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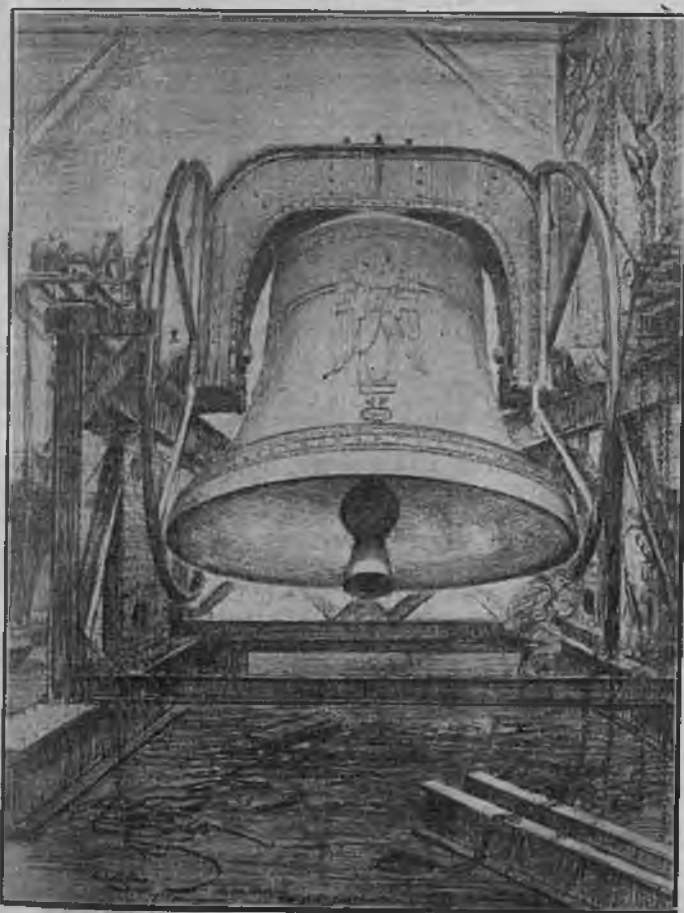
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### PEAL CONDITIONS.

One of the things which the Central Council did at its Hereford meeting was to lay down new definitions for peals on six and five bells. Time was when many people distinguished between peals on numbers below seven, and five thousands of Minor or Doubles were designated as 'performances' only. In these days, however, the merit of many of these peals is fully appreciated, and when the Council gave official recognition to Minor they were only meeting the rightful demands of the case. Curiously, however, in the conditions required for peals, the Council provided only for peals on six bells, and laid down no definition of what was demanded for a peal of Doubles. Moreover, since they defined a peal on six bells, practical ringing has advanced considerably, and the old idea that each extent should end with rounds has had to give way to more advanced opinions and compositions. It was to bring the rules into line with present practice that the Council adopted the new proposals.

What has been done upholds the standard of what is required for a peal on these lower numbers of bells, inasmuch as it demands that each extent, whether of Doubles or Minor, shall be true in itself—and most ringers will agree that in a peal nothing less should suffice. In our opinion there is no more justification for a repetition of changes within an extent of Doubles or Minor, when it forms part of a peal, than for repetition in an extent of Triples. It is true that we are bound to have each of the 720 changes seven times in a peal of Minor, but that is no excuse for having certain changes more than once in each 720. And the same applies to the forty-two six-scores which go to make up a peal of Doubles. One speaker, however, put forward the view that as long as no change occurred more than forty-two times in a peal of Doubles, it should be recognised, no matter where the repetitions appeared. Thus, carried to its logical conclusion, a 5,040 would have to be recognised as a peal of Grandsire Doubles, if the first lead were rung forty-two times over, as it could be by merely plain hunting, and then, after making a third's place, the next lead were rung forty-two times over, before calling the first bob, and the operation repeated through the twelve leads. A peal of Grandsire Doubles could thus be rung with only four bobs and two singles. To risk, in this way, the lowering of the standard required would bring peal ringing into contempt, at any rate on five and six bells, and the suggestion of treating the seven 720's of Minor or the 42 six-scores of Doubles as a 'unit' met with no support. It is well to encourage in every way possible those who are struggling at the bottom

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of the ladder, but there must be a standard to live up to. Present conditions are merely the minimum requirements. On the other hand there is no compulsion on anybody to comply with them, but officially anything less than this minimum will not be recognised.

## TEN BELL PEAL.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 23, 1928, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

MRS. W. H. THOMAS ... Treble	*HERBERT KNIGHT ... .. 6
MRS. R. J. WILKINS... .. 2	*STEPHEN H. WOOD ... .. 7
JOHN THOMAS ... .. 3	*ERNEST STITCH ... .. 8
ALFRED E. REEVES ... .. 4	JOHN BURFORD ... .. 9
*ALBERT J. PITMAN ... .. 5	HARRY BENNETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 23, 1928, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 19½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... Treble	LIONEL H. PAGE ... .. 5
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... .. 2	GEORGE E. WILLSON ... .. 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 3	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... .. 7
WILLIAM DUDLEY ... .. 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN

Rung for the birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales,

CLEVEDON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 24, 1928, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr.

*MONTY FELTHAM ... Treble	WILLIAM SIMMONDS ... .. 5
JOHN THOMAS ... .. 2	HERBERT KNIGHT ... .. 6
†ALEX PARKER ... .. 3	NORMAN COOMES ... .. 7
LEWIS MOORE ... .. 4	*STANLEY JAMES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. KNIGHT.

\* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. First peal as conductor. W. Simmonds was elected a life member before the peal.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, June 26, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JACOB,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

*MISS BERTHA JORDAN ... Treble	ISAAC LONG... .. 5
MISS ANNIE BROWN ... .. 2	WILLIAM C. HUNTER ... .. 6
JOHN THOMAS ... .. 3	EDWIN J. BROWN ... .. 7
HERBERT KNIGHT ... .. 4	*ERNEST THOMAS... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

\* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to John Albert Brown, the one-year-old son of the ringer of the seventh. J. Thomas hails from London, H. Knight from Clapton-in-Gordano, and E. Thomas from Winterbourne.

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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Wednesday, June 27, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,  
**A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 13 cwt.

HENRY TYSON ... .. Treble	ALBERT E. ADAMSON ... .. 5
GEORGE WALL ... .. 2	JAMES C. GRAY ... .. 6
EDWARD A. HERN ... .. 3	*ADAM DEAS ... .. 7
JAMES E. SCOTT ... .. 4	ROBERT SKEOCH ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by EDWARD A. HERN.

\* Fiftieth peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th. First peal in the method by all the band except the treble ringer.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFS.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, June 27, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.  
Tenor 14½ cwt.

*ERNEST PARSONS ... .. Treble	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... .. 5
HARRY HOLDEN ... .. 2	HECTOR G. BIRD ... .. 6
WILLIAM POTTER ... .. 3	THOMAS HEMMING ... .. 7
JOHN LLOYD ... .. 4	WALTER MASTERS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS HEMMING.

\* First peal and first attempt, and proposed a member of the association before starting. First peal as conductor. All are members of the local band except the ringer of the 6th, who hails from Old Hill.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 29, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

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

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION.	Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.
F. HORACE E. STUBBS ... .. Treble	ALBAN DISNEY ... .. 5
J. FREDERICK MILNER ... .. 2	CHARLES ALLSOP ... .. 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... .. 3	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 7
ERNEST W. CARTWRIGHT ... .. 4	JAMES S. HUTCHBY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

The conductor's 25th peal of Stedman Triples on the bells.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 30, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

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

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... .. Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 5
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... .. 2	HERBERT E. ADDSLEY ... .. 6
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... .. 3	GEORGE H. DAYNES ... .. 7
JOHN BURLS ... .. 4	JOHN H. CHRESMAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

WILBY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 30, 1928, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

*FREDERICK DEARING ... .. Treble	ALFRED H. WATSON ... .. 5
FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... .. 2	WALTER RUFFLES ... .. 6
JOHN HALL ... .. 3	WILLIAM C. ROMSEY ... .. 7
THOMAS H. CHAPPELL ... .. 4	HARRY HALL ... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM C. ROMSEY.

\* First peal of Major and first attempt. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 30, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

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

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by J. G. AMES.  
Rung as a farewell to the ringer of the 2nd on his departure for Rothwell.

KIRBY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 30, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. Treble	ERNEST J. BOTLER ... .. 5
LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 2	WILLIAM PYE ... .. 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 7
FRANK CLAYDEN ... .. 4	JAMES BENNETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.  
First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a compliment to the conductor on his 56th birthday.

TODMORDEN, YORKSHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 30, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, CROSS STONE,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 10 cwt.

REV. ROBERT MARLEY ... .. Treble	JAMES INGHAM ... .. 5
HERBERT DAVENPORT ... .. 2	WILLIAM CRABTREE ... .. 6
MISS ROSE A. BELL ... .. 3	HARRY SMALE ... .. 7
JOHN CRYER ... .. 4	WILLIAM HORAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by WILLIAM HORAN.  
Arranged for Mr. H. Smale, of Essex.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 30, 1928, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

JAMES GOODSSELL ... .. Treble	HARRY BAKER ... .. 5
MRS. HARRY BAKER ... .. 2	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. ... .. 6
*GEORGE KING ... .. 3	KENNETH PATTENDEN ... .. 7
JOHN WHEATON ... .. 4	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES H. MARTIN. Conducted by A. E. EDWARDS.  
\* First peal of Bob Major. 100th peal as conductor in 40 different towers in Kent and Sussex. Rung as a birthday peal for Frederick J. Lambert, jun.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 30, 1928, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5088 CHANGES;**

WILLIAM HAIGH ... .. Treble	PHILIP SPRINGHAM ... .. 5
WILLIAM SPICE ... .. 2	CHARLES NORRIS ... .. 6
ROWLAND OCKWELL, R.N. ... .. 3	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... .. 7
FRANK BELSEY ... .. 4	CHARLES WINSER ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by C. WINSER.  
Rung to celebrate the commissioning of H.M.S. 'Kent' (flagship of the China station), built in Chatham Dockyard, Gillingham, Kent, by Kentish men and men of Kent, and the presentation of a ship's bell and silver plate by the ladies of Kent to the officers' mess; also as a farewell to Rowland Ockwell, C.B.O., R.N.

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TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 30, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Martin,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES,**  
Tenor 12½ cwt.

*WILLIAM BROWN ... ..Treble	HAROLD V. COOPER... .. 5
ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. 2	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE... .. 6
ALFRED ROWLEY ... .. 3	*HECTOR G. BIRD ... .. 7
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... .. 4	THOMAS HEMMING ... ..Tenor

Composed by J. PIGOTT.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

\* First peal in the method.

STANDISH, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 30, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Wilfrid,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES,**  
Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN POTTER ... ..Treble	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 5
JOHN BOOTH... .. 2	*WILLIAM H. SHUKER... .. 6
STANLEY ROBINSON ... .. 3	JAMES W. GROUNDS ... .. 7
JOHN R. TAYLOR... .. 4	†ERNEST BIRCHALL ... ..Tenor

Composed by G. CROSS.

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

\* 100th peal for the association. † First peal in the method.

LUGWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 30, 1928, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR W. DAVIS ... ..Treble	THOMAS H. TAYSOM ... .. 5
WALTER TAYLOR... .. 2	ALEC J. TAYLOR ... .. 6
WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS ... .. 3	CHARLES EDWARDS ... .. 7
GEOFFREY W. TAYSOM ... .. 4	WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... ..Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

First peal of Stedman on the bells. Rung as a compliment to the recently-appointed Vicar, the Rev. C. H. Hodgson, and Mrs. Hodgson. After the peal the Vicar and Mrs. Hodgson kindly provided refreshments, which were highly appreciated.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.  
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 30, 1928, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt.

*WILFRED T. GODFREY ...Treble	CHARLES S. BIRD ... .. 5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... .. 2	WILLIAM H. HOLLIER ... .. 6
HENRY CHANDLER ... .. 3	HORACE BELCHER ... .. 7
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... .. 4	FRANK BLONDELL ... ..Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. A. TROLLOPE.

\* First peal away from the tenor behind. Rung with the clappers half-muffled as a last token of respect and affection for Charles Edwards, who was buried that morning in Heston Churchyard. Mr. Edwards was for many years a regular ringer at Heston, and six months ago a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of his connection with the belfry.

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.  
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, July 1, 1928, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5038 CHANGES;**

ALBERT E. LOCK... ..Treble	GORDON CAUDWELL ... .. 5
MRS. A. E. LOCK... .. 2	WILLIAM BOLWELL ... .. 6
JACK HONEY... .. 3	*SIDNEY HILLIER ... .. 7
SIDNEY WILTSHIRE ... .. 4	FRED LAMBETH ... ..Tenor

Composed by JAMES HONY.

Conducted by FRED LAMBETH.

\* First peal in the method. Mrs. A. E. Lock, Messrs. A. E. Lock, J. Honey and G. Caudwell were elected members of the Guild before starting.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, July 1, 1928, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Being 10 six-scores of Plain Bob, 14 of Canterbury Pleasure, and 18 of Grandsire, 24 callings.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*DENNIS J. SHARPLES...Treble	JAMES P. HYETT ... .. 5
WILLIAM EVANS ... .. 2	JAMES L. GOODE ... .. 6
†WILLIAM RICHARDS ... .. 3	†JAMES RANDLE ... .. 7
†GEORGE J. PRICE ... .. 4	*RICHARD J. EAST ... ..Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

\* First peal. † First peal in three methods.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

CRATFIELD, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, June 21, 1928, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

*FREDERICK DEARING...Treble	WILLIAM HOWARD ... .. 4
CHARLES HOWARD ... .. 2	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... .. 5
HORACE PEPPER... .. 3	ALFRED H. WATSON ... ..Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

\* First peal and first attempt. The band wish to thank the churchwarden (Mr. Armstrong) for so kindly providing refreshments at the conclusion of the peal. These bells are a very fine-toned ring, but sadly require the attention of a bell hanger.

WELTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Friday, June 29, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*DOUGLAS M. HEWITT ...Treble	*CHARLES A. LYON ... .. 4
JOHN T. BARTRAM ... .. 2	HARRY MORGAN... .. 5
*ALBERT HARDING ... .. 3	ARTHUR BALDWIN ... ..Tenor

Conducted by HARRY MORGAN.

\* First peal.

MELBOURN, CAMBS.  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 30, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

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

Being three 720's of Oxford and four of Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

BERTRAM PILGRIM ...Treble	WILLIAM K. NORTH ... .. 4
MISS KITTY WILLERS... .. 2	ROBERT HOWARD... .. 5
JOHN W. WARD ... .. 3	FRANK HARPER ... ..Tenor

Conducted by FRANK HARPER.

First peal as conductor. William K. North was elected a life member of the association in the tower.

**HANDBELL-PEAL.**

MANCHESTER.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 28, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At 16, Lime Grove,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 24 in D.

ALFRED BARNES ... .. 1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY ... .. 5-6
HAROLD JACKSON ... .. 3-4	*WILLIAM EDWARDS ... .. 7-8

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALLEN F. BAILEY.

Umpire: PETER LAFLIN.

\* First peal in hand, and first attempt.



## COMPETITION RINGING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I note with interest the letter on the above subject by the hon. secretary of the Devon Guild in reply to the one I wrote some time ago. I agree it is a sound policy for the Guild to visit outside towers as frequently as possible, to demonstrate half-pull ringing to the round ringers.

Mr. Laver enquires whether I have any further suggestions to make. I have at least one. For example, in the case of the Devon Guild and the Devon Association, is it not possible for these two organisations to hold a few joint meetings in some central places such as Exeter and Newton Abbot? They could then have a 'friendly' discussion or talk together. I venture to think that, perhaps, some little good might be done in this direction.

Perhaps there may be others interested in this subject who might have some suggestion to put forward also.—Yours faithfully,  
'CAMPAÑOLOGIST.'

## ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

## SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION VISITS NORTH OCKENDON.

A large number of members and friends attended the meeting of the South-Western Division, held at North Ockendon on Saturday, June 23rd, and, being favoured with beautiful weather, thoroughly enjoyed themselves in this old out-of-the-way Essex village. One might pass through North Ockendon and easily miss the church. The little parish can hardly boast of a street, and to reach the church one must leave the main road and take the turning which leads through a green 'chase' to the hall. In olden times the church, hall and Rectory were surrounded by a moat, part of which still exists, and it is one of the beauty spots of the district. One must not be misled by the exterior of the church. It looks new, for it was restored in 1858, with the exception of the tower, which has kept its picturesque chequer work of stone and flint, and the original tracery of the west window. The church was probably built round about 1170: the Norman doorway has a curious stilted arch with chevron and billet mouldings, which also show the restorer's hand. The church also boasts some very fine monuments. One of the finest in Essex is that of Sir Gabriel and Lady Audrey Ponitz, the last of the Essex branch of a great English family. A unique feature of the Lady Chapel (under which Sir Gabriel constructed a vault for his family's interments) is the series of eight little mural tablets which commemorate seven generations of his family. They are all of the same type and size, with interesting little effigies and Latin inscriptions.

This is a very brief description of the church selected for the meeting. Some members who arrived early had the pleasure of ringing for a wedding, which was taking place, after which the bells were soon going to Plain Bob, etc., until 5 p.m., when the service, conducted by the Rector, Rev. E. F. Evans, was held, during which Miss Dawson the well-known solo, 'Open the gates of the Temple,'

After the service an adjournment was made to the Vicarage garden to partake of a sumptuous repast, which was followed by the usual business meeting. The Master, Mr. A. Prior, presided over by the Rector, supported by the District Master, Mr. W. Nevard, and also the District Master of the North-Eastern Division.

The provisional election of Mr. L. R. Welch, of the Walthamstow St. Mary's band, was confirmed, and South Weald chosen for the place of the next meeting. The hon. secretary was also asked to write and convey to Mr. F. J. Pitstow (hon. general secretary and treasurer) the deepest sympathy of the members present at the great loss he had sustained by the death of his father, Mr. F. Pitstow, of Saffron Walden.

The meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector, Rev. E. F. Evans, for allowing the use of the tower and bells, also for personally conducting parties round the church and explaining all the objects of interest, to Mrs. Evans for so kindly providing the tea, to Miss Dawson, the daughter of the hon. secretary of the Leytonstone band, for her splendid rendering of the solo at the service, and to Mrs. Cole for so ably accompanying the hymns and responses on the organ.—The Rector suitably responded. He said that he was only too pleased to do all he could to assist the association in its work, and hoped that another visit to North Ockendon would be paid by the association in the near future.

During the afternoon members were present from Bentley, Brentwood, Barking, Great Bentley, Leytonstone, Romford, Shenfield, St. Botolph's (Bishopsgate), South Weald, West Tilbury and Woodford, and many six-scores of Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman and St. Simon's Doubles were rung.

## A VISITOR FROM AMERICA.

Mr. A. Cryer, late of Selby, and now of Detroit, U.S.A., is on a visit to this country, and leaves again for the other side of the Atlantic on July 6th. At Hemmingbrough, Yorks., on June 13th, he took part in a 720 of Kent Treble Bob with ringers from Selby and Hemmingbrough: F. W. Hinton, jun., 1, G. C. Terry (conductor) 2, H. S. Morley 3, A. Cryer 4, R. Fenton (first 720 in the method) 5, F. Terry 6. The treble ringer is only 15 years of age, and it was his first attempt to ring Treble Bob.

## PEAL DIPLOMAS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I note that two members of the Central Council have given their views on the diploma question, and, personally, I fail to see their objection to the scheme.

Mr. A. H. Pulling, replying to Admiral Walker, says that ringers should be friends together. Does he suggest that diplomas will allay friendship? Mr. W. H. Southard admits that in Cornwall they issue certificates and medals to ringers to encourage change ringing, but object to the scheme because the ringers of old carried on without them.

Surely the time has come when something should be done to encourage the ringer of the future, and so keep up a bit with the times.—Yours faithfully,

F. NEALE.

Bicester, Oxon.

## WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Northern Branch was held at King's Norton on Saturday, June 16th, the towers being well represented. A service was held in the Parish Church, at which the Vicar, the Rev. T. S. Dunn, Rural Dean, officiated. The Vicar, in the course of an address, gave the branch a very cordial welcome to King's Norton. Mr. W. E. Moore officiated at the organ.

Tea was served at the Bull's Head Hotel, and at the business meeting the Rev. T. S. Dunn presided, supported by the Vicar of Bromsgrove (the Rev. T. C. De la Hey) and Mrs. De la Hey.

Mr. H. Mason said how pleased every one present was to see Mr. T. J. Salter with them after his severe illness. Although not quite up to 'concert pitch,' he hoped he would soon be restored to good health again.

Mr. A. E. Parsons made reference to the Worcester Cathedral bells restoration, and impressed upon those present who had not already subscribed the great opportunity they were missing of helping on the good work of the association.

Mr. T. J. Salter, the Central Council representative, laid before the meeting suggestions which had been discussed by the Central Council at their meeting at Hereford. He first mentioned the ringing of the curfew, and then referred to the suggestion that young ringers leaving one district to go to another should be kept in touch with ringing by correspondence through the branch secretaries.

On the suggestion of Mr. H. Mason, it was decided to leave the matter of the next meeting in the hands of the Rector of Belbroughton and the secretary.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar of King's Norton for arranging the service and allowing the meeting to be held at King's Norton. Thanks were also accorded to Mr. Moore for presiding at the organ and arranging the tea.

## A COMBINED PRACTICE.

On Saturday, June 16th, at Bardsley, a combined practice was held, when 120's of Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob Doubles and Canterbury Pleasure, Doubles and a plain course of Stedman Doubles, also 180 of Bob Minor were rung, the following ringers taking part: Trevor Jones, Wm. Evans, Alf. Gooding, Wm. Richards, G. J. Price, D. Sharples, B. Cadman, and J. P. Hyett.

## THE LATE MR. F. PITSTOW.

On Wednesday, June 20th, at St. Mary's Church, Stansted, Essex, with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Fred Pitstow, of Saffron Walden, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: F. Bird 1, H. Watts 2, G. Jordan 3, W. Prior 4, A. Wadman 5, W. T. Prior 6, T. J. Watts (conductor) 7, J. Prior 8.

## PEAL CENTURIES.

## MR. ALFRED HACKETT'S 100 PEALS.

Grandsire Triples 7, Grandsire Caters 1, Bob Major 4, Kent Treble Bob Major 10, Oxford Treble Bob Major 2, Forward Major 1, Double Oxford Bob Major 1, Double Norwich Court Bob Major 7, Stedman Triples 37, Stedman Caters 2, Superlative Surprise Major 1, Cambridge Surprise Major 14, London Surprise Major 11, Bristol Surprise Major 2; total 100.

## MR. J. F. BALLINGER'S 100 PEALS.

Grandsire Doubles 6, Grandsire Triples 14 (conducted 1), Grandsire Caters 22, Grandsire Cinques 17 (including 13,001 record), Bob Minor 2, Bob Triples 1, Bob Major 6, Bob Royal 3, Bob Maximus 1, Stedman Triples 20 (conducted 4), Stedman Caters 7, Stedman Cinques 1. Rung at 21 churches.

## MR. J. BURLS' 100 PEALS.

Minor, 1 method 5 (conducted 1), 2 methods 1, 3 methods 3 (conducted 2), 4 methods 3 (conducted 2), 5 methods 3 (conducted 2), 6 methods 1, 7 methods 24 (conducted 3), 10 methods 2; Grandsire Triples 4; Stedman Triples 18; Bob Major 5; Kent Treble Bob Major 1; Oxford Treble Bob Major 3; Double Norwich Major 5; Bob Major and Double Oxford (spliced), 1; Canterbury Pleasure and Bob Major (spliced), 1; Bob Major and Stedman Triples (spliced) 1; Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Bob Major (spliced), 1; Superlative Surprise Major, 3; Cambridge Surprise Major, 5; total, 100 (conducted 10).

### GIRL RINGER'S FUNERAL. IMPRESSIONS SCENES AT DORE.

A few months since the pretty little church at Dore was crowded on a fine spring morning to witness the marriage of a lady ringer. The afternoon of Midsummer Day (Sunday, June 24th) saw it again even, perhaps, more filled to witness one of the most touching ceremonies it has known—the funeral of a girl ringer.

Miss Kathleen Reynolds was only 15 years of age, and a novice at the art, but, during the few months in which she had been connected with the belfry, she had made herself popular with her fellow-learners by her happy disposition and her eagerness to learn. She could control a bell quite well, and was making earnest efforts to fathom the mysteries of Grandsire. Her sudden death, after only a few days' painful illness, came as a shock to her colleagues.

The funeral took place as above stated, and at the earnest wish of her relatives she was accorded a ringer's burial. Six sister-ringers bore her to her rest, none of them being above 17 years of age, and all learners in Dore belfry. One wonders if the like has been seen before. The bearers were Misses M. Benton, M. Elvidge, E. and K. Revill, B. Shepherd and G. Watkins, and they presented an unusual and impressive sight, as, dressed all in white, they carried the coffin to the chancel steps, preceded by the Rev. F. A. Miller (in the absence of the Vicar), the wardens (Messrs. H. E. Buggs and J. E. Lewis Cockey) bearing their wands of office, and followed by the choir.

A few words of hope and comfort by the Rev. F. A. Miller, a few moments of silent prayer, a portion of the beautiful children's burial service, and the immortal 'Abide with me,' preceded the procession to the graveside. The grave itself had been beautifully lined with flowers and evergreens by Mr. A. F. Farnsworth (organist).

Following the committal, the Rev. F. A. Miller announced that, although only a novice, it was desired to follow ancient custom at the burial of this young girl, and to afford her the usual ringer's requiem. Amid impressive silence, a well-struck course of Grandsire Triples on handbells, with clappers half-muffled, was rung by the following members of the Midland Counties Association: F. Hector Bennett (Chesterfield) 1-2, W. J. Thyng (Chesterfield) 3-4, J. E. Lewis Cockey (Dore) 5-6, and Walter Bingham (Dore) 7-8, the handbells being a new set specially brought over by Mr. Bennett.

As the mourners left, the church bells, too, rang out their requiem, half-muffled rounds being rung by a band of learners, none more than 17 years of age: G. Revill 1, Miss E. Revill 2, F. Elvidge 3, Miss G. Watkins 4, Miss K. Revill 5, Miss M. Elvidge 6, Miss M. Benton 7, and N. Westlake 8.

A beautiful wreath, composed of bluebells, harebells, etc., and subscribed for by nearly all the members of the belfry, was placed at the head of the coffin.

Those charged with the arrangements are particularly appreciative of the kindness of Messrs. Bennett and Thyng, of Chesterfield, in coming over at some inconvenience and so readily, to pay tribute to the memory of a young girl. To the many who showed their sympathy in divers ways, by ringing on tower and handbells, in the preparation of the grave, and in many other ways, the heartfelt thanks of the relatives will be sufficient reward.

### GRIMSBY RINGERS' OUTING.

Although Whit Monday, 1928, has passed and gone, numerous are the happy and pleasant recollections that will cling for some time to come in the memories of those who participated in the eighth consecutive annual outing of the Gainsborough Parish Church bellringers. The places visited were Tattershall, Coningsby, Horncastle and Wragby. Starting at 7.15, in one of the large Enterprise and Silver Dawn buses, the journey was commenced for Tattershall, via Lincoln. Being favoured with every prospect of beautiful weather, the contingent, numbering thirty-nine, including wives and friends of the ringers, were in good mood to enjoy the day's outing. Both the outward and return journeys were enlivened by handbell ringing, flute solos, ukulele solos and a variety of humorous songs.

On arrival at Tattershall, the visitors were much interested in the fine old church, which became a collegiate church in 1438-9. It is of cruciform shape, consisting of chancel, clerestoried nave of five bays, aisles, transepts and a massive tower.

After a few short touches on the five bells, a large number of the party were conducted round the famous and historical old castle. Apart from feeling a little tired by climbing the 181 steps leading to the top, those who did so felt amply repaid for their ambition. A great deal more could be said respecting these two places of interest, but time and space forbid any further comments.

Having attended to the wants of the inner man, the journey was resumed to Coningsby, where, as at Tattershall, the party were welcomed by some of the local company. After taking part in various touches on the six bells, they proceeded to Horncastle, and, after standing at 'attention' to one of the company with his camera, steps were wended towards the parish church, which contains a number of monuments and brasses, including one to Sir Ingram Hopton, 'who paid his debt to nature, and duty to his king and country in the attempt of seizing the arch-rebel (Cromwell) in the bloody skirmish near Winecoby, October 8th, 1643.'

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### LEICESTER DIOCESAN RINGERS' SERVICE. BISHOP'S WELCOME AT THE CATHEDRAL.

By invitation of the Lord Bishop of Leicester and the Provost of the Cathedral, a special service was held in St. Martin's Cathedral, Leicester, on Saturday afternoon, June 23rd. The bells of the Cathedral (10), St. Margaret's (12), St. John's (8), St. Saviour's (8), Belgrave (8), All Saints' (5), were open to visitors during the afternoon and evening, and good use made of the opportunities offered. At the service some 500 attended, and—from the writer's personal knowledge—there were at least 43 parishes in the diocese represented, and possibly more. Among the congregation were veterans like Messrs. J. Wilson, of Knighton, H. Briggs, of Stoney Stanton, J. S. Needham, of St. Saviour's, present, and it was also a great pleasure to welcome Mr. and Mrs. F. Wilford and others of Northampton, Mr. R. G. Black and friends from Kettering, Mr. A. H. Ward, of Derby, Mr. J. H. Swinfield, Burton-on-Trent, and a number from Chilvers Coton and Nuneaton. The service was fully choral, and conducted by the Provost, Archdeacon F. B. Macnutt, M.A., F.R.Hist.S., assisted by the Archdeacon of Loughborough, Rev. Canon Harper, of Great Easton, and other clergy.

After the hymn, 'All people that on earth do dwell,' the Lord Bishop, Right Rev. C. C. B. Bardsley, D.D., welcomed the ringers in these words: 'Brethren, I bid you welcome to our Cathedral as fellow-workers for God in your sacred office as bellringers. It is yours to call to worship with your glad peals the people who dwell in the towns and villages of our diocese. And now to-day you have assembled here to dedicate your service to God, and yourselves to offer to Him the prayers and praises to which in the fulfilment of your vocation it is your wonted task to summon others.'

The lesson was read by Mr. Ernest Morris, general hon. secretary of the M.C.A., from Numbers x. 1-10. After appropriate prayers and the ringers' hymn, which comprises five stanzas from Tennyson's 'In Memoriam,' beginning 'Ring out the grief that saps the mind?'

The Bishop gave a very inspiring and comprehensive address, and at the conclusion of the service shook hands with all present, and kindly enquired of their home towers.

Owing to another engagement he could not be present with those who partook of tea—about 150—but came in for a few moments and gave all the visitors a hearty welcome to Leicester. He hoped that, the first, would be the forerunner of even greater gatherings to be held annually.

After tea a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells by R. G. Black 1-2, J. Morris 3-4, E. Morris 5-6, R. F. Elkington 7-8, F. Wilford 9-10. Dispensing to the various towers again, further ringing was indulged in until 8 p.m., when sundry of the 'elite' gathered together for a convivial at the Fountain. Songs by the veteran Joe Needham, with his old favourite, 'The fine old English gentleman,' J. Morris, H. Mansfield, C. H. Webb and others enlivened the proceedings, with interludes on the handbells by W. Willson, A. H. Ward, R. F. Elkington, C. H. Webb, J. and E. Morris.

It was declared by all who joined in the proceedings to have been a most successful day, and, should the promise of making it an annual event be carried out, perhaps the beginning of greater things in the future.

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Near to this monument are a number of scythe-heads—now reduced to 13—nailed to the wall above the doorway of the south chapel. They are said to have been used in this battle, but, it is stated, 'they much more likely pertained to the Lincolnshire rising of 1536.'

Owing to a slight error, ringing at this church had the appearance of being doomed to failure, but, after a good deal of 'hunting and dodging' the necessary article was acquired, and the ringers were enabled to have about an hour's ringing on the six bells, after which the whole of the party, including Mr. W. Alcock, Branston, who, with the aid of his motor-bike, had joined them at Tattershall, adjourned to the Imperial Hotel, where tea awaited them.

At the conclusion, Mr. C. H. Baker proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the secretary (Mr. H. Torr) for the excellent way in which he had organised the outing. Mr. T. Clark seconded, and in addition included the caterers and driver.—This was unanimously carried and duly responded to.

After a brief visit to the public gardens and other places of interest, the journey was once again resumed, this time for Wragby, the last place for ringing on the programme. Here is a pretty church, containing a nice ring of six bells. These were, undoubtedly, the best bells, both in respect to tone and going order, that had been handled during the day. Shortly after eight o'clock the party were once more seated, now homeward bound, via Market Rasen and Caenby Corner, and Gainsborough was reached at 10.15 p.m.

Having been favoured with glorious weather, nice scenery and safety from accidents, this was declared to have been one of the most enjoyable outings by the party. The Vicar (Canon Morris) had hoped to take part in the day's proceedings, but, to the regret of the ringers, was unavoidably prevented from doing so. Best thanks are due to the incumbents for the use of the bells, and all others who had helped to make the outing such a success.

### YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. EASTERN DISTRICT VISIT SNAITH.

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern District was held on Saturday, June 16th, at Snaith, situated in the West Riding between Goole and Pontefract, close to the famous Carlton Towers, the seat of the Baroness Beaumont. There was an attendance of between 45 and 50 members and friends, from Goole, Hemmingbrough, Hull, Kirk Ella, Market Weighton, Pontefract, Selby, Thorne, and the local tower. A very agreeable day was spent, the glorious weather adding no little to the enjoyment. Short touches were rung on the ring of six, which would be greatly enhanced by the addition of two trebles, and one hopes ere long some generous benefactor will come along and supply the deficiency, thus fulfilling a much desired improvement.

A service was held in the very interesting old church of St. Lawrence, with a short address by the Rector, the Rev. C. H. Moxley, M.A., and was followed by an excellent tea, which was served in the schoolroom.

The business meeting followed, the Rector presiding, in the absence of the vice-president, Mr. F. Cryer (Selby), who regretted his inability to be present. A letter was read from the daughter of the late Mr. J. S. Calvert, J.P., thanking the members for their expression of sympathy on the decease of her father.

It was decided that the next meeting be held at Kirk Ella, a delightful village nestling at the foot of the East Yorkshire Wolds, and situated some five miles out of Hull, where the bells, a peal of six, are at present under restoration by Messrs. Taylor and Co., and will be opened in time for this meeting.

Ten new members were elected: Miss Florence Tate, Goole, Messrs. R. Coldwell, A. Ward, C. Fish, G. Hodgson, H. North and J. Bullock, of Snaith, and Messrs. H. Dyson, A. Atkinson, and H. Brown, of All Saints', Pontefract.

A comprehensive vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for his address, service, use of bells, and for presiding at the meeting, also to Mr. H. North for the admirable arrangements. One cannot help but feel gratified by the success of this, the association's first visit, which had been anticipated with interest both by the Rector and ringers, and hope the stimulus thus aroused will be maintained.

### A FIRST 720 OF LONDON.

At Hayes, Kent, on Monday, June 18th, 720 London Surprise Minor: G. Harwood 1, F. Keech 2, J. Hack 3, O. Gilbey (conductor) 4, H. Brown 5, J. Brown 6. First 720 in the method as conductor and by the remainder of the band, on the bells and in the Lewisham district. The band wish to associate Messrs. H. Reader and T. R. Flint with this 720, as they were unlucky to be standing out when success was achieved.

### SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**DORCHESTER, DORSET.**—On Sunday, July 1st, for evening service at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: W. J. Simons 1, G. S. Morris 2, C. H. Jennings 3, F. C. Benger (conductor) 4, J. Morris 5, C. B. Hurst 6, W. J. Benger 7, J. W. Smith 8. Arranged for Messrs. J. and G. S. Morris, of Leicester, and Mr. C. H. Jennings, of Wyke Regis. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th. Ringing in this tower every Sunday at 5.30 p.m., and visitors are welcome.

**LONDON.**—On Sunday, June 24th, at the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, for evensong, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: J. Bennett 1, Miss F. E. Orr 2, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 3, W. R. Madgwick 4, E. F. Pike 5, W. H. Hewett 6, J. E. Davis 7, R. Sanders 8.

**APSLEY END.**—On Sunday morning, June 17th, a quarter-peal of Minor, being 720 Oxford Bob and 540 Plain Bob, in 42 mins.: R. Bruce 1, F. Kirk 2, C. Henley 3, A. Brinklow 4, F. Elliott 5, A. V. Good (conductor) 6.

**LITTLE MUNDEN.**—On Sunday, June 17th, for morning service, 720 Duke of York: W. Williams 1, S. Carter 2, W. S. Lawrence 3, A. Phillips 4, G. H. Carter (conductor) 5, W. H. Lawrence 6.—For evening service, 720 New London Pleasure: W. Williams 1, S. Carter (conductor) 2, S. Head 3, G. H. Carter 4, A. Phillips 5, W. H. Lawrence 6.

**DARLINGTON.**—On Sunday, June 17th, for evensong, at Holy Trinity Church, 720 of Wells Surprise Minor: J. T. Titt 1, W. Oliver 2, C. Todd 3, G. W. Park 4, W. N. Park (conductor) 5, Roland Park 6. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Dr. Waters, formerly curate of this parish, and now Rector of Aldbourne, Sussex, and hon. Canon of Chichester Cathedral, who was on a short visit to Darlington, and who preached at the above service.

**NEWPORT, MON.**—On Sunday, June 17th, for evening service at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: A. E. Morgan (conductor) 1, J. Phillips 2, G. Day 3, T. Ford 4, H. Morgan 5, C. Davis 6, J. W. Jones 7, H. Amos 8. Mr. Davis hails from Deptford, London, and this was his first quarter-peal of Stedman Triples.

**LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.**—On May 20th, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise: W. Williams 1, S. Carter 2, A. Woolston 3, A. Phillips 4, G. H. Carter (conductor) 5, W. H. Lawrence 6.—For evening service, 720 Plain Bob: W. Williams 1, W. S. Lawrence 2, S. Head 3, G. H. Carter (conductor) 4, A. Phillips 5, W. H. Lawrence 6.

**WANTAGE, BERKSHIRE.**—On Sunday, May 20th, before evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins.: H. Gregory 1, E. A. Gregory 2, H. J. Balcombe 3, A. Mays 4, H. C. Mulford 5, W. Seymour 6, R. G. Rice (conductor) 7, A. White 8.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The great carillon and clock made by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston for Louvain University, the former being the largest in the eastern hemisphere, with 48 bells weighing 31½ tons, was opened with great ceremony on Wednesday.

In connection with the event, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have printed, in three languages, a delightfully interesting and well-produced souvenir booklet.

For recasting the bells of the Church at Sulgrave, Northants, where George Washington's ancestors were born, the American Sulgrave Institution has given £250, Sulgrave friends in England have contributed £100, and Mr. Harry Godfrey, of Sulgrave, has presented a clock. The five bells have been recast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and will be dedicated by the Bishop of Peterborough on Wednesday, July 25th, at 6.30 p.m.

As there have been many inquiries on the subject, it may be well to explain that the postponement of the East Grinstead Guild meeting at Crawley on June 16th was due to a broken gudgeon of one of the bells. There was no other reason.

'Simple Simon' would like to know, after an experience at Leicester, why Cambridge Surprise Maximus cannot be rung with an eight-bell compass, and what is the man behind who makes 11th's place under the treble, to do, if the treble doesn't get behind at all?

The first peal of Double Oxford Bob, a length of 6,000, was rung at St. Giles', Norwich, on July 6th, 1832.

Holt's original was rung for the first time on Sunday, July 7th, 1751, at St. Margaret's, Westminster. Holt himself called the peal from manuscript.

James Barham rang his last peal on July 8th, 1817. He was then 91 years of age, and the peal was Leeds Treble Bob at his home church of Leeds, in Kent.

The first peal of Erin Caters was rung at North Shields on July 12th, 1909.

## REPRESENTATIVES OR DELEGATES.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—May I suggest that you have not got the matter quite right? The position of members of the Central Council is similar to that of members of Parliament, and not of delegates to a Trades Union Congress. They are bound to respect the wishes of those they represent, but they should not (save in very exceptional cases) go to a meeting already pledged to vote in any particular way. Otherwise, what would be the good of having any debate at all? Their position is that they are men who, from their ability and knowledge, can be trusted to do their best for their association and the Exercise in general, and this surely implies that they would put the interests of their association before their private prejudices. It also implies that there might be cases where they would put the interests of the Exercise at large before those of their association.

I am not a representative member, but if I were I should certainly claim to be myself the final judge of how I should vote, and if my association were dissatisfied, why then I should cease to represent it, and the members would have the usual remedy.—Yours,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

## THE COUNCIL'S POWERS.

Sir,—Your leading article, 'Times have changed,' in to-day's issue of 'The Ringing World' will be welcomed throughout the ringing community. Hon. secretaries who are representatives on the Central Council are in a very difficult position. The fact, however, that the Central Council have no powers to enforce their decisions leaves the association and ringers to do just as they choose. (I mean, of course, in the ringing of methods, etc.)

For the Central Council to have powers is a very open question, but I feel sure that if the associations sent delegates as delegates ringers would gradually gain confidence in the Central Council, and in a short time, if that Council repeats the question as to powers, I believe they will be successful.

After all, we should have a central governing body or national organisation, and it is only by this means that the Council could speed up publications for which expense is too great now.

In conclusion, might I point out that in the new issue of 'Rules and Decisions of the Council,' on page 5 it is stated that at the inaugural meeting there were present 74 'delegates'?—Yours faithfully,

EDGAR GUISE.

## LITTLE CANTERBURY PLEASURE.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—Please make known through your paper that the peal of Little Canterbury Pleasure Major, rung at Loughborough, and said to be the first rung in that method in the list of records published June 22nd, is not the first. This was rung by the Kent Association in October, 1924. With apologies for the oversight, yours faithfully,

A. T. BEESTON,

for the Records Committee.



## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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## TRADITIONAL BELLS.

The following motion was proposed by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards: 'That this Council emphatically deprecates the discontinuance of the Curfew, Angelus or other bell traditionally rung in any parish alike on historical, spiritual and practical grounds, and calls upon its officers and members to exert their efforts individually or collectively to prevent any such breach with ancient usage.' In the course of a lengthy speech Mr. Edwards said there were in different parishes bells traditionally rung. In some cases the origin of the bell was known. There were, for instance, a number of cases where a bell was rung, in consequence of a bequest, during the winter months of the year to guide travellers through the darkness. In many other cases the origin of the ringing was not known. In his own parish there were two bells traditionally rung—what they knew as the 'Eight o'clock bell' on Sunday mornings, Christmas Day and Good Friday, and a bell rung immediately after morning service on certain days. There was a speculative reason of their origin. There were parishes where a bell was rung in the early morning and in the evening, and in some cases in the mid-day. In such cases that bell was a survival of the Angelus. The most numerous class was where the bell was rung in the evening, in most cases at 8 o'clock, and in a few at 9 o'clock. Wherever that bell was rung it was generally known as the Curfew. It might be safe to call it the Curfew, but it may have been even of earlier origin than the days of William the Conqueror. From inquiries he had made he had rather come to the conclusion that the origin of the curfew was firstly not secular, but religious. In places where there was a monastic establishment the bell was rung as a signal for the monks to chant their last canonical office and retire to rest, and the priests in charge of the parishes around the monasteries encouraged and instructed their parishioners, at the sound of the bell, to say a prayer, put out lights and retire to bed, and as the Ave Maria, in addition to the Lord's Prayer, was the most familiar form of devotion, they were instructed to recite the Ave Maria for their evening devotion. Hence the bell became known as the Angelus. When the Conqueror came to the throne he made a decree that throughout England a bell (which in his, the speaker's belief, had been rung in many places for religious purposes) should be universally rung at eight o'clock, and at the ringing it should be compulsory to cover the fires, by raking the ashes over the embers, and putting out the lights. That ordinance of William the Conqueror did not remain in force for more than a century, but when the restrictions were withdrawn the bell continued to be rung, and that fact very strongly supported the view that the real significance of it was not civil but religious, for it continued to be rung by those in charge of the church. Already, before William the Conqueror, a bell had been used for a similar purpose. It was on record that Alfred the Great, a century or so earlier, had ordered a bell to be rung at Oxford, and that was the signal to the students to retire to the various colleges and remain there for the night. It was very fascinating to reflect that the 101 strokes tolled by 'Old Tom' every night came in direct lineal descent from the bell ordered to be rung by King Alfred for a similar purpose. There had been periods of intermission, but that bell still had its force in different ways in the different colleges. It was his belief that the evening bell which was known as the Curfew originated as a signal for devotion, and it was adopted by William the Conqueror for a civil purpose. It was an historical fact that after the ordinance had been withdrawn that bell continued to be rung practically all over the country and in many parishes until the nineteenth century. He was sorry it had been discontinued during the last half century or so, but there were still a considerable number of parishes where it was rung. It was most deplorable that after the bell had been rung for a thousand years it should be discontinued for the merely parsimonious and mean reason of saving a slight expenditure on the rates or church expenses. But besides having an historical significance he held that the bell had a spiritual significance and spiritual value from the fact that it was a church bell and sounded from the church. In these days of gross materialism and universal absorption in the things of this world for pleasure or profit, it was of great value if in any way it compelled attention to those spiritual realities which called the church and the bells into being. The speaker then went on to deal with the practical aspect of the question. The ringing of these traditional bells, he said, ensured that at least one man in the parish would know how to ring. There were many parishes in this country, and many more in Wales, where bells remained silent year after year. Bells were just chimed for service, and sometimes not for that. The one thing that kept the art of ringing alive to a small extent in some parishes might be the traditional bell, for one man at least would have learned to ring a bell because it was part of his duties. Then when dawned a better day, when an incumbent came to the parish who was interested in the belfry, the fact that they had in the parish one man who could ring enabled them to start a new band. For the same reason, where the Curfew was rung the bell frame and fittings were bound to be kept in order. Many a boy had been taught to ring by going to help to ring the Curfew, and he considered that it provided ringers with a most valuable means, ready to hand, for training young ringers. He had endeavoured to prove that the ringing of these traditional bells had an historical, spiritual and practical value, and in view of the fact that so many of them were being discontinued, he would ask the Council to call upon its officers and

members, wherever they heard of the discontinuance of such a bell, to prevent such an act of vandalism being carried out. It was also a matter in which the Literature Committee might be of use in being asked to write on the subject to the local newspapers in places where such a bell was discontinued.

Mr. T. H. Beaumont, who seconded, said that many of these traditional bells had been rung through the liberality of people in olden times, but the use of that money had been turned to other purposes and not used for the ringing or upkeep of bells. He mentioned a case where the money had been diverted, and said they should be on their guard to prevent this where possible.

Mr. A. Paddon Smith said he had found it difficult for the last 25 minutes to imagine he was at a ringers' meeting. He thought they had come to a lecture on the ancient uses of bells. He hoped the resolution would be defeated most decisively ('Oh!') It was all very well for those who lived in a quiet country village, far from the noise and bustle in which some of them were compelled to live in the cities, where they endeavoured to keep alive the art of change ringing in thickly populated districts, to talk of keeping these traditional bells going. From time to time they had outbreaks of protest in their daily papers about what was generally called the church bell nuisance, and almost invariably the thing started from the clanging and jangling of single bells. Then it grew and grew until someone came along and dragged in the ringing at some church where, perhaps, the bells were properly rung. He would like to move an amendment: 'That this Council emphatically deprecates the continuance of the Curfew, Angelus or other bell traditionally rung in any parish, and calls upon its officers and members to exert their utmost efforts to prevent the continuance of such practice' (laughter).

The President: That is a direct negative.

Mr. W. A. Cave was extremely sorry to hear the speech of Mr. Paddon Smith. He (the speaker) also lived in a city, and he had never heard a word against the Curfew. People looked for its chiming every night. In Bristol they would be sorry to lose it.

Mr. T. W. Faulkner said this surely could not be a contentious question. One newspaper during last summer published an enormous number of letters about the use of the Curfew and different bells rung traditionally through the centuries, and the conclusion was arrived at that there were at least 300 or 400 parishes in this country where the Curfew was still rung. There was not one word of complaint about it.

Mr. J. S. Pritchett asked the Council not to take his friend, Mr. Paddon Smith, too seriously; when he spoke most gravely he was very often laughing inwardly, and he suspected that his speech on this occasion was one of that kind (laughter).

Mr. R. Whittington said he did not think the jangling complained of referred in any case to the Curfew. He would like to substantiate what Mr. Edwards had said about the Curfew having a tendency to keep the bell frames in order where there were no ringers. Once at Marlborough he tried to get some ringing, and was told that if he liked he could ring the Curfew that night. He was highly gratified, but when he went to the tower he found there was only just room to ring the bell. The rest of the belfry was filled with birch brooms, grave boards and other articles, and had it not been for the Curfew it would probably have been impossible to get into the tower at all (laughter).

On the motion being put, it was carried. Mr. Paddon Smith was the only dissenter.

## MEMORIAL PLAQUES NOT FAVOURED.

The Hon. Secretary proposed: 'That the Council should consider the feasibility of supplying and fixing memorial plaques in towers associated with famous ringers of the past.' He said he had put this on the agenda partly because of the correspondence which came in last year about the memorial to Sir Arthur Heywood. Plaques in memory of famous men were put up in the City of London by the City Corporation, and the London County Council in other parts of London put up rather elaborate circular plaques on the houses associated with the great men of the past. It had occurred to him, therefore, that the Central Council might like to do something in the same way with regard to famous ringers. It would be no good going to the City Corporation and asking them to put up a plaque at St. Bride's to the memory of Benjamin Annable, who used to ring there, and who was buried at St. Bride's, but the Central Council might do it, provided there was money to do it with, just as they had recently put up a tablet to the memory of Sir Arthur Heywood. He had inquired of the city surveyor what the cost of the city plaques was. He was informed that they were made by Doulton's, and the Corporation paid £3 5s. each for them. There were also some bronze plaques in London, which cost between £5 and £6, but they could not do better in regard to effect than the majolica plaques. The proposal, he thought, could be carried out in this way, if the Council gave its consent to the consideration of some such scheme. The local associations could, if they thought fit, put forward the name of some well-known ringer of the past whose name was worthy of commemoration. The Council could then, if it acquiesced, arrange with Doulton's to supply the plaque, provided the local people subscribed the necessary money. The memorial could then be opened with due ceremony, and they would have the ringer commemorated for all time. He, therefore, recommended the motion to the Council's consideration.

Mr. A. A. Hughes, who seconded, said he did so because he was in sympathy with the idea, but the gist of the whole thing to his mind

was the question of cost. He could not see how the cost was to be borne at present.

Mr. Trollope asked where they were going to put these plaques. They might look very well outside a church, but inside they already had their memorials in the shape of peal tablets, and the people who saw them already knew all about these worthies. Before supporting the motion he would like to know where these tablets were to be put, and who were the people it was proposed to commemorate.

Mr. James George said if they started this scheme he did not know where it would end.

A Member: With you (laughter).

Mr. George said he could not see where it was going to end, and it would be a very expensive matter.

The Rev. C. A. Clements said if they put such a memorial in the church they would have to get a faculty, and that would cost them about £5. If they wanted to put it in the belfry, as Mr. Trollope had said, they would be putting it where, in all likelihood, there were already records of the performances of the men they wished to commemorate. If they desired to erect plaques they would have to submit an application to the Chancellor and pay most elaborate fees.

Mr. W. A. Cave said when the Roll of Honour of ringers was compiled he suggested that, as they met every third year in London, it should find a resting place somewhere there. If they carried out the present idea, with which he was in entire sympathy, he suggested it should be in the same way, so that when they visited London every third year they could go and inspect the plaques.

Mr. Hughes said he thought Mr. Cave hardly knew what Mr. Young meant. The idea behind the motion was that these plaques should be placed in the different churches throughout the country, where these famous men had been ringers. For instance, they would place a plaque in the belfry of St. Martin's, Birmingham, to John Carter.

Mr. J. S. Pritchett said he would respectfully suggest to the hon. secretary that he should withdraw the proposition. He did not think it was practicable. There was the difficulty first of all of where they were to begin, and where they were going to end, in the men they were going to commemorate, and when they had selected one or more, where were they going to put up the plaques? If ever a man deserved a memorial it was John Carter, but the suggestion that it should be placed in St. Martin's belfry did not meet with his personal approval, because Mr. Carter rang comparatively little in that tower. The greater part of his Birmingham ringing was done in connection with St. Philip's Church, where he was head of his own company. That difficulty would arise in nearly every case. He did not think the Council could undertake the work with any prospect of success or in a manner to give any general satisfaction.

The motion, on being put, was defeated by a large majority.

The President said it would have been a great expense to place such memorials on the wall of a church, and it was very doubtful whether an Advisory Committee—it would have to come before them—would pass it. They would ask, 'Who was John Carter?' He would be absolutely unknown to them; or 'Who was Benjamin Annable? Who was William Shipway?'

#### SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith moved the following resolution: 'That in the "Conditions required for peals" laid down by the Central Council, the following be inserted: "On five bells. That peals of Doubles consist of at least 42 true and complete 120's rung without interval and without 'rounds' or any other rows being included or rung more than once in any 120. A peal may be lengthened by the addition of any number of 120's fulfilling the same conditions, with or without one touch of less than 120." And the following be substituted for the present definition of a peal on six bells: "On six bells. That peals of Minor consist of at least seven true and complete 720's rung without interval and without 'rounds' or any other row being included or rung more than once in any 720. A peal may be lengthened by the addition of any number of 720's fulfilling the same conditions, with or without one touch of less than 720."'

Dealing first with the portion relating to six-bell peals, he said the proposal was merely to bring the definition into line with present practice. As the definition now stood in the 'Rules of the Council,' peals of Cambridge Minor rung on the plan published by the Rev. F. Bankes James were ruled out, because it was provided in the conditions required for peals that the bells should strike round at the end of each 720. In Mr. James' arrangement there were seven true and complete 720's if rounds were treated as the first row of the first 720. Rounds, however, did not occur at the beginning or end of all of the subsequent 720's, but the alteration to the rule which he proposed would enable this arrangement to be recognised as a true peal. With regard to the peals on five bells, the Council had hitherto had no definition, so that strictly they had not recognised peals of Doubles by their rules. The motion, as drafted, was to place peals of Doubles on parallel lines to peals of Minor. In doing this they would not exclude Pitman's spliced 240's of Grandsire when rung in a peal, because these consisted of two true 120's, if rounds were counted as the first change of the 720.

The Rev. H. Law James: The first change of Grandsire Doubles is 21354.

Mr. Goldsmith said he was not going to argue the theoretical side of the methods; all he was concerned with was what they were to include under the heading on 'Practical Ringing' in the Decisions of

the Council. With regard to the other frequently practised arrangement of Grandsire Doubles, by Mr. Morris, that, by the definition which he proposed, would be ruled out of peals, and he had little regret that it was, because each of the 120's included a repetition of no less than 40 changes. The Council should aim at raising rather than lowering the standard of peals, and while Mr. Morris' arrangement would make a variation when ringers were practising, there was no reason why such flagrantly false six-scores should be admitted in peals. Mr. Goldsmith added that there was nothing in the motion which would exclude that other method of calling extents of Grandsire, by which the 'half-hunt' bell was changed. These arrangements were perfectly true, inasmuch as they merely spliced five extents into the middle of one other.

The Rev. H. Law James seconded, and remarked that the 720's of a method might be perfectly true, but instead of coming round at the end of each the last row might be 132465 or 143265, in which case the next 720 would begin with 134256 or 142356. By repeating this process the end of the third 720 would be 124365, and the fourth would start again from 123456.

The Rev. E. S. Powell supported the resolution. He agreed that they should stiffen up the definition of a peal. At present they would recognise a peal if all of the 42 six-scores of Doubles were called in exactly the same way. He would therefore like to move as a rider that in a peal the calling should be as varied as the method or methods would permit.

Mr. Coles said he would prefer the rider to be left out. It would rather complicate matters. At present a peal of Grandsire Doubles was recognised if the standard ten callings were used. If the rider were carried it would mean that they would have to include these spliced arrangements, which would not commend itself to all ringers. They would be trying to force ringers to ring what they did not want to ring, and they would not allow a peal with the ten standard callings to be recognised as a peal. If the motion was left as originally proposed, he felt sure it would get the support of most of the representatives present. He hoped the resolution would be passed, because he would not like to see such a splendid composition as Mr. Bankes James' Cambridge Minor excluded from recognition, as it was by the present rule of the Council.

Mr. E. M. Atkins said he regarded a peal in a different light from that in which most people regarded it. He could not conceive why a peal of Minor or Doubles should not be considered as a unit and not as a string of 720's or 120's. All that it was necessary to lay down was that a change should not occur more than seven times in a peal of Minor, or 42 times in a peal of Doubles. The resolution, as they had heard, ruled out certain spliced 240's because they were not in complete 120's. There was another type of peal of Doubles, one in which they rang up to a certain lead-end, then started another 120, and, having finished it, went back and finished the first. He held that the definition in the motion would rule that out.

The Rev. H. Law James said that these latter 120's would not be ruled out.

The motion, on being put, was carried without dissent, but the rider, put as a separate proposition, was defeated by 13 votes to 9.

#### MILESTONES.

Ye Citye of Ladye Godiva,  
Ye Hostelerie of Peeping Tom.

Dear Editor,—I did sit this evening of Grace in an Ancient and Time Honoured Inn in a Fayre Citye that has bells which won't go round and round, and I did discuss ye forthcoming Godiva celebration with ye beste of spouses, and did bemoan the fact that Ye Fayre Ladye could not be welcomed with joyous peals, as was the wont in years long gone down to history, but that only mechanical 'tintinnabulations' could now disturb ye parish jackdaws. But ye goode Dame, farseeing as ever, did assure me that there were bells enow, and none who dared or cared to ring 'em. What appeared to trouble her most was that poor Peeping Tom would have lost his eyesight long ere Ye Fayre Godiva appeared on her lily white 'Osisis' at the Postern Gate. So, good Sir, I did hie me home with head held well aloft, lest I did suffer from 'the wrath to come,' to which all men (who marry) seem to be heir. It went down to history that Lot's spouse looked behind and was turned into a pillar of salt. Many a devoted swain has been turned into an article which could crawl up a worm hole in grandma's rocking chair, an' he 'looked behind' in Coventry when his beste of spouses was with him. Ah me! They knew a bit in old Lot's days, and salt has its uses, if only to put on the dicky birds' tails. But when I meet old Lot in the hereinafter aforesaid, I'll roust him for not telling his heirs and assigns the recipe for making his famous pillar. So there!

Be that as it may, good Sir, this in your ear. I got one thing that old Lot missed. I got your first, very first number, and I've got it yet, and I've got Number 900, and I hope to live to take 99 more; then won't we be a couple of old inhabitants, me in my inglenook, reading No. 999. Here comes ye beste of that ilk, and she doth console me with the fact that this is the first of your 'milestones' which I have read on English soil. No. 1 was in Overijsyl, and others all over the map, and she expresses the pious hope that success and prosperity will attend the publication of all your milestones, but she trusts you won't publish another 900 before I am again at home to rip the wrapper off another milestone.—Yours very sincerely,  
SAMIWELL.

## GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. THE FIRST SUMMER FESTIVAL.

The Guildford Diocesan Guild, when it was formed, decided to separate its annual business meeting from its festival and to hold the former in the early part of the year and the latter in the summer. The first festival took place last Saturday at Epsom, and attracted an attendance of 150 from a large proportion of towers in the diocese and from London. Epsom is well situated in regard to rings of bells, for not only has it a peal of ten and another of eight in the town itself, but close at hand is Ewell with eight and Ashted with eight, and a little further away, but on the road for most of the visitors from the Guildford diocese, Leatherhead, with a ring of ten. All these bells had kindly been placed at the Guild's disposal, and, although in some cases the start was slow, there was eventually plenty of ringing done on them in the later afternoon and evening.

The festival service was held in Epsom Parish Church, where the Vicar (Rev. C. R. Pattison Muir) had made arrangements. Members of the Guild augmented the choir, and the music was thus well rendered. The preacher was the Bishop of Guildford (president of the Guild), who was accompanied by his Chaplain (Canon Irwin), the other clergy present, in addition to the Vicar of Epsom and his curate, being Rev. Sir John Herschel (West Clendon) and Rev. H. Hamilton Jackson (Shalford), both hon. members of the Guild.

The Bishop's address was based on Psalm cxxxiii. 1, 'Beloved, how good and how pleasant it is to dwell together in unity.' He was not speaking to them that day, he said, as bellringers, but as church-workers, whose love and devotion to the Church was witnessed and proved by their voluntary work. But the Church and the nation had been passing through a time of great crises, and through which they had emerged by prayer and devotion. It was not for us to choose the moment when some great crisis emerged, but it was for us to act when it came, to look it in the face and meet it calmly, quietly, courageously, and by God's grace turn it to the common good. The Bishop went on to speak of the efficacy of prayer. We wanted to feel, he said, that we were surrounded by prayer, that the atmosphere of the church was full of prayer, a desire for love and kindness towards one another. He did not think we should have got into this sort of tangle if we had all been praying, as we ought to have been, for the spirit of wisdom and forbearance to others. He appealed to them to take their part in prayer, and take their part in the life of the church and in the services of the church.

Following the service, the members of the Guild and friends partook of tea in the Church House. The Bishop presided, and Mr. W. Harrison (Guildford) proposed a vote of thanks to their Diocesan for coming there that day and giving them such an uplifting address in which some high ideals had been set before them. He called for three cheers, which were heartily given.

The Bishop of Guildford, in a brief reply before leaving for another engagement, said it gave him unmitigated pleasure to be there that afternoon. The Diocesan Guild of Bellringers was one of the soundest, most united and most melodious he had ever known. He wished the Guild a long, vigorous and successful life.

### WINCHESTER GUILD'S JUBILEE.

The Hon. Secretary said it had not been intended to bring any business before the meeting, but he had received some communications from the hon. secretary of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, which it was necessary to put before the members that day, in view of the Winchester Guild's annual meeting on the following Saturday. Those who attended the last annual meeting of the Winchester Guild would remember that it was proposed that the Guildford Guild should join in the Winchester Guild's celebration of their jubilee in 1929, and Basingstoke (where the first meeting was held in 1879) was suggested as being a good place. The secretary of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild had now written that as Basingstoke would be rather far away from the area of the Guildford Guild, he suggested that the jubilee meeting should be held at Farnham and Alton, or Haslemere and Petersfield, or Yateley and Hawley.

Mr. Goldsmith threw out the idea that the Guildford Guild should combine their summer festival next year with this event, and this was unanimously agreed to. On a vote being taken as to which district the members preferred for the meeting, Haslemere and Petersfield was selected by a large majority.

The secretary of the Winchester Guild also wrote with regard to the Matthews memorial fund. He said with the £33 in the Special Purposes Fund of the old Guild, the total in hand amounted to £31 5s. 8d. A number of prominent towers connected with the old Guild had not yet subscribed, and as most of those who knew Rev. C. E. Matthews would want to be associated with this memorial, those who wished to subscribe and had not yet done so were asked to do so at an early date, as the fund will soon be closed. The five old bells at Milford-on-Sea have been removed to the foundry of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., who have been entrusted with the work. The bells are to be broken up and replaced with a new ring of eight, with tenor of 12½ cwt. in G, the total weight of peal to be 50 cwt., and the bells to be hung in new iron frame. It was expected that the Guild's memorial will be the two treble bells, which will be suitably inscribed. It was also expected that the dedication will be some time in November next. It was hoped that the opening band would be made up of one representative from each of the seven districts of the old Guild.

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## NEW CORNISH RING.

### A SIMPSON-TUNED PEAL OF SIX.

One of the most interesting parish churches of Cornwall has been enriched by the addition of a ring of six bells tuned on the Simpson principle, and supplied by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. This is St. Piran's Church, Perranzabuloe (or St. Piran-in-the-Sands). It is interesting to note that the present building is the third which has been erected in the parish. The earliest was the church or 'oratory' of St. Piran, an early British saint. This building, from its structural peculiarities, is assigned to the 6th or 7th century, and may have been built over the tomb of the saint, as a headless skeleton, thought to be that of the saint, was found buried beneath the altar when the oratory was cleared from sand in 1835. The second church was built in the 12th century, and stood until 1803, when, owing to the encroachment of the sand, it was found necessary to move the site of the church. Accordingly the tower, windows, arches, pillars and porch were removed to the present situation. On the north side of the nave there is a white marble tablet, and underneath the following inscription: 'The first stone of this Parish Church was laid in the year 1804, after two former ones had been successively overwhelmed with the sand of the desert in which they had been imprudently built.'

The dedication of the new bells took place on Saturday afternoon, June 23rd, the eve of the feast of St. John-the-Baptist, and was performed by the Lord Bishop of Truro (Dr. W. H. Frere). The church was crowded, many not being able to gain admittance.

Immediately after the service the bells were raised in peal, and rounds rung by the St. Erme ringers, who were assisted by Mr. W. J. Hodge, the donor of the tenor. This was followed by 120 Grandsire Doubles and a plain course of Bob Minor, to demonstrate the difference between odd and even bell ringing by: A. S. Roberts 1, W. H. Southcott 2, H. Bennett 3, Dr. J. Symons 4, F. G. Viles (conductor) 5, F. I. Hairs 6. During the evening, 720 Bob Minor was brought round by: W. H. Southcott 1, S. R. Roper (conductor) 2, F. G. Viles 3, A. S. Roberts 4, H. Bennett 5, F. I. Hairs 6. Apart from these two performances of change ringing and one other 120 Grandsire Doubles, the rest of the ringing was in the true Cornish style, 'rising, rounds and falling,' and call changes.

A substantial meat tea was provided for all the ringers present by Mr. W. J. Hodge, to whom were expressed many thanks.

During the afternoon and evening a fete was held in the Vicarage grounds, and over £80 was realised in aid of the curate fund.

The bell founders, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, are to be heartily congratulated on erecting such a splendid little ring, the tenor weighing 9 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. The treble is the gift of the Rev. R. T. S. Tolson, Vicar from 1909 to 1923, in memory of S.L.S.T., A.T.S.T., M.H.S.T., H.T.S.T., and L.R.S.T. Nos. 2, 3 and 4 are the three old bells which have been recast. No. 5 bears the following inscription: '1928. M. O. Boyd, Vicar. W. de Vere Skrine, curate. W. J. Hodge, F. Arthur Mitchell, churchwardens. Charles H. Trenerry, hon. treasurer.' The tenor is inscribed as follows: 'To the glory of God and in loving memory of Anthony Hodge, who died August, 1912, and also of Susan Harriet Hodge, his wife, who died December, 1918, at Kirkdale, near this church. Given by their son, Wm. Jervis Hodge.'

There is every hope that Perranzabuloe Church will soon possess a proficient band of ringers. There are already four or five local men who can ring rounds fairly well, and under the leadership of Mr. W. J. Hodge should progress favourably. A ladies' band is also being formed, and the Vicar (the Rev. M. O. Boyd) has also expressed his desire that his tower should be affiliated to the Truro Diocesan Guild.

### MARBURY BELLS REOPENED.

Marbury (Cheshire) bells, having been retuned and put in a new steel frame, were reopened on Saturday, June 23rd. There was a large number of ringers present, including the Master of the Guild, Rev. C. A. Clements. A short service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. Vincent, who also provided a splendid tea. Touches of Kent, Oxford, and Plain Bob were rung.

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with Canon Coleridge as representative of the Central Council, to complete the number.

A vote of thanks was proposed to the Master, and seconded by Admiral T. E. Walker, to the Rev. C. R. P. Muir for arranging the service, to the organist, to the incumbents of Epsom Parish Church, Christ Church, Epsom, Leatherhead, Ashted and Ewell, for the use of the bells at their respective churches, also to the Vicar of Epsom and Mr. A. Moore (one of the churchwardens) for throwing open their gardens to the members.

The Rev. C. R. Pattison Muir, in reply, said how pleased he was that the Guild had visited Epsom for its first festival, and hoped they would come again. He informed the members of the death two days previously of Mr. Thomas Miles, who had been connected with ringing in Epsom for 63 years.

At the request of the Master, the assembled company stood in silence for a brief interval, as a mark of respect. They then dispersed to the various towers for further ringing. During the day most of the popular methods from Bob Minor upward were rung, the concluding touches at Epsom Parish Church being courses of Cambridge Surprise, Royal and London Surprise Major by different bands.



## METHOD NAMES.

## ST. SIMON'S AND ST. CLEMENT'S.

St. Simon's and St. Clement's provide us with another anomaly in method names. Unquestionably what is published in the C.C. 'Collection' as St. Clement's Minor is the correct extension of St. Simon's Doubles, and it does not bear much resemblance to St. Clement's Triples.

Mr. J. A. Trollope writes: 'In reply to your correspondent, St. Clement's Minor and Major are most certainly correct extensions of St. Simon's Doubles. We do not, however, propose to alter the names by which these are universally known in the Exercise.'

## THE TWO METHODS COMPARED.

Mr. George Baker says: I do not think that anyone who examines the following figures will dispute the fact that they are what they are represented to be:—

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Doubles.	Minor.	Triples.
12345	123456	1234567
21435	214365	2143657
24153	241635	2416375
42513	426153	4261735
24531	246513	2467153
	425631	4276513
42351		2475631
Lead-head 14253	245361	4257361
	Lead-head 142635	Lead-head 1426375

When the Round Blocks of the above method are compared they give a progression of 2-1 to infinity.

That 'Saint Simon's' is not 'Saint Clement's' will be obvious to all those who understand the proper way of extending methods. A method with two hunts can never be the same method as a method with one hunt.

## ST. CLEMENT'S.

Doubles.	Minor.	Triples.
12345	123456	1234567
21354	213546	2135476
23145	231456	2314567
32415	324165	3241657
34251	342615	3426175
43521	436251	4362715
34512	346521	3467251
43152	435612	4376521
41325	345162	3475612
14235	435126	4357162
	413256	3451726
Lead-head 12453	142365	4315276
		4132567
	Lead-head 124635	Lead-head 1246375

The Round Blocks compared give a progression of 2-1 to infinity

## DOUBLE SURPRISE METHODS.

## To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I shall be glad if anyone who has rung any of the Double Surprise Minor methods will forward me the names under which they were rung.—Yours, etc., J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.  
52, Lammas Park Road, Ealing.

## RINGING HOLIDAYS, 1928.

## To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The following proposals are under consideration:—  
Mr. F. Bennett's party, Saturday, August 4th-11th; Devon and Cornwall.

Mr. G. Williams' party, Saturday, September 15th-22nd; Hampshire and Isle of Wight.

Mr. J. H. Cheeseman's party, Saturday, October 19th-26th; Leicestershire and Yorkshire.

It is very likely members will leave London on the Fridays. Will those ringers who have taken part in previous ringing tours kindly communicate with me or the above well-known conductors, stating their wishes, and how many days they are available?—W. H. Fussell, secretary pro tem., Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

## NOTICE.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION & ELY DIOCESAN GUILD.  
—A joint meeting will be held at Saffron Walden on Sat., July 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.45. Tea at 5.15. Those intending to be present kindly advise us.—C. Beeston, King Street, Bishop's Stortford; F. Warrington, Long Stanton, Cambs.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

## NEWBURY BRANCH.

The summer meeting of the Newbury Branch was held at Hungerford on Saturday, June 9th, when the following towers were represented: Beedon, Bucklebury, Shaw, Newbury, Thatcham, Kintbury, Woolton Hill, Highclere, Swindon, and the local ringers. The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of Oxford Guild), Mr. R. T. Hibbert (general secretary), Miss Robinson (Wokingham), and Mr. Hussey (Aldbourne) were also present. Service was held at St. Lawrence's Church, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. H. Wardley King), who gave a very interesting address. Mr. T. W. Brooks presided at the organ. Tea was served in the Church House, when 33 sat down.

The business meeting followed, with the Master presiding in the absence of the Rev. L. R. Majendie (chairman of the branch). He was supported by the branch secretary (Mr. H. W. Curtis).

The next meeting was fixed for Yattendon, on September 1st. A combined practice will be held at Shaw in August.

Votes of thanks were accorded with applause to the Rev. H. Wardley King, Mr. Brooks, and Miss Burgess for providing the tea. The tower was again visited, and some good ringing was done in the following methods: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge Major. Kintbury tower was afterwards visited by some of the ringers.

## WEDDING BELLS AT ORSTON.

On Saturday, June 2nd, an event of considerable interest took place at St. Mary's Church, Orston, Notts, when Mr. J. W. Drury, a well-known ringer of Barrowby, Lincs, was married to Miss Ethel Magson, daughter of Mr. Thomas Magson, formerly a ringer at St. Mary's Church. The Vicar, the Rev. C. J. Sturton, one of the few ringing clergy, officiated. To celebrate the occasion the following rang 720 of Grandsire Doubles: A. Walker (Orston) 1, A. Muckears (Hough) 2, Rev. C. J. Sturton (Orston) 3, A. W. Ward (Bottesford) (conductor) 4, J. Taylor (Orston) 5, S. Wilson (Orston) 6. The Rev. and Mrs. Sturton most generously provided tea for the visitors and the local band, and further ringing took place afterwards, the methods being Grandsire, Stedman, St. Simon's, Canterbury, and Bob Doubles, St. Clement's, Single Court, and Bob Minor. The social side included a game of tennis. The best thanks of all were extended to the Rev. C. J. and Mrs. Sturton for their hospitality. All thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and it is hoped to arrange another gathering in the near future. Those interested in tennis should get their rackets in coursing order.

## DERBYSHIRE RINGERS MARRIED.

On Saturday, June 2nd, at Overseal Parish Church, near Burton-on-Trent, the marriage was solemnised between Mr. Joseph Wm. Cotton and Miss F. Doris Parker. The Rector, the Rev. H. E. Worthington, officiated.

The bridegroom, who has been a member of the local band since the opening of the bells in 1920, has rung 27 peals for the Midland Counties Association, whilst the bride is also a member of the Overseal company.

To mark the occasion, touches were rung by the following local ringers: W. E. Clayfield, J. Carlton, J. West, A. Jackson, W. H. Curson, H. Hughes, L. Freeman, A. Adams, H. I. Southerd and W. Bosworth, whilst later an attempt for a peal had to be called round half-way.

Mr. and Mrs. Cotton received many congratulations, and were the recipients of handsome and useful presents, and they have the good wishes of the ringers of the district for every happiness in their married life.

At St. Mildred's Church, Tenterden, Kent, on June 9th, to celebrate the wedding of Mr. Maskell and Miss R. Burgess, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) (Thurstans') in 50 mins.: Mrs. H. Baker 1, R. Edwards 2, W. Pitman 3, W. Fright 4, H. Baker 5, W. Tickner 6, T. E. Stone (conductor) 7, A. Battin 8.

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**DIRECTORY.**—Last day for receiving names July 14th. At present 43 counties and hundreds of towns and villages are included. Ringers should make sure now of being included and receiving this most useful book, 1/- subscription.—E. Guise, 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (St. Albans District) and the **MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD** (North & East District).—A joint meeting will be held at North Mimms on Saturday, July 7th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m.; short service at 5 p.m. with an address by the Rev. C. G. Ward. Tea afterwards in the Scout House at 1/- per head. Two bus services run from St. Albans near the church; one bus leaves Hatfield at 3 p.m.; Enfield to St. Albans route, nearest point new arterial road; train leaves Finsbury Park 2.17, arrives Brookman's Park 2.50, next arrival 4.11, cheap return fare 1s. 6d. A visit to this old church with its rural surroundings is worth while.—W. Nash, North Mimms, Hatfield, and C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, Highams Park, E.4.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch. —The next ringing meeting will be held at Whalley on Saturday, July 7th. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Derby on Saturday, July 7th. Ringing at the Cathedral (10) at 2 p.m.; short service at 4; tea at 4.15 in the Church Schoolroom, St. Mary's Gate (1/6 per head), followed by meeting. St. Andrew's (10) and St. Alkmund's (8) will be available for ringing in the evening. All ringers welcome.—Edith K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION** will hold their annual meeting, and an eight bell contest at Liversedge, on Saturday, July 7th. Draw to take place in School at 2.45 p.m.—L. Hargreaves, 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at 75, High Street, Winchester (near Westgate) on Saturday, July 7th. Committee meeting, 1 p.m.; general meeting, 2 p.m.; tea, 4 p.m. Service in Cathedral at 5.15 p.m.; preacher, the Bishop of Southampton. Bells available: Cathedral (12), Hursley (8), St. Maurice's (6), Micheldever (6).—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Eastleigh.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Harlington on Saturday, July 7th. 6 bell ringing from 3 p.m. Tea arranged as usual. Train to Hounslow (East), bus to Harlington Corner or train to Hayes (G.W.R.). Harmondsworth, evening. All ringers and friends welcome.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division, Ardleigh.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ardleigh, Saturday, July 7th. There will be ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 and tea at 5.15 in Neuth Hall (kindly provided by our honorary member, Mr. Neuth).—R. W. Stannard, 12, Ireton Road, Colchester, Hon. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Shepshed St. Botolph's on Saturday, July 7th. Bells (8) ready from 3 o'clock. All ringers will be welcome.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Saxmundham District.—A meeting will be held at Leiston on Saturday, July 7th. Bells (8) at St. Margaret's ready at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided free of charge in Junior Council Schools about 5.30 p.m. All ringers are welcome.—Geo. Willson, 41, Valley Road, Leiston, Suffolk.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, July 7th, at Yeovil. Bells 2.30 p.m. Evensong 4 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. Bells available: Yeovil (10), East Coker (8), West Coker (8), Preston (6). Would those who require tea kindly notify me.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch. —The half-yearly meeting will be held at Trowbridge on Saturday, July 7th. Bells (10) ready 3 p.m. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Business meeting follows tea. The bells at North Bradley (6) and Hilperton (6) available for ringing in the evening.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The summer meeting of the Reading Branch will be held at Checkendon on Saturday, July 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Ringers' service at 6 p.m. A special bus will run from the Duke of Edinburgh, Caversham Road, at 2.30. Tea will be provided for all members.—F. W. Hopgood, Hon. Branch Sec., 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts District. —A meeting will be held at Alconbury on Saturday, July 7th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Will those requiring tea please let me know by July 4th. Bus leaves Huntingdon Market Square 2.30 p.m.—C. Fields, Dis. Sec., High Street, St. Neots.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Next meeting will be held at Bradfield, July 7th. Ham tea provided free to all who write Mr. C. H. Gillett, Bradfield. A hearty welcome extended to all ringers. Buses leave Malin Bridge car terminus at 2.30, 3, 4.15.—R. Harrison, Hon. Secretary.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chippenham Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Chippenham (8 bells), on Saturday, the 7th, at 3 p.m.; St. Andrew's (8 bells) will also be open.—F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., The Woodlands, Chippenham.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Maldon on Saturday, July 14th. Bells of St. Mary's (6) from 2.30 p.m., also ringing at All Saints' (8) during afternoon and evening. Service St. Mary's, 4.30 p.m. Tea at 'Voltas' Tea Rooms, Mill Road, 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Will all members desiring tea let me know by Wednesday, July 11th, at latest? All ringers welcome.—R. C. Clark, Dis. Sec., 8, Hill Road, Chelmsford.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.**—A meeting will be held at St. Cuthbert's Church, Lytham (8 bells), on Saturday, July 14th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30, to make arrangements for annual general meeting at Blackpool, Sept. 29th.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec., 10, Warbreck Rd., Blackpool.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.**—The next meeting will be held at Sharnford, on Saturday, July 14th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested. All ringers heartily welcome.—W. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Sandy on Saturday, July 14th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5, on the Rector's lawn, weather permitting. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.**—The next meeting will be held at Flamstead on Saturday, July 14th. Bells (6) just rehung, available from 3 p.m. Short service 4.45. All ringers and friends invited to this Hertfordshire hill-top village. Frequent buses from Dunstable and St. Albans to the foot of the hill. Will all who think of coming please make an effort to let me know early, on account of arranging for tea. The Vicar hopes that we shall have a bumper meeting. Do come!—W. Ayre, Laverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Quarterly meeting of the Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch, at Chewton Mendip, on July 14th. Service at 4 p.m., tea and business at 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify by the 10th?—R. T. Clark, Hon. Sec., Timsbury, nr. Bath.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A quarterly meeting of the Southampton District will be held at Romsey on Saturday, July 14th. Bells from 2.30, tea in Church Hall at 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea please inform me by July 10th.—W. T. Tucker, Dis. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.**—The annual meeting will be held at Mears Ashby, on Saturday, July 14th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. As the election of officers for the ensuing year then takes place, it is hoped as many as possible will attend. Will those who hope to be present kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, July 10th?—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan and Liverpool Branches.**—A joint meeting of the two branches will be held at Rainford on Saturday, July 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m.; service at 4.30 p.m.; tea and meeting to follow. Tea will be provided at 1s. each to those who notify Mr. J. W. Hall, 99, Bank Villas, Rainford, not later than Thursday, July 12th. All ringing friends welcome.—James Wm. Grounds, 8, School Lane, Standish, and Claude I. Davies, Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree, Secretaries.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wargrave on Saturday, July 14th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Twyford bells (8) available after tea. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea please send word by July 10th.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Branch Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Southwell Minster (bells 8) on Saturday, July 14th. Cathedral service at 3.15 p.m.; ringing commences 4. Tea at 5.30 p.m., to be followed by meeting. Ringing again from 6.30 to 8.30. All those requiring tea please notify Mr. H. F. Clulow, 2, Oxtou Road, Southwell, not later than Friday, July 13th.—F. W. Bailey, Hon. Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

**BRISTOL (E.).—St. Ambrose Church Bells.**—The new peal of eight bells (tenor 11½), by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Bristol on Saturday, July 14th. Service at 3 p.m. Tea, 1/- per head, at 4.15 p.m. in the Hall. Bells open to all ringers after tea. Will all those who intend to be present and require tea kindly let the Vicar know by July 11th: Rev. F. G. Walmsley, St. Ambrose Vicarage, St. George, Bristol, E.—Edgar Guise.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.**—A meeting will be held at Ottershaw on Saturday, July 14th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 5, tea 5.30. Those intending to be present must notify me not later than Tuesday, July 10th.—H. J. Chaffey, Upper Childown, Longcross, Chertsey, Dis. Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.**—The next meeting of this district will be held at Penshurst on Saturday, July 14th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4. Tea at the Institute followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the District Secretary by Tuesday, July 10th.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Secretary, 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.**—The next meeting will be held at Brownedge R.C. Church, Bamber Bridge, on Saturday, July 14th. The bells, a recast and augmented peal by Taylor & Co., will be available from 2.30 p.m. A frequent bus service runs to within five minutes' walk from both Chorley and Preston. Tea at 1/6 a head to all who notify Mr. R. Hardacre, 24, St. Mary's View, Brownedge, not later than July 12th.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.**—The next meeting of the district will be held at Ulcombe on Saturday, July 14th. Tower open for ringing 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea by kind invitation of the Rector after service. Kindly notify as early as possible.—C. H. Sone, Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).**—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on July 19th, \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 10th, Southwark Cathedral on the 12th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 26th. All at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.**—A meeting will be held at Oldham Parish Church on Saturday, July 21st. Bells available from 2 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Secretary, 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

**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.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Prestwich on Saturday, July 21st. Bells ready 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 7. A good attendance is requested. Special business: election of a branch president, also committeeman.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver St., Miles Platting.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — South District.—A meeting will be held at St. Alphege, Greenwich, on Saturday, July 21st. Ringing 3 to 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting till 6.30 evensong, after which bells will be available till 8.30. All ringers welcome, but let me have a post card to signify, please.—J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**BARNLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.** — A ringers' rally will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, July 21st. The Hon. President, Rev. Canon Hone, M.A., has kindly offered the Rectory Grounds for this occasion. The Rt. Rev. Lord Bishop of Wakefield has promised to attend. Grounds open 2 p.m. Service in St. Mary's 4 p.m. Photo group to be taken. Tea 5 p.m. All associated ringers with their wives and friends are invited to be present. Tea 1/- each, which must be applied for before July 10th.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec., 16, Gawber Rd., Barnsley.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Annual Festival 1928.—The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Sat., July 28th (D.V.). Service in Cathedral at 11.15 a.m. Preacher the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Guild. Business meeting in Chapter House immediately after service. Dinner in Christchurch Hall, at 1.30. Tickets 2/- each to members who apply for same, with remittance, before Tuesday, July 24th, 2/6 on day of festival, 3/- each to non-members. Further details on printed notices later on.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Little Horsted on Saturday, July 28th. Tower open 2.30; service 4.30; tea at Horsted Place, by kind invitation. Those who intend to be present please notify undersigned not later than Tuesday previous to meeting. Half rail fare, maximum 1s. 6d.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

**ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.**—The annual outing of the Romney Marsh Guild will take place on Saturday, August 18th, when a journey will be made to the Isle of Sheppey by motor coach. Will all those who intend going please send their names to the Hon. Sec., C. W. Everett, 48, Sussex Avenue, Ashford, Kent, by Thursday, July 19th, so that arrangements can be made?

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