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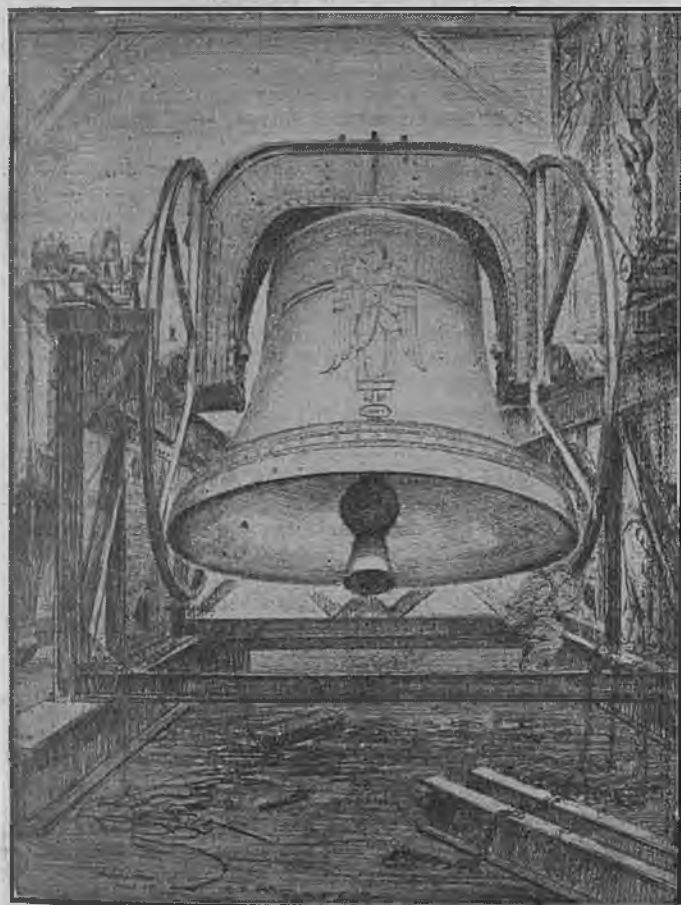
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### NEXT TUESDAY'S BUSINESS.

The dearth of motions put down for discussion at the Central Council meeting next Tuesday revealed in the first publication of the agenda, and which was commented upon by the President in his article in our one thousandth number, has been remedied by the inclusion of items permitted by an elastic interpretation of the rules. It did not, however, follow, because there were no motions for debate, that the Council would have little business to transact. The first session of every new Council always provides an additional amount of routine business which cannot be lightly passed over and this year, at least, the retirement of the President, and the election of a new occupant of the office, is hardly likely to be a purely formal affair. Then, too, there are the reports of the Committees to claim attention. Although this year there is not in view at the moment any burning question, like the Peals of Minor disputation which was brought to a head twelve months ago in the Methods Committee's report, the Council have an important question to decide in regard to the publication of the 'Collection of Minor Methods.' The issue of the complete work will be a costly affair, for in the revision of the Collection the Committee's anxiety to make the volume as full as possible has led them to expand it to more than twice the size of the original, and the Council have got to decide how far they can go in its printing, not only in regard to initial outlay, but also in providing a volume at a price that will be within reach of all who desire to possess it.

Three of the five motions on the agenda are put down in indefinite terms, and it is unlikely that any of them will go through without discussion. The suggestion that the Council should form a collection of lantern slides to illustrate ringing in its various aspects will surely commend itself to the members. The question of opening the door to motions in the name of affiliated societies is one which we hope will be supported, at least in principle, even if its application may need modification. Of the other motions, the most important—indeed, the most important of all—is that by which discussion will be initiated on the subject of alterations in the rules of the Council, as suggested in 'The Ringing World' last October. These suggestions were put forward as a means of drawing tighter the bonds between the Council and the associations, and of enabling the societies to have a direct voice in the affairs of the Council. There is a difference between a Council formed of persons chosen by associations, which are under no obligation to observe the decisions, and a Council formed of affiliated societies, who are pledged to accept the Council's rulings. There

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is a principle here which may well divide the Council, as also, probably, will be suggested alterations of the term of a member's election from three years to one year. While, of course, it is desirable that the practice should be uniform, it is not absolutely essential, and a satisfactory compromise, if one is needed, might be found in permitting societies to decide for themselves the period for which they elect their representatives. This motion is going to provide the widest scope for debate next Tuesday as far as can be judged from the printed agenda.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

CHELTENHAM, GLOS.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 31, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5081 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

WILLIAM T. PATES ... .. Treble	* DENNIS R. MORRIS ... .. 7
* THOMAS W. LEWIS ... .. 2	WILLIAM C. JONES ... .. 8
† SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 3	* WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 9
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... .. 4	GORDON W. CHECKETTS ... .. 10
* FRANK LAWRENCE ... .. 5	† CHARLES CAMM ... .. 11
* FRED HAWKES ... .. 6	* CYRIL TANSELL ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.  
\* First peal on twelve bells. † First peal of Grandsire Cinques.

## TEN BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 31, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

* HORACE BELCHER ... .. Treble	RONALD BULLEN ... .. 6
* MRS. R. F. DEAL ... .. 2	JAMES E. DAVIES ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... .. 3	* JOHN T. KENTISH ... .. 8
* WILFRED WILLIAMS ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 9
* STAFFORD H. GREEN ... .. 5	REUBEN SANDERS ... .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by W. H. HEWETT  
\* First peal of Yorkshire Royal. The first peal of Yorkshire Royal rung in London and by the association. Rung with half-muffled clappers to the memory of the late Archbishop of Canterbury (Lord Davidson). Mr. Belcher was proposed a member previous to start of peal. The band (eight of whom are St. Clement Youths) wish to thank the Rector (Rev. W. Pennington-Bickford) for the use of his bells at short notice. The attempt was originally to have been made at Rochester Cathedral.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH  
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 20, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

EDWARD J. BROWN ... .. Treble	GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... .. 2	LEONARD H. BAYBUTT ... .. 6
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 3	Cecil W. PIPE ... .. 7
RONALD H. BULLEN ... .. 4	ARTHUR D. BARKER ... .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.  
Rung on the 20th anniversary of the conductor's first peal as conductor.

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

On Wednesday, May 21, 1930, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE BOB MAJOR, 5104 CHANGES;**

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JAMES H. HONNISETT ... Treble	GEORGE R. PYE ... 5
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 2	ALBERT W. COLES ... 6
*JAMES BENNETT ... 3	STEPHEN H. WOOD ... 7
WILFRED G. WILSON ... 4	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by E. C. S. TURNER.

\* 500th peal. First peal in the method by all, and by the association.

ABERAVON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.  
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 23, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

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

A. J. PITMAN'S TWENTY-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*GEORGE CHAPPELL ... Treble	GWYN I. LEWIS ... 5
WILLIAM WILLIAMS ... 2	ALBERT J. PITMAN ... 6
WALTER J. NURTON ... 3	ERNEST STITCH ... 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 4	JOHN WEATHERSEY ... Tenor

Conducted by E. STITCH.

\* First peal, and made a member at a previous attempt. Arranged for Mr. W. H. Fussell, of Slough.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
At the Parish Church of St. Michael,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

CHARLES H. BRIGGS ... Treble	ALFRED BALLARD ... 5
REV. R. P. FARROW ... 2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 6
CECIL E. CARR ... 3	WILLIAM H. CLARKE ... 7
JAMES S. HUTCHBY ... 4	ERNEST MORRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.

Rung to celebrate Empire Day.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.  
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 24, 1930, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Margaret,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

*WILLIAM M. STONE ... Treble	PETER CHARMAN ... 5
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 2	C. ERNEST SMITH ... 6
WILLIAM WATTS ... 3	WALTER CHARMAN ... 7
*CHARLES W. DENVER ... 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... Tenor

Composed by FRED A. HOLDEN. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

\* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of Empire Day. W. Watts was proposed a member of the Guild prior to the commencement of the peal.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.  
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 24, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Nicolas,

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

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... Treble	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... 2	D. CECIL WILLIAMS ... 6
*WILLIAM ROWE ... 3	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 7
*ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 4	EDWIN J. HARDING SEN. ... Tenor

Conducted by D. CECIL WILLIAMS.

\* First peal of Grandsire 'inside.' † First peal of Grandsire Triples. The ringer of the 3rd kindly stood in after the rest of the band had 'met short,' Grandsire being rung as a compliment to him on his retirement on pension from the Royal Engineers after 24 years' service.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Alkmund,

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

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

FLORENCE HARTLE ... Treble	CHARLES DRAPER ... 5
ALBERT WARD ... 2	GEORGE TANDY ... 6
REGINALD BOULTON ... 3	SYDNEY DAWSON ... 7
ELIZABETH FOULK ... 4	CHARLES BRADLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD BOULTON.

Rung to celebrate Empire Day. First peal as conductor. The treble ringer is to be congratulated on the way she rang throughout this, her first peal.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 24, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE BASFORD ... Treble	*FREDERICK J. TITE ... 5
ROBERT G. BLACK ... 2	THOMAS R. HENSHER ... 6
CHARLES W. BIRD ... 3	ANDERSON Y. TYLER ... 7
JOHN R. MAIN ... 4	ARTHUR TOMPKINS ... Tenor

Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.

\* First peal of Triples. Rung in honour of Empire Day.

BUCKINGHAM.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 24, 1930, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
At the Parish Church,

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

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 27 cwt.

THOMAS E. ROBERTS ... Treble	FREDERICK C. CASE ... 5
EDWIN YATES ... 2	ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... 6
LEONARD A. SMITH ... 3	ALBERT J. GREEN ... 7
HARRY CASHMORE ... 4	*HERBERT JONES, SEN. ... Tenor

Conducted by A. J. GREEN.

\* First peal on eight bells. Rung in honour of Empire Day.

ROTHWELL, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 24, 1930, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

*GEORGE COPLEY ... Treble	CHARLES E. LAWSON ... 5
ARTHUR G. WOOD ... 2	ALBERT WORMALD ... 6
WILLIAM H. SENIOR ... 3	HARRY MARSDEN ... 7
THOMAS WM. STRANGEWAY ... 4	GEORGE WM. STEEL ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by T. W. STRANGEWAY.

\* First peal in the method. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Alfred Chapman, for many years a ringer at the above church.

GRUNDISBURGH.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, May 25, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

FREDERICK J. CRAPNELL ... Treble	JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... 5
WILFRED WILLIAMS ... 2	RONALD BULLEN ... 6
GEORGE BENNETT ... 3	WILLIAM T. LAST ... 7
CECIL W. PIPE ... 4	JOSEPH BOTWRIGHT ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM T. LAST.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Albert W. Pipe, one of the local ringers of this tower, who was laid to rest the previous day amid heartfelt sympathy of his friends and fellow-ringers. The ringer of the 2nd was elected a member of the above Guild in the tower.

SIBLE HEDDINGHAM.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 25, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 18 cwt.

ROBERT H. YOUNG ... .. Treble	HARRY W. CATTERWELL ... 5
BERNARD W. PETTITT ... 2	OLAVE E. BROYD ... .. 6
CECIL J. BARKER ... .. 3	FRANK WARRINGTON ... 7
*FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... 4	ALBERT CATTERWELL ... Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON. A. Conducted by CATTERWELL.

\* Proposed a life member of the Essex Association previous to starting. First peal of Major as conductor. Rung in honour of Empire Day.

SWANSEA, GLAMORGANSHIRE.  
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 26, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

*ALBERT W. EDWARDS ... Treble	†OWEN WRINTMORE ... .. 5
JOHN T. WILLIAMS ... .. 2	ERNEST STITCH ... .. 6
*REGINALD DOBBINS ... .. 3	ALBERT J. PITMAN ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. FOSSELL ... 4	ALBERT G. RICHARDS ... Tenor

Conducted by A. J. PITMAN.

\* First peal. † First peal of Triples and hails from Camerton, Somersetshire. 2nd from Morriston, 3rd from Gorseinon, 4th from Slough, 6th and 7th from Aberavon, treble and tenor are local. Rung in honour of Queen Mary's birthday.

SALFORD, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 27, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
BANKS' SIX-PART. Tenor 11½ cwt.

HAROLD HOLLINGWORTH ... Treble	*RICHARD LONGDEN ... .. 5
JOSEPH HALL ... .. 2	FRANK STONELEY ... .. 6
WILLIAM FITTON ... .. 3	WILFRED J. MOSS ... .. 7
JOSEPH SLATER ... .. 4	WILLIAM BOLTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. STONELEY.

\* First peal on a working bell. † First peal. The ringers of third and tenor were elected members before starting. A wedding peal for the treble ringer; also a birthday compliment to Mr. H. S. Kellett.

WATFORD, HERTS.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 27, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
DEXTER'S VARIATION. Tenor 24½ cwt.

*RONALD W. R. PICTON ... Treble	†STANLEY E. EDWARDS ... 5
STEPHEN H. HOARE ... .. 2	*RICHARD G. BELL ... .. 6
†ERNEST P. PALMER ... .. 3	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 7
HARRY L. LONG ... .. 4	FREDERICK H. CROOK ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.

\* First peal in method. † First peal. All are regular Sunday service ringers. Mr. Crook was elected a member of the association before starting the peal, which was rung half-muffled as a memorial to the late Archbishop Lord Davidson.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(Bolton Branch.)

On Tuesday, May 27, 1930, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

GEORGE PINCOTT ... .. Treble	JOHN NUTTALL ... .. 5
*MISS ANNIE POTTER ... .. 2	PETER CROOK, JUN. ... 6
PETER CROOK ... .. 3	JOHN POTTER ... .. 7
MATTHEW BERRY ... .. 4	ARTHUR BURTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

\* First peal. Great credit is due to Miss Potter for the manner she handled her bell. Rung as a birthday peal for the Vicar, and for the wedding anniversaries of the conductor and ringer of the 3rd.

LINTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 27, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS E. SONE ... .. Treble	WILLIAM BIDNELL ... .. 5
MRS. H. BAKER ... .. 2	HARRY BAKER ... .. 6
CHARLES W. PLAYER ... .. 3	WILLIAM WENBAN ... .. 7
CHARLES H. SONE ... .. 4	ALBERT RELFE ... .. Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.  
Rung in honour of the birthday of Lord Cornwallis, C.B.E., of Linton Park.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.  
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 28, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

ERNEST DUMPER ... .. Treble	CHARLES J. FRAY ... .. 5
JOHN W. FAIRFULL ... .. 2	JOHN R. RODWELL ... .. 6
WILLIAM G. EDWARDS ... 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 7
WALTER G. ROWE ... .. 4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled for the late Archbishop Lord Davidson.

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

On Thursday, May 29, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICOLAS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 16 cwt.

LEONARD H. WRIGHT ... Treble	STEPHEN MADDISON ... .. 5
MISS DORIS CLAY ... .. 2	ARTHUR J. FARR ... .. 6
JOHN T. BROWN ... .. 3	WILLIAM HOLLINGWORTH ... 7
GEORGE W. SIMPSON ... 4	JOHN G. AMES ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.  
Rung as a compliment to Mr. George Jarvis, churchwarden, on his 94th birthday.

HUNGERFORD, BERKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NEWBURY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 31, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F.

HENRY T. E. CURTIS ... Treble	ERNEST W. SMITH ... .. 5
MISS DOROTHY R. FOTTER ... 2	REGINALD W. REX ... .. 6
*EDWARD T. SNELLER ... .. 3	HENRY W. CURTIS ... .. 7
MISS STELLA DAVIS ... .. 4	EDWARD CROCKER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HENRY W. CURTIS.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells, which were augmented to eight in 1927 by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Ringers of 2nd and 4th are from Bucklebury, 3rd from East Ilsley, 6th from Woolton Hill, the remainder from Newbury.

RADWINTER, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 31, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 18 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES ... .. Treble	FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 5
*ROBERT HEAZEL ... .. 2	ERNEST J. BUTLER ... .. 6
*FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON ... 3	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... .. 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

\* First peal in the method. First peal on the bells for 35 years and the first Surprise peal. The band wish to thank the Rector for giving permission, and also Mr. Underwood, leader of the local band, for having everything in readiness for them.



WOKING, SURREY.  
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 31, 1930, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

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

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... .. Treble	C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 5
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... .. 2	CHARLES HAZLEDEN ... .. 6
GEORGE E. CLODE ... .. 3	GEORGE GILBERT ... .. 7
GEORGE WILSON ... .. 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of the late Archbishop Lord Davidson. The conductor's 950th peal.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 31, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas-the-Martyr,

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

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*ALBERT RAINBIRD ... .. Treble	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 5
PERCY GREEN ... .. 2	WILLIAM DUDLEY ... .. 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. 3	HENRY T. WILSON ... .. 7
*FRANK G. RINGE ... .. 4	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

\* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the 3rd anniversary of the institution of Canon S. L. Brown, D.D., as Rector of St. Thomas and as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Rainbird, wife of the treble ringer.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 31, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES HUNT ... .. Treble	S. GEORGE COLES ... .. 5
*SYDNEY J. WYATT ... .. 2	PERCY MERSON ... .. 6
ALFRED J. WYATT ... .. 3	WILLIAM H. COLES ... .. 7
*ARTHUR H. REED ... .. 4	*WILLIAM H. LLOYD ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

\* First peal in the method. W. H. Lloyd's 50th peal.

PATTINGHAM, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, May 31, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Chad,

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

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOSEPH FLAVELL ... .. Treble	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... .. 5
ALBERT D. COLLINS ... .. 2	HARRY BOSWELL ... .. 6
HAROLD L. FLAVELL ... .. 3	ALFRED FALLON ... .. 7
HERBERT E. BOOTH ... .. 4	JAMES SHAW ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. James Monkton, a ringer at the above church for over fifty years, also to Mr. T. Roden, a member of St. Peter's company, Wolverhampton.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 31, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

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

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

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

JOHN J. LAMB ... .. Treble	HARRY HOVERD ... .. 5
WILLIAM R. BOND ... .. 2	FREDERICK A. COLEY ... .. 6
ROBERT COLLINS ... .. 3	FREDERICK J. COLLUM, JUN. ... .. 7
BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE ... .. 4	WILLIAM C. DARKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. COLLUM, JUN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Lord Davidson, former Archbishop of Canterbury, and for many years president of the Kent County Association.

BOYNE HILL.—On the eve of Ascension Day, a quarter-peal of London Surprise Major: E. Eldridge 1, W. E. Taylor 2, Miss S. Davis 3, W. Henley 4, J. Eldridge 5, W. Walker 6, G. Martin (conductor) 7, G. Gilbert 8. First quarter in the method by ringers of 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

DODLESTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Sunday, April 20, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 8 cwt.

HERBERT ROBERTS ... .. Treble	CHARLES DRYLAND ... .. 4
GEORGE CASE ... .. 2	JOHN TILSON ... .. 5
JOHN HUGHES ... .. 3	THOMAS GUEST ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GUEST.

First peal on the bells. First peal for all the band; all are Sunday service ringers.

GUISBROUGH-IN-CLEVELAND.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 21, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

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

Seven 720's, called differently.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*S. PYE ... .. Treble	G. P. KEMBALL ... .. 4
*MISS N. GARNER ... .. 2	*B. PYBDS ... .. 5
*M. T. PEACOCK ... .. 3	C. ROBINSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. ROBINSON.

\* First peal, and rung at first attempt. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells since their rehanging.

BURSLEM, STAFFS.

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

At the Church of St. John,

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

Being 720 Cambridge Surprise and two 720's each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor.

F. SHUKER ... .. Treble	H. BOX ... .. 4
C. S. RYLES ... .. 2	E. GATER ... .. 5
T. HURD ... .. 3	H. WHITEFIELD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. GATER.

Rung in connection with the Wedgwood Bicentenary.

LANGPORT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Empire Day, Saturday, May 24, 1930, in Two Hours & Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

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

*H. J. LUCAS ... .. Treble	R. MILLS ... .. 4
T. W. CREED ... .. 2	†T. LOCK ... .. 5
W. TODT ... .. 3	H. G. WESTLAKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by T. W. CREED.

\* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' bell.

BICKER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

At the Church of St. Swithin,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5050 CHANGES;**

Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

STANLEY E. BENNETT ... .. Treble	FREDERICK PEARSON ... .. 4
MISS DORIS CLAY ... .. 2	WILLIAM WILKERSON ... .. 5
FRANK P. HARWOOD ... .. 3	WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. E. CLARKE.

BRIDEKIRK, CUMBERLAND.

THE CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION.

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

At the Church of St. Bridget,

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

Being three 720's of Oxford, three of Kent and one of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

WILLIAM ROBINSON ... .. Treble	FRANK WILSON ... .. 4
JIM TEBAY ... .. 2	THOMAS S. JEFFERSON ... .. 5
EDWIN JENNINGS ... .. 3	WILLIAM T. HOLMES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN JENNINGS.

First peal on the bells. First peal of Minor for the tenor ringer for eighteen years.

CROFTON, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

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

At the Church of All Saints,

**A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 7200 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of London, Canterbury, York, Lancashire, Wells, Newcastle, Durham, Stamford, Ringers' and Cambridge.  
Tenor 15½ cwt.

ARTHUR WALKER... .. Treble	HAROLD CHANT ... .. 4
WILLIAM GREEN ... .. 2	ARTHUR GILL ... .. 5
ARTHUR PANTHER ... .. 3	ALBERT NASH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT NASH.

Rung to commemorate Empire Day and A. Walker's 40 years as a ringer. Longest length by all except the conductor. Record length of Surprise Minor for the Yorkshire Association.

BRUTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

Being 42 six-scores, with ten callings. Tenor 25 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb.

THOMAS WHITE ... .. Treble	WALTER J. TILLY ... .. 4
CHRISTOPHER C. HOLLWEY ... .. 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... .. 5
EDWARD G. L. COWARD ... .. 3	P. C. RICHARD STUCKEY ... Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

BETLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

At the Church of St. Michael.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

*JOHN TRIMMIS ... .. Treble	JOHN MATTHEWS ... .. 4
ERIC B. ALLMAN ... .. 2	ARTHUR ALLMAN ... .. 5
JOHN BRASSINGTON ... .. 3	*GEORGE ASBURY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. BRASSINGTON.

\* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

RINGSTEAD, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 24, 1930, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;**

Seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

ERNEST E. WHITMORE ... Treble	†ALBERT W. BODDINGTON... 4
*CHARLES M. WHITNEY ... 2	GEORGE W. JEFFS ... .. 5
WILLIAM CHENEY ... .. 3	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. WHITMORE.

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

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 26, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;**

Being two 720's each of Single Court and Oxford Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN TARGETT ... .. Treble	FREDERICK TARGETT ... .. 4
FRED A. COWARD ... .. 2	RONALD G. BECK ... .. 5
EDWARD G. COWARD ... .. 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

\* First peal of Minor on the bells.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Canterbury Pleasure, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Single Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and St. Clement's Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 0 qr. 11 lb.

WILLIAM E. TAYLOR ... Treble	LEONARD STILWELL ... .. 4
MISS STELLA DAVIS ... .. 2	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 3	GEORGE GILBERT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

Rung with the bells half-muffled for the late Archbishop Lord Davidson.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD.)

On Monday, May 26, 1930, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

At 1, SALTERS ROAD,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN ANDERSON ... .. 1-2	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... .. 5-6
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 3-4	ADAM DEAS ... .. 7-8

Composed by E. C. S. TURNER. Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Two Minutes,

At 396, MEANWOOD ROAD,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6040 CHANGES;**

JOHN AMBLER ... .. 1-2	WILLIAM BARTON ... .. 5-6
PERCY J. JOHNSON ... .. 3-4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 7-8

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.  
Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. First peal in the method on handbells by ringer of 7-8.

COVENTRY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, May 29, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At 45, ENGLETON ROAD,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 15 in C.

*H. ERNEST SIBLEY ... .. 1-2	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... .. 5-6
FRANK W. PERRENS ... .. 3-4	FRANK E. PERVIN ... .. 7-8

† WILLIAM HIBBERT ... .. 9-10

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by FRANK E. PERVIN.  
\* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal on handbells. First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor 'in hand.' A birthday compliment to W. Hibbert.

ENFIELD.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, May 30, 1930, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,

At 45, WALSHINGHAM ROAD,

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

GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 1-2	E. MAURICE ATKINS ... .. 5-6
MRS. E. K. FLETCHER ... 3-4	STEPHEN H. WOOD ... .. 7-8

Composed and Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

ALTON DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting held at Liss on May 10th was a pleasant one in spite of the cold and showery weather, and was attended by ringers from Blackmoor, Bramshot, Petersfield, Rogate and Winchester. Most of the ringing was done at the 'old' Church of St. Peter, where there is a ring of six. Liss is a growing place. There is a new church, near the railway station, where a tower is being built, and the suggestion has been made that the bells should be transferred there from the old church, now but little used. Mr. J. P. Fidler, of Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, happened to be present at the meeting, and was able to give the Rector some valuable advice on this matter. During the afternoon some of the party visited Hawkey, two miles distant, and tried the bells there. The Guild service was conducted by the district secretary, and the Rector (Rev. S. N. Sedgwick) was at the organ, and also gave one of his characteristic addresses, brief, thoughtful and inspiring. Tea was served at the Spread Eagle, where the chairman (Rev. F. G. Eyres) presided over a company of twenty-three, which included the Master (Mr. G. Williams) and Mrs. Williams, Rev. S. N. Sedgwick, Mr. F. S. Bayley (Titchfield) and Mrs. Bayley, Mr. W. Andrews (Winchester), Mr. J. P. Fidler (Loughborough), and Mr. W. Read and Mrs. Read.

At the meeting which followed, the Chairman referred to the recent death of Rev. E. Dennett, Rector of East Worldham. He was an hon. member who had always taken great interest in the Guild, and had been district auditor, an office which he only resigned last January on account of failing health.

Three new members, all of Liss, were elected, which seems to show that there is a good prospect of the band being re-formed there. The incumbents of Liss, Hawkey and Newton Valence were also proposed for election as hon. members. In proposing a vote of thanks to the chairman, the Master commented on his regular attendance at the meetings, which he considered a shining example worthy of record.

### FATALITY TO BEDWAS RINGER. A COLLIERY ACCIDENT.

We regret to announce the death of a most respected member of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association, Mr. Geo. H. Martin, of Bedwas, who was killed on Sunday, May 18th, 1930, whilst following his employment at Bedwas Colliery. He fell about 25 feet from a ladder and was killed instantly.

He was laid to rest on Thursday May 22nd, at Bedwas Parish Churchyard, and after the funeral the bells were rung half-muffled in Grandsire and Stedman Doubles by the following: Geo. Cooke, W. Pike, T. Jones, A. Addicott, T. Love, Caerphilly, W. Hurford, Bedwas, A. E. Slatter, Machen. A peal could not be attempted owing to the bad state of the bell frame. A wreath was sent from the members of the Caerphilly tower.

Mr. Martin was greatly respected by all who came in contact with him. He was a member of the association for about twelve years, and had rung about half a dozen peals in the four standard methods. He was always willing to lend a helping hand to beginners, and will be greatly missed by the Caerphilly band, as he was a regular ringer there on practice nights. He was master of the association for the year 1929.

To his sorrowing widow, sons and daughter the members of the association tender their deepest sympathy.

G. C.

### PRESENTATION AT MYTHOLMROYD.

The ringers of St. Michael's Church, Mytholmroyd, Yorks, have presented Mr. John Wilcock, one of their members, with a suitably inscribed ringer's badge in recognition of his 55 years' association with ringing in the tower. The presentation was made on Ascension Day at a gathering in the belfry, by Mr. W. Carter, and the Vicar expressed the thanks of the church and himself to Mr. Wilcock for his loyal service. The gift was suitably acknowledged by Mr. Wilcock.

### TWENTY-SIX SURPRISE METHOD PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May we tender heartiest congratulations to the Lamberhurst band? Their peal in 26 Spliced Surprise Minor methods is a splendid performance, which needs to be attempted to be fully appreciated. It is a record fully worthy of its 'record' in your 'one thousandth.'—Yours sincerely,

GEO. DAWSON,

Hon. Secretary,

St. John-the-Baptist Association.

Leytonstone.

### ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

#### A LONG-SERVICE BAND STILL UNAFFILIATED.

A very enjoyable meeting of the North-Western Division was held at Radwinter on May 17th. Members and visitors arrived from Harlow, Potter's Street, Matching, Nazcing, Stansted, Bishop's Stortford, Roydon, Trumpington, Saffron Walden, Finchingfield, Ickleton, Sawston, Stapleford, Melbourn, Braintree, Springfield, Long Melford and Sudbury. The bells were rung to various methods during the afternoon. Mr. G. Dent took control of the belfry and saw that everyone had a pull set to his or her particularly desired method.

A service was held in the church at 5 p.m., and a very substantial tea was afterwards served to 37 at the nearby Red Lion Hotel.

Following tea, a brief business meeting ensued, Mr. G. Dent being in the chair.

The following meetings were announced: Dunmow on Wednesday, June 4th; a joint meeting with the Ely Association at Ickleton on Saturday, June 21st; and at Hatfield, Broad Oak, on some Saturday in August.

Mr. L. Peacock, of Matching, was accepted as a ringing member.

Mr. C. H. Howard moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar, to the organist and especially to the blower (the reason he emphasised the blower being that the office was a most important one, and the official a most important person, and not being seen he did not always receive the credit due to him).—The Vicar, Rev. Whitworth, thanked Mr. Howard. He was more than pleased to welcome all ringers. His local band (seven of whom have been ringing for over thirty years and one for fifty years) were not members of the association, and he hoped they would be induced to join. The vote of thanks he would convey to the organist, and would be sure to express to the blower the appreciation of the meeting. This latter person was one of his Scouts, aged 12, and would think himself a more important person than ever—Ringing was continued during the evening.

### CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL, 1130-1930.

On Sunday, May 4th, at St. Leonard's Church, Hythe, Kent, to commemorate the dedication of Canterbury Cathedral, May 4th, 1130, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins., for morning service: W. Bidnell 1, W. Fright 2, R. J. Birch 3, W. J. Bidnell (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 4, W. Binfield, Folkestone, 5, A. Amos 6, S. A. Gower 7, W. J. Prebble 8. And for evening service, to coincide with the 800 years, a touch of 800 Bob Major in 32 mins.: W. J. Prebble 1, A. Wratten 2, R. J. Birch 3, W. J. Bidnell 4, W. Fright 5, A. Amos (first touch of Bob Major) 6, W. Bidnell 7, S. A. Gower 8. Both conducted by S. A. Gower.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Owing to the lamented death of the Vicar of Thames Ditton, the meeting of the Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, which was to have been held at Thames Ditton to-morrow, has been cancelled.

We understand that only one nomination for president of the Central Council has been sent in, and that is Mr. Edwin H. Lewis, who has been proposed by the retiring president (Canon Coleridge) and seconded by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn.

Members of the Central Council who attend next Tuesday's meeting would do well to take with them their copy of 'The Ringing World' for October 18th, 1929 (No. 969). They may need it when item No. 11 on the agenda is reached.

Messrs. Taylor and Co. are to instal a new peal of 12 bells, tenor 12½ cwt., at Frimley Parish Church, Surrey, but unfortunately the bells are not to be hung for ringing in full swing—they are to be played from a keyboard.

The new peal of eight bells which is to be dedicated at West-houghton Parish Church, Lancs, on Saturday next, June 7th, at 3 p.m., was cast by Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and Lancashire will thus have yet another of those fine and melodious rings which are the product of the Loughborough Foundry.

'A Short History of Bells,' the first instalment of which appeared in the May number, is being written for 'The Accessory' (a monthly trade journal for the Radio and allied industries), by Mr. J. E. Nichols, of Stamford, author of 'Bells Through the Ages.' Mr. Nichols has also in hand a short series, entitled 'Britain's Bell Foundries,' which is to appear in 'The Metal Industry.'

To-day is the 38th anniversary of the 18,608 Oxford Treble Bob Major rung, in 10 hrs. 32 mins., at Debenham, Suffolk.

That number—it has previously been rung in the Kent Variation—was the longest peal of Treble Bob until June 8th, 1906, when 16,880 was rung at Mottram, Cheshire. This longer length, however, was rung on lighter bells, and occupied the shorter time of 9 hrs. 40 mins.

It is 80 years ago next Monday that the first peal was rung in America. It was a landmark in ringing history. The peal was Holt's ten-part and was rung at Christ Church, Philadelphia, on Sunday, June 9th, 1850.

A party of ringers was in the States on a handbell music ringing tour, and finding two or three other English ringers living in America they made up their band: T. H. Lesage 1, C. Rahill 2, F. (i) Wada 3, H. W. Haley (conductor) 4, J. Hewett 5, W. Lobb 6, E. Sawyer 7, R. Dodd and J. Davey 8. Dodd, who was a one-legged man, rang the tenor for 2 hrs. 15 mins., when he handed it over to Davey.

## RINGING PAPERS FOR MORE THAN 60 YEARS.

Mr. T. E. Slater, of Glemsford, in congratulating 'The Ringing World' upon reaching its one thousandth number, informs us that he has in his possession a thousand numbers each of 'Church Bells,' the first issue of which is dated New Year's Eve, 1871, and 'Bell News.'

Before 'Church Bells' appeared, his father, Samuel Slater, used to take 'Bell's Life,' cut out the portions relating to ringing and paste them into a pocket book.

How many instances, asks Mr. Slater, are there of a father and son taking a ringing paper without a break for so long?

## LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

### GRANT TOWARDS A PEAL BOARD.

A very successful meeting of the Southern Branch of the Lincolnshire Diocesan Guild was held at West Deeping on Saturday, about 40 ringers being present from Peterborough, Bourne, Spalding, Stamford, Surfleet, Edenham, Rippingale, Morton, Folkingham, Billingborough, Wymondham, Edenmonthorpe, South Norwood, Market Deeping, Deeping St. James, Deeping St. Nicholas and the local band. The musical and good-going peal of six were available during the afternoon and evening, and a variety of both Surprise and Plain methods were brought round.

The Rev. G. Dudley, Rector of West Deeping, conducted the service and gave a helpful address to the members. Tea was served in the schoolroom, thirty sitting down, and was followed by the business meeting, with the Rev. H. Law James (Master of the Guild) presiding. The Rev. G. Dudley, Rector of West Deeping, and Rev. H. Williams, Rector of Rippingale, were unanimously elected hon. members of the branch. Nine performing members and two non-resident life members were also elected.

After a lengthy discussion, it was decided to hold the next meeting at Billingborough. It was thought by the members present that a peal board should be erected in West Deeping Church, recording the 10,080 changes of Minor in 14 methods, rung there in 1927. Subsequently it was agreed upon that a grant of £2 from the branch funds be made towards the erection of a peal board.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. Law James for presiding at the meeting, and to the Rector of West Deeping for the use of the bells and the service, to the organist and to those who had made such excellent arrangements for the tea. Further ringing was continued until 9 p.m., when a most successful meeting concluded.

C. T. H. B.



## THE BELLS OF ARKLOW.

Many ringing visitors to Ireland have made a pilgrimage to Arklow, Co. Wicklow, where, in the sylvan surroundings of a beautiful park, the fifth Earl of Carysfort erected the beautiful Protestant church dedicated to St. Saviour, and presented it to the parish of Arklow in the year 1899. The handsome building was erected at a cost of some £40,000, and Earl Carysfort installed in the lofty tower a fine peal of eight bells cast at the Loughborough Foundry.

It was to this church that the late Mr. J. W. Washbrook went as instructor to a young band, and here he rang on more than one occasion two bells to a peal.

Next Monday the Irish Association will visit Arklow for their annual meeting. The first occasion on which the association went there for its annual gathering was in 1901, when the late Earl, the donor of the bells, was himself present and presided over the gathering, which was attended by the late Mr. R. R. Cherry, K.C., who afterwards became Lord Chief Justice of Ireland, and several English ringers, who at that time were touring in Ireland.



ST. SAVIOUR'S CHURCH, ARKLOW.

The bells, which have a tenor of 22 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E, and a total weight of 88 cwt. 8 lb., bear the following inscriptions:—

- Treble.—William, 5th Earl of Carysfort. Born January 18th, 1836. Donor, William, 5th Earl of Carysfort.
- No. 2.—Theodosia Gertrude Baillie. Born January 10th, 1833. Donor, William, 5th Earl of Carysfort.
- No. 3.—Isabella Proby. Born November 19th, 1830. Died January 10th, 1866. Donor, William, 5th Earl of Carysfort.
- No. 4.—Hugh Proby. Born August 27th, 1828. Died August 30th, 1852. Donor, William, 5th Earl of Carysfort.
- No. 5.—Granville Leveson, 4th Earl of Carysfort. Born September 14th, 1824. Died May 18th, 1872. Donor, William, 5th Earl of Carysfort.
- No. 6.—John Joshua Lord Proby. Born April 3rd, 1823. Died November 19th, 1858. Catherine Proby. Born April 3rd, 1823. Died April 29th, 1827. Donor, William, 5th Earl of Carysfort.
- No. 7.—Elizabeth Emma Hamilton. Born March 10th, 1821. Donor, William, 5th Earl of Carysfort.
- No. 8.—Francis Proby. Born August 3rd, 1819. Died May 15th, 1863. Donor, William, 5th Earl of Carysfort.

On each of the eight bells is also the inscription: 'John Taylor, of Loughborough. Me fecit 1898.'

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

## THE QUESTION OF REAFFILIATION WITH CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The annual general meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association took place at Lydney, Glos, on Saturday, May 31st. There was an attendance of about 75. The hon. secretary and hon. treasurer gave reports of an excellent year's work.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted on the motion of Mr. Dyson (Tewkesbury), seconded by Mr. Thomas (Forest): 'That this meeting strongly supports the resolution circulated by the executive committee to all branches and accepted by them with a very large majority, and in addition proposes that a small sub-committee be formed to approach the Central Council in due course for re-affiliation in accordance with the resolution. Furthermore, the sub-committee be asked to prepare recommendations and report to executive, management and general meetings for discussion and decision.'

This means that the association will reaffiliate to the Central Council as soon as the recommendations printed in 'The Ringing World,' October 18th, 1929 (No. 969, page 665), are placed upon the official agenda of the Central Council in strict accordance with the rules of the Central Council. It was accepted that, although an item appears in a belated agenda, it would not be discussed by the Central Council according to their rules, not even under Rule 9, as this question is one affecting the rules.

A committee was formed to draw up regulations for future affiliation, and to decide how far the association should go in questions of finance and accepting rules and decisions of the Council in future.

The following alteration to Rule 5 was carried unanimously, on the motion of Mr. A. Wright (Stroud), seconded by Mr. T. Baldwyn (Gloucester):—

'Rule 5.—That branches of the association shall be established in suitable areas and shall consist of one or more rural deaneries, members of which shall elect their own chairman and secretary, and be conducted in accordance with the rules set out under "Rules for Local Branches." The executive committee may decide to transfer a tower from one branch to another, but their action must be approved at the following general meeting.'

The following resolution to alter Rule 15 was then discussed:—

'That any alterations in, or additions to, the above rules shall only be made at an annual or special meeting. Not less than two months' notice must be given of any proposed alteration, addition or deletion to any of the above rules, or part thereof. If, in the opinion of the management or executive committee, such alteration, addition or deletion is of vital importance, the hon. secretary shall be requested to obtain a ballot throughout the branches upon such a point. (The ballot to be expedited so that returns shall be ready for presentation to the duly convened general or special meeting for confirmation.)'

This was proposed by Mr. Hopper (Swindon) and seconded by Mr. Jeffries (Bristol).

A suggested amendment was made following a letter read from Rev. C. D. P. Davies, that if less than 150 members attended the general meeting then all business carried out by them should be ratified by the branches. It was announced that 75 per cent. of the associations adopted the rule as it stood at present, and it was felt that this was sufficient guidance, and the resolution was therefore rejected by unanimous vote, consequently Rule 15 stands as before.

Mr. J. Gould and Mr. W. Lansdown were elected as vice-presidents, and Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Rev. Thorold, Rev. E. J. Phillips, Mr. F. K. Howell and Mr. Hale were re-elected as vice-presidents. The Master (Rev. E. S. Saleby) was re-elected, as were all the other officials.

It was decided to hold the annual meetings in future by rotation in each branch area. The next annual meeting will take place at Cheltenham on Easter Monday, April 3rd, 1931.

A vote of thanks to Rev. Jones, Vicar of Lydney, was warmly accorded, whilst a message from the chairman of the branch, Mr. Dewdney, extended the welcome of Lydney to the association, even though (as he humorously put it) it was in the absence of a Mayor.

An excellent meat tea at the Feathers Hotel concluded the meeting, and ringers (who had time before their trains) had a good ring on the peal of eight at St. Mary's Church.

## DEATH OF MR. F. W. BOXELL, WYCOMBE.

The High Wycombe belfry has sustained a loss in the death of Mr. Frank William Boxell, who passed away on Empire Day at the age of 47. Mr. Boxell had been indifferent health for a long time, but early in the year his illness took a serious turn and he gradually grew worse, complications arising which caused his death despite medical skill and careful nursing.

Mr. Boxell had been a member of the Wycombe belfry for many years, and he had rung a good number of peals.

At the funeral at the Parish Church, on Wednesday of last week, handbells were rung by Messrs. J. W. Wilkins, F. Hayes, F. Boreham and F. D. Boreham as the mourners entered the church, and again at the graveside. On the Sunday evening after his death, 1,174 Stedman Cinques (conducted by F. Hayes) was rung on the muffled bells, and on the evening of the funeral the bells were again rung muffled.

# FOUNDATIONS OF THE OXFORD GUILD. JUBILEE OF SONNING DEANERY BRANCH. ENTHUSIASTIC GATHERING AT WOKINGHAM.

From 1880 to 1930 is a far cry, but both these dates were happily linked together at the jubilee celebration of the Sonning Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild in St. Paul's Parish Church, Wokingham, on Empire Day, Saturday, May 24th, when veterans of the first committee, with their successors through the years down to the juniors of the present time, united in union and reunion. The event follows closely on the jubilee of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch.

The Sonning Deanery Society was founded in 1880 with Mr. J. Walter, M.P. (of 'The Times') as president, Rev. R. H. Hart Davis, who afterwards for so many years did magnificent work for the Oxford Guild in various offices, as treasurer, and the Rev. J. F. Llewellyn, hon. secretary. The first towers to join were Arborfield, Sonning, Wargrave and All Saints' and St. Paul's, Wokingham. In 1881 the society became affiliated to the Oxford Diocesan Guild, which was founded in that year and became known as the Sonning Deanery Branch. For ten years the chairman was the Rev. Dolben Paul. From 1901 to 1924 the Rev. R. H. Hart Davis filled the office except from 1908-10, when the Rev. F. E. Robinson was chairman and Mr. Hart Davis vice-chairman. Canon Coleridge succeeded Mr. Davis in 1924, so that from 1881 the branch has had only four chairmen. It has been equally fortunate in its secretaries, of which it has had only five, among them the Rev. E. E. Broome, who filled the office from 1892 to 1918.

The feature of the jubilee celebration was a thanksgiving service in St. Paul's Parish Church, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. H. M. Walter (a son of the first president), and was well attended. Mr. A. H. Lusty, A.R.C.O., A.T.C.L., the organist, played suitable voluntaries and led the singing with the organ. The National Anthem was sung, it being Empire Day, then the hymn, 'Bright the vision that delighted,' the massed voices combining with fine effect, as they did in the Creed which followed. Psalm 150 was then chanted, after which the Rev. A. F. Sheffield read the lesson from Hebrews xiii. 7-21. After several prayers, the ringers' hymn, 'Unchanging God Who livest,' was rendered with spirit and fervour.

The Ven. Archdeacon of Berkshire, the Rev. R. Wickham Legg, gave a very fine address from the pulpit. Dispensing with a formal text, he said the first thing they wanted was to 'strike' the note of thanksgiving for all those engaged in the life and work of their own Guild from the beginning, for those gone to their rest who had done so much for them, also thanksgiving that they were able to keep their jubilee. They could congratulate themselves upon the fact that the Sonning Deanery Society preceded the larger body, the Diocesan Guild. Usually the procedure was the reverse, the smaller body growing out of the larger. They were further to be congratulated that the jubilee was being kept at St. Paul's, Wokingham, the same parish where their society started. Also, they were glad to see amongst them their beloved chairman, Canon Coleridge, and they thanked God for his wonderful recovery from very serious and dangerous illness.

## A TRAINING PLACE.

The Archdeacon proceeded to say that the belfry was first of all a training place. Many people imagined on seeing the ringers at work, so natural, simple and spontaneous their efforts seemed, that all was done quite easily and readily. But skill in bellringing depended upon several things—upon being thorough and punctual, and upon perseverance and practice—even drudgery, without which no good work was really done, as in the case of the artist's picture and the sermons of the clergy. So with ringing, skill depended on that wonderful essential quality of the Christian life—steady perseverance.

A remarkable thing about bellringers was the delightful and wonderful and extraordinary fellowship, camaraderie, existing among them not only from belfry to belfry, but the world over; and, further, that same and ever-growing sense of fellowship between the bellringer and the church, especially shown when by the Enabling Act ringers might choose as to whether they came under the rule of the incumbent or of the Parochial Council, they unanimously decided for the parson, which showed the increasing sympathy, fellowship and understanding between bellringers and clergy. Another very touching exhibition of brotherhood was the way in which older members of the belfry looked after the younger members they were training, not only in ringing but in character and self-control and self-discipline in order to make life worth living.

The Archdeacon referred to the brotherhood of the British Empire—a great responsibility—and added that they were members also of another brotherhood, greater than that of the British Empire—the Christian Church, spread all over the world with increasing power and dominion, in spirit and corporate worship with other Christian men and women, as well as in their own homes. Bellringers had often other duties on Sunday, and could not always attend the church service. Ringing meant often a severe amount of physical and bodily strain, but the ideal of the bellringer was not only to call others to worship God in His church, but to join in that worship with them. 'May God bless you in your work; may you realise more and more the dignity of it, that it is a real vocation and a real privilege to which you are called; that the service you can render to the glory

of God and to His Church, and that by the ringing of the bells and your varied character and conduct in life you may be able to set forth the mystery of the love of God through Jesus Christ our Lord.' The address made a deep impression upon the large congregation, and showed a remarkable insight and sympathy on the part of the speaker, who confessed himself as 'not having the pleasure and privilege' of being himself a ringer.

'Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven,' sung to the fine setting by Goss, was the concluding hymn, sung while an offertory was taken (realising £1 16s. 3d.) for the Branch Restoration Fund. The Blessing was then pronounced by the Rector, the Rev. H. M. Walter, who had conducted the service. The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Oxford Guild, was also present and robed.

## LINKS WITH THE PAST.

A move was next made to St. Paul's Parish Room (in lieu of the Rectory garden as arranged). All enjoyed tea, by the kind invitation of the Rev. H. M. Walter and Mrs. Walter. Mrs. Houlton was in charge of the arrangements, and was assisted by the churchwardens and Mesdames Newberry, Hyde, Parker, Harwood and Miss Webb. Among the party which tightly filled the room were Canon G. F. Coleridge (chairman, Sonning Deanery Branch), the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Guild), the Rev. H. M. Walter, the Rev. B. Long (Rural Dean), the Revs. J. A. Anderson, W. T. Stubbs, A. Manday, A. F. Sheffield, L. R. Majendie, Mr. W. J. Paice (hon. sec., Sonning Deanery Branch), also Mr. A. J. Wright (treasurer) and Mr. R. T. Hibbert (secretary of the Guild), Mrs. Broome and Miss Roe, and Mr. A. Hill, of Wokingham, and Mr. T. Attwell, of Chiddingfold, late of Arborfield, the last-named the two survivors of the original committee, Mr. J. Fuller (Wargrave) and other old members, Mr. W. Houlton, and Dr. Joyce (Reading).

The Rector welcomed the company and regretted that the weather prevented the garden meeting as intended.

Canon Coleridge, after tea, presided at a very pleasant gathering. Mr. W. J. Paice (hon. secretary) announced apologies from Mr. John Walter, who said it would have been a very great pleasure to have attended, and who congratulated the branch upon its well-maintained tradition since it started under the presidency of his late father, and he wished the society every prosperity. Mr. Walter also sent a telegram of best wishes. Other apologies were from the Vicar of Wargrave, the Rector of Finchampstead, Mr. A. J. Mackey, J.P., Miss Wedderburn, Mr. A. Riddell, etc.

The Chairman referred to his 25 years' connection with the deanery. He had, he said, recently attended four ringing jubilees. He welcomed the two members present who were on the original committee of fifty years ago (applause)—Mr. Albert Hill and Mr. Tom Attwell, whom he asked to stand up, as younger members might not know them.

Both gentlemen then rose, amid great enthusiasm, and briefly expressed pleasure and thanks. Mr. Hill said he was pleased to be present and to see so many of the old faces of past years. He was pleased to see the younger generation growing up to fill their places (hear, hear), and to see the Guild advanced.

The Chairman proceeded to thank the Rev. H. M. Walter for the service in his church and for the tea. He referred to the presence of Mrs. Broome (whose husband, the late Rev. E. E. Broome, was for so many years the branch secretary), and Miss Roe, who had journeyed from Bath to be present (applause).

The Rev. H. M. Walter said it was a special pleasure to him to do what he had for the Guild, as he was so connected with their tradition. He remembered the late Rev. Dolben Paul, the Rector of Bearwood, and the two bells of that church. The influence of church bells was peculiarly touching—their very sound revived so many memories. This was undoubtedly a poignant source of grief to many in the unhappy country of Russia. He thanked them for their appreciation, and regretted that Mrs. Walter was unable to be present.

The Master of the Guild then thanked the Archdeacon for his address; the two Wokingham incumbents for the use of their bells that day; also the organist and the organ blower of St. Paul's for their services. They were fortunate as a branch to have two rings of eight bells and two Rectors who so cordially welcomed bellringers (hear, hear). The Master referred to a paper read by Rev. H. C. Sturges at the Ruri-decanal Chapter, which was productive of something really good and great. The Rev. R. H. Hart Davis took it up with a letter to the 'Reading Mercury,' and the result was the Sonning Deanery Society, followed by the Oxford Guild.

Mr. Fuller, of Wargrave, said the Master was a very old member, though not one of the first, and Mr. Wright, of Sonning, was not far behind. He was glad to see present so many links with the past, and also to see the ladies already mentioned.

## CANON COLERIDGE'S RECOVERY.

The Rural Dean, the Rev. B. Long, then expressed pleasure at their chairman's recovery and return, at which they could express their delight more fully than in church (great applause). Canon Coleridge had done so much for bellringing that he had endeared himself to the heart of every bellringer. Almost his first afternoon after a long convalescence he spent with them. He hoped he would keep well for a long time (applause).

The Rural Dean then went fully into the records of the branch, which was founded on May 26th, 1880, with a committee of four

clergy and two laymen. This took place at St. Paul's Parish Room, Wokingham, at the Terrace opposite where they were now assembled. In 1873, at All Saints', Wokingham, there was started the Society of Honorary Change Ringers to encourage change ringing. They started, first, with handbells in 1874. In 1876, those ringers went to Bristol, and the 'Bristol Mercury' accorded them high praise. Their Guild had done something to promote change ringing since the early days.

The Rural Dean proposed thanks to the ladies and helpers at the tea.

The Mayor of Wokingham, Alderman A. E. Priest, who was enthusiastically received, responding, asked to be allowed to speak not as Mayor but as one who, baptised, confirmed, and married at St. Paul's, Wokingham, was very much attached to that church and parish, and was also a churchwarden and secretary of the Parochial Council, etc. It was a real, deep pleasure to feel that, fifty years ago, such a society of bellringers was formed in the parish. He did not know much about bellringing, but one could serve their church in other ways. For thirty-nine years, from a boy, he had been connected with St. Paul's. He knew Mr. Hill and Mr. W. Houlton and many others. He had learnt from the Archdeacon's excellent address that, fortunately for the Parochial Council, it was not concerned with the bellringers; that was the Rector's duty (laughter). He wished the branch and the Guild the very best success (applause).

Mr. R. T. Hibbert, in a racy speech, said he hoped in a few years to become a 50 years' member of the Guild, and referred to the fact that this branch had been as well served by its officers as any branch in this or any other Guild, notably by their succession of secretaries—the Rev. E. E. Broome, Mr. F. Dentry and now by Mr. W. J. Paice (applause). He wished the branch success—it had not much to fear. Might they wipe out the marks of their predecessors in energy and campanology, in good living and churchmanship. 'I hope I will come to the centenary of this branch' (laughter and applause).

Mr. A. J. Wright also expressed his pleasure. The Sonning Branch was one of the most progressive in the whole Guild, spending its money well and wisely. He hoped that gathering would prove a great incentive to the 'young faces' present. He hoped they would see the next jubilee, more prosperous even than they were to-day (applause).

The Secretary then said the collection would give an impetus to their Restoration Fund now considerably depleted. He had tried his hardest to get many old members present. Those and the younger members together were tremendously inspiring, causing them to 'thank God and take fresh courage' (applause).

In concluding the assembly, the Chairman thanked Mr. Paice for his encouraging letters during his (the chairman's) recent illness. He thanked them all for their kind thought and congratulations.

Canon Coleridge then called attention to the 1,000th number of 'The Ringing World' with its deeply interesting articles. For upwards of nineteen years had that periodical been regularly and punctually delivered. One could not say too much in praise of the proprietor of that paper when considering how much ringers were indebted to him for the bond of union among them. That meeting would be reported in it.

At the chairman's suggestion, the meeting instructed the secretary to send a letter of congratulation to the editor of 'The Ringing World.'

The two town churches were kindly opened for ringing.

#### SURREY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the North-Western District of the Surrey Association was held at St. Mary's, Ewell, on Saturday, when ringers attended from Banstead, Beddington, Chelsea, Croydon (St. John's and St. Peter's), Ewell, Hillingdon, Kensington, Merstham, Mitcham (SS. Peter and Paul's), and Streatham (St. Leonard's). Ringing began with Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, and as numbers increased some good practice was obtained in various methods up to Cambridge Surprise Major. A short and enjoyable service was conducted by the Vicar, who welcomed the ringers to Ewell, and regretted very much he was unable to join them at tea. Tea was served in the Parish Hall and thoroughly enjoyed by a company of some 20 ringers.

A short business meeting of the usual routine nature was held after tea, the District Master (Mr. A. W. Clark) taking the chair.

Mr. H. Wills, of Croydon, spoke of the slackness all over the country of ringers notifying their intention of being present to tea at association meetings, and he thought all ringers ought to make it a point of honour to do this.—Mr. E. Reeve, of Chelsea, also spoke on this matter, and there was a short discussion, in the course of which various opinions were expressed.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells and conducting the service, the organist for playing at the service, and to Mr. Read for making all arrangements.—Mr. Read replied, and said he was always glad to do all he could when the association visited Ewell.

The tower was again visited, and ringing continued until nine o'clock, methods practised including London Surprise and Spliced Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major.

#### DOUBLES AND MINOR.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

I imagine that those people who are asking for a new rule for peals on five and six bells think that it is quite an easy thing to draw one up. I have seen several attempts; I have yet to see one worth anything. Men know quite definitely certain things which they want to allow, or (and more usually) certain things which they want to disallow. But when they come to set their rule down in words it is ten to one that it will say something quite different from what they mean, and forbid what they want to allow, or allow what they want to forbid.

The new rule of the Midland Counties Association is interesting. The truth seems to be that there are certain influential members of that body who want to forbid the ringing of the Morris and Pitman arrangements of Grandsire Doubles and the Bankes James arrangement of Cambridge Minor. Instead of saying so straight out, they have produced this new rule. If that is the best that can be done, the Central Council needs no justification for leaving the question for the present an open one.

Were I an ordinary member of the association I should enter an objection to Mr. Willson's last peal of Treble Ten on the grounds that it does not comply with the new rule. As I am only a life member, I may be told that this is none of my business and be invited to keep my paws out of their platter. I must run the risk. The M.C.A. is one of our leading associations, and what they do cannot but affect us others. Besides, I rather enjoy giving Mr. Willson good advice. It costs me nothing, and makes me feel good, like when one gives a penny to a beggar in the street.

The rule says that 'on seven bells a peal must consist of not less than 5,040 true and complete changes.' When the old ringers talked about ringing a true and complete peal, they knew what they meant and said what they meant, and we know what they meant. But what, in the name of common sense, is a true and complete change? The statement is nonsense. The rule also allows you to add one 'shorter touch fulfilling the above conditions'; one of which (there are only two) is that it must not be less than 5,040 changes.

Then the splicing of odd and even bell changes is forbidden. You may not splice Doubles and Minor, or Triples and Major, or Caters and Royal. And pray, why not? Because, I presume, these gentlemen do not like it. I do not know that I, personally, have much use for this kind of splicing; but other people have rung it, and I cannot see why, if once you concede the principle of splicing you have any right to forbid a band to ring, say, spliced Grandsire Caters and Bob Royal.

It is proverbially unsafe to prophesy, but I think the tendency in the future will be rather to loosen the rigid rules which for a long time have controlled method ringing. Time was, and not so long ago, when you had a Plain Course built up in rigid fashion with a definite number of leads all alike, and you were allowed one sort of bob and one only. No deviation from this was permissible. There were reasons for this, and those reasons can never be set aside, but they may be applied to different circumstances. Splicing has given us a Plain Course quite different from the old sort of Plain Courses, and there seems no reason why further development should not take place on those lines. A method has been rung (at least in touches) where the tenor is alternatively a working bell and a cover. Why should such be forbidden? Or again, it is quite good practice to ring Bob Minor and every time 5.6 dodge at home to interpolate a six-score of Grandsire Doubles. No one would say that these things are likely to be very common, but they are very interesting as a variation of ordinary ringing. And if a band choose to ring them, why on earth should they not?

Of course, it is against the Grandsire Doubles and the Cambridge Minor compositions that the rule is really directed. I have already said a lot about them and need not repeat. But this I will say to the five and six bell ringers: 'If you find these compositions useful and want to ring them: if you would rather not be tied down to the monotony of the old restricted callings, or if you would rather ring Cambridge Minor with 5-6 the right way and not with a multitude of 6-5's—why, then, ring them? Don't let a lot of eight and ten bell ringers, who do not understand your needs, dictate to you and rob you of your rights. It is you that can settle this matter, not they.'

#### LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

This year the half-yearly meeting of the Lancs Association was revived, the place chosen being Southport. As it was between seasons, the place was not overcrowded. The bells of Christ Church were at liberty from 12 noon, and were kept going until 8.30, except during the short service, at which the Rev. J. L. Coursey gave a helpful address. A tea was provided in the schools at the expense of the churchwardens, to which some 56 sat down.

Canon Elsee (president) thanked the donors, and was supported by Mr. G. R. Newton. The wardens replied, and the Vicar also said a few words of welcome, and hoped the ringers would come again.

As the tower and bells are small (tenor 10½ cwt.) the visitors could not all get into the belfry at once, so while some were ringing others went out to try and discover the sea, but it had gone out for the day and was not expected back before midnight, but, taking all things together, no one was sorry for going to Southport.



## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

The Central Council, as already announced, will meet at the Guard Room, at Lambeth Palace, London, at 11 a.m. on Tuesday.

## THE ACCOUNTS.

## RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance at Bank ... ..				31	19	6
Rev. Teape, donation ... ..				1	1	0
Affiliation Fees:						
Arrears ... ..			7	6		
Current ... ..			27	10	0	
				27	17	6
Interest on Stock:						
£50 of 5 per cent. War Loan ... ..			2	10	0	
£71 of 3½ per cent. Conversion Loan ... ..			2	10	0	
				5	0	0
Total ... ..	£65	18	0			

## EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Librarian, Loss on Sales of Publications ... ..				4	14	1
Hon. Secretary, Postage and Stationery ... ..				2	11	0
'The Ringing World,' Printing and Advertising ... ..				6	7	6
Balance at Bank ... ..			38	5	6	
Cash in Hand ... ..			13	19	11	
				52	5	5
Total ... ..	£65	18	0			

In connection with the 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.

Ringling 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.

## A CARILLON RECITAL.

In connection with the meeting of the Central Council in London this year, a special recital on the Wellington (New Zealand) War Memorial Carillon, now in Hyde Park, will be given by Mr. Clifford Ball (whose services have been lent by Messrs. Cadbury) and Mr. Stephen H. Wood, a change ringer, on Whit Monday, June 9th, at 6 p.m.

Mr. Ball will give specially selected items, to be announced later, and Mr. Wood will chime out the lowest diatonic ten bells to represent actual changes on a ringing peal of ten.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, the founders of the bells, invite all ringers (who may be accompanied by a friend), whether members of the Central Council or not, to tea at 5 p.m. at The Ring Tea House, Hyde Park (admission by ticket only).

Will ringers desiring to attend the tea write to Mr. E. A. Young, 155, Rushey Green, Catford, London, S.E.6, so that their application arrives not later than to-morrow (Saturday) morning? Those whose names are on the list of applications will be able to obtain the tickets at the Carillon Tower, Hyde Park, between 3 and 5 p.m. on Whit Monday.

## THE FIRST C.E.M.S. PEAL.

Several correspondents have written to point out that the peal at Earl Shilton recorded a fortnight ago was not the first rung by a band of members of the C.E.M.S.

Mr. E. H. Spice, of Tunstall, Kent, writes that the first was a peal of Minor (seven different 720's) rung at Tunstall on March 12th, 1912, conducted by Wm. Spice.

Mr. H. Sheppard, of Dudley, calls attention to a peal of Grand-airs Caters at Dudley on September 23th, 1912, conducted by J. Goodman, jun., and Mr. A. Rowley, of Brierley, in addition to quoting particulars of this peal, gives details of a peal of Grandairs Triples at Tipton on December 23rd, 1912.

## NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

## AN APPEAL FOR 'YOUNG BLOOD.'

At Retford, on Saturday, May 24th, the North Notts Association held their 42nd annual meeting. It was attended by 50 members hailing from Anston, Barlborough, Bolsover, Cuckney, Edwinstowe, Gainsborough, Gamston, Laneham, Lincoln, Misterton, East Markham, Ordsall, East Retford, West Retford, Sutton-on-Trent, Shireoaks, and Treeton. The towers of East Retford, West Retford, and Ordsall were visited by ringers during the afternoon and evening, when some excellent touches were rung in various methods.

A service was held in East Retford Church at 4.30 p.m., conducted by the Vicar, Rev. A. Parkinson, and the Rev. R. V. Dodd, of Shireoaks, gave a most interesting address. Mr. H. Blagg, of Retford, kindly played the harmonium for this service.

After the members had partaken of a splendid tea, served by Messrs. Cook and Sons, of Carlegate, the Rev. A. Parkinson presided over the business meeting, supported by Mrs. A. E. Rowsell, Rev. R. V. Dodd, Rev. R. E. Rogerson, Mr. H. Haigh (hon. treasurer), Mr. H. Rooke (hon. cup secretary), Messrs. M. Revill and R. W. Stockdale (hon. general secretaries).

The balance sheet for 1929 was considered very satisfactory, as it showed a balance in the Worktop Savings Bank of £37 lls. 8d., and £4 9s. 11d. in the treasurer's hands, the gain on the year's working being £7 18s. 2d. This is a record, and the committee wish to thank everyone who has helped to secure this excellent result.

## BELLS THAT ARE NOT RINGING.

The secretary's report for 1929 stated that the membership increased by 23, and all meetings were well attended, but the association needed more young blood to fill the positions in years to come held by the older members of to-day. In the matter of bell restoration, not much progress was made during the year, but Shireoaks and North Collingham had since made improvements. Harthill was doing no ringing, as the bells were in bad repair. One vice-president had been trying to persuade a parish to have their bells rehung, recast and made into a ring of six, but success had not yet attended his efforts. Whilst the progress of the association was gratifying to all, a considerable number of church bells were frequently only chimed, and some not rung at all; some were only able for Sunday service to ring rounds and a few call changes. It could hardly be said that the art of change ringing was making the progress desired. They all knew the patience and forbearance that were required, first in teaching learners how to ring rounds well, and afterwards in teaching them the art. When they got to this stage he should be glad if they would bear in mind that change ringing was never completely learnt, and that they would always welcome new conductors. By the time the next report was published everyone would like to see some towers, who have lately dropped out, back again in the ranks. He appealed to every ringer to help forward the association's objects and bring back the losses.

The officers were re-elected en bloc for 1930.

Mr. A. Johnson, in proposing that Shireoaks and North Collingham be granted £2 10s. towards their respective bell funds, said that the association was always pleased to help any church which was trying to obtain a better peal of bells, and in these days it was very difficult to raise the amounts required for the various restorations. He added that credit was due to these towers for what they had accomplished, and he hoped a few more churches would follow the example they had set.

The arrangements for the Crawford silver cup was an item of great interest. It was decided to hold it again at East Markham early in September, and the rules were altered so that the home team could compete, and that six-bell ringing should be handicapped a little.

Edwinstowe was proposed by Mr. H. Haigh and seconded by Mr. A. E. Midwinter as the place of the next meeting, and this was unanimously carried.

Mr. H. Haigh, of Worktop, for 17 years the hon. secretary, and now the hon. treasurer, was elected a vice-president, on the motion of Mr. H. Revill, seconded by Rev. A. Parkinson.

Mr. A. Johnson proposed a vote of thanks to all the officials for carrying out their duties so well during the past year. It was also resolved that a vote of thanks be accorded to 'The Ringing World,' 'The Newark Advertiser,' 'The Retford Times,' and 'The Worktop Guardian' for publishing the reports of the meetings of the year, and 'The Ringing World' was congratulated upon reaching its one thousandth number.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the incumbents and wardens of East Retford, West Retford and Ordsall, to Rev. V. Dodd, the Rev. A. Parkinson, Mr. H. Blagg, to the caterers and everyone who had made the day so enjoyable to all.

## MUFFLED BELLS.

On Thursday, May 29th, at St. John's Church, Blackpool, 650 Grandairs Triples in 25 mins.: W. Wilde 1, W. K. Bovill 2, W. Strickland 3, J. Parker 4, L. Green 5, F. Foster 6, F. Greenwood (conductor) 7, G. Maries 8. Rung after an attempt for a quarter-peal of Stedman had come to grief, with bells half-muffled as a token of respect to William Birks, a ringer at the above church for the past six years, who was interred the day previous at Pudsey, Yorks.



### DEDICATION OF GREAT BROMLEY CHURCH BELLS. AN ESSEX SIX RESTORED.

For many years the six bells in Great Bromley Church tower, Essex, have been in a bad state although ringable; in fact, it could hardly have been expected that learners would stay long. Early last year the churchwardens were approached, and one of them, the late Mr. Percy Crossman, of Great Bromley Hall, who had already done much in the church and village, agreed to bear the expense of the complete rehanging. Unfortunately, he was taken ill and passed away before the work could be started, but it was his wish that the work should go on, and as the tenor was cracked it was decided to recast it. However, a faculty could not be obtained for this without considerable restrictions, so the widow decided to have a new tenor cast and hang the old one for tolling only.

On Wednesday, May 28th, a service was held to rededicate the bells, which have been rehung on steel and iron frames with modern fittings and plain bearings. The new tenor, which weighs 15 cwt., and is in the key of E, bears the inscription: 'Alfred Bowell, Founder, Ipswich. The gift of Percy Crossman of this parish, 1929. God bless all whom we call.'

Owing to the very inconvenient hour of the service (3.30 p.m.), not many ringers could be present, but after tea several came from surrounding districts. Among those at the service were some from Great Bentley, Thorington, Thorpe, Mistley, Ardleigh, Ipswich, Edmonton, Clacton and Tendring. After service, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob were rung, one by P. Almond (Great Bentley) 1, W. J. Hazell (Edmonton) 2, S. Davey (Ardleigh) 3, Jos. Bowell (Great Bromley) 4, G. A. Andrews (Thorington) 5, W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley) (conductor) 6; the other by Roy Woodard (Ipswich), 1 E. Bloomfield (Ipswich) 2, J. Bowell 3, S. Davey 4, Geo. Moss (Mistley) 5, Fredk. Bowell (Ipswich) (conductor) 6.

The entire work has been carried out by Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich, who also tuned the whole peal, which was much needed, and everyone agreed that an excellent job had been made both in tone and 'go.' It is hoped to hold a meeting there shortly, when a good attendance is desired to revive local interest in ringing.

### WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. DISAPPOINTMENT TURNED TO PLEASURE.

Members who journeyed to the small, picturesque village of Bickenhill on Saturday, May 31st, appeared doomed to be disappointed, as the bells of the old Norman church could not be rung owing to illness near. However, the reception accorded by the Vicar (Rev. G. Hood) turned a disappointing experience into an enjoyable one. The Vicar escorted the members round the church, pointing out interesting architectural features, particularly the Norman pillars and arches and the old Norman doorway. An object of interest was a framed list of Vicars of Bickenhill from 1320, extending in unbroken sequence up to the present time. The names of Vicars before that date are not known. On the south side of the tower, which is topped by a spire, is an old sundial in addition to a clock which has only one hand, the hour hand.

A splendid tea was partaken of at the Vicarage, kindly prepared by ladies of the parish. The Vicar expressed his delight in welcoming the Guild to Bickenhill, and remarked that what struck him most was the good fellowship which existed among ringers and the philosophy they showed in overcoming disappointments. When the Guild paid its next visit to Bickenhill, which he hoped would be in the not too distant future, the Vicar said he would promise the use of the bells, as anyone who was ill would be taken to the workhouse, even if he were the sick person.

Mr. J. H. W. White (Coventry) thanked the Rev. G. Hood for the great interest he had taken in the visit of the Guild and for his hospitality at the tea. He had great pleasure in proposing the Vicar as an honorary member of the Guild. The ladies, too, were thanked for arranging the tea and for looking after the comfort of the ringers.

Permission had been obtained to ring the bells of Hampton-in-Arden Church during the evening, and thither the members wended their way, some on wheels by road, others on foot across the fields—'a "country" mile and a half,' as some remarked upon arrival at Hampton. For about an hour and a half the six bells were kept going to various methods, including Grandsire, Stedman, Kent, Double Court, Cambridge and London.

Thus ended a most enjoyable meeting, which proved that, as far as Guild meetings are concerned, disappointments can be turned into pleasures by the reception accorded by the incumbent.

### MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

**THANET.**—At St. Laurence's Church, on Thursday, May 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: L. Porritt 1, J. Blythman 2, T. W. Scott 3, A. W. Friend (first quarter-peal as conductor) 4, S. Gee 5, F. Philpott 6, A. E. Jarman 7, W. Hollands 8. First quarter-peal by the treble, 5th, and tenor ringers.

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### NOTICES.

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on June 19th, St. Paul's Cathedral on the 10th, Southwark Cathedral on the 12th, \*St. Giles', Cripplegate, 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.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Dis. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

**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. All visitors welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

**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.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—The meeting arranged for Thames Ditton to-morrow (Saturday) is CANCELLED, owing to the lamented death of the Vicar.—H. Hancock, Hon. Sec.

**LONGTON, ST. JOHN'S, STAFFS.**—Peal of eight, restored by Taylor & Co., of Loughborough, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Lichfield on Sunday next, June 8th, at 3 p.m.

**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. 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.

**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. 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 meeting. Bells: St. Edmund's (8), 10 a.m. to 12 and 5.30 p.m. to 7, St. Giles' (10) from 10 a.m. and 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, Geddington, Kettering.

**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.—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—The 51st annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, June 9th. 11.30 a.m., Service at the Cathedral, with address by the Rev. Canon W. E. R. Morrow, M.A., Sub-Dean. 12.30 p.m., lunch (members 2s.), to be followed by the annual meeting at the County Hotel, Rainsford End. Towers open for ringing during day: Cathedral (12), Writtle (8), Widford (8), Galleywood (8), Great Baddow (8), Great Waltham (8), Springfield (6), Broomfield (6), Boreham (8).—F. J. Pitstow, Gen. Sec. and Treasurer, 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

**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 14th?—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.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A joint meeting of the Dorchester and Wimborne branches will be held at Milton Abbey on Saturday, June 14th. Bells (also Bere Regis, Hilton and Puddletown) available at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Permission has been given to visit the gardens, etc. Motors leave Bournemouth and Weymouth at 1.45.—C. H. Jennings, Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wirral Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Capenhurst on Saturday, June 14th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in schoolroom.—H. S. Brocklebank, 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Jarrow on Saturday, June 14th. Bells of Christ Church and St. Peter's; also St. Andrew's, Hebburn, available. Meet Christ Church at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at Co-operative Café, and please inform Mr. Hy. Hall, 49, Gladstone Street, Hebburn, by June 12th. All are welcome, and please don't 'dodge' the meeting, but 'dodge' at it.—F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Water Street, West Hartlepool.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Arlesey on Saturday, June 14th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Parbold on Saturday, June 14th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. A good attendance requested. Subscriptions are now due.—James W. Grounds, Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next quarterly meeting for ringing only will be held at Silverdale Church on June 14th. Bells (6) will be ready at 2 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District.—The second quarterly meeting will be held at Hallaton on Saturday, June 14th. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Fox Hotel at 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. A special bus will leave Victoria Park Gates, Leicester, at 2.45 p.m. Will those requiring bus or tea please let me know by Wednesday, June 11th? Let's have a good meeting!—Alban Disney, Dis. Hon. Sec., 3, Highgate, Aylestone Lane, Leicester.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Hungerford on Saturday, June 14th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at 1s. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify Mrs. T. Geater, Church House, Hungerford, Berks, not later than Wednesday, June 11th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

**BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The next monthly meeting will be held at Crofton on Saturday, June 14th, by special invitation of the Vicar (Rev. H. Brownrigg), who hopes to have a good 'ringers' rally on the last day of the week's Quincentenary Celebrations of the Parish Church. Bells ready for all day. Those requiring tea please notify G. H. Cooke, 16, North Yard, Crofton, near Wakefield, by Tuesday, June 10th. All ringers and friends are welcome.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Christ Church, Bradford-on-Avon, on Saturday, June 14th. Bells available from 3.15. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow in Schools. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by June 11th. — N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Central Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting, at Hillesdon, Saturday, June 14th. Service 4 p.m. Preacher: The Rev. H. Chapman, Vicar-designate of Wotton Underwood. Tea, 5 p.m., 1s. each. Ringing from 2 p.m. Please send numbers for tea to hon. sec. on Monday, June 9th.—Rev. J. F. Amies, Edgcote Rectory, Aylesbury.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—The annual joint meeting of the societies in the above area will be held at Conisborough, near Doncaster, on Saturday, June 21st. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5. Tea at 5.30. Meeting after tea. Names for tea will be appreciated by Mr. S. Harrison, 11, Church Street, Conisborough, by the 18th inst. Subscriptions for 1929-30 are now due, and should be paid, if possible, at this meeting.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

**WHITTLESEY, CAMBS.**—The re-opening of the rehung and augmented peal of 8 at St. Andrew's Church will take place on Saturday, June 21st, at 3 p.m. Tea in Parish Room at 4.15 p.m. Tickets for tea (11p. per head) should be obtained from the Rev. A. E. T. Newman, St. Andrew's Vicarage, Whittlesey, Peterborough, not later than June 14th. The bells will be available for ringing after tea.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Chorley on Saturday, June 21st. The bells at Chorley Parish and St. Mary's R.C. Churches will be available from 2.30. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by Wednesday, June 18th. — Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

**DEVON GUILD.**—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cruwys-Morchard on Saturday, June 21st. Bells available 2.30. Committee meeting 4.15. Service 4.30. Tea, tickets 1s., 5. All requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, June 17th.—A. G. Selby, Hon. Sec., The Square, Silverton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Stand, Whitefield, on Saturday, June 21st. Bells ready 6 p.m. Subscriptions due.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver St., Miles Platting.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Longwood, near Huddersfield, on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea provided at a charge of 1s. 3d. per head to those who send in their names to Mr. A. Rothery, 75, Cliffe End Road, Longwood, Huddersfield, not later than Thursday, June 26th.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual summer festival will be held on the Thames-side, with Egham as the centre, on Saturday, July 5th. All visitors will be welcome. Further particulars later.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec.

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**UXBRIDGE.**—At St. Andrew's Church, on June 1st, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob for evening service: J. H. Lucas 1, E. G. Swift 2, G. H. Gutteridge 3, E. Hancox 4, R. Warnett 5, P. E. Jones 6, C. A. Nicholls 7, F. Corke (conductor) 8. First quarter in the method by ringers of 1, 2, and 7.

**SANDIACRE, DERBYSHIRE.**—On Sunday, June 1st, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise: W. Thornley 1, W. Halford 2, J. Hall 3, G. H. Clift (first in method) 4, W. R. Drage 5, H. Turner (conductor) 6. For evening service, 720 Stamford Surprise: G. H. Clift 1, W. R. Drage 2, J. Hall 3, F. Morton 4, R. H. Cox (conductor) 5, H. Turner 6.—On May 11th, 720 Lightfoot Surprise, and on May 25th, 720 Immanuel Surprise, conducted by R. H. Cox.

**FEERING, ESSEX.**—For matins, on Sunday, June 1st, 816 Bob Major: S. Fisher 1, J. C. Newman 2, G. Pye 3, C. J. Rogers 4, E. Mingay 5, G. Hayward 6, W. Keeble (conductor) 7, F. Fludder 8.

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