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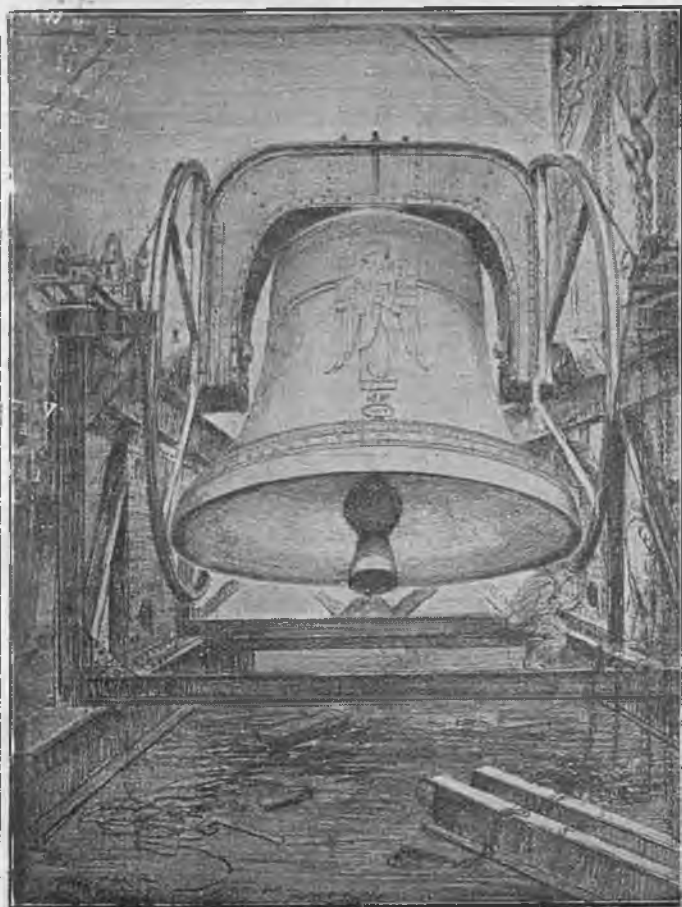
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### STEDMAN'S BELLS.

The official report presented to the Central Council on the carrying out of the restoration of St. Benedict's bells, Cambridge, as a tercentenary memorial to Fabian Stedman, shows that a further sum of about £30 is needed to defray all the expenses incurred. The cost of the actual work of putting the tower into a state of repair, rehang-ing the bells and providing the memorial tablet was approximately £521 and there were, in addition, the incidental expenses of organisation and of the celebration itself. At present the receipts from all sources have amounted to about £507, and every penny of that has come from the Exercise. That is truly a wonderful result, but to carry the scheme to a triumphant conclusion, that other £30 is needed. Two or three associations have already made an additional grant to the fund; the deficit could quickly be wiped out if the rest of the associations would help in a similar way according to their means, while there are probably individual ringers who, not having already subscribed and knowing that this further sum is wanted, will even at this late hour be pleased to associate themselves with the scheme. It has been a great national effort, and ringers will, we hope, see to it that this comparatively small amount is now forthcoming.

The note of alarm with regard to the use of the bells which was first sounded at Derby by Mr. Denison Taylor is one which takes on an added seriousness when repeated by such a great authority in the Council meeting itself, and the warning which he uttered must receive the consideration which, coming from such a source, it merits. Mr. Taylor has expressed deep concern for the safety of the bells, if novices are allowed to ring them, and he urges that only experts — and by that we suppose he means experienced ringers — should use them. In the desire to have the bells regularly rung for the church services, encouragement was given to the formation of a young band at St. Benedict's, who have now learnt to handle the bells with a fair amount of competence, so that we hope whatever risk there was to the bells, due to the ringers' inexperience, has passed. Few people probably appreciated the danger of broken cannons, from bumping a stay against a slider, until Mr. Taylor pointed it out, but now that such a possibility has been made plain, those responsible for the safe keeping of the bells at St. Benedict's may, in future, be able to guard against the risk, by arranging that any new pupils should gain their first experience of bell handling in another tower, a matter about which there ought to be no real difficulty.

The bells of St. Benedict's Church will be looked upon by ringers henceforth as a national possession—as some-

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thing that should be used with reverent hands as well as with a sense of responsibility. It is not merely the bells themselves, precious relics though they are, but what they represent to ringers and the art of ringing, that places them in a position absolutely unique among the bells of this country. Their treatment is thus the concern of every ringer, and we feel sure that Mr. Taylor's warning will not be lost upon those immediately responsible for their care. But whatever risk there may have been a few months ago is now past, or at any rate vastly reduced, so that we believe the Sunday service ringing may continue as it is now going on. But the advice of such an authority as Mr. Taylor cannot be ignored, and future ringers at St. Benedict's should do their probationary work on other bells more suited to the purpose.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, June 7, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

FRANK E. HAYNES ... .. 1	HECTOR G. BIRD ... .. 7
HENRY H. FEARN ... .. 2	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. 8
WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... .. 3	ERNEST MANSELL ... .. 9
GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. 4	GEORGE H. YENDALL ... .. 10
GEORGE E. LARGE ... .. 5	JOHN NEAL ... .. 11
ALBERT H. WARD ... .. 6	ALBERT WALKER ... .. 12

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Arranged as a birthday peal for C. Howard Stanley, who was unable to take part owing to business.

## TEN BELL PEAL.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 11, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LADRENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

MRS. RUPERT RICHARDSON Treble	JOHN CURRY ... .. 6
RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. 2	JOHN G. AMES ... .. 7
JOHN WALDEN ... .. 3	SYDNEY G. FLOWERS ... .. 8
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... .. 4	ARTHUR J. FARR ... .. 9
H. LESLIE PASK ... .. 5	HORACE M. DAY ... .. 10

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. G. H. Clarke, who was licensed to the living of Surfleet on Tuesday, June 7th.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

AMBROSDEN, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

*FREDERICK W. PRITCHETT Treble	*ROBERT GREEN ... .. 5
*AUBREY WILLIAMS ... .. 2	C. ELLIOTT WIGG ... .. 6
FREDERICK NEALE ... .. 3	HARRY HATFIELD ... .. 7
GEORGE HORWOOD ... .. 4	LEONARD CLIFTON ... .. 8

Conducted by FREDERICK NEALE.

\* First peal of Triples, and first peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells.

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

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 21 lb. in A.

W. COX ... ..	Treble	*W. LAMBELL ... ..	5
W. WEBB ... ..	2	A. WEBB ... ..	6
F. JAMES ... ..	3	J. SAWYER ... ..	7
H. WHITE ... ..	4	†E. SAWYER ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by A. WEBB.

\* First peal 'inside.' † First peal.

BOURN, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

HAROLD S. SKETCHLEY ...	Treble	JOHN MAWEY ... ..	5
ALFRED E. PITSTOW ... ..	2	JAMES WARD ... ..	6
AMOS SMART ... ..	3	ALFRED L. SIMMONDS ...	7
WALTER PERKINS ... ..	4	FREDERICK DENCH ...	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ALFRED E. PITSTOW

Ringers of 1, 2, 7 and 8 hail from Saffron Walden, 3 from Wollaston, and 4, 5 and 6 from Irthlingborough.

KNOWLE, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, May 28, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST, LAWRENCE AND ANN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF TEURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE F. SWANN ... ..	Treble	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ...	5
FRANK W. PERRINS ... ..	2	FRANK E. PERVIN ... ..	6
ALBERT W. BOND ... ..	3	FRANK E. HAYNES ... ..	7
EDWARD H. JOHNSON ... ..	4	WILLIAM H. SMITH ...	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar, Canon Downing.

CLAVERLEY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 30, 1932, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT ... ..	Treble	WILLIAM H. FOSSELL ...	5
WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... ..	2	REGINALD CHANCE ... ..	6
ALFRED S. BAYLEY ... ..	3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	7
WILLIAM C. DOWDING ...	4	*RICHARD INSTON ...	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

\* First peal.

GORTON, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 30, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT BROOKFIELD CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*GEORGE RUSHTON ... ..	Treble	†EDWARD F. MAWBY ...	5
†PERCY RUSHTON ... ..	2	CHARLES OLLIER ... ..	6
*FREDERICK KNOTT ... ..	3	FREDERICK PAGE ... ..	7
ARNOLD FEARNHEAD ... ..	4	*JOSEPH REED ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by F. PAGE.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method on 'inside' bell. ‡ First peal in the method. This is the first peal since 1901 at the above church by an entirely local band. Rung as a monthly peal for the association, also as a birthday compliment to Miss M. Knott, daughter of the ringer of the third.

REV. B. H. TYRWHITT-DRAKE.

We are glad to be able to report that the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, hon. secretary of the Ely Diocesan Association, who recently met with a serious motoring accident, is making good progress. His injuries consist of a lacerated hand and crushed chest. His car was smashed to fragments by a collision with a heavy motor lorry.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ELLOE DEANBRIES BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, May 31, 1932, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

LEONARD H. WRIGHT ...	Treble	GEORGE W. MILLS ... ..	5
WILLIAM HOLLINGWORTH ...	2	SYDNEY E. ANDREW ... ..	6
ARTHUR J. FARR ... ..	3	HARRY NICHOLS ... ..	7
RICHARD SMITH ... ..	4	JOHN G. AMES ... ..	Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. George Jarvis, churchwarden, on attaining his 96th birthday.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 1, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. W. PARKER'S ODD AND EVEN BOB AND SINGLE ONE-PART, No. 80.

Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb.

MAURICE SWINFELD ... ..	Treble	EDWARD C. GOBEY ... ..	5
JOHN H. SWINFELD ... ..	2	W. RICHARDSON DRAGE ...	6
CHARLES DRAPER ... ..	3	JAMES GEORGE ... ..	7
JOSEPH BAILEY ... ..	4	FRANK TARTLTON ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, June 2, 1932, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

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

Composed by G. BAKER.

Conducted by G. WHITING.

\* First Surprise peal 'inside.' First peal in method by all the band and first in the method for the Guild.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 3, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ...	Treble	HERBERT E. AUSDLEY ...	5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.	2	HARRY HOVED ... ..	6
*EDWIN A. BARNETT ... ..	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ...	7
GEORGE R. PYE ... ..	4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	Tenor

Composed by S. THOMAS. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

\* First peal of Bristol. Rung as a birthday compliment to the treble man on attaining his seventieth birthday.

UPPINGHAM, RUTLAND.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 4, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in E.

PERCY AMOS ... ..	Treble	RONALD RUSSELL ... ..	5
*JOHN H. BLUFF ... ..	2	ERNEST H. BAGWORTH ...	6
ERNEST MORRIS ... ..	3	WILLIAM H. CLARKE ... ..	7
ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN	4	J. FREDERICK MILNER ...	Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS.

Conducted by J. F. MILNER.

\* First peal of Major. First peal on bells since restoration by Messrs. Taylor and Co. Ringer of treble hails from Wellingborough, 2nd from All Saints', Stamford, 3rd, 6th and 7th from St. Margaret's, St. Saviour's, and St. John's, Leicester, 4th and tenor from Southwell Cathedral, and 5th from Hallerton.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Great, for evensong, on Sunday, June 5th, 1,008 Double Norwich Major (on back eight): P. Taylor 1, T. Chenery 2, C. Robinson 3, T. R. Dennis 4, F. Warrington (conductor) 5, A. G. Rivers 6, C. Smith 7, J. Queeney 8.

# EDINBURGH. THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 4, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

*MISS M. I. HOLLAND (Edinburgh) ... .. Treble	A. E. WREAKS (Paisley) ... 5
W. C. S. HEATHCOTE (Edinburgh) ... .. 2	H. MANN (Edinburgh) ... 6
S. H. WOOD (Glasgow) ... 3	W. H. PICKETT (Glasgow) ... .. 7
R. J. G. THOM (Paisley) ... 4	*W. F. M. SIENHOUSE (Dundee) ... .. Tenor

Conducted by S. H. WOOD.

\* First peal. This is the first peal by the Scottish Association.

# PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 4, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE.

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES WM. BAXENDALE ... Treble	WILLIAM BARTON ... .. 5
SAMUEL WARD ... .. 2	GEORGE AMBLER ... .. 6
J. CECIL BOOTH ... .. 3	J. ERNEST PROCTER ... 7
S. ROWLAND MYERS ... .. 4	JOHN AMBLER ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (60). Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

First peal in the method on the bells and by all the ringers, who are all members of the local company. First peal of Bristol in the county of York. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. George Ambler.

# ASHBURTON, DEVON. THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, June 4, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

EDWIN SHEPHERD ... .. Treble	CHARLES F. AUSTIN ... .. 5
AUBREY L. BENNETT ... .. 2	ARTHUR T. TROMAN ... 6
ALFRED MONKLEY ... .. 3	WILLIAM RICHARDSON ... 7
CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER ... 4	HERBERT J. HOLE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN SHEPHERD.

The thanks of the band are due to the Vicar of Ashburton for kindly granting the necessary permission, and to the local captain (Mr. H. Warren) for having everything in readiness.

# ERITH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 4, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

CHARLES E. UDELL ... .. Treble	BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE ... 5
ALFRED G. HILL ... .. 2	FREDERICK A. COLEY ... 6
*PERCY L. DEBEING ... .. 3	LIONEL J. CULLUM ... .. 7
THOMAS H. CULVER ... .. 4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK A. COLEY.

\* First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor. Rung for the birthday anniversary of His Majesty the King, also as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

# HENTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE. THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. (SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 4, 1932, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*MISS FLORRIE A. JOHNSON Treble	RALPH HARRIS ... .. 5
JOHN HALL ... .. 2	JOSEPH O. JOHNSON ... 6
MRS. RALPH HARRIS ... .. 3	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... 7
MISS AMY R. JOHNSON ... 4	†JOSEPH NEWMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. J. JOHNSON.

\* First peal of Triples. † First peal and first attempt. Rung as a wedding peal for Miss Rosalie Johnson, one of the local ringers and daughter of the conductor, who was married on that day at Hinton Church, to Mr. Hubert Corbett, of Elmley Castle.

# KIRKHAM, LANCASHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 4, 1932, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES SHARPLES ... .. Treble	WILLIAM SHARPLES ... .. 5
JOHN GARSIDE ... .. 2	*GEORGE MARIES ... .. 6
WILLIAM RATCLIFFE ... .. 3	PETER CROOK, JUN. ... 7
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 4	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 386). Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS

\* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. First peal of Major on the bells, which were cast by Rudhall over 200 years ago.

# CHESTER.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 4, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHOUT-THE-WALLS.

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

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*GEORGE LEE ... .. Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY ... .. 5
HARRY LEWIS ... .. 2	GEORGE R. JONES ... .. 6
ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 3	SAM JONES, JUN. ... .. 7
JOHN HAYES ... .. 4	PERCY SWINDLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung in honour of the King's birthday and the birthday of the ringer of the fifth.

# EARLSHEATON, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 4, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

HEMINGWAY DRANSFIELD Treble	MAURICE HODGSON ... .. 5
PERCY BYRON ... .. 2	HARRY MARSDEN ... .. 6
*HARVEY LUMB ... .. 3	GEORGE W. HEWITT ... 7
WILLIAM H. SENIOR ... 4	HERBERT DRANSFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by G. H. HARDY. Conducted by MAURICE HODGSON.

\* First peal and first attempt. Rung in honour of the 70th birthday and golden wedding of the tenor ringer.

# HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 4, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

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

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*JAMES KNOWLES ... .. Treble	MISS L. NOEL CAWTHORNE 5
*JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... .. 2	T. COLIN RYDER ... .. 6
MRS. T. C. RYDER ... .. 3	ARTHUR PASHLEY ... .. 7
FREDERICK CARDWELL ... 4	*FRED WATKINSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRED WATKINSON.

\* First peal of Surprise Major. The conductor's 100th peal.

# LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 4, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

WILLIAM R. J. POULSON ... Treble	LEONARD PRYKE ... .. 5
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 2	TONY PRICE ... .. 6
WILFRED JARVIS ... .. 3	FREDERICK A. POULSON ... 7
LAURENCE POULSON ... .. 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON.

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

The band greatly regretted that Mr. Arthur Symonds, who has taken part in all of the last 112 peals on these bells, was unable to stand in owing to illness, and wish him a speedy return to the tower. The 100th peal which Messrs. W. R. J. Poulson and S. H. Symonds have rung together.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, June 12th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): A. Vesey 1, T. Sparrow 2, C. E. Faulkner 3, G. E. Cottis (conductor) 4, E. Moore 5, W. J. Brown (Ipewich) 6, C. Fenn 7, E. H. Lucas 8.



SAWBRIDGEWORTH, HERTS.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 4, 1932, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF GREAT ST. MARY,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 25 cwt.

ERNEST J. BUTLER ... .. Treble	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... .. 5
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... .. 2	GEORGE DAWSON ... .. 6
*ALLEN LEVEY ... .. 3	†EDWARD D. SMITH ... .. 7
FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON ... 4	†EDWARD J. ROCHESTER ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDK. WM. RICHARDSON.

\* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES CLARKE ... .. Treble	GEORGE BENNETT ... .. 5
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 2	WILLIAM C. ROMSEY ... .. 6
JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... .. 3	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... .. 7
CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... .. 4	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by GEORGE A. FLEMING

First peal of Surprise Major as conductor, and first attempt.  
Rung in honour of the birthday of H.M. the King.

LYE, NEAR STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 4, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 3½ cwt.

REG CHANCE ... .. Treble	WILLIAM SHORT ... .. 5
THOMAS HEMMING ... .. 2	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... .. 3	WILLIAM GIBBS ... .. 7
JOHN BASS ... .. 4	HECTOR G. BIRD ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

Rung after meeting short for Superlative.

SALLE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 5, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. Treble	WILLIAM J. WASEY ... .. 5
JOHN A. GODFREY ... .. 2	TONY PRICE ... .. 6
HERBERT LASKY ... .. 3	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ... .. 7
*WALTER J. FORD ... .. 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON.

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

\* First peal of Major.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 6, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

ERNEST BRETT ... .. Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 5
*FREDERICK DIGBY ... .. 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... .. 6
*JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. ... .. 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 7
JOHN T. KENTISH ... .. 4	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER.

Conducted by J. E. DAVIS.

\* First peal of New Cambridge.

MILES PLATTING.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 7, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

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

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

J. J. PARKER'S SIX PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*MISS ELSIE LAKIN ... .. Treble	*RAYMOND JOHNSON ... .. 5
WILLIAM BERRY ... .. 2	NORMAN HEAPS ... .. 6
*WILFRED J. HOWARD ... .. 3	CHRISTOPHER GODGEON ... .. 7
ARNOLD FEARNHEAD ... .. 4	THOMAS K. DRIVER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. BARRY.

\* First peal in the method.

READING, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(READING BRANCH.)

On Monday, June 6, 1932, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILFRED OSBORNE ... .. Treble	ARTHUR BAILEY ... .. 5
AMBROSE W. OSBORNE ... .. 2	PERCY DYKE ... .. 6
LEONARD T. OSBORNE ... .. 3	ALFRED JEFFERY ... .. 7
EDGAR HUMFREY ... .. 4	HORACE OSBORNE ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. HEBBARD.

Conducted by A. W. OSBORNE.

First peal in the method by all the band. Also the first peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major rung in the 'town' of Reading.

FULBOURN, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 7, 1932, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VIGOR AND ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

MISS VIOLET SHORTER ... Treble	FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... .. 5
*SAMUEL TWICHERT ... .. 2	ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... .. 6
†MANSFIELD GINN ... .. 3	†ALFRED G. G. THURLOW ... 7
PERCY WEBB ... .. 4	FRANK WARRINGTON ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal on tower bells. Mr. Percy Webb's fiftieth peal.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 8, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

J. W. PARKER'S THREE-PART, No. 52.

Tenor 28½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD ... .. Treble	CHARLES DRAPER ... .. 5
MAURICE SWINFELD ... .. 2	T. ROWLAND FLINT ... .. 6
JOSEPH BAILEY ... .. 3	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 7
*NORMAN G. LEECH ... .. 4	JOHN CURTIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

\* First peal of Stedman. This composition is now rung for the first time. Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. E. I. Stone, for many years captain of the St. Paul's band, who was interred the same day.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, June 9, 1932, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF SUFFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20½ cwt.

ALFRED KEEBLE ... .. Treble	JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. 5
*MISS KITTY WILLERS ... .. 2	*ROY A. WOODWARD ... .. 6
CHARLES F. BAILEY ... .. 3	ERNEST S. BAILEY ... .. 7
*REGINALD C. KERSEY ... .. 4	JAMES G. ROMSEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

\* First peal in the method. Arranged for Miss Willets, of Trumpington, Cambs.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

WYCHBOLD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 22, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-WYCHE,

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

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*VICTOR NEAL ... .. Treble	*JOHN NEAL ... .. 5
*F. BERNARD MARTIN ... .. 2	WALTER H. RAXTER ... .. 6
ARTHUR J. MARTIN ... .. 3	HAROLD F. MARTIN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD F. MARTIN.

\* First peal in the method.

DOULTING, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, May 8th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Doubles in 45 mins.: F. D. Rickards 1, H. Willcox 2, J. Metcalfe 3, C. F. Veasey 4, J. T. Dyke (conductor) 5, E. Jenkins 6. Rung to mark the completion of 50 years' ringing in this tower by the ringers of the 2nd.

DEEPING ST. JAMES, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Double Court, two of Single Court, and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM V. BENNETT ... Treble	ARTHUR RIGGALL ... 4
* THOMAS A. COOPER ... 2	HORACE M. DAY ... 5
WILLIAM NEAL ... 3	JOSEPH O. LANDAN ... Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

\* First peal 'inside.' Rung with the bells fully muffled in memory of George H. Wells, who was buried in this churchyard on May 21st. He had been a ringer in the Deeping district for 60 years.

ELMORE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 28, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Being ten six-scores of Grandsire and 32 six-scores of St. Dunstan's, each called differently. Tenor 13½ cwt.

ARTHUR E. ELLIS ... Treble	WILLIAM F. LITTLETON ... 4
PHILIP POCKETT ... 2	ARTHUR H. HEAVEN ... 5
THOMAS BALDWIN ... 3	WILLIAM HOOPER ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS BALDWIN.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Double Court, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, and two 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

HERBERT C. FORDHAM ... Treble	PERCY L. JOHNSON ... 4
* SHELFORD SPARROW ... 2	GEORGE W. ABLITT ... 5
KEITH W. WHITTLE ... 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

\* First peal in six methods. First peal in six methods on the bells.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 1, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. COSMAS AND DAMIAN,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Beverley, York, Durham, Wells, London, Carlisle and Cambridge. Tenor 7 cwt.

KEITH HART ... Treble	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... 4
JACK M. CRIPPS ... 2	NELSON ELLIOTT ... 5
ROBERT SWIFT ... 3	OLIVER SIFFETTS ... Tenor

Conducted by OLIVER SIFFETTS.

First peal of Surprise Minor in seven methods by all the band.

CRANFORD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, June 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Lancaster, Stamford, London, Wells, York, Durham and Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

HARRY CHAMBERS ... Treble	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... 4
AMOS SMART ... 2	FRANCIS BALL ... 5
MISS EVELYN STEELE ... 3	WALTER PERKINS ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

First peal in seven Surprise methods on the bells.

CLIFTON, BEDS.  
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 4, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

HERBERT L. HARLOW ... Treble	* ARTHUR W. DILLEY ... 4
CLIFFORD PAGE ... 2	LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... 5
REGINALD WEST ... 3	HERRERT SHERMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by H. L. HARLOW.

\* First peal 'inside' in four methods. A birthday peal for the ringer of the 4th and H. Gayton, of Harrold.

A number of other peal reports are unavoidably held over.

SURREY ASSOCIATION RULES.

SPECIAL MEETING FOR THEIR ALTERATION.

Under the rules of the Surrey Association no alteration to the rules can be made without a vote of one-sixth of the members of the association. When it was sought, at the annual meeting at Reigate, earlier in the year, to alter certain of the rules, it was found that there were insufficient members present to give constitutional effect to the proposal. As a result, a special general meeting of the association was held at Croydon on Saturday, when members turned up in sufficient strength to rectify the previous omission. Earlier in the afternoon the bells of the Parish Church were available, and there was ringing in a variety of methods on this heavy peal of eight.

The Bishop of Croydon (Dr. Woods), who is president of the association, preached at the special service. He welcomed them to the church and, taking for his text the words, 'Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound, they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of Thy countenance,' said he did not think they could better that as a description of the general effect on people's ears and minds and hearts on listening to the ringing of the bells of our land. The Bishop spoke of the spiritual significance of ringing. They were, he said, perhaps inclined to take their art for granted and allow its wider significance to escape them. What did it mean to those who made the joyful sound? It meant a great deal of happy team work, it also involved the offering of their time, their labour and their skill, and of their sense of beauty. The sound of the bells often got deeper down into the people's hearts than the voice of the preacher, which could only be heard by those inside the church, so that ringers did really contribute to the mental and spiritual well-being of those who heard the joyful sound. No man in these materialistic days could afford to do without a reminder of the unseen God, and in listening to a peal of bells he received such a reminder. They could never know how often the sound of their work made entry into a man's soul; let them therefore bring their thanks to God for this thing in which they were engaged, and pray that He would accept the offering of those who, like themselves throughout the land, made this oblation, and weave it into His purpose.

After the service, the Bishop passed down to the west door of the church, where he shook hands with all the congregation as they passed out. Afterwards he looked in at the tea and gave a hearty and less formal welcome to the members. The Bishop was unable to stay for this part of the proceedings, but before he left, the Master (Mr. D. Kenneth Birt) thanked his lordship for his address and for his welcome to the association.

RULES ALTERED.

The Master presided over the business meeting, and explained why it had been called. He said at Reigate they were unable to pass certain recommendations of the committee, because insufficient members were present. The first resolution before the meeting was one to exclude non-resident compounding members from the right to vote or hold office in the association. Under the rules as they now stood they gave votes to non-resident life members, a thing which did not appertain in any other ringing association. There were several reasons why they should not have this right, one of which was that through removals they became scattered, and it was not found practicable to get into touch with many of them. Under their rules they needed a certain proportion of members to vote before an alteration to rules could be made, and the existence of votes among the non-resident members added to their difficulties in this direction. The committee, therefore, thought it better that they should fall into line with all the other associations and accord votes only to annual subscribing members of the association.

Replying to Mr. W. H. Hewett, the Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. H. Kippin) said that the present membership of the association needed 69 votes to carry a resolution by one-sixth of the membership.

Mr. Hewett expressed the opinion that it would be rather unfair to deprive non-resident members of the right to vote if they were sufficiently interested to attend a meeting.

The motion was carried by a practically unanimous vote.

The next recommendation of the committee was that the rule requiring a peal booking fee be deleted. This also was carried, and it was, further, decided to make it retrospective to January 1st last.

The Master made reference to the passing of Mr. John Wyatt, of Ashted, one of the oldest members of the association, and the meeting stood in silence as a mark of respect.

The Hon. Secretary brought forward the Central Council's recommendation that every effort should be made to increase the circulation of 'The Ringing World,' and urged the members to do their best to get more copies purchased by their friends.

A discussion followed, in the course of which the Editor of 'The Ringing World' explained the position, emphasizing the fact that there was urgent need for a larger paper. It was obvious from the feeling expressed that in the Surrey area determined effort will be made to extend the circulation of the journal.

The meeting concluded with votes of thanks to the Vicars of the two churches where the bells were available for ringing, also to the steeplekeepers, Mr. Wills (St. Peter's) and Mr. Dan. Cooper (Parish Church) for their services, and especially to the last named for his work in connection with the general arrangements for the meeting.

Afterwards, ringing took place on the ten bells at St. Peter's Church as well as at the Parish Church.

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.****PRESENTATION TO DEPARTING PRESIDENT.**

The quarterly meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held on Saturday, June 4th, at St. Luke's, Blakenhall, near Wolverhampton. The bells were placed at the disposal of the members, and touches in various methods were rung during the afternoon. The Guild's beautiful form of service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. James Boulbee), who gave a simple but helpful address.

The business meeting was held in the Church Army Hut, the chair being taken by the Vicar, who was supported by Mr. H. Mason (vice-president).

The chairman welcomed the Guild, and Mr. Mason briefly referred to the death of Mr. T. J. Salter, of Kidderminster, a life member of this Guild. The secretary was requested to send a letter of condolence to the family, and to show their sympathy the members stood in silence.

It was proposed that the arrangements for the next meeting be left with the secretary and Ringing Master. It was also decided to attempt the quarterly peal at Blakenhall, subject to the consent of the Vicar, the arrangements to be left with the Ringing Master.

On the motion of Mr. Mason, seconded by Mr. H. Price, the meeting ratified the action of the secretary, treasurer and Ringing Master in purchasing a clock as a parting gift from the members of this Guild to their president (the Rev. Canon A. E. Phelps), Vicar of Dudley, on his leaving Dudley to take up the Vicariate of Wimbledon, the gift being presented with every good wish for a successful ministry in his new parish. The clock was handed to Canon Phelps on the previous Monday evening by Mr. H. Sheppard and Mr. S. J. Hughes, on behalf of the Guild, the president thanking the members for their gift and wishing the Guild every success in the future.

The subject of increasing the sales of 'The Ringing World' was brought forward by Mr. S. J. Hughes, the Guild's representative on the Central Council, and discussed at some length, and it was left to members to do all they could in the matter.

At the close of the meeting, thanks were given to the Vicar for granting permission to hold the meeting at Blakenhall, for the use of the tower and bells, for conducting the service, for his address and for presiding at the meeting, also for the use of the Hut. Thanks were also accorded to the organist for the musical part of the service, and to Mr. Albert D. Collins for the part he played in making the necessary arrangements.—The Vicar briefly replied on behalf of those concerned.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.****MEETING AT OLD ALRESFORD.**

The Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild held a meeting at Old Alresford on Saturday afternoon, June 4th, when ringing took place on the bells of the Parish Church and also at the churches of New Alresford and Bishop's Sutton, by the kind permission respectively of the Rev. Canon Robertson and the Rev. Lindsay Browne. Members of the Guild were present from Old and New Alresford, Bishop's Sutton, Bishopstoke, Farnborough, Micheldever, North Stoneham, Owslebury, Overton, Portsmouth, Stockbridge, Twyford, Titchborne, Titchfield, Wonston and Winchester.

A service was held in the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Old Alresford, at which the office of the Guild was said by the Rector (the Rev. G. H. Preston), and a short address was given by the Rev. Canon Braithwaite (chairman of the Guild). Mrs. Geoffrey Pain, of Pinglestone, Old Alresford, presided at the organ.

After the service about 46 members and friends sat down to tea at the Christy Memorial Hall, Old Alresford. Amongst those present were the Rev. Canon Braithwaite (who presided), the Rev. G. H. Preston, Mr. George Williams (Master of the Guild), Mr. F. W. Rogers (hon. general secretary), Mr. George Noice (hon. district secretary), Mr. A. T. Greenwood (hon. secretary of the Portsmouth District), Mr. F. S. Bayley, Mr. Geoffrey Pain, Mrs. G. Williams, Mrs. R. S. Routh, Mrs. G. Pain, the Misses Braithwaite and Noice, etc.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. G. Pullinger (Bishopstoke) and Mr. S. B. Carey (Stockbridge).

Three new members of the Guild were elected, viz., Mr. A. Bulpitt (Old Alresford), Mr. R. J. Pritchard and Mr. F. Smart (Titchborne).

A vote of thanks was proposed and heartily accorded Canon Braithwaite for his presence and for his helpful address at the service.

Canon Braithwaite, in reply, said he was very glad to be able to be present, and spoke of the valuable work the Guild was doing in the service of the Church.

A vote of thanks was also passed to the Rector of the parish for making arrangements for the service, and for the visit of the members to Old Alresford.

The Rev. G. H. Preston replied by stating that he was very glad to welcome the Guild to the parish, as he believed that this was the first visit that had been paid by the Guild in that way during his incumbency, which had extended over 19 years. During his ministry in New Zealand, some 40 years ago, there was nothing, he stated, which he had missed more than the sound of the church bells of the Mother Country.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Many of our readers, especially those in North Lancashire, will be interested to hear that Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, have been entrusted with the order to add two new trebles to the peal at the ancient Priory Church of Cartmel. The present four bells also are to be rehung on ball bearings.

Mr. Arthur Symonds took part in 112 consecutive peals on the famous bells at Lavenham, Suffolk. The long sequence has now been broken, for, to the regret of all the band, illness prevented him from taking part in a peal of Treble Bob rung there on June 4th.

Mr. George H. Wells, ringer in the Deeping District of Lincolnshire for 60 years, has passed away at the age of 76 years. He rang his last touch (Cambridge Surprise Minor) on Easter Monday.

The Ven. Archdeacon of Cheltenham (Archdeacon Cornwall), a vice-president of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, has died at the age of 73 from septicaemia following a dog bite.

## LADY READS LESSON AT RINGERS' SERVICE.

### INNOVATION AT LADIES' GUILD MEETING.

For probably the first time at a ringers' service the lesson has been read by a lady. This departure took place at St. Clement Danes' Church, London, on Saturday week on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Central District of the Ladies' Guild. The Rector (Rev. W. Pennington Bickford) officiated, and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher (general hon. secretary of the Guild) read the lesson.

The meeting was well attended, and ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m., the methods rung including Kent Treble Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Cambridge Surprise Royal. A touch of Grandsire Caters was rung for the service by a band composed entirely of ladies.

Tea was partaken of at the A.B.C. Tea Rooms nearby, after which the meeting was held at the Church Hall, Mrs. Deul presiding. One new member, Miss K. Bradford, was elected, and the officers were re-elected en bloc.

It was proposed that the next meeting be held at Beaconsfield, Bucks, about the third week in September.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for conducting the service, and to the preacher (who had just returned from Australia) for his excellent address, also to the organist and choir for their services.

The ringers then adjourned to the tower for further ringing. Among the visitors were Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Davies and their daughter Gwladys from Liverpool, and Miss H. F. Mills, of Aldershot.

## DEATH OF MR. JAMES THOMAS REW.

### NEARLY FIFTY YEARS A RINGER.

We regret to announce the passing of Mr. James Thomas Rew, of Redbourne, Lincolnshire, who collapsed and died suddenly at his home on Wednesday, June 8th, at the age of 74.

The funeral took place on Saturday, June 11th, the service being conducted by the Vicar of Redbourne.

Mr. Rew was connected with change ringing for nearly 50 years, commencing his career at the Church of All Saints, Sheffield. He afterwards became attached to the Sheffield Cathedral company, and was an active member of that band until his retirement from work 13 years ago, when he left to take up residence in Redbourne, where he strove hard to stimulate interest in the art of ringing amongst the youths of the village.

He rang 11 peals for the Yorkshire Association, of which he was a non-resident life member. Although he did not indulge to a very great extent in peal ringing, he was nevertheless a staunch Sunday service ringer. His acts of generosity and his sociable disposition earned for him many friends, especially amongst the ringing fraternity, where he was respected and esteemed by all who knew him.

Mr. Rew expressed a desire to have the handbells rung over his grave in the event of his death, and this last mark of respect was successfully carried out by four of his ringing friends from the Sheffield Cathedral, who rang a plain course of Grandsire Triples as follows: Hezekiah Thorpe 1-2, John Thorpe 3-4, Sidney F. Palmer 5-6, Ernest A. Thorpe 7-8.

## FIFTY-SEVEN PEALS RECORDED.

On Sunday, a peal board was unveiled at St. Helen's Church, Darley Dale, Derbyshire, recording 57 peals rung on the bells. The board is the gift of the Sunday service ringers, and the work of one of their number. It is of neat and handsome appearance, and is a record to be proud of for a village band, as the local ringers have taken part in all the peals recorded.

The board was dedicated at a special service held for the dedication of churchyard improvements, and before the service a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples was rung by: R. Allsop 1, B. Allsop 2, W. Blagshaw 3, E. Blackwell 4, H. Taylor 5, A. C. Wright 6, G. H. Paulson (conductor) 7, E. Derbyshire 8. It was the first quarter-peal in the method by the ringers of 1, 3, 5, 7 and 8. After the service, 504 Grandsire Triples was rung, in which J. Taylor took part instead of A. C. Wright, and with H. Taylor conducting.



## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

(Continued from page 390.)

### THE BELLS OF A LONDON CHURCH.

Mr. J. A. Trollope said the Middlesex Association had taken up the case of the bells at St. Andrew's, Wells Street, London, one of the churches in the West End of London scheduled to be pulled down and moved to the suburbs, under a scheme to build 45 churches in the diocese. In a letter to 'The Times' the Bishop of London said that everything in St. Andrew's Church would be moved into the new church, but they felt pretty sure that, although they might move a peal of eight, with tenor of 24 cwt., to one of these new churches, it would be almost impossible to expect them to build a tower sufficiently strong to carry them for ringing. The Middlesex Association, therefore, passed a resolution and sent it to the Bishop of London asking that these bells, if the tower was not sufficiently strong to hold them, should neither be broken up nor dispersed, nor put into a tower which could not hold them, but given to some tower in the diocese which was sufficiently strong for the bells to hang in for ringing. They had had a reply from the Bishop's secretary stating that the matter had been put into the hands of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, the authority dealing with the new church. He (Mr. Trollope) had the opportunity of speaking to the Bishop of Willesden on the subject. The Bishop was greatly interested in the new church, but he knew nothing about the bells and undoubtedly, if they had not taken the matter up, the bells would have been placed somewhere, and they would never have heard any more about them, because there would certainly not have been a tower built to carry them if hung for ringing. He mentioned this matter to suggest that the secretaries and authorities of different associations should keep their eyes on cases like this and, when necessary, bring them before the proper authorities where a church was scheduled to be pulled down and where the bells could be saved, especially in a case like this where the bells were of considerable historical interest in the evolution of tuning.

Mr. Young suggested that some resolution from that Council might strengthen the action taken by the Middlesex Association. He was glad to hear the Middlesex Association had taken steps to prevent this well-known ring from being scattered.

Mr. Trollope said he would be pleased to propose such a resolution, which, if passed, could be sent to the Bishop of London. Not only would it have a good effect on these particular bells, but would give the London Diocesan authorities some idea that there existed a body such as the Council was (hear, hear).

Mr. C. T. Coles (who is secretary of the Middlesex Association) said he would be pleased to place at the disposal of the secretary of the Council such correspondence as he had had on this matter.

Mr. Trollope's motion was seconded by Mr. Young and agreed to, it being left to the Towers and Belfries Committee to deal with the subject.

The Rev. R. P. Farrow inquired whether the Council could take any action on the faculty, but the President replied that the difficulty with regard to faculties was to get any status on which to object to them. A faculty concerned only the parish affected, and no official body outside could, he believed, take objection. It must be a parishioner, and it was very difficult from outside to get an objection raised to faculties.

Mr. Trollope said in this case the matter was definitely settled. The objectors had gone to the High Court about it, and all objections had been overruled. The church was closed and being pulled down.

On the motion of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, seconded by Major J. H. B. Hesse, the reports of the Towers and Belfries Committee were then adopted.

### BISHOP OF EXETER'S ADVICE TO CLERGY.

At this point the Bishop of Exeter arrived to give a diocesan welcome to the Council and to address the members.

The President said they were greatly honoured by the visit of the Bishop. It was only right that the Council should be reminded that the Exercise lost a very promising ringer in the Bishop's son, who was killed during the war. He commenced ringing at Hatfield about four years before his death and proved a very apt pupil. He soon mastered his bell and quickly picked up the four standard methods; he was a very keen ringer and became a member of the Herts Association. Although he had no opportunity for peal ringing, he was always in his place for service ringing on Sundays, so that they felt, apart from the fact that they were meeting in the Diocese of Exeter, they had some connection with the Bishop through his son, and for both reasons they felt very much honoured by his presence there that day (applause).

The Lord Bishop, who was cordially received, assured the Council that they were proud in Devonshire to welcome the Council. They wished in every way that the great cause of bellringing should be advanced by their visit. There were, perhaps, some towers in the county where a little more might be learned about scientific ringing, but if there was not a very advanced knowledge of it there was great keenness for ringing in the county. From time to time they had their meetings, and he could assure them they were very well attended. He had occasionally been privileged to address the ringers of Devon, and when he saw the churches full of men, keen, stolid,

earnest ringers, he felt that the cause of bellringing would never lose its popularity in that county (hear, hear). His son, who used to ring at Hatfield, never had the privilege of ringing a peal, although he had looked forward to doing so, but he was killed just before he reached manhood. In memory of his son he (the Bishop) presented two bells to Hatfield, so that the tower now had a peal of ten. Continuing, the Bishop said he hoped the message the Council would give them would be to increase scientific ringing in Devon. Unless men were advancing they would not go to the towers; they must always be learning something (hear, hear), and unless they could keep before them something they could learn, they would after a time get slack and not turn up. When he was at Hatfield he used to make it a practice to go to the tower and say a prayer before the ringing began on Sunday, and that was one of the things he wished the clergy would do universally. He felt sure if it were done it would encourage ringers to be punctual at their ringing; nothing was so disappointing to the rest as when one or two turned up late (hear, hear). If the clergy were there to welcome them, he felt it acted as a gentle stimulant to punctuality. The Bishop concluded by again welcoming the Council and wishing them joy in their visit to the most lovely county in England.

The President thanked his lordship for his welcome to that lovely county, which they all acknowledged was one of the most beautiful in the country. 'We each have,' added Mr. Lewis, 'one other which we like to think is best' (laughter). What the Bishop had said about attendance, continued the President, went very much to their hearts. He had spoken of things which they had all experienced, and he hoped that the message to the clergy would reach them, and that more ringers would have the happy experience of being welcomed to their towers when they went to ring for the services (applause).

The Bishop then left the meeting.

### THE STEDMAN COMMEMORATION SCHEME.

The Council dealt next with the Stedman Tercentenary Commemoration finances. The President said the committee was appointed at Liverpool to take charge of the scheme, which had already been considered, of restoring the bells of St. Benedict's Church, Cambridge. A number of meetings of the committee had been held in London and one meeting was held in Cambridge, when the scheme was laid before the Vicar and churchwardens, who accepted the Council's offer to restore the bells. The work done consisted of, first, building a reinforced concrete corbel course round the tower, 12ft. below the old supporting beams, and grouting all existing cracks in the tower. Secondly, new oak beams were laid on the corbel course and bolted to it. The old frame was dismantled, the joints readjusted, the frame strengthened and replaced in the tower, but turned through a right angle from its old position, in order that the heavier bells might swing parallel to the stronger walls. The bells were rebung with complete new fittings and on ball bearings, but with old-style elm headstocks. The ropes were let down to the ground floor and rope guides fixed. A new stove pipe was fitted in connection with the heating apparatus and let into the wall to pass the level of the reconstructed bell frame. Eight windows in the upper story of the tower were filled in with concrete to strengthen the tower, and all the remaining openings were wired to keep out birds. The inside of the upper part of the tower was whitewashed, a chiming apparatus fixed to replace the existing clocking apparatus, which was a great danger to the bells. The committee arranged for the work in the tower to be done, with Mr. F. W. Troup as architect, by Mr. W. Sindall, of Cambridge. The contract for the bells was given to Messrs. Taylor and Co. The committee arranged for the opening on December 5th last year, when many of the Council were present. The President added that he need not go into the details of those proceedings; they had been fully described in the Press, but as a committee they felt they owed a great deal to the help that was given to them by the authorities concerned, by the Vicar and churchwardens of St. Benedict's, the architect, the bell founder and the builder, and also to Corpus Christi College for the great assistance they gave them on the opening day (applause). There was one other question he ought to refer to, and it was this: the cost had come out slightly greater than was expected. That was due mainly to the stove pipe which had been mentioned. The old stove pipe went up the tower through the bell frame and close to some other timber, and out through the roof. It was not properly protected, so that there was great danger of the tower being burnt down, and the committee thought it advisable, in order that the bells and tower should be rendered safe, to instal a new stove pipe. Then there was a further complication. When the frame was turned through a right angle, it was not possible to take the pipe through the frame, as had been formerly done, and, on the recommendation of Mr. Troup, the flue was taken into the thickness of the wall below the bell frame and came out again well above the frame. That work put up the charges for extras from the builders, which had a reflection in the financial statement.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, treasurer of the fund, then presented the financial statement. The receipts included: Subscriptions and donations, £487 19s. 4d.; interest on bank deposit, £4 16s. 9d.; sale of booklet and ash tray souvenirs, less costs of production, £9 5s. 4d.; total £502 1s. 5d.

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## LOUGHBOROUGH RINGERS' CHAPEL.

### PRYCE TAYLOR MEMORIAL REVISITED.

The first anniversary of the dedication of the Pryce Taylor memorial at Loughborough Parish Church was observed on Saturday week, when a large number of ringers from a wide area took advantage of the opportunity to revisit the ringers' chapel, with its artistic screen and unique enrichments in bell metal, which was constituted at the foot of the famous tower, by the generous gifts of Mr. E. Denison Taylor (head of the Loughborough bell foundry) and Mrs. Pryce Taylor, the widow.

About 130 ringers were present from Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire, Warwickshire, Staffordshire, Huntingdonshire, Rutlandshire, Lincolnshire and the district around Loughborough.

country. Not only did they value it for its own sake, but also because it was the memorial of one who was held in great affection in this parish, as everywhere, whose name they would not readily forget. And, partly, they valued it because it was a memorial to a firm which was held in high honour amongst them, a firm which had contained several members, now gone to their rest, who held a great place in the parish.

It was not only a memorial to them, but, by the generosity of Mr. Taylor, a memorial to those ringers who had taken their share in the ringing of those bells. He did not think he was betraying a secret when he said Mr. Taylor intended to put up, along with the names of his own family, the names of ringers who had served at that church. Every effort was being made to get all the names, as they did not wish to miss anybody, and they would be grateful if any omissions were pointed out.

The Rector then read out the following list, while the congregation stood in memory: John William Taylor, sen. (1827-1906), John William Taylor, jun. (1853-1919), Pryce Taylor (1891-1927), Amos Cresser, Charles Smith, Sam Smith, Joseph Hardy, W. Birkinshaw, Arthur



### MEN OF LONG SERVICE.

This group was photographed at Loughborough on the occasion of the Pryce Taylor Memorial gathering. Front row, left to right: Rev. Canon Briggs, Mrs. Pryce Taylor, Mr. E. Denison Taylor, Mrs. Backhouse (sister of the late Mr. Pryce Taylor), and Rev. F. W. Pratt. Second row: Edward Reader (Loughborough), R. H. Bartram (Melton Mowbray), three Midland lady ringers, and Richard F. Lane (Loughborough). At the back: E. Cartwright (Loughborough), C. Dickens (Beeston), A. Coppock (Nottingham), J. H. Swinfield (Burton-on-Trent), S. Cotton (Leicester), Harry Chapman (Keystone), J. Scott (Uppingham), William E. White (Cotgrave), P. Price (Beeston), James Hutchby (Loughborough), C. Harriman (Loughborough), James George (Birmingham), Albert Ward (Derby), and J. Booth (Kegworth). Each of the ringers (except the ladies) in the photograph have over forty years' ringing to their credit. [Photo: H. Woods, Loughborough.]

Beautiful weather prevailed, and was in striking contrast to the terrific thunderstorm which occurred on the occasion of the dedication of the memorial twelve months ago.

A fully choral service was conducted by the Rector of Loughborough, Rev. Canon Briggs, the members of the Taylor family present being Mr. E. Denison Taylor, Mrs. Kathleen Pryce Taylor (widow), and Mrs. Backhouse (sister of the late Mr. Pryce Taylor).

### A TREASURE IN THE CHURCH.

Canon Briggs, in a short address after welcoming the visitors, said that was a unique service, and it was fitting that it should be held in the parish church of the town which contained the most renowned bell foundry in the world. That was the first anniversary of the dedication of the Taylor Memorial. During the past twelve months there had been a large number of visitors to the church, and everybody had expressed admiration, both of the conception of the memorial and of the splendid way in which it had been carried out. No one would deny that for centuries to come it would be a treasure in the church as something entirely unique in the whole

R. Aldham, E. Wightman, W. A. Tyler, Ernest Abbott, Horace Abbott, William Thorley, F. Farrow, Joe Ward, Thos. Grundy, sen., Thomas Grundy, jun., Alf. Fewkes, Jas. Hood, Henry Bramley, George Cook, Wm. Fewkes, J. L. Wells, Arthur Matthews, James Cook and Harry Bradley.

The ringers were afterwards entertained at tea by Mr. E. Denison Taylor in the Fearon Hall.

Acknowledging the hospitality of their host, as characteristic of the Taylor family, Canon Briggs said the firm not only did their business on a commercial basis, but had the true artistic sense, which had been noticed by many distinguished people he had taken to the foundry.

### A HALLOWED SPOT.

Mr. Denison Taylor, who was given a cordial reception, expressed his appreciation of the presence of so many ringers to do honour to the memory of his nephew, Pryce Taylor. It would be five years on the fifteenth of next month since he passed away, and his relatives still felt his loss acutely, and they were grateful that so many ringers should show their desire to keep his memory green.

It was on June 6th last year that the graceful screen, presented by his widow, was solemnly dedicated by the Bishop of Leicester, and it was the suggestion of their much esteemed Rector that they should meet every year on or near that date in token of their regard. Mrs. Pryce Taylor had again made a special journey from London to be present (applause).

The Rector's charming idea of a ringers' corner in their lovely old parish church was now completed, and—to quote from 'The Ringing World'—'Loughborough now possesses a noble memorial of this young spirit, cut off on the threshold of his prime, and while the church has been beautified, the art, which was part of Pryce Taylor's life, will be elevated by the existence of a hallowed spot which ringers may call their own through all time to come' (applause).

The two bronze bas-reliefs, of his father and brother John, were in position, and a suggestion to record in bronze the names of past Loughborough ringers was under careful consideration. There was room also for another tablet to commemorate a new record peal—say 5,000 Superlative Surprise by a band of Loughborough lady ringers (laughter). But to beat the Appleton record would mean thirteen or fourteen hours' continuous ringing, and he did not think Loughborough people, especially those near the church, were yearning greatly to see a tablet erected to record that feat (laughter).

Mr. Taylor added that, by a coincidence, that day was the 13th anniversary of the passing of Pryce Taylor's father, his own brother John, who died on June 4th, 1919. At his suggestion, the company stood in silence, 'in memory of an excellent father and worthy son.' He expressed appreciation of the kindness of Canon Briggs in making the arrangements for the service, to the churchwardens for their presence, and to all those ladies who had so ungrudgingly given their services to provide such an excellent tea. Canon Briggs also added a few words, and, after commenting upon the generosity of the Taylor family to the parish church, said that it was intended to regard the anniversary each year as part of a ringers' week-end, and the offertories on the Sunday following the meeting were to be given to the ringers' fund.

The two churchwardens, Mr. F. G. Webber and Mr. W. W. Lax, spoke in appreciation of the part played in worship by bellringers.

On behalf of the ringers, Mr. William White (Colgrave) and Mr. James George (Rugby) thanked Mr. Taylor for his hospitality. Mr. George mentioning that he had had the honour of ringing with Mr. J. W. Taylor, sen., Mr. J. W. Taylor, jun., Mr. Denison and Mr. Pryce Taylor.

More ringing then followed at the parish church and on the light ring of ten bells at the Bell Foundry campanile. A privilege, which was greatly enjoyed by many of the visitors, was the opportunity of looking round the famous Bell Foundry. In one big shop four bell frames were in course of construction, one cast-iron frame being for the recast ring of ten bells for Solihull Parish Church, Warwickshire; another for a ring of eight bells for Harwell Church, Berkshire; a third for the ring of six bells at Menheniot Parish Church, Cornwall; whilst the fourth was a huge timber frame in English oak, made for eight bells, for the peal at the famous church at Widecombe-in-the-Moor, Devon. Other peals which were receiving attention at the hands of Messrs. Taylor and Co. included Debenham, Stagsden, Bridford, Alsager, Christchurch Priory, and Duddershill. The 'Westminster' chimes resounded beautifully from a set of five bells which are to be exhibited at the Leicester Pageant later in the month and eventually to be shipped out to Egypt.

## AN OXFORDSHIRE RING RESTORED.

### OLD MARSTON BELLS REHUNG.

On Wednesday evening, June 8th, the bells of the Parish Church of St. Lawrence, Old Marston, near Oxford, were rededicated in the presence of a huge congregation which filled the delightful old church to the utmost. The service was conducted by the Vicar, and included a special choral programme, which was excellently rendered by the choir, to the accompaniment of the organ and a set of tubular bells.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Diocesan Guild, preached an excellent sermon, dealing chiefly with the care and use of church bells. This address, in the opinion of those who heard it, would be well worth printing in pamphlet form for the guidance of incumbents and those responsible for the care and upkeep of our bellfries.

At the conclusion of the service, an opening 720 of Grandsire Doubles was rung by: Richard White (Appleton) 1, R. A. Post (Headington) 2, Frederick Sharpe (conductor) (Launton) 3, S. Taylor (Oxford University Society) 4, W. F. Judge (Oxford) 5, after which the bells were open to visiting ringers, and the ringing was continued until a late hour.

The bells are a light ring of five, cast by Taylor, of Oxford, in 1823, and just rehung, with cast-iron headstocks and ball bearings in an oak frame by Mr. Richard White, of Appleton.

The frame is truly a joy to behold, especially in these days when perfectly seasoned English oak is hard to obtain, and one fervently hopes that the source of the supply of such fine timber may last for many years to come. The whole job embodies all the traditional master craftsmanship of the White family, and the 'go' of the bells was pronounced to be excellent by all.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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The payments had been: Messrs. Taylor and Co., amount of contract, £289; Mr. Sindall, builder, amount of contract, £132; Mr. F. W. Troup, architect's fees, £21 18s. 3d.; Birmingham Art Guild, tablet, £22 3s.; cost of faculty, £5 5s.; printing, postages, and incidentals, £12 7s. 2d.; leaving a balance of £19 8s.

There was, continued the treasurer, actually at that moment in the bank £24 4s., but there was the account owing to builders for extras of £50 13s. 6d., which meant they had to find £26 18s. 6d. more in order to settle the builder's account. Then there would be his expenses as treasurer, about £2 10s., and the committee's travelling expenses, of which he had not yet had a note, so that the Council would see that there was about £30 to find.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. G. W. Fletcher) said the Standing Committee at their meeting that morning recommended that the Council should advance the money necessary to pay the accounts outstanding.

The President then formally moved the adoption of the report and recommendation.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn seconded.

### THE CARE OF STEDMAN'S BELLS.

Mr. E. Denison Taylor said at the meeting of the Midland Counties Association at Derby at Easter he felt compelled to make some remarks about the use of Stedman's bells, and those remarks called forth a letter in 'The Ringing World.' He therefore felt he ought to put plainly before the Council what he thought about the whole matter. He maintained that Stedman's bells in the tower of St. Benedict's Church were no ordinary ring of bells; indeed, they were a priceless possession, and their first thought should be for the care of the bells, a watchful solicitude to guard against any risk of damage, and he did not consider that every care was being taken if novices were allowed to begin to learn their ringing there, and to bump the stays against the sliders. He did not know that any stays had been broken, but it might easily happen, with the ropes in the hands of beginners. He maintained that ringing at St. Benedict's should be by experts only, whether it be for Sunday services or for other purposes, and if no experts wished to ring these historic bells, it would be a pity, but it would be much wiser to leave the bells unring ('No.'). Well, that was his opinion. He gathered that, in the main, it was novices who were now ringing the bells. Why should they not learn their ringing in another tower? When they had mastered the art, then they could ring for the Sunday service on Stedman's bells. In response to the call of a few leaders the whole Exercise had come forward nobly and achieved the restoration of the bells. The work had been done with, he must say, almost reverent care, and to think that beginners might bump the stays and twist the cannons off the bells was something he shuddered to think about (applause).

Mr. Walter Ayre proposed a vote of thanks to all those who did the actual work in connection with the preparation and carrying out of the scheme, including Mr. J. S. Goldsmith for what he did in the Press, the president and secretary of the Council, the hon. treasurer, and all the other members of the committee.—Rev. F. L. Edwards seconded, and the motion was carried by acclamation.

The President said the committee appreciated that vote of thanks. It was entirely a pleasure to have anything to do with the whole job; it all went so smoothly, and no one enjoyed the afternoon at Cambridge and all that led up to it more than the committee did.

Mr. E. M. Atkins asked if the president could give the Council the committee's views on what Mr. Taylor had said.

The President: The committee have not considered it.

Major Hesse said there was a very great deal in what Mr. Taylor had said. He thought it was all wrong that youngsters should learn to handle a bell on bells such as these. Let them by all means ring them when they could handle a bell, but let them learn elsewhere. If the cannons were broken they could not replace them, but he would not go so far as to say the bells should not be rung at all.

Mr. Taylor: Never by novices.

Major Hesse: I think I agree there. It would be deplorable if the bells should not be rung, but I do think they should be rung by people who can handle bells.

The President: I am told the members of the young band are handling their bells very well indeed. I would like to ask Mr. Taylor if it would not be possible to put on soft wood stays?

Major Hesse asked how many stays had been broken, and was informed by a member in touch with those who had been training the youngsters at St. Bene's that none had been broken so far.

Mr. Taylor said there was an inclination to put on strong wood stays, and if there was a strong stay the bell might bump and twist the cannons off.

Canon Culeridge asked if it was a fact that Cambridge University men, when they broke a stay, had to pay a fine, and hang the stay in their room, like an oar as a trophy of the race (laughter).

The President: My reply to that is, in my time we did not break them (laughter). I have an oar, but not a stay (laughter and applause).

The report was then adopted, as was also the recommendation of the Standing Committee.

(To be continued.)



## DEATH OF VETERAN BURTON RINGER.

## ONE OF A FAMOUS BAND.

It is with deep regret that we record the death, at the age of 71 years, of Mr. Edward Isaac Stone, of Burton-on-Trent, who passed away, after an operation, at Burton Infirmary, on June 5th.

With the death of Mr. Stone, another link with one of the most famous bands of ringers in history is snapped. Fifty years ago the company at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, was the most progressive eight-bell band in the country. They were the real pioneers of Surprise ringing, for, while a few peals of Superlative, one true one of Cambridge and three of London, had been rung in the previous sixty years, it was the Burton men who first blazed the trail of modern Surprise practice. Having thoroughly mastered Double Norwich in 1882, they rang in 1884 the first peal of Superlative that had been scored for seven years, and the second since 1855. In 1887, when other bands began to take up the method, they turned their attention to Cambridge, and rang their first peal of it in February. The only previous true peal in the method had been rung at Benington in 1873. After Cambridge, came London, the peal being obtained in September, 1887, the fourth on record and the first since that at Benington in 1870. The peal of Superlative in 1884 has been described as 'truly epoch-making.' It ushered in, wrote the Rev. C. D. P. Davies in the history of Surprise ringing, 'another and very different era. It was the first ripple of a tide that from that day forth has never ceased to flow with steady and continuous stream. The company which inaugurated this happy state of affairs was that of St. Paul's Church, Burton-on-Trent, who for some years splendidly maintained the lead and took a prominent share in the full establishment of that age of enterprise and enthusiasm, in which we fortunately still find ourselves.'

Edwards Isaac Stone took part in all these early achievements, others with whom he was associated being William Wakley, Arthur Wakley, Harry Wakley, Joseph Griffin, John Jagger, George Appleby, Thomas Holmes and John Austin. It was these peals and a number of others in the three old Surprise methods that gave the first real impetus to ringing in the highest methods, and the men mentioned above will always be looked upon as pioneers in this department who made history.

Mr. Stone had been a member of the Midland Counties Association since its formation, and after the death of Mr. Wm. Wakley he was made captain of St. Paul's Society, a position he filled with distinction for nearly 20 years, only giving up on account of ill-health. He had rung 222 peals for the Midland Counties Association.

In addition to his services to the church as a ringer, Mr. Stone had been a member of the choir from boyhood, and the funeral service at St. Paul's Church on Wednesday of last week was attended by the organist and choir as well as members of St. Paul's Society. The bells were rung muffled before the service, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the open grave by: J. H. Swinfield 1-2, J. Jagger 3-4, M. Swinfield 5-6, J. George 7-8. Afterwards a muffled peal of Stedman Triples was rung on the tower bells.

## GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

## ENCOURAGING MEETING IN CHERTSEY DISTRICT.

In contrast to some recent meetings in the Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, the meeting at Esher, a six-bell tower, on Saturday week, was most encouraging, for during the afternoon and evening nearly 40 ringers were present, and some excellent practice was put in in elementary methods for the benefit of beginners. Service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. Dr. J. K. Floyer), who recalled his association many years ago with men so well known in the Exercise as the late Sir Arthur Heywood, Canon Catley, of Worcester, and Capt. Acland Troyte, and spoke of the duties which devolved upon bellringers as churchworkers.

After tea, to which 32 sat down, the business meeting was presided over by the Rector, who, amid applause, was elected an hon. member of the Guild. The following were elected ringing members: Messrs. G. Bristowe, F. Bristowe, F. Philpott (Esher), W. Bowen (Weybridge), F. Gentile and W. Underwood (Ottershaw). Mr. Brooker and Mrs. Chaffey (Ottershaw) were elected hon. members.

Mr. A. H. Pulling gave a report on the proceedings at the Central Council meeting, and the general hon. secretary (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith) made an appeal for a keener interest in the Guild in the Chertsey District. He was glad to say that there were appearances of this beginning, as shown by that excellent meeting, and the encouraging fact that the Guild had been asked to help in change ringing practices at Oatlands Church, where, hitherto, their organisation had not been welcomed. He announced that the Guild's Summer Festival was to be held in that district, at Weybridge, on July 9th, when the members were to be the guests of the Rector.

Mr. W. R. Melville proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector of Esher for his permission to hold the meeting, for the service and for his address, and to the local ringers for their assistance in the arrangements.—Dr. Floyer, in responding, remarked that they had just lost one of their oldest ringing members, Mr. Frederick Bowdler, who was laid to rest on the previous Saturday. He had been a ringer at Esher for about fifty years, and a muffled peal was rung in his memory.

## LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

## LAW JAMES COMMEMORATION DINNER SUGGESTED.

The annual meeting of the Northern Branch was held at Lincoln on Saturday, June 4th, and proved very successful. Amongst the towers represented were Bardney, Barrow-on-Humber, Barton-on-Humber, Bigby, Blankney, Burton-on-Stather, Gainsborough, Grimsby (St. Andrew's), Haxey, Heckington, Lincoln (Cathedral and St. Peter-at-Gowts), Metheringham, Nettleham, Scotterne, Uliceby, Upton, Welton and Willingham. There were also present Mr. R. Richardson (Master of the Guild) and Mrs. Richardson, Mr. J. Phillips (secretary of the Eastern Branch), and Mrs. East, Collingham. An apology of absence was received from Mr. G. Atkinson on behalf of the Thornton Curtis members.

The bells of the Cathedral, St. Peter-at-Gowts, and St. Botolph's were available during the afternoon and evening.

The service, in co-operation with the Lincoln Diocesan Guilds' Union Festival, was held in the nave of the Cathedral. A large congregation assembled to take part in the very impressive service, at which the preacher was the Archbishop of York (Dr. Temple).

Subsequently eighty-nine members and friends sat down to tea at the Co-operative Cafe. Mr. F. F. Linley presided at the business meeting, and was supported by Canon H. T. Parry (president of the Grimsby District), Rev. R. Bond, Grayingham, Rev. W. L. Mann, Partney, and members of the committee.

The balance sheet and secretary's report for 1931 were adopted, and the whole of the officers re-elected, with thanks for their past services.

Mr. Charles Tye (Metheringham), Mr. W. J. Cleaver (Blankney) and Miss Adeline A. Stokes (Blankney) were elected members of the Guild.

The arrangements for the 1933 annual meeting at Gainsborough were left in the hands of the district secretary.

Mr. F. W. Stokes (Guild secretary) expressed a wish that conductors of peals would furnish him with a copy of the composition as early as possible, thus enabling the annual report to be printed earlier than in recent years, and giving it the opportunity of being in the hands of all the members by the Guild annual meeting.

After discussion it was agreed that all matter for insertion should be received by him not later than the last day of February.

Mr. Geo. Chester and Mr. R. Richardson made a very urgent appeal to the members to give their hearty support to 'The Ringing World.' Their statements were thoroughly endorsed by Canon Parry and Mr. Phillips, and it is hoped that their attempt to increase its circulation may not have been made in vain.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Dean and Chapter for the inspiring service. Mr. Linley made reference to the fact that this was the thirty-third year of his election as president of the Northern Branch. He gave an interesting outline of the former Diocese of Lincoln, and alluded to the bells of St. Peter-at-Archies, expressing the hope that at some future date their sound might once again go forth and be heard in the city.—In reply, the Rev. R. Bond spoke of both the church and the bells of St. Giles', Lincoln, being some day reconstructed.

Mr. C. McGuinness proposed that a recommendation be forwarded to the other branches respecting a commemorative dinner in honour of the Rev. H. Law James to be held annually as near the anniversary of his birthday (November 18th) as possible.—This was seconded by Canon Parry and agreed to by the members present.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Dean and Chapter and the incumbents of St. Peter-at-Gowts and St. Botolph's for the use of the bells, to the caterers for the excellent tea provided, also to Mr. Geo. Chester and others who had helped to make the necessary arrangements.

This concluded the business and brought to a close a very enjoyable and successful meeting.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

## TWO MORE TOWERS FOR WEST DORSET BRANCH.

A meeting of the West Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Guild was held at Beaminster on Saturday, and was well attended, those present including the Dorchester branch secretary (Mr. C. H. Jennings). It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Broadwindsor on Saturday, September 3rd. The Rev. C. C. Cox (chairman of the branch) said he was very pleased to say that he had two more towers to be elected to the Guild, namely, Chideock and Thornecombe. He regretted that the bells at Thornecombe were in a very bad state, but the ringers of both towers were very keen.

Mr. F. Bugler proposed that the sum of £2 2s. be granted to Thornecombe for the restoration of the bells, to be paid when the fund was opened.

The Rev. C. C. Cox emphasised the need of increasing the circulation of 'The Ringing World,' and asked all members present to do their utmost to encourage its sale. The paper was, he said, run by a very efficient ringer, and he would like to see the net sales increased.

The meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector of Beaminster for the use of bells, etc., to Rev. Battersby for conducting the service and giving the address, also to the organist and to the ladies waiting at tea.



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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 the 30th, 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.

**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.

**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.—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.

**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.

**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.

**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.—A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

**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.—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. 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.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Andover District. — Quarterly meeting at Woolton Hill, Saturday, June 18th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Also those of Highclere (8) and East Woodhay (5) Service at 4.30. Tea at 5, followed by business meeting.—F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec., Newtown, Newbury.

**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), Hepworth (5). (Not Bardwell). 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.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Grimsby District.—Next meeting, Bigby bells (6), Saturday, June 25th. Bells ready 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, 5 p.m., in School Room, at a moderate charge. Business meeting after tea. Numbers for tea to the Rev. Canon H. T. Parry, Bigby Rectory, Barnetly Lincs, not later than Wednesday, June 22nd.—H. I. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

**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.

**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.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Kimpton on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Short service 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Good bus services from St. Albans, Luton and Welwyn. All welcome. — W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Burnham on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (8) available at 3.30 p.m. Tea for those who send their names not later than June 20th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Ockley on Saturday, June 25th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Tea at the Red Lion at 5. Please let me have numbers for tea by next Wednesday. — A. H. Smith, 37, Church Walk, Leatherhead.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Sharnford on Saturday, June 25th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Members admitted to garden fête in Rectory Close free of charge. Tea at moderate charge. All members and friends invited.—A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Alton District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Privett, on Saturday, June 25th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service in Holy Trinity Church 4.30. Tea in the Vicarage by kind invitation of the Vicar and Mrs. Putt. Business meeting follows. Will those who wish to accept the invitation to tea kindly notify me by Wednesday, June 22nd.—B. C. Taylor, Binsted Vicarage, Alton, Hants.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Daventry Branch.—The annual meeting at Daventry on Saturday, June 25th.—W. C. Moore, Branch Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Reading Branch. The summer meeting will be held at Checkendon on Sat., June 25th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 5, followed by tea. All members and friends are welcome. Please let me know by Wednesday, June 22nd, of your intention of being present.—F. W. Hopgood, Hon. Branch Sec. 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Northern District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Nottingham, on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Arrangements for tea will be made. All ringers and friends welcome. Subscriptions due.—L. N. Cawthorne, Hon. Sec.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—Quarterly meeting to be held at Pucklechurch on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please let me know

not later than Wednesday, 22nd inst. Bus No. 19a leaves Old Market Street every hour at five minutes past. Return fare 1s.—Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol.

**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Ashover on Saturday, June 25th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, June 22nd?—J. W. England, The Common, South Normanton.

**DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.**—The bells, having been restored and rebung in new iron frame by John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, will be rededicated by the Archdeacon of Ipswich on Friday evening, July 1st, at 7 o'clock. A short touch will be rung by the local band during the ceremony and the bells will afterwards be available for visitors up to 9.30. It is proposed to hold a meeting of the Suffolk Guild on July 16th, details of which will appear later. — W. C. Rumsey, Debenham, Stowmarket.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—Next meeting at Stanmore on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea, usual terms, at 5.30. All ringers welcomed. Please advise me if you require tea.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

**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.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Christchurch on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (12), recently augmented by John Taylor and Co., will be available all day; also Milford-on-Sea (8). Meeting at 2.30 in the Church Hall. Service in the Priory at 4.15 p.m. Tea in the garden of the King's Arms Hotel (if wet in the Church Hall) at 5 p.m. to all who notify Mr. G. Preston, 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch, by June 29th. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—Meeting at Worplesdon (instead of Chiddingfold) Saturday, July 2nd. Bells at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Please send numbers for tea by June 25th to G. L. Grover, East Clandon, near Guildford.

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION** will hold their annual meeting and a six-bell contest at Queensbury, near Halifax, on July 2nd. Draw 2.45 p.m. Will those requiring tea, 1s. 6d. each, send not later than June 27th to L. Hargreaves, 30, Bankfield View, Halifax?

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—A ringing meeting will be held at Cuckfield on Saturday, July 2nd. Tower open 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, June 29th? All ringers welcome? — G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Market Weighton, on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Short service in church 4.15.

Preacher, the Vicar. Tea, at 5 o'clock, 1s. 6d. each. Please notify Mr. J. W. Kneeshaw, 4, Temperance Terrace, York Road, Market Weighton, by Thursday, June 30th. Details in circular.—Horace S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755). — The next quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Knowle, on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (8) available from 3.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Please notify regarding tea.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

**HOWDEN CHURCH, YORKS.**—On Thursday, July 7th, at 2.30 p.m., His Grace the Lord Archbishop of York will dedicate the new ring of eight bells installed by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, to replace the peal destroyed by fire in 1929. There will also be a service at 7.30 in the evening. Preacher, the Bishop of Durham.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — The Summer Festival will be held at Weybridge on Saturday, July 9th. Further details later.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Lancaster Branch. —Next meeting will be held at Barton-in-Lonsdale on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (6) available at 2 p.m. Tea, 1s., to those who notify me by the 6th ult.—E. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Castle Oval, Kendal.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Boxley on Saturday, July 9th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service at 4.45. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. J. R. Hale) after service. All ringers welcome. Please notify me as soon as possible. — C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Sevenoaks on Saturday, July 9th. Further particulars will be announced next week.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Preliminary Notice.—The annual general meeting will be held at Isleworth, Middlesex, on Saturday, July 9th. Further particulars later.—E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec.

**GREAT NESS, near Shrewsbury.** — The augmented ring of 6 (tenor recast and 3 new trebles added and re-lunged in new frame by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon) will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Lichfield on Friday, July 15th, at 7.30 p.m. Tea and refreshments provided at the Vicarage after the service, and those intending to be present are asked to notify the Rev. F. Brighton, The Vicarage, Great Ness, Shrewsbury, by Wednesday, July 13th. All ringers welcome.

**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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#### OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

##### NORTH BUCKS BRANCH PROGRESS.

The annual meeting of the North Bucks Branch was held at Shenley on Saturday, June 4th, and was well attended by members from Bletchley, Beachampton, Bradwell, Fenny Stratford, Hanslope, Loughton, Milton Keynes, Newport Pagnell, Newton Longville, Sympson, Stony Stratford, Weston Underwood, Whaddon, and the local tower, numbering about 70 in all. A short service was conducted by the Rev. W. E. Boys, Rector of Shenley, the Guild form of service being used. The address was given by the Rev. C. O. Hann (Vicar of Newton Longville).

Tea was provided on the Rectory lawn, and was followed by the business meeting.

The secretary, Mr. W. Sear, presented the statement of accounts, which showed a balance of £12 5s. in hand, as compared with £11 19s. last year. Including £10 invested in War Loan, the branch had funds in hand totalling £22 5s. In presenting his annual report, the secretary stated that the membership had been well maintained, and was this year 179, against 175 last year. Quarterly meetings had been well attended and good work done.

On the proposition of the chairman, the balance sheet and report were adopted.

The Rev. L. Mixon, Vicar of Newport Pagnell, was again re-elected chairman, and Mr. W. Sear was re-elected secretary and treasurer.

The Master of the Guild, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, congratulated the North Bucks Branch on its strength, and made a strong appeal for support for 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. A. J. Wright (treasurer) and Mr. R. T. Hibbert (general secretary) also spoke on business matters relating to the Guild, and both expressed their satisfaction at the way North Bucks was progressing. They congratulated those responsible for its success.

The Chairman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Shenley for making such splendid arrangements for the service, and to the caterers for providing such a well-served tea. This was responded to by the Rev. W. E. Boys.

The bells of both Shenley and Loughton were rung during the afternoon and evening to various methods.

**BECKENHAM.**—At St. George's Church, on Saturday, June 4th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. Martin 1, P. Meek 2, W. Holmanby 3, H. Hawkes 4, G. Wickens 5, S. Humphrey (first in the method) 6, W. Smith (conductor) 7, W. Rawlings 8. Rung for the service at which a memorial window to the late Canon Arnold, Rector of this church for 34 years, was dedicated by Bishop Harmer.

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