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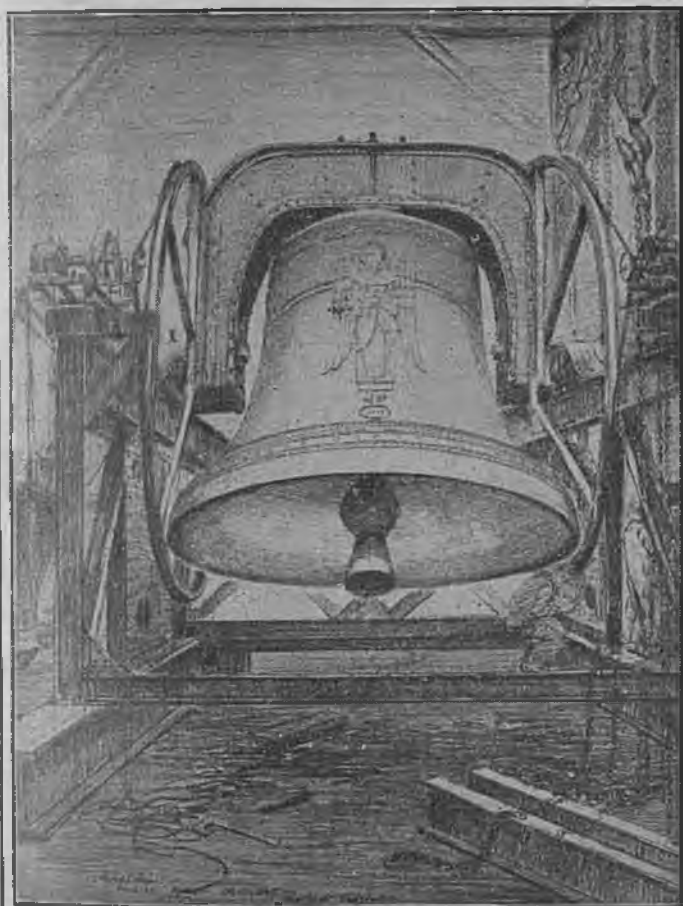
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A word of congratulation is due to those who have successfully negotiated the amalgamation of the Towcester and District Association with the Peterborough Diocesan Guild. The Towcester Association has been in existence for many years, operating in a portion of Northamptonshire, and in its earlier days uniting a number of towers which were, to some extent, at a loose end as far as organisation was concerned. The formation of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild out of the Central Northants Association and one or two 'fragments' within the diocese provided an opportunity for the creation of a single diocesan unit, which was the great objective of those who advocated amalgamation in 1924, but it fell short of complete achievement, by the disinclination of the Towcester Association to join hands at that time. Now, however, other counsels have prevailed and the members of the Towcester Association have resolved to become an integral portion of the diocesan organisation.

In these days, when the tendency among ringing societies is towards diocesan status, small territorial organisations operating independently within the sphere of a diocesan association may be a very decided disadvantage—the territorial society may be looked upon, undeservedly perhaps, as something existing for objects quite apart from service to the Church, while the diocesan organisation lacks the strength and prestige of a fully representative association. Where a territorial society is supplementary to the larger diocesan association it can, of course, serve a useful purpose, but if it exists in a condition of rivalry, or even of passive isolation, the object of the diocesan organisation in providing a united body of church workers is definitely hindered. Many of the present associations are the outcome of the amalgamation of smaller societies and the success which has attended the union of forces has been so marked that comment upon it is needless.

The benefits which have been derived in other parts of the country will doubtless manifest themselves in the Towcester district as the result of amalgamation with the Peterborough Diocesan Guild. Not only will the Guild find an added strength, but ringing in the Towcester area ought to receive a welcome impetus from the energies of the larger organisation, and, we think, an increased dignity and prestige. This joining of hands will, we hope, also lead to a considerable revival of activity in the newly acquired district of the Peterborough Guild, and promote the interests of ringing generally in that part of the county of Northants. The amalgamation is one which will be welcomed by all who have at heart the interests of the Diocesan Guild.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 2, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. DAVISON ... Treble	DAVID VINCENT ... 6
JOHN ANDERSON ... 2	HENRY B. TAYLOR ... 7
ERNEST E. FERRY ... 3	JAMES L. GRAY ... 8
*MICHAEL HARRISON ... 4	STEPHEN W. STRATFORD ... 9
ADAM DEAS ... 5	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Royal. Rung as a birth-
day compliment to E. E. Ferry and W. J. Davidson, whose birth-
days were on July 1st and 3rd respectively.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 5, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

CHARLES H. WEBB ... Treble	JOSEPH S. CARTER ... 6
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 2	JOHN OLDHAM ... 7
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 3	HAROLD G. JENNEY ... 8
PERCY HARRISON ... 4	COLIN HARRISON ... 9
WILLIAM WILLSON ... 5	FRED H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Composed by WM. PYE.

Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.

First peal of Surprise Royal on the bells. C. Harrison's first peal
of Royal and Surprise as conductor, also his 50th peal.

TEWKESBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 5, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... Treble	FRED HAWKES ... 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 2	WILLIAM RANFORD ... 7
*THOMAS W. LEWIS ... 3	WILLIAM LEWIS ... 8
HAROLD F. MARTIN ... 4	CYRIL TANSELL ... 9
REV. E. GEOFFREY BENSON ... 5	CHARLES CAMM ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal of Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LYDNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

OLIVER THOMAS ... Treble	JOHN W. DAVIS ... 5
JOHN AUSTIN ... 2	WILLIAM H. HARRIS ... 6
GEORGE POPNELL ... 3	GEORGE CONDLICK ... 7
JESSE GILLET ... 4	HENRY CHRISTIE ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD

On Monday, June 30, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

P.C. FREDERICK DIGBY ... Treble	JOHN H. CRAMPION ... 5
WILFRED WILLIAMS ... 2	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 6
GEORGE W. STEERE ... 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
NELSON ELLIOTT ... 4	CECIL W. PIPE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

Nelson Elliott, for whom this peal was arranged, is from Crawley,
Sussex, and he was elected a member of the association previous to
starting.

LISCARD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 30, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

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

JOHN BREESE Treble	LESTER L. GRAY 5
*J. NORMAN BENSON 2	JAMES F. SMITH 6
JOHN BROWN 3	G. RONALD EDWARDS 7
*DAVID HUGHES 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

* First attempt for a peal of Surprise, and first touch of Surprise Major. The conductor's 100th peal. Ringers of 1st, 2nd, 4th and tenor are members of the local band. Quickest peal of Major on the bells.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

On THE MEMORIAL BELLS OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 6000 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDERICK CARDWELL ... Treble	NOEL L. CAWTHORNE ... 5
DORICE TURNER 2	ARTHUR FIRTH 6
WINIFRED M. RYDER ... 3	T. COLIN RYDER 7
J. E. LEWIS COCKEY ... 4	FRED WATKINSON Tenor

Composed by Geo. LEWIS. Conducted by F. WATKINSON.

This method is now rung for the first time. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the fallen, this being the 14th anniversary of the decimation of the Sheffield City Battalion at Serre.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY HOVERD Treble	JOHN H. CRAMPION 5
FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 2	CECIL W. PIPE 6
EDWARD J. BEER 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
NELSON ELLIOTT 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

Nelson Elliott was elected a member of the association previous to starting for the peal.

SALFORD.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BANKES' SIX-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt.

HAROLD HOLLINGWORTH Treble	THOMAS TIMPERLEY ... 5
MISS ALICE BRIERLEY ... 2	FRANK STONELEY 6
JOSEPH SLATER 3	WILFRED J. MOSS 7
*RICHARD LONGDEN ... 4	PETER CROSS Tenor

Conducted by F. STONELEY.

* First peal 'inside.' Rung in celebration of the 700th anniversary of Salford.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 2, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

G. LINDOFF'S SIX-PART, No. 8.

Tenor 10 cwt.

RICHARD C. BELTON ... Treble	CHARLES DRAPER 5
THOMAS MEREDITH 2	JOHN H. SWINFELD 6
MAURICE SWINFELD 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
JOSEPH BAILEY 4	JOHN CURTIS Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 2, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Treble	P. C. NORMAN S. BAGWORTH 5
NELSON ELLIOTT 2	*P. C. FREDERICK DIGBY ... 6
ERNEST BRETT 3	CECIL W. PIPE 7
P. INSP. WM. BOTTRILL ... 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. E. DAVIS.

* First peal in the method.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANC.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 2, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

MRS. J. WHEWELL ... Treble	FRANK SHAW 5
J. WHEWELL 2	RICHARD BALDERSTONE ... 6
*JOSEPH TOWNLEY 3	*EDWARD BILSBOROUGH ... 7
LEONARD SCHOLES 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

* First peal. Rung as a farewell to Wm. Taylor (one of the local band), who is leaving to reside at Liverpool.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 3, 1930, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

MISS VIOLET SHORTER ... Treble	JOHN W. WARD 5
*HAROLD J. HAZELL 2	OLAVE E. BROYD 6
REGINALD LATHBURY ... 3	ROBERT YOUNG 7
BERNARD W. PETTITT ... 4	ALBERT CATTERWELL ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by A. CATTERWELL.

* Proposed a member of the association before starting the peal.

HADLOW, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 3, 1930, in Three Hours,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in A flat

GEORGE EDWARDS ... Treble	ALBERT RELFE 5
*CYRIL W. A. BROWN ... 2	CHARLES H. SONE 6
WILLIAM E. PITMAN ... 3	*WILLIAM BUTTON 7
ANDREW MARSHALL ... 4	THOMAS E. SONE Tenor

Composed by CHARLES SEVERN.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

IRTELINGBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 5, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

GEORGE BASFORD ... Treble	JAMES T. WARD 5
*FREDERICK R. PALMER ... 2	WALTER PERKINS 6
*JOHN R. MAIN 3	HARRY CHAMBERS 7
JOHN J. MAWBY 4	ANDERSON Y. TYLER ... Tenor

Composed by the REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by A. Y. TYLER

* First peal of London. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Perkins.

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BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LIANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 5, 1930, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Illtyd.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALFRED W. WRIGHT Treble	PRRKY JONES 5
JOHN W. JONES 2	HARRY BROUGHTON 6
CHARLES H. PERRY 3	GEORGE POPNELL 7
GEORGE COOK 4	ERNEST STITCH Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE POPNELL.
Rung on the eleventh anniversary of the tenor ringer's first peal.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 5, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

A. PERCIVAL ALDHAM Treble	ERNEST H. BAGWORTH 5
ERNEST MORRIS 2	WILLIAM H. CLARKE 6
CECIL E. CARR 3	FRED COTTON 7
ERNEST W. TIPLER 4	GEORGE A. NEWTON Tenor

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
First peal in the method on these bells.

PINNER, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 5, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

ROBERT H. C. COLVER Treble	WILLIAM BUNCE 5
HARRY IVE 2	THOMAS COLLINS 6
EDWARD LANKESTER 3	HARRY KILBY 7
GEORGE M. KILBY 4	THOMAS HUMPHREYS Tenor

Conducted by HARRY KILBY.

First peal by Harry Ive and William Bunce, who hail from Ruislip.

RAINHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 5, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

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

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

ERNEST J. DOBBIE Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
CHARLES H. SONE 2	THOMAS SONE 6
KENNETH PATTENDEN 3	CHARLES W. PLAYER 7
WILLIAM SPICE 4	STANLEY B. DOBBIE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

SIBSEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 5, 1930, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

*LAURENCE EVERETT Treble	FREDERICK LEGGOTT 5
ARTHUR J. FARR 2	*HARRY NICHOLS 6
FRANK DEWEY 3	JOHN G. AMES 7
RICHARD SMITH 4	†MAURICE ATKINSON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.

* First peal. † First attempt for a peal.

WILBY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, July 6, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES F. MEE Treble	*EDGAR RIVERS 5
CHARLES MEE 2	JOHN F. WOOD 6
WILLIAM J. GROOM 3	ALFRED G. RIVERS 7
ERNEST E. GRIMES 4	FRANK ROLFE Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by WM. J. GROOM.

* First peal in method.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BICKER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

At the Church of St. Swithin,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's Kent Treble Bob and three 720's Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 8½ cwt.

WILLIAM E. CLARKE Treble	*HERBERT LOUTH 4
STANLEY E. BENNETT 2	FRANK DEWEY 5
ALBERT H. BENNETT 3	FREDERICK PEARSON Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK PEARSON.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. The ringers of the treble and 2nd have now rung each bell in this tower through a peal.

WIDFORD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

A. WREN Treble	W. F. COOK 4
A. BEDINGTON 2	S. CARTER 5
J. SUCKLING 3	J. WELCH Tenor

Conducted by S. CARTER.

Ringers of treble and 3rd are from Widford, 2nd and 4th Hunsdon, 5th Lower Munden, 6th Bennington.

TRYSULL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, July 3, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, called differently. Tenor 11 cwt. (approx.).

HERBERT R. PICKERING Treble	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 4
HAROLD L. FLAVELL 2	*HARRY BOSWELL 5
ALBERT D. COLLINS 3	ALFRED FALLON Tenor

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

* First peal of Bob Minor 'inside.' First peal of Bob Minor by the rest of the band. First peal of Minor as conductor.

SALFORD, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 3, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of the Sacred Trinity,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 11 cwt.

HAROLD HOLLINGWORTH Treble	THOMAS TIMPERLEY 4
JOSEPH SLATES 2	JOSEPH HALL 5
FRANK STONELEY 3	WILFRED J. MOSS 6

RICHARD LONGDEN Tenor

Conducted by W. J. MOSS.

Rung in celebration of the 700th anniversary of Salford. First peal of Minor by all except ringers of 2nd and 3rd.

COWDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, July 5, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

JOHN J. BASSETT Treble	JAMES W. KNIGHT 4
WILLIAM G. PATERNOSTER 2	ALBERT RELFE 5
WILLIAM E. PITMAN 3	WILLIAM D. ASHDOWN Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 5, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, viz.: Double and Single Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Kent Treble Bob and Single Court. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM WILKINSON Treble	ARTHUR RIGGALL 4
FRANK P. HARWOOD 2	WILLIAM E. CLARKE 5
GEORGE W. HOUGHTON 3	HORACE M. DAY Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

First peal in eight methods by ringers of 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th, and first extents of Cambridge and Double Court by ringers of 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Phillips, the highly esteemed honorary secretary of the Eastern Branch.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

EDGBASTON RINGERS' EXCURSION.

The Edgbaston (Birmingham) ringers, together with their friends, had their annual outing on Saturday, June 28th, under the joint leadership of Mr. Harry Withers and Mr. Freemantle (sexton).

A start was made at 8 a.m., the first port of call being St. Michael's, Penkridge, Staffordshire. The bells (tenor 16 cwt.) were soon ringing out Stedman Triples. The party then proceeded to St. Mary's, Stafford (tenor 18 cwt.), where Stedman Caters and Cambridge Major were rung. Whichurch, Salop, was reached at mid-day. The bells were pulled up more or less in peal. Hardly had the band commenced to ring changes when the strong man of the party gave an extra hard pull at the second rope and broke it. This unfortunately ended the ringing here.

The turning point of the tour, viz., Chester, was reached about 2 p.m., where the party were met by Mr. H. W. Wilde. A very nice hot lunch was served at the King's Head Refreshment House, and when the 'inner man' had been satisfied a start was made for Eccleston (St. Mary's, tenor 26½ cwt.). These bells were indeed a pleasure to ring upon and to hear, and London Major, Double Norwich Major, and Stedman Triples were very much enjoyed. On the way back towards Birmingham, via Wrexham, a call was made at Shrewsbury for tea, after which the party were privileged to ring on the fine bells at St. Chad's, where a touch of Stedman Caters was rung on the ten back bells and some rounds on the twelve bells.

The one adventure of note on the way back was lack of petrol about two miles outside Shifnal, but this difficulty was soon got over, much to the relief of some members of the party. Home was reached at about 11.30, after a very enjoyable day's outing. The ringers wish to express, through 'The Ringing World,' their thanks and appreciation to the various incumbents for the use of their bells, and the towerkeepers and others who helped to make the outing the success it was.

HUGHENDEN RINGERS' TRIP.

The ringers of Hughenden, Bucks, participated in a most enjoyable outing on a recent Saturday. Leaving the home tower at 10.30, the first call was at Haddenham, but unfortunately a funeral prevented ringing there. A look round the church, however, was extremely interesting. At Buckingham, after refreshing the inner man, some good touches were rung on the fine peal of bells. Stony Stratford was then visited, and some enjoyable ringing indulged in. Newport Pagnell also have a very nice peal, and another pleasurable half hour was spent both in the tower and at the tea table. Woburn's fine ring was next sampled, and some good touches enjoyed, with the assistance of the talented band at this church. The final call was Leighton Buzzard, where further ringing took place. The ringers would like to take this opportunity of heartily thanking the Vicars and 'brother strings' at the various towers. Everybody gave the visitors a hearty welcome, and everything went off well; the weather was perfect, the country all around beautiful, and the drives between the churches very enjoyable.

FINCHLEY RINGERS VISIT CAMBS.

The annual outing of Finchley ringers was held on Saturday, June 28th, when they visited Cambridgeshire. Arriving at Melbourn, the party were welcomed by the Vicar, who conducted them to the tower. A beautiful peal of six was set going. Lunch was partaken of at Barrington on the village green. At the tower there, another nice peal of six, which had not been rung for some time, was made use of. At Stapleford the party were welcomed by the Vicar and the lovely little six were soon ringing. Tea was provided at Trumpington. Heartly votes of thanks were passed to the captain, Mr. F. A. Barker, and to the various Vicars and steeplekeepers for giving permission and having everything in readiness. The bells are in good order and go well. Several methods were rung, including Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.
SIX-BELL CONTEST.

The annual meeting, together with a six-bell contest, took place at Sandal, near Wakefield, on Saturday. The draw in the competition resulted in the teams being placed in the following order for ringing: 1 Earlsheaton, 2 Holmfirth, 3 Meltham, 4 Shelley, 5 Stainland, 6 Batley, 7 Liversedge, 8 Friezland. The length of touch was 600 changes in any method, with three leads, or one plain course for practice. Earlsheaton, for not taking their proper position, were penalised 30 faults and allowed to ring last. There was some very good ringing.

The day was beautifully fine, and the picturesque surroundings, especially the Castle Grounds, were delightful. A company of about one hundred sat down to tea, which was provided in the Parochial Hall. The organisers were again put to no little inconvenience from the fact that many had not notified their intention to be present. In a small village, tea cannot be provided at a minute's notice.

Ringling ceased about 8.30, and the meeting was held immediately afterwards, Mr. Earnshaw (Meltham) occupying the chair.

The secretary read the balance sheet on behalf of the treasurer, Mr. F. Salmons, who was unavoidably absent. The President, in moving the adoption of the balance sheet, remarked that the association was in a very healthy condition, and if the members would keep the payment of their subscriptions more up to date, things would go even more smoothly.—Mr. W. Reyner (Sandal) seconded the balance sheet, which was adopted unanimously.

Mr. Earnshaw was re-elected president, Mr. F. Salmons treasurer, and Mr. L. Hargreaves secretary.

The President moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar (Rev. A. Audley Parry), the churchwardens, and the ladies, for making the contest such a great success.

The Vicar, in reply, said how pleased he was to welcome the ringers to Sandal. It was most gratifying to him when he saw such old friends as Mr. Robinson and Mr. Reyner with them, as they were with him when he came to Sandal close on 21 years ago. In his opinion bellringers were preaching the Gospel just as much as he was. He was pleased to see such a number of young men and also young ladies present, and he asked them to stick together with one accord, and encourage the young men to continue with the art.

Mr. Reyner, referring to the Vicar's remark about sticking together with one accord, said a gentleman recently making a speech stated that he did not care whether it was accord, concord, or any other cord, as long as the cord was strong enough to keep them together. He (Mr. Reyner) thought it might be made to apply to the members present.

The judges, Mr. J. Broadley (Bradford) and Mr. W. Idle (Batley), then gave their decision as follows:—

Holmfirth (Oxford Treble Bob), 130 faults; total 130.

Meltham (Oxford), 162 faults; total 162.

Shelley (Oxford), 202 faults, 10 penalty; total 212.

Stainland (Kent), 170 faults, 10 penalty; total 180.

Batley (Duke of York), rung out.

Liversedge (Kent), 90 faults, 10 penalty; total 100.

Friezland (Oxford), 178 faults, 10 penalty; total 188.

Earlsheaton (Oxford), 223 faults, 40 penalty; total 263.

Liversedge were declared winners of the cup, and Mr. F. Hodgson (conductor) was heartily congratulated by the Vicar. They must have rung very well indeed to be placed first, he said, as there had been such good ringing.

It was resolved that the secretary should write to Longwood with regard to the next contest.

Mr. Reyner suggested that next year there should be a great Yorkshire rally of ringers, to be held, say, at Ilkley, in which all the associations in Yorkshire should be invited to take part.

A vote of thanks to judges and chairman closed a very enjoyable meeting.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.

CELEBRATION OF 307th ANNIVERSARY.

'Great Ringing Day' at Saffron Walden, celebrated on June 27th, was once again well attended, and also favoured with fine weather. This year's anniversary, the 307th in the history of the society, opened at 9 a.m. with the local hand ringing some well-struck Stedman Caters. A number of visitors from all parts arrived during the day, and many old friends met once again. Stedman Cinques was rung immediately before the service, which began at 12.30 p.m. The Vicar, the Rev. Dr. Hughes, conducted the service and preached the sermon, after which all adjourned to the Rose and Crown Hotel, where an excellent lunch was served.

The bells were kept going all the afternoon and evening, touches in various methods being rung, and a plain course of Cambridge Royal just failed to come round. Between the ringing the visitors were able to sit out in the sun on the leaded roof of the church, from which a fine view of the town and the surrounding country can be seen.

At the conclusion of the ringing in the evening, all adjourned to the Cross Keys Hotel, where the handbells were brought out, Grand-sire Caters and Bob Major being the methods rung.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

THE PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO THE LATE PRESIDENT.

In the words of the president, one cannot think of Duffield without connecting with it memories of the late Sir Arthur P. Heywood, for it was here that he had one of his seats, and in the days of the association's early activities did so much to encourage the art. Here it was on Saturday, June 28th, that the Midland Counties Association held its quarterly meeting, which, needless to say, attracted a large concourse of ringers from many parts. The ten bells were kept going during the afternoon, and again after the meeting, but the writer cannot vouch for any of the methods rung, as, owing to a heavy amount of detail work, few of the committee were able to get to the tower.

The committee met in the Church Hall and were most pleased to have with them Mrs. Chambers (widow of their beloved late president), who came specially to assist in choosing a suitable memorial to her husband. The minutes of the annual meeting were first read, and then the hon. secretary explained that the five selected committee men had met at St. Peter's, Derby—where the late Mr. Chambers was for over 20 years churchwarden—and there had met the Vicar and churchwarden. They had endeavoured to fix on a suitable memorial, but the Vicar being emphatic against either a mural tablet or stained-glass window, the choice was very small. The bells and belfry need no addition, and the Vicar suggested two 'useful'



ST. ALKMUND'S CHURCH, DUFFIELD.

schemes: (a) To erect pews at the west-end of the church replacing the chairs at present there, or (b) to put in two oak cupboards under the tower for the reception of hymn and prayer books. The committee, with Mrs. Chambers, deliberated a long time on this, Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey having kindly obtained drawings and estimates of cupboards. No one seemed kindly disposed to either suggestion, the first being too large an undertaking, the second not in keeping as a suitable memorial. Eventually it was decided to have a tablet erected either in Derby Cathedral or Littleover Church, but first to allow Mrs. Chambers to consult her brother, who is a clergyman, on the matter.

Regarding National Savings Certificates invested in the name of the late Mr. Chambers, the Hon. Treasurer explained that negotiations with the solicitors had not yet been completed, and this matter was left over until the next meeting.

At the tea which followed, about sixty ringers and friends were present from Bolsover, Chesterfield, Derby, Dore, Leicester, Loughborough, Nottingham and elsewhere. After tea, the general business meeting was held, the chair being taken by the president, Mr. E. Denison Taylor. He was supported by the vice-president (Mr. J. Griffin), the hon. treasurer (Mr. Wallace), the hon. secretary (Mr. E. Morris), Mrs. Chambers, the Vicar of Duffield (Rev. Dr. Irwin), and the churchwarden (Mr. F. Wright).

HEADING THE PEAL LIST.

The President commented on the fact that the M.C.A. again topped the list of peal ringers for the past year, which certainly was a good sign of a healthy life. He also wished, on behalf of the members of the association, to congratulate 'The Ringing World' on its one thousandth issue, especially the editor (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith) on his splendid editorials covering the whole period without a break. He also said how pleased all were to welcome Mrs. Chambers amongst them once more, and paid a great tribute to her late husband's efforts for and on behalf of the association during his office as president. He welcomed the presence of the Vicar and churchwarden of Duffield, the former of whom they were all glad to know had recently become an hon. member. The President also alluded to the connection Duffield would always have with the memory of the late Sir A. P. Heywood, who did so much to encourage the art, not only for the M.C.A. (as its second president), but for the ringing world at large. He was the founder and first president of the Central Council, aptly described by Mr. Ernest Morris as 'the ringers' parliament.'

The minutes of the annual meeting were read and passed with acclamation, and arising therefrom the Hon. Secretary explained the result of the special committee's deliberations in respect to the memorial to the late Alderman Chambers. He then asked Mrs. Chambers if she would care to say a few words to those present, which she most graciously did under the stress of great emotion. She said how grateful and touched she was that the members of the association should suggest erecting a memorial to her dearly-beloved husband, their president, and she had come specially to the meeting to be of service to them if she could in any way. She herself intended placing a memorial in the campanological world to commemorate their president, who, as all knew, worked so hard for them. Mrs. Chambers also said she would be quite willing to co-operate with the association if they so desired, and as Mr. Morris had so simply explained their suggestions, she would consult her brother and give them an early reply as to his views on the matter. She thanked the members most kindly for their cordial welcome to her, and they would understand what a trial it was to her to come, as on every occasion she had accompanied her husband. It was, however, greatly eased by their great kindness, which she appreciated very much.

An admirable report on the proceedings of the Central Council was given by Mr. William Willson, who gave an outline of most of the business and Mr. J. H. Swinfield also spoke on the matter.

New members confirmed in their election since the last meeting were 16 ordinary, 4 honorary, and 4 life.

Mr. W. E. White proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the local committee for the arrangements made for the meeting, and to the ladies for catering so excellently. The Rev. Dr. Irwin, Vicar of Duffield, suitably replied with a witty little speech. E. M.

A BELFRY ENDOWMENT FUND.

Duffield Church, with which Sir Arthur Heywood was so intimately associated, is especially favoured by having a belfry endowment fund instituted by Sir Arthur and established in 1891. It consists of £500 5 per cent. Midland Railway Consolidated preference stock, the object of the fund being to give the ringers' society an improved position in the parish by providing them with an assured salary, independent of the vote of the church authorities, also to ensure at all times a sufficient sum of money in hand to keep the bells and ringing chamber in perfect order, without any draw upon the Church Expenses Fund. His hope in thus endowing the belfry was that the proper ringing of the bells for the Sunday services would be thereby guaranteed, while the proviso, contained in the trust deed, that only half the salary be paid if half-pull ringing deteriorated into rounds or call change ringing, is intended to encourage future generations of ringers to preserve scientific change ringing. The fund provides for the payment of £2 per annum to each of not more than eight official ringers, and £1 to each of not more than two deputy ringers, and £1 to the steeplekeeper for his care of the belfry, and 6d. for each service at which only one bell is rung. The fund also provides the cost of booking peals and of a new book when necessary. Any balance may be devoted to payment for ropes, muffles, oil for bells, lighting and warming the ringing chamber, treatises on change ringing, repairing bells, bell frames, sound shutters, belfry stairs and doors, painting and refurbishing the ringing chamber, etc.

Prior to 1720 there were four bells at St. Alkmund's Church, Duffield. In that year two trebles were added, while at various times subsequently the original four were recast. This ring of six was replaced by a peal of eight (tenor 17 cwt.), cast by Taylor and Co. in 1884 and in 1887, to commemorate the jubilee of Queen Victoria two more were added by Sir Arthur Heywood.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On Monday, June 23rd, for practice, 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins.: R. Dormer (first 720) 1, F. J. Stagg (first 720) 2, C. J. Gardiner 3, J. Tuckwell 4, G. Lancaster (conductor) 5, W. B. Kynaston 6. Messrs. Gardiner and Kynaston are from Swindon, the remainder belong to the local band.

THE PEAL IN A COAL MINE.**HOW PIT LAMPS SAVED THE SITUATION.**

Our readers will have read with interest in our issue of June 27th of the ringing of the first peal in a coal mine. This was achieved by the Newcastle Cathedral Guild in the West Cramlington No. 2 pit of the Hartley Main Coal Co., Ltd., the ringing taking place in a new seam 441 feet below the surface. This performance (a peal of Grandsire Caters) ranks with other unique achievements such as the peal rung on the Irish Sea, the peal rung in a railway train, and another rung while the performers were in bed. It is interesting also to note that Mr. W. H. Barber, who conducted the peal in the coal pit, also took part in the peal rung on the sea.

The ringers in the mine were Messrs. John Anderson, W. H. Barber, W. J. Davidson, R. S. Anderson and Adam Deas, and the referees Messrs. J. E. R. Keen and Oswald Simm.

On arriving at the pit head about 4.30, on Saturday, June 21st, the ringers were met by Mr. Simm and Mr. Wilson (colliery under manager). After the group had been photographed, they were conducted to the lamp cabin, where every man received a small pit lamp. These lamps proved the salvation of the peal. From the lamp room the party proceeded to the engine room (where all cigarettes and matches had to be deposited before descending), then into the cage, which was carefully and quickly lowered to the low main seam. Then with heads down and backs bent, they proceeded through the galleries, and soon reached the 'ringing chamber,' where the walls were of solid 'black diamonds.'

A prompt start was made, and the bells rang out clearly and lively until the 18th course was reached, when suddenly out went the electric light, and darkness prevailed. However, within a second or two the pit lamps, which had been left on the 'roadside' were placed in the centre of the ringers by some of the small audience, and although this was a poor substitute it saved the situation, and the ringers were able to carry on in the semi-darkness.

Mr. Wilson, realising, however, the importance of a good light, immediately despatched a man to 'dig out' the company's electrician from his home in Cramlington, and, after what seemed like a year, though it was really 50 minutes, the electric light rays again streamed out, much to the relief of all, and especially of the worthy conductor. About 40 minutes later the peal was brought successfully to an end, and after the peal a course of Stedman Triples was rung by: J. E. R. Keen 1-2, W. J. Davidson 3-4, W. H. Barber 5-6, Oswald Simm 7-8.

The ringers take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Wilson and Mr. Simm for making the necessary arrangements and having everything in readiness for the peal.

DEATH OF OLD SURREY RINGER.

On Thursday, June 26th, the death took place of Mr. George Sayer, of Ashted, aged 81. George Sayer was a notable ringer about Surrey fifty odd years ago. He was the last survivor of the celebrated peal by four fathers and four eldest sons rung at Epsom Parish Church sixty-one years ago, which is recorded in the tower. He also took part in the first peal for the Winchester Guild at St. Nicolas', Guildford, which is recorded there, also the first peal on Ashted bells, on April 5th, 1874. During the past twenty-five years he did very little ringing. He had a short revival on the 50th anniversary of the opening of Ashted bells by ringing the third faultlessly to a peal of Grandsire Triples on December 29th, 1923; and on April 5th, 1924, the 50th anniversary of the first peal on the Ashted bells, he again rang the third, which was his last peal.

The funeral took place at Ashted churchyard on June 30th. Touches of Grandsire Triples were rung half-muffled before and after the service by the following: W. Messam, A. Dean, G. Mariner (Leatherhead), J. Beams (Ewell), J. Crawford (Epsom), W. Cook, G. A. Cook, W. H. Corbett, D. Auscombe (Ashted).

The Rector of Ashted, Rev. E. J. Austin, wishes the undersigned to thank the ringers who took part in the above ringing, also to express how much he admired the excellent striking and the deep impressiveness of half-muffled ringing.

G. A. C.

DOUBLE LITTLE BOB.

The first peal of Double Little Bob was rung at Handsworth, Yorks, on July 1st. The following are the method and the composition:—

5,000 CHANGES.**BY G. LEWIS.**

The Method.	The Peal.					
12345678	23456	B	W	H	35264	B W H
21436587	32654	—	—	2	45362	— — 3
24163857	53624	—	3		64352	— 3
42618375	25634	—	3		56342	— 3
24613857	63254	—	—			
42168375	53264	S	3		26543	— — 3
41263857	52634	—	2		42563	— 3
14628375	35624	—	3		64523	— 3
14263857	23654	—	3		Then repeat the	
	65234	—	—		first 24 courses	
	35264	S	3		twice.	

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

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

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

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

BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Towcester and District Association has joined the Peterborough Diocesan Guild as from July 1st, 1930, and will now be known as the Towcester Branch of the Guild. The Towcester Association had roughly 100 members and nearly 20 towers, so this amalgamation should lead to a considerable increase in the Guild's activities.

The recast peal of eight (tenor 22 cwt.) for St. Mary's Parish Church, Penzance, has now been installed by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. The dedication is to take place in the middle of August, notice of which will appear in our columns in due course.

In connection with the Middlesex and Hertford joint meeting at North Mimms, on July 19th, Mr. C. T. Coles asks us to state that cheap day return tickets are issued by the L. and N.E. Railway to Brookman's Park and Potter's Bar stations from King's Cross and immediate stations. Convenient trains from King's Cross are the 2.11 to Brookman's Park (change at Finsbury Park) and the 2.30 to Potter's Bar. There is also a frequent service from King's Cross to High Barnet at cheap fares, thence by the St. Albans bus.

Exactly one hundred years ago next Tuesday a peal of 5,000 New Treble Bob Royal was rung at Leeds. The 'New' Treble Bob is what is now known as Kent.

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

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday an exceedingly delightful meeting of the North Staffs Association was held at the beautiful village of Swynnerton in glorious weather. About thirty members attended from Uttoxeter, Leek, Stoke, Burslem, Brown Edge, Kidsgrove, Norton-le-Moors and Norton-in-Hales (Salop). As the village is situated some three and a half miles from the main road, the Rector (Rev. J. B. Frith) with his usual kindness conveyed the members from the main road to the church in relays in his motor-car, this mode of procedure being repeated on the return journey.

The tower contains a nice ring of six bells (tenor about 11 cwt.), which were freely used during the afternoon and evening. Tea was generously provided by the Rector, and, after this had been disposed of, Mr. J. E. Wheldon (Norton) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector, not only for providing tea but for the very good work he was doing for the association. Without doubt, he said, the Rector of Swynnerton was the most popular clerical secretary since the late Rev. J. W. Alston, about thirty years ago. He also congratulated the Rector on the great progress he had made in his ringing since the meeting there last year, especially considering the geographical isolation of Swynnerton from other towers.

Mr. S. Churton (Stoke) seconded the vote of thanks, which was supported by Mr. E. A. Ridgway (Leek).

Ringing was kept up until 8 p.m. in many different methods, and concluded by a splendid 'drop' in rounds, the band being heartily congratulated when they got outside by the other ringers who had stayed to listen to it. This concluded one of the most successful meetings of the year.

J. E. W.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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AN INTERESTING EXPERIMENT.

The President, in a valuable contribution to the Towers and Belfries Committee's report, said that during the year two interesting cases had come up as far as he was concerned. One was the case of Barnet, where the architect asked for information as to the amount and direction of the forces set up by ringing the bells in the tower. That was the first time he had heard of an architect asking this question, which was the first question any architect should ask when he had anything to do with the rehanging of the bells. He (the President) thought that was a step in the right direction. There was another interesting point. The architect himself suggested a reinforced concrete sill round the tower, built into the wall, to carry the frame and make sure that all the forces set up by ringing the bells were properly transferred to the tower as a whole and not to odd stones in the tower. The architect asked him to design a suitable beam. He got out the design and had it checked by a firm associated with his company, and he believed that beam was now in place. It was a continuous reinforced beam right round the tower, built into the walls with strengthening pieces across the corners. Another matter which came before his notice was from the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings. They were considering a frame in which, while some of the bells swung in the usual way, parallel to the walls of the tower, others swung diagonally. The society asked the question on a general principle, was it an advantage to arrange for bells to swing diagonally in a tower or the contrary? That raised an interesting question. It was some seventeen years, he believed, since he gave the Council a general statement on the problem as it then stood, and he would like to restate that to some extent now. They knew now what were the forces which they had to guard against, and they knew that those forces should be transferred to the tower in the most rigid possible way spread as far as possible over the whole of the walls. The amount of the forces was not really serious, because it was, generally speaking, less than the wind pressure on that portion of the tower above the bells in any reasonably stiff wind, so that the actual force, if properly transferred, was not at all serious. The danger was in the period of these forces—because they were regularly recurring forces—getting in tune with the natural beat of the tower at which it swung normally as an elastic body. In this case they might get a much greater movement of the tower gradually built up, and that might do very serious harm to the tower. One thing that could be done to guard against this was to be sure that the direction of the forces was so arranged that the tower should best stand up to them—that was to say, that the direction was that which would give the least movement of the tower. In a perfectly symmetrical square tower, the stiffness diagonally from north-west to south-east was exactly the same as the stiffness from north to south or from east to west. There was no getting away from that, provided that the actual masonry of the tower was sound, so that the tower was a whole piece of masonry and not separated into parts by a series of cracks.

EFFECT OF OPENINGS IN TOWER WALLS.

There were, however, no towers completely symmetrical, uniform and without openings in the walls, so they had to consider the question of towers where parts of the walls were cut away. The relative stiffness of any section of a tower could be accurately calculated. He would not go into details as to how it was done, but it was quite simple. Let them, however, take as an example a tower 14ft. square inside, with walls 3ft. thick. If they cut away 10ft. of the east and the west walls, as in the case of a western tower with an open arch and west window, the stiffness of that section of the tower from north to south was reduced to nearly 1/50th part of what it would be if the walls were continuous all round, and the stiffness east to west would be one-half of what it was with the walls continuous all round. With the stiffness in one direction reduced to about 1/50th, and in the other direction to about one-half, the diagonal stiffness was less than one-third of what it was in the original complete tower. If they went a little further and assumed a tower arch opening and west window opening 14 feet wide, so that they had walls left on the north and south sides 20 feet long and 3 feet thick, the stiffness of the section east and west was about two-fifths, and the stiffness north and south was less than one one-hundredth part of the complete section of the tower. He mentioned that as a practical example, because it was one of the commonest types of tower which they met with, and seemed to show that the heavier bells should be hung to swing east and west, if they wanted them to swing against the greatest stiffness. When they came to buttresses and other portions of the church which supported the tower, the problem became more complicated, but still to a large extent could be calculated. If to the tower which he had given as an example they put at each corner two buttresses 3 feet wide and 2 feet in depth, they increased the stiffness by approximately 50 per cent., and if in that case they had a 10 feet opening in the north and south walls, they would bring the east and west stiffness back to the figure of the original complete tower without buttresses. The north and south stiffness would be about twice what it was without buttresses. It was only right to point out that in certain particular cases a section of a tower might

be stiffer in a diagonal direction, as in the case of Northaw. There the tower rests on two walls, one on the west and one on the south side, with a single pillar in the north-east corner, and it had been confirmed by measurement that the tower was stiffest in the north-west to south-east direction, the actual movement of the tower in different directions varying directly as the force applied, and inversely as the calculated stiffness. These principles had been applied to Barnet tower, which had been somewhat damaged by the way in which the bells were arranged to swing, and partly, it was alleged, by the heavy traffic on the roads on each side of the fork where the church stands. This would be more serious on account of the comparatively shallow foundations, and also probably on account of the natural water level in the ground being lowered by drainage, which in these days was more elaborate than formerly. The two heaviest bells originally swung on the west side of the tower in a north and south direction, and the ropes were hung on opposite sides of the wheels, so that they got the worst possible arrangement for the tower. It was difficult to do anything much in the way of rearranging the bells in the frame, but the whole frame was being turned ninety degrees, so that the tenors would swing east and west next to the north wall of the tower, and he would be looking forward with considerable interest to the result in regard to the movement of the tower when the bells have been so rehung.

This speech by the president was followed by the members with the closest interest.

COST OF BOOKLET TO BE MET VOLUNTARILY.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn proposed the adoption of the report, and moved that the revised edition of the pamphlet on 'The Preservation of Bells, Frames and Fittings,' be printed as soon as possible. Canon Elsom seconded, and said the revised book would be of great use to those who were members of diocesan advisory committees.

The report was adopted, and the Rev. H. Drake, in proposing the re-election of the committee, viz., Revs. C. D. P. Davies and C. W. O. Jenkyn, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Messrs. E. A. Young and E. H. Lewis, asked whether it would not also be possible to include in the book Mr. Lewis' paper.

The President said he did not know if it could be conveniently published in the report, but it might be published later.

The Rev. E. H. Powell seconded.

Mr. F. E. Dawe said he did not agree entirely with all the funds of the Council being expended on one subject, but he thought that part of the cost of publishing the book on the Preservation of Bells might be met by subscriptions among the members themselves. He had sometimes been asked what was the good of the Central Council? Here was an opportunity for them to show that they were of some good to the Exercise. By having a subscription list for the publication of this interesting matter they would be able to meet part of the cost at any rate, and he was sure the great majority of the Council would be glad to subscribe. He would be pleased to start such a fund with a couple of guineas (hear, hear).

Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn said he was glad Mr. Dawe had made this suggestion. Mr. Dawe had spoken to him about it that morning, and he told him that the same idea was in his own mind. He would be glad to back up the suggestion with a subscription of two guineas, because he thought it was going to be a book which would be very useful to the Exercise.

A number of other members intimated their willingness to contribute, and the President asked them to communicate with the secretary. From the promises, it appeared as if the book would be printed without cost to the Council.

The Rev. E. S. Powell suggested that the book should include the chapter from Sir Arthur Heywood's book written by Mr. Lewis. It would be an extremely valuable thing to the Exercise as a whole, as Sir Arthur's book was now out of print.

The President said if they would leave it in the hands of the committee they would see what they could do in the way of publication. The motion to print the book at once was carried.

THE YEAR'S NEW RECORDS.

The report of the Records Committee, read by the hon. secretary, submitted a list of records of first peals in new methods and of progressive lengths in the same or other methods up to date. In new or differently spliced methods the list was as follows: April 5th, 1929, 5,280 Spliced Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Maximus by the Essex County Association; May 18th, 5056 Loughborough Bob Major by the Chester Guild; August 13th, 5,120 Surprise Major in ten methods by the Middlesex County Association; November 30th, 5,280 Yorkshire Surprise Maximus by the Suffolk Guild; February 12th, 1930, 5,000 Double Norwich, Double and Plain Bob and Little Bob, and Double Oxford Bob Major Spliced by the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. In progressive lengths there were: May 18th, 1929, 5,184 Spliced Plain Bob and Canterbury Pleasure Major by the Kent County Association; August 5th, 15,312 Cambridge Surprise Maximus by the Lancashire Association; November 20th, 5,760 Duffield Major by the Midland Counties Association.

To the report there was attached a note by the Rev. H. Law James as follows: 'Superlative Surprise Maximus was published in the "Bell News" by my brother, and has never yet been rung. The variation which has been rung is only an inferior variation.'

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Referring to Mr. James' note to the report, the President said so long as the figures of the method that was rung were known, the object of the Records Committee's report was complete.

The Rev. A. T. Beeston having resigned from the committee, the remaining members, the Rev. H. Law James and Mr. T. H. Beams, were re-elected, and Mr. G. Grover was added.

LEGAL COMMITTEE'S REPORT TO BE PRINTED.

Alderman J. S. Pritchett, on behalf of the Legal Committee, said that no reference had been made to them during the year. The work which the committee was appointed to do was completed when the report was presented at Chelmsford last year. The only thing now to do was to discharge the committee with thanks for their services, and he moved accordingly (laughter).—Mr. A. P. Smith seconded.

Rev. H. Drake said he did not think the work of the committee had finished. There were one or two things which might crop up, and they ought to keep the committee in existence, even if there was no work for them to do. There was one thing to do, and that was to publish the report. The committee's report ought to be printed. They had just heard a good deal about the cost of printing, but this report would not cost very much, and he would be glad to stand the expense of it (applause). It was a most important thing that there should be something in print to put before people who might raise any point covered by the report.

Alderman Pritchett said he was now the only member of the committee. Mr. Elwell was no longer a member of the Council. Mr. Milne had died, and he did not see that it was any good to keep the committee alive, unless there was something for it to do. He himself saw no further work for it.

Rev. F. Ll. Edwards said one of the duties they requested the committee to undertake was to keep an eye on legislation which might be contemplated, and it was for that purpose that they needed trained lawyers to watch over their interests and communicate with the Standing Committee in case of any emergency. The committee had defined the law as it stood so far, but something else might arise.

The President said one thing they had not referred to, and that was the unfortunate death of Mr. Milne. He thought they ought to take that opportunity of noticing that fact, and of expressing their regret and sympathy with the relatives in the usual way.

The members thereupon rose and stood in silence for a few moments.

The President added that he would propose that the committee, as suggested, be discharged with thanks for their services, and that Mr. Pritchett be asked to retain a watching brief for the Council on any new legislation which might be proposed. If he would do that, and if at any time he wanted assistance, the Standing Committee would give him permission to co-opt anybody he wanted to help him.

Alderman Pritchett said he would be happy at all times to advise the Council on all legal matters so far as his ability extended (applause).

The President said they should thank Mr. Drake for his offer to print the report of the committee, which was so very valuable (applause).

On the formal motion of the President, seconded by Mr. W. H. Shaker, the committee were discharged with thanks for their services. (To be continued.)

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The summer meeting of the Cheltenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association was held at Dumbleton on June 28th, and was attended by a fair number of members. The weather was gloriously fine, and probably this fact kept a number away, for the haymaking was in full swing in the district. The bells were started at three o'clock. A short service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. Collins Ashwin), with the organ and a full choir to support him. After service all were the guests of the Rector to an excellent tea, which was much appreciated.

At the business meeting the Rev. Collins Ashwin presided, supported by the Rector of Alderton and some 35 members of the branch. Regrets for absence were received from the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Mr. J. Austen and Mr. Jesse Gillett.

Several new members were elected, and hearty votes of thanks were accorded the Rev. Collins Ashwin, the organist, the lady helpers and, last but not least, Mr. Fred Nurdin, the energetic captain of the local tower.

The Chairman, in reply, said it always gave him the greatest of pleasure to welcome members of the association to Dumbleton, and trusted they would pay him another visit shortly.

After the meeting, some members returned to the tower, but the larger portion took the opportunity of visiting the beautiful grounds and greenhouses of Dumbleton Hall, the residence of the Right Hon. Sir Boulton Eyres Monsell, M.P. The party was conducted round by the head gardener (Mr. Gillett), and everyone was delighted with all they saw. The best thanks of the members are extended to Mr. Gillett for his courtesy.

More ringing on the bells made this one of the most enjoyable days the branch has had.

BELL RESTORATION AT BROUGHTON.

The peal of six bells at Broughton Parish Church, Lanes, have been thoroughly overhauled and relung with ball bearings and a guide for the ropes fixed to counteract the long draught, the bells being rung from the floor of the tower. The bells were rung for the first time since the restoration on Whit Sunday, when everyone was delighted with the splendid go and the great improvement which has been brought about.

The whole of the work has been carried out in a most satisfactory manner by Mr. J. E. Groves, Birmingham, and is a distinct credit to him.

AN EASTERN COUNTIES OUTING.

On Saturday, June 28th, the Helmingham and Otley bellringers had a most enjoyable day on the occasion of their annual outing. The party proceeded to Braintree, where they were met by Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Essex Association) and Messrs. L. and G. Wiffen. Here a touch of Bob Major, two courses of Stedman Triples and a course each of Cambridge and London Surprise were rung. At Dunmow, a nice peal of eight (tenor 22 cwt.) was found. A touch of Bob Major and a course each of Superlative and Pudsey Surprise Major were achieved. At Bishop's Stortford, after dinner, a visit was made to the church, where there are ten bells, and a course of Kent Treble Bob Major, a course of Kent Treble Bob Royal and a course of Grandsire Caters were rung. Then a long run brought them to Clare for tea, and, afterwards, touches of Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob Major and Grandsire Triples were brought round. The Vicar welcomed the ringers, and expressed his pleasure at hearing the bells rung. A surprise call was made at Lavenham, where Mr. A. Symonds and his son, Stedman, were called on, and kindly responded, so that the company had an opportunity of ringing on this fine peal. A course of Bristol Surprise Major and three leads of Kent Treble Bob Major were accomplished. The party wish to thank the various incumbents for granting permission to ring, and also to thank all the friends who met them at the towers.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A 'CANCELLED' MEETING.

A meeting of members of the Ely Diocesan Association took place at Soham on Saturday, when among the visitors who attended were ringers from Fyfield (Essex), Saffron Walden, Brentwood, Newmarket, Sawston, Exning, Mildenhall and others, besides the members of the local band. Ringing took place on six, eight and ten bells. Unfortunately those responsible for the appeal, 'Please try and attend this meeting,' failed to attend themselves, therefore no business could be transacted.

An informal meeting was, however, held after ringing, when general dissatisfaction was expressed that no notice was given of the quarterly meeting being cancelled, thereby causing not only disappointment but unnecessary expense to those visitors who responded to the request to attend.

The visitors were afterwards shown over the picturesque gardens of the Vicarage by the Vicar (Rev. P. F. Boughey), who also entertained the ringers to tea on the lawn.

Those present expressed to the Vicar their thanks for the use of the bells and also for his kind hospitality.

AUGMENTATION AT ALMELEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

Service at the Church of St. Mary, Almeley, on Sunday evening, June 29th, was a memorable one for the large congregation that was present to witness the dedication of a new treble bell to the memory of Mrs. C. T. Hunt. The ceremony was performed by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese (Dr. Linton Smith), who afterwards preached an eloquent sermon on the uses of bells.

The five bells in this tower had done duty since the year 1733, having been cast at the celebrated Rudhall foundry. Some time ago the question of adding a treble was brought forward, and in due course the scheme was to be proceeded with. In November last, Mrs. Cecelia Teresa Hunt passed away, and when the question of a suitable memorial to her was suggested to the Vicar by her relatives, he at once thought of the extra bell, and this was agreed to, as she had been an hon. member of the Clifford District ever since the division of the Hereford Guild into districts.

The new bell, which weighs 4 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb., and bears the simple inscription, 'Cecelia Teresa Hunt, 1929,' was cast at the Whitechapel Foundry, and makes an excellent splice. In addition, the two back bells have been put on ball bearings, and four of the original five have also had new heads of the latest type put on the clappers. Angle plates have been fitted in every corner, and vertical bolts put through all the struts of the frame. The whole cost has been borne by the relatives of the deceased lady.

Ringers were present at the dedication service from Lyonshall, Norton Canon, Staunton-on-Wye, Kingstone, Eardisley and Madley. A few rounds were rung during the service by the local band and also after the service, the district secretary (Mr. J. P. Hyett) ringing the new treble. The bells were then thrown open, but a 720 of Bob Minor failed to materialise, although conducted by the Guild Master, Mr. C. Edwards.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**NEW SECRETARY APPOINTED.**

The annual general meeting of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild was held at Southampton on Saturday last, when nearly 80 ringers were present from various towers in the Alton, Andover, Basingstoke, Christchurch, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth, Southampton and Winchester Districts. The visitors included Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Richardson (Surfleet), and Mr. J. M. Cripps (Shoreham-by-Sea). The peals of eight at St. Mary's and St. Michael's were available to the members during the afternoon and evening, and were used to full advantage. The business meeting was held in the Chantry Hall, presided over by the Master (Mr. G. Williams), supported by the hon. treasurer (Rev. Evan Jones) and the general secretary pro tem. (Mr. F. W. Rogers). Mr. G. Pulling (late hon. secretary) was also present.

The balance sheet showed a balance in hand of £48 15s. 1d. on the general account, and £23 16s. in the special purposes fund.

The election of officers (other than ex-officio) resulted as follows: Master, Mr. G. Williams; hon. treasurer, Rev. Evan Jones; recorder of peals, Mr. H. R. W. Aitken; auditor, Mr. G. Smith; Central Council representatives, Messrs. H. Barton and G. Williams.

Owing to the regretted resignation of the general secretary earlier in the year, it was necessary to elect a successor. Several prominent members were asked to carry out the duties, but declined, and as a last resource Mr. F. W. Rogers offered to carry out these duties for the ensuing year, or until such time as a permanent secretary could be found.

A discussion took place on the subject of Guild hymns and prayers at Sunday services, and also on the relationship between clergy and ringers. As the proposer of this motion was unable to be at the meeting, it was decided to defer it until the proposal could be fully explained.

On the question of the new Guild certificate, a rough sketch, drawn up by Mr. W. H. Fussell, was on view, and it was approved in principle and left to the sub-committee to decide on its final design. Mr. Fussell was thanked for his kind services.

Mr. E. C. Merritt (St. Peter's, Brighton) was elected a compounding member.

After proposals that either Portsmouth, Christchurch or the Isle of Wight should be the venue of the next annual festival, it was decided by vote that it should be held at Carisbrooke and Newport on Saturday, July 4th, 1931. The secretary was also instructed to invite the Bishop of Portsmouth to be the special preacher.

The Guild service was held in St. Mary's Church, at which the Vicar of Highfield (Rev. A. W. Chute, O.B.E.) was the preacher.

An excellent tea was served in the Chantry Hall, after which votes of thanks were accorded the Rector of St. Mary's and the Vicar of St. Michael's for the use of the respective peals of bells.

At the conclusion, the members adjourned to the two belfries for ringing until 8 p.m., the standard methods and Superlative, Cambridge, London and Bristol Surprise Major being rung.

THE DEVON GUILD.*To the Editor.*

Sir,—The report supplied to you of the annual meeting at Exmouth of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers stultifies itself. According to the concluding paragraph, 'the keen interest shown would appear to belie the allegation that the Guild has reached its decay.' But the report of the general committee, given earlier, says: 'Only 15 peals have been rung, compared with 27 in 1928. While peal ringing is not the sole aim of the Guild, it is undoubtedly an index of progress, and this falling-off, together with a decline in membership, are factors that give the committee some anxiety.' The compiler of the report of the meeting undoubtedly attempted to put the Guild in as favourable a light as possible, but those who have the best interests of the Guild at heart cannot agree with the policy of letting things go by default.

The decline and the causes that have contributed to it are matters that demand serious consideration. Attempts were made at the meeting to propound ideas that might be helpful, but the closure was relentlessly applied, and only one or two who refused to be brow-beaten succeeded in getting a reasonable hearing. Their challenge that the Guild membership had declined could not, apart from some quibbling about details, be denied, and there was no satisfactory answer to the assertion that a great deal of bad striking, mainly associated with even-bell methods by immature performers in various parts of the county, where call change ringing is usually carried out with beautiful rhythm, had done and would do much harm to the reputation of the Guild. There was some abuse of local and other critics of the Guild, including yourself, as Jeremiahs, and I was tempted to use Jonahs by way of retort, but refrained, as personalities are neither dignified nor desirable. It is not a comforting reflection that about a third of those who took part in the business felt compelled to break away from the traditional procedure and offer opposition to the present regime. That third includes a big proportion of the most experienced and most thoughtful members of the Guild. I am ready to bear tribute to the enthusiasm that has been shown, but venture to suggest that it should be tempered by consideration for others.—Yours truly,

A. W. SEARLE.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.**VISIT TO SUTTON COLDFIELD.**

The summer quarterly meeting of the above Guild was held on Saturday, June 28th, under very pleasant climatic conditions, at the ancient and royal borough of Sutton Coldfield, which is situated in lovely country about eight miles north-east of Birmingham. The bells of the Parish Church of the Holy Trinity were kept going in various methods from three o'clock to 4.30, when a shortened form of the Guild's service was conducted by the Rector (Canon W. J. Lyon, M.A.), who gave, instead of the usual address, an interesting account of the church. This dates from the latter half of the 13th century. The massive tower was restored by Bishop Vesey in 1533, and the whole of the church, with the exception of the base of the tower and part of the east wall, was restored in 1761. About three years ago the restoration of the interior of the church was taken in hand, and the whole work was completed last year. Features of interest are the fine specimen of Norman font, with its interlacing carving and remains of the bolts and hinges, the carved oak screens which once formed part of the communion rails in Worcester Cathedral, several fine stained glass windows and the Vesey Chapel in the north aisle, which contains the tomb of Bishop Vesey, with recumbent effigy, restored to its original beauty. The inscription on the tomb is as follows: 'Beneath lie the remains of that pious and learned Prelate, John Harman, alias Vesey, who was promoted by King Henry VIII. in the 11th year of his reign to the See of Exeter; was employed by him on sundry embassies; was tutor to his then only daughter, the Lady Mary, and President of Wales. So great was his affection for this his native place that he spared neither causes nor pains to improve it and make it flourish. He procured it to be incorporated by the name of a Warden and Society of the King's town of Sutton Coldfield, granting to them and their successors for ever the Chase, Park and Manor. He built two aisles to the church and an organ; erected the Moot Hall with a prison in it; a market place, 51 stone houses; 2 stone bridges (one at Curdworth and one at Water Orton), paved the whole town; gave a meadow to poor widows; and for the improvement of youth founded and endowed a free Grammar School. He built the Moor Hall, where he spent the latter part of his life in hospitality and splendour; saw for many years the effects of his munificence, and died in the 103rd year of his age in the year of our Lord 1555.' The Vesey Chapel is enclosed by a fine oak screen erected in memory of the late Rector, Canon Barnard, who was greatly revered by all who knew him.

Tea was partaken of at 5.30, and was followed by the usual business meeting, at which the presiding Ringing Master, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, took the chair.

An interesting account of the proceedings at the recent Central Council meeting was given by the chairman, supported by Mr. A. P. Smith.

Several new members were elected, and it was agreed to hold the next meeting at Handsworth Parish Church on Saturday, October 4th. A vote of thanks to the Rector for his interesting address and use of the bells, proposed by Mr. A. P. Smith, seconded by Mr. Albert Walker, concluded the business.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Irish Association was held at Arklow on Whit Monday, over eighty members attending from various centres. The Arklow ringers kindly entertained the members to luncheon and tea, which was greatly appreciated by all.

The business meeting was held under the chairmanship of the president (Rev. W. B. Allman, M.A.).

The report for the past year showed that good work was being done all over Ireland.

Rev. W. Carroll, Rector of Arklow, was elected president, Mr. W. Gibson treasurer, Mr. G. Lindoff hon. secretary, Mr. R. S. F. Murphy (P.C.), and G. Lindoff representatives on the Central Council.

Twelve new members were elected and Dublin selected for the annual meeting next year.

The bells of St. Saviour's Church were kept going to touches of Plain Bob, Grandsire Triples, Stedman and Treble Bob.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A very successful meeting of the Farnham District was held at Bentley on Saturday, June 22nd, when about 25 members and friends attended from Aldershot, Farnham, Hawley, Farnborough, Seale and Bentley. Ringing commenced at three o'clock, and later the Guild service was conducted by the Rector of Bentley (the Rt. Rev. Bishop Chandler).

Tea was served on the lawn at Linden Cottage. The District Ringing Master (Mr. R. Hasted) was in the chair for the business meeting, supported by Major H. M. Gale, of Hawley. Two ringing and six honorary members were duly elected.

Votes of thanks to the Rector, the organist, the local band, and to the ladies who prepared tea, were carried with acclamation.

The tower was then revisited and the bells kept going in various methods until 8.30 p.m.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**A LIBRARY ESTABLISHED.**

In beautiful weather and amid glorious surroundings, the mid-summer meeting of the Northern Branch of the above association was held at Chaddesley Corbett on Saturday, June 28th. Although the village is well off the beaten track, about 60 members attended from Kidderminster, Bromsgrove, Acoley Kings, Hartlebury, Belbroughton, Clent, Hagley, Oldswinford, Stourbridge, Lye, Old Hill, Kinver, Wordsley, Wellaston, Brierley Hill, Dudley and Smethwick, the branch being thus well represented. Service was held in the village church, and was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. H. D. Thatcher), who also gave an eloquent address. Tea was served in the billiards hall of the Swan Hotel. The Vicar presided at the business meeting which followed, and was proposed as an honorary member, while the two companies of Stone and Cradley were elected as ringing members.

The Secretary stated that he had received a very kind invitation from Miss F. E. Thatcher, of Clent, to hold the next branch meeting at Clent. Mr. Quarry (churchwarden), of Wordsley, said he and his fellow-ringers had come to that meeting for the express purpose of inviting the branch to Wordsley for the next meeting, but he added that he would be content to withdraw his invitation in favour of Clent, providing the branch favoured them for the January meeting.—It was ultimately decided to accept Miss Thatcher's kind invitation to Clent for the September meeting, and Mr. Quarry's for the January meeting.

The Secretary made reference to the loss the association had sustained by the death of Mr. M. Hackett, of Halesowen. The deceased was very highly respected by all sections of churchworkers, and it was resolved that a letter of sympathy should be sent to the family, the members present standing in silence for a few moments.—Mr. J. Cox replied on behalf of the Halesowen band.

Mr. H. Mason moved a vote of thanks to Mr. T. J. Salter for the good work he had done in assembling such a fine collection of books for the association's library.

Mr. Salter said it had been his ambition for years for the association to have a good library, and it had been a great pleasure to him to do what he could to start it. The librarian, Mr. W. Cooper, of Lye, gave his report, and mentioned the advantages to be obtained by making good use of the books at the disposal of members.

The Secretary moved a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for all the arrangements he had made for the comfort of the visitors, and this was carried with applause.—Mr. Salter moved a vote of thanks to the organist, and the Vicar replied.

The members then paid another visit to the tower, and touches in different methods were indulged in until well after eight o'clock.

The collection at the service for the belfry repairs fund realised 12s. 6d.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On Sunday, July 6th, for evening service, at St. Michael's Parish Church, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: H. Wacey 1, F. Springham 2, H. M. White 3, Rev. F. W. Lane 4, W. T. Prior 5, W. W. Tucker 6, F. Bird (conductor) 7, E. Ansell 8. This quarter-peat was arranged to celebrate the golden wedding of the Rev. Canon H. T. Lane and Mrs. Lane.

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, July 6th, for evensong, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: Major H. M. Gale (Hawley) (first quarter-peat) 1, C. W. Denyer (conductor) 2, P. L. Eldridge 3, W. H. Viggers 4, A. Cox 5, H. Tinsey (Seale) (first quarter-peat) of Triples 6, W. Denyer 7, R. Chance (Grenadier Guards) 8.

ABERAVON, GLAM.—On Sunday, July 6th, for evening service, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 45 mins., 7.8.8 covering: W. Williams 1, A. J. Pitman (conductor) 2, W. J. Norton 3, W. E. Wiseman 4, C. Mathers 5, G. Chappell 6, F. E. Stone 7, J. Weathersby 8. Rung to oblige the ringer of 4th, who could not ring Triples, and hails from Biddisham, Somersetshire.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, July 6th, for morning service, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: T. Marshall 1, H. Wright 2, R. T. Evans 3, H. T. Hughes 4, W. B. Kynaston 5, R. Edwards 6, R. Kynaston (first quarter-peat as conductor) 7, E. H. Kynaston 8.

NEWDIGATE, SURREY.—On Sunday, June 22nd, at St. Peter's Church, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor in 23 mins.: Miss Wilkins 1, G. Horley (first 720) 2, Mrs. W. Spooner 3, W. Spooner 4, E. Vine 5, R. Brett (conductor) 6. All are Sunday service ringers.

NOTICE.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Huntingdon.—A meeting will be held at Godmanchester on Saturday, July 19th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, July 15th?—D. Clarke, 36, Cromwell Gardens, St. Neots, Hunts.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on July 17th and 31st, *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.

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.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on July 12th at the Parish Church, Llanfigan. 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 Dunsford) on Saturday, July 12th. Bells available 3 o'clock.—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.

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.—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.

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.—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.—R. T. Clark, Hon. Sec., Timsbury, near Bath.

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.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Colston Bassett on Saturday, July 12th. Bells (8) ready 2.10. Coy'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.

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, to members, 2s. 6d. on day of festival; 3s. to non-members.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

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.—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.—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. 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.—C. A. Smith, Dis. Sec., Kings Somborne.

LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Bristol on Saturday, July 12th. St. Stephen's bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at St. John's-on-the-Wall 4.15. Tea at Carwardine's Café, Baldwin Street, 5.15, when members of the Guild will be the guests of the Bristol United Guilds. Business meeting to follow. Ringing at St. Philip's in the evening.—Edith K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The branch meeting arranged for July 12th at St. Helen's, Garstang, is postponed.—F. Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

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.).—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.

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.

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 Café 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. Shellock, 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.

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.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Herts and Beds Joint Meeting.—A meeting will be held at Hitchin on Saturday, July 19th. Bells (8) ready 2.45 p.m. Tea is being arranged at the Grange at 5.30. A postcard if you want tea would be a great help for catering purposes. Everyone welcome. Come early and stay late. Postcards to D. C. Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Offley, Hitchin; C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., Sandy, Beds.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 19th, at Billingborough. Bells (6) available during the afternoon and evening. Service in the church at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting at Tateson's Café. Will those intending to be present for tea please notify me by Wednesday, July 16th?—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Lincs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Dore on Saturday, July 19th. Christ Church (8 bells, tenor 114 cwt.) available 2.30 to 7.30 p.m. Tea in the schools 5 p.m., 1s. each, guaranteed *only* to those who notify the undersigned by the previous Thursday. At 3.30 p.m. a 'centenary' peal tablet will be unveiled by Mrs. A. J. Grant, of Door Moor House. All visitors welcome. Members of the Peak District who have not already done so are earnestly requested to pay their subscription and to obtain any reports they require.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leamwood, Dore.

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.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at Alsager on Saturday, July 19th. Bells (8). Will those intending being present kindly let me know on or before July 16th?—Richard D. Langford, 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Southam on Saturday, July 19th. Bells (8) available during afternoon and evening. Tea at 5 o'clock at the Black Dog. Business meeting to follow.—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuncaton.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Prees, near Whitechurch, on Saturday, July 19th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Tea 4.30, followed by meeting. All ringers welcome. Please send number for tea before the 15th to the Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting of the Guild will be held at Appledore, by invitation of the president, the Rev. M. M. Vischer, on Saturday, July 19th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea (free) 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden, Kent.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Pitminster on Saturday, July 19th. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow. Anyone requiring tea, please notify by Tuesday, July 15th.—P. Merson, Bishops Hull.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—A combined meeting of the Hinckley and Leicester Districts will be held on Saturday, July 19th. Bells of St. Thomas', South Wigston (8) available from 3 p.m. till 5 p.m., and All Saints', Wigston Magna (8) from 6 p.m. till 8 p.m. Tea in St. Thomas' Schools, South Wigston, at 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea please be sure to inform Mr. A. Disney, 3, Highgate, Aylestone Lane, Leicester, not later than Wednesday, July 16th. All ringers and friends heartily welcome. Let's have a really good meeting!—W. Cope and A. Disney, Hon. Secs.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at East Meon on Saturday, July 19th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Will all those requiring tea kindly inform me by Tuesday, 15th? All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Easton Maudit on Saturday, July 19th. The arrangements will be as usual. A special bus will leave the Market Square, Wellingborough, at 2.45. Return fare 1s. Will those who wish to travel by bus and require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, July 15th?—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

HERTFORDSHIRE AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS.—A joint meeting will be held at North Mimms on Saturday, July 19th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at a nominal charge after. A train leaves Finsbury Park at 2.17 arriving Brookman's Park at 2.50. Half hourly bus service from St. Albans passes the church. All ringers and friends welcome, but a postcard of your intended visit by the 17th would be very much appreciated by either of the undersigned.—W. Nash, North Mimms, Hatfield, and C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, Highams Park, E.4.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Welton (5) on Saturday, July 19th. Usual arrangements. Will members requiring tea kindly notify me as early as possible?—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Come to Bromham on Saturday, July 19th, and try the fine toned peal of 6, available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Let us have a record meeting. Visitors welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Dis. Sec., Staggsden.

SATURDAY, July 19th. Abbots Langley. Bells open 3.30. Tea 5.30. Cheap fares from all stations to Kings Langley. Fast train from Euston 2.40; also electric trains to Watford and bus to Abbots Langley. Number for tea by 15th to Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—A meeting will be held at Fakenham on Saturday, July 19th, at 2.45 p.m.—W. B. Duncan, Branch Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Quorn, St. Bartholomew's Church, on Saturday, July 19th. Bells (8) will be ready 3.30. All ringers are welcome.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—A meeting will be held at Eckington on Saturday, July 19th. Service at 5 p.m. Tea provided by the Vicar, the Rev. A. W. Fletcher. Please let me know who is coming by the Tuesday previous.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Long Sutton on Saturday, July 19th. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Tea 4.45 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by July 15th?—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Eynsford on Saturday, July 26th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 1s. 3d. per head. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, July 22nd. Half fares up to 2s. paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

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.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Flamstead (bells 6) on July 26th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by a tea in the village, at 1s. per head. Will those intending to be present notify me by the 22nd? All ringers welcome.—J. Puplett, Hon. Sec., Aylesbury Road, Tring.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A special Guild meeting will be held at Hazelbeech (a new ring of eight) on Saturday, July 26th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.15. Mrs. Ismay is kindly providing tea at 5 p.m. for those who send in their names to either the Master or the general secretary to reach them by first post Monday, July 21st. — R. G. Black, Gen. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering.

ST. CLEMENT YOUTHS.—St. Clement Danes, Strand, W.C.—The annual outing has been arranged for July 26th to Saffron Walden and Dunmow. A charabanc will leave headquarters at 1.30 p.m. As accommodation is limited early application for seats is requested. Members 5s. each, including meat tea.—F. W. H. Sergison, Hon. Sec.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Llantwit Major (Glam.) on Saturday, July 26th. Bells (6) available. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, near Warrington, on Saturday, July 26th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. — Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton, Lancashire.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Our next meeting will be held at Burnley Parish Church on Saturday, Aug. 2nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. A good attendance requested. — F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

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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