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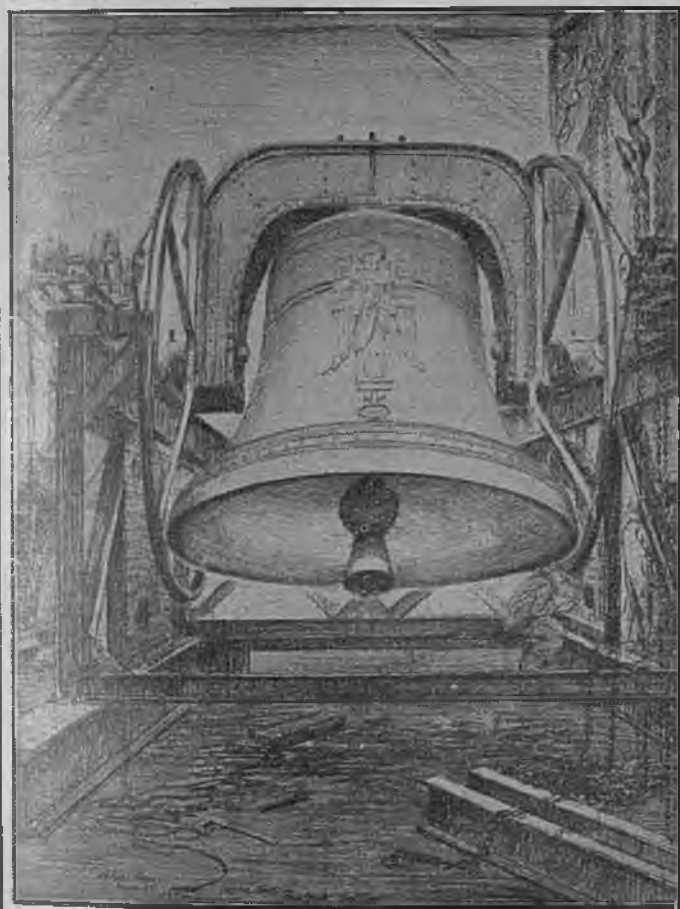
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AN INTERESTING MEETING.

The Central Council meeting in London last week had many points of interest about it. To begin with, it was held in historic surroundings, for, by the kindness of the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Guard Room at Lambeth Palace was placed at the Council's disposal and the deliberations were thus carried on in an apartment that has seen many important conferences in the history of the Church of England, and from the walls of which the portraits of a long line of Primates gazed down upon the assembly. Before and during the war the Council's usual meeting place in London was the Church House, Westminster, but thanks to the initiative of Mr. E. A. Young, the hon. secretary, the last three gatherings in the Metropolis have been held successively in the Jerusalem Chamber at Westminster Abbey, the Mansion House, and Lambeth Palace—a privilege which the Council has not been slow to appreciate. This year's meeting attracted an attendance of ninety-six members, which equalled the total of the 1927 London Assembly—easily the record attendance at a Council meeting. As is usual at the triennial meeting, the election of a new Council produced quite a number of members who came fresh to the central body, and although at this first appearance they may have felt themselves among many strangers, they will rapidly find in the Council—for all its divergencies of opinion—that same pervading spirit of brotherhood which characterises the Exercise to so marked a degree, and which, to no little extent, is one of its most attractive features.

The agenda provided the Council with a full day's work, and it can be said with satisfaction that something was really accomplished. There have been meetings when there has been little to show for all the talk that has taken place, but if for no other reason than for the decisions to print and publish three important works, the Exercise has gained from last week's meeting. The gathering, however, will probably be best remembered from the fact that it was the occasion of changing the pilot. Canon Coleridge, who has guided the deliberations of the Council for nine years, resigned from the presidency, and Mr. Edwin H. Lewis was elected to the office. Everyone was happy to see the Canon apparently so completely recovered from his illness, but they could not resist his decision that the time had arrived when a younger man should take over the work. The Council will, of course, still have the benefit of Canon Coleridge's advice and experience, for he remains, as he has done since the formation of the Council, a representative of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and we hope he will long be

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spared to take his share in the deliberations of the Council. The Council is more than fortunate to have as his successor in the chair Mr. Lewis, whose qualifications for the office are unexcelled among the members and indeed in the Exercise. His vast business experience, and his great knowledge of ringing and of matters relating to the technical side of bell hanging will be a great asset to the Council. His tactful handling of the meeting last week and his extremely valuable contribution to the report of the Towers and Belfries Committee convinced everyone, if conviction were needed, of the wisdom which led to putting Mr. Lewis forward as Canon Coleridge's successor.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Monday, June 9, 1930, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
 Tenor 20 cwt.

RONALD BELLEN 1	HENRY W. WILDE 6
WILFRED WILLIAMS 2	*ERNEST A. REEVE 7
EDWIN F. PIKE 3	WILLIAM H. HEWETT 8
STAFFORD H. GREEN 4	ERNEST BRETT 9
JAMES E. DAVIS 5	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by REV H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by W. H. HEWETT

* First peal of Cambridge Royal. First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal on these famous old bells. H. W. Wilde (Chester) and E. A. Reeve (Battersea) were elected members previous to start of peal.

WREXHAM, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 9, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
 Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

*G. RONALD EDWARDS ... Treble	EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... 6
WILLIAM JONES 2	LESTER L. GRAY 7
GEORGE R. JONES 3	*JAMES F. SMITH 8
*ARTHUR NEWELL 4	JAMES SWINDLEY 9
*PERCY SWINDLEY 5	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by J. Wood. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.
 * First peal of Royal. The conductor's first peal of Kent Royal and first ten-bell peal as conductor.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION,
 (NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 14, 1930, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;
 Tenor 18 cwt. (approx.).

*A. OLIVER LEWIS 1	H. JAMES TURNER 6
*THOMAS W. LEWIS 2	*GEORGE E. FEARN 7
ARTHUR J. MARTIN 3	HAROLD F. MARTIN 8
WILLIAM SHORT 4	HARRY PRICE 9
†THOMAS P. CARROLL 5	*RALPH C. PARTON ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by HAROLD F. MARTIN
 * First peal on ten bells. † First peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Friday, May 30, 1930, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN WHEADON 1	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5
HARRY HOVERD 2	HARRY SIMMONDS 6
HARRY RAYNER 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. ... 4	RICHARD A. JENKINS ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

Rung half-muffled as a tribute of great respect to Archbishop Lord Davidson on the day of his burial at Canterbury Cathedral. He was curate at Dartford, 1874-1877.

HEADINGLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 28, 1930, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

*FREDERICK G. SHERWOOD ... Treble	GEORGE W. SLACK ... 5
†G. WILFRED SLACK ... 2	GEORGE ROBINSON ... 6
CHARLES E. LAWSON ... 3	†FRANCIS BARKER ... 7
PERCY J. JOHNSON ... 4	SIDNEY SADLER ... Tenor

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by SIDNEY SADLER

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a last tribute of respect to the late Archbishop Lord Davidson, and the late William Birks, a former member of the Pudsey company, who was interred at Pudsey on that date.

WINDSOR, BERKS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 3, 1930, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E flat.

WALTER P. CROSS ... Treble	E. S. T. FARR ... 5
MRS. C. C. MAYNE ... 2	WILLIAM HENLEY ... 6
*THOMAS SMITH ... 3	GEORGE GILBERT ... 7
GEORGE H. GOTTBRIDGE ... 4	LEONARD STILWELL ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by L. STILWELL.

* First peal of Major 'inside.' Rung in honour of His Majesty the King's birthday. First peal in the method on the bells. The one hundredth tower in which G. Gilbert has rung a peal.

NEWPORT, I.O.W.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 3, 1930, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM JOHNSON ... Treble	ALBERT D. CALLOWAY ... 5
WALTER SCOTT, JUN. ... 2	SIDNEY MOODY ... 6
HARRY BARTON ... 3	WILLIAM UPTON ... 7
WALTER SCOTT, SEN. ... 4	WILLIAM H. G. SCOTT ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY BARTON.

Rung in honour of the birthday of His Majesty the King.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 3, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 26 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

J. BURGESS ... Treble	H. DEAN ... 5
A. CHALLINOR ... 2	J. WORTH ... 6
W. STEVENSON ... 3	J. NORBURY ... 7
A. BURGESS ... 4	W. GAYES ... Tenor

Conducted by J. WORTH.

This peal was rung, after meeting short for Caters, in honour of the King's birthday, and as a welcome to the Rev. N. A. Vesey on taking up his duties as Vicar of Macclesfield. It is 44 years since the ringer of the treble rang his last peal.

ORMESBY, YORKSHIRE.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 5, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

THOMAS LANCASTER ... Treble	GEORGE KEMBALL ... 5
RALPH JACKSON ... 2	J. CYRIL POLLARD ... 6
*JACK REID ... 3	THOMAS METCALFE ... 7
HARRY CLAYTON ... 4	A. SPURDLE ... Tenor

Conducted by RALPH JACKSON.

* First peal in the method on an inside bell. This peal was rung specially to commemorate the completion of Mr. Thomas Metcalfe's 21st year of office as secretary and treasurer of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 7, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOHN THORPE ... Treble	WILLIAM T. PALMER ... 5
ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... 2	JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... 6
*ALFRED E. PARSONS ... 3	WILLIAM H. TURTON ... 7
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS.

* First peal of Oxford. First peal of Oxford on the bells since 1858. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 7, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

SAMUEL WARNE ... Treble	FRANK CLAYDON ... 5
WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 2	*ERNEST BRIGHT ... 6
ALBERT WIFFEN ... 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... 7
GEORGE WIFFEN ... 4	*FRED CHALK ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by LEWIS W. WIFFEN.

* First peal in the method. First as conductor in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. Claydon, also on the 61st anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. B. Keeble, of Romford.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 7, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... Treble	GEORGE BENNETT ... 5
LESLIE G. BRETT ... 2	GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN ... 6
GEORGE PRYKE ... 3	T. WILLIAM LAST ... 7
JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN

STAPLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 7, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

CHARLES W. PLAYER ... Treble	HARRY BAKER ... 5
CHARLES H. SONE ... 2	THOMAS E. SONE ... 6
MRS. H. BAKER ... 3	WILLIAM WENBAN ... 7
KENNETH PATTENDEN ... 4	*HERBERT S. THIRKELL ... Tenor

Conducted by W. WENBAN.

* First peal away from the treble and first in the method.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 7, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 16 lb.

WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ... Treble	GEORGE T. PEGNALL ... 5
*HERBERT LASKEY ... 2	WALTER FARROW ... 6
GEORGE MAYERS ... 3	FRANK H. DAVEY ... 7
JOHN W. WASEY ... 4	WILLIAM E. BASON ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by WM. B. DUNCAN.

* First peal and first attempt.

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BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 7, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in A flat.

WALTER J. BATTLE Treble	JOHN BROWN 5
G. RONALD EDWARDS 2	* JAMES F. SMITH 6
JOHN COOKE 3	LESTER L. GRAY 7
GEORGE R. JONES 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by G. HOLMES.

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

* First Surprise peal. First peal of New Cambridge by all except ringers of 4th and tenor.

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 8, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

JESSE FRANCIS Treble	SIDNEY WILTSHIRE 5
ERNEST TRUMAN 2	* RAYMOND PEARCE 6
GEORGE POPNELL 3	WILLIAM C. WEST 7
THOMAS DAVISON 4	FRED LAMBETH Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN.

Conducted by FRED LAMBETH.

* First peal of Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Arthur West, father of the ringer of the seventh.

LLANGIBBY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 9, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

* EDWARD H. STRADLING ... Treble	LIONEL JONES 5
EDGAR W. LUFF 2	GEORGE HAWKINS 6
† GEORGE KNIGHT 3	DONALD G. CLIFT 7
ARTHUR HAWKINS 4	CHARLES H. MATTHEWS ... Tenor

Conducted by DONALD G. CLIFT.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method inside.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 9, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in F sharp.

WILLIAM BUTTON Treble	KENNETH PATTENDEN ... 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	ALBERT RELFE 6
HARRY BAKER 3	THOMAS E. SONE 7
CHARLES W. PLAYER 4	GEORGE H. DAYNES Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, June 10, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble	JESSE J. MOSS 5
STANLEY SLANEY 2	ERNEST WAGSTAFF 6
THOMAS BETTISON 3	JOHN H. BROTEWELL 7
LESLIE W. BACON 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

CLAVERLEY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, June 10, 1930, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

GEO. ARTHUR BAKER ... Treble	FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 5
THOMAS RODEN 2	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 6
ALBERT D. COLLINS 3	ALFRED FALLON 7
HERBERT R. PICKERING ... 4	HARRY BOSWELL Tenor

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

Rung in the octave of the Whitsun Festival.

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 9, 1930, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6248 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

* WILLIAM WEATHERBY ... Treble	GEORGE R. JONES 5
G. RONALD EDWARDS 2	* EDWARD V. RODENHURST 6
LESTER L. GRAY 3	† PERCY SWINDLEY 7
JAMES F. SMITH 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal of New Cambridge. † First peal of Cambridge. First peal of Cambridge in the tower, and first peal of Surprise on the bells since they were recast.

TWICKENHAM.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

On Wednesday, June 11, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

MRS. R. F. DEAL Treble	JOHN PERRY 5
MRS. G. W. FLETCHER 2	GEORGE R. PYE 6
REV. E. S. POWELL 3	HERBERT KNIGHT 7
MRS. E. S. POWELL 4	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by MRS. G. W. FLETCHER.

GODSTONE, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Wednesday, June 11, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb.

MISS FLORRIE WYMAN ... Treble	ALFRED J. BULL 5
GEORGE OLLIVER 2	GEORGE ELLIS 6
LEONARD A. TIDY 3	NELSON ELLIOTT 7
KENNETH SNELLING 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 11, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	GEORGE WILSON 5
RAYMOND OVERY 2	GEORGE E. CLODE 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
ALFRED H. PULLING 4	C. ERNEST SMITH Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

BISHOP'S CANNINGS, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, June 12, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. in E flat.

* VINCENT E. SWIFT ... Treble	GEORGE WINTER 5
† ROBERT SWIFT 2	SIDNEY HILLIER 6
† EDGAR G. SWIFT 3	FRANK GREEN 7
† WILLIAM A. SWIFT 4	THOMAS MERRITT Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY HILLIER.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples. Arranged for the brothers Swift, one being on holiday from Crawley, and another from Uxbridge. Mr. Winter was proposed a member previous to starting.

CLAIMS WITHDRAWN.

Mr. F. Bennett has withdrawn the claim, made in the footnote to the peal of Double Norwich at Brighton, Sussex, on May 17th, to the first peal in the method on the bells. The first in the method in this tower was conducted by Mr. W. Pye on June 25th, 1899.

Mr. C. T. Coles also withdraws the claim to the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at St. Peter's, Bushey Heath, on Whit Monday, a peal in the method having been previously rung there, viz., on August 27th, 1927, conducted by Mr. F. W. Brinklow.

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

On Thursday, June 12, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.		Tenor 15½ cwt.	
JOHN E. KENNINGTON...	...Trebble	J. BENJAMIN BUDD ...	5
FREDERICK OVERTON ...	2	*L. WILLIAM JACQUES ...	6
P.C. ARTHUR PASHLEY ...	3	HERBERT I. MINGAY...	7
ERNEST MEFFIN ...	4	†REGINALD SUTTON ...	Tenor

Conducted by L. WILLIAM JACQUES.

* Fiftieth peal. † First peal. Arranged for the conductor whilst on a visit to Cleethorpes. He was elected a member previous to starting the peal.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 14, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

MISS NORAH M. BIBBY ...	...Trebble	*GEORGE R. NEWTON ...	5
WILLIAM BIBBY ...	2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST...	6
LESTER L. GRAY ...	3	GEORGE R. JONES ...	7
THOMAS HAMMOND ...	4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ...	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

First peal of New Cambridge. Mr. W. Bibby's 200th peal.

TITCHMARSH, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THERAPSTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 14, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in E.

JOHN COLEMAN ...	...Trebble	*ERNEST WHITMORE ...	5
*H. WILLIAM CHENEY ...	2	CYRIL WILSON ...	6
JAMES M. NICKERSON ...	3	*WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ...	7
GEORGE JEFFS ...	4	GEORGE W. JEFFS ...	Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by GEORGE W. JEFFS.

* First peal of Major. First peal as conductor.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 14, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5030 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

C. ERNEST SMITH ...	...Trebble	PETER CHARMAN ...	5
CHARLES W. DENYER ...	2	ROBERT BRETT ...	6
JOHN H. B. HESSE ...	3	ALFRED H. POLLING ...	7
GEORGE E. CLODE ...	4	WALTER CHARMAN ...	Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

G. E. Smith has now completed the circle in this tower. It is over 20 years since R. Brett rang a peal of Stedman. G. E. Clode was proposed a member of the association before starting.

GLASBURY-ON-WYE, BRECONSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 14, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

HUBERT JONES ...	...Trebble	JAMES P. HYETT ...	5
WILLIAM R. NASH ...	2	FREDERICK SMITH ...	6
JOHN J. PRICE ...	3	FRANCIS EVANS ...	7
WILLIAM J. BENIAMS ...	4	*G. JAMES R. PRICE ...	Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS EVANS.

* First peal of Triples. Frederick Smith was proposed a member of the Hereford Guild before starting. Rung as a compliment to John J. Price for his 21st birthday.

BOURNEMOUTH.—At St. John's, in 48 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss N. Hodge (first attempt for a quarter-peal) 1, H. Mitchell 2, V. Stock 3, M. White 4, A. G. Rose 5, G. B. Cole 6, C. Turner (conductor) 7, F. Longman 8.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

WOUGHTON, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 31, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and four 720's of Plain Bob.

HORACE H. SMITH ...	...Trebble	ALBERT FLEET ...	4
WALTER SEAR ...	2	EDMUND J. HOBBS ...	5
CHARLES W. SMITH ...	3	HARRY SEAR ...	Tenor

Conducted by E. J. HOBBS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the Rev Canon W. H. Whitaker, Rector of the above parish for thirteen years, an honorary member of the above Guild and a great friend of the ringers.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, June 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

SIDNEY T. HOLT ...	...Trebble	WILLIAM RANFORD ...	4
FRED HAWKES ...	2	CYRIL TANSSELL ...	5
FRANK LAWRENCE ...	3	CHARLES CAMM ...	Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

BADWELL ASH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, June 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 20 six-scores of Plain Bob with twelve different callings and 22 of Grandsire with ten different callings.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in F sharp.

PERCY L. JOHNSON ...	...Trebble	RUSSELL E. WARD ...	3
ALPHAUS J. BERRY ...	2	DAVID WHITING ...	4
GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ...		GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ...	Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

First peal on the bells for the Guild and since 1909.

CAMERTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 3, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*ALBERT SHERBORNE ...	...Trebble	†WILLIAM CANVIN ...	4
EDGAR BOURTON ...	2	A. OWEN WRINTMORE ...	5
FRANK HARDING ...	3	STANLEY MILVERTON ...	Tenor

Conducted by A. OWEN WRINTMORE.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor. All the above were regular Sunday service ringers until recently, the conductor having now left the district.

BROMFIELD, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(LUDLOW AND CHURCH STRETTON DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, June 7, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores in ten different callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

HUBERT JONES ...	...Trebble	THOMAS H. T. SMALLWOOD ...	4
*ROBERT H. JONES ...	2	ALBERT E. JONES ...	5
WILLIAM J. BENIAMS ...	3	ARTHUR C. NASON ...	Tenor

Conducted by WM. J. BENIAMS.

* First peal of Doubles. Ringers of 2nd, 4th and 5th hail from Knighton, treble, 3rd and tenor from Ludlow. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. J. Price, of Knighton.

HINTON WALDRIST.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(VALE OF WHITE HORSE DEANERY BRANCH.)
On Saturday, June 7, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 7 cwt.

*WILLIAM A. ENDBY Treble	EDWARD C. HUGHES 4
FRANK WHEELER 2	ROBERT TAYLOR 5
COTHBERT I. J. PEARCE 3	THOMAS CLARKE Tenor

Conducted by HUBERT TAYLOR.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

HEREFORD.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(HEREFORD DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, June 7, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.).

H. W. ROGERS Treble	C. J. JONES 4
R. TREHERNE 2	REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 5
N. W. PREECE 3	T. WILKS Tenor

Conducted by the REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON, Rector of the parish.

Believed to be the first peal recorded on the bells.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, June 7, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Plain Bob and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*HENRY BARTON Treble	JOHN W. HARTLEY 4
†FRANK TWIGG 2	ERNEST BENNETT 5
JAMES A. MILNER 3	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST BENNETT.

* First peal. † First peal in three methods. Rung as a quarterly peal for the Stockport and Bowdon Branch.

LLANFRECFA, MON.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 7, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 8 cwt. (approx.).

EDWARD H. STRADLING ... Treble	DONALD G. CLIFT 4
GEORGE HAWKINS 2	ARTHUR HAWKINS 5
SAMUEL JONES 3	WILLIAM PHILLIPS Tenor

Conducted by SAMUEL JONES.

STONE-IN-OXNEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
AND ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Sunday, June 8, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's. Tenor 13 cwt.

*MRS. PATTENDEN Treble	ALFRED DAW 4
†CYRIL W. A. BROWN 2	†FREDERICK BURT 5
WILLIAM BUTTON 3	KENNETH PATTENDEN Tenor

Conducted by K. PATTENDEN.

* First peal. † First peal away from treble. ‡ Elected a member of the Romney Marsh and District Guild previous to starting.

MABLETHORPE, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Whit Monday, June 9, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

MRS. J. BRAY Treble	FRANK LORD 4
BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. 2	HERBERT I. MINGAY 5
P. C. ARTHUR FASHLEY 3	JACK BRAY Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD.)

On Saturday, June 14, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
AT NO. 1, SALTER'S ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 5003 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN ANDERSON 1-2	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON 5-6
WILLIAM H. BARBER 3-4	ROBERT S. ANDERSON 7-8
ADAM DEAS 9-10	

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by W. H. BARBER.
Rung as a seventh birthday compliment to Barbara, daughter of Mr. A. Deas.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
AT RYE MILL FARM,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

GEORGE GREEN 1-2	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5-6
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 3-4	ERNEST BRIGHT 7-8

Composed by J. J. BRIERLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

LEICESTER DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting was held at Hallaton on Saturday, and a special bus conveyed a party from Leicester, passing through some very fine country en route. Tea was held at the Fox Hotel at which a party of 17 were present. Afterwards a short business meeting was held. The local vice-president, Mr. A. J. Harris, made reference to the sad bereavement of Mr. Ronald Russell, of the Hallaton band, by the sudden death of his father on the previous Tuesday, and asked the meeting to stand for a few moments in silence as a token of respect.

The Rector, Rev. F. S. Fulham, was elected an hon. member of the association.

The provisional arrangements for the combined meeting with the Hinckley District at South Wigston and Wigston Magna, on Saturday, July 19th, were ratified, and it was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Foxton on Saturday, September 6th.

Before tea, a well-struck 360 each of Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung half-muffled on Hallaton bells.

About 6.30 p.m. the bus conveyed the ringers to Belton, just inside Rutland, where the rest of the evening was spent. The following methods were rung on the six bells: Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Stedman Slow Course, Cambridge Surprise, Canterbury Surprise and York Surprise Minor.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Southern District of the Surrey Association was held at St. Bartholomew's, Horley, on Saturday, June 7th, when ringers from Redhill, Roigate, Charlwood, Merstham, Buckland, Burstow, Godstone, Limpsfield Chart, Crawley, Turner's Hill and the local band made good use of the bells. The service was conducted by the Rev. H. T. Lewis (Vicar), who welcomed the visitors to Horley. Immediately after the service, ringers numbering about 25 sat down to a good tea at the Six Bells Inn, provided by the Vicar, who presided over the usual business meeting. The ratification of Mr. E. G. Swift as a ringing member, and the Rev. G. Steer, of Limpsfield, as an honorary member, was confirmed.

The next quarterly peal to be attempted is Grandsire Triples at Horley, to be conducted by Mr. O. Sippetts. The next meeting is to be held at Oxted in August.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for his address at the service, and for his hospitality in providing the tea; also to Mr. H. Bashford, of Roigate, for presiding at the organ during the service. The ringers returned to the tower again for further ringing, where good practice was had in the standard methods, and rounds for the beginners.

FAREWELL TO A VICAR.

At Yorktown, Surrey, on Saturday, after an abortive attempt for a peal, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung as a farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. R. Curwen, who is exchanging livings with the Vicar of Wintersloe, Wilts: J. S. Goldsmith 1, W. Viggers 2, F. Marchmont 3, F. Ewens 4, F. Nye (conductor) 5, B. Hawkins 6, H. Hunt 7, H. J. Hunt 8.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the above association was held on Saturday, June 14th, at Crich. Favoured with fine weather, this old Derbyshire village, with its famous Crich Stand (rebuilt as a war memorial to the memory of the fallen members of the Notts and Derby Regt.), and its beautiful ring of eight bells, attracted a good number of ringers from Alfreton, Ashover, Blackwell, Derby, Mansfield Woodhouse, Morton, Melbourne, South Normanton, Ripley, Selston, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Heanor, Worthington, and the local band. The bells were raised about two o'clock, and were kept going until service, which was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. H. E. Jones), who gave an address and warmly welcomed the visitors on this the first visit of the association during his incumbency.

Tea was served in the schoolroom, followed by the business meeting, at which the president, Mr. Wilson Dobb, presided.

A resolution was passed, instructing the secretary to advertise all meetings in 'The Ringing World' during the next year. One gentleman expressed the opinion that, unless this course is adopted, the association appeared too conservative, as non-members did not know of the meetings. It was hoped that more ringers would be induced to subscribe to 'The Ringing World.'

One new member was elected, and the business concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, organist and ladies who catered for tea. Full use was made of the bells until 8 p.m., and another pleasant meeting was brought to a close by a good lowering of the bells in peal.

TRURO CATHEDRAL JUBILEE.

On Sunday, May 18th, for 10 a.m. Sung Eucharist, at the Cathedral Church of St. Mary, Truro, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 55 mins.: Miss L. Willoughby 1, Miss E. J. C. Augwin 2, J. Sedgley 3 A. S. Roberts (conductor) 4, F. W. Marshall 5, W. H. Southeard 6, W. H. Sleeman 7, N. Williams 8. Rung to commence the week of thanksgiving services, which took place each day, and which were attended by the various deaneries, to commemorate the jubilee of the laying of the foundation stone of the Cathedral. Service ringing was also done each evening (Monday excepted), and after the evening service of Sunday, May 25th, another quarter-peal was attempted, but failed to come around properly.

ONE THOUSAND 720's.

At Lamberhurst, Kent, on Sunday, June 1st, 720 Oxford Bob: A. Relfe (conductor) 1, T. Fuller 2, A. Marshall 3, W. Durham 4, J. Bassett 5, E. Woodage 6. The conductor's 1,000th 720.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**VICAR BEATEN BY 'MATHEMATICAL TABLES.'**

A meeting of the above was held at Jarrow on Saturday, June 14th, when there was a fairly good attendance. The bells of Christ Church were kept going with Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major and Grandsire Triples.

After a splendid tea a short meeting was held, presided over by Mr. E. E. Ferry (president of the association), who mentioned that he had had a letter of apology for non-attendance from Mr. E. Burnett, vice-president, who had moved out of the association area to Kirkby Stephen. The President said he was sorry the association had lost such a useful member, but they hoped he would soon be back amongst them again.

Mr. J. W. Parker moved a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, and the Rev. H. W. Dobson, replying on behalf of the incumbents, said no thanks were needed as he considered it an honour that the ringers should come to his church. He would always welcome them. He was always interested in the heltry, and although he wished he could ring, these 'mathematical tables' had him beat, the various diagrams being quite a puzzle to him. However, he hoped to be able to take it up some day.

Sunderland was proposed the next place of meeting on Saturday, August 16th.

After the meeting, the ringers went to St. Peter's Church, where Kent Minor and Bob Minor and a silent touch of Stedman Doubles were rung. They returned to Christ Church for Grandsire and Stedman Triples. Although the meeting could have been better attended, it was an enjoyable one to those present.

WYCOMBE RINGERS VISIT GLOUCESTERSHIRE 'TWELVES'

A very pleasant and enjoyable time was spent by members and friends of the High Wycombe belfry on Whit Monday. The party, to the number of 33, left the chair town about 8.30, and made Witney the first call. About an hour's stay was spent here, and then the journey was resumed to Cheltenham, arriving soon after noon. After a 'free and easy' lunch, the twelve bells were set going, and afterwards a move was made for Cirencester, where the twelve-bell ring (the second oldest peal of twelve in the country) were all in readiness for the ringers. After a first-class knife and fork tea, and several good touches on the bells, the homing course was commenced at 7.15. This was safely negotiated, and 'stand' was called at Wycombe at 9.45. The ringers desire very heartily to thank Messrs. John Monk, W. T. Pates and F. J. Lewis for their willing help and kindness, thus adding much to the day's pleasure.

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The photographs should be accompanied by brief particulars of the bells, with their inscriptions and dates if possible, and any other interesting information about them.

Pictures should, for preference, be photographic post-cards, and, where there is any choice, the tower should be a feature.

Obviously, of course, all the pictures cannot be published at once, the object of getting a collection being that the photographs may be ready at hand for use when fitting opportunity occurs.

Will each tower secretary be good enough to send a photograph of his own tower? It should be forwarded in an envelope for protection, and addressed to The Editor, 'The Ringing World,' Woking, Surrey, and the sender should enclose his name and address.

BELFRY GOSSIP.

Still another ring of eight by Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, is to be installed in Lancashire. Walkden Parish Church is to have a fine new peal of eight bells, with tenor approximately 18 cwt., to be hung with modern fittings in a new cast-iron framework. This new peal is to replace an older and lighter one.

Miss D. D. Steel, of Bedford, won the Ladies' Open Croquet Championship at Roehampton on Saturday. Miss Steel, whose sister, Miss E. Steel, is one of the vice-presidents of the Bedfordshire Association, rings regularly at Bedford, and has rung both in Australia and New Zealand.

A hundred and forty years ago to-day the College Youths rung 6,016 Oxford Treble Bob at St. Mary's Church, Battersea, 'being the most ever rung true on the bells.' This record sounds rather as if there had been a false peal of longer length rung there before.

The first peal by the Midland Counties Association was rung at Derby on June 23rd, 1882. This was a peal of Grandsire Triples.

The only peal ever rung on fourteen bells was a peal of Stedman Sextuples on handbells at Birmingham on June 24th, 1922.

When Taunton bells were augmented to ten (they are now twelve) they were opened on June 25th, 1835, with a peal of Stedman Caters, which was afterwards withdrawn as not being true.

Mr. F. W. Richardson, of Brockley, writes with regard to the peal rung at St. John's on Saturday: 'I shall be grateful to you if you will allow me, through the columns of "The Ringing World," to tender my heartiest thanks to all those ringers who rang before the wedding service and in the peal afterwards. My wife and family, especially my eldest son, also wish to thank the ringers, particularly Mr. Wm. J. Jeffries, for their expression of good wishes.'

A MID-WEEK MEETING.

A NEW VENTURE IN ESSEX.

The North-Western Division of the Essex Association held a mid-week meeting at Dunmow on Wednesday, June 4th. This gathering was arranged solely for the benefit of those who are unable to attend the meetings held on Saturdays. Ideal weather prevailed, and representatives arrived from Braintree, Harlow Common, Stebbing, Little Munden, Bishop's Stortford, Fulbourne, Stapleford, Cambridge, Felsted, Royston, Great Easton, Brockley, Melbourn, Sudbury, Sible Hedingham, and Great Bardfield. Very enjoyable touches were rung during the afternoon.

Service was held, and afterwards 42 ringers were served with tea in the adjoining church rooms.

There was no business meeting, but Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Association) complimented the officers upon the success of their venture. He expressed his great satisfaction at seeing such a fine attendance. He thanked the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his most appropriate address at the service. He also thanked the local band for the courteous manner in which they had received the meeting, and for the excellent tea which they had provided.—Mr. Finch voiced his appreciation at the success of the meeting, and Mr. Lawrence, of the Herts Association, said he was most interested in the idea of a mid-week meeting. He was surprised to see such an attendance.

It is hoped to hold another of these meetings at Hoddesdon in October.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

A WELCOME TO LAMBETH PALACE.

MR. E. H. LEWIS SUCCEEDS CANON COLERIDGE AS PRESIDENT.

The first session of the fourteenth Council (38th annual meeting) was held in the Guard Room, at Lambeth Palace, London, on Whitsun Tuesday, when thirty-nine societies were represented by 85 members, and there were also present 11 honorary members, making a total attendance of 96. The attendance was as follows:—

Ancient Society of College Youths: Messrs. W. T. Cockerill, A. A. Hughes, T. Faulkner and C. F. Winney.
Bath and Wells Diocesan Association: Messrs. J. Hunt and H. Brown.
Bedfordshire Association: Canon W. W. C. Baker and Mr. A. E. Sharman.
Cambridge University Guild: Messrs. E. H. Lewis and E. M. Atkins.
Chester Diocesan Guild: Mr. H. S. Brocklebank.
Devon Guild: Rev. E. S. Powell.
Dudley and District Guild: Mr. S. J. Hughes.
Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association: Mr. W. H. Barber.
Ely Diocesan Association: Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake.
Essex County Association: Messrs. C. H. Howard, W. J. Nevard, E. J. Butler and G. R. Pye.
Guilford Diocesan Guild: Messrs. A. H. Pulling, G. Grover, A. C. Hazelden.
Irish Association: Mr. R. Murphy.
Kent County Association: Messrs. E. Barnett, sen., T. Groombridge, J. H. Cheesman and F. M. Mitchell.
Ladies' Guild: Mrs. E. K. Fletcher.
Lancashire Association: Canon H. J. Elsec, Messrs. W. H. Shuker, G. R. Newton and A. Tomlinson.
Lincoln Diocesan Guild: Rev. H. Law James and Mr. R. Richardson.
Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association: Messrs. J. W. Jones and J. Phillips.
London County Association: Messrs. T. H. Taffender, F. E. Dawe and A. D. Barker.
Middlesex County Association: Messrs. C. T. Coles, W. Pickworth, W. H. Hollier and G. W. Fletcher.
Midland Counties Association: Messrs. E. Denison Taylor, W. Willson, J. H. Swinfield and Rev. E. P. Farrow.
North Notts Association: Rev. R. F. Wilkinson.
Norwich Diocesan Association: Mr. A. L. Coleman.
Oxford Diocesan Guild: Canon G. F. Coleridge, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Messrs. F. Hopgood and J. Evans.
Oxford University Society: Mr. H. Miles.
Oxford Society: Mr. W. G. E. Collett.
Peterborough Diocesan Guild: Messrs. F. Wilford, R. G. Black, T. Law and T. Tebbutt.
Romney Marsh Guild: Mr. A. J. Battin.
St. Clement's Youths: Mr. G. H. Cross.
St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham: Mr. A. Paddon Smith.
Salisbury Diocesan Guild: Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Messrs. C. H. Jennings and S. Hillier.
Shrewsbury Youths: Mr. A. Coppock.
Stafford Archdeaconry Society: Messrs. H. Knight and T. J. Elton.
Society of Royal Cumberland Youths: Messrs. J. D. Matthews, F. Smith and J. Parker.
Stafford Guild: Rev. H. Drake, Messrs. C. J. Sedgley and C. Mee.
Sturley Association: Messrs. C. H. Kippin and C. Dean.
Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Association: Mr. A. J. Pitman.
Warrwickshire Guild: Messrs. H. Argyle and F. Perrens.
Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild: Mr. G. Williams.
Worcestershire and Districts Association: Messrs. R. G. Knowles and J. D. Johnson.
Yorkshire Association: Messrs. P. J. Johnson, J. Cotterell and S. Palmer.
Hon. members: Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Messrs. J. Griffin, C. F. Johnston, W. A. Cave, J. A. Trollope, H. W. Wilde, J. S. Goldsmith, J. George and E. A. Young (hon. secretary).

Apologies for absence were received from Revs C. D. P. Davies, A. T. Beeston (who signified his desire not to be re-elected as an hon. member), E. W. Carpenter, C. C. Marshall, H. T. Parry and W. T. Wright, Messrs. G. Chester, N. Golden, T. R. Dennis, W. Ayre, T. Metcalfe, J. W. England, C. E. Borrett, W. Storey, T. H. Beams and J. Clarke.

At the outset, the retiring president (Canon G. F. Coleridge) occupied the chair and opened the proceedings with prayer.

THE ARCHBISHOP'S WISH.

The President then said they were greatly indebted to the Archbishop of Canterbury for his great kindness and courtesy in putting that historic room at their disposal for their meeting. At the end of the meeting a formal vote of thanks would be passed to His Grace for his kindness, but if it had been possible he would have been present to welcome them. His Grace, however, was away, trying to regain health for the most strenuous month or six weeks that any Archbishop could ever engage in—the meeting of the Lambeth Conference beginning in July. They would all devoutly wish and pray for his recovery, that he might be able to preside over that great gathering. As the Archbishop could not be present, he was repre-

sented by one of his chaplains, Mr. Sargeant, who had very kindly offered to welcome the Council that day (applause).

The Rev. A. Sargeant said the Archbishop would have wished, if he possibly could, to welcome the Council in person, but in any case, had he been well enough, it would have been rather difficult as he would have been engaged at the great reunion festival of past and present clergy at Portsea Parish Church, where he was once Vicar. Even that great pleasure, however, had been taken away from him, and he was now trying to get his strength back in preparation for the Lambeth Conference. He did not, however, want them to begin their meeting without some word of welcome, and on the Archbishop's behalf he had to give them a most cordial and hearty welcome to Lambeth, and he hoped they would use both the Palace and the gardens to the fullest extent possible. Mr. Sargeant went on to mention that in the historic room in which they were gathered that morning the 312 Bishops who came for the conference would have their lunch every day. The room had seen a great many interesting gatherings, and there were few, he knew, which the Archbishop would more cordially welcome to Lambeth than their own meeting that day. The Archbishop spent a very happy day down at Canterbury with the Kent Association at Easter, and they would remember his words both in the Cathedral pulpit and at the luncheon. The Archbishop was very glad on that occasion to have the opportunity of paying some tribute to the very great work which the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore had done in the diocese of Canterbury and the whole county of Kent, because there were few men in the annals of their craft who had done more for it, to keep the interest in it alive and to keep it on the right lines and in close and intimate touch with the Church which their craft served. Many of them knew Mr. Helmore, and would appreciate the work he had done (applause). On behalf of the Archbishop he extended to them a hearty welcome, and thanked them for the work they did for the Church.

THE NEW PRESIDENT.

The President next stated that, as they knew, he felt it incumbent upon him to ask them to let him resign the post of president, which he had held for the last nine years. He was not doing it lightly and without very great consideration. He knew it was the wish of a great many that he should continue, but, as they knew, two years ago he had to undergo two serious operations, and little more than two months ago he was at death's door with pneumonia and inflammation of the heart as a result of it. Thank God he had made a most wonderful recovery from both, and he hoped he might be spared for many years to be of use to the Exercise (applause), although not as their president. He had to consider age more than anything else, and he had to consider that if he was renominated this year he would be close on 76 by the end of the session, and, although ringers did not get into their prime until they were eighty (laughter), he felt he had passed his prime, and it was very necessary for the good of the Exercise that a younger member and a very responsible member should be elected in his stead. In addition to the reason of age, if he got a cold he became a trifle deaf, and that was absolutely fatal to a chairman of any kind. He was really a little surprised, when it got known that he did not offer himself for re-election, that there were not at least half a dozen nominations sent in for a new president. As a matter of fact only one had been sent in, and he (the speaker) was thankful to know that the person nominated was a man who was held in the greatest possible respect not only in the Exercise but also among outside bodies like the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Buildings. It was perfectly marvellous how these learned men—in their way (laughter)—hung upon the words which fell and had fallen from the lips of the Council's newly nominated president, who was one of the most able men in his profession (applause). Big firm after big firm had sought his services, and although he was in Scotland with one great concern, he had now come to London, which was the hub of the Universe and the hub of the ringing universe. He did not think the Council could possibly do better than to allow him to give them the name of Mr. E. H. Lewis, of Cambridge University Guild, friend and delightful companion of all who knew him, and one who, he was perfectly certain, would carry on the traditions of the Central Council as they had been carried on for the past forty years (applause). In the name of the Council he would induct Mr. Lewis into the presidential chair (applause).

Mr. Lewis then took the chair amid cheers.

The Hon. Secretary asked the members, as a slight mark of their love, affection and respect for the retiring president, to give him a hearty cheer. That ancient hall had resounded to many a cheer given to ancient captains, but he was sure that none would be more sincere than that which they would give to their own retiring captain (applause).

Three rousing cheers, led by Mr. Young, were then given for Canon Coleridge, who briefly acknowledged this expression of the members' feeling for him.

The new president, on rising, was received with loud applause, and thanked the members for the honour which they had done him in not sending in any other nominations, thereby electing him without opposition. He felt that he was not quite as well qualified as he might be for the office, and he would ask them to bear with him and

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remember that fifteen years of his life, as far as ringing was concerned, had been almost a blank, because he had been an exile in a 'foreign' country (laughter). Business had necessitated his living in Scotland, and if one lived there a little while one knew it was a foreign country, and the inhabitants of that country were very careful to point it out (laughter). There was very little ringing there except at two or three towers, which it had been difficult for him to get to, so in that respect he felt he was not quite as fully qualified as he might be. That day he saw many faces he did not recognise. That might be a slight advantage, because it was necessary for a chairman to be strictly neutral, and he might have been rather prejudiced one way or the other on certain questions which they had been debating recently. Before he sat down he would like to add his personal tribute to their late president. He had seen in their ringing paper all the things Canon Coleridge had done for the Exercise, and he realised how very difficult it would be to follow him and the previous occupants of the chair. So much did he feel it, that he would like the 'steeplokeeper' to fetch a box for him to stand on so that he might physically and in other ways reach the tail end of the rope (laughter and applause).

OFFICIALS RE-ELECTED.

The President announced that no nominations for the office of secretary had been received, and therefore it must be the wish of the Council that their excellent secretary and treasurer, Mr. Young, should carry on as before (applause).

Mr. Young, in thanking the members for their renewed confidence, said he was becoming one of the old soldiers. His doctor had told him to go easy, but he was loth to give up these duties in connection with the Council. They were pleasurable ones and were the more pleasurable because he knew they met with the approbation of the members. He had thought of giving up on this occasion, and had hoped that a certain gentleman would have been elected in his stead. He (the secretary) was going away for a good part of the year, from autumn to spring, and his absence was one of the difficulties in the way of his re-election, but their friend, Mr. Cave, realising the difficulty, had offered, and he (Mr. Young) had accepted his services as deputy while he was away. He wished to thank Mr. Cave for his kindly offer.

The President said the Council would be glad to hear of the arrangements made to carry on in Mr. Young's absence. They would have been sorry if Mr. Young had not been able to carry on the post he had occupied so well. Proceeding, the President said there were no nominations for the office of honorary librarian, so here again it was obviously the wish of the Council that the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn should carry on, and they could not possibly do better than have him in that position (applause).

The minutes of the last meeting, having been printed in 'The Ringing World,' were taken as read, and were proposed for adoption by Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by Mr. W. T. Cockerill.

Mr. C. T. Coles raised the question of the accuracy of one paragraph relating to the amendment proposed by Mr. W. Willson to the Methods Committee's report, and asked that the words included in Mr. Willson's amendment relating to certain compositions, 'on the ground that they are hopelessly false' should be included in the minutes.—This was agreed to and the minutes, as amended, were adopted. (To be continued.)

THE COUNCIL'S LAW REPORT.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Whilst appreciative of the generous offer of the Rev. H. Drake to defray the cost of printing the report of the Council's Legal Committee, and of the necessity of it being obtainable in pamphlet form, I would suggest that affiliated associations should reprint it in their annual reports. At least two have already done this (the Lancashire and Middlesex), and it would be within the means of most associations to spare the three or four pages necessary. The advantage of this course is that the report would be given the widest possible circulation.—Yours faithfully,

C. T. COLES.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
NEWBURY BRANCH.**

The summer meeting of the Newbury Branch was held at Hungerford on Saturday, June 14th, when the following towers were represented: Bucklebury, Brightwalton, Beedon, East Ilsley, Newbury, Thatcham, and the local band. Visitors included ringers from Overton and Mr. A. King, of Luton. A short service was conducted by the curate (the Rev. B. D. Gotto), who also gave the address. Mr. T. W. Brooks, A.R.C.O., presided at the organ.

Tea was served in the Church House by Mrs. T. Geater, 32 sitting down. The business meeting followed, the Rev. B. D. Gotto taking the chair in the absence of the Rev. H. Bonsey, chairman of the branch. He was supported by Mr. H. W. Curtis, hon. secretary.

The next meeting was fixed for East Garston on Saturday, September 6th, a joint meeting with the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild to be held at Highclere on Saturday, June 28th.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. B. D. Gotto, to the organist, and Mrs. Geater, proposed by the secretary and carried with applause. The tower was again visited, Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major being rung.

AN HISTORIC TOWER.**ST. NICHOLAS' CHURCH, LEEDS, KENT.**

The first peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal in this tower was rung on Whit Monday. It was at this church that James Barham rang many of his peals, as a member of the Leeds Youths, and where he took part with 13 others in the 40,320 of Bob Major.

DEATH OF PUDSEY RINGER.

On Wednesday, May 28th, the bells of St. Laurence's Church, Pudsey, rang out fully muffled to mark the passing of Mr. William Birks, who was laid to rest that day in the cemetery near the tower where he learnt to ring and where for many years he was a regular member of the band.

Mr. Birks, who died at Blackpool at the early age of 50 years, had been a respected member of the St. John's company there for some time, and the wreaths included one from that company and one from the ringers of Pudsey. For some years previous to leaving Pudsey to take up his residence at Blackpool he was 'mine host' at the White Cross Hotel, and many happy ringing gatherings were held there during his tenancy. Ever a man of genial temperament, he will be missed by many of his fellow-ringers.

Although not a prolific peal ringer, he rang some 14 peals in methods ranging from Bob to Cambridge Surprise Major. Like his father before him, he was a good striker, and whatever he rang he could be relied upon to ring well. As a last token of respect to his memory, the bells of Pudsey Church were rung fully muffled on Sunday, June 1st, and a well-struck quarter-peal of London Surprise Major (1,344 changes) was rung for evensong by the following members of the local company: Pratt Cordingley 1, Samuel Ward 2, J. Cecil Booth 3, Rowland Myers 4, William Barton (conductor) 5, George Ambler 6, John Ambler 7, J. William Cordingley 8.

MR. W. R. MADGWICK'S 100 PEALS.

There are not many ringers living in England who can claim to have rung peals on two continents. Mr. W. R. Madgwick, now residing in Manchester, has this distinction. He has just completed 100 peals as follows:—

Minor, in three methods 2, four methods 1, five methods 3 (conducted 1), six methods 1, seven methods 14; Grandsire Triples, 2; Stedman Triples, 6; Stedman Caters, 3; Bob Major, 5; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 4; Kent Royal, 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 9; Superlative Surprise Major, 8; Cambridge Surprise Major, 12; Cambridge Surprise Royal, 3; New Cambridge Surprise Major, 1; Pudsey Surprise Major, 2; Yorkshire Surprise Major, 3; Bristol Surprise Major, 7; London Surprise Major, 12; total, 100 (conducted 1).

Rung in 62 towers, in 13 counties, on two continents, and for 15 associations.

SPLICED PLAIN METHODS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—The 720 rung at Lamberhurst on April 27th last was not the first time Mr. Parker's 2nd's and 6th's splice has been used in a 720 of spliced plain methods. A 720 of Spliced Fulbeck Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Double Bob, Reverse Bob and Plain Bob Minor, containing Mr. Parker's splice, was rung on handbells at 52, Lamas Park Road, Ealing, on June 13th, 1929, by the following: J. Armitage Trollope 1-2, Ernest C. S. Turner 3-4, Wilfred G. Wilson 5-6.—Yours faithfully,

ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**ANNUAL MEETING AT CHELMSFORD.
SUPPORT FOR 'THE RINGING WORLD.'**

The 51st annual meeting of the Essex Association was held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, there being a large gathering of ringers from all parts of the diocese. The day's proceedings were carried through with marked enthusiasm, testimony being borne to the record position in numbers held by the association, and the influence it exerted. In the morning, service was held at the Cathedral, where Canon W. E. R. Morrow, Sub-Dean and Rector, officiated and delivered the address, the Rev. W. Lindsay, Rector of Ingrave, read the prayers, and Mr. C. H. Howard, Braintree, read the lesson. The association's form of service, with their special hymns, was used. A collection for the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £1 10s. 6d.

Canon Morrow, in his address, welcomed the ringers to that annual service in the Cathedral, and said he wished to recognise in a small way the contribution they paid to the church life of the diocese. They called the faithful to worship, they worked unseen to a great extent, for the congregations took everything as a matter of course, and barely thought of the men in the towers. But he recognised ringers as a very important branch of church life. There were many congregations who, if the bells ceased, would then ask why the bells were not ringing. There was an old Irish proverb that 'some people never hear the bell until it has stopped,' which meant that some things were only valued when they had disappeared. Then there was the comfort which the bells conveyed to the sick, aged and infirm. As bellringers fulfilled their duties, they must also consider the measure of their belief in God. Having chosen bellringing as a hobby or pleasant occupation, the mind and heart should go deeper. Were the ringers attracting people to church by their lives, which should be as living epistles? The expression should not be merely external and material, but the life should be sanctified by spiritual emotion to witness for what it possessed. To be admitted to the fellowship of the ringers should be admission to the joy of a service which was perfect freedom.

Luncheon followed at the County Hotel, there being 85 members present.

RECORD MEMBERSHIP.

The Master presented his report, in the course of which he referred to the successful celebration of the association's jubilee and to the holding of the Central Council meeting at Chelmsford last year. With regard to the district meetings, all these gatherings had been well attended and much propaganda work had been accomplished. The membership had increased to 1,140, exceeding the record of last year by 76. There were now 101 towers affiliated, showing an increase of eight.

After referring to the losses by death, the report dealt with the bell restorations. At St. Osyth, the ring of six had been rehung, and the whole band there had joined the association and were making good progress. Through the generosity of Canon Paynter, the ring of six at Springfield had been quarter turned, tuned and rehung with the latest improvements in ball bearings. The five bells at Pleshey had been rehung and the ring of eight at Harwich were now in good ringing order. The ring of six at Great Bromley had been rehung in an iron frame, and the tenor recast. The rings of five at Ingrave and eight at Earls Colne were to be rehung. At Fobbing the bells were to be rehung in an iron frame, and at Bocking the ring of eight were to be tuned and rehung in an iron frame with ball bearings. A new peal of eight with a tenor of 15 cwt. was shortly to be erected in the tower of Great Holland Church as a memorial to the late Miss Emma Barron, founder of the Barron Trust Fund.

In peal ringing the association has touched high water mark. Eighty-nine had been rung, exceeding the record of eighty-four in 1913. Of these 79 were rung on tower bells and 10 on handbells as follows: Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Spliced Maximus 1, Stedman Cinques 1, Bob Royal 1, London Surprise Major 6, Bristol 1, Superlative 5, Cambridge 7, Double Norwich Major 10, Treble Bob Major 9, Bob Major 12, Stedman Triples 4, Grandsire 8, Surprise Minor in seven methods 6, Cambridge Minor 1, Minor in seven methods 1, in various other Minor methods 12, and Doubles 4. The peals were rung in thirty-eight different parishes and thirty members were responsible for the conducting. Mr. W. Keeble again heading the list with twenty-nine. Thirty-one rang their first peal, and with sixty-seven members it was the first peal in the method. The peal of Spliced Surprise Maximus was the first to be rung by any association or band. The peal of Superlative at Writtle was rung in honour of the Jubilee by officers of the association, and is the first officers' peal.

Notwithstanding the much heavier expenditure incurred in the jubilee celebrations and the cost of entertaining the Central Council, the association had been able to meet all liabilities, without encroaching upon the reserve fund, leaving a balance in hand on the general account of £15 7s. 2d. The larger membership had brought with it an increased amount from subscriptions, £72 4s. 6d. (including some arrears), against £56 1s. 6d. for the previous year. The income, £17 7s. 7d., to the Bell Restoration Fund showed an increase against £12 0s. 9d. for 1928. After making grants of £11 11s., they carried forward in this account £27 12s. 5d., a very creditable result.

In summing up the year's work, the Master added, they had every reason to be satisfied with their position. The appeal made in the last report, asking members to visit outlying towers to give assistance, had been put into practice in all districts. The addition of seven towers and the increase in membership was in some measure due to this venture.

In conclusion he tendered the best thanks of the association to the general secretary, district officers, and the committee for all they had done to make the jubilee year the most successful and interesting in its history.

Upon the proposition of Mr. A. Saunders, seconded by Mr. R. Heazell, the report and balance sheet were adopted.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

Canon Morrow took the chair temporarily during the election of a Master for the ensuing year. Mr. T. Faulkner proposed the re-election of Mr. C. H. Howard, and said the committee had considered this question, and quickly came to the unanimous conclusion to recommend that Mr. Howard be asked to continue in the office (applause). Mr. Howard had served the association faithfully for 21 years, and this would be the 22nd year of his election and re-election. During that period the association had made tremendous strides, and its honour and prestige could not be surpassed. Mr. Howard had carried out the duties in a kindly way, which had won the respect, admiration and affection of all the members, and he had no hesitation in proposing that Mr. Howard should be re-elected Master for at least another twelve months.—Mr. G. R. Pyc seconded the proposition, which was carried with applause.

Canon Morrow said it was a great pleasure for him to be associated with the decision of the association, for the members were fortunate in having such a distinguished ringer to preside over their fortunes for another year (applause).

Mr. Howard, in reply, said he was extremely obliged for the renewed confidence, and would endeavour to serve the association to the best of his abilities in the coming year. He joined the association in 1885, and in the 46 years he had attended all the annual meetings except one (applause). He was thankful that he had had good health in being able to do it, and hoped that the privilege might continue (hear, hear). He thanked the district officers for their loyal support, which made the work of the association so successful. The report presented this year was the best the association ever had. There had never before been so many members, nor had there been so many peals rung or district meetings held. The association was very much indebted to the officers for all they had done (applause).

Mr. F. J. Pitstow, Saffron Walden, was unanimously re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer, and the committees were re-elected. The five District Masters were appointed a committee to administer the Bell Fund, with Mr. A. Prior hon. secretary. The following grants were made to bells restorations: Ingrave £4 4s., Earls Colne and Bocking £3 3s. each. The following new members were elected: Rev. C. S. Trimble, Fryerning, Mr. H. C. Tweed, Brentwood, hon. members; Mr. R. Hutson, Maldon, St. Mary's, life member; Mr. W. G. Heaster, Gillingham, non-resident life member; Messrs. G. Argent, I. Gibbons, F. Martin, F. Tarbrum, and W. Eady, Belchamp St. Paul's, ringing members.

Mr. L. W. Wiffen, Braintree, said he wished to bring up the question of 'The Ringing World' and the position it occupied in regard to ringers. He pointed out that it rested with the ringers to make a larger circulation for the paper, which could then be sold for 2d., or even less. He asked members of the Essex Association to do what they could in taking 'The Ringing World' (hear, hear). He said the ringing paper created a good deal of interest in ringing (hear, hear).

Mr. Butler said he wished to support the references to 'The Ringing World,' because he recognised the great value the paper was to ringers. The paper was honestly worth 3d., because of the information it gave of use to members of the different towers. 'The Ringing World' was worth its price ten times over because of the different meetings advertised in that paper.

The Master said he wished to congratulate the editor of 'The Ringing World' upon the issue of the thousandth number of that paper, and he supported what Messrs. Wiffen and Butler had said as to the value of 'The Ringing World' to ringers. He hoped the members would take the paper, and so increase its sale. There was a custom in some parishes to take one copy of 'The Ringing World' for the use of the tower, but if every ringer would take one it would greatly increase the circulation. By creating a larger sale for 'The Ringing World' they could expect the price to be reduced, although 3d. per week was not too much for a paper so valuable to ringers. It was the only paper in existence which devoted the whole of its columns to ringing matter. The Master moved: 'That this meeting of the Essex Association pledges itself to do its utmost to increase the circulation of "The Ringing World" in future.' Mr. R. Heazell seconded, and this resolution was carried unanimously.

The Master, in thanking Canon Morrow and the incumbents for the use of the bells at the several churches, said Chelmsford was the best ringing centre in the Eastern Counties, and he did not know a town in England where there were more towers available in an immediate neighbourhood, and where the whole of the bells were in such good ringing order (hear, hear).

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**A HUNDRED MEMBERS ENTERTAINED AT HAGLEY.**

An extremely successful meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held at Hagley on Saturday, June 7th, about 100 members and friends being present. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung in the afternoon at St. John-the-Baptist's Church, which stands in the lovely park surrounding Hagley Hall, and service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. Robert Burns), who preached from the text, 'I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the House of the Lord.'

The members enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. H. Mason, of Goodrest, who entertained the company to tea in the Hall Barn, the host and hostess, who personally supervised the arrangements, being assisted by a number of lady friends. After tea, the Sedgely handbell ringers contributed selections.

The business meeting which followed was presided over by the Rector, who was supported by Mr. and Mrs. Mason, Mr. J. Goodman, jun., Mr. H. Sheppard and Mr. S. J. Hughes.

Mr. Mason extended a hearty welcome to the visitors, and proposed the Rev. R. Burns as an hon. member of the Guild. Their desire was, he said, to secure the active interest of all clergy whose churches had towers with bells in the area of the Guild. Mr. Burns had rendered them many acts of kindness. He also proposed as an hon. member Mr. F. Robinson, the people's warden, of Hagley. The elections were unanimously agreed to, and several new ringing members were elected.

At the suggestion of Mr. Mason, it was decided to contribute to the memorial, which is to take the form of a clergy desk and choir stalls, to the late Dr. Gray Matland, Vicar of Dudley. Mr. Mason pointed out that although their Guild was one of the very few, if not the only one, that had a membership subscription of only 6d. per year, they had very satisfactory finances, and he thought they would desire to be associated with this memorial movement to one who initiated some 20 years ago the ground plan for the formation of the Guild.

It was mentioned that the Guild had a credit balance of £7 4s. 1½d., and one guinea was voted to the memorial fund.

Satisfaction was expressed that the Hagley band had joined the Guild, and the promise of every assistance in acquiring the art of change ringing was made to them.

The coming Central Council meeting was referred to by Mr. Skelding, and Mr. Hughes (the representative) said he would welcome any mandate the members might give him. In his opinion the Guild should uphold the rulings of the Council.

It was decided to give Mr. Hughes a free hand, Mr. Mason remarking that the Guild could well leave their interests with him.

Sympathy was expressed with Mr. Round (Netherton) in his recent serious accident, and good wishes for his speedy recovery.

On the motion of Mr. Mason, thanks were expressed to the Rector for allowing the use of the tower, for arranging the use of the Hall Barn for the tea and meeting, and also for the very happy service they had had. He also thanked the ladies who had assisted Mrs. Mason in the tea arrangements.—The Rector replied, and added his personal thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Mason for their generosity in providing the tea.

A vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Mason was formally moved by Mr. Price.

Mr. Mason said it was a great pleasure for Mrs. Mason and himself to do what they could in this way. They 'only passed this way once,' and to do anything they could was their greatest happiness (applause). He hoped it would not be long before the Guild again visited Hagley, and gave them another opportunity of welcoming them as on that day. In his earlier days he did a good deal of change ringing, and derived much pleasure from it, and he should always value the friendships he formed. Apart from the art itself, membership of a band of church bellringers should also quicken their interest in and love for church work. There were cases in which ringers confined their activities to the tower, and were not associated with the general work of the church, but these instances were fewer than formerly, and there were cases in which their ringers were also members of church choirs and other parts of church organisations. Hagley was more fortunate in this respect than some, and the object of the Guild was not merely to make ringers, but ringers who were interested in church work. Whenever this was achieved it was something which was very gratifying.

After the meeting, some of the ringers again adjourned to the tower and rang several touches on the peal of eight, while the remainder of the party spent a very enjoyable time in Hagley Park and grounds.

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

To the Editor.

Sir,—The first peal by all members of the C.E.M.S. was rung prior to any mentioned by your correspondents. This was a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (5,024 changes) on handbells at Bolsover, Derbyshire, April 14th, 1908, conducted by yours truly,

WILLIAM KEEBLE.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

OVER, CAMBS.—On Sunday, June 15th, at the Parish Church, for morning service, a 720 Bob Minor: G. Whybrow 1, M. Ginn 2, D. Adams 3, R. Thoday 4, F. Warrington (conductor) 5, R. Smith 6.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.—On Sunday, June 15th, at the Parish Church, for evensong, a quarter-peal (1,280 changes), Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss C. Fields 1, Miss D. Clarke 2, A. J. Ginn 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, F. Warrington (conductor) 5, S. J. Coleman 6, H. Fields 7, Harry Chapman 8. Rung after meeting short for Double Norwich. 'Henry VIII.' is from Keyston.

SHREWTON, WILTS.—On Sunday, June 15th, for church parade service and in honour of the Centenary Trinity Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 45 mins.: J. Hibbert 1, E. F. White 2, E. C. Marlow 3, E. F. Marlow 4, T. Procey (conductor) 5, E. Snook 6. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1 and 6, also first in the method on the bells.

MACCLESFIELD.—For evening service, at Christ Church, on Sunday, June 15th, 720 Bob Minor in 25½ mins.: F. L. Ronan 1, W. Stevenson 2, W. Gayes 3, J. Tipper (conductor) 4, J. Worth 5, J. Waumsley 6. First 720 as conductor.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On Sunday, June 15th, for Confirmation service, 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins.: G. Johnson 1, H. Wittering 2, A. Redd 3, F. Gardner 4, J. Welch 5, W. Lawrence (conductor) 6. For evening service, 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins.: G. Johnson 1, H. Wittering 2, A. Redd 3, F. Turner 4, J. Welch 5, W. Lawrence (conductor) 6.

FRITENDEN, KENT.—On Sunday, June 8th, for evening service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: H. Thirkell 1, W. Wenban 2, G. H. Daynes (conductor) 3, Mrs. H. Baker 4, H. Head 5, J. Head 6, H. Baker 7, W. Rolfe 8.

FAIRFORD, GLOS.—On Whit Sunday, June 8th, for morning service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,280 changes), with 6 and 8 covering: S. J. Worsfold (first quarter-peal, age 14) 1, Miss F. M. Hope 2, B. Guy 3, J. Peyman 4, H. Accock 5, H. R. Cooper 6, J. Hope (conductor) 7, W. Wall 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): S. J. Worsfold 1, Miss F. M. Hope 2, B. Guy 3, J. Peyman 4, H. R. Accock 5, J. Hope (conductor) 6, J. Smith 7, E. Gardener 8. First quarter-peal in the method for ringers of treble and 4th.

TODMORDEN, YORKSHIRE.—On Sunday, May 25th, at the Church of St. Paul, Cross Stone, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: Miss M. Westhead (first 720) 1, Miss R. A. Bell 2, H. Hutchinson 3, Miss H. Bell 4, Rev. R. Marie 5, W. Horan (conductor) 6.

ST. GILES' SOCIETY, READING.

On Saturday, May 10th, the ringers of St. Giles' Church, Reading, and their friends enjoyed a half-day's outing. The party proceeded by motor coach to Thatcham, where touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, and Oxford Treble Bob Major were well struck on the fine peal of bells. A cross-country ride was thoroughly enjoyed, and landed the party at Basingstoke, where a welcome and most enjoyable spread was partaken of. Being thus refreshed, the party made tracks to the tower, where touches in various methods were conducted by Messrs. A. W. Osborne and L. T. Osborne. A pleasant hour was spent at Sherfield, and the party reached Reading at 10 p.m., after a very enjoyable time. The thanks of the band are due to the Rectors and ringers of the towers visited for kind permission to use the bells, also to Mr. A. W. Osborne (captain) for arranging the outing.

AN OCTOGENARIAN.

On Whit Monday, Mr. George Andrews, of Ash, Surrey, celebrated his 80th birthday. He has long been a ringer at Ash Parish Church, and the members gathered in the evening and rang touches of Bob and Grandsire Doubles in celebration of the event: C. P. Johnson 1, C. D. Manfield 2, Miss A. E. Bayley 3, Miss G. E. Manfield 4, A. O. Tompkins 5, H. W. R. Ogden (conductor) 6.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 24th; 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.

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. 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 ringing and augmented peal of 8 by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston at St. Andrew's Church will take place on Sat., June 21st, at 3 p.m. Tea in Parish Room at 4.15. 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.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Rd., 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.—A. G. Selby, Hon. Sec., The Square, Silverton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting will be held with the Ely Diocesan Guild at Ickleton on Saturday, June 21st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. We are hoping to see a good attendance.—C. Beeston, 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford; F. Warrington, Long Stanton, Cambs.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The June meeting will be held at Whitnash (1½ miles from Leamington) on Saturday, June 21st. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Please make own arrangements for tea.—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

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.

LAVENHAM.—On Saturday, June 21st. The bells will be at the disposal of ringers at 2 p.m. till 9.—A. Symonds, Steeplekeeper, 41, Market Lane.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Ockley on Saturday, June 21st. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea on the Cricket Field at 5.30 p.m. Friends from neighbouring associations will be heartily welcomed.—Alan R. Pink, Hon. Sec., Railway Hotel, Dorking.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—The next meeting will be held at Stagsden (5 bells) on Saturday, June 21st, at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. The Vicar extends a hearty welcome to everyone, and hopes there will be a good attendance, as this is the first meeting to be held at Stagsden. — P. C. Bonnett, Rose Cottage, Stagsden.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Laughton on Saturday, June 21st. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock at the Roebuck Hotel (1s. 2d. per head). Business meeting to follow. — Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Bishopstone on Saturday, June 21st. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at 1s. per head, for those who notify me early. — S. Hopper, Branch Hon. Sec., 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Chester-le-Street on Saturday, June 21st. Bells available after 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Hoping to have a good attendance.—H. Tyson, Sec., 23, Bungalow, Tanfield Lea.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday next, June 21st, at Eyam. Church of St. Lawrence (6 bells, tenor 8 cwt.) available afternoon and evening. — J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leamwood, Dore.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Established 1623). —The 307th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Friday, June 27th. Bells (12) available from 9 a.m. All visitors welcome.—Leonard E. Pitstow, Hon. Sec., 21, Debden Road, Saffron Walden.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The summer meeting of the Cheltenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association will be held at Dumbleton on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 (by invitation of the Rector, Rev. Collens Ashwen). All welcome. Will those intending being present please notify me by the 24th inst?—Walter Yeend, Branch Hon. Sec., Millfair, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

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. Rotherv, 75, Cliffe End Road, Longwood, Huddersfield, not later than Thursday, June 26th.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Sutton Coldfield, on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Tea at 5 (1s. 3d. per head) for all who let me know by Tuesday, 24th inst. — T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Southern District will be held at Staindrop on Saturday, June 28th. Bells (8) available at 2 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Ringers requiring tea please notify me by the 25th inst. All ringers welcome. —J. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 71, Surtees Street, Darlington.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District. — The annual meeting will be held at St. Clement Danes', Strand, W.C., on June 28th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Service 5 o'clock, followed by tea and business meeting. Gentlemen cordially invited. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by June 24th?—F. E. Orr, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Laitwood Road, Balham, S.W.12.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — The first general quarterly meeting will be held at Duffield on Saturday, June 28th. Bells (10) open for ringing during afternoon and evening. Committee meet at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in Church Hall, followed by general meeting. Those requiring tea (2s. per head) must advise Mr. S. Dawson, Tamworth Street, Duffield, not later than 26th to avoid disappointment. Special business to be discussed, so turn up in crowds!—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch. — A meeting of the above branch will be held at Chaddesley Corbett on Saturday, June 28th. Bells will be available at 3 o'clock. Service in Church 4.30. Teas will be 6d. each. Will all those intending to be present please notify me not later than June 24th?—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (East Berks and S. Bucks Branch) and **MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD** (South and West District). A joint meeting has been arranged on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available: Old Windsor 3.30-4.30 p.m. and after tea; Wraysbury 3.30. Guild service 5. Tea in the Scouts' Hall, Wraysbury, 5.45, at 1s. 3d. per head, for those who notify me not later than June 23rd.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District. — Next meeting at Stanmore on Saturday, June 28th. Bells from 3. Service at 5. Tea, usual terms, at 5.30. Please advise me if you are coming. Harrow Weald bells available after tea, if required.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Daventry (8) on Saturday, June 28th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me as early as possible?—W. C. Moore, Fircroft, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Bristol Branch. — The quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held on Saturday, June 28th, at Bitton. Bells (6) open from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Short business meeting to follow. Will members intending to be present for tea kindly notify me by 24th?—Harry Bennett, Branch Hon. Sec., Highfield, Runswick Road, Brislington.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held on Saturday, June 28th, at Hartfield. Tower opened 3 p.m. Will all those requiring tea kindly let me know by Wednesday, June 25th? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Hon. Sec., Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Shipham on June 28th. Bells open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow. Recently affiliated tower. Please attend.—L. G. Tanner, 51, Locking Road, Weston-super-Mare.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Rishton on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Tilston on June 28th. Tower open 3. Service 4.30. Will those who require tea please notify me not later than June 25th?—J. W. Clarke, Hawarden, Chester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. —An invitation meeting will be held at Brabourne on Saturday, June 28th, by kind permission of Rev. S. K. Lockyear. Service at 5. Tea at 6 o'clock. Motor bus will leave College Road at 2.30. All ringers invited to attend.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division. — A meeting will be held at Southminster on Saturday, June 28th. A short service in the church 4.45 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. A bus will leave Chelmsford at 2 p.m. (Baddow Road Corner). Will all those who intend to go please let me know by Wednesday, June 25th? The towers of Tillingham and Burnham-on-Crouch will be open during the afternoon and evening. — A. E. Coombs, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A combined practice will be held at Worplesdon on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available at 3.30 and after tea. Tea at 5 p.m. at the Rectory, by kind invitation of Rev. J. C. and Mrs. Bruce. Please let Mr. S. Petter, Fox Common, Worplesdon, know by June 23rd if you will be present for tea.—W. R. Melville.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Marlborough Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the branch will be held at St. Katherine's, Savernake Forest, on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m.—Cyril Hussey, Hon. Sec., East Leaze, Baydon, Marlborough.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District. —A meeting will be held at Woburn on Saturday, June 28th. The bells (8) will be available from 2.45 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High St. N., Dunstable.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Newbury Branch) & **WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD** (Andover Branch).—A joint meeting of the above Guilds will be held at Highclere on Saturday, June 28th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify Mr. F. J. Knapp, Highclere Farm, Highclere, near Newbury, not later than Thursday, June 26th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis and the Rev. H. Sears, Hon. Secs.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A district meeting will be held at Bentley on Saturday, June 28th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting at Linden Cottage. Those requiring tea please notify by Wednesday, June 25th.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Don't miss Barkway on Saturday, June 28th. The peal of 8 will be available at 3 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at Wheatsheaf. Come along and make the attendance a record! All visitors welcome.—D. C. Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Offley, Hitchin.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Balderstone on Saturday, June 28th.—W. Horan, Branch Sec.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672).—A meeting of the above will be held at Orston on Saturday, June 28th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who advise Rev. C. J. Sturton, The Vicarage, by Thursday, June 26th.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual summer festival will be held on the Thames-side, with Egham as the centre, on Saturday, July 5th. Egham bells available from 2.30; the bells of St. Mary's, Staines, will be available during the afternoon and evening and St. Peter's, Staines, 6.30 to 8.30. Service 4.30 at Egham, followed by tea. All intending to be present must notify G. L. Grover, Merrow Cottage, East Clendon, Guildford, by Tuesday, July 1st. All visitors will be welcome.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry will be held at Soham, near Ely, on Saturday, July 5th. Bells (10) 2.45 p.m. Please try and attend this meeting. P.C. will oblige, and also help to make arrangements.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec. and R.M., Ashcroft, Mill Road, Over, Cambs.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will take place at Lichfield on Saturday, July 5th. Bells. St. Mary's (8), St. Michael's (6), from 3 o'clock. Tea (1s. to fully paid up members, to others 1s. 6d.) at Wade Street School, at 5 p.m., to be followed by the general meeting. Subscriptions are now due. Please send word by Tuesday, July 1st.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Withernsea on Saturday, July 5th. Bells (6) available from 2. Short service in church at 4.30. Tea, served in the Select Café, Queen Street, at 5. Those requiring same are requested to notify Mr. H. S. Webb, 10, Seacroft Road, Withernsea, not later than Thursday, July 3rd. Business meeting to follow. For further particulars see circular.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—A district meeting will be held at Leiston on July 5th. Bells available 2.30. Tea will be provided. Please notify by July 1st. All ringers welcome.—C. F. Bailey, 20, Haylings, Leiston.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will hold their annual meeting and a six-bell contest at Sandal, near Wakefield, on Saturday, July 5th. Draw to take place at 2.45 p.m. Will those who require tea, 1s. 6d. each, please send not later than June 30th, to L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax?

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting will be held at Linton on Saturday, July 12th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service at 4.45, followed by tea (kindly provided by the Vicar) and business meeting. All ringers welcome. Please notify me not later than Wednesday, July 9th.—C. S. Sone, Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 12th. Service in Cathedral at 11.15. Business meeting in Chapter House immediately after service. Dinner in Christ Church Hall at 1.30. Tickets, 2s. each, to members who apply for same, with remittance, by Tuesday, July 8th;

2s. 6d. on day of festival; 3s. to non-members. Will all members who intend being present please send for tickets, as it means easy working for organisers and caterers?—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on July 12th at the Parish Church, Llanfagan. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec., Belle Vue, Brecon.

LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Bristol on Saturday, July 12th. Fuller particulars later.—E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Odiham on July 12th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Business meeting follows.—D. L. Board, Hon. Sec., Basingstoke District.

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