of the pleasure it gave them to hear of this restoration, as these bells are one of the finest rings of six in existence.—It was agreed that a grant of five guineas be made to this restoration fund.

Mr. Sharpe gave notice to move that the first Saturday in May (instead of the last) be fixed for the annual meeting of the district.—Stratton Audley was chosen as the place of the next meeting.—Votes of thanks were passed to the Rev. C. C. D. Oake for his sermon, the Rev. H. J. Edwards as organist and to the Vicar of Bicester for blowing the organ.

It was agreed to make a series of visits to towers not on the Guild list on alternate Thursday evenings, and the hon. secretary and Mr. Sharpe were asked to prepare a list of towers.—The chairman was thanked with acclamation, and after the meeting several touches were rung on the bells.

### NORTH BUCKS BRANCH PROGRESS.

The annual festival of the North Bucks Branch was held at Bletchley on Saturday, June 2nd, when between 60 and 70 representatives from various towers in the branch attended. The bells were ringing from 2.30 p.m. A short service was held, the processional hymn being 'The sacred bells of England.' The Rector of Bletchley (Rev. F. W. Bennett) officiated, and the lesson was read by the chairman of the branch, Rev. L. Moxon. The Rev. Dixon, Rector of West Caddesdon and chairman of the newly-formed branch in Central Bucks, preached a very inspiring sermon. After service, all adjourned to the Rectory where tea was served on the lawn.

Mr. W. Sear, secretary, presented the accounts for the year, which showed a balance in hand, and stated that the branch was in a very healthy condition. Good work had been done generally, instruction given at two towers, other towers had rejoined, and the membership showed an increase over the previous year. He hoped this progress would continue, and felt sure that it would if loyalty and co-operation from the foremen of towers were given him.

The Rev. L. Moxon, of Newport Pagnell, was unanimously re-elected chairman, and Mr. W. Sear was again elected secretary and treasurer. Places of meeting for the year were chosen.

The Master (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) congratulated the branch on the way it was progressing. He also gave a brief but interesting report of the Central Council meeting at Hereford, which was appreciated by the company.

Mr. Wright, treasurer, spoke on the finances of the Guild, and congratulated the branch on its sound position, which reflected credit on the management.—Mr. R. T. Hibbert (general secretary) spoke on several matters, giving good advice to the younger members, and asking the foremen of towers to support their secretary.

Votes of thanks were proposed by the chairman to the preacher, the choir and the ladies for providing the tea. Ringing was then continued, the methods rung ranging from Grandsire and Stedman Triples to Cambridge Surprise Major.

**ABINGDON.**—On Sunday, June 10th at St. Helen's Church, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins.: F. Burnett 1, Mrs. A. E. Lock 2, J. Honey 3, W. H. J. Holfield 4, A. E. Lock 5, J. Nobes 6, G. Caudwell (conductor) 7, P. Fletcher 8.

**DEVIZES, WILTS.**—On Sunday, June 10th, for evening service at St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: S. Smith 1, W. Bolwell 2, W. A. Swift 3, G. England 4, S. Hillier (conductor) 5, R. Swift 6, F. Green 7, F. Edwards 8.



## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

### PROPOSED NEW DISTRICT.

The annual festival of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held at Salisbury on Saturday, May 19th, when the Earl of Shaftesbury, now himself a practical ringer, presided over a good attendance.

The annual report of the general secretary (Rev. F. L. Edwards) stated that the past year had been one of quiet, steady progress in the various branches. One eminently healthy symptom was seen in the work of restoration that had been accomplished in quite a number of towers throughout the diocese.

The statement of accounts presented by the secretary showed a balance in hand of £70 15s. 9d.—The balance sheet was adopted.

The following officers were unanimously reappointed and thanked for their services: The Rev. R. H. Gundry, Master; the Rev. F. L. Edwards, hon. sec.; Mr. T. Hervey Beams, assistant hon. secretary; the Rev. A. D. H. Allen and Mr. H. R. Hopkins, hon. auditors. The following were also re-elected to the committee: The Rev. C. C. Cox, the Rev. C. Wood, Mr. J. R. Jerram, and Mr. E. B. Barter.

### A NEGLECTED BELFRY.

The Secretary, introducing the question of the suggested sub-division of the Marlborough Branch, said he had received a letter from the secretary of the Marlborough Branch on this matter, which Mr. Heginbotham (chairman of the Dewsey Branch) would explain.

Mr. Heginbotham said it was no use to set the chairman or secretary of any branch a task which they could not possibly perform, and in one or two branches this was the case. It was chiefly the relieving of the Salisbury Branch of some of the tremendous amount of work and of looking after some of its towers that he had in mind when he brought the suggestion forward. If the Salisbury branch held a meeting every Saturday they would not get round all their towers in the course of twelve months. He thought it might be possible to rearrange the Marlborough Branch so that they might give up a few of their towers and to start a fresh branch in the Dewsey district, which would also take over some towers from the Salisbury Branch. Although members in the area were unanimous that something of that sort should be done, added Mr. Heginbotham, nothing could be done, because when they arrived at Dewsey they found great difficulties. They had a meeting there, something like 25 or 30 ringers turning up. The tower had a good peal of six in an iron frame, but the belfry was about the dirtiest and most filthy he had been in for the past 20 years. Mr. Heginbotham described the condition of the belfry in detail, remarking that there were birds' nests there and a leaking roof and rotten floor among other defects, and said when they got to the meeting they found there were no ringers from Dewsey at all. He did not know the 'local politics.' The Rector was away in Italy on a holiday for three months and the curate did not come to the meeting, so nothing could be done to start a branch in the Dewsey area. Those present at the meeting voted in favour of a Dewsey Branch, but there was no one there to take any interest, and so they had had to leave it.

Mr. Beams suggested that something would probably be done in regard to Dewsey if a letter were written to the Parochial Church Council pointing out the deplorable condition of their belfry and bells and the neglected roof and tower. Such a letter coming from the Guild ought to have some weight, with thinking people, at any rate, and he believed this was the first step they should take in trying to arouse some enthusiasm in the Dewsey district. He proposed that the Rector and the Parochial Church Council be written to. It was no use minding matters. They were neglecting their duty as churchpeople there. To let water through the roof, to allow jackdaws to build their nests in the tower, and to fail to keep the fabric in repair was sadly neglecting a duty. The Guild had a friend in the Archdeacon, and if he could help them he would, because it was his duty to see churches were in proper repair.

Mr. Heginbotham, seconding Mr. Beams' proposition that letters be written to the Parochial Church Council and the Rector of Dewsey, said he believed the secretary of the Marlborough Branch had approached the Rector, but he believed it would have more weight if a letter went from the Guild.

Lord Shaftesbury said he felt sure that if they wrote a nice, friendly letter, pointing out the interest the Guild took in all the towers in the diocese and especially in the Dewsey tower, and offer all the help they could, it would be well received.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

### GUILD WAR MEMORIAL.

The Secretary, referring to the Guild war memorial in the Cathedral, said last September he had an interview with the late Dean and the Archdeacon of Sarum, and he came to an agreement with them, on behalf of the Guild, that the Guild should make an endeavour to pay off the whole sum of £200 by the jubilee year of the Guild, four years hence. He said they should go on steadily raising funds in the meantime, and then, with a great jubilee commemoration service in the Cathedral and a large collection, pay off the amount required. He asked them to introduce into the memorial in carved wood and gild the badge of the Guild, and the Archdeacon undertook to see that it was done.—Mr. Beams said the amount they had collected was £129 7s. 5d. He found there were still 35 towers who had not contributed to the memorial fund, and he hoped these would now respond. They were not asked for large amounts.

### REPRESENTATION ON ADVISORY BOARD.

The meeting next discussed the question of asking the diocesan authorities to consider the necessity of having representatives of the

Guild on the Diocesan Advisory Board, which deals with matters concerning the facilities for the restoration of bells and belfries, in which matters the expert advice of representatives of the Guild would be valuable.—Mr. Cook proposed that Mr. Hillier and Mr. Beams be nominated to the diocesan authorities as the representatives of Guild on the Advisory Board. Mr. Cook said they needed practical ringers on the board. They would then get tower work done better, 'because some of these old gentlemen would be afraid to go where a practical ringer is not.' Referring to the recasting of ancient bells, Mr. Cook said one felt that the church should not be turned into a museum. Bells were instruments of music.—Mr. Fletcher seconded, and the motion was carried.—The President said if he happened to be present when the Advisory Board was appointed he would take the earliest opportunity of recommending this proposal. If they could not get two representatives of the Guild appointed they might get one, and if they could not get one they might do what he thought would be extremely possible and advisable, insist that some expert from the Guild should be called in to give advice on the restoration of church towers.

### LORD SHAFTESBURY 'A BROTHER RINGER.'

The Hon. Secretary said when Lord Shaftesbury first presided over their Guild he told them that he had essayed the handling of a bell, but had found himself in contact with a very wayward personality of unaccountable movements (laughter). They all very much appreciated the interest he had taken in the work of the Guild and the great and zealous support he had given them since he had been president, but he was sure they all felt that appreciation tenfold now that they were able to address him not only as their president and as a great supporter, but as a brother ringer (applause). Lord Shaftesbury had by dint of application, energy, and devotion to the exercise of the art, which must have been difficult to a man with so many public engagements, mastered that capricious temperament of a bell—a bell was always feminine—(laughter)—and had reduced it to a proper state of submission. He had it upon the best authority that his lordship had handled the rope in a masterly fashion on a State occasion and that he was making the most worthy progress in change ringing. They regarded that fact as an honour not only to their Guild but as an honour to the ringing fraternity at large (applause). The Master and himself had allowed themselves the opportunity of making out a change ringing certificate to which his lordship was entitled (applause).

The Rev. R. H. Gundry endorsed the secretary's remarks, and presented the certificate to the president.

Lord Shaftesbury said it was quite a surprise to him, and he was overwhelmed with joy at having that certificate in front of him. He had longed to be able to address them as 'brother ringers.' He did not know that he was very far in the art at present. It was true he had mastered a bell, and his mind was a whirl of Bob Major and Minor, Triples and Surprises (laughter). He hoped, however, that it would come out of it and that he would see clearly to ring with the best of them (applause). He had to thank his Rector for having brought him into that position. The Rector thought it was high time he (Lord Shaftesbury) should be making up for all the time he had wasted as president of that Guild in not being able to take a part in the tower, and he agreed with him. The result was he had this certificate, which he was proud of. He hoped that all the ringing the members had been responsible for during the past year had brought them in return 'touches' of joy, comfort, and happiness (hear, hear). 'If,' added Lord Shaftesbury, 'we are a band of ringers let us always be a band of brothers in this Guild, always bearing in mind when we handled our ropes in the belfries that we do it to the glory of God and the glory of His Kingdom on earth and in Heaven, and that as much as we do that this Guild will flourish and we shall be a power and an influence in this diocese' (applause).

After the meeting the members attended a service at the Cathedral, when a sermon was preached by the Dean (Bishop Randolph). Two Bishops and three Archdeacons were present.

Following tea in the British Legion Hall, ringing took place in various belfries in the city and district, but owing to the serious illness of Dr. Kemp, St. Thomas' and St. Edmund's bells were silent.

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## NOTICES.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on June 21st, \*St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 26th, and St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 28th; all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards. A special meeting will be held at headquarters at 8 p.m. on the 19th to consider the recommendations of the Rules Revision Committee.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**YORKS ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District. — The annual district meeting will be held at Pickering on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (8, tenor 14 cwt.) from 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Castle Café 5 p.m., 1s. 6d. per head, followed by meeting.—F. Barker, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Reddish on Saturday, June 16th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting 7 p.m. A good attendance is requested. Business is important. —J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—The next meeting will be held at Frensham on June 16th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Bus services to and from Frensham from Farnham Bush Hotel and station: Nos. 16, 16a, 16b and c19. —B. H. Clark, 17, St. James' Avenue, Farnham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leyland St. James' on Saturday, June 16th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 1s. 6d. a head. A good attendance requested.—F. Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Southern Division. —The annual joint meeting of the Doncaster and District, Barnsley and District, Sheffield and District and the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Ecclesfield, near Sheffield, on Saturday, June 16th. Tower open at 2 p.m. Tea in the Gatty Memorial Hall at 5 p.m. Price 1s. 3d. The annual feast and hospital parade, the latter a very interesting affair and well worth seeing, will help to make an enjoyable afternoon outing.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 18, Royston Avenue, Doncaster.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Snaith on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (6) available from 1 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea in School at 5 p.m. (1s. 3d. each). For further particulars see circular.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District. —A meeting will be held at Flitton on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (6) at 3.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street, N. Dunstable.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District. — The annual meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, June 16th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at White Cot Dairy at 5 p.m. — N. G. Williams, Weston House, Weston, Bath.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Clifton on Saturday, June 16th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The meeting arranged for to-morrow (June 16th) at Crawley is postponed.—N. E. Hope.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Peterborough Branch. — The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Woodston on Saturday, June 16th. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Business meeting afterwards. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton District.—The next district meeting for practice will be held at S. John's, Newhall (6 bells) on Saturday, June 16th. Bells open from 3 p.m. Members make own tea arrangements. All ringers welcome.—R. H. Dove, Dis. Sec.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The June meeting will be held at Fillongley on the 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—J. A. Fenton, Gen. Hon. Sec., 42, Bennett Street, Rugby.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch. —The next branch meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, June 16th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. Will members please come forward with their subscriptions? — John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Eastern District.—The next meeting will be held at Benington on June 16th, when the bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. The Rector is kindly providing tea free. Will all those who can do so notify me of their intention to attend.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden, Herts.

**NOTTINGHAM.** — Society of Sherwood Youths (Established 1672).—C.E.M.S. Conference June 17th to 20th. Ringing: St. Mary's, Sunday, 10 to 11, 5.30 to 6.30. Other ringing by arrangement. — F. Blood, 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

**LEICESTER.** — By special invitation of the Lord Bishop of Leicester, a service for all bellringers in the Leicester Diocese will be held in the Cathedral, Leicester, on Saturday, June 23rd, at 3.30 p.m., at which the Lord Bishop will preach. It is hoped every tower in the diocese will be represented. Visitors and friends from kindred associations and dioceses cordially welcomed. Bells of the Cathedral (10), St. Margaret's (12), St. John the Divine (8), St. Saviour's (8), St. Peter's, Belgrave (8), All Saints' (5) will be available 2 to 3 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Tea at reasonable price may be arranged for any who notify Ernest Morris, 24, Coventry Street, Leicester, not later than Wednesday, June 20th.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Ashford District.—The next meeting is to be held at Brabourne, by kind invitation of Rev. S. K. Lockyear, on Saturday, June 23rd. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 5, to be followed by tea. Would members kindly send names or numbers intending to be present to Mr. S. Finn, Ivy Cottage, Brabourne, Ashford, by June 19th? A good attendance (all ringers welcome) is desired.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at North Ockenden (5 bells) on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea to follow. Nearest railway stations: Upminster, L.M.S., 2½ miles, and South Ockenden, L.M.S., 1½ miles. Buses leave Upminster 'Bell' 2 and 4 p.m., returning at 8.30 p.m. To enable adequate arrangements to be made for tea will those intending to be present kindly advise me not later than Tuesday, June 19th?—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath, Essex.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The summer meeting of the Cheltenham branch will be held at Elkstone on Saturday, June 23rd. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30, by kind invitation of the Rector and churchwardens. Business meeting to follow. Will all those who intend coming please let me know not later than the 20th inst.—Walter Yeend, Branch Hon. Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—A bye-meeting will be held at East Farleigh on Saturday, June 23rd. The usual arrangements. Members intending to be present please notify me not later than Tuesday, June 19th.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Eastern District will be held at Houghton-le-Spring on Saturday, June 23rd. The 8 bells of St. Michael's, recently rehung, will be available after 3. It is important that members requiring tea (at 5 o'clock in the Parish Hall) should send notice to Mr. Parkinson, 1, North View Terrace, Fence Houses, not later than the 20th.—George S. Taylor, Sec.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells: St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) available from 3. Tea at Lloyd's Restaurant at 5.30; to fully paid members 1s., to others 1s. 6d. General meeting to follow. Subscriptions are now due. Please send word by Tuesday, 19th inst.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Yateley on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service at 4. Tea 4.30. Business meeting to follow. All ringers welcomed.—Rev. Evan Jones, Sec., 5, Church Square, Basingstoke.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next monthly practice has been arranged at Wooburn (8 bells) on Saturday, June 23rd, at 3.30 p.m. Guild service and tea. Names for tea must reach me by June 19th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bowden and Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Mobberley on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Those requiring tea please inform Mr. S. Hough, 12, Hayton Street, Knutsford, not later than June 19th.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Milnrow on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bromyard District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bredenbury on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, free to those notifying me not later than June 19th.—A. Tomkins, Post Office, Bredenbury, Bromyard.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Speldhurst on Saturday, June 23rd. Tower open at 3.30. Tea will be arranged for at 1s. per head. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary by Tuesday, June 19th.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Seend on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

**NORFOLK GUILD.**—Wymondham District.—A district meeting will be held on Saturday, June 23rd, at Tibenham. Bells will be available at 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Arthur L. Coleman, Acting Dis. Sec.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Marlborough Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Chiseldon on Saturday, June 23rd. Visitors requiring tea kindly notify the secretary before Wednesday, June 20th.—Cyril Hussey, Hon. Sec., East Leaze, Baydon S.O., Wilts.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South Oxon and Mid Bucks Branch.—A meeting will be held at Dorchester, Oxon, on Saturday, June 23rd. Service in the Abbey Church at 3.30 p.m. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Tea after service at the Fleur-de-Lys. All ringers and friends welcome. Kindly notify as early as possible.—Rev. P. H. Bown, The Rectory, Great Haseley, near Wallingford.

**SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY** (Established 1623).—The 305th anniversary of 'Great Ringing Day' will be held on Wednesday, June 27th. Bells (12) available from 9 a.m.—Leonard E. Pitstow, Hon. Sec.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A practice meeting will be held at Hadley on Wednesday, June 27th. Bells from 7 to 9 p.m. All ringers welcome.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Summer festival at Epsom, Saturday, June 30th. Bells available from 2 p.m.: Epsom, St. Martin's (10), Christ Church (8), Leatherhead (10), Ashted (8), Ewell (8). Service, St. Martin's, Epsom, 5 p.m. Preacher, the Bishop of Guildford. Meat tea (1s. 9d. each) 6 p.m. Ringers and friends welcome. Numbers by June 26th.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., 63, Commercial Road, Woking.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Heatfield on Saturday, June 30th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Star Inn 5 o'clock (1s. 3d. per head). Half rail fare to members.—G. W. Stokes, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—The next general quarterly meeting will be held at Melbourne on Saturday, June 30th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Committee meet at 4 p.m. in Church Room. Meat tea at 5 p.m., at the Blue Bell Inn (2s. 3d. each to those who notify Mr. W. Earle, Blanch Croft, Melbourne, Derby, not later than 27th inst.). A good attendance requested.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A district meeting will be held on Saturday, June 30th, at Sproughton (6). Bells at Bramford (6) also available. Tea in Sproughton Parish Room at 4.45, 9d. each. All welcomed at this annual affair. R.S.V.P.—Geo. E. Symonds, 28, Chevallier Street, Ipswich.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Brighouse on Saturday, June 30th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea, at 2s. per head, to those who notify Mr. G. Drake, 3, Empsall Row, Bonegate Road, Brighouse, not later than Monday, June 25th.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at High Easter (6) and Good Easter (5) jointly, on Saturday, June 30th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Will all members requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, June 27th, at latest. It is hoped there will be a good attendance.—R. C. Clark, Dis. Sec., 8, Hill Road, Chelmsford.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Northern District. — The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Upper Armley, Leeds, on Saturday, June 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea in the Church Hall at 5 p.m., 1s. 6d. per head, to all who notify Miss E. Lawrence, 53, Armley Ridge Road, Leeds, by Tuesday, June 26th. Tickets for tea can be obtained at the hall between 3 and 5 p.m.—Hilda F. Jacques, Hon. Dis. Sec., Northfield Avenue, Mansfield-Woodhouse, Notts.

**HERTFORDSHIRE AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS.**—Preliminary Notice.—A joint meeting will be held at North Mimms on Saturday, July 7th. All details in later issues.—W. Nash and C. T. Coles.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Senning Deanery Branch.—It is not convenient to hold quarterly meeting at Wargrave on June 16th. Probable date July 7th. Due notice in 'The Ringing World.'—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Preliminary Notice.—The annual general meeting will be held at Winchester on Saturday, July 7th.—G. Pullinger, Hon. Sec.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Derby on Saturday, July 7th. Fuller particulars later.—E. D. K. Fletcher.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—The summer meeting will be held at Margate on Saturday, July 21st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service. Will all those requiring tea at this meeting please notify Mr. A. H. Saxby, 35, King Street, Margate, not later than Thursday, July 19th?—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Littlebourne.

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