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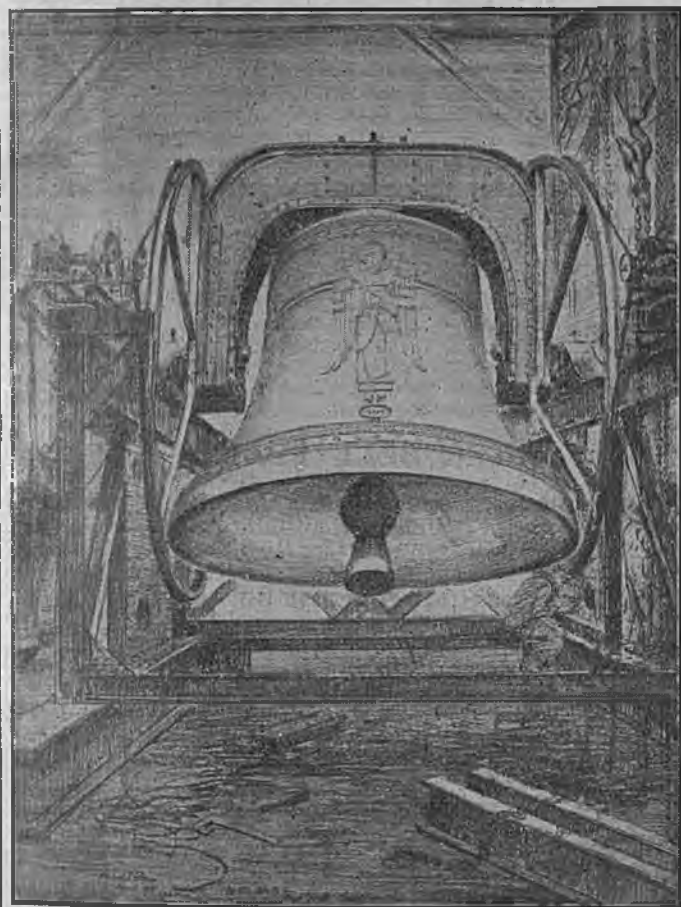
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PEALS AND PEAL RINGERS.

The peals analysis for the year 1929, which is published in this issue, again reveals a falling off in the number of peals rung. The difference between last year and the year before was only 37, but it followed on a much bigger decline in the preceding twelve months, and is the lowest total since 1921. The report of the committee and the tables which they have prepared will be perused and closely examined by those interested in peal ringing and who look upon the analysis as the barometer of the Exercise. There are many ringers who take the view that peal ringing is the least important part of the art. With this view we do not agree. It is true that the progress of change ringing cannot be entirely judged either by the number of peals or the quality and variety of the methods, but in our opinion these things do indicate to the observant whether enthusiasm for the art and enterprise in its application are advancing or suffering under a temporary cloud of apathy. It is usually in those associations which have the highest percentage of peal ringers that the standard of change ringing is best; and the greater the ambition for peal ringing among the members the keener they are upon attaining good striking, and, what is also important, discharging their Sunday duties in the belfry. The indications which can be gathered from a careful study of the peals analysis are, therefore, not unimportant in diagnosing the health of the Exercise generally, and it is for this reason that the tables and report have a value as well as an interest, especially when they are compared with those of the preceding year.

In the figures for 1929 there are certain disquieting features, apart from the reduced aggregate of peals, and the most striking of these seem to be the drop of nearly one hundred in the number of ringers who rang their first peal and the still greater fall of 366 in the number who rang their first in a new method or method on a larger number of bells. The drop in both these categories follows upon a fall of lesser extent in each in the preceding year. Is this an indication that fewer young ringers are taking an interest in peal ringing; that they are less ambitious, and is it another illustration of the now familiar story of 'other attractions'? Whatever the reason may be, it is, we suggest, a matter to which the ringing organisations should give close attention. In every association there are large numbers of ringers who have never rung a peal, and it will be worth while searching for and applying means of creating enthusiasm and ambition among these members of the Exercise. Success in a peal is often the factor which turns a man from indifference to keenness, and it is obvious that unless the supply of peal ringers is maintained there must ultimately be such a slump that the art itself will suffer badly.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS.

CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

At CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANCES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	EDWIN G. BUESDEN 7
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 2	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... 8
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 3	*FREDERICK A. FAIRBEARD... 9
MRS. G. W. FLETCHER ... 4	FREDERICK WHITE ... 10
HENRY T. WILSON ... 5	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 11
STAFFORD H. GREEN ... 6	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

* First peal of Maximus. This is the first peal rung of Canterbury Pleasure Maximus, and was arranged and rung in honour of Empire Day. Mr. F. M. Mitchell, the hon. secretary of the Kent County Association, unfortunately met with a bicycle accident, and was prevented from taking part in the peal.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 24, 1930, in Four Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At THE CATHEDRAL, in the TOWER OF ST. HUGH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... Treble	JOHN HOLMAN 7
GEORGE R. PYE 2	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 8
SIDNEY T. HOLT 3	JAMES BENNETT 9
ALBERT WALKER... .. 4	EDWARD JENKINS... .. 10
CHARLES T. COLES ... 5	ALBERT W. COLES ... 11
ALBERT J. HUGHES ... 6	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung in honour of Empire Day. The whole band join in thanking the sub-Dean and Chapter for allowing this peal to be rung, and the Cathedral ringers for the cordial welcome given to them.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 30½ cwt.

WILLIAM CLOVER Treble	*WILLIAM E. BASON ... 7
GEORGE MAYERS 2	*ARTHUR G. KING ... 8
*EDWIN R. GOATE ... 3	*CHARLES E. LOVETT... 9
†JOHN C. DICKEN ... 4	*GEORGE BAILEY... .. 10
*WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ... 5	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... 11
*CHARLES F. SAYER ... 6	JAMES F. DUFFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES MOTTS.

Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

* First peal of Treble Twelve. † First peal on twelve bells. This was Mr. George Mayers' 200th peal.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 24, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS, LOMBARD STREET, CITY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

HORACE BELCHER Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE 6
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 2	CHARLES W. GRIMWOOD ... 7
WILFRED WILLIAMS ... 3	JOHN T. KENTISH... .. 8
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 4	ERNEST BRETT 9
RICHARD F. DEAL 5	REUBEN SANDERS Tenor

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by W. H. HEWETT

Rung to celebrate Empire Day. First Surprise peal on these bells, which formerly hung in the tower of St. Dionis', Fenchurch Street.

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NORTHAMPTON.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHAMPTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 24, 1930, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

THOMAS TEBBUTT Treble	WILLIAM R. PARKER 6
THOMAS LAW 2	FREDERICK HOPPER 7
JOSEPH C. DEAN 3	WILLIAM ROGERS 8
FRANK ROLLINGS 4	JOHN J. TAYLOR 9
*BERTIE O. SODEN 5	HENRY MARLOW Tenor

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES.

Conducted by J. J. TAYLOR.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. First peal of Caters as conductor. Rung in honour of Empire Day.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

GUISELEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 17, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM DIXON Treble	THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY ... 5
JOSEPH BROADLEY 2	HARRY MARSDEN 6
CHARLES E. LAWSON 3	GEORGE W. STEEL 7
WILLIAM H. SENIOR 4	FREDERICK W. DIXON ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (130). Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON
First peal in the method by the band. Rung on the occasion of the silver wedding of Mr. W. H. Senior.

HORLEY, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Sunday, May 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

GEORGE OLLIVER Treble	CECIL NICE 5
KENNETH SNELLING 2	NELSON ELLIOTT 6
ROBERT SWIFT 3	ALFRED J. BULL 7
*EDGAR G. SWIFT 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First 'touch' in the method.

SHIFNAL, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 19, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

WILLIAM SAUNDERS Treble	*ARTHUR PRITCHARD 5
ROBERT EVANS 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	WILLIAM SHORT 7
ALFRED S. BAYLEY 4	CHARLES H. WATTS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

* First peal of Stedman. A birthday peal for Mrs. F. J. Rodenhurst, of Hodnet, and Mr. W. Saunders, of Coalbrookdale. The visitors appreciate the Vicar's kind consent to attempt the peal, and Mr. Page's help in oiling the bells and splicing four ropes. This octave was cast by Pack and Chapman at Whitechapel in 1771.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE) CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 19, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5104 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

JAMES FERNLEY, SEN. ... Treble	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD 5
*RICHARD E. JONES 2	ERNEST BENNETT 6
WILLIAM FERNLEY 3	TOM WILDE 7
WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 4	JOHN W. HARTLEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST BENNETT.

* First peal in method away from treble. First peal in method as conductor, and rung as an 18th birthday compliment to him. This composition, which is now rung for the first time, contains the extent with 4-6-8 behind. Mr. J. H. Ridyard was elected a member of the Chester Guild prior to starting.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, May 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM J. GROOM Treble	GEORGE BENNETT 5
JAMES BENNETT, JUN. 2	JOHN J. CREASY 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	T. WILLIAM LAST 7
GEORGE A. FLEMING 4	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES PAGETT.

Conducted by WM. J. GROOM.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD

On Monday, May 19, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6008 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILFRED WILLIAMS Treble	NORMAN S. BAGWORTH ... 5
GEORGE DAWSON 2	CECIL W. PIPE 6
STEPHEN H. WOOD 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
ERNEST BRETT 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS

WHITCHURCH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 19, 1930, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

*BERT GARRETT Treble	REGINALD REX 5
*OSCAR G. SMART 2	D. CECIL WILLIAMS 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3	WILFRED ANDREWS 7
OSCAR J. SMART 4	*HENRY CLARKE Tenor

Conducted by D. CECIL WILLIAMS.

* First peal. The first peal on the bells. Quarterly peal for the district.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 21, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

GEORGE ELLIS Treble	C. ERNEST SMITH 5
KENNETH SNELLING 2	KEITH HART 6
ROBERT SWIFT 3	NELSON ELLIOTT 7
REGINALD V. JOHNSON 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

BARTON-UNDER-NEEDWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 21, 1930, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

G. LINDOFF'S SIX-PART, No. 3.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble	CHARLES DRAPER 5
THOMAS MEREDITH 2	E. HARRY STONELEY 6
MAURICE SWINFELD 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
JOSEPH BAILEY 4	JOHN CURTIS Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This is the first peal on the bells since retuning and rehanging by Messrs. Taylor, the 'go' of them being excellent. This composition is now rung for the first time.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

NELSON ELLIOTT Treble	ROBERT SWIFT 5
GEORGE OLLIVER 2	REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 6
GEORGE ELLIS 3	ALFRED J. BULL 7
KENNETH SNELLING 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, May 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 23½ cwt.

WILLIAM BLAKE... ..Treble	WILLIAM G. COLLETT ... 5
MRS. A. E. LOCK 2	VICTOR J. F. BENNETT ... 6
ALBERT E. LOCK 3	WALTER F. JUDGE 7
*JOHN B. HOWES... .. 4	GORDON CAUDWELLTenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
* First peal of Major. Rung to commemorate the thirty-first anniversary of the 17,024 of the same method on these bells.

NORTHAMPTON.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHAMPTON BRANCH.)

On Thursday, May 22, 1930, in Three Hours.

At the Church of St. Peter,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ARTHUR W. ROBINSON ...Treble	*JOSEPH C. DEAN 5
FRED HOPPER 2	*WALTER H. AUSTIN 6
*HERBERT HOARE 3	*WILLIAM ATTERBURY 7
†WILLIAM R. PARKER ... 4	W. JACK DOVETenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD. Conducted by W. J. DOVE.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method away from treble. First peal of Major as conductor.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 22, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes.

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*EDWARD J. AVERY ...Treble	JAMES E. LILLEY 5
CHARLES R. LILLEY 2	†ERNEST PARKER... .. 6
ALEXANDER EVANS 3	JAMES R. JONES 7
†LEONARD G. TANNER ... 4	ARTHUR PRINCETenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by CHAS. R. LILLEY.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Major. First peal of Bob Major on the bells. Treble from Churchill, 3rd Burnham, 2nd and 5th Congresbury, tenor from Bath, the rest Weston-super-Mare. Rung on the 31st anniversary of the long peal of Double Norwich at Kidlington, in which the conductor took part.

ORAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 23, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN A. BARNETT ...Treble	CYRIL BRETT-SMITH 5
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 2	WILLIAM R. BOND 6
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 4	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ...Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

Rung after meeting short for Major.

OVER, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD,
AND THE BOY SCOUTS' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Chad,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

Rover Scout ALBERT V. REES 3rd Macclesfield Ch. Ch. Troop	Treble
Patrol Leader BRUCE BERRINGTON 1st Frodsham Troop	...
Assistant Cub Master CYRIL VALENTINE 1st Frodsham Troop	...
Patrol Leader FRANK L. RONAN 3rd Macclesfield Ch. Ch. Troop	...
Troop Leader HARRY HOWARD 3rd Northwich Troop	...
Cub Master ARTHUR BERRINGTON 1st Frodsham Troop	...
Assist. Scout Master W. STEVENSON 3rd Macclesfield Ch. Ch. Tp.	...
Assist. Scout Master JOHN WORTH 3rd Macclesfield Ch. Ch. Tp.	Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

First peal by a band of Boy Scouts. Rung to commemorate Empire Day. First peal of Bob Major for all except ringer of 3rd.

HANDBRIDGE, CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 24, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary-without-the-Walls,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

JOHN HAYESTreble	WILLIAM SCONCE 5
*HARRY LEWIS 2	JAMES SWINDLEY 6
MARTIN HARRIS... .. 3	†PERCY SWINDLEY 7
ARTHUR G. WATKIN... .. 4	SAM JONES, JUN.Tenor

Composed by J. PLATT. Conducted by SAM JONES, JUN.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung in honour of Empire Day. The above ringers are all regular Sunday service ringers at this church.

COCKERMOUTH, CUMBERLAND.
THE CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*FREDERICK TICKLE ...Treble	THOMAS S. JEFFERSON ... 5
EDWIN JENNINGS 2	JIM TEBAY 6
WILLIAM ROBINSON 3	WILLIAM T. HOLMES ... 7
FRANK WILSON 4	†WILFRED BOWETenor

Conducted by EDWIN JENNINGS.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal. The first peal in the method on the bells. Rung in honour of Empire Day. The ringers of 4th, 5th and 6th were elected members previous to starting.

IDLE, BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

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

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in F.

*ROBERT W. JENNISON ...Treble	HAROLD EDWARDS 5
SAMUEL WARD 2	FREDERICK SEAGER 6
JOSEPH BROADLEY 3	FRED HODGSON 7
THOMAS B. KENDALL ... 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ...Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

* 50th peal. Specially arranged and rung on the 8th anniversary of Mr. F. Seager's wedding day, also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. R. W. Jennison, of Keighley, and Mr. E. A. Prince, of Horsforth, Leeds. This composition contains all combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 24, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

THOMAS A. TOWNSEND ...Treble	FRANK G. MEADOWS 5
*BENJAMIN BOOTE 2	ALBERT PRESTIDGE JUN. ... 6
WILLIAM GREEN 3	JOHN GOODMAN 7
HARRY HILL 4	BENJAMIN PRESTIDGE... ..Tenor

Conducted by J. GOODMAN.

* First peal. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. Prestidge, sen., the esteemed leader of the Netherton band, also to the ringers of the 5th and tenor.

DORE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(PEAK DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, May 24, 1930, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5168 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

MISS MARY T. BENTON ...Treble	ARTHUR S. ROBINSON 5
MISS ELSIE SMITH 2	WALTER BINGHAM 6
MISS NOEL CAWTHORNE ... 3	J. E. LEWIS COCKEY 7
MISS JESSIE DAVENPORT ... 4	FRED WATKINSONTenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 75). Conducted by FRED WATKINSON.
Rung for Empire Day. First peal by Miss Mary Benton, aged 17. This calling, rung for the first time, contains 24 6.4.8's, 24 4.6.8's and 22 6.7.8's.

CRESWELL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 24, 1930, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6008 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN H. BROTEWELL Treble	GEORGE L. CHAMBERS 5
LESLIE W. BACON 2	ERNEST WAGSTAFF 6
JESSE J. MOSS 3	EDWARD E. ROBBINS 7
THOMAS BRITTON 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

ARKSEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 24, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5232 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt, 3 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

ERNEST COOPER Treble	EDWARD DALINGWATER 5
J. EDWARD CAWSE 2	ARNOLD HILL 6
HARRY MORGAN 3	JOHN R. BREARLEY 7
WILLIAM A. WOOLER 4	PERCY GLEDSTONE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE

Rung in honour of Empire Day. The conductor has now completed the circle in this tower.

RADCLIFFE, LANCASHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Saturday, May 24, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

ALFRED BARNES Treble	JOHN BOOTH 5
JAMES W. GROUNDS 2	WILLIAM SHARPLES 6
JOHN POTTER 3	WILLIAM HORAN 7
WILLIAM H. SHUKER 4	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by W. R. MADGWICK.

First peal of Major as conductor. Rung in honour of Empire Day.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

ROBERT COLLINS Treble	ALFRED W. GROVES 5
KENNETH SNELLING 2	ALEC RICHARDSON 6
DR. E. L. TAYLOR 3	KEITH HART 7
HERBERT MARKWELL 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by SIA A. P. HAYWOOD. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 24, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

ROLAND BIGGS Treble	JOHN EVANS 5
HARRY WINGROVE 2	THOMAS GOODCHILD 6
*MISS D. R. FLETCHER 3	GEORGE MARTIN 7
MISS K. E. FLETCHER 4	ARTHUR MARTIN Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First peal of Cambridge. Rung in honour of Empire Day.

WEDDING BELLS.

At Handsworth, Sheffield, on Saturday, May 24th, for the wedding of Miss Eva Hopkin (a member of the local band) and Mr. Francis Rodgers, 720 Plain Bob Minor was rung by: Miss N. Cawthorne 1, E. Palmer (first 720) 2, J. Garth 3, Miss D. Turner 4, W. Taylor 5, F. Watkinson 6.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
JOHNSON'S VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

C. HENRY WEBB Treble	JOHN OLDHAM 5
COLIN HARRISON 2	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE 6
JOSEPH A. FENTON 3	FRANK E. PERVIN 7
FRANK W. PERRENS 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER Tenor

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

First peal of Major on the bells.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

PURTON, WILTS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 14, 1930, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt, 14 lb.

*RALPH SHAILES Treble	*REV. NORMAN S. WILLIS 4
*ERNEST J. WEBBER 2	MAURICE TUCK 5
LOUIS A. WILSON 3	*ALBERT MABBUTT Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS A. WILSON.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

CAXTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(OVER SOCIETY.)

On Sunday, May 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt, 2 qr. (approx.).

DENNIS ADAMS Treble	FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 4
CHARLES ROBINSON 2	ARTHUR J. GINN 5
FRED C. GINN 3	FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor

Conducted by F. WARRINGTON.

First peal in seven methods by all except conductor. First 720 Woodbine by 4th ringer. The Vicar kindly entertained the band after the peal. Rung for the 'Thanksgiving' for restoration of sanctuary, chancel, nave and tower.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Monday, May 19, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Single Court, Double Court, Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt, 9 lb. in G.

G. RONALD EDWARDS ... Treble	JOHN COOKE 4
*WALTER J. BATTLE 2	JAMES F. SMITH 5
JOSEPH LESLIE 3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal 'inside' in seven methods.

SHIPHAM, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 21, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

GEORGE E. SHALLISH ... Treble	RICHMOND ROBERTS 4
EDWIN J. AVERY 2	CHARLES R. LILLEY 5
WILLIAM F. WEBB 3	GEORGE BRANCH Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

First peal of Bob Doubles by all and on the bells. The conductor has now called a peal of Plain Bob on from 5 to 12 bells. The above was rung after meeting short for Oxford Minor, Mr. G. Branch kindly taking the vacant rope.

OVER, CAMBS.—On Monday, May 12th, at the Parish Church, 720 London Surprise Minor: A. W. T. Ginn 1, C. Robinson (first inside) 2, F. C. Ginn 3, Francis G. Gleaves 4, A. J. Ginn 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6.

BLO' NORTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 10 six-scores each of St. Simon's and Plain Bob and 22 of Grandsire with ten variations of calling in each method.
Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

ALPHEUS J. BERRY	Treble	CHARLES F. GOODMAN	3
NOLAN GOLDEN	2	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	4
ERIC G. BENNETT	Tenor		

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Ring after meeting short for Surprise Minor. This was A. J. Berry's 200th peal for the Norwich Association.

RIPLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 24, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, College Single and Oxford Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt.

DENNIS MORRIS	Treble	FRED HAWKES	4
FRANK LAWRENCE	2	CYRIL TANSELL	5
WILLIAM RANFORD	3	CHARLES CAMM	Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

HANDBELL PEALS.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 17, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. E. LANHAM,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

GEORGE WHITING	1-2	GEORGE WIGHTMAN	5-6
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN	3-4	ERNEST E. LANHAM	7-8

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

First peal of Treble Bob 'in hand' by all the above.

STOCKPORT.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 22, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT 23, GREEK STREET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

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

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.
Umpire: ERNEST BENNETT.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TONBRIDGE DISTRICT ELECTS 29 MEMBERS.

The spring meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at Marden on Saturday, May 17th, and was attended by about 30 members. Ringing commenced about three o'clock in methods ranging from Grandsire to Cambridge with rounds for the young beginners. An agreeable surprise was the arrival of the hon. general secretary, Mr. F. M. Mitchell, and his visit was much appreciated by the members. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. J. A. Finch), while Mr. W. E. Pitman, of Canterbury, presided at the organ. Tea was partaken of in the Hill Tea Rooms. The business meeting was held in the vestry, Mr. F. M. Mitchell presiding, when 29 new practising members were elected, including 19 members of the local band.

The District Secretary announced that the next meeting would be held at Hever early in July, and Mr. G. Edwards would endeavour to obtain permission to view the Castle and grounds.

In replying to a vote of thanks for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, the Vicar extended a hearty welcome to the members. This was the first time he had had the pleasure of meeting them, he said, but he hoped it would not be the last. He was very glad that his ringers had joined the association. The reverend gentleman then proceeded to give a humorous description of an expected call on the telephone when he arrived home, from a lady living opposite the church who, he said, had not yet developed an ear for bell music.

This ended the meeting, and the members then indulged in more ringing.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The First Session of the Fourteenth Council (38th Annual Meeting) will be held by the courtesy of His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, in the Guard Room at Lambeth Palace, London, on Whitsun Tuesday, June 10th, 1930, at 11 a.m. precisely.

The morning sitting will be adjourned from 1 p.m. till 2.30, from which hour the Council will sit, if necessary, until 5.30 p.m.

The Standing Committee will meet previously at 9.45 a.m.

AGENDA.

1. Election of president, hon. secretary and treasurer, and hon. librarian.
2. Minutes of the last meeting.
3. Apologies for absence.
4. Statement of accounts and sale of publications.
5. Election of honorary members.
6. Presentation of new members to the president.
7. To receive and discuss the reports (if any) of the following committees, viz.:—
 - (a) Standing.
 - (b) Peal Collection.
 - (c) Literature and Press.
 - (d) Methods.
 - (e) Peals' Analysis.
 - (f) Towers and Belfries.
 - (g) Records.
 - (h) Legal Liability.
 - (i) Broadcasting.

MOTIONS.

8. That the Council do further revise the incidence of the annual subscriptions. (Mr. E. Alexr. Young and Rev. C. D. P. Davies.)
9. That a collection of lantern slides be formed by the Council to illustrate ringing in its various aspects. (Rev. H. Drake and Mr. C. J. Sedgely.)
10. All notices of motions to be laid before the Council shall be sent in the names either of individual members, or of affiliated societies, and shall reach the secretary in time for them to be published a week before Easter, as a preliminary agenda. Within a fortnight after Easter other resolutions or amendments may be sent to him, but in this case only in the names of societies. (Rev. H. Drake and Mr. C. J. Sedgely.)
11. To initiate a discussion on the subject of alterations in the rules of the Central Council as suggested in 'The Ringing World' on October 18th, 1929 (No. 969, page 665), and, if thought advisable, to move one or more resolutions thereon. (Rev. C. D. P. Davies, per hon. secretary, and Mr. W. A. Cave.)
12. To call attention to the Council's statement on 'Regular Methods' contained in the 'Rules and Decisions of the Council,' and, if necessary, to move a resolution. (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith and Mr. G. Grover.)
13. To fix the place of next year's meeting.
14. Other business, if any.

E. ALEXR. YOUNG,

Hon. Secretary.

155, Rushey Green, Catford, S.E.6.

SOCIAL ARRANGEMENTS.

In connection with the above meeting the following arrangements have been made on behalf of members visiting London over the week-end, viz.:—

The headquarters will be at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C. Members may stay at this commodious and centrally situated hotel at the reduced rate of 7s. 6d., bed and full breakfast (please mention C.C.C.B.R.). All those present in London will please enter their names and addresses upon the Council's visitors' roll for mutual reference.

Ringings for Sunday morning and evening service will be arranged at St. Clement, Danes, St. Andrew's, Holborn, and St. Lawrence Jewry, and at a 12-bell tower if sufficient names are previously given in.

Social meetings.—The Royal Cumberland Youths have kindly placed their room at the King of Denmark, Old Bailey, at the disposal of members on the evenings of Sunday and Monday at 7 p.m. On Tuesday a social will be held at Anderton's Hotel at 7.30 p.m.

The hon. secretary will be pleased to assemble a party at Anderton's at two o'clock Saturday for a visit to Westminster. On Sunday afternoon a visit will be arranged to inspect the Carter ringing machine at the Victoria and Albert Museum (particulars will be given later).

Members and their friends coming to London in connection with this meeting are reminded that early application should be made to the hon. secretary for vouchers enabling them to travel by rail at reduced rates.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. PENZANCE BRANCH FESTIVAL.

A very successful minor ringing festival of the above branch was held on Saturday, May 17th, at St. Keverne, between sixty and seventy ringers attending, representing the towers of Truro Cathedral, Gulval, Phillack, St. Hilary, Helston, St. Anthony, Manaccan, Towednack and St. Keverne. The church at St. Keverne is the happy possessor of a fine peal of eight (tenor 18 cwt.) by Messrs. Taylor and Co. Ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m., and continued until 4.30, when a short service, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. E. C. Norris, was held. The address was given by the diocesan secretary (the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella). He spoke of the duties of ringers as churchworkers, and emphasised that they were very important as such, as by their example they might be the means of bringing others to the church who never at present showed near.

After the service a substantial tea, kindly provided by the Vicar and churchwardens of St. Keverne, was partaken of. A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, also for his help and the churchworkers in providing the tea, was proposed by the Ringing Master (Dr. John Symons), who, in the course of his speech, gave a few helpful hints to the ringers.—This was seconded by the diocesan secretary.—The Vicar, in replying, said it was a pleasure to be able to help in any way to the welfare of ringing. He appreciated what his own men did, and he was sure these festivals helped and stimulated ringers immensely.

The Vice-Master (Major C. F. Jerram) was also present, and helped considerably to the success of the meeting. Among the visitors were the Rector of Phillack, the Vicar of Manaccan and the genial secretary of the Truro Branch.

After tea the bells were started again and kept going until about 8 p.m. At the committee meeting following, it was decided to hold the next festival at Ludgvan about the third week in September.

BOY SCOUTS' PEAL.

We record to-day a peal rung by members of the Boy Scouts' Association at Over on Saturday to commemorate Empire Day.

Frequent complaints are heard, writes Mr. W. Bibby, of Frodsham, that recruits cannot be obtained to fill vacancies in the belfry. I think the peal of Bob Major rung at Over, Cheshire, on Saturday last, by eight Scouts, points the way. Frodsham is pleased to have had three members of their company included in the band.

AN OCTOGENARIAN RINGING CLERGYMAN.

DEATH OF THE REV. O. S. WALFORD.

On the day before his 82nd birthday, the Rev. O. S. Walford passed away at Haslemere, Surrey, on May 14th. The deceased clergyman, whose father was second master at the Old Charterhouse in London, was educated at Charterhouse and Trinity College, Cambridge, and received his theological training at Wells College, from which he went to Haslemere in 1871 as curate. Subsequently he filled curacies in other places, and became Vicar of Holy Trinity, Gosport, where he stayed for five years before going to the Rectory of Liss in 1899. Here he remained until 1922, when he retired from active ministerial work and went to reside again in Haslemere, where he was always ready to give assistance in the services of the Church.

The Rev. O. S. Walford was greatly interested in ringing, and was an active ringer for some time, although his opportunities were few. He was a life member of the Winchester Guild, and one of the foundation life members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild. As long as he was able, he delighted to sit in the churchyard at Haslemere and listen to the ringing of peals, and his personal interest in the Haslemere band was shown by the fact that he regularly had the young members at his house and taught them change ringing on handbells—he could ring two either to Grandsire or Stedman Doubles.

The deceased was buried by the side of his wife at Liss on May 17th, and on Sunday the bells at Haslemere were rung half-muffled for all three services, a touch of 1,115 Grandsire Caters being rung in the evening by H. Furlonger 1, R. Hayes 2, R. Overy 3, F. Bowden 4, J. S. Goldsmith (conductor) 5, B. Elliott 6, J. H. B. Hesse 7, M. Smither 8, A. J. Barlett 9, W. Eldridge 10.

RINGING ON THE CONTINENT.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Mr. Willson, in his remarks last week, mentions the fact that he has no recollection of a peal on the Continent. In my forthcoming 'History' I have noted the following: 'The College Youths crossed the Channel to Calais June 2nd, 1732, and there rang a course of Cinques, and "another when they were half seas over."' Also the Cumberlands record 'the first peal ever accomplished on the Continent of Europe' when on handbells they rang Holt's ten-part Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs. 35 mins. at the 'Boulevard Bon Nouvelle à Paris' on Sunday, July 15th, 1855, viz.: Edward Sawyer 1-2, John Cox (conductor) 3-4, Cornelius Andrew 5-6, George Banks 7-8.—Yours sincerely,

ERNEST MORRIS.

Leicester.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

It is impossible to thank individually all the host of friends and well-wishers who have sent us their congratulations upon our one-thousandth number. Will they therefore kindly accept this expression of our indebtedness to them?

It is gratifying, indeed, to know that not only was last week's number particularly welcomed, but that the work which 'The Ringing World' has striven to do for nearly twenty years has met with such general appreciation.

Many of our correspondents are proud to remind us that they have every copy from the first to the one thousandth. For this evidence of their loyal and continued support we ask them to accept our thanks.

The peal at St. Luke's, Wolverhampton, on May 16th, was rung for the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

After being silent for some time, the fine-toned peal of ten bells at St. Paul's Church, Bedford, were heard on Friday evening last when being given a 'trial spin' after being overhauled and rehung on ball bearings. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have carried out the work.

The first peal of New Cumberland Surprise Major was rung at Burton-on-Trent on May 31st, 1886. It has never been very popular with ringers, and it is some years now since a peal in the method was rung.

On June 1st, 1912, a peal of Stedman Caters, 14,031 changes, was rung on handbells at Guildford in 7 hrs. 3 mins. Later in the year the same band extended this record length 'in hand' by ringing 19,738.

The first 12-bell peal in Birmingham was rung on June 3rd, 1773. It was a peal of 5,324 Grandsire Cinques. St. Martin's is one of the few old towers which has anything like a complete record of the peals rung on the bells.

'The new peal of ten bells' at the famous Church of St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside—which are still silent while money is being collected in their name for the restoration of the church as well as the bells—were rung for the first time on June 4th, 1762.

Letters from Mr. J. A. Trollope and the Rev. H. Drake, replying to our article on 'A Lead and a Challenge,' as well as a number of peals, are unavoidably held over.

A RINGERS' PILGRIMAGE TO MENIN GATE?

To the Editor.

Sir,—It gave me great pleasure to read Mr. Willson's suggestion of a ringers' pilgrimage to the Menin Gate, and I wish he, or someone, would arrange it. Why not the Central Council? Perhaps Canon Coleridge or the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn would go. As ringers, we should hold a short service at the Menin Gate and then visit Tyne Cot, Passchendaele, and there in that terrible but beautiful place, and in full view of the Salient, with the handbells give our farewell salute to our late friends. As a non-ringer once said, handbells at the graves of the dead are the most touching expression he had ever heard.—Yours,

A. H. PULLING.

ORIGINAL MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Having read Canon Coleridge's article on the Central Council, I would like to ask how many of the original representatives at that first meeting are still with us? At the annual meeting of the Lancashire Association in 1889, the Rev. H. J. Elsee and Mr. G. Longden were elected to represent us at the first meeting, and to-day Canon Elsee is still one of the members. Mr. Longden passed to his rest some years ago, and I am afraid that the bulk of the original members have gone from us.—Yours, etc.,

W. H. SHUKER.

THE PEAL AT LINCOLN.

The second peal on the twelve at Lincoln Cathedral was rung by a mixed band on Saturday last. The visitors were welcomed by the sub-Dean, who made the long ascent into the belfry to wish success to the ringers.

Eight of the band were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. Richardson at Surfleet for the week-end, and on Sunday enjoyed some excellent Cambridge Royal and Spliced Surprise Major on the Surfleet bells. The latter is, by the way, the first touch of Spliced Surprise rung at the church of the inventor of the system.

It is estimated that about 2,800 miles were travelled by the band who rang the peal.

MUFFLED BELLS.

On Friday evening, May 18th, at St. Mary's Church, Hitcham, Bucks, 720 Grandsire Doubles in 35 mins.: P. Jaycock 1, C. Bunce 2, G. J. Berry (conductor) 3, H. Webb 4, T. Newcomb 5, T. Bunce 6. Rung with clappers half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Rev. W. H. George, who had been Rector at this church for the past seven years, and who died while on holiday at St. Leonards-on-Sea after a short illness, and was interred in the churchyard earlier in the day.

Compiled by the Committee appointed by the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

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Lincolnshire, Yorkshire, Norfolk, New Gloucester

TOWER BELL PEALS OF MINOR AND DOUBLES

rung during the year 1929.

Associations.	MINOR.										Total	DOUBLES.										Total	Grand Total of Peals.
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
Barnsley and Dlat	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8
Bath and Wells	4	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	21	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	25	31
Bedfordshire	5	—	1	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	17
Cleveland & N. Y.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Chester Diocesan	0	—	3	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	14	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	15
Devonshire Guild	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	5
Dur. and Newc.	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	4
E. Derbys. & N'ts	2	2	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	2	3	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1a	7	15
Ely Diocesan	11	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18	18
Essex	5	—	2	4	1	2	6	—	—	—	20	2	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	24
Guildford Dio.	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	3
Hereford Dio.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	9	4	4	2	—	—	—	—	—	1b	20	21
Hertford County	6	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	14
Kent County	8	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12	12
Lancashire	5	2	4	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15	15
Lincoln Diocesan	3	1	5	5	3	—	—	—	—	—	26	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	27
Llandaff & Mon.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Middlesex County	2	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	4
Midland Counties	8	4a	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14	8	6	4	1	—	—	—	—	—	1a	20	34
North Notts	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2
Norwich Dio.	—	—	1	3	2	1	—	—	—	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	7
Oxford Diocesan	4	1	4	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	15
Peterborough Dio.	1	1	2	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	15	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4c	8	23
Salisbury Dio.	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	13
Stafford Arch.	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	4	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	7
Suffolk Guild	6	—	16	2	3	1	4	—	—	—	32	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	33
Surrey	1	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	8
Sussex County	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	7
Swansea and Brecon	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	6
Troo Diocesan	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Warwickshire	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2
Winch. & P'm'h.	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	4
Worcestershire	7	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	21	4	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	26
Yorkshire	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	6
Ind. Societies	3	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1b	10	17
TOTAL	118	16	55	27	18	5	77	1	1	318	80	19	12	7	8	126	444						

(a) Includes 1 peal Spliced Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles.

(a) one in 5 methods. (b) one in 7 methods. (c) one in each of 6, 7, 9, & 10 methods.

HANDBELL PEALS.

Associations.	CINQUES		ROYAL		CATERS		MAJOR			TRIPLES		MINOR	TOTAL
	Stedman	Oxford Treble Bob	Plain Bob	Stedman	Grandsire	Kent Treble Bob	Oxford Treble Bob	Plain Bob	Little Bob	Stedman	Grandsire	Method	
Bedfordshire	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Cambridge Univ. Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Chester Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Durham and Newcastle	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Ely Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Essex Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10
Hertford County	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Lancashire	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9
Lincoln Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7
Middlesex County	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Midland Counties	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
St. Martin's Guild, B'ham.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Suffolk Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2a
Winchester & Portsmouth	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
TOTAL	3	1	3	8	1	3	3	24	1	4	1	3	55

(a) Includes 7,200.

DEATH OF A BRABOURNE RINGER.

The Ashford District and East Kent have sustained a loss by the death of Mr. Ernest Cheesman, one of a well-known ringing family. He died in the Victoria Hospital on April 30th, aged 55 years.

The funeral took place at his native village of Stowting, on May 5th, the bearers being the local ringers.

As illness prevented ringing at Stowting, the bells at Brabourne (of which band he had been captain for several years) were later in the day half-muffled, and Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor rung by local ringers, assisted by Albert Tanton, an old friend from Lymington, a broken rope preventing a peal. The deceased was a good striker and had taken part in peals in various parts of the county.

REPORT OF THE ANALYSIS COMMITTEE.

The total number of peals rung during 1929, as shown by the analysis, was 1,665, a decrease of 37 as compared with 1928.

The following table shows the various fluctuations:—

	1929.		1928.	
	Tower.	Hand.	Tower.	Hand.
Maximus	23	—	14	6
Cinques	23	3	19	6
Royal	49	4	52	9
Caters	83	9	80	3
Major	629	51	621	16
Triples	359	5	381	5
Minor	318	3	336	6
Doubles	126	—	146	2
	1,610	55	1,648	53

Tower Bells.—As will be seen, the peals of Maximus have increased, there being 6 more of Surprise and 3 in other methods. Cinques show 4 more, 3 of Stedman and 1 of Grandsire. Peals of Surprise Royal have decreased by 4, whilst other methods have increased by 1, making the total decrease 3. The increase of 3 in Caters is made up of Stedman 6, Double Norwich 1, whilst Grandsire have decreased by 4.

In Major the total increase is 8. Peals of Surprise have increased by 25, of which Cambridge alone accounts for 23. Treble Bob and Plain Methods have decreased by 17. Triples have decreased by 22, made up of a decrease in Stedman of 34 and other methods 3, and an increase of 15 in Grandsire. Minor have decreased 18 peals, the chief variation being decreases in peals in 1 and 2 methods 37, and increases in 3, 4, and 5 methods 20. The decrease in Doubles is 20, which is more than accounted for by peals in 1 method.

Handbells.—The decrease of 3 peals in Cinques is represented by Stedman; that of 5 in Royal by Plain Bob 3 and Treble Bob 2. Stedman Caters are 7 more and Grandsire Caters have decreased 1. Major have increased by 15, there being 11 more of Plain Bob and 4 more of Treble Bob. Triples, although being equal, show one more peal of Stedman and one less of Grandsire. Minor have decreased by 3 peals.

Yorkshire Surprise Maximus, Melton Surprise Royal, Loughborough Bob Major, Wellington Little Court Bob Major, and Spliced Treble Bob in the Worcester variation have been rung for the first time.

Again the Midland Counties Association have rung most peals, their total being 128, a decrease of 25 peals on last year's total. The Lancashire Association and Kent County come next with 104 and 100 respectively. Both totals are less than last year, Lancashire being 15 and Kent 9 down. Twenty-eight societies show a decrease in peals, the most serious being the Warwickshire Association, which has dropped from 34 to 6.

On the other hand 16 associations show an increase. The Suffolk Association, with 99 peals, have increased by 22; the Essex with 90 peals have increased by 40. The Lincoln, Stafford Archdeaconry and Chester have increased by 19, 13 and 17 respectively.

Without doubt the outstanding performance of the year is the long peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, 15,312 changes, at Ash-ton-under-Lyne, rung under the auspices of the Lancashire Association. This surpasses all previous records on 12 bells, and was a truly wonderful feat.

No other long length was rung on tower bells, but a peal of Minor of 7,200 changes was rung on handbells by the Suffolk Guild.

Other peals worth noting are a peal of Spliced Surprise Major in 6 methods, and one in 10 methods by the Middlesex Association; Spliced Superlative and Cambridge Maximus by the Essex Association; a non-conducted peal of Double Norwich, one of Cambridge Surprise Major and one of Superlative Surprise Major by the Kent County; a peal of Grandsire Triples by 4 fathers and 4 sons for the Surrey Association; a Surprise peal by police officers for the Middlesex Association; a 'William' peal of Kent Treble Bob Major and an 'Edward' peal of Stedman Triples for the Kent County; and a 'James' peal of Double Norwich for the London County Association.

Following are the number of peals rung each month in 1928 and 1929:—

	1928.	1929.		1928.	1929.
January	124	113	July	118	118
February	145	118	August	116	148
March	144	92	September	144	137
April	127	141	October	154	150
May	164	148	November	152	197
June	125	132	December	189	171

The footnotes show a considerable decrease in the number of ringers who have scored their first peal. This year there are 499, as against 585 in 1928. Ringers of peals in a new method, or method on a different number of bells total 869, a decrease of 366 on last year's total. Ringers of their first peal inside number 62; away from the tenor 10; in the method inside 83; Maximus 18; Cinques 5; Royal 17; Caters 21; Major 72; Triples 39; Minor 89; Doubles 30; on twelve bells 27; on ten 60; on eight 36; on six 23; on five 10; Surprise 57; in hand 11; in method in hand 31.

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MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. DERBY DISTRICT.

About thirty members and visitors were present at the district quarterly meeting held at Derby on Saturday last, which turned out to be very successful. Among the visitors were Messrs. E. C. Gobey and H. Harrison (Ilkeston), E. H. Bagworth (Leicester), J. H. Swinfield (Burton), and James George (Birmingham), etc. During the afternoon the bells of St. Luke's and St. Alkmund's were made good use of, various methods being rung and others attempted, everybody having an opportunity to test their ability. The fine ring at St. Andrew's was reserved for the evening, and the ringers were welcomed by Mr. A. H. Ward, Ringing Master (in the absence of Mr. C. E. Hart). The methods rung were Cambridge, Treble Bob, and Stedman Caters, the latter method proving more difficult than was first anticipated, but was, however, successfully brought round at the third attempt.

At the business meeting the chair was taken by the vice-president (Mr. Henry Fletcher), who was supported by the hon. secretary (Mr. Geo. Freebrey), Mr. P. H. Tate, Mr. E. H. Clarke, Mr. F. Coxon, and Mr. J. Bailey. One life member (Mr. H. Joiner), of Stonehouse, Glos, was elected, and the members were pleased to welcome, on the proposition of Mr. Geo. Freebrey, the Rev. Dr. W. H. Irwin, Vicar of Duffield, as an hon. member of the M.C.A.

Mention was made of the death of Ald. J. H. Grant (late Mayor of Derby), who was one of the hon. members, and the chairman asked all present to stand in silence as a mark of respect to his memory. The next two places decided on for the quarterly meetings were West Hallam and Belper respectively, due notice of which will be given in 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. John Swinfield proposed a vote of thanks to the clergy for the use of the bells, and to the towerkeepers for having everything ready.

At the subsequent tea, which was provided at King's Cafe, the arrangements gave every satisfaction, an enjoyable hour being spent in a room specially set out for the occasion.

LORD DAVIDSON'S DEATH.

The death of Archbishop Lord Davidson has removed a great figure from the Church and State.

While he was Archbishop of Canterbury he was president of the Kent County Association, and as ex-president he was one of those who signed the illuminated address recently presented to the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore.

Lord Davidson's last appearance among ringers was in March, 1928, at the great 'rally' at Croydon, attended by a company of about 2,500. He and Mrs. Davidson were photographed in the Bell Foundry with Canon Coleridge and the Mayor of Croydon in front of the 18½ ton bell destined for the Riverside Church, New York. He afterwards addressed the great gathering assembled at the Baths.

Throughout this week the bells in many places have been rung muffled in memory of the late Primate.

At Chiddington, Kent, on Sunday, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins., with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Lord Davidson: A. Wiles 1, F. Longley 2, J. Weller, Westerham (first quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples) 3, J. Cruwys 4, H. Huntley 5, A. Longley 6, E. H. Everest (conductor) 7, L. Everest 8.

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There are 54 new conductors, and 73 conductors in a new method. On the occasion of national thanksgiving for the King's recovery 66 peals were rung.

Other footnotes show that 51 peals were the first on the bells; 46 since restoration or augmentation; and 158 the first in the method on the bells. Muffled and half-muffled peals number 58; birthday peals 241; weddings (including silver and golden) 59; church festivals and dedications 44; Empire Day 4; Armistice Day 14; anniversaries 63; welcome and farewell peals 46; and royal birthdays 12.

The ladies still figure largely in the peal reports, and 91 have rung peals this year. Three appear among the conductors, and one peal of Bob Major was rung for the Ladies' Guild.

We conclude our report with the number of peals rung in each of representative years since 1881, the total for the whole period being 53,206.

1881 ... 156	1909 ... 1,628	1921 ... 1,632
1885 ... 500	1913 ... 2,358	1923 ... 1,885
1889 ... 797	1914 ... 1,415	1926 ... 1,867
1894 ... 859	1915 ... 259	1927 ... 1,841
1898 ... 1,002	1917 ... 130	1928 ... 1,702
1902 ... 1,313	1919 ... 1,048	1929 ... 1,665
1905 ... 1,519	1920 ... 1,471	

Signed,

EDITH K. FLETCHER.
GEORGE R. PYE.
JAMES GEORGE.
GEORGE WILLIAMS.
E. ALEXR. YOUNG.

Hon. Secretary.

NOTE.—Mr. George resigned from the committee at the beginning of the year, and Mr. C. Dean took his place.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. RINGING COMPETITION.

The sixth annual ringing competition of the Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild was held at Llanelly, Carmarthenshire, on Saturday (Empire Day), where, by kind permission of Canon Watcyn Morgan (Vicar) the bells of the Parish Church (St. Elli) were in use. The competitors were favoured with delightful weather. Some teams had journeyed very long distances to compete, and all were delighted that Mr. W. H. Fussell, of Slough, had been able once more to honour the Guild as the adjudicator of the competition. His award met with full approval of all competitors.

In former competitions, the 'test piece' was confined to raising the bells in peal, ringing 120 changes Doubles, falling the bells in peal. In order, however, to encourage towers to interest themselves in other methods it was decided that teams ringing Stedman or Minor methods should have the benefit of five points, and it was pleasing to note that of the nine teams that entered the competition five took advantage of such benefit.

The order of ringing and the points obtained by the several teams were:—

Talgarth	226
Llanelly, Carmarthenshire	210
Brecon (St. Mary's)	216
Cadoxton, Neath	233
Neath	215
Cefn Coed	228
Gorseinon	231
Llanelly, Breconshire	232
Morrison	209

The maximum number of points obtainable was 240, and the figures set out above include points earned for ringing methods other than Doubles. It should be noted that the local team (Llanelly, Carmarthenshire) were handicapped nine points for the privilege of ringing on their own bells.

Mr. W. H. Fussell, in his report, complimented the teams on their general proficiency, and stated that the competition had been keener than in previous years, and the standard of ringing had greatly improved. Most teams lost points because the fourth bell was kept rather wide on back-stroke.

Cadoxton, Neath, the holders, managed to retain the shield by one point. Certificates were presented to the first three teams.

A cold luncheon was served in the Parish Hall at 1 p.m., and tea was taken at 5 p.m.

Canon Watcyn Morgan presided at the tea table, and he was supported by the Rev. J. T. Davies (Vicar of St. Paul's, Llanelly), Rev. E. J. Kingsbury (Llanelly), Rev. W. Gurnos Davies (Vicar of Llanelly, Breconshire), Minor Canons Gomer Davies and David J. Jones (Brecon), the Rev. D. Thomas (Cadoxton, Neath), and other clergy.

After tea, Canon Morgan referred to the death of Dr. T. Price Thomas, Brecon, the donor of the shield, and the company present stood and observed a few minutes' silence. Dr. Thomas took a great interest in the bells and ringers at Brecon. It was at his suggestion that this competition was to be held on Empire Day, or the Saturday nearest thereto.

Canon Morgan gave the company a very warm welcome into his parish, and hoped they had as much pleasure out of their visit as he had in having the ringers there in such strong numbers. There were 80 ringers present at lunch, but by tea time there was a muster of about 100. Mr. Fussell was then called upon to deliver his adjudication referred to above, after which Canon Morgan presented the shield and certificates to the successful teams.

The thanks of the company were given to Canon Morgan and his band of lady workers for the welcome, and the very excellent luncheon and tea provided free of charge, on the proposition of the Rev. W. Gurnos Davies, seconded by Rev. J. T. Davies. The proposer then called for three cheers, and these were heartily given.

Canon Morgan, responding, said the work of providing luncheon had been attended to by Mr. Harding, his churchwarden at All Saints' Church, whilst the ladies were responsible for providing tea, and Mr. Harding was thereupon asked to speak. He expressed his pleasure in being able to do a small service to the ringers, and hoped they had enjoyed themselves.

Mr. Fussell was heartily thanked for his services also.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. JOINT DISTRICT MEETING.

On Saturday (Empire Day) the North-Eastern and Northern Divisions of the Essex Association held a meeting at Great Tey, when about 50 members from 17 churches, and a lady ringer and other visitors from Cambs attended and rang touches. A special service was held, conducted by the Rev. Saint, who welcomed the ringers, and also spoke on the Empire Day spirit.

Afterwards tea was served at the hotel adjoining, when the Rev. Saint presided, supported by Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the association), Mr. W. J. Nevard, Mr. Ridgewell (Earls Colne), Mr. Stannard (Colchester), and other prominent ringers from the districts.

Mr. Howard proposed a vote of thanks for the use of the bells, and to the Vicar for his address, also to the choir and organist for their help in making the meeting a success.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**WAR MEMORIAL FUND COMPLETED.**

In accordance with the rule of the Guild requiring the annual meeting to be held in the area of the different branches in rotation, the festival of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held at Calne, Wilts, on Saturday, May 17th. Some doubts had been expressed as to the advisability of holding it at a point somewhat difficult of access and far removed from the greater part of the diocese. All such misgivings, however, were completely dissipated by the result. Some ninety members assembled in the grand old Parish Church, with its fine bells and magnificent organ, at 12.30 p.m., and took part in one of the most inspiring ringers' services ever held. The singing was led by twenty surpliced choristers with exquisitely trained voices, and the special psalms and hymns were accompanied by the organist with thrilling effect. The office was intoned by the honorary secretary of the Guild, and the lesson read by the senior assistant priest. The Ven. Archdeacon Coulter, Vicar of Calne, in the course of an intensely interesting address, spoke of the ancient history of Calne Church and its close connection with Salisbury Cathedral, and quoted a very early reference to the ringing of the bells, while the Te Deum was sung, on the appointment of a former Vicar of Calne as Archbishop of Canterbury. In extending a hearty welcome to the Guild, the Archdeacon commended the wisdom of occasionally visiting the extreme points of the dioceses, in spite of the cost and sacrifice entailed, and aptly remarked that the activities of the body are not confined to the region round the heart but extend to the fingers and other extremities.—A collection taken in aid of the war memorial fund amounted to £2 0s. 7d. At the close of the service a beautifully struck touch of Grandsire Triples was rung, and the company then sat down to luncheon in the Town Hall, which was most attractively decorated with flags and flowers. The catering was undertaken by Maslen's Cafe, and the arrangements made reflected great credit on the firm.

After the King's health had been drunk with musical honours, the annual meeting ensued, under the presidency of the Master, Rev. R. H. Gundry.

The statement of accounts was approved, showing a working balance in hand of £97 16s. 1d. The Rev. R. H. Gundry was re-elected Master, and Rev. F. L. Edwards secretary. Mr. F. Green was elected assistant secretary, Rev. R. E. G. Newman and Mr. H. R. Hopkins auditors, the Bishop of Sherborne, the Dean of Salisbury and Mr. T. Horvey Beams vice-presidents, and Rev. F. L. Edwards and Messrs. T. H. Beams, S. Hillier and C. H. Jennings representatives on the Central Council. Messrs. C. H. Jennings, W. Townsend and L. A. Wilson were appointed bellfry inspectors in addition to Mr. S. Hillier.

The Master and Secretary both expressed the general regret at Mr. Beams' enforced retirement from office on account of failing health, and spoke in eulogistic terms of his valuable services to the Guild.

Mr. Beams had the satisfaction of reporting that his great labour of love, the raising of £200 for the ringers' war memorial in the Cathedral, had been brought to a successful conclusion. Not only had the full amount been subscribed, but he was able to produce as the finishing touch to the memorial the Guild badge, skilfully carved in oak by Mr. Northover, of Bridport, and handsomely gilded and coloured. The Master expressed the cordial thanks of the Guild both to Mr. Beams and Mr. Northover.

It was agreed to make two additions to the rules, and a grant of two guineas was voted towards the restoration of the grand peal of bells at Heytesbury.

Mr. C. D. Heginbotham proposed a vote of thanks to the Archdeacon, organist and choristers, for their respective parts in the service, to the ladies and gentlemen responsible for the decoration of the hall, and to the incumbents of the various churches for allowing the use of the bells. The Archdeacon briefly replied, and the meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the chairman, proposed in a witty speech by the Rev. A. H. T. Clarke.

Eleven towers were open for ringing, and touches in the standard methods were enjoyed by visitors from all parts of the diocese, many of whom had travelled sixty or seventy miles to take part in the festival.

LEARNERS AT DISTRICT MEETINGS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I think our ringing friend, Mr. Harrison, of Conisborough, would have acted more wisely had he brought his complaint re ringing arrangements at Rotherham on Easter Monday before members of his association at a district meeting (instead of the whole Exercise). Personally, I cannot think the Yorkshire Association care less for the learner than other guilds or associations. My experience of over fifty years' of guild and association meetings is that over two-thirds of the ringing time is given up to the learner, and if the opportunity is not seized when, say, a 'first eleven team' are in the tower, the meeting goes off without a touch 'on the top line.'

We, as officers, know that we have to cater for all—that is, from rounds to the top-line ringer.

GEORGE WILLIAMS,
Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**BEDFORD DISTRICT VISITS TWO FIVE-BELL TOWERS.**

On Saturday last a successful and enjoyable meeting of the Bedford District was held at the two five-bell towers of St. Mary's, Keysoe, and All Saints', Riseley. Keysoe was first visited, and the bells were raised about three o'clock and rung until 4.30 to touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob and St. Simon's Doubles. An excellent tea awaited the company on arrival at Riseley, to which full justice was done.

At the business meeting Mr. Harry Chapman (a welcome and regular attendant at the Bedford District's meetings) took the chair. Before calling upon the secretary to read the minutes of the last meeting, Mr. Chapman said he had with him the annual report of the association for 1886-1887, and, now, after being away from the neighbourhood for many years, he was back amongst them, and, looking back over forty years, he was proud of the progress the association had made. In that year only about eight or nine towers in the county belonged to the association in the neighbourhood of Bedford and Woburn. In those days Luton, Leighton Buzzard and Dunstable did not belong, but to-day the Luton District was a stronghold of change ringing. Continuing, Mr. Chapman said he would like to mention one or two names of men who by their keenness and enthusiasm in the early years had done much work—the late Mr. I. Hills, and Mr. Herbert, of Woburn, and Mr. C. W. Clark, who was still amongst them. To-day they were reaping the benefit of what these men did. He was pleased to see at the annual meeting of the association that a district ought to be formed in the Amphilph area, and he appealed to members to support the meetings when held there. This was a sure sign of progress, and he was glad the five-bell towers were being visited, as it was by holding meetings as they were doing on that day that enthusiasm could be created.

Mr. J. Church, of St. Paul's, Bedford, was re-elected a member of the association, while Norman Inskip and Ronald Ford, of Kempston, were elected new members.

It was decided that the next meeting be held at Stagsden, and it is hoped there will be a good attendance, as the association has never paid a visit to this tower before.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicars of Keysoe and Riseley and to Mr. Harry Chapman for taking the chair at the meeting, was heartily accorded.

Ringings were indulged in at Riseley until eight o'clock in Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and St. Simon's Doubles. Twenty members were present during the day from Bedford (St. Paul's and St. Peter's), Kempston, Turvey, Keysoe, Riseley, Great Staughton, Clapham and Stagsden, with visitors from Woolaston and Rushden.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**NEW RINGING MASTER IN GUILDFORD DISTRICT.**

Between 30 and 40 members attended the Guildford District meeting of the Guildford Diocesan Guild at Witley on Saturday, where they were welcomed by the Vicar-designate (Rev. P. G. Holden), who was inducted to the living two days later. The new Vicar, before the war, learnt to handle a bell at Runcorn, Cheshire, and was inducted to make a fresh start in his new parish. The Rev. P. G. Holden will, it is hoped, prove an acquisition to the Guild, which is badly off for 'ringing parsons.'

He conducted the Guild's service and delivered an address based upon the precept, 'Practise what you preach.'

At the meeting following tea in the Parish Room, the Master (Major J. H. B. Hesse) presided, supported by the Vicar-designate and Admiral T. P. Walker (hon. treasurer).

The resignation of Mr. A. H. Pulling as Ringing Master of the district was received with regret, and Mr. R. Hayes (of Haslemere) was elected to fill the vacancy, subject to his agreeing to act.

It was decided to transfer Dunsfold tower from the Haslemere group to the Guildford South group for the purposes of combined practices.

A resolution of deep regret was passed upon the death of the Rev. O. S. Walford, of Haslemere, a life member of the Guild.

On the motion of the Master, congratulations were accorded to the Editor of 'The Ringing World,' who is also general hon. secretary of the Guild, upon the completion of one thousand issues of this journal. The Master expressed the hope that all the members of the Guild would support it.—Mr. Goldsmith acknowledged the motion, remarking that his greatest recompense had been the many friendships he had made and retained among ringers throughout the country.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar-designate and organist concluded the meeting, and further ringing was done.

LLANTRISANT, GLAM.—On Thursday, May 15th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: J. Westcott 1, F. J. Thyer 2, W. Pike 3, P. Jones 4, C. H. Perry (conductor) 5, J. Darch 6, J. Evans 7, W. Westcott (first quarter-peal) 8. Rung after meeting short for a peal. Mr. Evans took the vacant rope, but too late for a peal.

SITUATIONS WANTED.

PIANOS in London (South of Thames), Kent, Surrey and Sussex! A ringer is very anxious to obtain work for a number of certified blind piano tuners under his care. Anyone having a piano in need of expert attention please write to Box 'P,' 'The Ringing World' Office, Woking.

CARPENTER and JOINER (26) seeks situation in Slough-Uxbridge district. Used to hand joinery. Can use saw-bench and planer (overhand and thicknesser). Change ringer, standard methods, 8 bells.—Box C, 'The Ringing World,' Woking.

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Warnham on Saturday, May 31st. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at the Sussex Oak at 5. — A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By the kind permission of the Rev. Canon Elnor, a bye-meeting will be held at Dover St. Mary's (8) on Saturday, May 31st. Bells available after 4 p.m. As this is the first meeting to be held at Dover since the war, it is hoped there will be a good attendance.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Canterbury.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—The annual general meeting will be held at Abingdon on Saturday, May 31st. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. — A. E. Lock, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leigh on Saturday, May 31st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. — Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Ewell on Saturday, May 31st. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea and meeting following.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Our next meeting will be held at Darwen and Hoddlesden on Saturday, May 31st. Bells available at Darwen from 3 p.m. Meeting at Hoddlesden 6.30. Subscriptions due.—F. Hindle, Hon. Br. Sec., 58, Anvil St., Blackburn.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry will be held at Stapleford (6) on Saturday, May 31st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. The gardens of Minglepen and Sunnyside will be open to visitors.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Bickenhill, near Birmingham, on Saturday, May 31st. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock at a moderate charge. Midland Red Buses leave Birmingham (Bull Ring) and Coventry (Fleet Street) at 2.30 and every half hour following.—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Pre-Whitsun meeting at Bishop Auckland on Saturday, May 31st. The bells of South Church and Shildon will be available after 2.30. Committee meeting at 4.30. Tea (1/3) at 5 o'clock at Peverells' Cafe, South Church. — George S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The May meeting will be held at Benington on May 31st. The bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Tea will be provided by the Rector. Business meeting after in the Parish Hall. All will be made welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, May 31st. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. Subscriptions are now due. Reports, etc., to hand.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield, nr. Bury.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Ibstock on Saturday, May 31st. Bells ready 3.30 p.m.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Grimsby on Saturday, May 31st. Service in the Parish Church 4.15. Tea in the Church House, Bull Ring, 5 p.m. (resident members free, non-members 1s. 9d.) Bells available: St. James' (8) 2 to 4.15, 8 to 9, St. Andrew's (8) 8 to 9. All welcome.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 43, Etherington Street, Gainsborough.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing meeting has been arranged at Chalfont St. Giles on Saturday, May 31st. Bells (6) available at 3.30 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at West Deeping (6) on Saturday, May 31st. Bells available during the afternoon and evening. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting.—C. T. M. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Lincs.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Aldington on Saturday, May 31st, by kind invitation of the Rev. G. S. Long (Mr. Slingby's 93rd birthday party). Bells available 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea (free) 5 p.m. Bus leaves Ashford College Avenue 2.30. It is hoped as many as possible will attend this meeting as there is important business to transact.—A. J. Battin, Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Chiddingstone on Saturday, May 31st. Tower opened 3 p.m.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Sharnford on Saturday, May 31st. Bells available from 3.45 p.m. Tea provided. All ringers and friends are welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Shillingstone (5) on Saturday, May 31st. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting to follow. Other towers available: Okeford Fitzpaine (6), Childe Okeford (6).

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Huntingdon.—The next meeting will be held at Buckden on Saturday, May 31st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Will ringers requiring tea advise me as soon as possible.—Doris Clarke, Dis. Sec., Cromwell Gardens, St. Neots, Hunts.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Whilton (6) on Saturday, May 31st; also the annual meeting will be held at Daventry (8) on Saturday, June 28th. Will members please note? — W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meetings for June: St. Clement Danes, Sunday, the 1st, at 10 a.m.; Monday, 2nd, 16th and 30th, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, the 10th, at 8 p.m.—S. C. Moye, Gen. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Dunmow on Wednesday, June 4th, at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Service at 5.30. This is for the benefit of those who are unable to attend Saturday meetings. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea kindly advise me.—C. Beeston, 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on June 5th and 19th, St. Paul's Cathedral on the 10th, Southwark Cathedral on the 12th, *St. Giles', Cripplegate, or the Coffee Pot on the 24th; all at 7.30 p.m.; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 26th; 8 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Hagley on Saturday, June 7th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Tea and business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Horley on Saturday, June 7th. Tower open at 3, service at 5, tea and business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea must let me know by Wednesday, June 4th.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Dis. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Ellastone on Saturday, June 7th. Tea will be provided for all who notify Mr. R. G. Lewis, 36, Heath Cross, Uttoxeter, not later than June 4th.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Barton-in-Fabis (6 bells) on Saturday, June 7th. Bells ready 2.30. Tea can be arranged for. Will members please look up London, Cambridge and Double Oxford for this meeting?—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—The annual festival of the above branch will be held at Whaddon on Saturday, June 7th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service, with address, at 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Important: Those requiring tea please notify not later than May 31st. All visitors welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Urchfont on Saturday, June 7th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Guild Service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea. Market Lavington bells also available in the evening.—F. Green, Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A meeting will be held at Gayton on Saturday, June 7th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Will all who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, June 3rd? — T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—A meeting will be held at Thames Ditton on Saturday, June 7th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Members are particularly urged to attend this meeting and support from other districts will be valued. Notifications for tea must reach me Tuesday, June 3.—H. Hancock, Hon. Sec., 3, Chobham Rd., Ottershaw, Chertsey

LANCASHIRE.—The Westhoughton Parish Church new bells will be dedicated at 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 7th, by the Bishop of Manchester, assisted by the Rev. Canon Elsee, M.A., Rural Dean of Bolton. Teas, 5 p.m., will be provided at 1s. each for those who send their names to Fred F. Rigby, 3, Andrew's Terrace, Westhoughton, not later than June 4th.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held at Whiston on Saturday, June 7th. Bells available early. Tea 1s. Please notify Mr. F. Roddis, Reveill Villa, Whiston. A good attendance is desired for business re Cup Contest.—H. Thorpe, Hon. Sec., 104, Petre Street, Sheffield.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The 51st annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, June 9th. Service at the Cathedral, with address by Rev. Canon W. E. R. Morrow, M.A., Sub-Dean, 11.30 a.m. Lunch (members 2/-) to be followed by the annual meeting at the County Hotel, Rainsford End, at 12.30 p.m. It is most important that notice of intention to be present should be sent to the Hon. Sec. not later than first post previous Tuesday, June 3rd, in order that proper provision for lunch can be made.—F. J. Pitstow, Gen. Sec. and Treas., 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

DEVON GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Exmouth on Whit Monday, June 9th. Service in Holy Trinity Church at noon. Dinner and meeting in the Church Hall, Rolle Street, 1 p.m. Tickets (2/- each to non-members) obtainable up to June 2nd. Towers open: Withycombe Raleigh and Littleham.—T. Laver, Gen. Sec., 21, Cross Park, Heavitree, Exeter.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Northampton on Whit Monday, June 9th. The central committee will meet at 11 a.m. in the Upper Vestry at St. Edmund's Church. The Guild form of service will be held at St. Edmund's Church at 12 noon. Lunch at the Plough Hotel, Bridge Street, at 1 p.m., followed by the meeting. Will those requiring tickets for lunch please make application (with remittance, 2/6) before Wednesday, June 4th, to Mr. T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton, or to the Gen. Sec. Bells available: St. Edmund's (8) 10 a.m. to 12 and 5.30 p.m. to 7, St. Giles' (10) from 10 a.m. throughout the day, St. Peter's (8), St. Sepulchre's (8), and Duston (6) after the meeting, Kingsthorpe (6) from 5.30 p.m. to 7.—R. G. Black, Gen. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddingdon, Kettering.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Northallerton on Whit Monday, June 9th. Bells of the Parish Church (8, tenor 17 cwt.) are available for ringing all day. Committee meeting will be held in Russell's

Café at 11.30 p.m. Service in the Parish Church at 12 noon. The address will be given by the Vicar (the Rev. W. A. Blackwell). Lunch will be provided at Russell's Café at 1 p.m. Members 2s., non-members 2s. 6d. Those intending to be present please notify the hon. secretary not later than Wednesday, June 4th. Annual business meeting to follow. It is hoped that members will make a special effort to attend. The meeting will be most interesting to the members.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Portmadoc on Whit Monday, June 9th. A service will be held in the Parish Church at 2 p.m., followed by business meeting. The bells (8) will be available. Good attendance requested.—W. Cathrall, Hon. Sec., 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival at Hereford, Whit Monday, June 9th. Service in the Cathedral 12.15. Dinner, 1 p.m., at the Booth Hall Hotel, price 2s. 6d. Dinner tickets from Mr. A. W. Davis, 102, Ryelands Street, Hereford. Business meeting afterwards. Towers open: S. Nicholas' (6) and All Saints' (8), 10.30-12, and 3-6; Cathedral (10), 6.30-8.30 p.m. Entrance by west door of nave.—H. S. T. Richardson, Hon. Sec., S. Nicholas' Rectory, Hereford.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Gosberton (6 bells) on Whit Monday, June 9th. Bells available all day. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by June 3rd?—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Handsworth on Saturday, June 14th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea (1s. each person) and business meeting. Gentlemen cordially invited. Subscriptions due. Those requiring tea please notify Noel Cawthorne, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Handsworth Road, Handsworth, Sheffield.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Grundisburgh (8 bells) on June 14th. Tea in Parish Room at 4.30 p.m., 9d. each. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Wethersfield on Saturday, June 14th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than morning of June 10th?—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Scothern (6), Saturday, June 14th. Tower open 2 p.m. Notification for tea to Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

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