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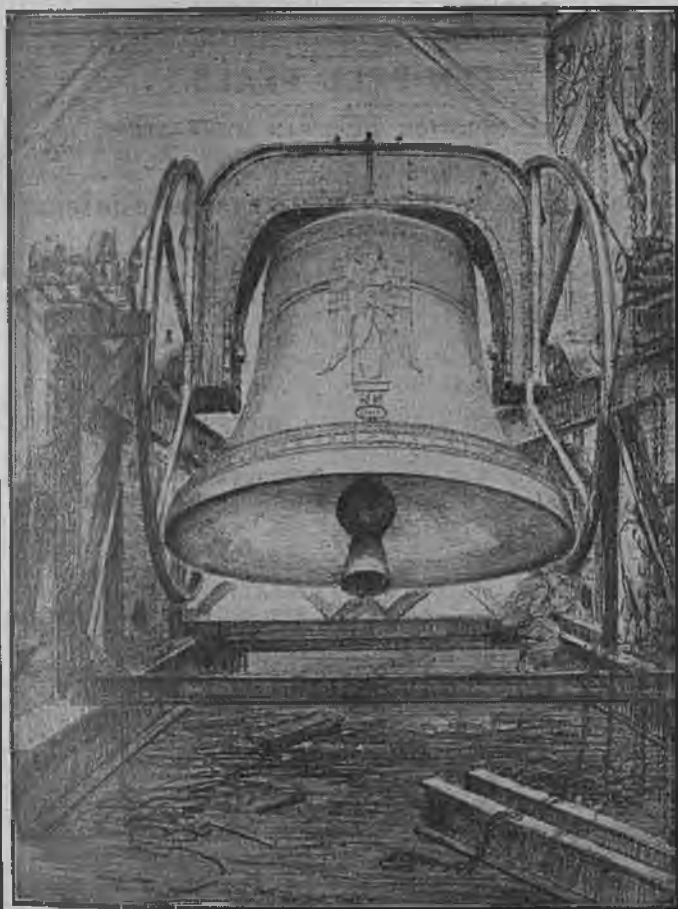
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### COUNCIL COMMITTEES & THEIR WORK

We referred last week in this column to the decision taken at the Central Council meeting to issue almost immediately three publications of importance and value to the Exercise. These publications, and others of similar nature, printed by the Council, are, of course, the work of committees, of whose labours, going on continuously behind the scenes for the benefit of the ringing fraternity, very little is heard. The Council meets but once a year; the labours of some of the committees go on unceasingly. Take, for example, the work of the Analysis Committee. From year's end to year's end it occupies no inconsiderable portion of the leisure hours of three or four people, who, with painstaking zeal, dissect the information which appears in every peal report, collate it and annually present to the world those tabulated statistics which are of so much interest to those who care to study them and make comparisons with the records of earlier years. To some ringers such details, perhaps, have no appeal. They may wonder why so much trouble should be taken; but even though the great majority of ringers were to take but a passing interest in the Analysis, the committee's work is more than worth while if only for the information which it assures to future generations.

Then take the work of the Methods Committee. That has a more direct bearing on the future of ringing, and, in the eyes of ringers, probably, a greater present value to the Exercise. We may not all agree with every view which the committee holds on various points of detail, but everyone who contemplates all that has been done in the last thirty years or so must appreciate the sacrifice of thought, time and labour which successive members of this committee have given, not only in their efforts to reduce the previously existing notions of the method construction to some sort of order, but to open up to all ringers the opportunity to extend their practice and expand their knowledge of method ringing. Years of study and work are compressed into the 'Collections' of methods which are published in the Council's name, and but for this committee's labours a great deal of what is now common knowledge or readily accessible information might never have been available to the ordinary ringer.

Then, too, there is the work done so unostentatiously by the members of the 'Peals Collection' Committee. In the early days of the Council some of the results of their labours appeared in print in the shape of 'Collections' of peals in plain odd and even bell methods. For a long period now work has been proceeding on peals of Treble Bob, and volumes of typed figures lie in the Coun-

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cil's library. Every one of these peals has had to be proved, and, in addition, a large number proved have been discarded for one good reason or another. The average man in the belfry has no idea of the tedious and exacting nature of a task like this, and where would it have been possible to find men voluntarily to undertake it, but for the stimulus given by an organisation which represents the whole Exercise.

And one might write thus of all the Council's committees; of the practical work done by the Towers and Belfries Committee, which is made up of men of scientific and practical qualifications, from whom even architects and the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings are able to learn something. The Legal Committee, dissolved at the last meeting because its work had been completed, has drawn together all the strings of the law as it relates to bells, bell ringing and ringers, and the committee's labours have produced a recital of legal information which would have been very costly to obtain in any other way. And so the work goes on. There may seem to some people little result from the deliberations and discussions of the Council; the debates may sometimes appear to lead nowhere, but the practical work is done by the committees, and a realisation of what has been accomplished ought to convince even the most indifferent that the Exercise without the Council would be very much like a ship without a pilot, drifting through uncharted seas.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 21, 1930, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ... .. 2	ARTHUR G. KING ... .. 6
GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 2	JOHN A. GODFREY ... .. 7
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 3	CHARLES E. LOVETT ... .. 8
*JOHN W. WASEY ... .. 4	WILLIAM CLOVER ... .. 9
JOHN C. DICKEN ... .. 5	WILLIAM E. BASON ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by WM. B. DUNCAN.  
 \* First peal of Royal.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 28, 1930, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5087 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... .. Treble	CYRIL TANSELL ... .. 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 2	WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 7
JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 3	JOHN A. BURFORD ... .. 8
ALFRED E. REEVES ... .. 4	CHARLES CAMM ... .. 9
WILLIAM H. THOMAS ... .. 5	URIAH W. BRAVEN ... .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

RONALD H. DOVE ... .. Treble	JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 5
DAVID WRIGHT ... .. 2	*ALFRED J. TRAPPITT ... .. 6
EDWARD G. TALBOT ... .. 3	FRANK JENNINGS ... .. 7
JOHN BRAMS ... .. 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN

\* 150th peal. Rung after meeting short for Grandsire Caters, Mr. Arthur Dean kindly standing out.

## ERITH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

At Christ Church,

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

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*FREDERICK A. COLEY ... Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE ... 5
HARRY HOVERD ... 2	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 6
FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
WILFRED WILLIAMS ... 4	RONALD H. BULLEN ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

\* 50th peal. The ringer of the 3rd has now rung every bell in this tower to a peal. Rung after meeting short for New Cambridge.

## MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

## A PEAL OF STEOMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

G. LINDOFF'S SIX-PART, No. 6.

Tenor 10 cwt.

E. HARRY STONELEY ... Treble	JOSEPH BAILEY ... 5
MAURICE SWINFELD ... 2	JAMES S. HUTCHBY ... 6
CHARLES DRAPER ... 3	JAMES GEORGE ... 7
JOHN H. SWINFELD ... 4	RICHARD C. BELTON ... Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

## HAWKHURST, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 21, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt.

F. J. LAMBERT SEN. ... Treble	HARRY PARKES ... 5
*DR. E. L. TAYLOR ... 2	†STEPHEN H. WOOD ... 6
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 3	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... 7
ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 4	FREDERICK WHITE ... Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE.

Conducted by S. H. GREEN.

\* First peal of Superlative. † First touch of Superlative. First in the method, on the bells, and by ringers of 2 and 6. Mr. Wood's first touch of Superlative.

## HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 21, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ALBERT E. WHITING ... Treble	GEORGE WHITING ... 5
MISS K. WILLERS ... 2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 6
GEORGE PRYKE ... 3	T. WILLIAM LAST ... 7
LESLIE G. BRETT ... 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by T. W. LAST.

This peal was arranged to oblige Miss Willers, of Trumpington, Cambs, who is the first lady to ring a peal in this tower.

## EPSOM, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 23, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Martin,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

GEORGE MARRINER ... Treble	ARTHUR H. SMITH ... 5
ALFRED SERUSS ... 2	ALBERT HARMAN ... 6
*MISS IRENE L. HASTIE ... 3	HARRY ELLIOTT ... 7
*ALBERT E. FLETCHER ... 4	ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

\* First peal in the method 'inside.'

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## PONTEFRAC.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 23, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Giles,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS' SIX-PART.

*HERBERT WALKER ... Treble	WILLIAM PEARSON ... 5
*ALFRED FOX ... 2	JOHN H. LENTON ... 6
*WALTER SWALLOW ... 3	HARRY C. WALTERS ... 7
ARTHUR WALKER ... 4	ALBERT T. STRANGWARD ... Tenor

Conducted by J. H. LENTON.

\* First peal. First peal in the method as conductor.

## WIGAN, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(WIGAN &amp; BOLTON BRANCHES.)

On Monday, June 23, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. James, Poolstock,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART.

FRED F. RIGBY ... Treble	PETER CROOK, JUN. ... 5
ALBERT PARKER ... 2	PETER CROOK ... 6
NORMAN BROWN ... 3	JOHN BOOTH ... 7
SYDNEY FORSHAW ... 4	JAMES W. GROUNDS ... Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

Rung to celebrate the Prince of Wales' birthday, also the conductor's. The ringers of the 7th and tenor hail from Standish, treble from Westhoughton, 5th and 6th from Bolton, and the remainder are local.

## CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 24, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALFRED J. BULL ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... 5
KENNETH SNELLING ... 2	NELSON ELLIOTT ... 6
ROBERT SWIFT ... 3	Cecil NICE ... 7
REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Composed by G. WILLIAMS.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

## TYLDESLEY, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 24, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

HARRY ALLRED ... Treble	*NORMAN BERRY ... 5
ROBERT ALLRED ... 2	WILFRED J. MOES ... 6
*CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... 3	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD ... 7
THOMAS ALLRED ... 4	JOHN POTTER ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

\* First peal in the method.

## DITCHLING, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 25, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

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

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

KEITH HART ... Treble	NELSON ELLIOTT ... 5
JOHN DEARLOVE ... 2	ALFRED W. GROVES ... 6
KENNETH SNELLING ... 3	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... 7
ROBERT SWIFT ... 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Composed by G. WILLIAMS.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

## GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 25, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

G. LINDOFF'S SIX-PART, No. 7.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD ... Treble	BENJAMIN GREATORREX ... 5
JOSEPH BAILEY ... 2	W. RICHARDSON DRAGE ... 6
CHARLES DRAPER ... 3	JAMES GEORGE ... 7
MAURICE SWINFELD ... 4	JAMES S. HUTCHBY ... Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time. The band take this opportunity of thanking the Rev. J. J. Galloway for his kindness in providing tea after the peal.



## GRAVESEND, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, June 28, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... .. Treble	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 5
* HORACE BELCHER ... .. 2	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 6
WILFRED WILLIAMS ... .. 3	JOHN T. KENTISH ... .. 7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 4	RICHARD F. DEAL ... .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

\* First peal of Cambridge on an 'inside' bell.

## BUXTED, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 28, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

ALEC RICHARDSON ... .. Treble	REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... .. 5
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 2	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 6
ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... .. 3	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT ... .. 7
DR. E. L. TAYLOR ... .. 4	HERBERT MARKWELL ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Rung as a birthday peal to F. J. Lambert, jun., it being his first peal in the method.

## BUNBURY, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 28, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BONIFACE,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in F.

G. RONALD EDWARDS ... .. Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... .. 5
HARRY F. HOLDING ... .. 2	LESTER L. GRAY ... .. 6
JAMES H. RIDING ... .. 3	GEORGE R. JONES ... .. 7
RICHARD T. HOLDING ... .. 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. WILLSON (C.C.C. No. 223).

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

This composition contains extent of 4-6-8 and 5-6-8 with 7th in 5th's, Queens, Tittums, Whittingtons, and the 6th extent home.

## GREAT BARDFIELD, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 28, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt. in G.

JOSEPH JENNINGS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. 5
BASIL REDGEWELL ... .. 2	ALBERT WIFFEN ... .. 6
ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... .. 3	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 7
LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 4	EDWARD H. FINCH ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. GOLDEN (No. 2.) Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

First peal in the method on the bells.

## ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, June 28, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

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

Conducted by A. FALLON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. Taylor, the ringer of the treble. The band wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Taylor for their kind hospitality after the peal.

FAIRFORD, GLOS.—On Wednesday, June 11th, at the Church of St. Mary, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: F. J. Lewis, sen. (conductor) 1, H. L. Cook 2, F. J. Lewis, jun., 3, E. Pearson 4, H. R. Accock 5, J. Hope 6, W. G. Cook 7, A. J. King 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman on the bells.

## MONK'S KIRBY, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 28, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. EDITH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 24½ cwt. in D.

PERCY AMOS ... .. Treble	ERNEST H. BAGWORTH ... .. 5
RONALD RUSSELL ... .. 2	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 6
FREDERICK WALLINGTON ... .. 3	C. ARTHUR MANNING ... .. 7
ERNEST W. TIPLER ... .. 4	WILLIAM HECTOR ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. ARTHUR MANNING.

## BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, June 29, 1930, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

PERCY H. WALKER ... .. Treble	WALTER LONGMAN ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. CHESTERS ... .. 2	* WILLIAM H. JONES ... .. 6
ALAN M. HICKMAN ... .. 3	WILLIAM WEATHERBY ... .. 7
* RICHARD J. WARRILLOW ... .. 4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD. Conducted by E. V. RODENHURST.

\* First peal of Major. Arranged for Messrs. Jones and Warrilow, of Stafford, and rung in honour of St. Peter's Day.

## WALDRON, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 29, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

* FREDERICK S. HART ... .. Treble	HAROLD S. HOBDEN ... .. 5
ALBERT HOBDEN ... .. 2	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 6
PHILIP S. THOMPSON ... .. 3	JAMES A. HART ... .. 7
WILFRED BOOTH ... .. 4	WILLIAM JENNER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES A. HART.

\* First peal.

## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

## MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, June 16, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... .. Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 4
FRANK LAWRENCE ... .. 2	CYRIL TANSSELL ... .. 5
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 3	CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Lady Lettice Lygon (eldest daughter of Earl Beauchamp, of Madresfield Court) and Mr. N. C. G. Cotterell, which took place at St. Margaret's, Westminster, the same day.

## LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL, WILTS.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 17, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 14 cwt.

* WILLIAM E. GATEHOUSE ... .. Treble	ERNEST T. WHITE ... .. 4
† EDWARD C. MARLOW ... .. 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... .. 5
EDWARD G. L. COWARD ... .. 3	* BERT SHEPPARD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

\* First attempt for a peal. † First peal away from tenor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

NETTLEBED, OXON.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 21, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

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

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob (Treble Bob and Plain alternately).  
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in G.

WILLIAM E. TAYLOR ... .. Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 4
THOMAS J. FOWLER ... .. 2	JAMES SMITH ... .. 5
CHARLES DENYER ... .. 3	GEORGE GILBERT... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

First peal on the bells. Rung as a 50th birthday compliment to Mr. J. Smith. This was also Mr. Taylor's fiftieth peal.

MERE, WILTS.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 21, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

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

Being seven 720's. Tenor 25 cwt.

CAPT. W. LINTERN C.A. ... Treble	EDWARD G. L. COWARD ... 4
MISS NORAH G. WILLIAMS ... 2	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT... 5
WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... .. 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

LEIGH, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Sunday, June 22, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

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

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

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

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

First peal in seven methods on the bells.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Monday, June 23, 1930, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael.

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

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN H. BAILESS... .. Treble	WILLIAM A. WOOD ... .. 4
JOSEPH W. LOMAS ... .. 2	ALFRED BALLARD ... .. 5
M. EDWARD WATSON ... .. 3	FRANK BAILESS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by M. E. WATSON.

Rung on the occasion of the Prince of Wales' 36th birthday.

LAVERSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 23, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

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

Seven 720's. Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

*BERT GARRETT ... .. Treble	*WILLIAM HUNT ... .. 4
*D. CECIL WILLIAMS ... .. 2	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 5
*HENRY GARRETT ... .. 3	WILFRED ANDREWS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal. First peal on the bells. The band were afterwards entertained to tea at the Rectory by the Rev. and Mrs. W. Wragge.

BLACKWELL.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 24, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

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

Being 960 of Old Doubles, 960 St. Simon's, 2,400 Grandsire and 720 of Plain Bob.

F. W. KNOWLES ... .. Treble	A. SMITHSON... .. 3
*W. PARKES... .. 2	T. E. MALLENDER ... .. 4
W. RILEY ... .. 3	... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. W. KNOWLES.

\* First peal inside. † Rung for the wedding of Mr. W. Tomlinson, of South Normanton, and Miss E. Alton, of Blackwell.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 28, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

GEORGE EDWARDS ... .. Treble	KENNETH PATTENDEN ... 4
WILLIAM E. PITMAN ... .. 2	ALBERT RELFE ... .. 5
CHARLES W. PLAYER ... .. 3	GEORGE WAGHORN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

Birthday peal for G. Waghorn. This peal contains seven of the eight extents, in which 5-6 are always the right way behind.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

ENFIELD.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

On Friday, June 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

At 45, WALSINGHAM ROAD,

**A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

EDWIN H. LEWIS ... .. 1-2	E. MAURICE ATKINS ... .. 5-6
MRS. E. K. FLETCHER... .. 3-4	STEPHEN H. WOOD ... .. 7-8
GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 9-10	

Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

Umpire: JAMES PARKER.

**THE LADIES' GUILD.**

NORTHERN DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Northern District, held at Handsworth, Sheffield, on June 14th, was very well attended. Ringing took place before the choral service held in the church. Mr. Baker, the Rector, gave a very interesting speech, and Mrs. Baker presided at the organ.

Tea was served in the schoolroom. Mrs. Scott, of Rotherham, proposed votes of thanks to the Rector, Mrs. Baker, the ladies for preparing tea, and the gentlemen for assisting in the belfry.

At the business meeting, Mrs. Baker, an honorary member of the Guild, was in the chair. Minutes of last meeting and the statement of accounts and secretary's report were passed. One new member was elected, Miss M. Higgins, of Handsworth. The following officials were elected: Mrs. C. Ryder, of Rotherham, vice-president; Miss N. Cawthorne, of Handsworth, hon. secretary; and Mrs. Wolstencroft, Manchester, Miss Burchnell, Sutton-on-Trent, Mrs. Scott, Rotherham, and Miss E. Smith, Norton, Sheffield, on the committee. Mrs. J. Cotterell, Bradford, and Miss Lewis, Nuneaton, Warwickshire, were elected for the Central Committee (subject to their consent).

The next three meetings are: Sutton-on-Trent on September 20th, a joint meeting with the Lincolnshire District; December, at Miles Platting, Manchester; March, at Daybrook, Notts, if the local authorities will agree. The next annual meeting is fixed for Handsworth, Sheffield.

It was decided that the question of dividing the Northern District be brought before the Central Committee, owing to the impossibility of members in outlying districts attending the meetings.

Miss Burchnell proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs. Baker for taking the chair. The bells were kept going in various methods till 9.30, when the bells were lowered in peal.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

NORTHERN DIVISION.

A meeting of the Northern Division was held at Wethersfield on Saturday, June 14th. A service was held at the church at 4.30, at which the Vicar officiated, and Mr. Howard, Master of the Essex Association, read the lesson. The Vicar, in his address, spoke of the great service the ringers rendered to the church. Tea was then arranged in the school, followed by the usual business meeting with Mr. A. A. Saunders, District Master, in the chair. Two new members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Sible Hedingham on September 13th. Mr. Howard said it was very gratifying to have such a good attendance at that meeting. He thanked the Vicar for the use of the bells and his excellent address. The Vicar himself was a ringer, and Wethersfield was to be congratulated on having such a nice peal of bells, which were in excellent order. The tenor was a very ancient bell, being originally cast in 1623. Continuing, Mr. Howard said a peal was rung during the week, being the first ever known to have been rung on the bells.

The Rev. Smith, in reply, gave the visitors a very hearty welcome, and he extended an invitation to others. He appreciated the thanks accorded him. Various methods, including Treble Bob and Surprise, were rung during the afternoon and evening.

**RINGERS OUTINGS.****LEYTONSTONE RINGERS IN BUCKS.**

The annual outing of the St. John-the-Baptist, Leytonstone band was held on June 21st and 22nd, a very enjoyable time being spent in North Bucks. On Friday night, June 20th, the party travelled to Bletchley, where arrangements for a brief stay had been very kindly made by Messrs. W. and H. Sear. The first stop on Saturday was the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Newport Pagnell. Here the party found a good ring of eight, with tenor 21 cwt. Ringing is done on the ground floor, and, considering the long draught, the bells went very well, and some good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung, also a course of Cambridge Surprise Major. North Crawley was next visited, where at the Church of St. Firman hangs a very good peal of six. Here a 720 Wells Surprise was rung, also 240 Durham. The next place was St. Mary's, Woughton. This church is well cared for, and the bells, a light ring of six, were soon going to Beverley Surprise, a good 720 being the result. A touch of Cambridge, then on to Simpson St. Nicholas. Here was found another well-going peal of six and a very interesting old church. A 720 Norwich Surprise and a touch of York were rung.

After lunch, Shenley St. Mary was visited, and a good 720 Southwell Surprise was rung on the ring of six, also 240 Cambridge, then on to the Church of St. Mary, Whaddon. Here, 240 of Ipswich and 240 of Cambridge were rung. At Winslow, St. Laurence's Church contains a grand ring of six, tenor 19 cwt. approximately, but, arriving late, only 240 London and a touch of Plain Bob could be attempted. Tea over, the ringers were soon on the road to North Marston. The Church of St. Mary contains another handy ring of six, where Mr. T. Faulkner ably conducted a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, after which 240 London was rung. The last place of call for Saturday was Swanbourne. The Church of St. Swithin contains another well-going light ring of six, which were soon going to Surfeet Surprise, a good 720 being the result, with 240 of London.

On Sunday morning the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Buckingham, was visited. Here there is a grand church, a splendid peal of eight bells, tenor 27 cwt., and a spacious ringing room, and bells that went well. A good three courses of Stedman was conducted by Mr. E. Smith, then a course of Kent Treble Bob. Afterwards, the party journeyed to Woughton again, where the local ringers invited them to have another pull, and six of the members rang a 720 London Surprise. Sunday afternoon saw the party at the old-world village of Old Bradwell. At this ancient and well-kept church the Vicar, Rev. Conway Davies, and local ringers were met, and on the handy well-going ring of six a good 720 Ipswich and 720 York Surprise were well rung.

Before returning home, a visit was paid to the Parish Church, Bletchley, where the brothers Sear may well be proud of their handy ring of eight, tenor 16 cwt., which go well. Touches of Stedman Triples and Superlative were rung, making a grand finale to the outing. The thanks of the party are due to the various clergy for readily granting permission to ring, and to the many local ringers, also to Mr. W. Sear and brother, who made the arrangements for such an enjoyable outing, which will be long remembered by all who took part.

**GAINSBOROUGH RINGERS' OUTING.**

The tenth consecutive annual outing of the Gainsborough Parish Church Guild took place on Whit Monday. With every prospect of a fine day, the members, with their friends and relatives, travelled in a 35-seater bus for Hull, via Boothferry Bridge, Howden and Goole, and at 10.45 the first stage of the journey was completed.

At Hull they were met by Mr. J. Chamberlain, one of the ringers at Holy Trinity Church, Mr. and Mrs. McGuinness, Mr. H. Marcon and Miss Norton, Lincoln, and Mr. R. Daniels, Stamford, who had made the journey by motor-cycles and car. The party were also given a hearty welcome by the Vicar. Owing to service, ringing was limited, but there was sufficient time to have a few touches on the splendid ring of ten bells. Proceeding to Beverley, the grand rings of ten at both the magnificent Minster and the fine Church of St. Mary were at the disposal of the ringers during their visit.

Mr. W. Gibson, one of the Minster ringers, joined the party at tea, after which the journey was continued to Goole Parish Church, which contains a well-going ring of eight bells. Here, as at Hull and Beverley, they were welcomed by some of the local ringers, including Mr. J. Drake. After an hour's ringing, the bells were lowered.

Parting then with the Lincoln and Stamford friends, the homeward journey was commenced, and Gainsborough reached about 11 p.m.

During the trip, the friends and relatives were able to indulge in sight-seeing, but not so for the ringers. With them it was a case of bus riding and bellringing, with the climbing of innumerable steps thrown in, but it is gratifying to be able to state that everyone had a most pleasant and enjoyable time. The best thanks of the ringers are due to the incumbents for the use of the bells, to those who gave them such a hearty welcome at the various churches, and all others who helped toward making the day's proceedings so successful.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Saturday last, the Andover Branch of the above Guild held a combined meeting with the Newbury Branch of the Oxford Guild at Highclere, which was a great success, thirty-three members attending from the following towers: Brightwalton, Bucklebury, East Ilsley, Highclere, Newbury, North Stonham, Overton, Ringwood, Thatcham, Titchfield, Winchester and Woolton Hill.

The bells were set going at three o'clock, with a service in the church at 4.30, which was conducted by the Rev. Chilton Tomkins in the absence of the Rector, Rev. G. B. Dunlop, who was unfortunately away.

An excellent tea was very kindly provided by the Rector, and was greatly appreciated by the members, who wished to convey a vote of thanks to him, and regret that he was unable to be present with them.

A short business meeting followed, with Mr. G. Williams, Master of the Guild, in the chair, Mr. R. Rex acting as secretary, in the absence of the branch secretary, who was unfortunately unable to attend.

It was proposed by Mr. H. Curtis that a return meeting should take place at Thatcham in August, which was agreed. After votes of thanks, the members returned to the Highclere tower and then to Woolton Hill for further ringing until nine o'clock. During the day the following methods were rung: Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Triples, Bob Minor and Major and Cambridge Surprise Major.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

A meeting of the South-Eastern Division was held at Southminster on Saturday, at which ringers and friends were present from Braintree, Burnham-on-Crouch, Broomfield, Chelmsford, Danbury, Galleywood, Great Baddow, Leyton, Little Bentley, Maldon, Romford, Rittendon, Southminster, Sible Hedingham, Tillingham and Great Yeldham.

Ringling took place in the afternoon, and a service was held in the church conducted by the Vicar (Rev. T. W. Scadding). The lesson was read by Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the association.

Tea was presided over by Rev. T. W. Scadding, supported by Mr. C. H. Howard.

A business meeting followed. It was arranged to hold the next meeting at Maldon on August 23rd. Mr. C. H. Howard proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his helpful address, to the organist and blower for their help in the service, and the Vicars of Tillingham and Burnham-on-Crouch for the use of their bells during the afternoon and evening.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

The quarterly meeting of the Western Division of the Yorkshire Association was held at Longwood on Saturday, when the following towers were represented: Bradford, Keighley, Headingley, Lindley, Brighouse, Batley, Kirkburton, Armley, Huddersfield, Wath, Earlsheaton and the local company. During the afternoon the bells were rung to Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire. At the business meeting, Mr. J. Cotterell (vice-president) was in the chair. The place for the September meeting was discussed, and as a general meeting of the association is to be held at Calverley in September it was decided not to have a district meeting.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells was passed, also to the ladies for presiding at the tea tables, and to the local company for the arrangements. The tower was again visited, when the following methods were rung: Cambridge, Superlative, Double Norwich, Stedman, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

A combined meeting of the Grimsby District and the Lincoln Ladies Guild was held at Elsham on Saturday, June 21st. Members attended from Bigby, Burton-on-Slather, Barton-on-Humber, Lacey, Scunthorpe, Grimsby (St. Andrew's), Surfeet, Brigg, Branston, Gainsborough, Lincoln Cathedral, also the Misses Burchnull, of Sutton-on-Trent, and the local members. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. Inglis, who gave the members an excellent address. The Ladies' Guild service was used, kindly provided by the ladies' secretary, Mrs. R. Richardson.

After tea, the ladies held their meeting on the lawn, whilst the Grimsby District meeting was held in the schoolroom. In the absence of the president, the Rev. H. T. Parry, the Vicar kindly presided over the meeting. One new member was elected, and one non-resident life member's name was confirmed by the meeting, Mr. L. W. Jacques, of Mansfield Woodhouse.

The collection for the district bell fund amounted to 8s. 2½d.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar, to the organist, the ladies, and to all those who had made the arrangements. Some very good ringing was done during the afternoon and evening.

### BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. QUINCENTENARY CELEBRATION.

A successful meeting was held at Crofton on Saturday, June 14th, upwards of 30 ringers attending, the following towers being represented: Ackworth, Dewsbury, Earlsheaton, Felkirk, Horbury, Pontefract, Royston, Sandal, Selby, Shelley, South Kirkby, Wakefield, Wath and local company. A few touches were rung until 3.15 p.m., when the ringers attended divine service, a splendid address being given by the Rev. Marle, Vicar of Cross Stone.

The business meeting followed, the Vicar of Crofton, Rev. H. Brownrigg, presiding. He gave all a hearty welcome, and wanted to make it a good ringers' rally, it being 500 years since the church was built. Tea was served in the grounds kindly lent by Colonel Wilson. Touches of Major, Triples and Minor were rung at intervals on handbells, and the tower bells were kept going in various methods until 9 p.m.

### LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The June meeting was held at Idle on Saturday, June 21st. The bells were kept going from 5.30 to 8.30 p.m. (except for a break for tea and the business meeting) in a variety of methods ranging from Plain Bob to Superlative.

The next meeting is due to be held at Calverley on July 26th. All ringers will be welcome.

### DEDICATION SERVICE.

The eight bells of Westhoughton Parish Church, Lancashire, which were originally cast in 1870, have recently been recast by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, and rehung in the old oak frame, which has been strengthened. The bells were dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Manchester on Saturday, June 7th, with the prayer: 'In the faith of Jesus Christ we re-dedicate these bells, recast and rehung through the generosity of friends of Westhoughton Church, to the glory of God, and in loving memory of those whose names they bear, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.'

Canon Elsee, president of the Lancashire Association, and many ringers from far and near were present. Mr. J. P. Fidler represented Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. The bells were opened by the local band, and afterwards were thrown open to the visiting ringers, a course of Stedman Triples being rung immediately after the service.

The old bells had never been really satisfactory, but everyone decided that the new bells, with a tenor of 14½ cwt., were excellent, both as regards the 'tone' and the 'go.'

On Sunday afternoon, June 8th, a special service was held, at which Canon Elsee preached a sermon on 'The History of Bells.'

### MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The mid-summer meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild on Saturday, at Stanmore, once again proved popular. Some fifty members and friends enjoyed a pleasant outing. The District Master (Mr. A. W. Coles) kept everybody in the belfry pretty busy, rounds to Surprise being the general rule.

At the service, the Rector (Rev. W. Howett) gave the members a cordial welcome and a useful message in his address.

After tea, the meeting was made as short as possible, only routine business being taken. Mr. W. Pickworth occupied the chair. Four new members were elected, and Hendon chosen as the place of the next meeting. It was announced that joint meetings with neighbouring associations would be held at North Mimms on July 19th and Edmonton on August 16th. A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells; to the organist (Mr. Springett) and the soloist (Miss Atkinson); to the ladies who arranged tea; and to Mr. G. Hughes.

A course of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung on handbells by G. R. Pye, Mrs. C. C. Mayne, C. C. Mayne, and W. Pye, and afterwards another visit was paid to the tower for ringing in all standard methods, including a very good touch of Spliced Surprise in four methods. Young Ernest Pye rang his first course of Grandsire Triples, and bids fair to add more laurels to that famous name.

### RINGER'S WEDDING AT CARDIFF.

On June 21st a pretty wedding took place at St. John's Parish Church, Cardiff. Mr. Jack Phillips and Miss Edith Sullivan were the contracting parties, and the Rev. Jones officiated.

A large number of friends of the bride and bridegroom were present, the bride being a prominent churchworker and Sunday School teacher, and the bridegroom one of the most popular ringers in South Wales, being tower secretary at St. John's Church and one of the delegates on the Central Council for the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association. His fellow-ringers at St. John's rang touches of Stedman and Grandsire immediately after the ceremony, and later in the afternoon a peal of Grandsire Caters was attempted by a band composed of ringers from Aberavon, Llandaff, Whitchurch, and St. John's, but, to the disappointment of all, it came to grief after two hours' excellent ringing.

The happy couple afterwards left for Devonshire, where the honeymoon is being spent.

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The Editor of 'The Ringing World' will be glad to receive photographs of churches, with a view to their future publication when suitable occasion arises.

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.

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

John Holt first called his famous 'Original' from manuscript at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on July 7th, 1751.

St. Laurence's, Reading, where the bells have recently been augmented to 12, was one of the churches where an early peal of Grand-sire Triples was rung. A peal in this method was accomplished there in 1734.

James Barham, the famous old Kent ringer, who died at the age of 93, rang his last touch (as far as there is any record) when 91 years of age on July 8th, 1817.

William Sottanstell, who wrote a book on ringing, was born at Sowerby on July 9th, 1800.

The peal of ten bells, tenor 30 cwt., at Christchurch Priory, is undergoing a thorough scheme of rehanging by Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

The peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Salehurst on Easter Monday, April 21st, and published in 'The Ringing World' of May 2nd, should have been recorded as a Sussex County Association peal.

The Bristol United Ringing Guilds are kindly entertaining members of the Ladies' Guild to tea on the occasion of their meeting at Bristol on Saturday, July 12th.

## DECAYING STONE WALLS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I should be obliged if any of your readers would give me advice on how to treat the stone walls of our belfry to prevent them from decay.

It should be noted that the church is not yet fifty years old, but the surface of the walls in the belfry is already turning into a powder in places and falling.—Yours faithfully,

F. LORD.

195, Mary Street, Scunthorpe, Lines.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I wish, through your columns, to tender my best thanks to the Master, secretary and members of the above association who attended the annual meeting at Lydney and did me the honour of electing me a vice-president of the association.—Yours faithfully,

JOSEPH GOULD.

## WEDDING BELLS.

On Tuesday, June 24th, at Wootton, Northampton, the bells of the Parish Church rang out merrily during the afternoon and evening to celebrate the wedding of Mr. H. C. Frost and Miss A. E. Kightley. The service was conducted by the Rector, Canon T. H. Dodson, assisted by the Rev. J. P. de Putron, Vicar of Kingsthorpe. Mr. Frost has been a member of the local band for a considerable number of years, and has been a regular service ringer. The ringers, to appreciate his services, presented him with a silver bell inkstand suitably engraved. The reception was held on the lawn of the bride's home, the ringers being invited, and they made full use of the handbells and brought round some good touches.



## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

(Continued from page 414.)

### SERIAL PUBLICATION SUGGESTED.

Mr. P. J. Johnson said that he was not at all sure whether, owing to the cost of printing, the time had not come when the Council should consider the advisability of publishing this and other books in a serial way, instead of sinking, as in this case, two years' income all at once for a very problematical sale. They had a huge mass in the collection of peals of Treble Bob which the vast majority of ringers would never see.

A Member: And do not want to.

Mr. Johnson said that might be so, but if they were going to publish these things at prohibitive prices they were going to defeat their own object. They had made a collection of these things which should be material for the Exercise to work on, and he thought the time had come when, instead of some of the disputes which they found in the correspondence columns of 'The Ringing World,' they might obtain the publication of something of more use to the Exercise. He put this forward as a suggestion, and he thought the time would come in the near future when the Council would have to do this to conserve their funds.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith suggested that it would be possible substantially to cut down the material in the new book without sacrificing its utility. He referred particularly to the large number of Alliance and Little methods which had been introduced, and thought that these would be sufficiently represented by a few of the best examples. If they had not enough money to publish the whole, they must cut their coat according to their cloth.

Mr. Trollope said the ringing of Alliance methods was a new thing for ringers, and they put them in in order that ringers should have in the book everything they wanted. These methods were not rung now, but the idea was that they should be rung in the future. He hoped the Council would not agree to leaving out any single method that had now been included.

Mr. Barker asked if they could not save money by publishing the skeleton diagrams instead of the figures. Would that not considerably reduce the cost? ('No.')

Mr. E. M. Atkins said that they could save on the cost by publishing only half a lead of each method. Anyone who knew anything about methods could easily write out the other half.

Mr. Trollope: We are not publishing this book only for those who understand methods.

Rev. H. Law James said that when they published the first edition they purposely omitted all the 'bobs' and 'singles,' but distinctly stated how they were made. When they were preparing this new book they were asked to add the bobs and singles of every method, because the six-bell ringers could not understand it without. It was not the committee's fault. He would be perfectly willing to cut them all out, but his six-bell friends told him, 'No, we want them, please.' If they wanted them, they must pay for them.

Mr. J. Hunt said he was the person who suggested in the Council meeting that the bobs and singles should be included with the methods, but all he asked for was one page showing how the bobs were made in every class of method. It was not necessary for the committee to exceed their instructions; by doing so they were providing this book at a price which would be prohibitive for the six-bell ringer. He suggested they should cut out the compositions and give only examples of the bobs and singles. They could then publish the book at a much less price.

Mr. Trollope said he did not think that cutting out the bobs would very much reduce the price.

Rev. E. S. Powell said that the thing most six-bell ringers wanted was the methods. It was the conductors who wanted the compositions. The committee could not give any guarantee of what the cost of the methods alone would be; probably they would not cost more than 2s., and surely that was not too much in these days.

Mr. Cave: On a technical point, can you get a 720 of an Alliance Minor method?

Mr. Trollope: Of course not. The Alliance methods have to be used in conjunction with the Little methods, and in this way you can make up an extent.

Rev. E. S. Powell said the splicing of Alliance and Little methods was something which would enable the six-bell ringers to do what had been done at Willesden on eight bells.

The President suggested that it should be left in the hands of the Standing Committee to proceed with the printing of a section or the whole of the book with a money limit, if they liked, say, £35 or £40, otherwise they might be left for another twelve months without anything being done, and certainly there was a demand among six-bell ringers for this revised edition.

Mr. Trollope said he would rather that the actual sum of money was not mentioned if it were left to the Standing Committee. The committee ought to be left with a certain amount of latitude.

The Rev. H. Drake suggested that if a limit were imposed, it should be a limit on the price of the book when sold, and he suggested it should be not more than 2s. a copy.

Mr. T. Faulkner asked whether the committee were not authorised last year to publish the book?

Mr. Trollope: Yes.

Mr. Faulkner: Then why haven't you done it?

Mr. Trollope: Because the Standing Committee stood in the way.

Rev. H. Law James: The Standing Committee have to produce the money to pay the bills.

Mr. Faulkner said that he took the view that there was a great demand for this book, and whether it cost 2s. or 3s. they were more likely to sell a larger number of the complete book than of a portion of it. They must do something for the six-bell ringers. They sold the whole of the copies of the first edition, and now that they were giving them a new and fuller edition, there would be a very great demand which would justify their adventuring some of the money which they had in hand.

### THE COMPLETE WORK IN ONE VOLUME.

Canon Coleridge said there was no doubt about the demand for this book, and he for one would like to see the whole book published at once, and he did not see why they should not do it. They had raised the subscriptions of the members, which brought in £10 or £12 a year more, and they had £70 invested, besides another £50 in hand. He thought it would be a very good thing if they published the whole book at once, and he moved that its publication in full be proceeded with, and that stock be sold out for the purpose of meeting the cost.

Mr. Faulkner seconded. It had been said, he remarked, that there was no business in it. Personally, he thought it was good business; they must speculate something.

Rev. E. S. Powell: Do you mean, published in two parts or one?

Canon Coleridge: One part.

Mr. W. Willson deprecated selling their stock. He did not consider it was good business to dispose of their capital.

Mr. Johnson moved as an amendment that the work should be published serially. He was entirely in sympathy with the resolution from the point of view that he believed that the whole of the material should be placed before the Exercise, and he believed also that the Methods Committee themselves would be bitterly disappointed if that were not done. But he also felt that they, as a Council, had no right to sequester the whole of their resources in one particular direction. They ought, however, to do something for the six-bell men, who were an important body of the Exercise.

Rev. E. S. Powell: The Major men have just had their Plain methods published for them.

The President: Do you mean that we should get into touch with the ringing paper and ask them to publish the methods?

Mr. Johnson said that was the spirit of his amendment. What the Council wanted to do was to get the whole of the methods placed before the Exercise, and the only object of publishing them in a book was for that purpose. His amendment was to get it through at a much lower cost.

A member asked if it was Mr. Johnson's intention to pay 'The Ringing World' to do this, and also how long he thought it would be before the whole thing was completed.

Mr. Johnson said that was a matter for arrangement. He did not suggest that they should ask anybody to do it for nothing, but, done in the way which he suggested, he thought the cost would be less and would be spread over a greater period.

Rev. H. Law James asked if it was the intention of the amendment that the book should be published in the newspaper or published in 6d. parts in the same way that Mr. Robinson's book on ringing was published?

Mr. Johnson said he was prepared to accept the idea that it should be published in 6d. parts.

Mr. A. H. Pulling said if they charged more than 1s. 6d. they would go beyond what most ringers could afford.

In the course of further discussion, Mr. Cave said they could reduce the cost per copy by having double the number, and he asked if it was thought that the demand would justify having 1,000 instead of 500 copies.

Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn said, from the amount of copies of old books which he held as librarian, he should not recommend the Council to order any more than 500 copies of any work in the future.

Mr. Johnson's amendment was then put to the meeting and defeated.

Canon Elsee then spoke in favour of publishing the work in two volumes, one at 2s. and one at 1s. 6d., instead of in one volume at 3s.

Mr. Faulkner said the resolution as it stood was plain and straightforward. This book was long overdue to the six-bell ringers, and he did not think that another 6d. or 1s. on the cost would affect the sale of the book very much. Something had been said about sequestering the funds of the Council, but what were the funds for if not for the use and benefit of change ringing, and this book would benefit change ringing very substantially.

The Rev. H. Drake supported the idea of printing in two portions, but Canon Coleridge's motion on being put was carried by a large majority.

On the motion of the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake, seconded by Mr. Coles, the committee, consisting of the Revs. H. Law James and E. S. Powell and Messrs. J. A. Trollope and E. H. Lewis, were re-elected with the best thanks of the Council for the work they had done.

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## THE ANALYSIS COMMITTEE.

After the luncheon interval, Mrs. Fletcher presented the report of the Analysis Committee (which has been printed in 'The Ringing World'), and, subject to the investigation of a point raised by Mr. Sharman with regard to the peals rung by the Bedfordshire Association, this was adopted, and the committee elected as follows: Mrs. Fletcher, Messrs. G. R. Pye, C. Dean and G. W. Fletcher. Mr. George Williams, who had been for many years on the committee, did not seek to be re-elected, and Mr. Coles asked if any reason could be given for the resignation of Mr. James George who was elected last year but apparently only served for a few months. No answer was forthcoming.

## ANOTHER USEFUL PUBLICATION REVISED.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn made a statement with regard to the work of the Towers and Belfries Committee. During the year, he said, the committee had been carrying out the revision of the publication on 'The Preservation of Bells, Frames, and Fittings.' This book was originally brought out in 1891, and there was now only one member of that Committee still alive, and he was with them that day. He referred to Mr. F. E. Dawe (hear, hear). The committee had taken great pains with this revision, and it was now in typescript. There were certain small alterations to be made, chiefly to do with the question of cannons on old bells, and he was happy to say that they were now in a better position to deal with this more in accordance with the wishes of those who wanted to retain old cannons than they used to be. That was one of the things in which an advance had been made in the last year or two. Mr. Jenkyn added that there was now no reason in any place for it to be said that the bells were so noisy in the belfry that they could not be rung comfortably, or that some were so faint that they could not be heard, or that outside there was so much noise that the bells were a nuisance to the public. All these things, as a result of their work in the last few years, could be cured, and it would be found in this revised book how these things could be dealt with. They had kept as far as they could to the old book, but a certain amount of this was out of date and had had to be entirely rewritten, while a certain number of new discoveries had had to be included. They had felt it wise to eliminate Section 5, which was a sort of schedule which gave the prices of various peals of bells according to the weights of the tenors. If anyone was going to have a new ring of bells they could always get estimates from the leading bell founders, and it was really a waste of time and space to get out figures which, in a few years' time, might be quite wrong. They proposed to leave that section out altogether. It might have been of value at some time, but not in the last few years. Continuing, Mr. Jenkyn said with regard to the other work done by members of the committee, he had been quite busy in his own diocese, and the chief work he had been engaged in was the rehanging and augmentation of the peal at Reading. All who had been to that church were agreed that it was as near perfection as possible, both as regards the ringing of the peal and the sound inside and outside the tower. He thought that all members of the committee could report from different parts of the country that they were getting far nearer the state of things which they all desired to see as regarded the hanging of bells inside the tower and the sound of the bells inside and out. Mr. Jenkyn concluded by remarking that after the discussion on the printing of the Minor Methods he ought perhaps to be almost silent on the question of printing this book, but he was not going to be. At the moment, however, he would leave it for the Council to say what they wished and what they proposed to do.

Major J. H. B. Hesse said the principal work in which he had been engaged during the year had been the restoration of the bells at Washington, in Sussex, where he had a good fight for the faculty. He won in the end and got the job done as he wanted it. He had two other jobs in view, in one of which the architect and himself had come to loggerheads, and he did not know what would come of it.

The Hon. Secretary said that all he had been called upon to do during the year was to advise the Rev. Teape in the case to which he had already referred. He thought that the work of this committee would in itself justify, if necessary, the existence of the Council. The members of the committee were always there ready to advise with their expert knowledge.

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## THE PEALS ANALYSIS.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the question raised by the representative of the Bedfordshire Association at the Central Council meeting regarding the number of peals credited to his society in the analysis, we have gone carefully into the matter and find that only 27 peals appeared in 'The Ringing World' under the Bedfordshire Association, and not 28 as stated at the meeting. A peal of Minor rung at Sandy on November 2nd, 1923, which appears in the Bedfordshire report, was published in 'The Ringing World,' No. 972, November 8th, page 709, under the Ely Diocesan Guild and Beds Association, and was therefore credited to the former society in the analysis.

A slight error occurred in printing the analysis, whereby two peals of Double Oxford were printed on wrong lines. The peal credited to the Bath and Wells should go to the Bedfordshire Association, and the one to the Cambridge University Guild to the Chester Diocesan Guild. This does not, however, affect the totals.—Yours faithfully,  
EDITH K. FLETCHER.

## THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In the instalment of your report of the meeting of the Central Council contained in your last issue I notice on page 413 that 'the Standing Committee were re-elected with the addition of conveners of committees who were not already members of the Standing Committee.'

It will doubtless be found useful from time to time at meetings of the Standing Committee to have the presence of someone who can report as to the work of any one of the other committees where such other committee or committees are not already represented, but I think that care should be exercised lest the Standing Committee should in this way grow to an unwieldy size. Hitherto it has been kept within workable limits, and it would be a pity were it to become larger than is really needed. I do not for a moment suppose that underlying the election of these new members there is the slightest idea that the Standing Committee has any powers of supervision over other committees and their work. It has none such whatever; at least, it certainly had none when I was hon. secretary. The work of the Standing Committee is to manage within recognised limits the work of the Council as a whole. It is not concerned with the work of other committees, which are responsible directly to the Council, and to the Council alone, and it is, of course, up to them to safeguard their rights and position in this respect. Mr. Trollope was perfectly right when he said (see page 414) that the question of obtaining an estimate is one pertaining to the Standing Committee. The Methods Committee do the work, and when that work is finished report to the Council, and the Council through its Standing Committee see to the question of publication.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

## GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

## LEATHERHEAD DISTRICT.

A very successful meeting was held at Ockley on Saturday, June 21st, when a number of ringers attended from Ockley, Cobham, Leatherhead, Dorking, Newdigate, Warnham, Charlwood and Rudgwick.

The peal of six bells at Ockley Parish Church are an old peal, dating from 1701. The tenor weighs approximately 15 cwt. Methods ranging from Grandsire Doubles to London Surprise Minor were rung with varying degrees of success.

At the business meeting, the election of Mr. C. F. Winney as a compounding member was confirmed, and Mr. L. Leach, of Dorking, was elected a ringing member. Afterwards, the company adjourned to the tower for further practice. The bells were lowered at 8.30.

## SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

## EASTERN DIVISION.

A quarterly meeting was held at Laughton on Saturday, June 21st, 26 members attending from the following towers: Chiddingly, Eastbourne (All Saints', St. Mary's and St. Saviour's), Hellingly, Heathfield, Southover and Ringmer.

Ringing commenced about three o'clock, and the bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening in various methods from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor. The Vicar, the Rev. W. A. Pearson, visited the tower, and welcomed the ringers.

At the business meeting Mr. W. D. Smith occupied the chair, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The usual vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and also to Mr. Brett, the leader of the local ringers, who had everything in readiness. After the meeting, the members returned to the tower and kept the bells going merrily until about eight o'clock.

## WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

A very successful meeting of the Christchurch District was held at Brockenhurst on May 17th, when thirty members were present from Christchurch, Lymington, Lyndhurst, Ringwood, Brockenhurst, Bishopstoke and North Stoneham. The church at Brockenhurst is of great age, and was mentioned in Domesday Book. Formerly four bells hung in the tower. These were augmented to six in 1924 by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, one of the new bells being in memory of the New Zealand soldiers who died at Brockenhurst Hospital for New Zealand soldiers during the war, and were buried at Brockenhurst. This bell was given by the parents and friends in New Zealand.

During the afternoon and evening good use was made of the light ring (the tenor is only 4½ cwt.), and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung.

A splendid tea, provided by the generosity of the Vicar (Rev. W. A. Haslam) was enjoyed, and at the business meeting that followed the new band at Lymington were elected members of the Guild.

It was decided to hold two special meetings—Lymington on Wednesday, July 30th, and Lyndhurst on June 21st, and the next quarterly meeting at Ringwood on September 13th.

## FESTAL RINGING DAY AT WHITTLESEY.

### DEDICATION OF AUGMENTED PEAL.

Campanologists from a wide surrounding district comprised the greater part of a large and grateful congregation who assembled for the dedication ceremony of the rehung and augmented peal of bells at St. Andrew's Church, Whittlesey, on Saturday afternoon. The service, at which the Rev. D. A. Stewart, R.D., of St. Peter's Church, March, officiated, was a simple and impressive one, and brought back to many present precious memories of a magnificent band of ringers of a former generation.

The two new bells, which have brought those in the tower up to a peal of eight, are the gift of Mr. Charles Aveling, J.P., of Southport, in memory of his father, Mr. William Aveling, who was one of the leaders in the rapid progress of this doughty and enthusiastic band, and to whom campanologists throughout a wide area acknowledge their lasting gratitude. Expression was given to this feeling throughout the interesting proceedings, which included a parochial tea after the service, a reunion in the belfry, and an informal dinner at the Falcon Hotel in the evening, at which Mr. Charles Aveling was the host. The latter then surpassed his previous munificence by presenting the ringers with a fine set of handbells.

### THE DEDICATION.

Among those present in the church were the Vicar (Rev. A. E. T. Newman), Dr. J. J. Waddelow, J.P., the Rev. W. Drake, of Lynn, Mrs. Waddelow, Mrs. Cole, the Rev. G. W. Jackson (Congregational minister), Mrs. Jackson, Mr. R. Rose, Mr. and Mrs. W. Oldfield, Mr. W. Rose (at the organ), Mrs. William Aveling, Mrs. Charles Aveling, Mr. H. Lefevre, Mrs. Frank Lyne, Mr. J. Boyce, J.P., Mrs. Boyce and the Misses Boyce, Mr. A. Whitehead, Mr. B. Walker (secretary to the Church Council), Mr. S. R. Neave, Mr. F. W. Tebb, Mr. H. Layton, Mr. F. Oldfield, Mr. H. Coxell, Miss Whyte and many other members of both parishes.

The order of service was as follows: Hymn, 'O praise ye the Lord'; Evensong, beginning with the Lord's Prayer; Psalm cxvii.; first lesson, read by Dr. J. J. Waddelow (Numbers x. 1-10); Magnificat; second lesson, read by Rev. L. L. Chaplin; Nunc Dimittis; the Creed; three Collects; hymn 166.

The choir then proceeded to the tower, where the words of dedication were pronounced by the Rev. D. A. Stewart, who also unveiled two tablets carved from the displaced oaken frame by Messrs. John Thompson, Ltd., of Peterborough, in memory of Eliza Poole, a former benefactor, and of the present donor. The tablets are inscribed: 'This tablet, made from the old bell frame, is here erected to the glory of God and in memory of Eliza Poole, in life a worshipper and in death a contributor to the rehanging of the bells. MCMXXX.'; 'This tablet, made from the old bell frame, is here erected to the glory of God and to commemorate the rehanging of the bells and the gift of the two new bells by Charles Aveling, in memory of his father, William Aveling, a former ringer and a lover of the bells. MCMXXX.'

The ceremony was followed by a short peal, and an address by the Rev. D. A. Stewart, whose text was taken from Psalm xcvi. 6: 'O let us come and worship the Lord.' The preacher, after explaining the purpose of the bells, which was to call the faithful to worship, spoke eloquently of the place of worship in the lives of men. It was, he said, the means by which the soul attained to greater heights.

At the conclusion of the service an opening course of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung by: A. Abrams 1, J. J. Jutson 2, A. T. Newington 3, W. H. Waldron 4, H. M. Day 5, F. Rowlinson 6, W. Rose 7, F. E. Collins 8.

### THE BELLS.

The tenor, which weighs 19 cwt., was recast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston in 1911, to commemorate the coronation of King George V., and now, after a lapse of 19 years, two trebles have been added to complete the ring of eight, and the whole peal has been rehung in a new teak frame, whilst the older bells have been fitted with the firm's patent canon-retaining cast-iron headstocks.

All the ringers present were delighted with the 'go' of the peal and the sweet tone of the new trebles, which match perfectly the tenor, just as they 'hold their own' both inside the tower and outside, and the Croydon firm were congratulated on all hands at the successful completion of a restoration that had not been without difficulties in order to comply with the wishes of the diocesan authorities.

Among those present at the subsequent tea was Mr. Cyril Johnston, of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, the world-famous bell founders, of Croydon, to whom was entrusted the work of tuning and rehanging. Mr. Johnston later took part in a few 'touches' with the visiting ringers. The tea was well attended, two sittings being held in the commodious Parish Hall. The committee responsible comprised Mesdames Tebb, Coxell, Warner, W. Oldfield, F. Oldfield, Doncaster, Harrison, Britten, Blackshaw, G. Rose, F. W. Brown, B. Walker, the Misses Todd, A. Hipwell, Boyce, Britten, F. A. Walker and E. W. Walker. The very charming table decorations were the work of Mrs. Blackshaw.

The touches included a course of Kent Treble Bob Major, Stedman Triples and Grantham Triples by: A. Abrams 1, J. Jutson 2, A. T. Newington 3, W. H. Waldron 4, H. M. Day 5, F. Rowlinson 6, W. Rose 7, F. E. Collins 8. St. Andrew's ringers who took part were: H. Brown 1, P. Newman 2, U. Britten 3, A. Garton 4, W. Middleton 5, G. Goodwin 6, W. Garton 7, W. Blackshaw 8.

### A MEMORABLE DINNER.

A dinner, given to past and present ringers by Mr. Charles Aveling at the Falcon Hotel on Saturday evening, was a memorable meal, the speeches, though few in number and brief, being characterised by felicitous references to a former generation of Whittlesey ringers, of whom there are but few now living, and a solicitude that others as capable might be found to continue the art when the time came for present ringers to 'content themselves with the handbells at home.'

The chair was taken by Mr. Charles Aveling, J.P., who was supported by the Rev. L. L. Chaplin, Mr. J. Boyce, J.P., and Mr. W. Oldfield, churchwardens at St. Andrew's; Mr. W. H. Wickham and Mr. T. H. Aveling, churchwardens at St. Mary's; Dr. J. J. Waddelow, J.P., Mr. W. Maize, J.P., Mr. Henry Lefevre, Mr. Edward Mountfield, Mr. S. R. Neave, Mr. James Oldfield, Mr. Bertram Walker. Other present included Messrs. J. W. Pickett, H. Goakes, C. Wilson, T. Palmer, H. Kilby, H. Taylor, J. G. Kefford, J. N. Duddington, E. Billings, B. Barnes, F. E. Smith, T. Medlock, W. Rose, C. Rawson, J. Barratt, W. Shaw, W. Middleton, G. Goodwin, H. Lewis, J. King, A. Acred, A. Neal, G. H. Wade, W. Slater, W. Smith, Joseph Duddington, J. Hardy, A. Harper, H. A. Scott, B. Walker, and F. E. Collins (of the staff of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston). The oldest Whittlesey ringer present was Mr. J. N. Duddington, aged 84, who was a noted exponent of the art in the seventies, and the only absentee was Mr. R. Burbidge, who was seriously injured in a regrettable road accident that afternoon. Pleasing harmony was ably rendered by Messrs. H. Brown and C. Rawson.

### THE SPEECHES.

Following the loyal toast, the Chairman, who was received with cheers, proposed the toast of 'The Ringers of Whittlesey,' and said his first message must be from his mother, whose final words before he left Southport were that she hoped they would have a very pleasant evening.

'Some may wonder why you are present to-night. You need not wonder. I have been looking for an occasion for many years to meet the ringers of Whittlesey, and I have only just found the occasion.'

Mr. Aveling, proceeding, said that nothing had given him more pleasure than to invite them—a pleasure with which he desired to associate his mother (applause). If there was one occasion that she had enjoyed it was the annual dinner of the ringers at the house just across the road (applause). At that time he was a youngster and used to play the handbells in the kitchen, getting into trouble for not striking correctly (laughter). In proposing the toast of the ringers, he wished to include those who had gone before (hear, hear). They had left a good set of ringers to carry on. He was older than many present, the majority of whom he did not know, but he was glad to see his old friends, Mr. Duddington and Mr. E. Mountfield, who, like himself, had changed in forty years. Nothing would keep Mr. Mountfield's father out of the belfry when the bells were ringing, and, indeed, he went up when he could scarcely crawl. He was also glad to see his own cousin, Mr. Harry Lefevre (applause).

Mr. Aveling remarked that he wondered whether bellringers realised the joy they were giving to other people, perhaps miles away from where they were pulling the ropes. Though he had been away for over forty years, the sound of the bells made it a real home-coming for him, and there was nothing more lovely than the link with childhood's days (hear, hear). He hoped they would see that those younger than they would be trained in order that they might carry on and give the joy to future generations that was being given to this. He feared to think of what was coming to the lovely English countryside; they were getting a lot of ribbon dwellings until they were driving between town and town. They had to go away before they could appreciate the beauty at home, and of this beauty the sound of bells was a part. Through the ringers of the past they were what they were to-day (cheers). He coupled with the toast the name of Mr. James Oldfield (applause).

Mr. James Oldfield, of St. Mary's, Whittlesey, in the course of an able reply, said he thought the toast should have been responded to by one of the St. Andrew's ringers, for that was their day. The majority of them would think about past ringers with mingled reverence and regret. The standard of ringing to-day was higher than when he was a boy, and he recalled how several of them had started at St. Mary's with the late Mr. Smith, and by hard practice had accomplished a little chiming. The height of their ambition then was to be able to ring the tenor behind when they were chiming. He recalled being able to do a few call changes, one of which was Jackson's, and also that there had been a disagreement with the Vicar or the wardens, and the ringers dropped out. In those days they were Messrs. Rawson, Jesson, Knight, Woodhouse, G. Clark, E. Clark and others, and later an attempt was made to form a boys'

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## PORTSMOUTH RINGERS' ENJOYABLE OUTING.

The St. Mary's, Portsmouth, ringers held their annual outing on Saturday, June 14th, and were favoured with glorious weather. Leaving headquarters shortly after 8 a.m., the party travelled to Reading via Petersfield and Alton. However, on arriving at Alton an excellent course of Cambridge Major was being rung, and on enquiry it was found to be the St. John's, Croydon, ringers on their outing. A few words of greeting and good luck were exchanged, and the party continued their journey to Reading. On arrival here a move was made to St. Laurence's Church, where Mr. E. G. Foster had everything in readiness. These are indeed an excellent ring of twelve, with a beautiful ringing chamber. Some rounds were rung on the twelve and also Stedman Caters and Cambridge Surprise Major. A move was next made to Henley-on-Thames, and after an interval at Shiplake for dinner and refreshments the tower was reached shortly after 2 p.m. Mr. W. Appleby was there to welcome the party. Some enjoyed a stroll over the bridge and by the river, whilst others climbed the steps and rang touches of Stedman Triples, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major. An excellent view of the Regatta course was obtained from the top of the tower and also of the surrounding river and country. On leaving here, the journey was continued via High Wycombe to Beaconsfield, where the local band was there to meet the visitors and also had everything in readiness. Owing to the draught of rope this was somewhat different to the other towers, but being used to it at Portsmouth, some good touches of Stedman, Bob Major, Cambridge and Superlative were rung. An excellent meat tea was partaken of at the Royal White Hart Hotel, after which some touches on handbells were rung on the vicarage lawn, whilst others visited the spacious garden. Very reluctantly a move was made to Slough, the last tower to be visited, where Messrs. Bateman and Fussell met the band, and touches of Stedman, Double Norwich and Cambridge were rung on this excellent eight. After bidding farewell, the return journey was started via Windsor and through the Great Park past huge clusters of rhododendrons, Ascot race course, Bagshot and Farnham, and home was reached at midnight after an excellent and most successful day. Thanks are due to the various incumbents and to those who met the ringers and helped to contribute to the day's enjoyment.

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team. Mr. Oldfield had many other interesting memories of the ringers of those days, with which he delighted his audience, and added that the greatest stimulus to change ringing was that given by the Rev. Colin Bell, Vicar of St. Mary's. It was a fascinating subject, and the more they knew about it the more they wished to know. He had never attended the little suppers over the road, but he recalled how the late Mr. John Lefevre promised the ringers a guinea when they could ring 720 changes of Bob Minor, and how he was waiting at the tower door after they had accomplished it to hand each man his guinea, and how they had turned it into liquid refreshment (laughter). He asked both bands of ringers to get together in good time and 'hang their bells about' to give their host a real feast of bellringing (applause).

The Rev. A. E. T. Newman, proposing the toast of 'Mr. Charles Aveling,' said he had seen five new chambers made; three were in his father's time as Vicar of Axminster. At Kilminster he had seen some churchwardens' accounts for the years 1585, 1587 and 1588 for rehanging and making a new chamber, for the purchase of a Bible and for an official celebration of the victory over the Spanish Armada. The Bible cost 89s.; the new bell chamber cost just over 100s. (instead of £400), and the Armada celebrations cost in drinks for the ringers 112s. (laughter). He supposed the life of an oak bell frame was about three or four hundred years; whether their teak frame would last longer only time would prove, but he thought it was impervious to the ravages of the death watch beetle. Thanks to the generosity of one man the bells at St. Andrew's had been completed (applause).

Mr. Charles Aveling, briefly replying, thanked the Rev. A. E. T. Newman, and pointed out, amid laughter, that of the amount expended in drink a large proportion of the 112s. would have gone in taxation. He hoped they would always have Vicars and churchwardens who were interested in the bells, and that the ringers of St. Andrew's and St. Mary's would always remain good friends and pass from one belfry to the other (hear, hear).

## PRESENTATION OF HANDBELLS.

Mr. Aveling requested the ringers to perform a few changes on the handbells. It transpired that these had formerly belonged to the Whitlesey ringers, and had come into the possession of Mrs. William Aveling, who gave them to her son.

After a round by Messrs. W. Hardy, J. King, J. Barrett, J. Oldfield, W. Smith and A. Neal, Mr. Aveling asked the ringers of Whitlesey to accept them, a generous gesture that drew prolonged applause.

The proceedings closed with the National Anthem.

## PEALS AT FINEDON.

## PERMANENT RECORDS IN THE BELFRY.

An interesting event in the local ringing world took place in the belfry of Finedon Parish Church on Saturday, May 31st, when a beautiful tablet recording four peals recently rung there was unveiled. Ringing commenced about 4.30, and continued until six, when the Vicar (the Rev. A. G. Bagshaw) went into the belfry to conduct the dedication service. Before doing this he gave a very interesting account of the history of the bells in the tower, with the dates of casting, and the inscriptions thereon. He then proceeded to read the dedicatory prayers, and in the presence of Mr. G. J. Pearson and Mr. J. Cuttill, churchwardens, and a goodly company of ringers he unveiled the tablet. He afterwards spoke in very high terms of the local band, and said how much both he and the churchwardens appreciated their loyalty and services. The service concluded with the Blessing.

On behalf of the local band, Mr. J. R. Hensher thanked the Vicar for allowing them, in the first place, to put the tablet in the belfry, and also for his services in connection with the dedication.

Further ringing was afterwards indulged in until about eight o'clock.

Of the peals recorded on the tablet the first is a peal of Double Norwich rung May 29th, 1926, conducted by Mr. A. Y. Tyler, of Irthlingborough, the rest being local men; the second a peal of Grandshire Triples by the local band, and conducted by Mr. J. R. Main; the third a peal of Bob Major by the local band, conducted by Mr. J. R. Hensher; the fourth another peal of Double Norwich in which five of the local members took part, including the conductor, Mr. G. Basford.

Amongst those present at the ceremony were Mr. G. Black, general secretary, and Mr. J. Nickerson, secretary of the Thrapston Branch, who also took part in the latter peal of Double Norwich.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

By the kind permission of Rev. Canon Elnor, a bye-meeting of the Canterbury District was held at St. Mary's, Dover, on Saturday, May 31st. Owing to a meeting taking place in the Dover Parish Room, which almost adjoins the church, the bells were not available until after 4 p.m. Twenty-six members were present, representing the following towers: Canterbury Cathedral and St. Aphaege, Littlebourne, Wickhambreau, Deal, Walmer, Wingham, Brabourne and the local tower. Numerous short touches were rung in the usual methods until 5 p.m., when the ringers adjourned to the Cosy Restaurant, where Canon Elnor had provided a splendid tea for the visitors. Canon Elnor presided, and in a speech in answer to the hearty vote of thanks, welcomed the ringers to Dover.

The Church of St. Mary, owing to its position in the town, among the shops and picture houses, is not an ideal tower at which to hold a ringing gathering, and the Vicar gave his permission for the use of the bells with a request that no 'long touches' should be rung. However, the meeting was quite a successful one, and the Vicar remarked that he thought the shopkeepers should have no cause to complain.

The ringers were very glad to welcome to the meeting Canon F. J. O. Helmore, who in a speech after tea paid a warm tribute to the clergy of the county for their hospitality and kindly encouragement to the members of the association.

There was no necessity for a business meeting, and the ringers then adjourned to the tower for some further 'short touches.'

## YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

## SOUTHERN DIVISION.

The annual joint meeting of the societies in the Southern Division area was held at Conisborough on Saturday, June 21st. An excellent feature was the good striking which was upheld throughout the afternoon and evening. The towers represented were Doncaster, Ecclesfield, Sheffield Cathedral and St. Marie's, Ranmoor, Rawmarsh, Arksey, Wortley, Norton, Killamarsh, Worksop and Gainsborough. A short service conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. H. Lee, was very much appreciated, as also were the services of the organist and choir. At the business meeting, the Vicar presiding, the minutes of the annual meeting were read and confirmed. The arrangements for the next meeting in September were left in the secretary's hands. Votes of thanks to the Vicar, etc., were heartily carried.

## SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.

## To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I be allowed to state that the Saffron Walden Society rang upon Radwinter bells a peal of Superlative Surprise (5,088 changes) on March 24th, 1894; also on January 2nd, 1897, 5,024 Kent Treble Bob, and again on March 5th, 1898, 5,040 Double Norwich Court Bob. I have a record of nine peals in all that the Saffron Walden Society has rung on these bells. I thought that someone would have written about this before. T. E. SLATER.

Hunts Hill, Glemsford,  
Sudbury, Suffolk.



**SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.**

**UXBRIDGE.**—At St. Andrew's Church, for evening service, on June 29th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples in 45 mins.: J. Peddle 1, E. Hancox 2, P. E. Jones 3, F. Corke (conductor) 4, J. H. Lucas 5, E. G. Swift 6, R. Carter 7, C. A. Nicholls 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

**FAIRFORD, GLOS.**—On Sunday, June 29th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: F. J. Lewis sen., 1, F. J. Lewis, jun., 2, W. B. Kynaston 3, E. Pearson 4, H. R. Accock 5, J. Hope 6, C. J. Gardener (conductor) 7, J. Smith 8. Birthday compliment to J. Hope.

**CROYDON.**—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, June 29th, for the Patronal Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): D. Wright (conductor) 1, J. O. Weller 2, R. H. Dove 3, H. Wills 4, W. Bulpitt 5, F. Leeks 6, J. W. Trappitt 7, E. Denham 8, E. H. Everest 9, W. J. Adcock 10. First quarter of Caters by the ringers of the 2nd and 9th, who hail from Westerham and Chiddingstone respectively.

**LEWISHAM.**—On Sunday, June 22nd, at the Church of St. Mary, after evening service, on the occasion of the anniversary of the King's coronation, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): H. Warnott, sen. (conductor) 1, W. W. Fox 2, H. James 3, A. E. Darvill 4, J. Bennett 5, C. Moulton 6, J. Dafters 7, H. G. Goodwin 8.

**CAMBRIDGE.**—On June 22nd, for morning service, at the church of Our Lady of the English Martyrs, 720 Bob Minor: H. Faulk 1, V. Shorter 2, J. Quinney (first 720 'inside') 3, R. Rathbury (conductor) 4, R. Dennis 5, J. Ward 6.

**LOWER HEYFORD, OXON.**—On Sunday, June 22nd, at the Parish Church, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: G. Cuss 1, T. Kirby 2, W. Baggett 3, R. Brock 4, F. Pritchett (conductor) 5, E. Baglestone 6. First quarter-peal by the ringer of the treble. All are Sunday service ringers except the ringer of the second, who hails from Steeple Aston, Oxon.

**KEGWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.**—On Sunday, June 22nd, for children's festival services: Morning service, 720 Grandsire Minor; afternoon service, 360 Oxford Treble Bob; evening service, 720 Bob Minor. The following ringers took part: Miss F. Baxter, Miss Doris Sutton, H. Cook, A. Cook, J. Booth, S. Papworth, A. Sansom, P. Sutton, F. J. Sutton. Conductors, J. Booth and H. Cook.

**DARLINGTON.**—On Sunday, June 22nd, at the Church of the Holy Trinity, for morning service, 480 Cambridge Surprise Minor, and for evensong 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor, the following taking part: R. W. Gay, R. Jeff, G. W. Park, W. N. Park, R. Park, J. T. Titt and J. Thompson. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Thompson (now of Kendal, and for 45 years a ringer at York Minster), this being his 77th birthday.

**STOURTON, WILTS.**—On Sunday, June 15th, at the Church of St. Peter, for evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: N. V. Andrews 1, H. Andrews 2, E. G. L. Coward 3, C. F. Andrews 4, W. C. Shute (conductor) 5, J. T. Dyke 6.

**BATH.**—On Whit Sunday, June 8th, for morning service, at the Church of St. Michael, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): Mrs. A. Evans (first quarter-peal) 1, A. Jones 2, Miss N. G. Williams 3, R. J. Cousins 4, T. F. King 5, A. Evans (conductor) 6, W. J. Prescott 7, J. Hallett 8. Mrs. and Mrs. Evans are from Burnham-on-Sea, Mr. A. Jones from Putney.

**GUILDFORD.**—For evensong, on June 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,295 changes): E. G. Heath 1, E. Radford 2, F. Radford 3, E. Etheridge 4, G. Tomsett 5, W. Thorne 6, R. Radford (first on an inside bell) 7, C. Hazelden 8, S. Radford (conductor) 9, A. Collier 10.

**DOVER, KENT.**—On Sunday, May 25th, for the morning service, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: G. Eagles 1, S. A. Wells 2, J. Eagles 3, C. R. Millway 4, H. Whitehead 5, H. J. Saunders 6, C. Turner (conductor) 7, C. Hardeman 8.

**NOTICES.**

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on July 17th and 31st, \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 8th, Southwark Cathedral on the 10th, \*St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 22nd, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 24th; all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**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. Ladies are particularly asked to attend, as their annual business meeting will be held after the tea.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—A six-bell cup contest will be held at Beighton on Saturday, July 5th. Commence 3 p.m. prompt, competitors please note. A hearty welcome to all.—H. Thorpe, Hon. Sec., 104, Petre Street, Sheffield.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual general meeting at Southampton, Saturday, July 5th. Executive Committee at 11.30. General meeting 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. in St. Mary's Church. Three towers of 8 bells available. Tea at 5 p.m., Chantry Hall. Replies, Mr. W. T. Tucker, 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wirral Branch.—A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at Bebington on July 5th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. Will those who intend to be present please let me know soon?—H. S. Brocklebank, Sec.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wednesday Afternoon Guild.—A meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 9th, at Holy Trinity Church, Sunderland, in the afternoon and St. Ignatius' at night. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers invited.

**BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting and shield contest will be held at South Kirkby on Saturday, July 12th. Draw takes place at Church Institute at 2.45 p.m. Ringing commences immediately afterwards. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. A. E. Harrison, 74, Mill Lane, South Kirkby, Pontefract, not later than Wednesday, July 9th?—A. Panther, Hon. 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.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford district meeting at OLD WOKING (instead of Dunsfold) on Saturday, July 12th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Numbers for tea to me, please, by Monday, July 7th.—G. L. Grover, Merrow Cottage, East Clandon, Guildford.

**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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**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.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Ruislip on Saturday, July 12th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Cheap tickets are issued on the District and Metropolitan Railways. Tea arranged as usual. All ringers and friends welcome. — Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

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

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—The annual invitation meeting will be held at Ardleigh on Saturday, July 12th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Mr. Newth's room. All wishing to attend will they please notify me not later than Tuesday, July 8th?—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at High Littleton on July 12th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Divine service 4 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify me by the 8th inst.—R. T. Clark, Hon. Sec., Timsbury, near Bath.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Bristol on Saturday, July 12th. St. Stephen's bells (10) will be available at 2.30. Service at 4 o'clock, followed by tea and meeting at St. Thomas' Church. Ringing at St. Philip's (8) in the evening. Will all desiring tea kindly notify Miss E. Smith, 4, East Shrubbery, Redland, Bristol, by July 9th? — Edith K. Fletcher, Hon. Gen. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Colston Bassett on Saturday, July 12th. Bells (8) ready 2.30. Company's bus leaves the Black Boy Yard, Parliament Street, Nottingham, 2.30, 4 and 6.20. Returns 5.40, 7.40 and 9.55. Tea can be arranged for. Very fine peal. Come and try them.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Edwinstowe (6) on Saturday, July 12th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who notify Mr. F. Martin, Villa Real Cottage, Edwinstowe, Mansfield. Good attendance requested. Good bus services from all directions.—H. Revill and R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Sec.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Sandy on Saturday, July 12th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Tea at Notts Café at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested. Good bus and train service.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL GUILD.**—Chippenham Branch will hold their next quarterly meeting at St. Andrew's, Chippenham, on Saturday, July 12th. Bells from 3 o'clock. St. Paul's bells will also be available. Visitors are welcome. — F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., 38, Downing Street, Chippenham.

**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., 69, York Road, Reading.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Tonbridge District.—The meeting of this district will be held at Hever on July 12th. The tea will be provided at Henry Eighth Hotel, after a visit to the Castle.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.** — Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Barton-under-Needwood on Saturday, July 12th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Names for tea to be sent to me by the 9th at latest. — John Leach, Dis. Sec., 4, Vernon Terrace, Burton.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kettering Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Desborough on Saturday, July 12th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by Tuesday, July 8th?—H. Baxter, Bredon, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Hever on Saturday, July 12th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4. Tea will be provided at 1s. per head. All requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, July 8th. Permission has been obtained for members and friends to view the Castle and grounds immediately after the service.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—The Liverpool branch meeting arranged for Halewood on July 12th is cancelled.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A district meeting will be held at Owslebury and Twyford on Saturday, July 12th. Bells available 2.30. Service in Owslebury Church 4.30. Tea in the Parish Hall. All members welcome. Those requiring tea please let me know not later than Wednesday, July 9th. —C. A. Smith, Dis. Sec., Kings Somborne.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Central Division.—Meeting at Seaford, Wednesday, July 16th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (by kind invitation of Thomas Fisher, Esq.). Those desiring tea must notify the undersigned not later than Friday, July 11th.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Bury Parish Church on Saturday, July 19th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. Tea provided, as usual, for all those sending in their names to Mr. Joshua Ramsbottom, 336, Hornby Street, Bury, not later than Wednesday, July 16th. Subscriptions are due. Reports, etc., to hand.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

**ST. CLEMENT YOUTHS,** St. Clement Danes, Strand.—The annual outing will be held on Saturday, July 26th. A charabanc will leave St. Clement Danes at 1.30. As accommodation is limited to 28 early application for seats is requested. Full particulars next week.—F. W. H. Sergison, Hon. Sec.

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—A ringing meeting will be held at Turner's Hill on Saturday, July 19th. Tower opened at 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea let me know by Wednesday, July 16th? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—The next meeting will be held at Minster, Isle of Sheppey, on Saturday, July 19th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea served at the Blue Bird Cafe at 1/- per head at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Will all those intending to be present kindly let me know not later than Tuesday, July 15th?—Stanley J. T. Sherlock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Banbury & District Branch.—The annual meeting is to be held at Banbury on Saturday, July 19th. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Wednesday, July 16th. This meeting is the formal opening of this new and excellent peal.—R. R. Lewis, Hon. Sec. & Treas., 17, Easington Road, Banbury.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Flixton on Saturday, July 19th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, 1s. 3d. per head. Names to be sent to Mr. J. H. Collier, 17, Balfour Road, Urmston, not later than July 17th. Meeting after tea. Turn up in large numbers and have a good time.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

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**HERTFORDSHIRE AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS.**—A joint meeting will be held at North Mimms on Saturday, July 19th. More details in next issue.—W. Nash and C. T. Coles, Dis. Secs.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Lewisham on Saturday, July 19th. Bells 3.30 to 8.30. Tea (near by) at 5 o'clock. Number will be taken in belfry. Business at 7 o'clock in the tower.—J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Prittlewell on Saturday, July 19th. Bells (10) from 2.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea in St. Mary's Hall 5.30 p.m. Will all those intending to be present and requiring tea, kindly advise Mr. W. Dudley, 33, Guildford Road, Southend-on-Sea, by Wednesday, July 16th?—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION (North-Western District) & GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Leatherhead District).**—A joint meeting will be held at Ranmore Common on Saturday, July 26th. Tower open for ringing 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea. Those requiring tea kindly inform Mr. A. R. Pink, Railway Hotel, Dorking, not later than Wednesday, July 23rd. All ringers welcome.—D. Cooper and A. R. Pink, Dis. Secs.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—The summer meeting will be held at Birchington on Saturday, July 26th. Rev. H. A. Serres, Vicar of Birchington, has kindly offered to entertain the ringers to tea. Further particulars later.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**CENTRAL COUNCIL.**—The honorary secretary will be glad to know whether members of the Standing Committee and conveners are visiting London during July or early August (or in September), with a view to arranging a meeting, if possible.—E. Alexr. Young, 155, Rushey Green, S.E.6.

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