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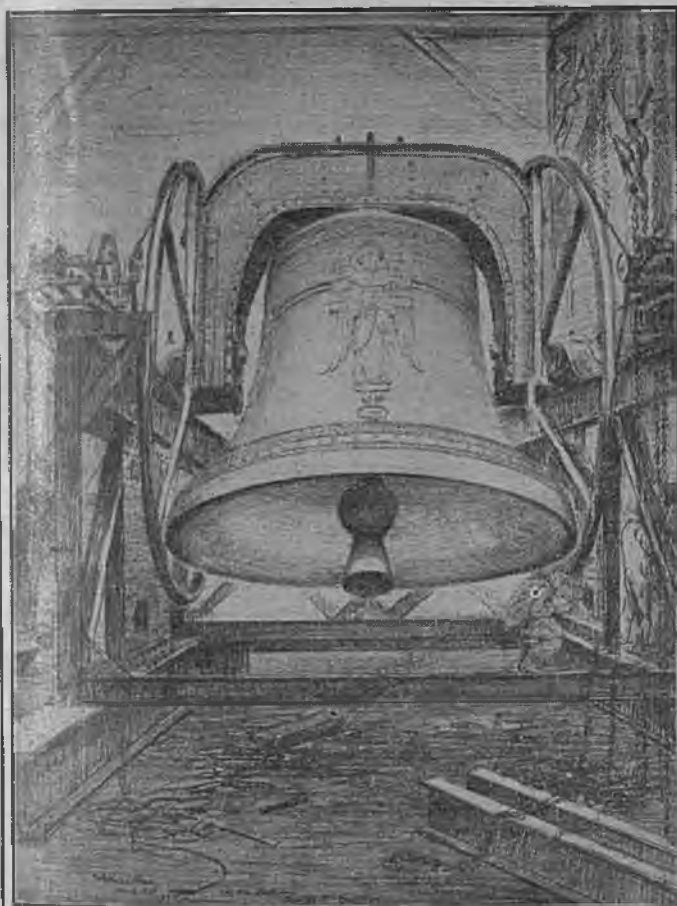
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### THE COUNCIL & THE ASSOCIATIONS

The relationship between the Central Council and the associations has been much discussed in our columns from time to time. We have always been in favour of a closer tie between the two and for that reason we are glad that the Council decided to approach the associations with a request that they will adopt some resolution by which, in effect, they would pledge themselves to be affiliated to the Council and abide by its rules and decisions. As we have more than once pointed out, some of the associations and guilds have already included such a decision in their rules, but the majority make no reference to the subject, and some, in the past, have deliberately refused to acknowledge the Council in any such way. We hope that this fresh approach by the Council will lead to a general acceptance of the principle that the Council, which is an assembly elected by the associations, deserves the loyal support of those who appoint the members, and that the decisions, come to by the Council, incorporating as they do the considered opinion of the most representative body of the Exercise, should be accepted and recognised.

Whether we like it or not, the Council is growing more and more into a body which is expected to represent, and where necessary, carry out the wishes of the associations. There are still members who prefer the atmosphere of the Council to be that of a body of perfectly independent action, that is to say of an organisation setting itself up as an authority but responsible to nobody and living on the hope that its decisions will be acceptable to the Exercise. That may have been all right in the early days, before territorial associations themselves had found their feet, and before the Council really knew the part that it should play in co-ordinating the practice of ringing and matters appertaining to it. But times have changed, and the majority of the associations do not now pay affiliation fees and travelling expenses merely to give a favoured few of their number an interesting holiday in some distant city, there to settle to their personal satisfaction any questions that may be put before them. If that were so, reluctance to recognise the Council's rulings could well be understood; but in these days associations, for the most part, take a different view of the position. Where they have opinions on any subject which may be before the Council, they expect those opinions to be represented by those whom they elect, and it can only be by a recognition of this principle in the Council that loyalty to decisions of the Council can be expected from the associations. It seems to us that the two things must go hand in hand and when, later, the Standing Committee review the existing rules it must bear this

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aspect in mind. Associations can only be expected to give their full allegiance, if the Council is composed of association representatives and not, as in the view of some members at present, of members who, once appointed, represent themselves only. If this is made clear, there is not one of the constituent bodies who would, we imagine, decline to pledge their loyalty while affiliated to the Council, for, as the point was aptly put, the associations themselves expect loyalty from their own members, and it is, therefore, not too much to expect them in turn to be loyal to their own central organisation.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, July 13, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ARTHUR J. MARTIN ... .. Treble	*WALTER H. RAXTER ... .. 5
THOMAS W. LEWIS ... .. 2	HAROLD F. MARTIN ... .. 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 3	CYRIL TANSELL ... .. 7
DENNIS R. MORRIS ... .. 4	†JAMES WATTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL TANSELL.

\* First peal of Triples. † First peal.

HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, July 14, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... Treble	*JACK BRAY ... .. 5
H. LESLIE PASK ... .. 2	†WILLIAM STEVENSON ... 6
*HARRY CARTER ... .. 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... .. 7
JOHN WALDEN ... .. 4	HAROLD MARCON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

\* First peal of Stedman. † First peal. Mr. W. Stevenson hails from Newark Parish Church.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, July 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

ERIC SANT ... .. Treble	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 5
HARRY BOSWELL ... .. 2	ALBERT D. COLLINS ... .. 6
W. A. JONES ... .. 3	ALFRED FALLON ... .. 7
H. L. FLAVELL ... .. 4	JAMES SHAW ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. FALLON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a memorial peal to the late Mr. A. James, a ringer at the above church, and the late Mr. Taylor, a Sunday School teacher.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ALBERT E. WHITING ... Treble	GEORGE BENNETT ... .. 5
GEORGE WHITING ... .. 2	ERNEST E. LANHAM ... .. 6
LESLIE G. BRETT ... .. 3	T. WILLIAM LAST ... .. 7
JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... 4	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by L. C. WIGHTMAN.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the above Guild.

## TONBRIDGE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 16, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

GEORGE EDWARDS ... .. Treble	ERNEST B. CROWDER ... .. 5
THOMAS E. SONE ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... .. 6
WILLIAM E. PITMAN ... .. 3	GEORGE H. DAYNES ... .. 7
FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON ... .. 4	ALBERT RELEF ... .. Tenor

Non-Conducted.

Umpire: W. CROUCHER.

Mrs. Pitman sat in the belfry throughout the peal.

OSWALDTWISTLE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 16, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

MRS. J. WHEWELL ... .. Treble	THOMAS HOWARTH ... .. 5
*HARRY HOWARTH ... .. 2	LEONARD SCHOLES ... .. 6
JOHN CAVANNAGE ... .. 3	RICHARD BALDERSTONE ... .. 7
ARNOLD BRUNTON ... .. 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

\* First peal.

## SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

## THE DURHAM &amp; NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, July 17, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE S. TAYLOR ... .. Treble	ROBERT L. PATTERSON ... .. 5
MICHAEL F. HARRISON ... .. 2	JOSEPH W. PARKER ... .. 6
HAROLD E. DITCHBURN ... .. 3	THOMAS H. REEVES ... .. 7
JOHN J. LEIGHTON ... .. 4	WILLIAM ARMOUR ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. REEVES.

Arranged for Mr. Thomas H. Reeves, of Birmingham, on a visit to the town. Mr. H. B. Ditchburn has now rung a peal on each bell in the tower.

## BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, July 17, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*ALLISON PURDOM ... .. Treble	WILLIAM GRACE ... .. 5
CYRIL BRETT-SMITH ... .. 2	JOHN LYDDIARD ... .. 6
WILLIAM MARTIN ... .. 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
OSCAR GILBEY ... .. 4	*CYRIL LING ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

\* First peal.

## CRAYFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 3
WILFRED WILLIAMS ... .. 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 6
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 3	JAMES PARKER ... .. 7
MRS. E. K. FLETCHER ... .. 4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHEROOK.

Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

## FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, July 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. GROOM ... .. 2	DAVID VINCENT ... .. 6
WILLIAM C. ROMSEY ... .. 3	LESLIE G. BRETT ... .. 7
GEORGE BENNETT ... .. 4	THOMAS WM. LAST ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by WILLIAM C. ROMSEY

Arranged to oblige the ringers of the 6th, who hails from Sunderland. It was his first peal of New Cambridge.

## OVER, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 19, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

ROBERT SPERRING ... .. Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... .. 5
GEORGE R. JONES ... .. 2	JAMES SWINDLEY ... .. 6
JOHN HAYES ... .. 3	SAM JONES, JUN. ... .. 7
HARRY F. HOLDING ... .. 4	JAMES H. RIDING ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

Rung on the seventh anniversary of the 17,280 Kent Treble Bob Major rung on the same bells by the same band.

## ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 19, 1930, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

HAYDN THORPE ... .. Treble	JOHN THORPE ... .. 5
PERCY JERVIS ... .. 2	SIDNEY F. PALMER ... .. 6
WILLIAM A. WOOLER ... .. 3	WILLIAM H. TURTON ... .. 7
ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... .. 4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS.

This composition, now rung for the first time, contains the 6th the extent Wrong, and the 4th, 5th and 6th the extent in 6th's place, all at five course-ends.

## QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1930, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*ROLAND KENDALL ... .. Treble	*HARRY WILDE ... .. 5
*ARTHUR SKELTON ... .. 2	†TOM SMITH ... .. 6
EDGAR WHITELEY ... .. 3	CECIL DRAKE ... .. 7
*SAM LONGBOTTOM ... .. 4	WILLIAM AMBLER ... .. Tenor

Composed by REV. H. EARLE BULWER.

Conducted by WM. AMBLER

\* First peal in the method. † First peal, and proposed a member before starting. All members of the local company.

## PATTINGHAM, STAFFS.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, July 19, 1930, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.).

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

Conducted by HARRY BOSWELL.

First peal as conductor.

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DEPTFORD, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 14 cwt.	
WILLIAM A. MARTIN	... Treble	FREDERICK W. THORNTON	5
JOHN J. LAMB	... 2	ERNEST B. CROWDER	5
*CHARLES ELLIOTT	... 3	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES	7
FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON	4	†ARTHUR P. CANNON	... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal, and elected a member in the belfry. Rung to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the consecration of St. John's Church, July 19th, 1855.

LEYTON, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARV,

**A PEAL OF SPLICED SUPERLATIVE AND CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 8½ cwt.	
JOSEPH WAGBORN, JUN.	... Treble
JOHN A. WAUGH	... 2
*JOHN H. CRAMPION	... 3
WILFRED WILLIAMS	... 4
EDWIN F. PIKE	... 5
JAMES E. DAVIS	... 6
ERNEST BRETT	... 7
CHARLES W. ROBERTS	... Tenor

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

\* 100th peal. This peal contains 3,200 Superlative and 1,856 Cambridge, and is the first peal of Spliced Surprise Major by the association. The ringer of the 4th was elected a member of the association previous to starting the peal.

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

On Saturday, July 19, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.	
*VICTOR EVANS	... Treble
JOHN EVANS	... 2
JAMES W. WILKINS	... 3
FREDERICK G. BIGGS	... 4
ARTHUR G. JAMES	... 5
RALPH H. BIGGS	... 6
†PERCY NEWTON	... 7
ROLAND BIGGS	... Tenor

Composed by H. T. TUCKER. Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.

\* First peal on a working bell. † First peal in the method. First peal of Major as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 7th.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.  
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Saturday, July 19, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,  
**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;**  
E. MORRIS' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 28 cwt.	
SYDNEY HILLIER	... Treble
ERNEST F. WHITE	... 2
JESSE FRANCIS	... 3
WILLIAM C. WEST	... 4
HARRY MOCKRIDGE	... 5
NORMAN V. ANDREWS	... 6
WILLIAM E. FLETCHER	... 7
EDWARD C. MARLOW	... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. FLETCHER.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled by members of the Devizes Branch of the Guild as desired by the general secretary in memory of the late Earl of Radnor, who was a vice-president of the Salisbury Guild and who passed away on June 25th. He was also Lord Lieutenant of the county. The Guild desire to thank the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells for this peal, and also Mr. Marlow for having everything in readiness.

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On Saturday, July 19, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAUGHAN,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.	
GEORGE POPNELL	... Treble
WILLIAM PIKE	... 2
GEORGE HAWKINS	... 3
ARTHUR HAWKINS	... 4
PERCY JONES	... 5
DONALD CLIFT	... 6
A. A. RACKHAM	... 7
SYDNEY T. RACKHAM	... Tenor

Composed by HOPGOOD. Conducted by G. POPNELL.

Messrs. W. Pike and P. Jones were elected life members of the Guild, and Messrs. G. and A. Hawkins members prior to the commencement of the peal.

## SIX BELL PEALS.

WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, July 13, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 11 cwt.	
ALPHAUS J. BERRY	... Treble
*RUSSELL E. WARD	... 2
PERCY L. JOHNSON	... 3
KEITH WHITTLE	... 4
DAVID WHITING	... 5
GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	... Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

\* First peal of Minor.

DEVIZES, WILTS.  
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(DEVIZES BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, July 16, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, SOUTHBROOM,

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

Tenor 9 cwt. in A flat.	
*ALBC T. WEEKS	... Treble
CHARLES D. HEGINBOTHOM	2
GEORGE WINTER	... 3
SIDNEY HILLIER	... 4
WILLIAM A. SWIFT	... 5
FRANK GREEN	... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. SWIFT.

\* First peal. Rung in honour of the 87th birthday of Mr. Henry Brownlee West, of Devizes, a vice-president of the Salisbury Guild, and for many years the hon. secretary of the Devizes Branch.

## AMONG SUFFOLK TOWERS.

Chelmsford ringers had their outing on Saturday, July 19th, when the party, numbering twenty, left Chelmsford at eight o'clock for a tour in South-East Suffolk. About a mile from Colchester the main road was left behind, and they entered the pretty border country, which will live for ever in so many of John Constable's pictures. About 9.45 the party reached Hadleigh, where it was proposed to have the first pull. Here, too, they met the Earls Colne band, who were apparently making a similar itinerary. By the kindness of the Dean's wife, some short touches of Stedman and Grandsire were rung on this tuneful peal of eight, but as the Dean was ill, the singers moved on, pleased to have been able to inspect the church and hear its bells, if only for a few moments. The next stop was at Stowmarket, where touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Double Norwich were rung on the fine peal. Pushing on through peaceful country lanes, catching a glimpse here and there of pretty little village churches nestling in the trees, Stonham Aspal was reached, with its tower topped by a wooden cage, in which hang ten bells, the gift of a former ringing squire. The bells were soon going to Grandsire Caters in very tuneful fashion. A welcome lunch at the Red Lion, Debenham, had been arranged for by Mr. Ramsey, a local ringer, who met the party. After lunch, the church was viewed, but the bells could not be rung owing to the tower being cracked. A move was then made to Framden, another village with eight bells. Here Grandsire, Stedman and Cambridge Surprise Major were rung and enjoyed. The next church visited was Helmingham, where touches of Bob Major, Superlative and Grandsire convinced the company of the prettiness of its ring of eight. Here they took leave of Mr. Rumsey and pushed on to Henley, where the Rev. W. C. Pearson, himself a ringer, met them. On this light peal of eight, some touches of Stedman and Kent Treble Bob were enjoyed. Then to Ipswich and tea. This was enjoyed about 6.30 p.m., and the party afterwards adjourned to St. Mary-le-Tower for touches of Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Royal—a fitting end to the ringing side of the day. Leaving Ipswich about 9 p.m., Chelmsford was reached about 11, everyone agreeing that the trip had been a most delightful one.



## M.C.A. AND LICHFIELD DIOCESE.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Re Mr. John Perry's letter in your issue of May 23rd last, and your report of the annual meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, held July 5th, and 'the Midland Counties Association of Change Ringers for the Dioceses of Derby, Leicester, Lichfield and Southwell,' I do not think Mr. Perry or any member of his society need apprehend any alteration of policy by the M.C.A., or a desire to extend its area following on the addition to its title.

When the M.C.A. was formed, a part of one of the original rules read as follows: 'Ringers not resident in the counties of Derby, Stafford, Nottingham and Leicester, may become non-resident members, etc., under certain conditions,' and this rule still exists, so that we are not claiming any new territory, but we want it to be known by the clergy and others that we are, as we profess to be by the objects of our association set forth for many years in our annual reports, a body of churchworkers. Hitherto I am afraid this has been to a great extent lost sight of.

Our action has the support and sanction of all the four Bishops concerned, the Bishop of Lichfield writing on July 3rd, 1929, as follows: 'I can see no reason why you should not add to your title the words "for the Dioceses of Derby, Leicester, Lichfield and Southwell." Such a title does not imply that you are the only ringers' association connected with the Lichfield Diocese.'

I am glad to know that there is a flourishing society in each of the three archdeaconries forming the Diocese of Lichfield.

We have considerable overlapping by associations in all parts of the country, the counties of Derby, Stafford, Leicester and Nottingham being no exception, but I cannot see any harm being done so long as we are all striving to make the best of our art and exercising it for its proper use and not merely as a sport or pastime. We are not 'poaching on others' preserves,' acting in direct opposition to what the Church and our associations stand for, but I do hope we are 'upholding the teaching of the Church to which some of us, at least, are proud to belong.'

I am sorry Mr. Perry and the members of his society have taken umbrage, but let me again assure them that no unfriendly feeling was, or is, intended, and that no extension of territory is contemplated.—Yours faithfully,

W. E. WHITE  
(the mover of the resolution).

## TOWER HUNTING IN SURREY.

Apsley and Hempstead ringers and friends held their annual outing on July 12th. This year the venue was Surrey, and the beautiful scenery Surrey has, with its hills and dales and woodlands, is a surprise to those who visit the county for the first time. The hills were somewhat trying at times for the means of transport on the occasion of this excursion. The first call was made at Egham at 9 a.m., the residents wondering what was the matter, their bells ringing thus early on Saturday. (It was later learned that the Vicar gave some of his parishioners a splendid excuse!) After ringing had been in progress a short time, the Vicar himself came to welcome the party, and a right hearty welcome it was. It was with regret that the Vicar and his bells were left behind. Things now took on a livelier aspect, as previous to ringing at Egham the morning had been cold, and by the time Cobham was reached everything was as it should be. The Vicar of Cobham being unable to meet the visitors, the curate and one of the local ringers did so, to the pleasure of everybody concerned. After ringing for nearly an hour, a move was made to Leatherhead, where one or two of the party had their first pull on ten. A right royal dinner was partaken of at the Institute, and, much refreshed, Rammore Common was sought—first of all, unfortunately, in the wrong direction. However, after a continual climb of mile after mile, the church was eventually found, and the splendid peal of eight soon put to good use. The stairs to the belfry, which are numerous and deep, caused several comments, but an ample reward was found when the bells were going. Leaving Rammore, another hunt among the hills followed, this time for Kingswood. It was eventually found, a little late, with ringers patiently awaiting the party. The visit here had to be cut short in order to reach Epsom in time for tea. Passing the renowned racecourse, one or two winners were 'spotted' and notes made! and then on to Wright's Restaurant, where a capital tea was quickly disposed of. With great difficulty the party was persuaded to leave, but eventually they reached Kingston, where the back eight of the ten were soon in use. These 'men's bells' were utilised for about three parts of an hour, and then the majority endeavoured to get to East Molesey in time for a ring. This place was eventually reached after taking several wrong roads, but the arrival was so late that the coach was again headed for Kingston, where all the doings of the day were talked over as ringers know how. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the various incumbents and towerkeepers for the use of bells and having things in readiness, and also wish to apologise to any cricketers who, owing to them, were bowled, several stumps having been seen flying during the day, and some of the excursionists wondered if they were the cause of it all!

## HERTFORD AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS.

## JOINT MEETING AT NORTH MIMMS.

This popular fixture was this year held at North Mimms, it being the turn of Hertfordshire ringers to welcome their friends from over the border. Even in these days of easy travel, North Mimms is somewhat difficult of access, and it was therefore very gratifying to find that some forty ringers and friends, including several ladies, had made a successful attempt to find this pretty spot.

Mr. A. W. Coles (District Master, Middlesex Association) took charge of the ringing, which ranged from rounds to Spliced Surprise Major. Youngsters from St. Albans and Enfield showed remarkably good signs of progress.

The service was conducted by the Vicar of Little Heath (North Mimms being at present without an incumbent), who gave the ringers a very cordial welcome and an interesting discourse on the uses of bells in the Middle Ages.

Mr. G. W. Cartmel (general secretary, Herts Association) presided at tea, supported by Mr. W. Pye (Master, Middlesex), Mr. W. Pickworth (vice-president, Middlesex), Mr. C. T. Coles (hon. secretary, Middlesex), Mr. W. Nash (president, Hertford), Mr. G. R. Pye, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, Mrs. W. Pye, Mrs. C. T. Coles, Mr. A. W. Coles (District Master, Middlesex), Mr. J. T. Kentish, Mr. H. Goodenough, Mr. W. L. Buckingham, etc.

After tea, the president of the Hertford Association, welcomed the visitors to North Mimms, expressing satisfaction at the happy spirit prevailing. Mr. Coles, in replying, congratulated Mr. Nash on being elected president of his association for the present year, thanked the Hertfordshire ringers for their cordial welcome, and promised them as sincere a welcome when next they visited Middlesex.

Mr. W. Pickworth proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Little Heath for his very interesting address; to the lady who had so ably presided at the organ; and to the friends who had prepared a very nice tea.—This was seconded by Mr. G. W. Cartmel, and carried unanimously.

An object of interest was the Hertfordshire president's badge of office, a silver bell, which was presented to that association by Mr. Cartmel last year.

Whilst some of the ringers and their friends admired the beautiful grounds in which the church is situated, others paid another visit to the tower for more ringing in a great variety of methods.

## NORTH NOTTS RINGERS VISIT EDWINSTOWE.

On Saturday, July 12th, a most enjoyable day was spent at Edwinstowe, when members from Belsover, Bulwell, Chesterfield, Cuckney, Collingham, Gainsborough, Mansfield, Misterton, Nottingham, Ordsall, Southwell, Sutton-on-Trent, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Treeton, Workson and the local ringers made good use of the bells.

An excellent tea was served in the Parish Room, but owing to the absence of the Rev. F. C. Day Lewis, Vicar, Mr. H. Haigh was asked to preside over the business meeting. He was supported by H. Revill and R. W. Stockdale, hon. secretaries.

Arising out of the minutes of the last meeting, the Chairman remarked that he still held the opinion that a mistake had been made in the cup contest rules at the last meeting.

The Rev. H. H. Skinner, of Misson, and Rev. A. Doxey, of Ordsall, were elected vice-presidents, and Mr. J. C. Hurst and Mr. J. Pierrepont, of East Markham, were made performing members.

A long discussion took place on the subject of the place and date of the next meeting, but it was finally decided to hold it at Misson on July 26th. If the secretary could not arrange this, Tuxford was chosen as the alternative.

The secretary read a letter from the Central Council of Church Bellringers with regard to adopting a rule under which associations agree to loyally abide by the rules and decisions of the Council, but the matter was left over until the association's representative could find the time to be present.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. F. C. Day Lewis, to the caterers, and to Mr. F. Martin for all they had done to make the meeting such a glorious success.

## STROUD RINGERS IN BERKSHIRE.

On Saturday, June 28th, the Stroud Branch of the Gloucester and Bucks Association had a most enjoyable day's outing. Leaving Stroud at 8 a.m., and travelling through Cirencester and Fairford, a halt was made at Wantage, where touches of Grand sire and Stedman Triples were rung on the Parish Church bells. The next stopping place was Brightwell, where there is a handy peal of six, which were set going to Grand sire and Stedman Doubles and Cambridge Minor, and afterwards the inhabitants enjoyed hearing the handbells on the village green. The party then proceeded to Wallingford, where they rang Grand sire Triples and Bob Major, and went on to Benson, another peal of eight, and rang touches in the same methods. The next call was Dorchester, with its fine old abbey and bells dating 1320-1328. Here Grand sire and Stedman Triples were rung. The next stopping place was Abingdon, with its nice peal of ten, which were heard in Grand sire Triples and Caters. Stroud was eventually reached about 10 p.m. The incumbents, for their kindness in granting the use of bells, and all the friends who met the visitors at the various towers, are cordially thanked.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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### THE COUNCIL'S RULES AND DECISIONS.

Mr. J. A. Trollope seconded Mr. Law James' amendment, that the words 'and decisions' should be omitted from Mr. Cave's motion, urging that there was no single rule in ringing which a band had not a perfect right to break if there was any sufficient reason for it. The rules they had got were not restrictive; they did not say: 'You must not do this,' or 'You must do that.' They were the experience built up through three centuries of change ringing, and the difficulty was that when they came to put these things down in words they did not always say what they meant. They could not look at the rules of ringing as hard and fast things, but as a sort of standard. Mr. Trollope went on to illustrate his point by referring to various developments in method ringing, quoting as one example a rule which said that a method should have as many plain leads in the plain course as there were working bells, a rule which was now breaking down in view of spliced ringing, which was producing a different plain course altogether. The Council's rules and decisions were nothing more than what was, in the opinion of the best people of the Exercise, the highest thing at the time to aim at.

Mr. Coles supported the amendment, and pointed out that despite resolutions of the Council many peals had been rung which did not accord with the Council's decisions.

Mr. W. Willson asked for what purpose did the members of the Council come there year after year? Was it to make decisions and be laughed at? If the rules were not to be accepted they had better scrap the book they had already got. If they were to have rules, the associations should abide by them.

### CONSIDERED JUDGMENT.

Mr. P. J. Johnson said their rules and decisions were the considered judgment of those who came there as delegates of the associations. It had been very definitely ruled on many occasions that they had no direct authority over the associations, and that they simply came there as an advisory body, but if they, as a Council, had no more courage than to doubt whether they should recommend the associations to carry out their decisions that they came there to make, what were they there for? (hear, hear). There were some opinions which they could never reconcile, but the decisions which they came to were the considered judgment of that body, and that being so they had a right to expect that they would be accepted by the associations which sent them (hear, hear).

Mr. J. W. Jones said he supported the resolution on the ground that associations expected their members to abide by their rules and decisions, and they ought to expect the associations to abide by the rules and decisions of the Council on the same ground.

Canon Elsee hoped that neither the resolution nor the amendment would be carried. He thought the Council would be well advised to remain as it always had been, an advisory and not a legislative body. He believed that the decisions of the Council would carry more weight with the associations if they remained as they were. He thought it was important that they should respect the independence of each association, and that they should not try to lay down laws that the associations were bound to carry out without any consideration by those who sent their representatives. He pointed out as a parallel the Lambeth Conference of Bishops from all parts of the world, which was shortly to be held in that same building. Its decisions would carry immense weight with the whole Anglican communion, but he believed that all through there would be no law laid down. Opinions would be expressed and certain resolutions carried, but the independence of each church sending its Bishops to that conference would be respected. He hoped the Central Council would follow the same course, the course which it had adopted from the beginning, namely, that, while it considered things carefully and gave considered opinions which ought to carry great weight with the constituent associations, it would refrain from laying down rules and saying that the associations must abide by them.

The Rev. E. S. Powell thought that some of the members were labouring under a confusion of thought, and that confusion lay in the question of the word 'rules.' They had had a speech from Mr. Trollope about the rules of ringing; what the resolution dealt with was the rules of the Council. They were not concerned at all in that resolution with the deeper question of the rules of ringing. Was it not true that the rules of that Council were things which were binding only on the Council, and as such could in no case be carried out by the associations? They were not concerned with points such as those raised by Mr. Trollope. With regard to the question as a whole, he felt rather anxious on the matter. He supposed they all sympathised with the idea that it would be a splendid thing if they could be linked more closely officially as well as unofficially with the associations, but there was a great danger in trying to draw the cords too tight. He believed that the Midland Counties Association and the Yorkshire Association had recently, in dealing with Spliced Minor and Doubles peal ringing, gone further than that Council had gone in laying down that which they would be prepared to accept as a peal. If they put into their rules that they agreed to abide by the decisions of the Council, did it not imply that they also promised that they would not go further than the

Council went? He was delighted to see the Midland Counties Association make this experiment, and he would look forward with a great deal of interest and a certain amount of entertainment to see how it worked out in practice. If the Council adopted this resolution, did it not mean that those who had gone further than the Council would have to draw back?

Mr. Law James' amendment, on being put, was defeated, and Mr. Cave's resolution was carried by a large majority.

Mr. Faulkner asked what the Council would do if an association declined to act on the suggestion?

The President: Nothing; it is merely a request. You cannot do anything if they refuse to act upon it.

Mr. Cave then moved: 'That a committee be appointed to consider, and, if thought necessary, to revise the rules of the Council and report to the next meeting.'

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith seconded.

Mr. C. T. Coles said the Midland Counties Association within the last two years had already ignored the decisions of the Council on thirty occasions in ringing peals which did not accord with the decisions of the Council which made it obvious that the rules of the Council were hopelessly out of date.

Alderman Pritchett suggested that the motion be altered to read: 'That the Standing Committee be requested to consider, etc.' He did not think they wanted a special committee, but the Standing Committee, if they desired to do so, could delegate the work to a sub-committee. That seemed to him the proper way to approach the matter if it required consideration at all, which he was very doubtful about.

The amendment was accepted and the motion carried.

### LIVERPOOL FOR NEXT YEAR'S MEETING.

The Council next considered where they should meet next year, the Secretary reporting that the Standing Committee recommended that, as the meeting was due to be held in the North, it should take place at Ripon.

Mr. P. J. Johnson urged the claims of Leeds, which, though not a cathedral city, nevertheless had many attractions to offer to the Council, including six excellent rings of eight and the ring of twelve bells at the Parish Church. The hotel accommodation and the railway facilities were excellent, and in all respects Leeds was a far more convenient place than Ripon.

Mr. Murphy offered the Council a very cordial welcome to Dublin, if they would go.

Mr. G. R. Newton invited the Council to go to Liverpool, whose claims he eloquently pleaded.

The President said that, while they appreciated the offer of the invitation to Dublin, they looked upon that city as being in the west, and its claims would have to be considered when the turn of the next meeting in the West came up for decision. Dublin was a place, which, from the point of view of the Council, would require a good deal of organisation to get there.

Only the other three places were put to the vote, Ripon and Leeds receiving 23 each, and Liverpool 34, so that the last-named city will be the meeting place in 1931.

The Rev. H. Drake had given notice of the following motions: 'That a collection of lantern slides be formed by the Council to illustrate ringing in its various aspects,' and 'All notices of motion to be laid before the Council shall be sent in the names of either of individual members, or of affiliated societies, and shall reach the secretary in time for them to be published a week before Easter as a preliminary agenda. Within a fortnight after Easter other resolutions may be sent to him, but in this case only in the names of the societies.' Mr. Drake asked that these motions might be referred to the Standing Committee to be considered by them when considering the other matters referred to them. This course was agreed to.

### AN OUT-OF-DATE 'STATEMENT.'

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, in accordance with notice of motion, called attention to the Council's statement on 'Regular Methods' contained in the Rules and Decisions of the Council. He pointed out that the statement did not cover the ringing of 'Little' methods, and was contrary to Mr. Trollope's suggestion with regard to the altered conditions as the result of spliced ringing. The statement appeared to be out of date, and he moved: 'That the Methods Committee be requested to review the Council's statement on regular methods contained in Rules and Decisions, and report to the next meeting of the Council what, if any, amendments they consider are necessary in view of present developments in method ringing.'

Mr. G. Grover seconded, and the motion was carried without discussion.

The President proposed a formal vote of thanks to the Archbishop of Canterbury for his courtesy in allowing the Council to use Lambeth Palace for its meeting. This was at once agreed to.

Canon Elsee suggested that a message of greeting should be sent to a respected member of the Council who was laid aside by ill-health—Rev. C. D. P. Davies.

Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn seconded the motion, which was cordially carried.

The President said he understood there were present that day at least four original members of the Council, viz., Canon Coleridge, Canon Baker, Canon Elsee and Mr. J. Griffin (applause).

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**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****A MID-WEEK MEETING.**

A meeting of the Central Division was held at Seaford on Wednesday, July 16th, when the attendance, though not large numerically, was a representative one.

The belfry was open at 2.30, and various touches were brought round, the ringing continuing till 4.30, when a service was held, at which an interesting address on bells and their uses in various countries, East and West, was given by the Vicar of Seaford (the Rev. E. H. Phillips, M.A.).

A collection was taken at the service for the benevolent fund, and amounted to the useful sum of 10s. 5d.

Tea, provided by the kindness of Mr. T. Fisher, the Vicar's churchwarden, was followed by the usual business meeting, the Vicar being in the chair, supported by Mr. T. Fisher, Mr. J. T. Rickman, Master, and Mr. K. Hart, acting as secretary in the unavoidable absence of Mr. A. D. Stone. The agenda was short, consisting principally of the election and confirmation of election of new members. New members elected were Messrs. Alfred Lavender, Eric Osborne and William Hurst, Seaford. The election of Messrs. L. A. Tidy and J. Knight, jun., Limsfield, and F. H. Dexter, Leicester, was confirmed. When this had been disposed of, Mr. Rickman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Seaford for the use of the bells and for his helpful address, coupling with this the names of the host, Mr. Fisher, and the organist; and acknowledgments by these gentlemen brought the meeting to a close.

An adjournment was then made to the tower, where ringing was kept up till shortly after eight, the methods brought round ranging from Plain Bob to Cambridge Surprise.

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Canon Coleridge proposed a vote of thanks to the president, and expressed the gratitude of the members for the admirable way in which he had conducted the meeting. This having been carried, the President briefly replied, and the business terminated.

After the meeting, many of the members took the opportunity of inspecting the Palace, and later on there was a large gathering of ringers and friends at Anderton's Hotel (the headquarters of the Council during the week-end), where an enjoyable social took place, musical items and handbell ringing helping to pass a very pleasant evening.

Major J. H. B. Hesse asks us to state that he was not in favour of the hon. members of the Council being compelled to pay an annual subscription, as reported, but of Alderman Pritchett's proposition that hon. members should be invited to subscribe.

**ON SUFFOLK AND NORFOLK BORDERLAND.**

On Saturday, July 5th, the St. Clement's Church, Ipswich, bell-ringers had their annual outing, which took the form of a ringing tour on the Suffolk and Norfolk borderland. The first stop was at Cotton (six), where the ringers are exposed to all the weather. The bells are a good peal. The next stop was at Bacton (five), where, after repairing the ropes and several attempts, a course of Plain Doubles was scored, the 'going' being very bad. Leaving here, a run was made to Thelnetham (five), where the church stands in excellent surroundings. The Vicar met and welcomed the party. Blo' Norton (six) was the next stop, and the bells were soon made use of. A run was then made through very pretty country to East Harling. Here was found a good ring of six, with tenor 12 cwt., in good ringing order. Ringing over, a visit was paid to the Bull Hotel for dinner. At Kenninghall (eight) a course of Oxford Treble Bob Major and Bob Major were scored. A mile run through an avenue of trees brought the band to the round tower of Quidenham (eight), where some Bob Major was brought round. The 'going' of both these peals leaves room for improvement. Quidenham Church, like Thelnetham, stands in very pretty surroundings, in one corner of the park. After a group photograph had been taken by the secretary (Mr. F. Bowell), a run over Banham Moor brought the party to New Buckenham (six). At Tibenham there is a fine peal of six, with tenor 20 cwt. Unfortunately, owing to the very bad 'go' of the bells, only a few rounds were possible. It had been arranged to ring at Eye, but having lost much time at Tibenham, it was decided to miss Eye, and go on to Shelfanger (five). Here was found a very unmusical ring, badly in need of a tuner, but in fair ringing order. The return journey was via Diss and Norwich main road, home being reached at 10.30 p.m. The trip covered a distance of 85 miles, and everyone agreed that this, the sixth outing, had been the best. The company wish to thank all the incumbents for permission and arranging for the towers to be open ready.

St. Clement's, Ipswich, bells will not be available for ringing for some considerable time, as the tower has been found unsafe, and all ringing has been suspended since Whit Sunday until further notice. An appeal will shortly be issued for funds for the restoration of the tower, so that the bells may be rung, and any contributions toward this work from ringers interested will be gratefully accepted, the parish being a very large but poor one. £200 is required for the tower and £700 for the church. Any donations will be acknowledged by the Rector.

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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 peal of eight at Christ Church, Epsom, has now been rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., of Croydon, who have also overhauled the ring of eight at Westerham, Kent.

The ring of six at Standish, Glos, are to be rehung in a new cast-iron two-tier frame with complete new fittings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd.

A faculty has been granted to rehang the bells at Godalming, Surrey, and another for the erection of an oak screen to the belfry at Haslemere, where at present the tower is open to the full view of the church.

Liverpool and district ringers will be pleased to hear that the heavy ring of six at Huyton Parish Church are now being rehung with modern fittings in a new framework, and it is hoped to have the work completed early next month. The work is being carried out by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.

A well-worn silver Bath and Wells ringer's pendant has been found loose in the post at the Bristol G.P.O. The owner may have the same on application to the general secretary, J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton, Bath.

Gravesend Corporation, who made a generous grant of one hundred guineas towards the recasting of the bells of the Parish Church, have now voted fifty guineas towards the restoration of the bells of Milton-next-Gravesend, where, in addition, two bells are to be added to complete the octave to commemorate Mr. F. M. Mitchell's 21st year as leader of the tower.

Waterford Cathedral bells, on which the first peal in Ireland was rung, were opened on July 26th, 1872. The peal was rung by a band of College Youths on the following day.

An incident which probably had a considerable effect on ringing a century ago occurred on July 29th, 1785. On that day William Shipway arrived in London from Bath.

The knowledge which Shipway acquired while in London enabled him to write his celebrated text book on ringing, which, published in 1816, was the best until the days of Jasper Snowden.

## HOLT'S ORIGINAL NON-CONDUCTED.

At Tonbridge, on Wednesday week, Holt's 'Original' was rung, non-conducted. The only other occasion on which it has been thus rung by the Kent County Association was at Aylesford on April 30th, 1892.

The ringers at Tonbridge were G. Edwards (Penshurst), T. E. Sone (Staplehurst), W. C. Pitman (Canterbury), F. W. Richardson, E. B. Crowder and W. J. Jeffries (St. John's, Deptford), G. H. Daynes (S. Nicholas', Deptford), and A. Relfe (Lamberhurst). Messrs. Sone and Richardson have also called this composition 'round the circle.'

Such interesting performances always lead to inquiries, and we are now asked how many times has the composition been rung 'non-conducted,' and who has called it from all the bells? Can any of our readers oblige?



## BELFRY AS A PLACE OF HISTORY.

## TABLET UNVEILED AT DORE.

A very pleasant meeting of the Peak District of the Midland Counties Association was held at Dore, near Sheffield, on Saturday, over thirty ringers and friends being present from Baslaw, Bakewell, Bolsover, Derby, Dore, Fairfield, Grimsby, Handsworth, Hathersage, Sheffield Cathedral and Treeton. The beautiful toned ring of eight bells (tenor 11½ cwt.) were raised about 3 p.m., and were made good use of till nearly 8 p.m., Cambridge, Double Norwich, Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire all being tried, while learners also had plenty of opportunities in rounds or six-bell methods.

An interesting ceremony took place at 3.30 p.m., when Mrs. A. J. Grant, of Dore Moor House, who was accompanied by Mr. A. J. Grant, managing director of the great steel firm of John Brown and Company, Ltd., unveiled a beautiful oak peal tablet, commemorating the centenary of the church. In the absence of the Vicar, Mr. H. E. Baggs, Vicar's warden, introduced Mr. and Mrs. Grant, and in asking Mrs. Grant to unveil the tablet, in a few appropriate remarks referred to the ancient custom of erecting peal tablets, some of which, dating back centuries, are now of great interest both locally and nationally. The idea at Dore was to make the belfry a place of history and to record for the benefit and emulation of those that come after, not only these ringing performances (which in themselves were notable in that they required tremendous effort and concentration), but, what was of more importance, to emphasise that these peals were rung to the honour and glory of God, as acts of praise and devotion, and that the tablets recorded something more than ringing performances—historic events in the life of the Church and country. Mr. Baggs emphasised, too, that all the

took part in the peal. It is of solid oak, about 5ft. by 4ft. and 1in. thick, fitted with 'Staybright' fasteners into the walls, which will never rust or corrode. It records that on All Souls' Day, 1929, a peal of Bob Major was rung—particulars of which appeared in 'The Ringing World' at the time—as an act of praise and thanksgiving for the lives of the faithful departed, and especially those who in the preceding 100 years had given of their time and means for the building and embellishment of the church. The peal was rung also to mark the centenary of the church, consecrated on August 22nd, 1829, by Henry Ryder, Bishop of Lichfield and Coventry, and to commemorate the association of the church life of the village with the dioceses of Lichfield and Coventry, Lichfield, Southwell and Derby. The names of the Vicar, wardens, organist and steeplekeeper follow.

The ringing chamber itself had been specially redecorated for the occasion, and presented a pleasing spectacle, being decorated with bunches of roses and carnations, provided by Mrs. Cockey and Mrs. Thorpe, who with Mr. H. W. Westlake and other members of the Church Council were also present.

A tea was provided in the schools, arranged by Mrs. Cockey, and was followed by a short business meeting presided over by Mr. H. E. Baggs, Vicar's warden. The next meeting was fixed for Castleton, probably on August 16th, and two new life members, Messrs. L. Haywood and R. Payne, of Treeton, were elected. Mr. W. Wallace, treasurer of the M.C.A., in proposing a vote of thanks to the wardens, Mrs. Cockey and the other ladies, referred to the splendid condition of the belfry and bells, and to the many improvements which he noticed since his last visit nearly twenty years before. Another old friend, who received a warm welcome, was Mr. Arthur Craven, who in days past has rendered much help to Dore, and who everyone was pleased to note was well enough to have a short touch or two before tea.

## RINGING'S UPS AND DOWNS AT HISTORIC DORE.

Christ Church, Dore, postal address Sheffield, but actually within the county and diocese of Derby and in the area of the Midland Counties Association, stands in a commanding position, some 600ft. above sea level and on the edge of the glorious Peak District of Derbyshire. Its sweet-toned bells resound for many miles over the bleak and rugged moorlands towards Carl Wark and Stanage Edge, where, in the dim history of the past, many a grim and bloody battle has taken place, long ere the tramp of the Roman legions resounded on the road to Stanage, and where, in later times, some of the wan and weary fragments of Prince Charlie's army passed on their 450 mile trek back to death and destruction near Inverness. It stands, too, on historic ground, for here, at King's Croft, close to the east wall of the churchyard, if tradition speaks aught, the English nation was born. According to the records in the libraries at Oxford, in A.D. 826, Egbert, King of Wessex, having conquered most of the South of England, East Anglia and Mercia, marched northwards with his army to Dore to attack the Northumbrians. This northern kingdom, however, being in revolt at the time, the King Eadwald came to meet Egbert and offered him submission, Egbert thus becoming first King of all England. This treaty was actually made at Dore on the field which, to this day, is called the King's Field.

In 1820, Dore, then a tiny isolated moorland village, could boast only a little chapel, which had succeeded some 100 years earlier a chantry, formerly served by the monks of Beauchief, and this little chapel in 1828 was 'literally and truly speaking altogether unfit for any person to sit or stand in.' By a mighty effort, aided by valuable help from one of the church societies, the Dore people built for themselves the present pretty little church, which was consecrated by Bishop Henry Ryder, of Lichfield and Coventry, on August 22nd, 1829, and of which the centenary was celebrated on August 22nd last at a memorable and impressive service.

During the incumbency of about 35 years of the present Vicar, the Rev. W. R. Gibson, the church has been greatly beautified and improved, the three most notable additions being a fine 'Te Deum' east window, organ and peal of eight bells. The latter, a particularly sweet-toned ring, tenor 11½ cwt., by Taylor and Co., were dedicated by the Bishop of Southwell on New Year's Day, 1909, and on the same day the first peal, one of Double Norwich, conducted by the late Mr. Sam Thomas, was rung on them. Unfortunately, there are no notable inscriptions on the bells, except that, on the 6th, it is recorded that it was given by the Girls' Friendly Society, and on the 7th by Ebenezer Hall, a great benefactor to the district.

Ringing has had its ups and downs since 1909, and there have been several interregnums of silence. Of late years, however, it has been possible to keep the bells going regularly and to ring an occasional peal on them, but only at the cost of constant alertness against a limited but as keen and vindictive an opposition as it is possible to meet with in this country—an opposition, too, not altogether confined to non-ringers. It may be added, also, that it has been possible to found and train up more than one ringer, of both sexes, of outstanding ability, and that a number of notable peals have been rung, though only in the easier methods. It should be noted, too, that each peal rung since 1922 has been someone's 'first' of one sort or another, including the centenary peal. Of the present band, the majority, including several girls, are under 18 years of age, and a

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CHRIST CHURCH, DORE.

beautiful records in the belfry had been provided without any cost to the church, and that the band of ringers now at Dore, many of them very young, were the survivors of fifty or sixty people who during the last few years had tried their hands at the art of ringing, and from one cause or another had faded away, most of them as soon as they found that it needed real grit and perseverance to become a ringer.

Mrs. Grant, in responding to the request to unveil the tablet, referred to the great interest in and love for the bells which they had at Dore Moor, and to the many pleasing and complimentary remarks which the many frequent visitors there often made concerning them, and to the compliment which had been paid her in asking her to undertake the unveiling.

Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey, people's warden, who conducted the peal, proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Grant, who had specially left another engagement to be present there. He referred to the appreciation of the church authorities at their kindness, and especially to the fact that it was due to Mr. Grant that several additions and improvements to the bells themselves had recently been carried out. He added that the esteem and affection in which Mrs. Grant was held by those who came in contact with her at Dore Church was only equalled by that in which Mr. Grant was held in the great steel firm with which they both had the honour to be associated.

Mr. Grant, in a few words of response, remarked that this was his first visit to a belfry. He expressed his appreciation of the beautiful bells and fittings to the belfry, and assured those present of his interest in their work.

The tablet itself is an exceptionally fine piece of work, carried out by Mr. H. W. Westlake, church decorator, of Sheffield, whose son

### THE LADIES' GUILD.

#### ANNUAL MEETING AT BRISTOL.

The annual general meeting of the Ladies' Guild was held at Bristol, on Saturday, July 12th. The attendance was not as large as usual. Ringing took place at St. Stephen's Church and also at the Church of St. John-on-the-Wall. A short service was held at the latter church, conducted by the Rev. D. A. Jaquet, Vicar of SS. James and John, who gave a most helpful address from the text, 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant.' After the service, the Vicar pointed out to the visitors the chief points of interest in the church, which has recently been reopened after restoration.

The Guild members were afterwards entertained to tea at Carwardine's Cafe by the Bristol United Guilds. Before the business meeting, Miss N. G. Williams proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of St. John's for conducting the service, and also to the Vicar of St. Stephen's for the use of the bells, to which Mr. Jaquet replied.

Mrs. Richardson, of Surfleet, thanked the Bristol United Guilds for their hospitality, Mr. Williams, the chairman, replying.

At the business meeting the chair was taken by Miss E. Smith, vice-president of the Western District, in the absence of Miss Steel, the president, who was prevented by an accident from attending. The accounts were presented, showing an excess of income over expenditure for the year of £4 2s. 4d.

The Secretary (Mrs. G. W. Fletcher) presented the following report: 'Although, perhaps, we might have hoped for a year of greater activity and increased membership, which would have rendered the writing of this report a much simpler task, yet we do not feel that we have been unsuccessful in furthering the objects of the Guild. That there is still work to be done goes without saying, and the splendid leading article which appeared in "The Ringing World" some months ago should spur us on to further efforts. There is not the slightest doubt that some of the present districts are too large to be worked satisfactorily, and there are still parts of the country where no work is being done. If we can in any way remedy matters during the coming year we shall do so, but everything depends on the co-operation of individual members. All the districts have held meetings regularly, and the majority have been well attended. Here again difficulties arise owing to the frequency with which some associations hold meetings, and care has to be taken to avoid clashing. Many joint meetings have been held with county and diocesan associations, and these have proved a great success. There is undoubtedly a much higher standard of ringing among members, which is evidenced by the frequency with which their names appear in the peal columns of "The Ringing World" in a great variety of methods. Two peals have been rung for the Guild—one of Bob Major at Bucklebury, and one of Minor in three methods at Gamston. The latter peal deserves special mention, as the conductor, Mrs. R. Richardson, had only previously called one peal. We congratulate the bands most heartily. The Western District has sustained a severe loss through the death of Mrs. William Thomas, one of the Guild's most loyal members, and she will be very much missed. In conclusion, we extend to all district secretaries our best thanks for their work, and again urge members to support them to the best of their ability.'

Miss Steel was re-elected president, and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher hon. secretary and treasurer. Leicester was chosen as the place for the next annual meeting.

Ringling took place after the meeting at St. Philip's Church, the methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise.

#### SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The Southern District of the Ladies' Guild held their annual meeting at Egham on July 5th in conjunction with the Guildford Diocesan Guild's summer festival. After tea, with Mrs. G. W. Fletcher in the chair, the business was got through quickly. Mrs. Walker, of Woking, wife of Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O., was elected an honorary member, and the officers were all re-elected, viz.: Miss Bruce (Worplesdon), vice-president; Miss Mills (Farnham), secretary; and Mrs. Hazelden (Guildford), Mrs. Whittington (Cranleigh), Mrs. Melville (Guildford) and Miss Fisher (Aldershot), committee.

It was proposed to hold the next annual meeting at Worplesdon.

A vote of thanks to the secretary brought the meeting to a close.

Members are reminded that the next quarterly meeting is at St. Laurence's, Reading, on Saturday, October 11th.

### UPS AND DOWNS AT DORE.

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number of them are up to the peal stage. A notable fact is that each member of the band is a regular communicant, and that it is very unusual for any of the band not to take part in the services for which they ring.

One might, perhaps, conclude by quoting the text used by Bishop Ryder at the consecration of the church on August 22nd, 1829, as an expression of hope from now onwards, quite as much applicable to the belfry as to the church itself: 'The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the Lord of Hosts, and in this place will I give peace, saith the Lord of Hosts.' J. E. L. C.

### DOUBLE LITTLE BOB.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reply to the communication by Mr. E. Barnett in your last week's issue, I must first rectify one little mistake made by him. The credit of conducting the peal must go to Mr. F. Watkinson, of Handsworth, to whom I supplied the method and composition. I should now like to explain how I came to name it Double Little Bob. I have always understood Little Bob to be Bob Minimus with Major lead-ends, and in the figures given below I would like to try and show that the method rung is the same as Double Bob Minimus. To work the Major method into the Minimus, one pair of bells at least must cross over in each lead. In this case, the 3rd and 6th do this in the first lead, this constituting one set of 4th's place.

#### DOUBLE BOB MINIMUS.

1234

2143

2413

4231

2431

4213

4123

1432

1423

4132

4312

#### DOUBLE LITTLE BOB MAJOR.

1234 5678

2143 6587

2416 3857

4261 8375

2461 3857

4216 8375

4126 3857

1462 8375

1426 3857

4162 8375

4618 2735

As Plain Bob has been rung for ages, I did not consider any place name was required. I therefore sent it to Mr. Watkinson as D.L.B. I hope Mr. Barnett will accept my explanation in the same spirit as it is given, as I can assure him it is given with the kindest intention. I may add that any block of 24 courses can be substituted for the first 24 in the peal (after calling the bob before), thus giving a good variation of peals for conductors. With these remarks, I now leave it to the Exercise to judge whether it is Double Little Bob or Erith, at the same time admitting that the band at Crayford have the claim to the first peal rung.—Yours truly, GEO. LEWIS.

[Mr. Barnett has also written apologising for the slip in giving Mr. Lewis' name as the conductor instead of Mr. Watkinson's.—Ed. 'R.W.']

### BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

#### SHIELD CONTEST WON BY SHELLEY.

The meeting and annual contest of the Barnsley and District Association was held at South Kirkby on Saturday, July 12th. The draw resulted as follows: 1 Sandal, 2 Wath (A), 3 Darfield, 4 Shelley, 5 Wath (B), 6 Felkirk. Owing to Sandal company not all being present at the appointed time, they had to take their turn last.

Tea was served in the Church Institute at 5 p.m., about 60 being present.

Felkirk were unable to raise a band, and only five teams were left to compete. The contest finished about 7 p.m.

The business meeting followed, and was presided over by the Rev. C. W. Handford (curate), in the absence of the Vicar. The judge (Mr. J. R. Brearley, of Bolsterstone) presented his report as follows:—

Wath (A), 111 faults; total, 111.

Darfield, 166 faults, 5 penalties; total, 171.

Shelley, 67 faults, 5 penalties; total, 72.

Wath (B), rung out.

Sandal, 93 faults; total, 93.

Shelley were therefore declared winners of the shield and six B.M. teapots. Sandal, being second, received six sets of carvers.

Wortley was selected for next place of meeting.

Mr. C. D. Potter moved a hearty vote of thanks to the clergy, the judge, these providing tea, and the local company for the duties so successfully performed.—Mr. W. Idle seconded.

Mr. W. Reyner, in supporting the motion, suggested that a day be set apart some time next year for a great ringers' rally, all the associations in Yorkshire to be asked to join in.

The Rev. C. W. Handford, in reply, said how pleased he was to welcome the ringers and friends to South Kirkby. He hoped to join in ringing, but being an eight-bell ringer he would require a little more practice on six to make himself competent.

A few of the ringers afterwards adjourned to the belfry and kept the bells going until 9 p.m., which brought to a close an event marked throughout by good spirit and an excellent social feeling.

### BEQUEST FOR CURFEW.

A bequest has been made to the parish of Sturminster Newton for the ringing of the curfew. The testator, Mr. Frederick Giles Symonds, a retired bank manager, who died on May 10th, at the age of 83, left estate of the gross value of £14,707. By his will he left £100 upon trust to pay the income to the Vicar and churchwardens of Sturminster Newton towards keeping alive the ancient custom of ringing the curfew bell from Michaelmas Day to Lady Day, any surplus to be paid to the Vicar for the sick and needy fund. He also left £200 to the Vicar and churchwardens, the income to be paid annually to the poor of the parish over the age of 65 years.

### BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. SUCCESS ON A SHILLING SUBSCRIPTION.

According to the report of the Master of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association for the year ended on May 31st last, the association had at that date 153 affiliated towers and 1,664 members—a decrease of three towers and an increase of 11 members.

The 48 peals rung was an increase of 12 on the previous year. The increase, adds the Master, is owing to the large number of peals of Grandsire Doubles. While Grandsire is a useful method, it should be remembered that Minor methods could be rung on six bells, and no good purpose was served by the same band piling up peals of Doubles. The time could be better spent in the practice of Minor methods.

The year 1929 was successful financially, the income exceeding expenditure by £20 ls. At the beginning of the year £30 was placed on deposit. They had now on deposit a sum equal to an average year's income, which put the association in a safe position, and a yearly surplus was assured.

The committee had carefully considered the financial position of the association, and was determined to make a recommendation to the association as to the manner in which the annual surplus should be used. If its recommendation was carried, non-affiliated towers would have a further inducement to join the association. It must not be thought, however, that the association was overburdened with riches. It was one of the few associations which continued to work on a subscription of one shilling per member, and gave its reports free. It was only by the careful and economical working of the branches by the local secretaries that the present satisfactory financial state of the association had been achieved.

### DEATH OF THE REV. A. C. R. FREEBORN. HIS SERVICES TO THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

It was only towards the close of the day that it became known to those attending the festival of the Oxford Guild at Oxford that Mr. Freeborn had passed away. For 39 years he was Vicar of Kidlington, where he was successful in restoring his tower and bells, and in gathering round him a faithful band of ringers, chief among whom one remembers such names as Harry Judge, William Bennett and Frederick Webb. All these have now passed to their rest.

Though not a ringer himself, Mr. Freeborn was always ready to welcome ringers and to encourage peal ringing, and among many peals rung at Kidlington in his time was the 17,000 of Double Norwich, in which H. Judge and W. Bennett took part. When the Witney and Woodstock Deaneries Branch of the Guild was started, early in this century, he was good enough to accept the office of chairman, and right well did he carry out his duties, until a few years ago, when failing health compelled him to resign both his office and the living of Kidlington.

As a mark of honour and appreciation he was elected a vice-president of the Guild, and as such he maintained his interest in ringers and ringing matters.

The figure so familiar at Guild meetings was that of an old athlete, and, indeed, in his younger days Mr. Freeborn was a runner of great distinction. A strong and kindly man, and a devoted priest of the Church of God, may he rest in peace. C. W. O. J.

### MALDON RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday, June 21st, members, with their wives and friends, left Maldon by motor coach for a day's tour. The first stop was at Stratford St. Mary for breakfast. The next halt was at Dobenham, where, owing to the state of the tower, the bells are unringable. Eye was the next place visited, with its grand peal of eight bells, which were soon swinging to the tune of Grandsire Triples and other methods. After a brief inspection of this beautiful church, and a chat with the Vicar (the Rev. I. R. Vincent), the coach was again boarded, Norwich being reached at one o'clock. Here they were met by Major E. Felce, of the Norwich Publicity Association, who took charge of the party. Ringing was enjoyed at St. Peter Mancroft Church for half an hour. Although the tenor weighs about two tons, the bells go remarkably well. Wymondham was reached at about 6.45 p.m. The massive western tower in this abbey church contains a grand peal of eight bells, which were used well in several methods. Maldon was reached at midnight, after an enjoyable day's outing. Thanks are due to Major Felce, whose services were of so much value in Norwich, and to those who met the ringers at the towers of Eye, St. Peter Mancroft, and Wymondham.

### WEDDING BELLS.

On Saturday, July 12th, at the Parish Church of St. Mary, Sandbach, the wedding of Mr. H. Parker to Miss M. Devenport was solemnised, and to mark the event eight ringers met at the church in the afternoon to attempt a peal of Bob Major, which unfortunately came to grief after 2 hrs. 50 mins., nine leads from home, through the rope on the 5th bell breaking. The ringers were: A. V. Rees 1, A. Booth 2, T. Hurd 3, D. Smith 4, J. Tipper 5, W. Stevenson 6, E. Bennett (conductor) 7, J. Worth 8. After the attempt the ringers sat down to an excellent repast, which was provided by the happy couple. Mr. Parker is the secretary of the Northwich Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild.

### GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild held a useful meeting at Weybridge on Saturday. This is one of the few towers that has not yet been affiliated to the Guild, but it is hoped that, as a result of the visit, the band may be reinforced and the tower brought into the Guild. The Vicar (the Rev. E. H. Tritton) gave the Guild a warm welcome, conducted service, gave a homely but inspiring address, and afterwards entertained the ringers to a sumptuous tea in the Vicarage.

Admiral T. P. Walker presided over a brief business meeting, at which the Vicar was thanked for his kindness and hospitality, and thanks were also extended to the organist and to the ladies who waited upon the ringers at tea.

The question of the affiliation of the tower was discussed with the local representatives, and Mr. Taylor, the captain of the band, was elected a member of the Guild. Assistance in instruction in change ringing was offered to the tower, and it is hoped that in the autumn the band will be recruited to full strength and regular practices established.

Mr. R. L. Newman, of St. Albans, was elected as a non-resident life member, and a vote of condolence and sympathy with the relatives of the late Mr. C. Sleet, for 20 years a ringer of Ottershaw, was passed by the members standing in silence.

The next meeting of the district will be held at Ottershaw early in October.

The ringing during the afternoon and evening was limited to Grandsire Doubles and Triples and Bob Minor and Major, but some very useful practice was put in, and 'firsts' of Triples and Major were scored by some of the visitors.

### KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The summer meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at Hever on Saturday, July 12th, and was very well attended. In the absence of the Rector, who was on holiday, the service was conducted by Rev. H. C. Edwards, Vicar of Edenbridge, while Mr. Baker, organist of Penshurst Church, presided at the organ. Two churchwardens of Hever were present, and also Canon Cropper, Rector of Penshurst. After service, a move was made to Hever Castle, permission to view this and the beautiful grounds having been kindly granted by Major and Lady Violet Astor on the application of Mr. G. Edwards, of Penshurst. This privilege was much appreciated by the members and their friends, who were much interested in all they saw.

Tea was partaken of at the Henry the Eighth Hotel, and was followed by the business meeting, Rev. H. C. Edwards presiding.

Votes of thanks were passed to Rev. H. C. Edwards, who had given up a cricket match to conduct the service, to the two churchwardens and Canon Cropper for their attendance, to Mr. Baker for his services at the organ, and to Mr. G. Edwards for his splendid arrangements for the meeting.

### RESTORATION AT MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND.

#### CORPORATION'S GENEROUS DONATION.

As announced in 'The Ringing World,' the Parochial Council of the Parish Church at Milton-next-Gravesend opened a fund to restore the present peal of six and add two new trebles to commemorate the 21st year as leader of the tower, of Mr. F. M. Mitchell, who is also hon. secretary of the Kent County Association.

We are pleased to report that the appeal has met with a ready response. Two friends at the church have each promised a bell to complete the octave, and the Gravesend Corporation granted 50 guineas from the borough funds towards the restoration. This, with other generous donations, has resulted in nearly £300 being raised in five months, and the Rector of Milton has kindly promised to subscribe the balance required when all collecting cards are in.

The work will be put in hand at once, Messrs. Mears and Stainbank being entrusted with the order.

If this note should meet the eye of any who have collecting cards, would they please forward same at once, together with any amount collected, to the hon. treasurer, Mr. F. M. Mitchell, 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend, who wishes to thank all who have assisted in this excellent result.

### A COMMEMORATIVE PEAL.

The peal of Kent Treble Bob at Over, Cheshire, on Saturday, was rung on the seventh anniversary of the 17,280 of the same method, on the same bells and by the same band, standing in the same places. This is the first occasion that the band has been able to visit Over tower since ringing the long peal. It is also the first peal in which Mr. R. Sperring has taken part since October, 1929, and the band were pleased to note his wonderful recovery after his long and trying illness.

Thanks are due to Mr. Sadler, of Over, who kindly met the band and had everything in readiness for the peal; to Mr. H. Lewis, of Chester, who very obligingly acted as ninth man, and to Mrs. Atherton, of Over, who entertained the band to tea at the conclusion of the peal. It was agreed by all that it was one of the most pleasant Saturday afternoons spent for some time.



### THE MINOR METHODS COLLECTION.

#### A COMPARISON WITH MUSIC.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I have been wondering for a long time now as to when the enlarged collection of Minor Methods would make its appearance, and I am glad to notice that at long last it has been decided to have it printed. But I also observe that there is a division among the members of the Central Council as to the charge that should be made on each copy. Three shillings has been suggested, and, personally, I don't think that this is too much. Taking into consideration the number of methods involved, they would work out at less than one-eighth of a penny each. Surely this is reasonable. On the average it takes about twenty-three minutes to ring the full extent of one method. If you were buying a copy of music for the piano which occupied the same amount of time to play, the cost of this would far exceed the cost of the whole collection of Minor Methods, and I for one would certainly get as much pleasure in ringing that one method as the pianist would acquire from his piece of music. This leads me to believe that we ringers get our pleasures very cheaply, for what is finer than to have a ring on good-going bells, with five other kindred spirits swinging along at a merry pace which sets your blood tingling and makes life worth living? Believe me, if the pianist had access to his music as cheaply as the ringer has to his methods, he would go into raptures. By the practice of a little self-denial, even the poorest ringer could procure his copy, which I can assure him would be well worth while. How a ringer can quibble at paying 3s. for such a wealth of information as this book will contain is beyond the comprehension of yours sincerely,

JOHN E. WHEELDON.

Milton, Staffs.

### HILLINGDON RINGERS IN SUSSEX.

The annual outing of the ringers of St. John-the-Baptist Church, Hillingdon, Middlesex, took place on July 5th. The day dawned with a cloudless sky, and splendid weather continued all day. Leaving the church, the ringers, who, with friends, numbered twenty persons, sped along in the fresh morning air, seated in a very comfortable motor coach. Hanworth aerodrome was passed, and the great array of machines about to start for the King's Cup air race proved of vast interest. Kingston, Esher, lovely Oxshott woods, Leatherhead and Dorking were quickly left behind. Shortly after nine, the party arrived at Warnham, so early that even the local ringers had not reached the tower. However, on the arrival of Messrs. Branch and Charman, the bells were raised and touches of Grandsire, Oxford Bob, and Stedman Triples. Plain Bob and Double Norwich Major was rung. Peal boards in the tower were of special interest to the visitors, as the late Harry Chandler, a native of Warnham, who afterwards lived and died at Hillingdon, took part in and conducted many of the peals in question.

Pulborough was the next stop. Here Mr. P. H. Doick was waiting for the party. The church is situated on an eminence, and some very fine views were obtained from the top of the tower. However, the ringers of the party were soon at the ends of the ropes, and touches of Grandsire, Stedman Triples and Kent Major were rung. A conductor must have a good voice to be heard here; in fact, it would be a good idea to hire a sergeant-major to call the bobs!

Bury Hill stood between the party and the objective of the day, Bognor. However, the trusty motor went up like a bird (?), and the seaside was reached shortly after mid-day. Lunch was partaken of immediately, and the excursionists then separated to spend the time as they chose. Bathing, speed boating and ice-cream consuming were among some of the means resorted to to pass away the afternoon. Bognor was left directly tea was disposed of. Chichester, with its Cathedral and campanile, Midhurst and its lovely park, and Petworth were passed, and Chiddingfold was reached according to programme. Here the bells were ready, and various Triple methods, together with Double Norwich Major were rung without delay. The temperature of the bellry rose with the intricacy of the methods (was it a coincidence?), and many parched throats had to be appeased before departure time. The Rector of Chiddingfold greeted the visitors, and the Vicar of Hillingdon, who accompanied his ringers, expressed the thanks of the party for the very warm welcome that had been extended.

The final journey was accomplished safely, the way being through Godalming, Guildford and Staines. Much amusement was caused by the loud cry of 'Fish' from the budding anglers whenever water was sighted. Hillingdon was reached at 10 p.m., and thus the day, crammed full of changing views and incidents, became but a memory.

The best thanks of the visitors is accorded to Messrs. Branch, Doick and Luff, of Warnham. Pulborough and Chiddingfold respectively, for having their bells ready, and to the incumbents of those places for granting permission to ring.

ASHTED, SURREY.—On Thursday, June 18th, for practice, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: G. W. Newberry, J. H. B. Hesse, Miss Irene I. Hastie, G. Mariner, J. Hoyle, A. Smith, G. Cook, A. Harman (conductor).

### ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

#### SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION AT PRITTLEWELL.

Probably owing to the distance, the fine afternoon and various counter-attractions, the meeting of the South-Western Division on Saturday at Prittlewell was not quite so well attended as usual. Nevertheless, twenty-two members and friends were present and made good use of this handy peal of ten during the afternoon and evening. After the service, conducted by the Vicar, Canon Ellis-Gowing, who gave up some of his valuable time to be present, the business meeting was held, at which two new members were elected and Hornchurch selected as the place for the next meeting.

A hearty vote of thanks was extended to the Vicar for allowing the use of the bells and conducting the service, to the organist for accompanying, to Mr. Blake and the ladies for providing the tea, and to the members of the local band for having everything in readiness. This was carried with acclamation, after which another visit was made to the tower, and the bells kept going until 8.30 p.m.

Members were present from Barking, Romford, Harlow Common, Leytonstone, Orsett, Beniley, West Tilbury, Broomfield, with members of the local band, and touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Hob Royal, Cambridge and London Surprise Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung.

It is hoped to arrange the next meeting for September 27th; will other district secretaries kindly note?

#### PRESENTATIONS AT ARDLEIGH.

The meeting of the North-Eastern Division at Ardleigh on Saturday week was in the nature of a birthday gathering for Mr. Neuth, who invited the members to tea, a party of forty-seven sitting down after the customary service in church.

After tea, Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the association), on behalf of the members, presented the Vicar and Mr. Neuth each with a set of pipes and a tin of tobacco as a small token of appreciation of their generosity shown at the annual gathering at Ardleigh for the last ten years. Mr. W. J. Nevard (District Master) also voiced the thanks of the members, whose gifts were greatly appreciated by the recipients.

Much ringing was done on the bells during the afternoon and evening.

### SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY'S TOUR.

The Saffron Walden Society held their annual outing in glorious weather on Monday, July 7th. The party proceeded by charabanc to Foxearth, where the first stop was made. Here on the light peal of eight, the tenor being just over 7 cwt., the methods rung were London and Cambridge Surprise and Stedman Triples. Passing through Long Melford, Lavenham and Stowmarket, Stonham Aspal was reached half an hour behind scheduled time owing to losing the road. Consequently the stay at the tower had to be curtailed. After ringing touches of Stedman Caters and Kent Royal, the party went on to the Lion at Debenham, where an excellent hot lunch was served. In the afternoon, at Framsden, London and Superlative Surprise and Stedman Triples were rung. The next stop was at Helmingham, where the visitors were met by Messrs. W. C. Runsey and G. Whiting. The ring of eight are a musical peal, and all enjoyed ringing on them, the methods being London and Cambridge Surprise and Stedman Triples. Going on to Coddanham, touches of London Surprise, Double Norwich and Stedman Triples were brought round on this peal of eight. After tea at the Crown Inn, the homeward journey was commenced, the route being via Ipswich, Colchester and Bishop's Stortford, and Saffron Walden was reached at 9.45 p.m., a very enjoyable day having been spent. Thanks are extended to the incumbents for the use of the bells at all the towers, also to the steeplekeepers for having the bells 'up,' while special thanks are due to Mr. W. C. Runsey, of Debenham, for the trouble he had taken in arranging the lunch and getting permission to ring at several of the towers.

### BRAINTREE RINGERS' TRIP.

The annual outing of the ringers of St. Michael's Church, Braintree, took place on Saturday, July 5th. Leaving Braintree by bus at 8 a.m., the first stop was Galleywood, where the bells were set going to Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise. At Brentwood, the next tower on the list, Cambridge Surprise, Double Norwich and Stedman Triples were successfully brought round. At Hornchurch, a touch of Double Norwich had to be cut short owing to a wedding, but after the ceremony the bride and bridegroom were greeted with a course of Bristol Surprise. At Romford, Superlative and Double Norwich were rung. After lunch came a long drive to Prittlewell, where Double Norwich Major, Stedman and Grandsire Caters and Treble Bob Royal were each brought home. Rayleigh came next, with more Double Norwich and Bristol Surprise. At Great Baddow, the last call, several of the local ringers were met, and the day's ringing was concluded with Double Norwich, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise, and Stedman Triples. Braintree was again reached at 10 p.m., after a most enjoyable day. The ringers wish to thank all the incumbents at the churches visited for the use of the bells, and the steeplekeepers for having the bells ready for them.



## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**PENSHURST, KENT.**—On Sunday, July 20th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: W. Baker 1, C. Baker 2, G. Edwards 3, A. Wiles 4, E. H. Everest (conductor) 5, H. Seal 6, H. Baker 7, F. Lambert 8. First quarter and first attempt, and also a farewell quarter to Mr. W. Baker, who is returning soon to America. The ringers of the 4th and 5th hail from Chiddingstone.

**NETHERTON.**—At St. Andrew's Church, before morning service, on Sunday, July 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: A. Tilley 1, H. Hill 2, T. Townsend 3, B. Boote 4, A. Round 5, H. Hubball 6, A. Prestidge, sen. (conductor) 7, L. Prestidge 8. Rung for the Sunday School anniversary.

**EAST GRINSTEAD.**—At the Parish Church, on Sunday morning, July 20th, for service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: E. J. Ladd 1, D. Dwall 2, G. Lambert 3, R. Stredwick 4, J. C. Weller 5, J. Wren (first quarter) 6, E. J. Oliver (conductor) 7, S. Chesson 8.

**TIPTON, STAFFS.**—On Sunday evening, July 20th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes, Thursdays) in 42 mins.: H. Williams 1, G. Hughes 2, J. Hopson 3, T. J. Meeks 4, T. W. Cattell 5, H. Griffiths 6, A. Rowley (conductor) 7, F. Williams 8. Rung for the Sunday School anniversary service.

**HAVANT, HANTS.**—On Sunday, July 20th, for evensong, at the Church of St. Faith, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: J. H. Blake 1, H. J. Tucker (conductor) 2, E. J. Hedger 3, W. E. Ticehurst 4, W. Gent 5, W. Marshall 6, R. J. Hasted 7, S. V. Parsons 8. Ringers of 1, 2 and 4 belong to Chichester Cathedral, the rest to the local band.

**FRYERNING, ESSEX.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, July 20th, before evensong, 720 Cambridge Surprise: J. Sitch 1, L. Camp 2, C. Harrington 3, H. Wright 4, G. Camp 5, E. Sitch (conductor) 6. Also 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: B. Sitch 1, J. Sitch 2, L. Camp 3, C. Camp 4, C. Harrington 5, H. Wright (conductor) 6.

**HEMINGFORD ABBOTTS, HUNTS.**—On Dedication Sunday, July 20th, at the Parish Church of St. Margaret, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. Saunders 1, C. Robinson 2, G. L. Perkins 3, G. Ransome 4, F. Warrington (conductor) 5, J. Perkins 6. After service, two 720's were rung, H. Lavender coming in for G. Ransome and H. Saunders taking 'inside' bell, each extent 15 bobs called differently. The 720's after service were rung as a birthday compliment to Miss C. Perkins. She attained her 21st on the following day.

**PENTRE RHONDDA.**—On Sunday, July 13th, for the children's flower service, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: H. Page 1, W. Palmer 2, G. Palmer 3, T. Page (conductor) 4, J. Lovett 5, H. Davies 6, F. Lasbury 7, G. Wines 8.

**HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.**—At St. John's Church, for morning service, on July 13th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples in 46 mins.: F. W. Goodfellow 1, G. F. Baldwin 2, A. G. Twinn 3, F. Corke (conductor) 4, J. H. Lucas 5, G. H. Gutteridge 6, C. A. Nicholls 7, F. Smith 8.

**UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.**—At St. Margaret's Church, for flower service, on July 13th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 47 mins.: W. Gutteridge 1, G. F. Baldwin 2, A. G. Twinn 3, E. Hanner 4, G. H. Gutteridge 5, J. H. Lucas 6, C. A. Nicholls 7, F. Corke (composer and conductor) 8.

**TOTTENHAM.**—At All Hallows', on Sunday, July 13th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Bird 1, F. Corney 2, W. J. Ellis (conductor) 3, E. D. Lilleywhite 4, E. A. Hull 5, W. H. Seabrook 6, H. Ellis 7, H. W. H. Strickland 8.

**SHIPLEY, YORKS.**—On Sunday, July 6th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): H. Foster 1, J. Briggs 2, H. Haigh 3, F. Seager 4, T. B. Kendall 5, H. Stott 6, E. H. Simpson (conductor) 7, A. Trotter 8. This is the longest length and first quarter-peal for J. Briggs.

**HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.**—On Sunday evening, June 29th, at St. John-the-Baptist's, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters in 52 mins.: F. W. Goodfellow (conductor) 1, F. Baldwin 2, A. Twinn 3, W. H. Gutteridge 4, Mrs. C. C. Mayne 5, G. H. Gutteridge 6, J. J. Pratt 7, G. C. Mayne 8, H. Wingrove 9, F. Smith 10. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

**LEWISHAM.**—On Sunday, June 1st, for evensong, at St. Mary's Church, H. G. Rowe's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: H. Warnett, sen., 1, C. H. Walker 2, H. James 3, W. W. Fox 4, F. W. Thornton (conductor) 5, C. Davis 6, J. Dafters 7, F. W. Chorley 8.

**BISHOP'S STORTFORD.**—On Sunday, May 25th, at the Parish Church of St. Michael, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: H. Bull 1, V. Matthews 2, R. Hayden 3, Henry Wacey 4, F. Springham (conductor) 5, W. W. Tucker 6, W. T. Prior 7, W. Wilkinson 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins.: Harold Wacey 1, F. Springham (conductor) 2, H. M. White 3, Rev. F. W. Lane 4, W. T. Prior 5, W. W. Tucker 6, P. Springham 7, E. Ansell 8. These two quarters were rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. Bird and for the christening of his son.

## NOTICES.

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—A meeting for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on July 31st.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**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. 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. All ringers welcome.—D. Cooper and A. R. Pink, Dis. Secs.

**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.—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.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Bray on Saturday, July 26th. Bells (6) available 6 to 9 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treasurer, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Eccles, on Saturday, July 26th. Bells ready 3.30 p.m.—S. Thompson, Hon. Sec., 16, Market Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—A monthly practice will be held at Castle Eaton on Saturday, July 26th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. A car will be arranged from Swindon G.W.R. Station at 2.30 p.m.—S. Hopper, Branch Hon. Sec., 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon, Wilts.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Calverley on Saturday, July 26th. The bells available from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next district meeting will be at Lutterworth on Saturday, July 26th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. A good meeting is requested, all ringers being cordially welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Thrapston Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Raunds (8) on Saturday, July 26th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. It is hoped members will make an effort to attend to elect officers.—J. Nickerson, Halford Street, Thrapston.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting of the branch will be held at Olveston on Saturday, July 26th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—Harry Bennett, Branch Hon. Sec., Highfield, Runswick Road, Brislington.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, July 26th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Divine service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

**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. All ringers welcome.—J. Puplett, Hon. Sec., Aylesbury Road, Tring.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—The second district quarterly meeting will be held at West Hallam on Saturday, July 26th. The bells of St. Wilfred's (8) will be available from 2.30 till 4.30 p.m., and from 6 till 8 p.m. Business meeting in the belfry at 4.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. Reports for 1929 can be obtained. Tea can be secured in the village.—George Freebrey, Local Hon. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Thorne on Saturday, July 26th. Bells (8) ready early. Own arrangements for tea. A good attendance is requested.—Percy Gledstone, Hon. Sec., 34, Silverwood View, Conisborough.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bath Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bathaston on Saturday, July 26th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. All ringers welcome.—Theo Grant, Hon. Sec., Swainswick, Bath, Somerset.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A meeting of the Southampton District will be held at Bishopstoke on Saturday, July 26th. Bells from 2.30. Tea at the Anchor Inn 5 o'clock.—W. T. Tucker, Hon. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Wainfleet St. Mary's to-morrow (Saturday), July 26th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Divine service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., The School House, Butterwick, Boston, Lincs.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The summer meeting will be held at Hexham on Saturday, July 26th. The Abbey bells (8, tenor 21 cwt.) will be available at 2.30. Tea at the Tynedale Cafe, Tyne Green, at 5 o'clock, 1s. 6d. per head.—George S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

**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. Waterloo Tower, Quex Park (12), will be available; but All Saints', Birchington, are not in ringing order. Service at All Saints' Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ross District.—Instead of listening to talkies, come to Goodrich and hear the flutes, on Saturday, July 26th. Available 2.30. Preacher, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Guild Hon. Sec.—John Clark, Dis. Hon. Sec., Fern Lea, Chase Road, Ross, Herefordshire.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Misson, near Bawtry, on Saturday, July 26th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Good attendance requested.—H. Revill and R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Secs.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—A combined practice will be held at Ash to-morrow (Saturday, July 26th). Bells (5) available 6 to 9 p.m. All welcome.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Quarterly meeting of the above association will be held at St. Clement Danes' Church, Strand, W.C.2, on Monday, July 28th. Ringing from 6.30 to 8 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. All members specially asked to attend.—W. D. Grainger, Assistant Sec., 83, Coleman Road, Camberwell, S.E.5.

**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.

**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—A ringing meeting will be held at Teversal on Saturday, Aug. 2nd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Please notify Mr. B. Porter, Manor Farm, Teversal, by Thursday, July 31st. All ringers welcome.—J. W. England.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Bratton on Saturday, Aug. 2nd. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea. All ringers welcome.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The annual meeting of the Preston Branch will be held at Higher Walton on Saturday, Aug. 2nd. Bells available from 2.30. A good attendance is requested.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Totternhoe on Saturday, Aug. 2nd. The bells (6) will be available from 2.45. Eaton Bray (6) available from 6 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Stanton-by-Dale (6 bells) on Saturday, Aug. 2nd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea can be arranged if required. All ringers welcome, and don't forget your methods please. Buses leave Sandiacre Square every half hour; also the Post Office, Ilkeston, every hour.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A general meeting at Southwold on Monday, Aug. 4th. Bells (8) available from 11 a.m. Meeting (in tower) 3.30 p.m. Tea (Chapman's Restaurant) at 4 p.m.—H. Drake, Hon. Sec.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Peterborough Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held on August Bank Holiday at Whittlesea. The bells of St. Andrew's (8) and St. Mary's (8) will be available for ringing during the day. Service in St. Andrew's Church at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Tea will only be provided for those who let me know by Wednesday, July 30th. Good bus service from Peterborough.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Whitwell on Saturday, Aug. 9th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea at the Vicarage, by kind invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. J. C. Orr (district president) and business meeting. All ringers welcomed. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, Aug. 5th?—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Wormingford on Saturday, Aug. 9th. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. All wishing to attend please notify me not later than Wednesday, Aug. 6th.—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Martin's, Cheriton, on Saturday, Aug. 9th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 5, followed by tea in the Schoolroom. Half fares up to 2s. paid. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

**ESSEX, HERTS AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS.**—Joint meeting at Edmonton on Saturday, Aug. 16th. Full particulars later. Please book the date.—E. J. Butler, W. Lawrence and C. T. Coles, Hon. Secs.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leatherhead District.—The hon. secretary of this district is now Mr. Arthur H. Smith, 26, Church Street, Leatherhead.

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**PENDLETON, LANCS.**—At St. Thomas' Church, on Friday, July 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): R. Johnson 1, W. Clarke 2, S. Greenhalgh 3, H. Hollingworth 4, R. W. Madgwick 5, W. H. Shaker 6, H. Greenhalgh (conductor) 7, W. Howard 8. Longest length in the method for ringers of 1 and 4, and longest as conductor. Rung in honour of the 700th anniversary of the charter of the city of Salford.

**DARLINGTON.**—On Wednesday, June 11th, at the Church of the Holy Trinity, 720 of Bob Minor: R. W. Gay 1, G. W. Park 2, J. T. Titt 3, W. H. Parter 4, E. Hall 5, R. Park 6. This is the first 720 in any method by E. Hall, who hails from Heighington.

**BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.**—At St. Peter's Church, on Monday evening, May 26th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in honour of the anniversary of Her Majesty Queen Mary's birthday: T. Norris 1, C. Cook 2, Miss E. K. Fulton 3, S. Hoare 4, J. B. Rootes 5, F. Edwards 6, F. W. Brinklow (conductor) 7, A. Deamer 8.

#### ERDINGTON RINGERS IN TOWN.

The twenty-fifth annual outing of the Erdington, Birmingham, ringers, who were accompanied by their wives, took place on July 5th to London. On arriving, the ringers proceeded to Westminster and visited the Houses of Parliament and Westminster Abbey. During the day other historical and interesting buildings were seen. The outing was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The arrangements were carried out most satisfactorily by the secretary, Mr. J. Preston.

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