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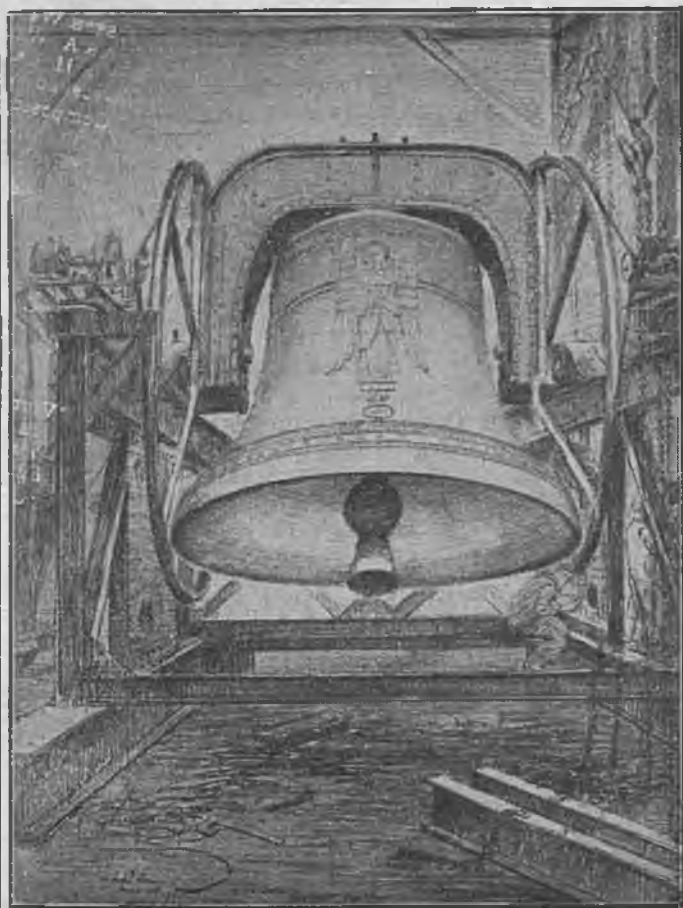
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THE MINOR METHODS 'COLLECTION.'

The position of the Methods Committee in regard to the 'Collection of Minor Methods,' and their action in holding up the publication of this long overdue volume, is one of the matters which will exercise the attention of the Central Council next Tuesday. We are not sure how many years it is since the work on the volume was practically completed; or how long it is since the last edition was sold out; but first, one obstacle and then another has intervened to delay its appearance until ringers have got rather weary of waiting. Many people have expressed the opinion that the last cause of delay has been the least justifiable. Valuable months have been lost for want of agreement between the committee and the hon. secretary as to what should appear on the title page. The Standing Committee were consulted and expressed their opinion, but their views were not acted on, and so the matter has drifted back to the Council, and the committee, in their report, conclude their review of the matter by saying 'so long as the ordinary rights of authors are not infringed we desire to leave the issue of this last controversy to the Council's decision.' There are two rival views, one that the revisers of the book are entitled to have their names on the cover; the other that the Council, who 'pay the piper,' have the right to put the names of the officials on the title page. Those who have sought a compromise suggest that both the names of the authors and of the officials should appear. The majority of ringers, we think, will look upon the whole matter as a rather frivolous disputation.

The disagreement has, however, brought to the front another question which, in our view, is of far more importance, namely, that of the 'copyright' in the Council's publications, and this, presumably, is also to be dealt with next Tuesday. The issue raised here, leaving out the purely legal aspect, is whether the Council has a right to say what shall and what shall not appear in its publications. When it appoints a committee, as it does the Methods Committee, for a certain purpose and with a specific reference, can the committee turn round and dictate to the Council on the ground that its work is the copyright of the members of the committee? We may be wrong, but we think not. In 1927 the committee were instructed to revise and reissue the 'Collection of Minor Methods.' They have been acting for the Council, with delegated powers, and it appears to us that anything which they have done in carrying out the instructions of the Council remains the property of the Council. There is also, of course, the fact that the basis of the revised 'Collection,' the methods themselves—at any rate, the

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whole of them which will produce an extent—was already in existence and had previously been published. Can it be said that the committee have the copyright in these; or indeed in any methods when, as recent articles in our columns have shown, they are merely the product of mathematical formulæ? But, whatever may be the strictly legal position, we think that the Methods Committee would be performing a sensible and a graceful act if they abandoned at once any claim to copyright in a work which they carried out on behalf of the Council.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

READING, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 13, 1931, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 8007 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 20 lb.

RICHARD T. HIBBERT 1	JAMES BENNETT 7
ALFRED E. REEVES 2	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 8
GEORGE R. PYE 3	HARRY W. SMITH 9
CHARLES T. COLES 4	WILLIAM PYE 10
STANLEY C. DAVIS 5	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ... 11
†SIDNEY LODGE 6	*GEORGE E. HOLLOWAY ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES

* First peal on twelve bells. † First peal.

WORCESTER.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM AND THE WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1931, in Four Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 49½ cwt. in B.

SYDNEY T. HOLT 1	FRANCIS E. DAWK 7
ALBERT E. NORMAN 2	ALBERT WALKER 8
FRANK W. PERRENS 3	THOMAS H. REEVES 9
FRANK E. HAYNES 4	FRANK E. PERVIN 10
HECTOR G. BIRD 5	ROBERT MATTHEWS 11
WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 6	CYRIL TANSSELL Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANCIS EDWARD DAWK.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

RONALD G. BECK 1	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... 6
THOMAS F. KING 2	WILLIAM KNIGHT 7
ALFRED E. REEVES 3	HENRY PRING 8
WILLIAM H. THOMAS ... 4	JOHN A. BURFORD 9
WILLIAM A. CAVE 5	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Composed by J. A. BURFORD.

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

WEST HAM, ESSEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 16, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

GEORGE HAYDEN 1	HARRY HOVERD 6
FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ... 2	GEORGE A. CARD 7
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... 3	GEORGE W. STERRER ... 8
CHARLES A. HUGHES 4	GEORGE H. CROSS 9
ALFRED PYE 5	EDWARD D. SMITH Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS

First peal of Caters by the ringer of the 6th.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

OLDHAM, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH AND OLDHAM AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 9, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS, MOORSIDE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES
Tenor 18 cwt.

F. MELLOR 1 treble	J. TRUELOVE 5
*O. MOORES 2	H. MELLOR 6
F. COCKING 3	*W. E. HOWARTH 7
H. PLATT 4	C. E. PLATT Tenor

Composed by J. PATRICK.

Conducted by C. E. PLATT.

* First peal in the method and first attempt.

WARFIELD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 13, 1931, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt, 1 qr. 27 lb. in F.

LEONARD STILWELL 1 treble	WILLIAM T. BERTON 5
C. ERNEST SMITH 2	GEORGE GILBERT 6
*MISS STELLA DAVIS 3	RAYMOND PHILPOTT 7
WILLIAM HENLEY 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Composed by the Rev. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal in the method. First peal of London on the bells. Specially arranged for Miss Davis.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(ST. PETER'S GUILD)

On Thursday, May 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt.

LEWIS WISEMAN 1 treble	OLAVE BROYD 5
BERNARD W. PETTITT 2	CRCIL BARKER 6
RONALD RAYNER 3	ALBERT CATTERWELL 7
*BERT COCK 4	ROBERT YOUNG Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by ALBERT CATTERWELL.

* First peal on tower bells.

SONNING-ON-THAMES, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 16, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt, 1 qr. 4 lb. in E flat.

*MISS E. DORIS BLENCOWE Treble	REGINALD W. REX 5
ALFRED H. PULLING 2	C. ERNEST SMITH 6
WILLIAM E. TAYLOR 3	GEORGE GILBERT 7
RAYMOND OVERY 4	PERCY J. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal of Stedman.

LONDON.

THE NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.

On Saturday, May 16, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

Insp. FRED PORTER	'L' Division...Treble
Insp. WILLIAM BOTTRILL	'Y' " ... 2
P.C. CHARLES DAVIS	'R' " ... 3
P.C. NORMAN BAGWORTH	'A' " ... 4
P.C. THOMAS BANNISTER	'S' " ... 5
P.C. ERNEST GWILLIAM	'J' " ... 6
Ex-P.C. FRED DIGBY	'L' " ... 7
Ex-P.C. ERNEST BRETT	'E' " ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by INSPR. W. BOTTRILL.

First peal on tower bells, and first of Major for the National Police Guild. Rung as a compliment to ex-P.C. Digby on his retirement from the police service after 25 years. P.C. Digby was the first hon. secretary of the Metropolitan Police Guild, of which all the above band are members. This composition is now rung for the first time.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 16, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

LESLIE PRESTIDGE 1 treble	WILLIAM GREEN 5
BENJAMIN BOOTE 2	THOMAS A. TOWNSEND 6
HARRY HILL 3	JOHN GOODMAN 7
ANDREW ROUND 4	BENJAMIN PRESTIDGE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN.

Rung to celebrate the 21st birthday of Mr. B. Prestidge. It was also a birthday peal for Mr. W. Prestidge, father of the ringer of the treble, and Mr. A. Prestidge, the genial leader of the Netherton ringers, and Mrs. Prestidge.

BRAUGHING, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1931, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

*CHARLES RUSH 1 treble	BARNARD PATMORE 5
†SIDNEY ROCHESTER 2	JOHN WELCH 6
ROBERT HOWARD 3	WILLIAM K. NORTH 7
SIDNEY CARTER 4	JOSEPH LADLEY Tenor

(composed by T. HURRY.)

Conducted by JOSEPH LADLEY.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First as conductor.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt, 3 qr, 16 lb.

ALBERT WIFFEN 1 treble	ALBERT W. COLES 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 6
FRANK CLAYDEN 3	JAMES BENNETT 7
CHARLES T. COLES 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 16, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt, 3 lb. in A flat.

ALBERT A. FLEMING 1 treble	JAMES DURRANT 5
JAMES ROSE 2	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE 6
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 3	GEORGE A. FLEMING 7
*WILLIAM KINSEY 4	FREDERICK J. TILLET Tenor

Composed by H. HOWLETT.

Conducted by G. A. FLEMING.

* First peal of Bob Major. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

PEREY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, May 16, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt, in F sharp.

CHARLES DAVIS 1 treble	WILLIAM DAVIES 5
RICHARD C. I-GHAM 2	MORRIS J. MORRIS 6
GEORGE F. SWANN 3	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH 7
GEORGE F. MITCHISON 4	CHARLES H. COOK Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH.

This peal was specially rung to commemorate the centenary of the laying of the foundation stone of this church. Ringers of 1, 2, 4, 7 and 8 are members of the local band. Upwards of 50 peals have now been rung by the St. Martin's Guild on these bells.

MORTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On Thursday, May 14th, for the Ascension Day service, a quarter-peal of Minor (1,260 changes), made up of 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 360 Kent Treble Bob and 180 Double Court: B. Booth 1, E. Barron 2, G. Booth 3, C. Scott 4, A. Scott 5, J. Machin (conductor) 6.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, May 17, 1931, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF PREMIER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

FREDERICK A. COLEY Treble	FREDERICK J. COLLUM, JUN. ... 5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... 6
HARRY HOVERD 3	WILFRED WILLIAMS 7
GEORGE H. CROSS 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

First peal in the method by the association, in the county, and by all the hand. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. T. Groombridge, jun.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

THURLASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 25, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents.

J. TAYLOR Treble	*ARTHUR HALLAM 4
G. HURD 2	G. WRIGHT, SEN. 5
THOMAS H. WRIGHT 3	G. WRIGHT, JUN. ... Tenor

Conducted by J. TAYLOR.

* First peal.

ROWDE, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, May 9, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt. in A flat.

JESSE FRANCIS Treble	*WILLIAM A. SWIFT 4
*VINCENT E. SWIFT 2	SYDNEY HILLIER 5
*GEORGE WINTER 3	WILLIAM C. WEST ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. SWIFT.

* First peal of Kent. First peal of Treble Bob Minor by all the hand, and on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

LODERS, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, May 9, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in E flat.

EDWARD G. L. COWARD ... Treble	EDWARD T. GRIFFIN 4
WILFRID P. LAMBERT 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5
H. JIM RALPH 3	FRANK PRICE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. SHUTE.

First peal on the bells. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Mabel Price, eldest daughter of the tenor ringer. The Vicar (the Rev. A. B. Hutton) entertained the band to tea after the peal.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, May 9, 1931, in Two Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with different callings.

SYDNEY BAILLESS Treble	JOHN H. BAILLESS 4
WILLIAM A. WOOD 2	FRANK BAILLESS 5
J. WILLIAM LOMAS 3	ALFRED WARWICK ... Tenor

Conducted by F. BAILLESS.

First peal as conductor, also first peal for treble ringer, who is only 16 years of age, his previous longest touch being 720.

MADELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 9, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Ipswich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Violet, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 16 cwt. (approx.).

FRANK SHUKER Treble	*PHILIP KELSALL 4
JOHN E. WHEELDON 2	THOMAS HURD 5
*HAROLD WHITFIELD 3	JAMES WALLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP KELSALL.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal of Minor as conductor. The ringers of the 2nd and tenor hail from Norton, and the rest from Burslem. The band wish to thank the Vicar, Rev. Dr. C. A. Griffin, M.A., for kindly entertaining them to tea after the peal and for the use of the bells.

STONE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 9, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 5½ cwt.

THOMAS J. SALTER Treble	WALTER H. RAXTER 4
JOSEPH E. LAWRENCE 2	WILLIAM SHORT 5
ARTHUR J. MARTIN 3	HAROLD F. MARTIN ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

BARLEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 9, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 changes each of Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

WALTER MANSFIELD ... Treble	SIDNEY CARTER 4
MISS NORA WELCH 2	JOHN WELCH 5
WILLIAM A. TACK 3	ROBERT HOWARD ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

The ringers of the 2nd and 5th hail from Bennington and the 4th from Little Munden, for whom the peal was arranged.

MADLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, May 9, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 17 cwt.

CHARLES EDWARDS Treble	GROFFREY W. TAYSON 4
HERBERT COLCOMBE 2	HENRY J. TAYLOR 5
ALLEN R. GWYNNE 3	ARTHUR W. DAVIS ... Tenor

Conducted by C. EDWARDS.

Rung as a farewell peal to Mr. G. W. Taysom, who, to the regret of all, is leaving the district to take up an appointment at Falmouth.

BLACKMOOR, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tuesday, May 12, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*MRS. W. READ Treble	CYRIL S. WEST 4
†ARTHUR WATTS 2	WILLIAM READ 5
CHARLES E. BASSETT 3	*JAMES NORRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. BASSETT.

* First peal. † First peal away from treble. The tenor ringer is 76 years of age, and has been a regular Sunday service ringer at the above church for close on fifty years.

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CLAPHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 13, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 5½ cwt.

*WALTER WHITLOCK Treble	GEORGE WRIGHT 4
WILLIAM BLAND 2	WILLIAM STAPLETON 5
HERBERT L. HARLOW 3	†RICHARD SHIMMANS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM STAPLETON.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'inside.'

HEMINGBROUGH, NEAR SELBY, EAST YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 15, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, four of Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM TERRY Treble	HORACE MORLEY 4
R. B. SMITH 2	WM. ARTHUR HUDSON 5
FRED TERRY 3	JOHN J. TUNE Tenor

Conducted by W. A. HUDSON.

Rung with the tenor muffled as a mark of respect to the memory of Matthew Thomas Tune, a member of this band for 27 years. J. J. Tune was elected a member before starting. Ringers of 2nd from Howden, 4th from Selby, the rest are local men.

RADCLIFFE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 15 cwt.

*RICHARD H. CAMMIDGE ... Treble	*ARTHUR ISEERWOOD 4
*WALTER M. LOWTON 2	WILLIAM MITCHELL 5
†GEORGE CHEESBROUGH ... 3	*FRANK EMERSON 6

*Tom EMERSON Tenor (covering)

Conducted by WILLIAM MITCHELL.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. Ringers of 3 and 5 from Bury.

ALDINGTON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
AND ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, May 16, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven different 720's. Tenor 14 cwt.

HENRY C. CASTLE Treble	†FREDERICK WANSTALL ... 4
*WALTER SHERWOOD 2	PERCY PAGE 5
†WILLIAM BIDNELL 3	EDWARD S. RUCK Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD S. RUCK.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. ‡ First peal for 45 years.

WILDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 30 six-scores of Grandsire and 12 of Bob Doubles, ten different callings. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*PERCY CUNNINGTON ... Treble	†FRANK TYSON 3
ERNEST ASQUE 2	LEONARD A. WILLIAMS ... 4

HERBERT L. HARLOW Tenor

Conducted by H. L. HARLOW.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Doubles. The ringers wish to thank the Rector (Rev. A. L. Panchard) for his kind hospitality after the peal.

YARDLEY HASTINGS, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 16, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 42 six-scores, with ten different callings. Tenor 14 cwt.

*SIDNEY J. ELLIOTT ... Treble	*BERNARD F. ROBINSON ... 4
*ROGER D. ST. J. SMITH ... 2	TOM TEBBUTT 5
PETER LAW 3	FRED WOODING Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

* First peal and first attempt.

PENHOW, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt.

EDWARD H. STRADLING ... Treble	GEORGE POPNELL 4
*J. ALLAN FREEBURY 2	†DONALD G. CLIFT 5
JOHN W. JONES 3	GEORGE HAWKINS Tenor

Conducted by DONALD G. CLIFT.

* First peal of Minor. † 50th peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 16, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Edmund,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

*GEORGE W. CLARKE ... Treble	CHARLES M. WHITNEY ... 3
†WALTER COPPERWHEAT ... 2	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... 4

BURLEY P. MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by BURLEY P. MORRIS.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Doubles away from the treble, and first attempt.

MARKET DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 16, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Gotthard,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Double Court, Single Court, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE LADD Treble	JOSEPH O. LANDAN 4
ARTHUR RIGGALL 2	WALTER H. FREEMAN ... 5
HORACE M. DAY 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. Freeman, parents of the ringers of 5th and tenor, who were married in this church on May 16th, 1881.

COMPTON MARTIN, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings.

SIDNEY ROWE Treble	CHARLES FIELD 4
JOHN HOUSE 2	JEFFERY TOSSELL 5
ERNEST TOSSELL 3	*WILLIAM FLOWER Tenor

Conducted by JEFFERY TOSSELL.

* First peal. Rung by the Sunday morning service ringers.

SOUTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

*HARRY KEY Treble	†WILLIAM ALLSOPP 4
*CHARLES ALLSOPP 2	THOMAS W. HOPSON 5
*JACK WILLIAMSON 3	*FRED G. FRETWELL Tenor

Conducted by FRED G. FRETWELL.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. All the ringers belong to Alfreton.

COMPTON DANDO, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twelve six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire, with 14 different callings. Tenor 16 cwt.

*ELDER COLES Treble	†REGINALD PARFREY 4
F. CECIL MOGFORD 2	HAROLD BLACKER 5
GILBERT HASSELL 3	†JESSE BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by H. BLACKER.

* First peal. † First peal in two methods. First peal of Doubles on the bells.

HANDBELL PEAL.

STOCKPORT.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT 23, GREEK STREET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

FREDERICK PAGE 1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY... .. 5-6
WILLIAM JACKSON 3-4	PETER LAFLIN 7-8
ALFRED BARNES 9-10	

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.
 Umpire. MORRIS J. MORRIS.

A 'BATH WEEK.'

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(BATH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 2, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM A. CAVE Treble	HERBERT KNIGHT 6
ALFRED E. REEVES 2	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT 7
*FRANK MERRETT 3	HENRY PRING 8
*WILLIAM H. CROCKER 4	JOHN BUXFORD 9
WILLIAM KNIGHT 5	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Composed by G. R. FARDON. Conducted by W. J. PRESCOTT.

* First peal of Stedman Caters and first attempt. First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor and first attempt. F. Merrett and Wm. H. Crocker were elected members previous to the peal. The members of the Bath Branch appreciate the kindness of St. Stephen's Guild in enabling the peal to be rung.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(BATH BRANCH.)

On Monday, May 4, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 8040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*PERCY YOUNG Treble	GEORGE CROSS 5
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT 2	JESSE HALLETT 6
THEODORE GRANT 3	THOMAS F. KING 7
WILLIAM H. CROCKER 4	BERTIE WRIGHT Tenor

Conducted by T. F. KING.

* First peal and first attempt.

BATH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(BATH BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, May 6, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 8040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

HERBERT MERRETT Treble	FRANK MERRETT 5
WILLIAM H. CROCKER 2	JESSE HALLETT 6
GEORGE CROSS 3	CHARLES W. BELL 7
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT 4	STANLEY SULLY Tenor

Conducted by C. W. BELL.

A birthday compliment to the conductor, also to the son of the ringer of the 2nd and the daughters of the ringer of the 3rd.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting was held at Felkirk on Saturday, May 9th, when members attended from Crofton, Darfield, Royston, Sandal, Shelley, South Kirby, Wath, and the local company, and the fine peal of six bells were kept going during the afternoon.

At the short business meeting, held after tea in the Church School, the Vicar, Rev. H. R. H. Coney, who presided, gave all ringers a hearty welcome to Felkirk.—Cawthorne was selected for next meeting. After the usual vote of thanks, ringing was continued in various methods.

ANOTHER PEAL AT WORCESTER CATHEDRAL.

A NARROW ESCAPE.

On Saturday, the magnificent and majestic ring of twelve in the ever beautiful central tower of Worcester Cathedral were heard to advantage, when another ambition of Mr. Frank Dawe, of London, was achieved. Permission, originally granted by the then Dean, Lord Alwyn Compton, in conjunction with Canon Cattley, had been held by him for over 48 years, and his success, after this lapse of time, and in the face of many persistent difficulties, shows that perseverance does have its final reward! Only one previous attempt (18 years ago) had been made, for, until the bells were recast and rehung three years ago, the 'go' left a very great deal to be desired.

On Saturday, friends from Birmingham and surrounding districts met at Worcester, and, having partaken of a sumptuous tea at the George's, kindly provided by Mr. Percy Thomas, of Windy Ridge, Fernhill Heath, whose birthday the peal also celebrated, the ringers wishing him many happy returns, the party ascended the tower and started. All went well for three and a half hours, when the electric lights suddenly went out, but, thanks to the Daylight Saving Bill, sufficient light penetrated the darkened chamber through the narrow windows to enable them just to carry on. Mr. Albert Walker shouted, 'Keep on, stick to it everybody'—which they did for another two courses, when the lights came on again as unexpectedly as they went, and the peal was finished in perfect ringing in 4 hrs. 1 min. Besides the conductor, there were others who had now accomplished a peal in one of the most beautiful and stately cathedrals in the land, and afterwards very hearty congratulations were expressed by many critics of the Cathedral band and other listeners from surrounding districts. A peal here is, however, in the opinion of all the band, still a 'man's job'!

During the night it was noticed that when the 'quarters' sounded one bell was missing, and this recalled the fact that in 1868 the treble bell was stolen. The conductor was in the tower again by eight o'clock, and found that one of the bells had been left 'up'. The omission was quickly rectified, and thereafter the famous chimes every three hours were once more perfect.

Mr. Dawe desires heartily to thank the Dean (the Very Rev. W. Moore-Ede) for so kindly and readily renewing permission, and Mr. R. Smith, the Cathedral clerk of works, for his kind attention and assistance, and Mr. Albert Walker, of Birmingham, without whose help the project could not have been undertaken.

ESSEX BELLS RESTORED.

REOPENING SERVICE AT GREENSTEAD GREEN.

Despite the dreary weather conditions, a large gathering of ringers attended the reopening of the bells and thanksgiving service at Greenstead Green on Saturday last. There were representatives from all parts of the county, and visitors from Suffolk and Cambridgeshire. Ringing commenced at 2 p.m., and the beautiful peal of six (tenor 12½ cwt.), which have recently been rehung by Mr. A. Bowell, Ipswich, were much admired, the only obstacle being the poor circle, which is entirely due to lack of room. The church was crowded when the service commenced, and the Vicar (the Rev. W. W. Duckworth) warmly thanked the congregation for turning out in such large numbers, and also the ringers, some of whom had come such long distances.

The Lord Bishop of Chelmsford, before his address, associated himself with the Vicar's remarks, saying how gratifying it was to see such a splendid congregation in a little country village like Greenstead Green. Looking at the beautiful work which had just been completed, it was proof that at this village the parishioners were preserving that which had been left by their ancestors.

A collection in aid of the restoration fund amounted to over £7.

Thanks to the arrangements made by the District Master (Mr. A. A. Saunders), forty ringers sat down to an excellent tea at the Plough Inn, Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the association, being in the chair. The Vicar also paid a visit at the conclusion of the tea, and gave all the visitors a hearty welcome. He could not help admiring, he said, the unity and good feeling that existed amongst them, and at any time, if they wanted a little outing, they should come to Greenstead Green, where the bells would be at their disposal, and they could have a good time. He then paid a high tribute to the District Master for his work in the parish, and hoped there would soon be a local company to ring the bells.

Mr. Howard, in reply, added testimony to Mr. Saunders, who, he said, was a capable ringer and a good instructor. He had held the office of District Master for a number of years to the satisfaction of all, and he was sure he would not be satisfied until he had achieved his aim by instructing a local band.—Mr. Saunders, in returning thanks, said he should make every effort to get together a local band, but if he did not succeed it would not be his fault.

Mr. W. J. Nevard, of Great Bentley, a pioneer of the art and a live wire of the association, in relating some of his ringing reminiscences, said he had rung in about 150 churches in Essex, and over 690 throughout England, Scotland and Wales. He wanted a few more to make the 700, and he hoped to reach that number before long.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**BIG MEETING OF CHIPPING NORTON DEANERY BRANCH.**

The Chipping Norton Deanery Branch held their spring meeting in very inclement weather at Churchill on Saturday last. Ringing commenced at 1.45 p.m., and continued until 4 p.m., when a service was held in the Parish Church. The Guild's special form of service was used, and was conducted by the Rev. Martin Spearing, who gave a most eloquent address.

After the service a splendid tea was served in the Schoolroom, when upwards of 78 sat down, as the guests of the Churchill bell-ringers. There were present the branch chairman (the Rev. E. C. Freeman), the Rev. J. A. Burnley, the Master of the Guild, and the Guild general secretary, also visiting ringers from Abingdon, Bourton-on-the-Water, and Hitchin.

At the business meeting the following officers were re-elected: The Rev. E. C. Freeman, chairman; Mr. J. Keyte, secretary; Miss Webb and Mr. Miles, Guild committee representatives.

The branch made a grant of £1 Is. to the Stedman Tercentenary Fund.

The place for the autumn meeting was next discussed, and Enstone and Kingham proposed. Upon being put to the vote it was decided to go to Kingham.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector of Churchill for the use of the bells and giving the address, to the Churchill ringers for providing the tea, and to Mr. Anson for presiding at the organ.

A special vote of thanks was also passed to the Master of the Guild, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, and to Mr. Hibbert for attending. The Rev. Worthington was elected an hon. member, as also were two unattached life subscribers from Hitchin.

This concluded the meeting, and ringers then returned to Churchill and Kingham towers, where the following methods were practised: Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Stedman Triples and Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

RINGER'S FATAL ACCIDENT.

The band at Hemingbrough, Yorks, has sustained a severe loss by the death of Mr. Matthew Thomas Tune, who died as the result of falling out of a tree. The deceased was only 44 years of age, but for 27 years had been a ringer at St. Mary's Church, where he was also a sidesman and chorister. He had rung six peals of Minor, one of which he conducted. A builder by trade, Mr. Tune was well known in the district, where he will be much missed.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

A ringing meeting of the East Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Association was held at Swanwick on Saturday last, and was very well attended. The visitors were given a hearty welcome by the Vicar, the Rev. W. S. Senior, and Mr. Churchwarden Walters. It is very encouraging to see church officials taking an interest in the doings of the ringers, and, no doubt, steps would be taken to augment the five bells were it not for some uncertainty about the tower. The structure appears to be a very substantial building, erected about thirty years ago, but, unfortunately, a few years ago cracks appeared in the masonry, and a large amount of money was expended in grouting the interior of the walls with cement. However, it is hoped the trouble is now at an end, and the five bells would certainly be better with an addition, as the weight of the tenor is nearly 18 cwt.

Service was conducted by the Vicar, who gave an inspiring address, and tea was provided in the Parish Room, situated below the church.

At the request of the Vicar, the company stood in silence for a few moments as a mark of condolence with the president, Mr. W. Dobb, in the great loss he has sustained by the death of his wife. Afterwards, ringing took place until 8.30, most of the recognised methods being brought round. This was a very enjoyable meeting.

A BATH PEAL RINGING WEEK.

The three peals rung by the Bath Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, and recorded in this issue, were the result of a week's peal ringing at various churches in an effort to create interest among members, to encourage those who had never rung a peal, and to induce others, who had, to attempt peals in higher methods. The peal attempts and the methods were as follows: May 1st, Bob Minor at Bathcaston; May 2nd, Stedman Caters at Bristol; May 4th, Grandsire Triples at Twerton; May 5th, Stedman Doubles at Weston; May 6th, Grandsire Triples at St. Andrew's, Bath; May 7th, Stedman Triples at St. Mary's, Bath; May 8th, Cambridge Surprise Minor at Bathford; May 9th, Cambridge Surprise Major at Corston. In addition, a peal of Grandsire, arranged for May 2nd at Corston, had to be postponed owing to sickness.

Although only three peals were rung, there were several excellent attempts, some of which failed after two hours' ringing. The interest shown was very encouraging, and some good work was done. The members specially appreciate the kindness of St. Stephen's Guild, Bristol, in placing their bells at the disposal of the Bath District, as there is not in the latter a ring of ten bells suitable for peal attempts.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

It is never too late in life to begin anything in ringing. Mr. James Norris, of Blackmoor, Hants, has just rung his first peal. He is 76 years of age, and has been a Sunday service ringer for close on fifty years! This must be almost a record, and we congratulate Mr. Norris upon the enthusiasm he has shown at his advanced age.

'Many happy returns of the day' to Mr. E. A. Young, hon. secretary of the Central Council, who was born on May 22nd, 1865.

To-day is the anniversary of the 17,024 Double Norwich rung in 11 hrs. 12 mins. by the Oxford Diocesan Guild and conducted by the late Mr. James Washbrook, in 1899.

Thirty years ago next Sunday the first true peal of Troble Ten was rung in Ireland—at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin. Four days later the first Surprise peal rung out of England was accomplished at Bray, Ireland. It was a peal of Superlative.

May 28th is the anniversary of the first peal of Stedman Caters, rung in 1787 at St. John's, Horsley Down, London, by the College Youths.

Ringers in the diocese of Truro will learn with regret of the great bereavement sustained by the Guild Master, Dr. J. Symons, in the loss of his wife, and the sympathy of all will go out to him.

THE F. A. MILNE MEMORIAL.

The sub-committee appointed by the members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild to carry out the scheme of erecting a memorial to the late Frank Alexander Milne, president of the association, are anxious to close the subscription list at an early date. Any member of the Exercise who would like to make a small contribution to this memorial is requested to do so without delay, and any such contribution sent to either of the undersigned will be gratefully acknowledged. It is thought that many members of the Central Council might wish to be identified with this scheme.

C. T. COLES, 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

W. PICKWORTH, 2, Balaam's Lane, High Street, N.14.

J. A. TROLLOPE, 52, Llanmas Park Road, W.5.

NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD.

SECRETARY MADE A JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.

In the recently published list of 'Justices of the Peace' for the Borough of Gateshead the name of Mr. Arthur Payne, M.B.E., appears—a well deserved honour. Mr. Payne has done yeoman service for the St. John Ambulance Brigade for very many years, and he is an honorary officer of the R.A.M.C. He is the present energetic (particularly energetic) secretary of the Newcastle Cathedral Guild, and a past treasurer and editorial secretary of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. It is mooted that he has further municipal honours before him.

A SOMERSET AUGMENTATION.

KINGSTONE NOW HAS SIX BELLS.

The bells of the little church at Kingstone near Ilminster, Somerset, have been rehung and augmented to six, one bell being recast in memory of a late churchwarden, Miss Emily B. Paull. The two new bells are given by the Rutler family in memory of their late father, who also was churchwarden for many years. One of his ambitions—which he did not live to realise—was to see the bells restored and made into six.

The work was put into the hands of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of Whitechapel Foundry, who have made a thoroughly good job. The bells are hung in a teak frame and on ball bearings. They are brought down into what was the old ringing chamber, and ringing now takes place from the ground floor.

The bells, which had previously been silent for thirty years, were dedicated on Ascension Day evening by the Right Rev. C. F. De Salis, Archdeacon of Taunton, who gave the address. They were rung in rounds for a few moments in the service immediately after the dedication.

After the service, Bishop De Salis joined the ringers and rang the fourth for a few minutes, when he turned over his rope to the change ringers who had met together, two from St. George's, Wilton, Taunton, two from St. James' and one from St. Mary's, Taunton, and four (including one lady) from Ilminster.

A demonstration was given to the assembled congregation of what can be done with six bells—touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor (not Cambridge Sunrise, as was recently reported in 'John Bull').

The ringers finally adjourned to the local hostelry to partake of light refreshment, provided by the kindness of Mr. J. Rutter, who has succeeded his late father as churchwarden.

The inscription on the two new bells reads: 'Dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of John Daniel Rutter, C.W., 1903-1929, given by his family, 1931'; and on the recast bell: 'Recast 1931 to the glory of God and in memory of Emily B. Paull, C.W., 1812-1929, together with the names of the Vicar and churchwardens.

THE TERCENTENARY OF FABIAN STEDMAN.

FIRST LIST OF SUBSCRIPTIONS.

FUND REACHES NEARLY £200.

The first generous response made by ringers in all parts of England to the appeal for funds for the restoration of the bells of St. Benet's Church, Cambridge, to commemorate the three hundredth anniversary of the birth of Fabian Stedman, is full of encouragement, and promises an early achievement of the object in view.

There have been few proposals made in the annals of the Exercise which have appealed more keenly to the imagination of ringers as this effort to mark in a fitting manner the tercentenary of one whose genius and enterprise laid the foundations of our art.

Happily we are to-day in possession of five out of the six actual bells upon which Fabian Stedman practised 'the artes and mysteries' which he handed down to us, but for various reasons they have long since been almost silent. If the ringers of England can, by their united efforts, enable those bells once more to fulfil their rightful purpose, no better memorial could be found to the man to whom they owe so much.

The Central Council, when they meet next Tuesday, will be asked to give their official recognition to the scheme and to appoint representatives to act on a committee with the local church authorities. Already Mr. E. H. Lewis, the president of the Council, has made, for the benefit of the parochial authorities, a report upon the condition of the bells and recommendations as to what work should be carried out, and the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild and hon. librarian of the Council) is acting as hon. treasurer of the fund. Many of the County and Diocesan Associations and Guilds have given or promised their support, and others will doubtless do so when the opportunity of their next general meeting occurs. All the important organisations among ringers are thus coming into the scheme with their help, and what is needed now to ensure complete success is the aid of the individual ringers.

The first list of subscriptions and promises which we publish below shows how remarkable has been the reception given to the scheme, and the total now stands at £199 1s. 6d.

There is still a long way to go before the estimated sum required, namely, £350, is reached, but it can be done and done quickly if each ringer will give what he can afford. As we said last week, we need the guineas, but the shillings are equally necessary to success, and even among ringers who can only spare a few pence each much valuable aid can be given. In these cases a collection can be made in the tower on Sunday and forwarded. Already an example in this direction has been set by the Sunday Service band at St. Martin's, Birmingham, and the ringers at Woking Parish Church. Whatever the amount—large or small—it will be welcome.

There are many reasons which make it desirable that the work should be completed and the bells re-opened by the end of the summer—only the prompt raising of the necessary funds can make it possible. We ask all ringers, therefore, to send their contributions without delay.

Appended is the first list of subscriptions:—

INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Mr. W. W. Worthington, Lichfield	50	0	0
Rev. E. Banks James, Seaford Park, Fareham	5	5	0
Mr. C. F. Johnston, Croydon	5	5	0
'The Ringing World'	5	0	0
Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, Crowthorne	3	3	0
Dr. E. L. Taylor, Sevenoaks	3	3	0
The Woodbridge Press, Ltd. (printers of 'The Ringing World')	3	0	0
Dr. J. Symons, Penzance	2	2	0
Dr. F. Leonard Joyce, Reading	2	2	0
Mr. T. R. Dennis, Cambridge	2	2	0
Mr. J. S. Pritchett, Birmingham	2	2	0
Mr. C. H. Howard, Braintree	2	2	0
Mr. F. E. Dawe, Woking, Surrey	2	2	0
Mr. H. Mason, Hagley, Worcestershire	2	2	0
Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Caversham, Reading	2	2	0
Rev. E. V. Cox, Brampford Speke, Devon	2	2	0
Mr. W. J. Nevard, Great Bentley	2	2	0
Mr. E. A. Young, Catford, S.E.	2	2	0
Rev. R. Copeman, Cambridge	1	1	0
Mr. R. O. Street, Aigburth, Liverpool	1	1	0
Rev. A. H. F. Boughney, Cambridge	1	1	0
Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, Enfield	1	1	0

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THE SAXON ARCH
between the church and tower
of St. Benet's.

The proposals which have been made include the following:—

The rehanging of the bells of St. Benet's Church.

The erection of a suitable commemorative tablet.

A gathering of ringers at Cambridge, with a thanksgiving service at St. Benet's.

The details of the restoration scheme, which include reconstructing and strengthening the frame and placing it 12 feet lower in the tower, and cleaning and rehanging the bells, are under consideration, but before anything definite can be done it is necessary to make sure that the money can be raised, and 'The Ringing World,' as announced in our last issue, has opened a fund for the purpose.

The scheme is to be a national scheme, and every ringer, and particularly all those who have found so much pleasure in ringing the ever popular method which bears Stedman's name, will, we feel sure, wish to be identified with it. Donations should be sent to:—

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Mr. J. D. Matthews, Southfields, S.W.	1	1	0
Mr. Ernest Bishop, Swindon	1	1	0
Miss K. Willers, Trumpington, Cambridge	1	1	0
Mr. James George, Birmingham	1	1	0
Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, Cambridge	1	1	0
Rev. H. Law James, Surfleet, Lincs	1	1	0
Mr. R. Richardson, Surfleet, Lincs	1	1	0
Mrs. R. Richardson, Surfleet, Lincs	1	1	0
Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Kingerby, Lincs	1	1	0
Rev. F. L. Edwards, Kingston Magna, Dorset	1	1	0
Dr. Spencer Phillips, Great Baddow, Essex	1	1	0
Rev. H. Drake, Ufford, Suffolk	1	1	0
Mr. J. Parker, Edmonton, Middlesex	1	1	0
Mr. E. W. Elwell, Capenhurst, Cheshire	1	1	0
Mr. A. E. Parsons, Old Hill, Staffs	1	1	0
Mr. C. Dean, Croydon	1	1	0
Mr. W. A. Cave, Bristol	1	1	0
Mr. S. F. Palmer, Sheffield	1	1	0
Mr. J. H. Shepherd, Swindon	1	1	0
Mr. W. Andrews, Winchester	1	1	0
Mr. S. H. Green, London	1	1	0
Mr. T. T. Goffon, Monkseaton, Northumberland	1	1	0
Mr. C. Mee, Sproughton, Ipswich	1	0	0
Mr. A. L. Coleman, North Walsham, Norfolk	1	0	0
Mr. A. B. Bennett, South Kensington	1	1	0
Rev. C. C. Cox, Lyme Regis, Dorset	10	6	
Mr. J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton, Somerset	10	6	
Mr. C. L. Routledge, Newcastle-on-Tyne	10	6	
Mr. T. W. Faulkner, Barking, Essex	10	6	
Mr. J. Oldham, Loughborough	10	6	
Mr. W. J. Southwood, Exeter	10	6	
Mrs. Snowden, Cartmel, Lancs	10	6	
Mr. F. S. Bayley, Meon, Hants	10	6	
'H. H.' Workshop	10	6	
Mr. C. W. Woolley, Great Sheldon, Cambridge	10	6	
Mr. F. E. Haynes, Edgbaston, Birmingham	10	6	
Mr. W. E. White, Cotgrave, Notts	10	6	
Capt. H. Manley, Crawley Down, Sussex	10	6	
Mr. J. D. Manley, Crawley Down, Sussex	10	6	
Mr. J. Phillips, Butterwick, Boston	10	6	
Capt. J. B. M. Ridout, Swanage	10	0	0
Mr. C. Harrison, Loughborough	10	0	0
Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Hereford	10	0	0
Mr. J. B. Budd, Great Grimsby	10	0	0
Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, Canterbury	10	0	0
Mr. W. H. Fussell, Farnham Royal, Bucks	10	0	0
Mr. W. H. Lawrence, Little Mundon, Herts	10	0	0
Rev. F. P. Cheetham, Manchester	10	0	0
Mr. G. F. Woodhouse, Sedburgh, Yorks	10	0	0
Mr. F. F. Linley, Gainsborough, Lincs	10	0	0
Mr. A. G. G. Thurlow, Aythorpe, Dunmow	7	6	
Mr. E. Barnett, Crayford, Kent	5	0	0
Mr. W. Storey, Newcastle-on-Tyne	5	0	0
Rev. C. J. Sturton, Orston, Notts	5	0	0
Mr. F. Wilford, Northampton	5	0	0
Rev. R. H. Whitford, Bristol	5	0	0
Capt. J. H. R. Freeborn, Norwich	5	0	0
Mr. T. Russam, Sparkbrook, Birmingham	2	6	

ASSOCIATIONS AND GUILDS.

Ely Diocesan Association	10	0	0
Kent County Association	5	5	0
Guildford Diocesan Guild	5	5	0
Middlesex County Association	5	0	0
Salisbury Diocesan Guild	5	0	0
Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association	3	3	0
Hertford County Association	3	3	0
Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association	3	3	0
Lincoln Diocesan Guild, Elloe Deaneries Branch	3	3	0
Lincoln Diocesan Guild, Eastern Branch	3	3	0
Royal Cumberland Youths Society	2	2	0
Oxford Diocesan Guild, Chipping Norton			
Deanery Branch	1	1	0
Woking Parish Church ringers	6	0	
Birmingham St. Martin's Sunday Ringers:			
Mr. Albert Walker	1	1	0
Mr. A. Paddon Smith	1	1	0
Mr. Thos. H. Reeves	1	1	0
Mr. W. T. Froggatt	5	0	
Mr. W. C. Dowling	2	6	
Mr. M. J. Morris	2	6	
Mr. E. Mansell	2	6	
Mr. J. Neal	2	6	
Mr. A. E. Norman	2	6	
Mr. Fred Price	2	6	

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Total ... £199 1 6

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

FINAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR LIVERPOOL.

Members of the Central Council will assemble at Liverpool during the coming Whitsun holidays for their annual meeting on Tuesday. They are to be received at the Town Hall by the Lord Mayor, who later in the day will entertain them to tea. They will be the guests of the Lancashire Association at lunch, between the sessions of the Council.

The local Reception Committee, with Mr. Claude I. Davies, have made every arrangement for the comfort and entertainment of the visitors, who are asked to apply at headquarters, which are at the Stork Hotel, for the latest information as to details.

In addition to the programme which has been already published, we are asked to say that there will be a 'gathering of the clans' at the Stork at 8 p.m. on Saturday evening, and visitors who arrive during Sunday are also asked to meet there at 8 p.m.

Details of Sunday service ringing will be available at headquarters. At 11.15 a.m. on Whit Monday, Archdeacon Howson will conduct a party round the Cathedral, and there will be an organ recital at noon on the Cathedral organ.

The afternoon visit to Oxton on Whit Monday will be followed by tea, to which visitors will be entertained by the Warden of St. Nicholas' Church. It would, therefore, be advisable if this party would keep together for the afternoon.

A visit to the White Star liner, 'Adriatic,' has been arranged for 10.30 a.m. on Wednesday. In connection with this there is a nominal charge of 1s. per head, the proceeds being devoted to the local hospitals.

Those members who have written to the local secretary and did not enclose an envelope, are informed that tickets have been reserved for them and can be obtained on application to Mr. Davies at headquarters.

The serious business of the visit begins at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, when the Council meets at the Town Hall. A meeting of the Standing Committee will precede the full Council meeting.

THE METHODS COMMITTEE & THE MINOR COLLECTION

DECISION LEFT TO THE COUNCIL.

The following report of the Methods Committee will be presented to the Council next Tuesday:—

At the meeting held last Whitsuntide the Central Council passed a resolution ordering the Collection of Doubles and Minor Methods to be printed, and the manuscripts were accordingly handed to the printer.

Owing to circumstances which have already been made public we felt obliged to suspend the publication of the book, and we regret that up to date a satisfactory solution of the difficulty has not been found.

The facts are as follows:—

(1) We desire that the custom of the Council, which has obtained ever since its foundation, should be followed, and that the names of the Central Council and of the authors of the book should appear on the title page and the outside cover. We may point out that this is the general custom with publications by bodies similar to the Council.

(2) The hon. secretary gave instructions to the printers that the names of the executive officers of the Council should be substituted for those of the authors. He suggested that the latter might or should be mentioned in the preface.

(3) A compromise has recently been proposed by which the names of both the officers of the Council and the authors of the book should appear on the title page and cover, but reserving the question of copyright to be dealt with at the Council meeting.

We are quite unable to see any valid reason why the ordinary custom should be departed from. However, it has been our earnest endeavour in preparing this book to carry out the wishes of the Council, and repeatedly, when any doubt has arisen on a vital point, we have brought the matter before the Council to learn its views.

So long as the ordinary rights of authors are not infringed, we desire to leave the issue of this last controversy to the Council's decision.

ORDERLY RAISING AND LOWERING OF BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I notice that part of the business of the Central Council at Liverpool will be to consider 'motions' which have evidently been framed with the intention of further assisting in putting the 'house in order.'

I like that first one regarding the muffling of bells, and should also like to see another 'motion': 'That it should be the normal procedure to raise and lower the bells singly, commencing with the treble.' Most of your readers know full well what I mean, as I have continuously urged 'good order' in this respect for many years.

It should not be necessary for such a motion, but since there are still many ringers who never think about the nuisance and antagonisms caused in raising and lowering the bells 'all of a heap,' I hope some members of the Central Council will be interested enough to bring this subject forward with a view to giving an influential lead in this respect.—Yours sincerely,

F. W. RICHARDSON.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS, 1750-1788.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

IV. THE EASTERN SCHOLARS.

When the split in the College Youths' Society came it was between those members who wanted to ring peals and the older members whose activities were more in the meeting room and the social gatherings. That seems clear, but the evidence necessarily is inconclusive. We know the names of the peal ringers; we do not know the names of the others. The conservative party won. They kept control of the Society, and the opposition party left them and, joining with members of the Eastern Scholars, formed a new company. We have seen in Annable's last peal the beginnings of this movement. I do not now propose to write a history of the Eastern Scholars, but a short sketch is necessary.

The Society was founded in 1733 by a band of young, skilful and energetic ringers. The first peal was 5,040 Grandsire Tribbles at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East on March 13th in that year; and from that time till 1763, seventy peals were scored, many of them of exceptional merit. On November 21st, 1737, the Society rang at West Ham 15,120 changes of Bob Major. This was only twelve years after Annable had called the first peal in the method. It remained the record length in any method till 1793, when it was beaten by 15,360 Bob Major at Aston. It was the record for the London district till the College Youths' 15,840 Kent Treble Bob Major at Bethnal Green in 1868, and, except for that performance, has never been equalled in the metropolitan area. The fifth was rung by Thomas Bennett, whose name we have already come across. He joined the Society in 1733 and rang in thirty-four peals, two of which he conducted. In 1750 he joined the College Youths. After ringing in the two peals of Grandsire Caters which Holt conducted for that society, he went over to the Cumberlands and rang peals with them in 1753, 1754 and 1757. In 1754 he took part in the non-society peal at Shoreditch, and in 1757 he is one of the newly formed company.

On April 7th, 1741, the Eastern Scholars rang at St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, the first peal of Oxford Triple Bob, ten in. This was afterwards said to be false, mainly because, when the College Youths rang another peal in the same method at the same tower, they put on the peal board (still existing) the following couplet:—

"When merit's justly due, a little praise then serveth;

A good peal needs no frame, a bad one none deserveth."

The College Youths did not claim that they had rung the first true peal in the method; and I do not know if there was anything beyond guesswork to connect this couplet with the previous peal.

Bennett rang the eighth to this peal and the fourth was rung by William Lovell. Lovell had joined the Union Scholars in 1740, and rung one peal with them, but, probably not getting on there as quickly as he wanted, he came over to the Eastern Scholars. His first peal with them was one of Double Bob Major (a favourite method in those days), and his name appears in the majority of the succeeding peals. On March 2nd, 1742, the Society rang 6,832 Bob Major at Mortlake, and a

fortnight later 10,080 at the same church. In 1746 George Meakins joined the Society and rang his first peal, one of Bob Major. The first he called was also Bob Major, at St. Dunstan's-in-the-West on June 14th, 1749, and in time he became the leading conductor.

On Sunday, December 27th, 1747, the Eastern Scholars rang at Shoreditch '5040 changes compleat of that Excellent new Peal call'd Eastern Bob.' This was the same method as, more than a hundred years later, Henry Hubbard called Yorkshire Court and printed in his book as his own. It was composed by Joseph Prior. Bennett called the peal from the seventh, Lovell rang the tenor and Meakins the fourth. Just over two years later at St. Sepulchre's they rang 5,040 Eastern Bob, ten in, Meakins called this peal and the eighth was rung by John Lokis. Two years later than that the Society rang the peal of Eastern Bob Double which I have already referred to. This, also, was called by George Meakins. In 1752 they rang at St. Giles', Cripplegate, 5,040 Bob Major Royal, otherwise Ten in. Meakins and Jos. Aylin rang the ninth, Lovell the tenor alone. At the foot of the record is this note: "N.B. The Reason of there being 2 Persons to ring the Ninth was on Account of her going so very bad and the Co. being Desirous to Complete the Peal at that Time."

One of the men who rang in many of these peals had the picturesque name of Gabell Estall. I should like to know more of Mr. Estall, but he does not concern our present story. His name does not appear after 1754.

In 1749 Meakins and Lokis went over to the Union Scholars for some reason which does not appear. Each rang a peal with that company, but they were soon back again.

In 1746 Robert Butterworth and James Coxon rang in a peal of Bob Major and in 1754 William Underwood called a peal of Grandsire Trebles at Rumford, Emanuel Crouch ringing the seventh. In 1755 Joseph Monk's name appears for the first time, and in 1756 Robert Bly, James Darquitt, William Moss and John Underwood. All these names are important, for they were the men who formed the backbone of the new company. John Underwood, Bly, Crouch, Butterworth and Monk rang in a peal of Bob Major at St. George's-in-the-East on August 15th, 1756, the last peal by the Eastern Scholars before the College Youths' split.

Joseph Monk, who became a leading member of the new band, is best known to-day as the last editor of the J.D. and C.M. 'Campanalogia.' The book was hopelessly out of date when issued and contained none of the many eighteenth century improvements in ringing, although Monk, himself, took part in several of them. His manuscript peal book is to-day in the possession of the College Youths. When practically all the active members had left the Society of Eastern Scholars to join the new band, the former company became so weak that it ultimately collapsed. Only one more peal was rung: Bob Major in 1763. Soon after, the remaining members apparently joined the old Society of College Youths and took their peal and name book with them.

Fifty years later there was a Society of Eastern Scholars who rang at Greenwich and the neighbouring towers, the leader of which was E. Taylor, the composer of the well known Bob and Single peal of Grandsire Triples. This was a new company and not the survivor of the old society.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

The decision of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild to hold its annual festival at Sherborne this year was more than justified by the numbers that attended. Ringers came from all the branches, attracted by the opportunity of visiting the grand old Abbey Church and ringing on its famous bells—the heaviest ring of eight in the country. Quite early in the day visitors began to assemble, and the bells were booming out over the sleepy little Dorset town. Not all who tried them found the weight to their liking, but there were some well-struck touches rung during the day, the methods being limited principally to Grandsire Doubles and Triples and Stedman Triples.

The Guild service, held in the Abbey, was conducted by the Vicar of Sherborne (Canon Wingfield-Digby), and the singing was beautifully led by the choirboys. Canon G. F. Coleridge was the preacher, and took for his text Psalm xl. 2 and 3: 'He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and he set my feet upon a rock and ordered my goings, and he hath put a new song in my mouth, even thanksgiving unto our God.' It gave him, he said, unfeigned pleasure to come there that day, first because it gave him the opportunity of worshipping in that most noble building; secondly, because it gave him the opportunity of addressing a body of church-workers; and, thirdly, and a much smaller reason, that it brought him into the county where he first learned to ring a bell, just sixty years ago this very year. Proceeding, Canon Coleridge drew the analogy of the casting, the tuning and the hanging of a bell with his unusual text, and went on to say that there were in England over forty thousand bellringers, not all of them highly skilled, but all engaged in church work, and, thank God, there were among them not a few highly skilled and most intelligent women who came forward in the war time to take the place of men, many of whom, alas, never came back. The names of some 1,200 of these men, members of the diocesan and county associations, were recorded in a roll of honour in St. Paul's Cathedral. But whether the ringer was skilled or was not, he was one of a large number of earnest churchworkers who gave their talents, such as they were, as an offering to Almighty God. He could look back over sixty years of ringing life, and he had seen what a vast difference there was between the ringers to to-day and the ringers of fifty or sixty years ago. Ringers used to be held in bad repute for the most part, but now all that had changed, and ringers were looked upon as valued workers in the church, on a par with the organist and choirmen and boys. It was highly honourable work, and as much skill was required in ringing a peal as in the performance of some great oratorio. The public did not know, but ringers knew perfectly well, that their art required, above all, perfection of touch and sight and hearing in the higher branches of the art, while on the scientific side comparatively very few brains were able to cope with the intricacies of composition. In their art, ability and intellect were taxed to the utmost. The whole status of the ringer had risen enormously in the last fifty years, and it had got to rise still higher. Each one of them had got to do his best to see that their status was not only maintained, but enlarged and deepened. The diocesan and county associations had done everything they could to raise the status of the ringer. He urged them to be worthy of their calling, so that when they reached their lives' end they would not be ashamed to stand before Christ at His coming, and to join with the angels and archangels and all the company of heaven in a new song which He would put into their mouths.

The service concluded with the hymn, 'Lifted high within the steeple,' during the singing of which a collection was taken for the Hervey Beams Memorial Fund.

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MR. BEAMS.

A substantial lunch was served in the Church Hall, to which over 160 sat down. At the conclusion, the toast of 'The King' was honoured, and the business meeting followed. The Hon. Secretary (Rev. F. Ll. Edwards) said that illness prevented their president, the Earl of Shaftesbury, from attending or doing any ringing. They trusted his health would soon be completely restored, and that he would again be able to take a full part in their activities. The secretary also regretted that he had received a telegram from the Master (the Rev. R. H. Gundry), who had intended to be present but was unable to attend owing to illness. They would all sympathise with him, and hoped he would soon be well again.

In the absence of the Earl of Shaftesbury and the Rev. R. H. Gundry, the Vicar of Sherborne, Canon Digby, was voted to the chair.

The hon. secretary presented the balance sheet, which showed that the year began with £34 16s. 1d. in hand, £50 of which is on deposit. The receipts amounted to £63 16s. 9d., and the expenses to £61 10s. 2d., the balance thus being increased to £27 2s. 8d. The accounts were adopted, and the officers, including the Master (the Rev. R. H. Gundry), the hon. secretary (Rev. F. Ll. Edwards), and the assistant secretary (Mr. F. Green), were re-elected.

The Hon. Secretary reported that the war memorial scheme was completed at the last annual meeting, and the much lamented death of Mr. Beams took place shortly afterwards. It was a source of great gratification to Mr. Beams, and it would be to members of the Guild, that he just lived to complete the work he undertook. Since then they had added to the memorial screen the handsomely carved copy of the Guild badge, made by Mr. Northover. He had received a letter of grateful thanks and congratulation from the Archdeacon for what the Guild had done.

The Guild then considered the question of a memorial to the late Mr. Beams. The Hon. Secretary said it would be remembered that just before Mr. Beams died a movement was on foot to present a testimonial to him. Consequently the only thing they could now do was to raise some memorial to him. The committee had decided to refer the matter to that meeting, but as far as they could gather the only practicable shape that it could take was a memorial in Bradpole Church, with which Mr. Beams was associated.

Mr. W. S. B. Northover said there were two suitable places in Bradpole Church where a tablet could be erected—one on the south wall and one on the west wall near the door leading from the church into the tower. Anything he could do to assist in the matter he would be glad to do.

Mr. Jennings proposed that a memorial should be erected and the matter left to the officials of the West Dorset Branch, the Rev. C. C. Cox (chairman), Mr. F. Bugler (Ringing Master), Mr. W. S. B. Northover, and the hon. secretary (Mr. E. F. Brooks), to work in conjunction with the Bradpole Church Council. Those on the spot would know best what was wanted, and he thought it should be left entirely in their hands.—Mr. Heginbotham seconded, and said if the matter was left to the committee it would be dealt with at once, instead of being left to hang on for, perhaps, three or four years.

The Hon. Secretary said they already had some money in hand, raised by the branches for the testimonial. They also had the collection taken in the Abbey that day towards it. He had no doubt that when a scheme was prepared they would be able to get the rest of the money to complete it.

The motion was adopted, and a suggestion was made that the memorial might take the form of a gift to the church instead of the erection of a tablet, and this proposal will be considered by the committee.

SUPPORT FOR CENTRAL COUNCIL.

A motion that there should be added to Rule 1 the following, 'The Guild shall be affiliated to the Central Council of Church Bellringers and loyally abide by the rules and decisions thereof,' was proposed by the hon. secretary, who said it would make no practical difference to the Guild, which had been affiliated to the Council for over twenty years, and he had no doubt they had always loyally stood by the Council's decisions. He did not think they had ever given the Council any trouble by ringing freak arrangements as peals. It would also be a very sound thing to have this in their rules. It would prevent their successors from suddenly seceding from the Council owing to some misunderstanding, disagreement, or dissatisfaction. If such a thing occurred it would give them more time to think it over, because notice of motion would have to be given before they could secede.

The proposition was carried.

The Hon. Secretary announced that with the permission and co-operation of the Bath and Wells Association they had printed a number of the latter's very useful pamphlets on Grandsire. A supply of these would be in the hands of the branch secretaries, and any band that wanted to begin change ringing at the beginning could obtain copies. He hoped the leaflets would prove of great use.

The Fabian Stedman commemoration was brought to the notice of the meeting by the hon. secretary, and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith was invited to explain the scheme, which he did.

The Rev. C. C. Cox thought the Guild should vote a sum of £5 to the fund, and this was seconded by Mr. C. H. Jennings and carried unanimously.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks, proposed by the Rev. C. C. Cox, to the Vicar of Sherborne for his welcome and for the service and the use of the bells, to Canon Coleridge for his address, to the organist and choir, to the ladies for preparing the luncheon, and to the incumbents who had placed the bells at their disposal.

The Chairman and Canon Coleridge replied, and the proceedings terminated.

Ringing was resumed at the Abbey, parties visited neighbouring churches, and many spent a pleasant hour out of the rain at the Red Triangle Club, adjoining the Church Hall, which had been placed at the disposal of the visitors, and where the billiards tables and other games were available.

The general secretary, in his report, referred to some of the features of exceptional interest which had marked the past year—the success of the annual festival at Calne, the completion of the Guild's war memorial, the first peal of Major on the bells of Sherborne Abbey. A tribute was paid to the late Mr. T. Hervey Beams, who, as assistant secretary, as an instructor, and as an inspector of bellfries, rendered most valuable service. While the living record of his good work was written in many a tower in West Dorset and in the widespread advance of change ringing, two things especially stood out as lasting memorials to his name—the Guild badge, which was designed and adopted on his initiative, and the noble screen erected in the Cathedral in honour of ringers fallen in the war, the cost of which was raised by his efforts. The reports of the branch secretaries, the General Secretary added, testified to steady progress in change ringing, with a generally high standard in the methods rung. A notable feature of the year's peal record was the large proportion of 'first peals' by one or more of the band.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**FORMATION OF A NEW BRANCH.**

By kind permission of the Vicar of Lancaster Priory, the half-yearly meeting of the Lancashire Association was held there on Saturday, about forty ringers and friends arriving from all over the county, together with visitors from Kendal. A short service was held in the Officers' Memorial Chapel, at which the Vicar gave some interesting information of the history of the church, the ground on which it stood being originally a Roman camp.

The churchwardens kindly entertained the ringers to tea in the Church House. Canon Elsee (president) afterwards addressed the gathering on the objects of the association, and after a long discussion it was decided to form a new branch with Lancaster as a centre and thirteen towers for a start, some with bells which need the attention of a bell hanger. Mr. Jennings, of Kendal, undertook the secretaryship, with Mr. Forcett, Lancaster, as assistant. The first meeting of the new branch is to be held at Melling on June 20th.

The Rev. B. Pollard consented to become an hon. member, and two ringing members were elected.

The standard methods were rung during the afternoon and evening, with some rounds for those who were not so far advanced.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

HOUNSLOW.—On Sunday, May 17th, for evensong, 1,264 Bob Major in 46 mins.: W. Sparrow 1, P. E. Hawthorne 2, J. P. Kent 3, W. W. Daniell 4, W. H. Stevens, I.S.O., 5, W. C. Parker 6, H. W. Barrett 7, C. J. Tricker (conductor) 8.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS.—On Sunday, May 17th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, two and a half parts of Holt's 10-part with 2 singles (1,274 changes) in 49 mins.: J. Machin 1, S. Hyder 2, H. Smith 3, J. E. Burles (conductor) 4, A. Steadman 5, W. Pickthall 6, C. J. A. Cushing 7, A. Matthews 8.

WINDSOR.—On Sunday evening, May 17th, 1,248 Double Norwich Major, in 48 mins.: W. E. Taylor 1, H. G. Owen 2, G. Gilbert 3, E. S. T. Farr 4, W. H. Fussell 5, W. Henley 6, H. Wingrove 7, L. Stillwell (conductor) 8.

DEAL, KENT.—On Sunday, May 17th, 720 Kent Treble Bob: S. Bamford 1, E. Long 2, B. Luck 3, W. Terry 4, L. Ladd 5, E. Verrier (conductor) 6.

HAWKHURST.—On Sunday, May 10th, for evening service, at St. Lawrence's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Chapman 1, A. Stevenson 2, T. Relf 3, W. Gorrings 4, G. Sims 5, O. Waghorn 6, J. Powell (conductor) 7, H. Batehup 8.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of Our Lady and English Martyrs, on Sunday, May 3rd, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. Lathbury 1, W. Faux 2, B. D. Buttress 3, T. R. Dennis 4, E. G. Hibbins 5, J. W. Ward (conductor) 6.

OVER, CAMBS.—On Sunday, April 26th, at the Parish Church of St. Mary, for morning service, 720 Norwich Surprise: R. Smith 1, M. Ginn 2, F. Warrington (conductor) 3, R. Thoday 4, A. J. Ginn 5, C. Robinson 6. For evensong, 720 London Surprise: M. Ginn 1, C. Robinson 2, B. Wayman 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, A. J. Ginn 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6.

BARTON-LE-CLEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday, April 19th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes) in 49 mins.: H. R. C. Mann 1, Rev. T. H. Dixon 2, H. Mann 3, E. R. Brown 4, A. Gutteridge 5, R. Kendall (conductor) 6. First quarter-peal of Minor on the bells, and by the local company.

A HALF-PEAL.

On May 14th a half-peal of Grandsire Doubles, at All Saints', Publow, in 1 hr. 31 mins., for Ascension Day: H. Blanning 1, F. C. Mogford 2, J. Bailey 3, E. Watts 4, C. Bishop (conductor) 5, D. Dando (first half-peal) 6.

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NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—A meeting for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 28th, at 7.30.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A quarterly meeting at Soham on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. — K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berkshire Branch.—Annual meeting at Drayton on Saturday, May 23rd. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30.—Albert E. Lock, 35, East Street, Helen Street, Abingdon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Newhey on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Edenham on Saturday, May 23rd. The ring of 6, recently augmented to 8 with two new trebles and recast tenor, will be opened. The dedication service will be performed by the Master of the Guild, the Rev. H. Law James, at 2.30 p.m. Bells available after service until 9 p.m. All welcome. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., The Lodge, Fellingham, Lincs.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The spring meeting of the above branch will be held on Saturday, May 23rd, at Eynsham. Service 3 p.m. Meeting afterwards.—W. Evetts, jun., Hill Court, Tackley, Oxford.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at the two five-bell towers of Little Staughton and Keysoe on Saturday, May 23rd. Little Staughton bells from 2.45 to 4.45. Tea at Keysoe 5.15. Ringing after tea. Visitors welcome. Please try and come.—Percy C. Bonnett, Dis. Sec., Rose Cottage, Stagsden, Beds.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—A meeting will be held at Wisbech on Saturday, May 23rd. The bells of Newton are open for ringing at 2 p.m. Leverington at 3 p.m. Service at Wisbech Parish Church at 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. Barker, Branch Sec.

GOOSNARGH, near PRESTON.—The ring of 6 bells, restored and hung in a new framework by Taylors, of Loughborough, will be opened on Saturday afternoon, May 23rd.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Halesworth on Whit Monday, May 25th. Bells available from 11 a.m.: Halesworth (8, rehung), Chediston (6), Wissett (6), Wenhaston (6). Tea, at the White Swan, 1s. each, at 4.30. Meeting follows.—F. C. Lambert, 54, Thorofare, Halesworth.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival at Hereford, Whit-Monday, May 25th. Service in Cathedral Ladye Chapel 12.15. Preacher: The Bishop. Dinner Booth Hall Hotel, 1 p.m., 2s. 6d. (1s. 6d. for members applying for tickets beforehand). Business meeting afterwards. Towers open: All Saints' (8) and St. Nicholas' (6), 10.30 to 12, and 3 to 6, Cathedral (10), 6.30 to 8.30; also outlying towers.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Plymouth on Whit Monday, May 25th. Service in St. Andrew's Church at 12.30. Dinner and meeting in Goodbody's Restaurant, Bedford Street, 1.15 p.m. Towers open: St. Andrew's (10), Charles (10), Emmanuel (8) and Stoke (6).—T. Laver, Gen. Sec., 21, Cross Park, Heavitree, Exeter.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Northampton on Whit Monday, May 25th. The Central Committee meet in St. Peter's Schools at 11 a.m. prompt. Service at St. Peter's Church at 12 noon, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. V. Martin). Luncheon at the Plough Hotel, Bridge Street, at 1 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Bells available: St. Giles' (10), St. Sepulchre's (8), and St. Peter's (8) all day, and St. Edmund's (8) and Kingsthorpe (6) after the meeting.—Robt. G. Black, Gen. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Thirsk on Whit Monday, May 25th. Bells available all day. (Tenor 17 cwt.) Committee meeting at 12 noon. Service at 12.30, address by the Rev. H. G. Metcalfe, Vicar of Felixkirk. Dinner will be provided at the Golden Lion at 1 p.m. Members 2s. 6d. Non-members 3s.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Hope, near Caergwrie, on Whit Monday. A service will be held at 3 p.m. A good attendance is hoped for. All ringers welcome.—W. Cathrall, Hon. Sec., 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The 52nd annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, May 25th. 11.30 a.m.: Service at the Cathedral, with address by the Rev. Canon F. W. Galpin, M.A., F.L.S., Rector of Faulkbourne. 12.30 p.m.: Lunch (members 2s.) to be followed by the annual meeting at the County Hotel, Rainsford End. Towers open for ringing during day: Cathedral (12), Writtle (8), Widford (8), Galleywood (8), Great Baddow (8), Great Waltham (8), Springfield (6), Broomfield (6) and Boreham (8). No ringing permitted during service and meeting.—Charles H. Howard, Master; F. J. Pitstow, Gen. Sec. and Treasurer, 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting of the Forest Branch will be held at Westbury-on-Severn on Saturday, May 30th. Bells (6) open at 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All ringers who require tea must let the branch secretary know by Wednesday, May 27th.—Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec., 44, Newerne Street, Lydney, Glos.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cranleigh on May 30th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Church Hut. All welcome. Will those requiring tea please notify Mrs. Whittington, Glendoone, The Common, Cranleigh, by Wednesday, May 27th?—H. F. Mills, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Tyldesley on Saturday, May 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Leigh, near Reigate, on Saturday, May 30th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea and business to follow. Those requiring tea must let me know by Wednesday, May 27th.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley, Surrey.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Beddington on Saturday, May 30th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea at the White Post Tea Rooms at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. C. H. Kippin, 18, Guy Road, Beddington, not later than Wednesday, May 27th. All ringers are heartily welcome.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Bexhill, on Saturday, May 30th. Tower open at 3 p.m.—A. E. Amies, Hon. Sec., 4, Stockleigh Road, St. Leonards-on-Sea.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Knebworth, Saturday, May 30th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting at Lytton Arms at 5 p.m. Kindly do your best to make the meeting a success.—Don Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Offley, Hitchin.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be on Saturday, May 30th. Ringing at St. Dunstan-in-the-East 3 till 5 and St. Magnus 7 till 9. Tea at Lyons.—J. G. A. Prior, Hon. Dis. Sec., 77, Anthony Street, St. George's, E.1.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Dore on Saturday, May 30th. Christ Church, 8 bells (tenor 11½ cwt.) available afternoon and evening. Tea will be arranged provided not less than 12 applications are received by the undersigned not later than May 29th. Subscriptions due. Reports ready. Visitors welcome.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leamwood, Dore, near Sheffield.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting of the Guild will be held at Aldington, by invitation of the Rev. G. S. Long, for Mr. Slingsby's 94th birthday on May 30th. Bells available 2.30. Service and tea as usual. It is hoped that all will make an effort to attend.—A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672).—A meeting of the above will be held at Orston on Saturday, May 30th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea at nominal charge. Will those requiring same advise Rev. C. J. Sturton, Orston, Notts, by May 28th. Special business meeting after tea. Members, please try and attend.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Tempsford on Saturday, May 30th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Rudgwick on Saturday, May 30th. Bells available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. All those intending to be present kindly advise me by Tuesday prior to the meeting.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch. — A special meeting will be held at Keynsham on Saturday, May 30th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. — T. Grant, Branch Sec., Swainswick, Bath.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Braywood (5 bells) on Saturday, May 30th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged for those who notify me not later than May 26th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Guiseley on Saturday, May 30th. Usual arrangements.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds.

MONK'S KIRBY, WARWICKSHIRE.—A combined practice will be held at Monk's Kirby on May 30th. Bells available 3.30. It is hoped a good number will turn up. All ringers welcome.—T. Pittham.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bridgnorth Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Much Wenlock on Saturday, May 30th. Ringing at 3 p.m. (8 bells). Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 followed by business meeting.—W. Hayward, Hon. Sec., 21, North Gate, Bridgnorth.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Next monthly meeting will take place at Bolsover (bells 8) on Saturday, June 6th. The Cup Contest will also take place at this meeting. Entries for Cup Contest should reach me not later than Thursday, June 4th. For tea notify without fail Mr. J. Flint, 45, Oxcroft Lane, Bolsover. — M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield.

PRYCE TAYLOR MEMORIAL, LOUGHBOROUGH. — The Bishop of Leicester will dedicate the Memorial Screen at the Parish Church on Saturday, June 6th, at 3 p.m. The rings of ten bells of the Parish Church and the bell foundry tower will be at the disposal of visitors, and, by kind permission of the Rev. Canon Briggs, the Rectory Grounds will be open. Tea will be provided in the Fearon Hall for those who apply for tickets by Thursday, June 4th, to Mr. D. S. Collins, 145, Paget Street, Loughborough.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Cuckfield on Saturday, June 6th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Will all those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, June 3rd? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

MIDDLESEX AND HERTFORD ASSOCIATIONS.—A joint meeting of these associations will be held at Barnet on Saturday, June 6th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 (new caterers), 1s. each. Please advise one of the undersigned by June 3rd. All members and friends of these associations heartily welcomed.—C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4, W. Nash, North Mimms, Hatfield, Hon. Secs.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM. — A monthly practice for Double Norwich and Surprise methods will be held. All ringers invited, first practice commencing at 6.30 p.m., June 6th, and continuing until further notice. — B. W. Pettitt, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A by-meeting will be held at Lyminge on Saturday, June 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Will all those intending to be present please notify Mr. Alec. Webb, 2, Kimberley Terrace, Lyminge, before Thursday, June 4th?—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—The annual festival of the above branch will be held at Shenley on Saturday, June 6th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringing visitors heartily welcomed. Names for tea by June 2nd.—Walter Sear, 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held at Stoke Canon on June 6th. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, 1s. each. Bands and visitors please notify me by May 29th.—W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, St. Thomas, Exeter.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Tarleton on Saturday, June 6th. Bells available from 2.30.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Kingswinford on Saturday, June 6th. Bells available from 3. Service 4.30. Business meeting afterwards. — Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The dedication of the two new bells at Isleworth, by the Bishop of Kensington, will take place on Saturday, June 13th. Service at 3.30. It is hoped that members and all ringing friends from other societies will endeavour to be present on this auspicious occasion. A hearty welcome to all. Tea will be arranged in the Church Hall about 5.30 for those requiring same at 1s. Please send card by June 10th. Ringing after tea.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec. to the Bell Fund, 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LYDNEY SALMON SUPPER.—By special request, it has been decided to 'resurrect' the once popular event, and to please the crowd it has been decided to invite those who are interested to attend on Saturday, June 20th, at the Swan Hotel. Will all ringers who intend having supper kindly let me know by June 16th, not later? Price, 2s. 6d. per head. — Oliver Thomas, Hon. Sec., 44, Newerne Street, Lydney, Glos.

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