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The Council itself gets the benefit of the Committee's labours in the reports which the members make of cases in which they have been specially concerned. For instance, the President's own report at Plymouth was instructive as well as interesting. In the case of Boston Stump he showed how abnormal difficulties could be surmounted, even to the extent of raising the bells twelve feet higher in the tower—a proceeding which, without the support of Mr. Lewis' expert technical knowledge, would have been looked upon as a step courting disaster. In the other instance cited, he explained in quite simple language what energy is wasted in ringing badly hung bells. It is quite astonishing how much effort, which ought to be unnecessary, has often to be put into the ringers' task, and if the real facts in terms of foot-pounds concerning badly going bells could always be brought to the notice of church authorities, ringers who have cause for complaint might perhaps get a little more practical sympathy.

Since the Towers and Belfries Committee was established technical knowledge of strains and stresses set up by moving bells has been vastly increased, largely through the investigations of Mr. Lewis, and this knowledge is gradually having its effect upon bell restorations. Had it not been for the action of the Council in setting up this Committee and keeping it in being there would have been no really expert authority at the service of the Exercise either to combat the retrograde influence of antiquarians or to widen the knowledge of ringers on a matter which, after all, is not only vital to their interests, but in many

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belfry. We would specially commend the work of the  
Towers and Belfries Committee to the consideration of  
those doubting ones who ask 'Of what practical use is  
the Central Council?'

## TEN BELL PEALS.

BEVERLEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 2, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 41 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in C.

WILLIAM MIDDLETON ... .. 1	Treble	CRESSWELL G. CONSTABLE ... 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2		ALBERT E. SELLERS ... .. 7
HARRY GIBSON ... .. 3		GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ... 8
CHARLES P. BRADLEY ... 4		JOHN W. HOBSON ... .. 9
FRED OSGERBY ... .. 5		LEONARD RODMELL ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. J. ELSON. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER  
Rung to celebrate 'Founders Day' of the Beverley Grammar  
School, one of the oldest institutions in the country, whose records  
date as far back as the year 699.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 4, 1932, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5031 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... .. 1	Treble	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... .. 6
ARTHUR J. MARTIN ... .. 2		WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 3		WILLIAM LEWIS ... .. 8
FRANK LAWRENCE ... .. 4		CHARLES CAMM ... .. 9
HAROLD F. MARTIN ... .. 5		ERIC CRUMP ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.  
Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the Rev.  
R. G. K. F. Philpott, Rector of St. Andrew's and All Saints', Worces-  
ter, who was interred the same day.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, April 30, 1932, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

ARTHUR R. MILES ... .. 1	Treble	CHARLES BRASIER ... .. 5
ARTHUR LEWERY ... .. 2		WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ... 6
PHILIP S. THOMPSON ... 3		ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... .. 7
ARTHUR CAUSLEY ... .. 4		ERNEST J. LADD ... .. Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by A. E. EDWARDS  
\* First peal and first attempt.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 12, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES,

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

BERTRAM C. HINES ... .. 1	Treble	GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 5
FRANK G. RINGE ... .. 2		ERNEST J. BUTLER ... .. 6
CHARLES E. PRYKE ... .. 3		ERNEST W. FORBANK ... .. 7
HARRY TURNER ... .. 4		JAMES BENNETT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

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## ROYSTON, HERTS.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 12, 1932, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... .. Treble	LEONARD FIDLER ... .. 5
LEONARD E. PITSTOW ... .. 2	FRANK WARRINGTON ... .. 6
ALFRED E. PITSTOW ... .. 3	FREDERICK DENCH ... .. 7
DONALD C. MEARS ... .. 4	JOHN W. WARD ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by JOHN W. WARD.

## SWAFFHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

FREDERICK MATTHEWS ... .. Treble	JOHN BUCKENHAM ... .. 5
ALFRED E. BACON ... .. 2	*THOMAS H. WHITE ... .. 6
*WALTER HOUGHTON ... .. 3	*LESLIE HOUGHTON ... .. 7
*FREDERICK BARNER ... .. 4	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by W. BUCKENHAM.

\* First peal. First peal on eight by all except the ringer of 2nd.

## LONDON.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Monday, May 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 34 cwt.

HARRY SEAR ... .. Treble	HARRY HOVERD ... .. 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 6
EDWARD J. BEER ... .. 3	EDWARD D. SMITH ... .. 7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... .. 4	CRCIL J. MATTHEWS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major on the bells.

## EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Simon and Jude,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

ALFRED BALLARD ... .. Treble	T. KELHAM DEACON ... .. 5
C. HENRY WEBB ... .. 2	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... .. 6
THOMAS W. WRIGHT ... .. 3	PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM ... .. 7
JOSEPH H. BEALE ... .. 4	*THOMAS FRIER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

\* First peal on eight bells. Quickest peal on the bells.

## LONDON.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate,

## A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOSEPH WAGBORN, JUN. ... .. Treble	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... .. 5
*ERNEST BRETT ... .. 2	FREDERICK DIGBY ... .. 6
EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 7
RONALD H. BULLEN ... .. 4	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by J. E. DAVIS.

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

## NORTHFLEET, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 24, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*THOMAS E. TAYLER ... .. Treble	JOHN BURLS ... .. 5
GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... .. 2	HARRY HOVERD ... .. 6
LESLIE STACEY ... .. 3	EDWARD J. BEER ... .. 7
RICHARD SMITH ... .. 4	*CYRIL W. HAMMOND ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

\* First peal and first attempt. First peal as conductor and first attempt. Rung in honour of Empire Day.

## GUILDFORD, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 24, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S ODD-BOB ONE-PART. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

ALFRED H. POLLING ... .. Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. 5
WILLIAM M. STONE ... .. 2	GEORGE E. CLODE ... .. 6
CHARLES W. DENVER ... .. 3	WILLIAM T. REESON ... .. 7
C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 4	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

Rung in honour of Empire Day, and for the 33rd wedding anniversary (May 22nd) of Harry Harris, a member of the Cathedral Society.

## DITCHHEAT, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 24, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

FREDERICK TARGETT ... .. Treble	FRANKLIN D. RICKARDS ... .. 5
*CHARLES LINTERN ... .. 2	EDWARD G. L. COWARD ... .. 6
JOHN E. METCALFE ... .. 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 7
†ROBERT N. LOOK ... .. 4	†WALTER CRABBE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. G. L. COWARD.

\* First peal. † First peal of Triples.

## OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 25, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S FIVE-PART, No. 26.

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD ... .. Treble	CHARLES DRAPER ... .. 5
MAURICE SWINFELD ... .. 2	JOHN CURTIS ... .. 6
JOSEPH BAILEY ... .. 3	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 7
T. ROLAND FLINT ... .. 4	JOSEPH W. COTTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time. A birthday compliment to Miss F. E. Flint, daughter of the ringer of the fourth.

## SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 25, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt.

*F. ROWLAND RIDGWELL ... .. Treble	†FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... .. 5
HAROLD SKETCHLEY ... .. 2	ALFRED H. SIMMONDS ... .. 6
JOHN W. WARD ... .. 3	FREDERICK DENCH ... .. 7
ALFRED E. PITSTOW ... .. 4	WALTER PARISH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK DENCH.

\* First peal. † 50th peal. Rung fully muffled, after the funeral, to the memory of Mr. Arthur F. James, an old member of the local company.

## STONY STRATFORD, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Thursday, May 26, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*WILLIAM DILLOW ... .. Treble	*ERNEST HILLYER ... .. 5
WILLIAM C. CLARKE ... .. 2	HERBERT EDWARDS ... .. 6
EDWIN YATES ... .. 3	ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... .. 7
THOMAS C. TOMPKINS ... .. 4	†TOM TRASLER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal. Rung in honour of the Queen's birthday, also as a compliment to T. Tompkins on his 65th birthday.

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Monday, May 30th, at the Parish Church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: W. Allen 1, T. K. Deacon 2, W. Thorpe 3, A. Ballard 4, J. H. Beale 5, H. Bird 6. First 720 in the method for ringers of treble, third and tenor.

HEAVITREE, EXETER.  
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, May 26, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,  
At the Parish Church

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLY'S TEN-PART.		Tenor 26 cwt.	
JOHN R. SANDOVER ... ..	Treble	CHARLES G. GLASS ... ..	5
THOMAS LAVER ... ..	2	ARTHUR MITCHELL ... ..	6
*REGINALD B. ROBERTS ... ..	3	*EDGAR GLASS ... ..	7
WILLIAM S. LETHBRIDGE ... ..	4	*RICHARD WILMINGTON ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM S. LETHBRIDGE.

\* First peal. Rung on the anniversary of the Queen's birthday. All the band are Sunday service ringers at Heavitree.

DARLSTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.  
On Thursday, May 26, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.			
JACK GIBBONS ... ..	Treble	DAVID HINGLEY ... ..	5
HAROLD L. FLAVELL ... ..	2	HARRY BOSWELL ... ..	6
ARTHUR HINGLEY ... ..	3	BERT HORTON ... ..	7
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... ..	4	JOSEPH HINGLEY ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by BERT HORTON.

Rung in honour of the 65th birthday of H.M. Queen Mary, also as a welcome to the newly-appointed curate of the parish, Rev. Winchester.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 26, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Luke,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN LYDDIARD ... ..	Treble	OSCAR GILBY ... ..	5
WILLIAM T. RAWLINGS ... ..	2	ISAAC EMERY ... ..	6
WILLIAM MARTIN ... ..	3	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... ..	7
*ALLISON PURDOM ... ..	4	CYRIL BRETT-SMITH ... ..	Tenor

Composed by G. WILLIAMS.

Conducted by R. BRETT-SMITH.

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

ST. ENODER, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, May 27, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Enoder,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 8 lb.

*MISS ELSIE ROBINSON ... ..	Treble	HENRY WILLIAMS ... ..	5
MISS LUCY WILLOUGHBY ... ..	2	WILLIAM H. SLEEMAN ... ..	6
MISS E. JESSIE C. ANGWIN ... ..	3	ALAN R. PINK ... ..	7
ARTHUR S. ROBERTS ... ..	4	W. JERVIS HODGE ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal. Arranged to coincide with the conductor's annual holiday in Cornwall, and rung within the octave of Corpus Christi.

PENTRE RHONDDA.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 28, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in E flat.

*WILLIAM CROSS ... ..	Treble	HARRY PAGE ... ..	5
*WILFRED PALMER ... ..	2	WILLIAM PAGE ... ..	6
GEORGE WINES ... ..	3	FREDERICK LASBURY ... ..	7
*JOSEPH LOVETT ... ..	4	TOM PAGE ... ..	Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by TOM PAGE.

\* First peal in the method.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 28, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

ERNEST J. BUTLER ... ..	Treble	FRANK CLAYDON ... ..	5
WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... ..	2	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... ..	6
JOHN G. NASH ... ..	3	WILLIAM PYE ... ..	7
GEORGE R. PYE ... ..	4	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... ..	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by E. P. DUFFIELD.

The band were very kindly entertained to tea by Mr. W. J. Nevard at the conclusion of the peal.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 28, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*MISS KATHLEEN LEWIS ... ..	Treble	CHARLES BAILEY ... ..	5
EDWIN R. GOATE ... ..	2	JAMES SPALDING ... ..	6
*MISS DOROTHY CONSTANCE ... ..	3	ERNEST C. GARRARD ... ..	7
STANLEY COPLING ... ..	4	CHARLES F. SAYER ... ..	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Treble Bob with an 'inside' bell.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 28, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*JOHN MACHIN ... ..	Treble	*THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ... ..	5
ARTHUR H. PALMER ... ..	2	†AMOS V. T. NEALE ... ..	6
*JAMES OSBORN ... ..	3	†ALBERT E. SCOTT ... ..	7
JOHN W. LAKE ... ..	4	*ARTHUR I. HOLMES ... ..	Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

\* First peal of Major in the method. † First peal. ‡ First peal of Major. First peal of Major in the method as conductor, and the first peal in the method on the bells.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 28, 1932, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF WHITBOURNE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS W. LEWIS ... ..	Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD ... ..	5
ARTHUR J. MARTIN ... ..	2	SIDNEY T. HOLT ... ..	6
FRANK LAWRENCE ... ..	3	FRED HAWKES ... ..	7
DENIS R. MORRIS ... ..	4	CHARLES CAMM ... ..	Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

First peal in the method ever rung.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 28, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 18½ cwt.

ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... ..	Treble	FRANK CORKE ... ..	5
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER ... ..	2	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... ..	6
*WILFRED G. WILSON ... ..	3	ARTHUR HARDING ... ..	7
MRS. GEO. H. CROSS ... ..	4	GEORGE H. CROSS ... ..	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

\* First peal in the method. Arranged especially for W. H. Hollier, who rang his previous peal on these bells over 25 years ago.

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## ALDENHAM, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 28, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF SPLICED SUPERLATIVE AND CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM SEELEY ... .. Treble	WALTER AYRE ... .. 5
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE ... .. 2	Cecil C. MAYNE ... .. 6
STEPHEN H. HOARE ... .. 3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 7
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

This peal contains 2,528 changes in each method. First peal of Spliced Surprise by all except the ringers of treble, 7th and tenor.

## BURNHAM-ON-SEA, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 28, 1932, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt.

*MRS. A. EVANS ... .. Treble	*WILLIAM ROSSITER ... .. 5
ALFRED J. WYATT ... .. 2	S. GEORGE COLES ... .. 6
ALEXANDER EVANS ... .. 3	PERCY MERSON ... .. 7
ARTHUR H. REED ... .. 4	*HERBERT BAULCH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by PERCY MERSON.

\* First peal. Thanks are due to the ringers of 2, 4, 6 and 7, who are from Taunton; the rest belong to the local band. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

## WHITCHURCH, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 28, 1932, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

MISS MARIE R. CROSS ... Treble	WILLIAM E. TAYLOR ... 5
HARRY BALAM ... .. 2	REGINALD W. REX ... .. 6
*ERNEST P. AUSTIN ... .. 3	†JOHN CHESTERMAN ... .. 7
MISS STELLA DAVIS ... .. 4	GEORGE GILBERT ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal of Bob Major. First peal of Major on the bells.

## HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS &amp; SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH).

On Saturday, May 28, 1932, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRANK BOCKLAND ... .. Treble	GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 5
*MISS K. E. FLETCHER ... .. 2	PERCY NEWTON ... .. 6
ROLAND BIGGS ... .. 3	FRED BIGGS ... .. 7
*MISS D. R. FLETCHER ... .. 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by H. WINGROVE.

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

## HOLYWOOD, CO. DOWN.

## THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 28, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS'.

Tenor 13 cwt.

JAMES RUSH ... .. Treble	WILLIAM PRATT ... .. 5
FRANK H. CRAWLEY ... .. 2	SAMUEL MCCLELLAND ... .. 6
ROBERT MCCLELLAND ... .. 3	JOHN SAVAGE ... .. 7
*JOHN MCKAY ... .. 4	JAMES MANN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by SAMUEL MCCLELLAND.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor. The peal was arranged for the ringer of 2nd who hails from Crewe. First peal, unassisted, by the Northern Branch. All the ringers, except 2nd, are members of the above church. Mr. Crawley was elected a member of the association before the peal.

## WITLEY, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 28, 1932, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

G. LINDOFF'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

GORDON WOOTTON ... .. Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. 5
MAURICE SMITHER ... .. 2	C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 6
WILLIAM M. STONE ... .. 3	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... .. 7
ALFRED H. POLLING ... .. 4	HARRY MOLLARD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

## BUNBURY, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 28, 1932, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BONIFACE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING ... .. Treble	HARRY OVERTON ... .. 5
HARRY F. HOLDING ... .. 2	†J. WILLIAM EDGE ... .. 6
*R. THOMAS HOLDING ... .. 3	EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... 7
*GEORGE PACKER ... .. 4	HARRY WOODWARD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. V. RODENBURST.

\* First peal of Triples and first in the method. † First peal in the method away from tenor.

## MONMOUTH.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 28, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	JOHN W. JONES ... .. 5
JOHN CLARK ... .. 2	ERNEST STITCH ... .. 6
GEORGE POPNELL ... .. 3	JOHN PHILLIPS ... .. 7
ARTHUR HAWKINS ... .. 4	ALFRED W. HEATH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN PHILLIPS.

## SIX BELL PEALS.

## DOWNHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 24, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

*L. BARKER ... .. Treble	*D. BRYAN ... .. 5
*J. MARRIOT ... .. 3	*A. WRIGHT ... .. 6
*C. WATSON ... .. 4	E. H. MASTIN ... .. 7
*E. JOHNSON ... .. 5	...

Conducted by E. H. MASTIN.

\* First peal and first attempt. First peal as conductor and first attempt. Rung with the bells half-muffled, 6-8 covering, as a tribute of respect to the late J. S. Parrott, churchwarden and chorister for 35 years.

## SEMLEY, WILTS.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 30, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

FRANKLIN D. RICKARDS ... Treble	WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... .. 4
WILFRED P. LAMBERT ... .. 2	EDWARD G. L. COWARD ... 5
HENRY J. SANGER ... .. 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

First peal on the bells. Rung to commemorate the Jubilee of the Guild.

## WYBUNBURY, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores.

GEORGE ASBURY ... .. Treble	ERIC B. ALLMAN ... .. 4
JOHN BRASSINGTON ... .. 2	ARTHUR ALLMAN ... .. 5
JOHN TIMMIS ... .. 3	*ALBERT TIMMIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR ALLMAN.

\* First peal.

## NAVENBY.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 7, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;  
Tenor 13 cwt.

FREDERICK W. STOKES ... Treble	* HARRY CARTER ... 4
* MOSES BILLINGS ... 2	JOHN WALDEN ... 5
H. LESLIE PASK ... 3	GEORGE W. CREASEY ... Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by G. W. CREASEY  
\* First Surprise peal. First Surprise peal on the bells.

## WYCHBOLD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, May 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary-de-Wyche,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings.	Tenor 11½ cwt.
* BERT KINGS ... Treble	DENNIS A. RAXTER ... 4
VICTOR NEAL ... 2	WALTER H. RAXTER ... 5
MICHAEL MATTHEWS ... 3	JOHN NEAL ... Tenor

Conducted by W. H. RAXTER.

\* First peal. All are members of the local band.

PERRANARWORTHAL, CORNWALL.  
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 18, 1932, in Three Hours,  
At the Church of St. Piran,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.	Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.
HENRY WILLIAMS ... Treble	WILLIAM H. SLEEMAN ... 4
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 2	REGINALD A. WATTS ... 5
MISS E. JESSIE C. ANGIN ... 3	ARTHUR S. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Arranged for the conductor, on holiday in Cornwall.

## BARTON-ON-HUMBER.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, May 19, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three extents of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob.	Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.
GEORGE ATKINSON, SEN. ... Treble	HAROLD EASTOE ... 4
MISS L. M. MOBBS ... 2	MARTIN WALKER ... 5
GEORGE L. HALL ... 3	ARTHUR W. HOODLESS ... Tenor

Conducted by A. W. HOODLESS.

Arranged for Miss Mobbs (Nottingham), who learnt to ring at this tower. It was her first peal in three methods.

## COMPTON MARTIN, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 19, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.	Tenor 15½ cwt.
JEFFREY TOSSELL ... Treble	* FREDERICK LASBURY ... 4
ERNEST TOSSELL ... 2	EDWARD J. AVERY ... 5
CHARLES FIELD ... 3	HAROLD E. BLACKER ... Tenor

Conducted by E. J. AVERY.

\* First peal on six, and proposed a member of the association.

## LEVERINGTON, CAMBS.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Leonard,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's Kent Treble Bob, and one 720 St. Clement's.	Tenor 19 cwt.
ROBERT W. CROFTS ... Treble	SYDNEY J. HAW ... 4
* J. CECIL FRANCIS ... 2	* R. FREDERICK CROFTS ... 5
* LESLIE R. FLETCHER ... 3	FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

\* First peal. The ringer on the second is to be congratulated. He is only 14 years of age. The band wish to record their thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells.

## KIRK-ELLA, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1932, in Three Hours,  
At the Church of St. Andrew,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.	Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.
* DONALD L. S. KERMAN ... Treble	* MADRICE BAKER ... 4
ARTHUR H. FOX ... 2	JOHN W. HOBSON ... 5
STANLEY WEBB ... 3	* ROBERT MARSON ... Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY WEBB.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells, which were hung by Taylor and Co. in 1883. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the late Canon Foord, M.A., for 53 years Vicar of Kirk-Ella, who died on May 11th.

## LICHFIELD, STAFFS.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, May 21, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Michael,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

* SIDNEY COPE ... Treble	W. DAMPSTER ... 4
A. BOWLER ... 2	W. J. COPE ... 5
A. BOWLER, SEN. ... 3	* A. SKELTON ... Tenor

Conducted by A. BOWLER, SEN.

\* First peal. Rung in honour of the Rev. Percival Howard, who has just completed 19 years as the much esteemed and very popular Vicar of St. Michael's.

## GRIMSTON, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 22, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,  
At the Parish Church,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 720 Single Oxford Bob, 720 St. Clement's Bob, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's Kent Treble Bob and 720 Plain Bob.	Tenor 9 cwt.
ERNEST A. SHIPP ... Treble	H. J. HAYNES ... 4
TOM GREENACRE ... 2	WILLIAM J. ELDRED ... 5
JOHN H. PITCHER ... 3	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... Tenor

Conducted by C. V. EBBERSON.

## BIDDENHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 24, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
At the Church of St. James,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.	
HERBERT L. HARLOW ... Treble	AMOS SMART ... 4
REGINALD WEST ... 2	ERNEST FROSSEL ... 5
HENRY W. GAYTON ... 3	PEARL INSKIP ... Tenor

Conducted by PEARL INSKIP.

## UPTON BISHOP, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 28, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,  
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two six-scores, ten different callings.	Tenor 10 cwt.
SIDNEY PERKS ... Treble	ALFRED NORMAN ... 4
* JOHN WALLIN ... 2	WILLIAM POSTON ... 5
FRANK PHILLIPS ... 3	THOMAS A. LEWIS ... Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

\* First peal. All except the conductor are members of the local company of ringers.

## STEVENAGE, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 28, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,  
At the Parish Church,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Woodbine, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.	Tenor 17½ cwt.
WALTER BROWN ... Treble	GEORGE CHERRY ... 4
FRANK TURNER ... 2	THOMAS H. TOWNSEND ... 5
JOHN WELCH ... 3	WILLIAM LAWRENCE ... Tenor

Conducted by W. LAWRENCE.

First peal in seven methods on the bells. A birthday compliment to the ringer of 2nd; also a compliment to Mr. R. W. Smith, who has just been re-elected churchwarden for the fifth year. Mr. Smith's family have been churchwardens at this church for over one hundred years.

**DEATH OF PONTEFRACT'S OLDEST RINGER.****LAST LINK WITH FORMER GENERATION.**

Mr. John Carter, a fine old Pontefract character, died on Saturday, May 28th, at the age of 76 years. He had been in failing health for some time.

Mr. Carter commenced his ringing career at All Saints' Church on the old ring of six bells, and joined the Yorkshire Association in 1883. Afterwards he joined the Parish Church ringers, among whom, for many years, he was a familiar and respected figure. Though age and failing health began to tell its tale, he was very reluctant to cease ringing, and did not do so until the end of last year. For some time it had been difficult for him to mount the steps to the belfry, much to the regret of his fellow-ringers.

During his long career Mr. Carter had seen All Saints' bells augmented from six to eight, and the Parish Church bells from eight to ten.

He was a most reliable ringer, and had rung 23 peals from Minor to Royal. He is the last of the Pontefract ringers who rang for Queen Victoria's Jubilee in 1887. His interest in ringing remained to the end, and he would sit with his house door open and listen to the bells of the two churches, and in the event of any bad striking the band concerned would know about it as they passed his house.

By trade, Mr. Carter was a market gardener. He could tell graphic stories of how, in his early years, he worked hard all day in his fields as a grower of licorice and vegetables. After 'bedding' his horses, he would go to bed at eleven o'clock, and on three or four mornings each week he would be up ready to start for Leeds with his horses and waggons at 3.30 or 4. He rather bemoaned the fact that the present generation would not have this kind of work as it was too hard for them.

The bells of the Parish Church were rung muffled on the Monday evening, and prior to the funeral service in All Saints' Church, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. G. Shipley, a muffled touch of Stedman Triples was rung. The Yorkshire Association was represented by Mr. F. Cryor, of Selby, who took part in Grandsire Triples at the graveside, together with Messrs. J. H. Lenton, H. Brown and H. Walters.

**A HALF-PEAL.**

At St. Catherine's Church, Gorseinon, on Sunday, April 24th, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Hanson 1, T. Willis 2, Reg Dobbins 3, R. Baird 4, A. W. Dobbins 5, W. Dobbins 6, J. Williams (conductor) 7, C. Pettit 8. First half-peal for all.

**RINGERS' FESTIVAL AT DUNMOW.**

A ringing festival of the Northern Division of the Essex Association was held at Dunmow on Saturday, May 28th, when upwards of 50 ringers, representing four counties and 18 parishes, were present. The bells were going from 3 p.m. in various methods up to Cambridge Surprise Major. Service, which was fully choral, was conducted by the Rev. E. N. Mellish, V.C., and Mr. Howard (Master of the association) read the lesson. The service was greatly appreciated by all those present. A bountiful tea was provided at the Village Hall, where the ringers were joined by the Vicar and other church officials, and there was ample evidence on all sides of the true spirit and good fellowship of churchworkers. Mr. Howard proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Dunmow ringers for their kind invitation, also to their wives who had assisted at the tea. They were an excellent band of ringers, and a valuable asset to the parish. As Master of the association, he was much indebted to Mr. Smith and the band for the good work they were doing and for the warm welcome they had extended to all.

The Rev. E. N. Mellish, replying on behalf of the local ringers, said how grateful he was for the kind things that had been said. They did their job well, and he considered it was partly due to the inspiration of Mr. Howard. They were lucky to have such a leader. They felt it a privilege to issue this invitation, which they hoped to repeat in other years.

A short programme of music was then carried out. Songs and a duet were contributed by Mrs. Sanders and Mr. Booth, and a violin solo by Master Chibbers Smith. There was also some handbell ringing. The tower was afterwards visited, and ringing continued until late in the evening.

**DEATH OF A LINCOLNSHIRE RINGER.**

It is with deep regret that we record the passing of Donington's oldest ringer—Mr. John Thomas Stafford, aged 72. Deceased had been a ringer for 32 years, and until the death of his wife some years ago was a member of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. Up to the time of his illness he was always to be found in his place on Sundays and for practice.

The funeral took place at Donington Parish Church on Monday, May 30th, when four of his fellow-ringers acted as bearers, namely, Messrs. J. Pearson, P. Markham, G. Pearson and S. Woods, the Rev. G. Elson conducting the service. In the evening several touches were rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to one who will be greatly missed by all in the Donington belfry.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Scottish Association is to be congratulated on scoring its first peal, which was rung at St. Cuthbert's, Edinburgh, last Saturday, by a mixed company representing several towers. We hope this will be the forerunner of many others, for the stimulus of peals would help to keep alive the new enthusiasm created by the recent formation of the association.

It is unfortunate that just at this moment the association is losing its enthusiastic Master, Mr. Stephen H. Wood, whose work is shortly taking him to Nottingham. We hope Scotland will find an equally keen ringer to take his place, even if his knowledge of ringing is not so extensive as that of the departing Master.

Ireland, as well as Scotland, figures in the news, and the ringers of Holywood, Co. Down, deserve hearty congratulations for having rung, almost unaided, a peal of Grandsire Triples. They are far from any other centre of change ringing, and their performance is an achievement of real merit, due largely to their own keenness and perseverance.

The bells of St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, are now being rehung in ball bearings and other new fittings, by Mears and Stainbank, at an estimated cost of £120.

The June issue of the 'Truro Diocesan Gazette' reports that a faculty has been granted for the rehanging of the ring of six, with two trebles to be added, at St. Mabyn. This will make Cornwall's thirtieth ring of eight, and all are in ringing order.

The numerous friends of the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake will be sorry to hear that as the result of a motor-car collision on Friday last he is lying in King's Lynn Hospital in a very grave condition. All will join in wishing him a complete recovery.

The Wellington (New Zealand) War Memorial carillon, which was cast at the Croydon Foundry, was dedicated last week. The carillon was on exhibition for some time in Hyde Park, London, and prior to that at the North-East Coast Exhibition at Newcastle.

## BELLS OF THE BICESTER DEANERY.

### INTERESTING ADDITION TO ANTIQUARIAN RECORDS.

An interesting addition to bell 'histories' has just been produced by Mr. Frederick Sharpe, of Launton, who has written of the church bells in his own deanery of Bicester, Oxon, and in doing so has approached his subject more from the ringers' point of view than have the authors of similar books covering other areas. In addition to the antiquarian and historical details, Mr. Sharpe has incorporated in his work records of peals and other ringing performances, and also the weights of the bells, so that his book is of especial interest to ringers. It is admirably produced, with the number of illustrations, and as twenty-nine parishes in the deanery contain between them good examples of the founders' art from the thirteenth century to the present time, the author had excellent material to work upon, and has not failed to make full use of the opportunity.

One of the oldest bells in the country is at Caversfield, in the Bicester Deanery. It is an early thirteenth-century bell, and after something like 700 years of service hangs in an oak frame with all its fittings, on the ground floor of the belfry. Its shape is very primitive, being extremely long-waisted and straight-sided. The bell is cracked, due to the clapper having worn a huge hollow in the sound bow and to the neglect of those in authority in having it quarter turned until it was too late. The bell was the gift of Hugh Gargate, who died some time before the year 1219. This and a number of other ancient bells of antiquarian interest are fully described.

The introduction to Mr. Sharpe's little volume provides some interesting notes on the early bell founders who operated in the district, and he supplements his work, not only by details of some of the ringing which has been done in the deanery, but also by notes on the uses and customs of bells, a valuable little article on the restoration of bells and their fittings, and other general information which goes to make the volume one of the most useful as well as interesting books of its kind.

It is published at 2s. (post free), and can be obtained from Mr. F. Sharpe, Launton, Bicester, Oxon.

## SO NEAR AND YET SO FAR.

A good many ringers have long looked forward to a peal on the bells of the R.C. Church of Our Lady and English Martyrs, Cambridge. Recently the opportunity arrived—a solemn occasion—the first one for 28 years. The death of the Bishop of Northampton (Rev. Carey Elwes) made possible an attempt for a fully muffled peal of Double Norwich. A good band had been got together, the ringers being: Miss V. Shorter 1, T. R. Dennis 2, C. W. Cook 3, F. Gleaves 4, F. Warrington 5, F. Dench 6, E. G. Hibbins (conductor) 7, J. W. Ward 8. There was excellent ringing for 2 hrs. 40 mins., when an intimation was received from Rev. Father Marshall that the bells must stop owing to illness near the church. This was a big disappointment, as it would have been the first peal of Major on the bells. Only one peal has ever been rung on this very fine ring, the tenor of which is 32 cwt. in C—a peal of Stedman Triples in 1904 conducted by the late Mr. F. Pitlow.



## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

(Continued from page 374.)

### THE METHODS COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Rev. E. S. Powell, speaking to the report of the Methods Committee, said at the London meeting, and subsequently at Liverpool, the committee were asked to report with regard to the Rules and Decisions governing methods. The question was put in rather an indefinite way, or possibly through his obtuseness he did not understand exactly what was required. At any rate, they had produced a report, which was printed in 'The Ringing World.' Since it was published their attention had been privately called to the fact that the definition of a plain lead, in particular, did not exactly cover the case of the Little and Alliance methods. He knew that when the question was first mentioned these methods were referred to but he must confess he thought they were only referred to as an illustration, but apparently what was really desired was that they should alter the definitions in some form or other to meet the case. The committee had considered the matter since it was brought to their notice, and what they proposed to the Council was not to alter the definitions themselves—those definitions were general statements of the principle of change ringing. If they would look on page 22 and following pages of 'Rules and Decisions' they would see there were several 'notes' given upon the definitions, and they thought the amendment might be made by an addition to the 'notes.' The definitions were of a more permanent character than the notes, and the less they altered them the better it would be. On page 24 there was a note which dealt with this very point. It said: 'Methods are formed from Principles in two ways. This is not to be taken as limiting method builders to the two particular plans here described, but as a statement of fact covering all existing methods,' which showed that the Methods Committee of those early days had the foresight to see that the methods then in existence were not likely to be the only methods that were ever going to be rung in the Exercise. What the committee were inclined to suggest was that to that last statement in the note there might be added something to meet present developments. The committee suggested the following preliminary form which members could consider and which could be finally adopted or turned down, as the case might be, at the next meeting in London.

An illustration of this statement is to be found in the Little and Alliance methods, which have come into prominence of late years. In appearance their form places them outside the definition of Plain and Bob leads given above, but, properly speaking, they are in logical succession of such methods as Bob Major.

Thus a Little method is one which follows the rule, except in so far as this is qualified by the restriction of the Hunt to fewer places than the number of bells employed.

An Alliance method is one in which the Hunt has a composite path comprising portions of more than one principle.

The committee's reason for suggesting this procedure, added Mr. Powell, was that a year or two hence someone might bring out a method involving further differences, and that would mean once more altering the definitions, which were, or ought to be, of as permanent a character as possible. Apparent verbal differences between methods could be explained equally well or better by a note such as this. At any rate, the committee asked that it should be considered in this way, with a view to its adoption next year.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith said, as the mover of the resolution referring the matter to the committee, he thought the suggestion of an additional note to the definitions would probably meet the case, and he supported the committee's recommendation that the matter should be considered in that form. With regard to the actual report of the committee, he asked the Council not to adopt it, but merely to receive it. While the report contained a good deal with which most of those present would probably agree, and was a very interesting review of the position as seen by the committee, it would, in his opinion, be a mistake for the Council to bind themselves to it as their accepted view, when, perhaps, in two or three years' time they might have good reason for changing their opinion on some of the statements made. He added that he was glad to see that a member of the committee, who at the Lambeth meeting had said 'the rule which said that a method should have as many plain leads in the plain course as there were working bells was a rule which was now breaking down in view of spliced ringing, which was producing a different plain course altogether,' had changed his mind. He, and he was sure other members of the Council as well, welcomed the statement of the committee that 'it is really an abuse of language to speak of plain courses when dealing with 5,000's, of which there are never more than two leads alike in succession, and in which the tenor never gets below sixth's place at a lead end' (hear, hear).

Mr. J. A. Trollope said the committee were quite prepared to accept the suggestion that the report should be received and not adopted, and that it should not be taken as binding on the Council. The position of the Methods Committee was, and always had been, that it was in advance of the opinion of the Exercise—that was its job. It was the committee's business to be further forward in all these things than the Council. He was not such a fool as to think

that because he had changed his views—and he had changed his views—that everyone was going to change their views. He did not think for one moment that the older people especially were going to be as far forward in their views as the committee, and he was certain that there were very few in the Exercise who would be prepared to make that report their own exactly as it stood. The committee were therefore quite prepared that the report should be received and not adopted as binding the Council in any shape or form to any particular statement there made.

Rev. E. S. Powell said he would go even further and say the committee would regret it if the Council did bind itself in that way. There was a great deal in the point made by Mr. Goldsmith.

'PIFFLE'

Mr. J. Hunt said, with regard to the suggested publication of the book on Triples Methods, he wanted the Council to be careful and watch the publications of these two gentlemen (laughter). When the Council at Hereford authorised the publication of the book of Minor Methods the committee asked for authority to include Double Surprise Minor methods, and they were given that authority. At Chelmsford they asked for authority to include Morris' and Pitman's Doubles and Bankes James' Cambridge Minor, and they were given that authority. He (the speaker) went, fool like (laughter), and bought the book for 3s., and when he got the thing which these gentlemen published he found they had put in ten pages of the same kind of piffle (laughter). The Council was not in a position to accept the Morris or Pitman Doubles or the Bankes James Minor as true; they could not accept it, but they allowed the committee to put them in at the back of the book as an appendix. The rest of the ten pages the committee had no authority whatever to print.

Rev. E. S. Powell said no doubt they had enjoyed Mr. Hunt's statement, but on a point of order, was it possible to bring up this matter when the Council voted at Chelmsford that these things should be placed in the appendix of the book, with, he thought, a minority of three that they should not be put in?

Mr. C. T. Coles said he felt certain many members of the Council would not let Mr. Hunt's statement go by without a protest. The Council passed a resolution giving the committee authority to put in certain compositions, and Mr. Hunt said they went beyond their authority and put in a lot of piffle. He objected to the statement that it was piffle, when that Council was almost equally divided as to whether these compositions could be considered true. He believed if the question could be put to the vote that day the majority of the Council would be in favour of these compositions being considered true. The opinion of the Council rapidly changed, but whether they were piffle or not, the committee were given authority to publish them as an appendix. He did not think, therefore, that Mr. Hunt's remarks should be allowed to go without a protest.

The Rev. H. Drake, referring to the paragraph in the committee's report relating to peals in multiple methods, said it was not clear what the committee intended. He submitted that to call multiple Surprise methods 'compositions,' if not exactly inaccurate, was at any rate an unusual way of expressing it. The compositions further on were referred to as plain courses; in fact, the same thing was referred to in four different ways. He suggested that the paragraph should be re-written, but how it was to be done he was not quite sure, but he thought before they either accepted or adopted the report that paragraph should be re-written by the compilers.

The President: We are not proposing to adopt it, but to receive it.

The Rev. H. Drake: We want to know what it means.

Mr. Trollope: Composition covers everything. Any arrangement of changes put together, other than a plain course. That is what it means.

The Rev. H. Drake: Does it include a method?

Mr. Trollope: Yes, a method is a composition, obviously.

The report was then formally received, and Mr. Trollope asked the Council to authorise the committee to proceed with the printing of the book on Triples methods.

Rev. H. Drake seconded, and hoped it would be done as soon as possible, because, as Mr. Trollope had told them, it would be a help to some bands of beginners.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn suggested that the question of printing this book should be held over until they had discussed a later item on the agenda with regard to printing a book on the proper way to handle a bell.

This suggestion was agreed to.

### A COLLECTION OF THE BEST COMPOSITIONS WANTED.

A report received from the convener of the Variations Committee (the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson) regretted that he had been unable to take any steps in the matter. He was afraid the other two members of the committee had been waiting all the time to hear from him. He thought it would be best for the Council to accept his retirement from the committee and to appoint someone else, though he would gladly do anything to help, if he could, without being responsible.

The President said the Standing Committee had had the report under consideration, and proposed, in view of Mr. Richardson's resignation, to ask the committee to make Mr. H. W. Wilde convener of the committee. He thought Mr. Wilde was the person to whom the work should be entrusted.

Mr. G. R. Newton, out of whose motion last year the appointment of the committee arose, said that what he would like to see was a collection of the very best compositions in all methods that could be got together. He knew the Council had got collections of peals, but these collections did not contain all the best compositions. What they wanted was to find somebody who had got the time, ability and enthusiasm to get together such a collection. Conductors in these days usually went for their figures to the report of some association. He would like to see all the best compositions brought together into one volume. Some associations gave the references to all the compositions rung and where they could be obtained, but others did not do so. He would also like to see some arrangement by which the Exercise should know where the figures of every peal rung could be found. An instance of what the value of such a system as this would be was to be found in his own tower. Recently, when a peal at Sheffield was recalled as the 'first peal of Stedman Cinques in the North of England,' he challenged it. He was then told by a Sheffield ringer that Mr. Charles Hattersley had informed him that both the Liverpool peals were false. One was rung in 1828, the other in 1863. They were composed by two different men, and yet people years ago said the peals were false. Had they been so he did not think they would have had the records preserved, but they had no figures to prove it. He thought it would be a good thing to have a collection of the best compositions of all methods, irrespective of whether they were variations of original peals or not.

Mr. J. Parker did not agree that such a collection was necessary. Years ago, he said, the old ringers used to have to collect their own compositions. He had a book with 500 peals of Superlative and London Surprise, and if conductors of to-day would look through some of the old books they would find plenty of compositions to last them a lifetime.

The President said that this was a matter of a slightly different nature to the report before them, and he thought it might be referred to the Peals Collection Committee.

The reception of the Variations Committee's report was agreed to.

#### CHANGE IN ANALYSES COMMITTEE.

After the luncheon adjournment, Mrs. Fletcher moved, and Mr. Swinfield seconded, the adoption of the report of the Peals Analyses Committee's report, which, in a slightly abridged form, appeared in 'The Ringing World' of May 6th.

The President said the former names of the committee were Mrs. Fletcher, Mr. C. Dean, Mr. G. R. Pye and Mr. Fletcher. As Mr. Fletcher had been elected secretary of the Council, it was only fair to allow him to retire from the committee, and the Standing Committee recommended that Mr. G. L. Grover's name be added.

This was agreed to, and the report adopted.

#### TOWERS AND BELFRIES.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn as convener presented a report on behalf of the Towers and Belfries Committee. The committee had not had occasion to meet, but individually they had matters of interest to report. He would say something about a piece of work which, though, perhaps, not unique, might be said to come under this heading. It was the hanging of bells in three tiers, each tier being independent. The conditions were an octagonal tower eight feet six inches in diameter, very much cut about to allow of two old timber frames which were considerably higher in the tower than they should have been, and were in a very bad condition: the tower could be observed from outside to rock as the bells were rung; the bells, a ring of six, tenor 11 cwt. The frames were now constructed of cast-iron sections mounted on steel girders. The girders were put in in consultation with an architect who had worked in conjunction with one or two bell founders in the last few years. He also advised as to the repairs to the damaged masonry. The girders span the tower each way alternately, and the bells are hung in pairs in this order commencing from the bottom: Four and five, tenor and treble, second and third. All the bells are swinging considerably lower in the tower than formerly. The ropes come down in a perfect circle, and the 'go' of the bells is excellent. The second and third are a little hard to hear, but this could be rectified by spouting. The tower is now steady.

Major Hesse said during the year he had been called in at Grayshott, Hants, where he advised that the old bells should be recast and five new bells added. This had been done, and the result was a good peal of eight. He surveyed the tower and satisfied the authorities, with the assistance of Mr. Lewis, that the tower was safe. He was shortly making inspections at Croydon, Shalford and Thursley.

Mr. E. A. Young said he had paid one or two visits to towers where he had been called in as an architect, but he could not say that any of the work this year had been with the Towers and Belfries Committee.

#### BELL HANGING PROBLEMS.

The President said he had made one or two interesting inspections, the most interesting, perhaps, being Boston Stump. As, possibly, a good many of them knew, there was a peal of eight bells hung in that tower. The point of contact of the frame with the tower was, he believed, 175ft. from the ground. Below that point the tower had four very large windows, and there was a vaulted roof, which projected into the ringing chamber. The bells were hung imme-

diately above the ringing chamber, and were very noisy. In addition there was considerable movement of the tower. The tower was being repaired mainly from funds sent from Boston, in America, and the authorities were very worried as to what to do with the bells. He made an inspection, together with Mr. Law James, in October of last year. They measured the speed of movement of the tower, which, compared with most church towers, was very slow, as one would expect from its height. It took slightly over a second for a complete oscillation, whereas the average varied from about two-fifths to three-fifths of a second. There was therefore, in this case, no risk of the oscillation caused by change ringing getting in tune with the natural oscillation of the tower. So much was to the good. The existing frame was rather interesting in that the bells hung round the walls, one and two along one wall, three and four another, five and six another, and seven and eight another, and each pair of bells was roped on the same side, so that the forces of the individual bells did not add up, but cut each other out, when the bells were rung consecutively. After considering the whole question, he recommended, in order to relieve the tower, that the weight of the tenor should be reduced from 28 cwt. to about 20 cwt. The note of the present bell was not worth its weight, and a modern bell of about a ton would give a better result from a musical point of view. Then in order to make ringing easier he suggested that the floor of the present ringing chamber should be raised four feet, which would enable the ringers, more or less, to see each other. At present they could only see heads and hands above the vault. The present room was very stuffy and dark, and he suggested that the ceiling should be raised 8ft. to give 4ft. more head room. He also suggested that the bells should be raised 12ft. to allow for a 4ft. chamber between the bell frame and the ceiling of the ringing room, so that the sound could be somewhat deadened. It sounded rather paradoxical to suggest raising the bells 12ft. higher in the tower, when in such cases one wished as far as possible to lower them. They could not in this case be lowered, because of the vault, but he found that by reducing the weight of the tenor the actual bending moment on the tower would be reduced. The movement of the tower at the point of attachment of the bell frame, 175ft. from the ground, would be reduced by 22 per cent., in spite of raising the level of the bells, and the movement of the tower at the height of 310ft. would be reduced by 20 per cent. He had not heard definitely whether those suggestions had been adopted, but he understood that the bells were to be recast into a peal of ten, if not twelve, as he suggested, with a tenor of 20 cwt. Another tower which he had inspected was Brailles, in Warwickshire, where there was a heavy peal of six, with a tenor of about 31 or 32 cwt., hung very high from the ground. The tower was split in many directions; one of the buttresses was free from the tower for about 30ft., with a crack of  $\frac{1}{2}$  of an inch between the buttress and the tower. It was not possible to measure the movement of the tower, but the top of the flagstaff was wagging at least 18 inches, or probably more, when the bells were rung. There were three things that might be done. At the present time the bells swung east and west, which was much the stiffest way of the tower, so that one could not improve matters very much by altering the direction in which they swung. The bells could be slightly tucked up in the headstocks, which would reduce the horizontal forces, and the ropes could be altered. He suggested that the fifth bell should be roped on the other side of the wheel to be on the same side as the tenor. The only other thing was to drop the bells in the tower. That was not very easy, because there was a clock room in the way, but they could be dropped about 15ft., and it would be possible by that means to reduce the movement of the tower at the point where the frame was attached by about 44 per cent., while at the level of the roof the movement would be reduced by 28 per cent. In this tower there was a good deal of movement of the frame as well as the tower, and he worked out one figure which might be of interest as being typical of a good many cases. The horizontal force due to the tenor swinging was slightly over three tons, and if they assumed that the movement of the frame and tower combined was one-quarter of an inch, and it was certainly all that, the energy lost in the first half of the revolution of the bell would be 73 foot-pounds. That, of course, had to be provided by the ringer. In other words, if he could only pull his sallie a foot (he ought to be able to pull it more) he had got to pull 73lbs. harder than he need do if the tower and frame were stiff. That extra work he did might, or might not, be given back to the bell in the second half of its revolution. If not, the ringer would have to provide another 73 foot-pounds. Or it might be given to another bell, for instance the fifth, and therefore the work put in by the tenor man might be fighting against that supplied by the ringer of the fifth. The latter might have to work equally hard to keep his bell up, because the tenor man was knocking it down. He quoted that to show the desirability of having the most rigid possible frame and, if possible, the most rigid tower. The President, in conclusion, referred to a visit he paid to a church in one of the suburbs of Copenhagen, where he inspected the carillon. It was very interesting, he said, to see the Danish idea of bells. These bells had been tuned by turning on the outside of the waist. Many of them had also been sharpened by turning off the lip. The Danes seemed to have a good deal to learn from this country with regard to the making and tuning of bells (applause).

(To be continued.)

## YOUTH TO THE FORE.

## OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCES BY GIRLS AND BOYS.

Youth has been to the fore in recent performances in the bellry. Among the achievements there have been some of real distinction. Master Teddy Barnett (still only 13 years of age), who less than two months ago rang a peal of London Surprise, has now scored a peal of Bristol. It was rung for 'Grandad's' 70th birthday, and Edwin I. took part in the peal.

Another outstanding performance is that of a young lady, Miss G. Annie Crook, daughter of Mr. Peter Crook, of Bolton. She only began ringing last August, but she has not only now rung her first peal, but actually conducted it. This peal, Grandsire Triples, in which her father and brother took part, was rung for the anniversary of her parents' wedding, and Mr. Crook, who is the enthusiastic secretary of the Bolton Branch of the Lancashire Association, must be proud of his daughter, who is only sixteen years of age, and is still attending school. She is a regular Sunday service ringer at Holy Trinity Church, Bolton.



Miss G. Annie Crook.

There are two very promising boys in the band at Handsworth, Sheffield, and last Saturday they rang in a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. Like young Edwin Barnett, John J. L. Gilbert is only 13 years of age (he will not be 14 until July 13th), but he has already rung ten peals, including Plain Bob, Little Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, and now Cambridge, on an 'inside' bell. He rang, we are told, 'like an old hand,' and finished keen and fresh. The other promising lad who took part was James Knowles, and it was his fifth peal since the beginning of this year.

A boy of 14, Cecil Francis has rung as his first peal an 'inside' bell to three Minor methods. It was certainly an excellent performance.

Although she has not yet rung a peal, Miss Phyllis Tillet, of Ipswich, is making her mark among juvenile ringers. It will be remembered that she rang the treble to 720 of Bob Minor at the age of 12 years, and since then has rung the treble to courses of both Major and Royal. She has just recently celebrated her 13th birthday, and last week rang the second to a course of Grandsire Cinques at St. Mary-le-Tower. She had not previously rung a bell round to twelve, but she must inherit her ability, for she is the daughter of Mr. John F. Tillet, and granddaughter of Mr. Frederick J. Tillet, two well-known Ipswich ringers.

## WHITBOURNE SURPRISE MAJOR.

BY GEORGE LEWIS.

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Bob 12357486 Full combination of 4.5.6 in 5.6.  
First rung at Claines, Worcestershire, on May 28th, 1932.

## IRISH ASSOCIATION.

## LARGE ACCESSION OF NEW MEMBERS.

The annual meeting of the Irish Association was held at Bray on Whit Monday. The noble ring of eight and the delightful surroundings induced some seventy-five to put in an appearance, the following places being represented: Dublin (four towers), Kilkenny, Arklow, and the local tower. The bells started at an early hour, and were made good use of during the day, Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman and Erin being favoured.

Luncheon was provided in the Parochial Hall, immediately after which the business meeting was held.

The president, Mr. M. Hogan, P.C., occupied the chair, and reviewed the work of the past year, especially commending the Northern Branch on scoring their first peal, and hoping it was the forerunner of many more.

A suggestion of his that more hon. members should be secured was a happy thought, as three gentlemen gave their names afterwards for the hon. members' list.

He concluded his speech with reference to those who had departed during the year, especially Mr. T. Grant and Mr. J. W. Townley, and asked the members to stand in silence as a token of respect.

The report and balance sheet were adopted, and the following officers were then elected for the ensuing year: President, Mr. W. H. Wilson; treasurer, Mr. D. Gibson; hon. secretary, Mr. C. Lindoff.

Thirty-three new members were admitted, and Kilkenny selected for the next annual meeting.

The shield for Sunday service ringing was presented to the two winning teams, who had tied—St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, and St. Saviour's, Arklow—both of whom had scored 100 per cent.

A vote of thanks to the retiring president, who had so worthily occupied the chair, and to Rev. Chancellor Scott, for the use of the bells and the Parochial Hall, concluded the business.

The Rev. Chancellor Scott then invited all the members to partake of tea in the Rectory adjoining the church. The response to this invitation showed how much it was appreciated.

The weather provided one of its best days, and this helped to make the meeting a great success.

## SURREY ASSOCIATION.

## NORTH-WESTERN DISTRICT.

A very enjoyable meeting of the North-Western District of the Surrey Association was held at Wandsworth on Saturday, May 28th, when members and friends to the number of 40 attended from Bantstead, Beddington, Benhillon, Chelsea, Croydon (St. John's and St. Peter's), Kingston, Merton, Putney, Reigate, Streatham, Tiverton (Devon), Twickenham and Wandsworth. The bells of the Parish Church and Holy Trinity, West Hill, were available during the afternoon, and good use was made of these two peals of eight in a variety of methods. A very enjoyable service was conducted by the curate in the Parish Church, and this was followed by tea in the Church Hall, at which 32 sat down.

The District Master (Mr. A. W. Clark) presided at the business meeting, at which five new ringing members, all of Croydon, were elected.

The general secretary (Mr. C. H. Kippin) gave a brief and interesting account of the Central Council meeting held at Plymouth on Whit Tuesday, and the meeting thanked Mr. Kippin for his interesting report.

An interesting discussion arose out of the report with regard to increasing the circulation of 'The Ringing World.'—Mr. H. Wills, Mr. W. G. Gray and several other members spoke on this subject, emphasising the great loss it would be to the Exercise if the paper ceased to be published, and a resolution was passed by the meeting asking tower secretaries in this district to urge all members in their hands to take in 'The Ringing World.'

The District Secretary reminded the members of the special general meeting to be held at Croydon on June 11th, and urged all to make a special effort to attend.

A very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicars of the Parish Church and Holy Trinity for the use of the bells, to the curate for conducting the service, to the organist and to Mr. and Miss Gray for making such excellent arrangements, terminated the meeting.

The tower of the Parish Church was again visited afterwards, and ringing took place, the methods practised ranging from Grandsire Triples to Bristol Surprise Major.

## THE PEAL AT MONMOUTH.

The peal of Grandsire Triples at Monmouth, on Saturday, May 28th, was arranged specially for Mr. E. Barnett, sen., of Crayford, Kent, who, together with his wife, a native of Monmouth, were on a visit to Monmouth. At one time Mr. Barnett lived at Monmouth and fostered change ringing there. It is 46 years since he rang his previous and only other peal on these bells. Opportunity is now taken to thank the Vicar of the parish and Archdeacon of Monmouth, the Rev. A. E. Monahan, M.A., for the use of the bells and for his kindness in altering the time of service to enable the peal to be rung, and also to thank Mr. Leonard Jones, the local leader, for having everything in readiness.



**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.****COMBINED BRANCH MEETING.**

A combined meeting of the Bristol and Wotton-under-Edge Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Yate on Saturday, May 28th, by kind invitation of the Rector (Canon E. F. Smith), the weather being on good behaviour. The bells, a peal of six recently restored and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, were set going at 3 p.m., and some very good practice was enjoyed, it being, for some, the first practice in change ringing. The usual service was conducted by the Rector, the singing being assisted by the organist, and the Rector giving a very interesting address. During the singing of the last hymn a collection was taken for the Rev. C. D. P. Davies Memorial, and amounted to 11s. 10d.

After the service a move was made to the schoolroom, where tea had been prepared, about 80 members and friends sitting down. The business meeting which followed was presided over by the Master (Mr. J. Gould). Apologies for absence were received from Mr. W. H. Fussell, chairman of the Wotton Branch, and from the late Master, Rev. E. S. Saleby.

The branch secretaries read the minutes of their respective branch meetings, which were duly confirmed. These recorded a great contrast in the attendances at the respective meetings, there having been 70 present at the Bristol meeting at Henbury, and only eight present at the Wotton Branch meeting at Chipping Sodbury. Mention is made of this because it is not very encouraging for a new secretary to arrange a meeting and travel some 15 to 20 miles to find eight present.

Mr. George Griffin, of Westerleigh, was elected a member of the association, and the newly-formed band at Emmanuel Church, Guthrie Road, Clifton, Bristol, were elected as probationers: Rev. W. Bathurst Soolé (Vicar), Messrs. W. Payne, A. Blackwell, T. Bennett, B. Jones, G. Hunt, T. Fishlock, S. H. Fishlock, W. Staynings, E. Steuner, and J. Chard.

With reference to the new band at Emmanuel, Mr. Guise, general secretary of the association (who was responsible for the formation of the band), said they were making very satisfactory progress and could all handle their ropes well considering the short time they had been practising. He thanked the following, who had rendered valuable assistance at practices: Mr. W. Knight, Mr. H. Burt, Mr. F. G. Leaker, Mr. W. H. Thomas, Mr. G. Pearce, Mr. W. H. Parker and Mr. C. Rawlings.

Reference was made to the appeal at the Central Council meeting at Plymouth to ensure a larger circulation of 'The Ringing World,' and Mr. Guise, who had promised to do what was possible in this direction for the Gloucester and Bristol Association, was promised the support of the Bristol Branch.

Collecting boxes for the Rev. C. D. P. Davies Memorial Fund were distributed to tower secretaries.

Mr. W. H. Thomas (Bristol Branch chairman) thanked the Rector for inviting the Bristol Branch to Yate, for the use of the bells, and for conducting the service. He also especially thanked the ladies for waiting on the party at tea.—The motion was seconded by Mr. Cyril Johnston, who said he had taken advantage of that occasion to visit Yate, as he was unable to be present at the reopening in December last. He thanked the association for making him so welcome, saying he felt he was one of them. Continuing, he congratulated Yate on having their bells rehung, and the Rector for his knowledge of the history of his bells.—Canon Smith suitably responded, and assured the association of a welcome at any time.

This concluded the meeting, and further ringing continued until 9.30 p.m. All spent a very enjoyable time.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.****PEAK DISTRICT MEETING AT TIDESWELL.**

A very pleasant meeting of the Peak District was held at Tideswell on Saturday, May 28th, ringers turning up from Bakewell, Baslow, Darley Dale, Dore, Eyam, Great Longstone and Tideswell. The fine peal of bells were raised soon after 3 p.m., and were kept going at intervals till 7.30 p.m. The Vicar (the Rev. R. Fletcher Edwards) visited the belfry soon after the start of the ringing and welcomed those present.

The usual substantial tea was enjoyed, and was followed by a short business meeting, presided over by the Vicar, supported by the Rev. W. P. Wright (Eyam). The Secretary drew attention to the forthcoming general quarterly meeting at Darley Dale on July 2nd, and appealed to members of the district to give it their full support. It was therefore decided to combine the next monthly with this quarterly meeting.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, the ladies who so kindly prepared the tea, and the local company, was proposed by the secretary and seconded by the Rev. W. P. Wright.—The Vicar, in reply, extended his usual warm welcome to the district, and remarked that it was only during the week that he heard of the proposed visit. The news quite cheered him up—he felt that he had something to look forward to. The ringers, he said, always seemed a cheerful, happy lot, and they could come again next month if they cared to—a remark greeted with acclamation.—Mrs. Brietley also responded, on behalf of the ladies, and remarked that their only regret was that there was not a bigger gathering.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.****THE PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO MR. H. HAIGH.**

A meeting of the North Notts Association was held at Norton Cuckney, on Saturday, May 28th, when, considering the bad weather in the morning, there was a good attendance. Members were present from Edwinstowe, Bolsover, Barlborough, Shireoaks, Treeton, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Ordsall, Warsop, Worksop, West Retford, and a full local company. All members regretted that this meeting should fall on the same day as the Ladies' Guild meeting at North Collingham, as this tower is in the North Notts area.

Ringing commenced early in the afternoon, and the bells were kept going in various methods. In the evening members enjoyed the pleasure of being able to ring anything from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor.

Tea was partaken of in the Village Hall, and heartily enjoyed, and thanks were given to the ladies who had taken the trouble to provide such a feast.

The business meeting was presided over by the Rev. H. R. Peel, Vicar of Norton Cuckney, the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson being prevented by other business from being present.

The Chairman drew the attention of the members to the cup contest, and said he hoped for a greater success than ever this year. He asked all bands to get their teams ready for the event, which was to take place on August 27th at Ordsall.

Charles Moore and Dennis Lenton, of Cuckney, were elected performing members of the association.

Everton was selected as the place of the next meeting, to be held on July 16th, when it is hoped that the attendance will be large.

The Hon. Secretary referred to the brass memorial tablet to be fixed in Ordsall belfry in memory of the late Mr. Herbert Haigh. The Secretary said he had made an appeal for donations towards the cost of this, but only to the affiliated towers. He now hoped all who were willing to give a small sum to this would do so in the near future. He also stated that any surplus money collected above the amount required for the tablet would go to the founding of an association library, in which the works and books of the late Mr. H. Haigh would be placed. All who desire to contribute to the memorial should therefore send their donations to Mr. R. W. Stockdale, c/o Mr. W. J. Bowman, East Markham, Newark, as early as possible, as it is desired to have the scheme completed by the date of the cup contest, August 27th. At present there is 19s. 6d. in hand.

Mr. A. Johnson proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, concluded the business. Another visit was made to and the Cuckney committee-man for the arrangements made for the meeting.—The Vicar replied to this, and said he always welcomed ringers to his village.

**DEATH OF MR. SAMUEL MASKREY.****A LOSS TO DERBY.**

It is with deep regret we record the death of Mr. Samuel Maskrey, of Derby, at the age of 72 years, the sad event occurring on Monday, May 30th, at the City Hospital, Derby, after a brief illness. Mr. Maskrey had been a familiar figure in the Derby district for over half a century, and was an original member of the Midland Counties Association, being one of the three foundation members who attended the jubilee of the association on Easter Monday.

Of a genial and unassuming disposition and a safe ringer, he will be greatly missed by the St. Andrew's ringers, as he had been a member of that company for about fifty years, most of his peals taking place at that church, the total number being 75, ranging from Grandsire to several Surprise methods.

The funeral service was held at St. Andrew's Church on Friday, June 5th. The Vicar, Rev. V. T. S. Jagg, officiated, and the organist was Mr. F. Isherwood Plummer, an honorary member of the M.C.A. Floral tributes were sent from St. Andrew's company, and a number of sympathising ringing friends assembled in the church and at the graveside.

On Sunday evening the members of St. Andrew's company rang a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters with half-muffled clappers as a last token of respect.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION****WESTERN MEMBERS DISCUSS RE-DIVISION OF AREAS.**

A quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at Walberton on Saturday, May 28th, when a fair number of friends and ringers attended from Angmering, Brighton, Chichester, Heene, Lymington, Shoreham, and one member of the local band.

At the business meeting after tea, with Mr. H. Colley presiding, one new member, Mr. E. Horner, of Walberton, was elected.

A discussion arose respecting the cutting up of the divisions into four instead of three, and the meeting was of the opinion that the Western Division should still retain Shoreham and Steyning, also that Upper Beeding should be included in view of the small number of eight-bell towers left to the Western Division.

Votes of thanks to the chairman and the Vicar for granting the use of the bells concluded the business. Another visit was made to the belfry, and the bells kept busy to the tune of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, Cambridge and Carlisle Surprise.



**NOTICES.**

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**THE LATE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.****PROPOSED MEMORIAL.**

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association invite subscriptions to enable them to place in Tewkesbury Abbey a memorial of the great services rendered to the Exercise by the late Rev. Charles D. P. Davies. It is proposed to add two bells to the present peal of ten and to furnish one of the side chapels as a 'Ringers' Chapel.' A sum of £250 is required.

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on June 16th and 30th, \*St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 14th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 23rd \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 28th; all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District. — The annual meeting will be held at Kelston, near Bath, on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (6) available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Bath.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Nocton (6) Saturday, June 11th. Bells available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m.—Harold Marcon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, St. Giles, Lincoln.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Harwich on June 11th. Bells available 2.30 to 8 p.m. Tea provided at the Hanover Dining Rooms at 5.15. All are welcome.—James R. Sparling, Dis. Sec., Station Road, Wivenhoe.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—The next meeting will take place at Great Gaddesden on June 11th. Bells at 3 p.m.—C. J. Puplett, Hon. Sec., Aylesbury Road, Tring.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch. — A meeting will be held at Singleton (6 bells) on Saturday, June 11th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30. Visitors welcomed.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Squires Gate, Blackpool.

**BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.** — The next meeting will be held at Wath-on-Dearne on Saturday, June 11th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Tea 1s. per head. All are welcome.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec., 67, Avenue Road, Wath-on-Dearne. The shield contest will be held at Wortley, near Sheffield, on Saturday, July 9th. Draw 2.45 p.m. Entries (6s. per band) close on Saturday, June 25th.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Anstey on Saturday, June 11th. The bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea in the School at 5 p.m. Business meeting following tea. All members and friends welcome. — Ernest H. Bagworth, Local Hon. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—A special meeting will be held at Croydon on Saturday, June 11th, the nature of business being despatched to each member by post. Bells of St. John's Parish Church (8) available from 3 o'clock and during the evening. St. Peter's (10) during evening only. Service in Parish Church at 5 p.m. Address by the President (the Bishop of Croydon). Tea (free of charge) and meeting following at Parish Hall, Sylverdale Road. It is the DUTY of every member to be present at this meeting.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec., 18, Guy Road, Beddington.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.** — Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Stebbing on Saturday, June 11th. Bells from 2.30. Service 5 o'clock. Tea 5.30. Business meeting to follow.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Rotherfield on Saturday, June 11th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock at the George Hotel (1s. 3d. per head). Business meeting to follow. — A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Divisional Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Barkway bells (8) will be available on Saturday, June 11th, at 3 p.m. Tea, 5.30 p.m., at Wheat-sheaf. Bus service from Royston and Hertford districts. Make up your mind *now* to come—and enjoy yourselves! —Don Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Offley, Hitchin.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Branch. — A meeting will be held at St. Margaret's, Lowestoft, on Saturday, June 11th. Bells available at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. J. Lee, Hon. Sec., 20, Stanley Road, Great Yarmouth.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch. —The monthly meeting will be held at Balderstone on Saturday, June 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—H. Hamer, Hon. Sec., 4, Nall Street, Milnrow.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Bucklebury on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., at 1s. Ringers welcome. Come and have a good time at Bucklebury.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Towcester Branch.—The annual festival will be held at Helmdon on Saturday, June 11th. Lunch (2/6) at 12.30 p.m. Service 2. Tea (6d.) 4.30. Ringers from other branches or guilds are asked to notify the Secretary, Rev. R. Howes, Cold Higham Rectory, Towcester, if they will be present at the lunch.

**SALISBURY GUILD.**—North Dorset Branch. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Sherborne Abbey (in conjunction with the Bicester Deanery of the Bath and Wells Association) on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. All welcome. Please notify E. V. Roe, Hon. Sec., Caundle Marsh Rectory, Sherborne, Dorset.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Great Crosby on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Please make a special effort to be present. Other details notified at the meeting.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Sunbury-on-Thames (8) on Saturday, June 11th. Ringing from 3.30 p.m. Tea in the Parish Room at 5.15 p.m. Shepperton bells (5) available 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Fred W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 16, Nellgrove Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Central Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, June 11th, at Aston Abbots. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Guild service at 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—E. F. Gibbard, 92, High Street, Winslow, Bucks.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 15th, at Ickleton. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford, Herts.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at Churchkirk on Saturday, June 18th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Everybody welcome. These bells go well to all methods.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Selly Oak Parish Church on Saturday, June 18th. Bells will be available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.15 p.m., with address by the Vicar (the Rev. R. P. Steer). Tea and business meeting to follow. Will all those intending to be present please notify me not later than June 14th?—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 18th. Bells: St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) from 3 p.m. Service in Cathedral at 4. Tea and general meeting in Wade Street Schools at 5. Charge for tea, 9d. for those who have paid their subscriptions; to others 1s. 3d. Please let me know by Tuesday, 14th inst.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Stone-in-Oxney on Saturday, June 18th. Bells ready 2.30. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Bishopstone on Saturday, June 18th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by June 15th, so that arrangements can be made.—S. Hopper, Branch Hon. Sec., 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Crewe Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Wistaston (6 bells) on Saturday, June 18th. Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me know by the 15th inst.?—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Great Baddow on Saturday, June 18th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15. Will all members who intend to be present please notify Mr. G. Green, 3, Bell Street, Great Baddow, not later than June 16th?—A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at Christ Church, West Didsbury, Manchester (8 bells), on Saturday, June 18th. Tower open for ringing at 5.30 to 8.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Bentley on Saturday, June 18th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting at Mrs. Trotman's, Linden Cottage. Notifications for tea to me by Wednesday, 15th.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Peterborough Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at West Deeping (6 bells) on Saturday, June 18th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea 5. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, June 15th? All ringers welcome. Good bus service from Peterborough.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The next meeting will take place at Knowle, near Birmingham, on Saturday, June 18th. Bells (8) available during afternoon and evening. Tea provided at a moderate charge. Visitors will be welcomed.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wirral Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Oxtan (8 bells) on Saturday, June 18th. Tower open 3 o'clock. Service at 6 o'clock. Tea and meeting afterwards at Parish Hall, Storeton Road.—Harry Brocklebank, Hon. Sec.

**LAVENHAM.**—All ringers welcomed to the 121st anniversary, June 18th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Old friends and new please note.—Stedman H. Symonds.

**TAMWORTH PARISH CHURCH, STAFFS.**—On Tuesday evening, June 21st, the Archdeacon of Stafford will dedicate the peal of eight bells restored by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division and The Leeds and District Society.—A joint meeting will be held at Idle on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. For tea please notify Mr. R. Umpleby, 630, Leeds Road, Thackley, not later than June 22nd. Further particulars on circulars. All ringers welcome.—Wm. Ambler, H. Lofthouse, Dis. Secs.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A general meeting will be held at Wattisfield on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (5) available from 2 p.m. Also at Walsham-le-Willows (6), Ixworth (6), Bardwell (6), Hepworth (5). Tea in the schools at 4.30, free to all sending word by June 20th. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—The annual joint meeting of the societies in the above area will be held at Handsworth, Sheffield, on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 at 1s. each. Please notify Mr. J. C. Taylor, 51, Laverack Street, Handsworth, Sheffield, by the 21st for same.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

**SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY** (Established 1623).

—The 309th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (12) available from 9 a.m. Hot lunch, 3s. per head, 'at 1.15 p.m. Will all those requiring lunch please notify me not later than Tuesday, June 21st?—Leonard E. Pitstow, 21, Debden Road, Saffron Walden.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Southern District. — The annual meeting will be held at Wokingham on Saturday, June 25th. All Saints' bells available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, June 21st?—Miss H. F. Mills, 13, Cargate Avenue, Aldershot.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Northern District.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, June 25th, at St. Mary's Church, Nottingham. Further particulars later. —L. N. Cawthorne, Hon. Sec.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at Betchworth on Saturday, June 25th. Tower open at 3. Tea and meeting at the Dolphin Inn at 5.15. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, June 22nd.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.** — General quarterly meeting Darley Dale, July 2nd. Bells (8) open all afternoon. Committee meet 3.45 p.m. at Schools. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by general meeting at Church Inn. Application for tea (1s. 6d. per head) must be made to Mr. G. H. Paulson, Churchtown, Darley Dale, near Matlock, *not later* than June 30th to avoid disappointment.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Preliminary Notice. —The annual festival will be held at Oxford (D.V.) on Saturday, July 16th. Details of arrangements will be published later.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec.

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**TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.****120 RINGERS AT PENZANCE BRANCH MEETING.**

There was a splendid attendance at a Penzance Branch meeting of the Truro Diocesan Guild, held at Gulval, on Saturday, May 28th, when one hundred and twenty ringers attended from St. Hilary, Ludgvan, Lelant, Phillack, Zennor, Crowan, Towednack, Tuckingmill, Truro Cathedral, Manaccan, Helston and Camborne, also the local band.

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Before the service, hands were allocated eight minutes each, owing to the large number present.

The service was conducted and the address given by the Rev. Arthur Cornish (priest-in-charge). After the service a bountiful tea was provided for all in the Langley Hall. A vote of thanks was proposed to all who had made the meeting such a success by the Rev. E. Ormerod (Manaccan). This was replied to by Mr. W. Wood.

Dr. J. Symons welcomed the visitors to Gulval, and referred to the great loss that the parish had sustained by the death of Canon T. E. Maddrell, and asked all present to stand in silence in his memory.

The Rev. A. Cornish added a few words of welcome.

A move was then made to the Vicarage garden, where a group photograph was taken. The bells were soon set going again, and ringing continued until late in the evening. It was pleasing to see the Vicars of Helston and Towednack present.

**A LONG-FELT WANT.**

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I think the Central Council are to be congratulated on the decision they made at their recent meeting at Plymouth, to issue a pamphlet on the 'proper handling of a bell.' It will supply a long-felt want, and I suggest that it contains at least two illustrations of how to hold the rope—i.e., handstroke and backstroke positions. This would perhaps make things clearer than words.

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