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Good striking is the first thing at which a ringer should aim, but it seems to be the last thing that many ringers are able to achieve. No man can properly consider himself a good ringer, no matter how many methods he can ring, unless he can strike well. A well-known authority on ringing once defined a good ringer as he who knew when he had made a bad blow and could kick himself for having made it. Some bad strikers are merely careless, but unfortunately a large number of ringers do not know when they have made a bad blow. These lack ears—they are unable to pick out the sound of their own bell from the rest. It is a defect which only they can cure by definitely concentrating on the task when they are ringing. Others may know they are striking badly, but cannot alter it because they lack control of the bell. These it is possible to teach, if they are open to instruction.

Lack of control of a bell is the cause of more bad striking than anything else. Perfect ringing is only possible where every man can place his bell exactly where it ought to go. A man who cannot control his bell cannot do this, and this lack of control is due to faulty handling. There is a right and a wrong way to hold a rope, and there is an astonishingly large proportion of ringers who grasp rope end or sallie or both in the wrong way, or have other faults which, as long as persisted in, are a definite bar to good striking. With many indifferent ringers the fault is not entirely their own, it has been developed as the result of defective teaching. Not every tutor is himself a perfect ringer, and his own faults are passed on and frequently magnified in the pupil because the teacher is incapable of correcting them; because, in fact, he does not know they are faults. Writers in elementary text books on ringing have gone to considerable pains to explain the primary principles of handling a rope, but many new ringers, of course, never see these books, or if they do, do not give sufficient attention to this preliminary instruction, because they have already passed the stage of learning to pull a bell and have acquired whatever action their tutor has permitted them to adopt—good, bad or indifferent.

We hope that the pamphlet which the Central Council now propose to issue by way of guidance on this important matter, and which is to be drawn up by Mr. J. T. Dyke and Canon Coleridge in collaboration—two better exponents of this subject do not exist—will have the results which are hoped for. Of the value of the pamphlet there can be no doubt; the difficulty, as with all these things, will be to get it into the hands of those for whom it is intended. Not only should every beginner have a copy placed in his

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hands; we feel convinced it will be a publication which quite one half of existing ringers will be able to study with profit. When it is ready, every association and guild should purchase enough copies to issue one with every copy of its next annual report, so that every member may receive it, and buy a sufficient surplus to present a copy to every new ringer. The instructor at every tower should know that on application he could obtain these pamphlets free for his pupils. The expense to the association would be a small matter compared with the improved ringing which ought, in time, to accrue from proper instruction, for the cost per copy would be trifling if the initial demand enabled a large order for printing to be placed. A few pounds spent on an instructional pamphlet of this kind would be a good investment for any association.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 27, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN.

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21 cwt.

EDGAR GUISE ... .. 1	HERBERT W. KNIGHT ... .. 6
JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 2	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. THOMAS ... .. 3	HENRY PRING ... .. 8
ALFRED E. REEVES ... .. 4	JOHN A. BURFORD ... .. 9
*WILLIAM T. POSTON ... .. 5	URIAH BRAVEN ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. R. FARDON.

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

\* First peal on ten bells. Rung in honour of the wedding, to Mr. James Garrett, of Miss Marjorie Thomas, daughter of Mr. John Thomas, late of Bristol.

CUDHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 2, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 9½ cwt.

HORACE BELCHER ... .. 1	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... .. 6
*HARRY HOSKINS ... .. 2	FREDERICK DIGBY ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... .. 3	†REGINALD T. NEWMAN ... .. 8
EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 9
JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 5	REUBEN SANDERS ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. PYE.

Conducted by W. H. HEWETT.

\* First peal of Cambridge Royal. † First peal of Cambridge. First peal of Surprise Royal on the bells and the lightest church bell peal rung to Cambridge Royal. Messrs. Belcher, Hewett, Roberts and Sanders have now rung in the lightest and heaviest (Southwark Cathedral) Cambridge Royal on church bells.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 18, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. 1	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... .. 5
ALFRED WOODROW ... .. 2	GEORGE GILBERT ... .. 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... .. 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... .. 7
WILLIAM E. TAYLOR ... .. 4	C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Rung after unavoidably meeting short for Surprise. The visitors thank Mr. A. Woodrow for making up the band at short notice.

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## HODDESDON, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*DAVID HAMMOND ... .. Treble	GEORGE GRAY ... .. 5
STANLEY CARTER ... .. 2	WILLIAM CAVILL... .. 6
WILLIAM A. TACK ... .. 3	JOE LADLY ... .. 7
DANIEL DYE ... .. 4	SIDNEY CARTER ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN.

Conducted by SIDNEY CARTER.

\* First peal and first attempt.

## DARLINGTON, DURHAM.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 25, 1932, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

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

THOMAS OLIVER... .. Treble	WILLIAM BROADLEY ... .. 5
MISS LANCASTER ... .. 2	THOMAS MEDCALFE ... .. 6
*EDWARD BROWN... .. 3	J. C. POLLARD ... .. 7
ALFRED COATES... .. 4	HARRY TAYLOR ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. PLATT.

Conducted by MISS LANCASTER.

\* First peal on an 'inside' bell in the method. This is the first peal conducted by a lady for the Association, also in the county of Durham.

## WOODSTOCK, OXON.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 25, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

RICHARD A. POST... .. Treble	SYDNEY TAYLOR ... .. 5
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR ... .. 2	WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. 6
WILLIAM STONE ... .. 3	FREDERICK APPLETON... .. 7
WILLIAM G. COLLETT ... .. 4	THOMAS STYLES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK APPLETON.

First peal as conductor.

## LLANDUDNO, CAERNARVONSHIRE.

## THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 25, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING ... .. Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY... .. 5
J. WILLIAM CLARKE ... .. 2	JAMES MORGAN ... .. 6
ALBERT E. RICHARDS ... .. 3	PERCY SWINDLEY... .. 7
HENRY W. WILDE ... .. 4	ARTHUR E. PEGLAR ... .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES MORGAN. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

First 'spliced' peal in the county.

## ERITH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 25, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' TRANSPOSITION.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

ROBERT COLLINS... .. Treble	FREDERICK A. COLEY ... .. 5
E. CHARLES PATTEN ... .. 2	LIONEL J. CULLUM ... .. 6
BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE... .. 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... .. 7
ALFRED G. HILL ... .. 4	*THOMAS H. CULVER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

\* First peal of Stedman.

## BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES BILBY ... .. Treble	EDWARD G. COWARD ... .. 5
*JESSE FRANCIS ... .. 2	WILLIAM R. BAXTER ... .. 6
WILLIAM C. WEST ... .. 3	NORMAN V. ANDREWS... .. 7
SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... .. 4	CHARLES F. ANDREWS... .. Tenor

Composed by N. V. ANDREWS. Conducted by C. F. ANDREWS.

\* First peal in the method 'inside.'

## EGHAM, SURREY.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 25, 1932, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

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

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

*WALTER JOLLEY ... .. Treble	THOMAS COLLINS ... .. 5
PERCY E. JONES... .. 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... .. 6
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... .. 3	CECIL W. PIPE ... .. 7
†MISS K. M. BRADFORD ... .. 4	FRANK CORKE ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON.

Conducted by FRANK CORKE.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method away from treble.

\* First peal in the method.

## ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 25, 1932, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 16½ cwt.

WALTER ALLWOOD ... .. Treble	FREDERICK A. ADAMS ... .. 5
ARTHUR KNIGHTS... .. 2	*JOHN MARSHALL ... .. 6
NORMAN C. LEWIS ... .. 3	RICHARD F. REECE ... .. 7
WILLIAM J. TRYNG ... .. 4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS.

\* First peal of Treble Bob, and is from Edinburgh.

## BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 25, 1932, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

F. BUCKLAND ... .. Treble	JESSE HARRISON ... .. 5
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... .. 2	EDGAR G. SWIFT... .. 6
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... .. 3	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. 7
GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 4	JAMES BLACKMORE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. WINGROVE.

Mr. G. Martin is from Maidenhead. The rest of the band are Sunday service ringers at the above church.

## NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 27, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

JOHN ANDERSON... .. Treble	R. ALDER GOFTON ... .. 5
*ROBERT T. CUMMINGS ... .. 2	WILLIAM STORY ... .. 6
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ... .. 3	ADAM DEAS ... .. 7
RICHARD A. GOFTON... .. 4	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

\* First attempt at the method.

## BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 28, 1932, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... .. Treble	WILLIAM MILLER ... .. 5
NORMAN BROWN ... .. 2	JOSEPH A. TOMLINSON ... .. 6
MISS M. CLAYTON ... .. 3	JAMES HARRISON ... .. 7
NORMAN KENYON... .. 4	*GEORGE FISK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by N. BROWN (Wigan).

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

## WEDDING BELLS.

On Saturday, June 18th, at the Parish Church, Watford, on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. Herbert G. Milton (a member of the local band) and Miss May Brockett, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,250 changes): W. E. Oakley 1, W. Paul 2, C. N. Leman 3, A. W. Dix 4, S. H. Hoare (conductor) 5, E. P. Palmer 6, R. G. Bell 7, R. J. Edwards 8. The band wish Mr. and Mrs. Milton every happiness in the future.

## UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 29, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*Miss F. K. Hartle ... .. 2	William Henley ... .. 5
George H. Gutteridge ... 2	Harry Wingrove ... .. 6
Percy E. Jones ... .. 3	Frank Corke ... .. 7
Edgar G. Swift ... .. 4	Reginald T. Newman ... Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff.

Conducted by R. T. Newman.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

## RATBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 29, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Philip and James,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

J. W. Parker's Odd and Even Bob and Single Four-Part, No. 85

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

Madrice Swinfield ... .. Treble	James S. Hutchby ... .. 5
John H. Swinfield ... .. 2	Ephraim W. Rands ... .. 6
Charles Allsop ... .. 3	James George ... .. 7
J. Charles Dicken ... .. 4	Joseph Bailey ... .. Tenor

Conducted by M. Swinfield.

This composition is now rung for the first time. J. S. Hutchby's 200th peal.

## WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 29, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

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

Tenor 18½ cwt.

Ernest J. Oliver ... .. Treble	Thomas Groombridge, Sen. 5
Dr. E. Lawrence Taylor ... 2	Ernest J. Butler ... .. 6
Charles T. Coles ... .. 3	Herbert Markwell ... .. 7
George R. Pye ... .. 4	William Pye ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by George R. Pye.

Rung as a compliment to the conductor on the eve of his 60th birthday.

## HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

On Friday, July 1, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

Miss L. Noel Cawthorne Treble	James Haywood ... .. 5
Miss Lucy M. Kelly ... .. 2	Frederick Cardwell ... .. 6
Miss Mildred Higgins ... 3	Harold Taylor ... .. 7
*John J. L. Gilbert ... .. 4	Fred Watkinson ... .. Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights.

Conducted by John J. L. Gilbert.

\* First peal as conductor and aged 13. Rung on the 16th anniversary of the Battle of the Somme, with clappers half-muffled in commemoration of the Sheffield City Battalion.

## VETERANS' PEAL.

## GORTON, MANCHESTER.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 2, 1932, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At Brookfield Church,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

Alfred Barnes ... .. 63 yrs	6 mths.	Treble
William Brammer ... .. 63	3	2
Samuel Greenhalgh ... .. 62	2	3
Samuel Holt ... .. 66	5	4
William H. Shaker ... .. 61	11	5
Titus Barlow ... .. 64	5	6
Charles Ollier ... .. 68	8	7
Robert Davies ... .. 63	0	Tenor

Composed by J. Wood.

Conducted by R. Davies.

The average age of the band is 64 years 2 months. Arranged and rung as a compliment to the ringer of the 7th on the completion of 50 years' ringing. Mr. Ollier commenced ringing at Lawton, Cheshire, in 1882, but is now secretary-conductor of the local band, and is the most regular service ringer on the books.

## CALVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Wilfred,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5060 CHANGES;

Johnson's Variation of Middleton's.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

James Wm. Baxendale ... Treble	William Barton ... .. 5
Samuel Ward ... .. 2	George Ambler ... .. 6
*Walter Popplewell ... 3	J. Ernest Proctor ... .. 7
*S. Rowland Myers ... .. 4	*John Ambler ... .. Tenor

Conducted by William Barton.

\* First peal in the method. First peal of Cambridge on the bells. Rung to commemorate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Popplewell, uncle and aunt of the 3rd ringer.

## WOOBURN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(East Berks &amp; South Bucks Branch.)

On Saturday, July 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

In the Steeple of Osborne St. Paul,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-Part.

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in E.

Thomas S. Goodchild ... Treble	Roland Biggs ... .. 5
Frank Buckland ... .. 2	Harry Wingrove ... .. 6
Frederick G. Biggs ... .. 3	William Henley ... .. 7
William H. Fussell ... .. 4	*James P. Hinton ... .. Tenor

Conducted by William Henley.

\* First peal of Stedman.

## OLD WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

William M. Stone ... .. Treble	William T. Breeson ... .. 5
Alfred H. Pulling ... .. 2	Leonard Stilwell ... .. 6
William E. Taylor ... .. 3	Clarence H. Dobbie ... .. 7
C. Ernest Smith ... .. 4	George Gilbert ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

Conducted by Geo. Gilbert.

## RAUNDS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 2, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 8 lb.

William J. Whitmore ... Treble	Ernest E. Whitmore ... 5
Cyril Wilson ... .. 2	Thomas Jervis ... .. 6
*Charles M. Whitney ... 3	†Harry Pettit ... .. 7
Fred Stubbs ... .. 4	Frank Kirk ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. S. Wilde.

Conducted by Wm. J. Whitmore.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor. Rung to celebrate the Patronal Festival.

## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

## HORSMONDEN, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 20, 1932, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Horsmonden Bob and two 720's each of Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

*Francis Bromley ... Treble	Fredk. J. Lambert ... .. 4
Edwin Bromley ... .. 2	Reginald Lambert ... .. 5
Alan Bromley ... .. 3	Robert Lambert ... .. Tenor

Conducted by Robert Lambert.

\* First peal. The ringers of the 1, 2 and 3 are brothers. Rung on the occasion of the 100th birthday of Mrs. Briscoe, of Dublin, Ireland, formerly of Horsmonden. She is a daughter of the late Sir William Smith Marriott, Bart., and an aunt of the Rector of Horsmonden.

HOLYWOOD, IRELAND.—On May 23rd, at Holywood, Co. Down, Ireland, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss Ada McBride 1, F. H. Crawley (Crews) 2, R. McClelland 3, J. McKay 4, Wm. Pratt 5, S. McClelland (conductor) 6, J. Savage 7, J. Mann 8. First quarter-peal for ringers of 1 and 4.



## STANDON, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 22, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

720 each of Cambridge, Surprise, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 17 cwt.

*GEORGE GRAY ... .. Treble	ARTHUR PHILLIPS ... .. 4
BARNARD PATMORE ... .. 2	SIDNEY CARTER ... .. 5
JEFFREY WILLIAMS ... .. 3	W. H. LAURENCE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY CARTER.

\* First peal of Minor. Sidney Carter has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal. Rung in honour of the wedding of Douglas Gordon Little, youngest son of the Rev. R. B. and Mrs. Little, and Doris Marjorie Jordan, youngest daughter of the late Mr. A. Pinkard Jordan and Mrs. Jordan, of Collier's End.

## MELLING, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LANCASTER BRANCH.)

On Monday, June 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

JOHN N. KIRKBRIDE ... .. Treble	JAMES T. SKEATS ... .. 4
ERNEST OVERSEY ... .. 2	DAVID G. BATESON ... .. 5
RICHARD T. BATESON ... .. 3	EDWIN JENNINGS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. JENNINGS.

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Sir Henry Darlington, Bart., of Melling Hall, who kindly entertained the band to supper afterwards.

## WESTMILL, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 2,880 Grandsire (10 callings) and 2,160 Bob Doubles (4 callings), the two methods being rung in 720's alternately.

Tenor 11 cwt. (approx.)

*HARRY WEBB ... .. Treble	SIDNEY CARTER ... .. 3
HENRY WALLACE ... .. 2	BARNARD PATMORE ... .. 4
WILLIAM K. NORTH ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by WILLIAM K. NORTH.

\* First peal. First peal of Doubles by all except conductor. First peal on the bells. A very ancient ring, which were a peal of 8 until 1887.

## HARROLD, BEDFORDSHIRE.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, June 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Woodbine, and two 720's each of Cambridge, Oxford, and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*HARRY CHAMBERS ... .. Treble	AMOS SMART ... .. 4
*JOHN J. MAWBY ... .. 2	FRANCIS BALL ... .. 5
WALTER PERKINS ... .. 3	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

\* First peal of Minor 'inside.' Rung in honour of St. Peter's Day, also as a birthday compliment to Mr. Walter Perkins.

## DERSINGHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S AND BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 2,520 in each method.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*GEORGE BATTERBEE ... .. Treble	JOHN H. PITCHER ... .. 4
REV. R. L. B. OLIVER ... .. 2	*GEORGE W. BLOWERS ... .. 5
*ALBERT W. BUGG ... .. 3	*CECIL V. EBBERSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CECIL V. EBBERSON.

\* First peal in more than one method. † 150th peal. All are regular Sunday ringers at the church.

LUTON, BEDS.—At the Parish Church, on June 25th, a quarter-peal of Sledman Triples: H. Walker 1, F. Hunt 2, A. Smith 3, F. Walker (first quarter in method) 4, T. Kendall 5, H. Wood 6, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 7, E. Shane 8. Rung for the wedding of the son of Mr. T. Blackburn, the genial steeplekeeper.

## LANDULPH, CORNWALL.

## THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores, ten different callings.

Tenor 12 cwt.

ARTHUR S. ROBERTS ... .. Treble	*HAROLD J. CLARKE ... .. 4
MISS E. JESSE C. ANGIN ... .. 2	WILLIAM H. SLEEMAN ... .. 5
REV. W. H. R. TREWBELLA ... .. 3	*WILLIAM SEARLE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR S. ROBERTS.

\* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. Both are members of the local band. First peal on the bells. Rung to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the restoration of the church, and the completion of a very beautiful rood screen.

## LUTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ELLOF DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with ten callings.

Tenor 5 cwt.

JOHN F. BALL ... .. Treble	*MISS F. M. HUTCHINSON ... .. 3
*JOHN SMITH ... .. 2	*HARRY NICHOLS ... .. 4
GEORGE R. G. BUTLER ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by G. R. G. BUTLER.

\* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. The ringer of the 2nd bells from Long Sutton and the ringer of the 4th from Spalding, the rest being local.

## CORBY, NORTHANTS.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(KETTERING BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 2, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes.

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

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Single Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lbs.

*LEONARD TASELAND ... .. Treble	CHARLES W. BIRD ... .. 4
THOMAS GARLEY ... .. 2	FREDERICK J. TITE ... .. 6
HARRY BAXTER ... .. 3	ROBERT G. BLACK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT G. BLACK.

\* First seven method peal. First peal of Minor on the bells, and rung to commemorate the first anniversary of their reopening after rehanging.

## HANDBELL PEALS.

## CRETINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, June 26, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes.

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. G. WIGHTMAN,

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

Tenor size 16 in B.

WALTER W. MILLER, SEN. ... .. 1-2	GEORGE WIGHTMAN ... .. 5-6
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ... .. 3-4	JOHN ARBON ... .. 7-8

Composed by W. HUDSON. Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

First peal in the method on handbells by all.

## ARMLEY, LEEDS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 29, 1932, in Two Hours and Four Minutes.

AT 28, ARMLEY GRANGE VIEW,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

MALCOLM MOORHOUSE ... .. 1-2	JOSEPH THACKWAY ... .. 5-6
*THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY ... .. 3-4	JOHN W. MOORHOUSE ... .. 7-8

Composed by F. ROBINSON. Conducted by MALCOLM MOORHOUSE

Umpire—FRANK RAYMENT.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Major on an 'inside pair.'

## BENHILTON RINGER MARRIED.

Mr. G. Chiverton, a regular service ringer at All Saints', Benhilton, Surrey, was married at this church on Sunday, July 3rd, and a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung immediately after the ceremony by members of the local band: Mrs. E. Enticknap 1, H. E. Good 2, C. S. Poole 3, H. J. Smerdon 4, G. Reed 5, E. Enticknap 6, W. C. Smith (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, R. Foreman 8. First quarter-peal by ringers 3, 4 and 8. First quarter-peal of Triples by ringers 1, 5 and 6. First attempt at a quarter-peal by regular Sunday service ringers since the formation of the present band.

## TAMWORTH BELLS RESTORED.

### SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF A BIG SCHEME.

The restored bells of Tamworth Parish Church were rededicated on Tuesday evening, June 21st, by the Archdeacon of Stafford (Ven. Hugh Bright), the special service in the church being numerous attended. After a long silence the bells are now available for service in tuneful melody.

Between forty and fifty years had elapsed since the bells previously received expert attention, and of late years there was evidence that they required repair and adjustment to bring them into harmony. Seven of the bells have been recast, the tenor retuned and the peal hung with new fittings in a new iron framework.

During the progress of the work to the masonry in the tower to accommodate the new frame it was found that a quantity of the stone was in a crumbling state, and required renewal. This was done, and it is considered by the architect and the builders that the tower has been strengthened. The total cost is about £900, but the whole scheme has proved to be a highly successful and gratifying job.

The bells bear the following inscriptions:—

Treble, 2nd and 3rd. CAST 1883. RECAST 1932.

4th. IHS NAZARENVS REX IVDEORVM FILI DEI MISERERE  
MEI 1621  
RECAST 1932.

Among the ornamentations reproduced on this bell is the trade mark, a shield with three bells and a crown, of Hugh Watts, of Leicester, founder of the bell in 1621.

5th. R W C W CHVRCH WAR.  
GOD SAVE THE CHVRCH  
1629  
RECAST 1932.

The founder's shield reproduced on this bell is that of George Oldfield the second, of Nottingham, who cast the bell in 1629.

6th. I SWEETLY TOLING MEN DO CALL TO TASTE  
ON MEATS THAT FEEDS THE SOULE 1628  
RECAST 1932

W SMYFT I ELLIT CHVRCHWARDENS  
R. BRABIN CLARKE

The trade mark on this bell is that of George Oldfield the second, of Nottingham, and, in this instance, is a cross on base with the sun and moon on either side and the initials G.O.

7th. T A N T BRYANVS ELDRIDGE ME FECIT 1656  
THIS PEAL OF BELLS RESTORED IN 1932

E. H. ROGERS VICAR  
W. H. BROWN } CHURCHWARDENS  
G. H. PERRY }  
W. J. WEBB, SECRETARY P.C.C.  
R. P. BRINDLEY, CAPTAIN OF BELLRINGERS.

Tenor.

ROLAND FRANCES HENRIE HILL CHURCHWARDENS.  
PETER GORTON, SIDESMAN 1607  
BE YT KNOWN TO ALL THAT DOTH ME SEE THAT NEW-  
COMBE OF LEICESTER MADE ME 1607  
RECAST JOHN TAYLOR & CO. FOUNDERS, LOUGHBOROUGH,  
LEICESTERSHIRE, 1884.  
ORIGINAL BELL 1607 RECAST 1884. J. H. MASFEN, SECRETARY  
OF THE BELL FUND.

Each of the seven recast bells bears the shield of John Taylor & Co., Loughborough. The peal is in the key of E flat and the weight of the tenor bell is approximately 21½ cwt.

### WORK WELL DONE.

Prior to the dedication service, tea was provided at College Lane School, at which the Archdeacon of Stafford, the clergy of the parish, the churchwardens, the Church Council, the bellringers, and others who had been closely associated with the work on the bells were present. The latter included Mr. Bloore (architect), Mr. J. Oldham and Mr. C. H. Harrison (representing Messrs. Taylor and Co.), and Mr. H. C. Mitchell and Mr. S. Mitchell (Messrs. Mitchell and Sons, builders).

The Vicar expressed his thanks to all concerned, and also the bellringers, three of whom he said had been ringing for fifty or more years. They did not ring the bells and then go out of church, some of the ringers nearly always attended worship. Some bellringers in the country were rather conspicuous by their absence, but they felt their men had the real spirit at heart and they did the work for the love of it. That was a proud moment for some of them. There was one sad note, one of their worthy ringers had passed away within the last three months who had hoped to get well again and to be with them. They could not help thinking of him to-day; his brother, Mr. G. Chaplin, was vice-captain of the ringers this year. They thanked Mr. Bloore for guiding them over some of the problems that confronted them, and they testified to the excellent workmanship of Mr. H. C. Mitchell and his brother and their workmen. They were also pleased with the way Messrs. Taylor and Co. had treated them and with the men they had sent, it being a pleasure to work with them and to watch them at work. He thanked the churchwardens for the work they had put in, and added that £550 had been raised towards the cost. By some money they had in hand on war loans for restoration purposes and by the

Hinckley trust, they hoped that when the rest of the subscriptions had come in they would be able to say the whole thing was paid for. They were very glad the Archdeacon had come because they felt, after his kindness in helping them over the faculty, he was the one person to come and start them on the restored bells.

The Archdeacon said he wanted to congratulate them from the bottom of his heart for all the work which the Vicar had told them had been done, and he was quite sure done very excellently; also for what was really an important thing in these times, the fact that the bells were going to be dedicated practically free from debt. He thought it was a great feather in the cap of the churchpeople of Tamworth. He was looking forward immensely to hearing the bells now they had been rebung and some recast, and he expected the result would be perfectly astonishing. He knew perfectly well from their former work which he had had the privilege and the opportunity of noting that the bell founders, Messrs. Taylor and Co., did their work admirably, and he was quite sure the result would be as good as they could possibly expect.



TAMWORTH PARISH CHURCH TOWER.  
(Photo by A. H. Weale, Tamworth.)

Mr. Brown proposed a vote of thanks to the Archdeacon, and said they were all delighted to see him, because it was marking the end of a piece of work that had been very well done. It had been a long, anxious, trying time, but he thought they had done the very best that could be done in the interests of the church. Messrs. Taylor and Co. had done their work in their usual excellent manner.

Mr. R. P. Brindley, captain of the bellringers, seconded the vote of thanks, and remarked that no one was more pleased than the ringers to have the use of the bells again. Messrs. Taylor and Co. had carried out an excellent job and they could not have had a

better man to do it than Mr. Smith. Mr. Mitchell had done his share towards helping the job along. He thought when they heard the bells they would agree that the money had been well spent. If the bells went on as long as the old ones—one was over 300 years old—he did not suppose many would be there to grumble at them.

#### BELLS THAT SURVIVED THE CIVIL WAR.

The Archdeacon preached from the text, 'O praise the Lord of heaven; praise him in the height' (Psalm 84), and first congratulated the people of Tamworth on the conclusion of a task which they set their hearts to accomplish more than a year ago. It had taken a longer time than was anticipated. Now that the bells were recast, retuned and rebung, the tower of that glorious old church would, he hoped and believed, for generations to come, sound forth the praises of God in that town of Tamworth. The preacher went on to refer to the history and uses of bells, and, referring to the inscriptions on Tamworth bells, said he was glad to know as was always the case, when work was well done, and theirs was, those inscriptions had been recast and put in the bells which had been recast recently. The bell of 1621 had the inscription 'Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews, Son of God, have mercy upon us.' There was one on the bell of 1628 which rather appealed to him because it was the same inscription or words that were on a bell which he had in a country parish not very far from Pontefract—'I sweetly toling men do call to taste on meate that feeds the soule.' Another one, 1629, was 'God save the church.' Those bells were dated before the Civil War and were extremely interesting. Did they realise that there was not a bell in the Cathedral at Lichfield earlier than after the Restoration? Their bells were taken down and melted by order of the Commonwealth after the last siege of the Close and the Cathedral in 1646. So they had what the Cathedral had not, they had some bells which dated from the first of the Stuarts, which was in itself a matter of considerable interest, because that was a time when the Church under Charles I. and Archbishop Laud were doing all they could to revive the Church life; the tragic sequel they all knew. In a way they saw the point, 'God save the Church,' and the insistence upon the grace of the sacrament of the Holy Communion—'I sweetly toling men do call to taste on meate that feeds the soule.' Then they had another bell, after the Restoration, 1672, which said, 'I founded was through charitie, by those who love such melodie.'

Following the Benediction, there was a procession from the chancel to the ringers' chamber in the tower, where the Archdeacon offered the dedicatory prayers, and charged the churchwardens and others to take notice that the bells of the church were committed to the custody of the Vicar of the parish to be only used with his consent, subject to the ultimate control of the Bishop of the Diocese.

(Continued in next column.)

#### MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The attendance at the meeting of the N. and E. District at Stanmore on Saturday last, although not up to the average for this popular fixture, was quite good; whilst the ringing, in a variety of methods, gave several learners an opportunity of some good practice, not only in the easier methods, but in the more advanced.

After a good spell of ringing in the afternoon, a short service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. W. Hewitt) at 5 o'clock, at which he gave the association a hearty welcome to Stanmore, and an instructive address.

A very nice tea was served in the Church Hall, followed by the business meeting, which was presided over by Mr. W. Pickworth (vice-president).

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles), after making some reference to the Central Council meeting at Plymouth, urged greater support for 'The Ringing World.' He also gave notice of the forthcoming joint meeting of the Hertford, Bedford and Middlesex Associations at St. Albans on July 23rd, and requested all members to make a great effort to attend.

Mr. G. Hughes having welcomed members to Stanmore, it was left to the Chairman to propose an omnibus vote of thanks to the Rector for taking the service and for the use of the bells; to the ladies who had prepared tea; and to Messrs. Hughes and Schofield for making arrangements for the meeting.—This was carried unanimously.

Unfortunately, the evening's ringing had to be curtailed owing to a case of illness near the church, but handbells on the Rectory lawn, or a walk around the beautiful Rectory grounds, passed away a very pleasant half-hour until the time of departure for home.

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Addressing the ringers, the Archdeacon said he prayed that God would bless them in their work, which was a very fine work. Ringing, he added, was a very real ministry, and they were helping souls in ways of which they might have no conception.

When the bells were pealed for the first time after their restoration their delightful harmony was at once obvious. The clergy and officials afterwards returned to the church, and the congregation dispersed.

During the evening rounds and short touches of Stedman Triples and other methods were rung.

The collection at the service for the Bells Fund amounted to over £12.

A number of persons ascended the tower and watched the ringing in progress.

# John Taylor & Co.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

A party of veterans, all in the 'sixties,' whose average age is over 64 years, rang a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major on Saturday at Gorton, Manchester. After five minutes' ringing for morning service on the following day the 8th rope broke!

The death has occurred at Brighton of Mr. Arthur T. Verrells, a member of the St. Peter's Church company for some years, and previously one of the band at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells.

It is said that Surfleet will soon be as famous for its Cinema as for its Rest Home.

And not unlikely it may, at an early date, be equally famous for something else. But at the moment that is a secret!

There are now 47 rings of twelve in the British Isles. Christchurch is the latest. Can you guess the next?

There are only a few seats left for the B.U.R.G. Ringing Tours, August 6th to August 12th. Arrangements have been made for ringing at 36 towers, a few of which are exceptional.

In the north aisle of Wooburn Church, Buckinghamshire, there lie the remains of John Godwyn and Pernell, his wife, first founders of the steeple. He died in 1488, leaving money for its repair and the making of a bell.

Owing to illness, the meeting of the Tonbridge District of the Kent County Association at Sevenoaks on Saturday is postponed.

The cost of the recasting and rehangings of Ripon Cathedral bells is being generously borne by Miss Julia White, a Ripon lady, as a memorial to her parents, brothers and sisters. Messrs. Taylor and Co. have been entrusted with the work.

We are not sure who is the youngest ringer to conduct a peal, but John J. L. Gilbert, of Handsworth, Sheffield, must very nearly, if not quite, have achieved that distinction. He is 13 years of age, and called a peal of Bob Major from a non-observation bell last Friday. This youth has rung peals in several different methods.

Congratulations to Mr. Wilfred Thomas, who has taken his B.Sc. degree with first class honours. He is a master of Oxford University Society and eldest son of Mr. W. H. Thomas, of Bristol.

## A DATE TOUCH IN AUSTRALIA.

On Saturday, May 21st, at the Cathedral, Melbourne, Australia, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1,932 changes) in 1 hour 17 minutes, composed by E. F. Behan: — Waghorn 1, W. Preston 2, A. Savage 3, J. L. Murray (conductor) 4, J. T. Trotter 5, J. Wilson 6, E. Boughton 7, J. Bradley 8.

It is interesting to note that the conductor is 70 years of age and that the bell which he rang requires a good deal of 'handling,' as the rope runs through two 'shoots' to keep the circle. There is a peal of twelve bells in the tower, with the tenor 3½ cwt., but Cinques have never yet been rung on them. One quarter-peal of Caters was achieved about twenty-five years ago.

## A LINK WITH JASPER SNOWDON.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In the annual reports issued to their members by the Yorks Association there has appeared many times under the list of 'Members now abroad' the name: '1875. J. F. Lawrence, late of Ilkley.'

The writer called to see him twelve months ago, and found out he had been resident in Ilkley for many years, also that he was a contemporary of the late Jasper W. Snowdon and his brothers prior to his going out to India; also that his name appears on a tablet in the tower of Ilkley Parish Church as a witness to the first peal rung there by J. W. Snowdon.

In the obituary of the 'Yorkshire Post' newspaper to-day appears this notice: 'June 24th, at Wells House Hotel, Ilkley, aged 84 years, John Flanders Lawrence.' If I remember correctly, Mr. Lawrence was home 'on leave' when the peal was rung.—Yours truly,

THOS. MAUDE.

Bradford.

## BELLS ON THE 'TALKIES.'

During the past week a company has been busy in Oxford, making a 'alking film of University life. On Sunday morning, in accordance with a request from the producers of the film, members of the Oxford Society of Changeringers rang, after a few preliminary tests, a course of Stedman Caters on the back ten bells at Christ Church Cathedral in order that a record could be taken, for sound effects, in one of the scenes.

This is presumed to be the first time that bells have been specially rung for sound effects in a talking film.

## MINOR METHODS COMPOSITION.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—May I ask one of the Minor Methods Committee to examine compositions No. 42 and 43, pages 94, 95, and report? — Yours faithfully,

Killamarsh.

C. SEVERN.



## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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### PROPER HANDLING OF ROPES—PAMPHLET TO BE PREPARED.

Canon Coleridge next moved a motion standing in his name, 'That in view of the great need for attention to good striking, the Council appoint a small committee to draw up a pamphlet on the proper handling of a bell.' He said whenever he heard bad striking, and had the opportunity of going into the belfry and looking at those who were perpetrating the fearful enormity, he nearly always found it was owing to the fact that they had never learned to handle their ropes properly. The proper handling of ropes was the foundation of good striking, and whenever he saw a man holding his rope in some extraordinary fashion he always told him he would never make a ringer if he held his rope in that kind of way. Canon Coleridge said when he began to ring 60 years ago he came under the instruction of a man, a very excellent fellow, who was in those days a judge at the prize-ringing meetings, and, although they could only ring rounds, he learned the supreme importance of accurate striking. He had been grateful to that man ever since. He taught him many other things, which he found, when he went to Oxford, were totally wrong (laughter). For instance, he discovered to his astonishment that it was not the custom for the same man to ring the same bell in the same tower and no other bell; that it was not necessary to let the whole rope slither up through the hand, and that it was not necessary, as he had seen in many a tower, after pulling down at backstroke, to shoot the right hand up and give the rope an extra pull (laughter). Above all else he did learn, he hoped, the proper method of handling a rope which would ensure good striking. He went into belfries and constantly found people absolutely ignorant of the very elements of ringing because they had never learned, or had never been taught, how to handle the rope properly. He had, he said, received letters from ringers of repute on this subject. One of them, who had now practically given up ringing, wrote that he went into a tower and found men who had rung peals of Superlative, Cambridge and London whose striking was awful, the result of never having been taught to handle a rope properly. Others had written to the same effect. They had, continued Canon Coleridge, to go to the foundation of the matter, and he thought the Council should issue a little pamphlet, printed in the simplest of language, describing exactly how a rope should be held. As these were the days of pictures, he thought they should include reproductions of certain attitudes in ringing, showing the proper way and the wrong way, and of a man standing in the proper position, head erect, with his eyes fixed on the other seven, and never looking down on the ground. The pamphlet should explain that accuracy of striking was the be-all and end-all of ringing; no matter what the method might be, it must be accurately struck, and by that he meant struck in such a way as they found in the West of England, where they knew what striking was, if it was only round ringing.

Mr. J. T. Dyke, who seconded the motion, said he was certain there was a very considerable need for a pamphlet such as was suggested. There was no single pursuit that he knew of where such haphazard methods of teaching were adopted. In nearly every pursuit certain abstract principles were taught in the very early stages, but with ringing it was like taking a boy and throwing him into ten feet of water in the hope that he would swim. It was not so much the fault of the pupil; it was very much more the fault of the person who taught. Mr. Dyke instanced the case of two towers in his knowledge, where the captains were extraordinarily keen ringers, who did everything they possibly could, but neither of them could handle his bell, and the result was that there was not a single member of either of those two companies who could handle a bell correctly, and they never even got rounds rung properly. The unfortunate side of it was that once they got into a sloppy way of ringing they could not get out of it. Mr. Dyke caused much amusement by remarking that the only time he had scored a complete failure with a pupil was when he tried to teach his wife to ring. He added that he was pleased to second the motion because he felt it was very necessary indeed.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn said, as librarian, he was constantly being applied to, either by a young band or someone on behalf of a young band of five or six-bell ringers, for some simple book on Grandsire, and he usually referred them to the book by Mrs. Broom and her sister. There was no other, unless they bought 'Troyte.' He thought what was wanted was first of all an introductory work, such as Canon Coleridge or Mr. Dyke could write, and then a chapter or so on how to ring and call Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor, with perhaps one 720 and a few touches, just to give the groundwork. He believed it would help the elementary stage tremendously, and he moved as an amendment that, if the suggested pamphlet was published, there should be an additional chapter or so on how to ring and call Grandsire Doubles and Plain Bob Minor.

Rev. E. S. Powell seconded, and said there was a small pamphlet published by the Devon Guild, which had been modified from the one originally published by the Bath and Wells Association. He had not the least doubt that if it was of value to the Council they could use it; it was intended purely for the absolute beginner in Grandsire Doubles, although there was a chapter on Stedman as well. It had recently been revised, and, he hoped, improved, as several

men who had been teaching all their lives took a hand in watching over it so that it could be easily understood by those into whose hands it was placed.

### BACK TO 'ROPESIGHT.'

Mr. P. J. Johnson said there was already much ringing literature to-day which was not sufficiently read by people who ought to read it. In 'Ropesight' they would find that Snowdon went down to the roots of the matter. He dealt with the attainment of good striking and illustrated the way to handle a bell and the way a man should have his hands on the rope. There were, he thought, certain objections to publishing a pamphlet of this sort, and to his mind it was doubtful whether the raw beginner, for whom it was intended, would get hold of it or know of its existence. When they went into belfries it was painfully obvious how little the many necessary things in 'Ropesight' had been read. In the old standard of Yorkshire ringing, among the Yorkshire Treble Bob ringers, who made themselves famous for their striking, they would never go off into changes until they had struck rounds perfectly, and it was an ordinary thing to insist on ringing rounds for ten minutes before going into changes. It was now no uncommon thing, when starting for a peal, to ring about three whole pulls before going off into changes, and the result was indifferent striking. In the old days in Yorkshire the ringing had to be as good in the last lead as it was in the first, otherwise there was no peal. He was afraid, in publishing a pamphlet of the kind proposed, the Council would not serve the purpose in view. He felt 'Ropesight' was not sufficiently well known. It was treated as an elementary book, but there were many people who regarded themselves as advanced ringers to-day who could read with considerable profit what was said in that book with regard to handling and striking (applause). He was fully in sympathy with the objects of the proposers of both the resolution and the amendment, but he felt that from the point of view of the beginner there was nothing to come up to the Snowdon text books. Those were the things which should be the standard and should be put forward by ringing associations and by that Council if necessary. If it was imperative to have some publication of this kind he thought it might be more desirable to draw up some schedule and get it published in the county and diocesan associations' annual reports. They would then get the thing read, because, after all, it was not only the beginner who wanted instructing, it was often the tutor who took these people in hand (hear, hear).

Mr. Elwell, in supporting both the resolution and the amendment, said the objection to 'Ropesight' for beginners in country bands was the price. If they could have a pamphlet for about a penny or twopence he believed many church authorities would be prepared to buy them for their ringers.

The Rev. H. Drake said many people would not take the trouble to read books or pamphlets, but they would read cards hung in the belfry, and he would like to substitute the word 'card' for 'pamphlet' in the resolution. If they had a card which could be hung up in the belfry it would always be there, and they could always show it to the people they were teaching.

Major Hesse strongly supported the issue of a pamphlet. They could not get perfect striking without perfect handling, he said, and it was the duty of the Council to do all they could to increase the efficiency of ringing.

Mr. Woodley said in Troyte's book they could see from illustrations exactly how a bell should be handled and how to start ringing from the very first stages. He did not see that it was necessary for the Council to spend money on things that they had already got, and they could get nothing better than 'Troyte' for this purpose.

The President pointed out that the small edition of 'Troyte' was 1s. 6d. and the complete edition 3s. 6d. What the Council wanted to do was to publish something which, as Mr. Elwell said, would cost only a copper or two and something which would be of use to those who called themselves instructors—they were the people they wanted to get at. It had been his experience that the bulk of instructors did not themselves hold their rope properly. With regard to 'Ropesight,' that book dealt with Plain Bob only; what Mr. Jenkyn wanted was something which would deal both with Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor.

Mr. G. R. Newton and Mr. C. T. Coles supported the motion, the latter pointing out that it might be too costly for some associations to print the matter in their report. It had been suggested that it should be printed on a card and for once he found himself in agreement with Mr. Drake (laughter). He would strongly support that suggestion if it was not going to cost too much.

The amendment proposed by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn was accepted as a rider to the original proposition, which was carried.

The President said, following an old custom of the Council, by which, when anyone proposed anything, they should be given the job to get on with what they proposed, he suggested a sub-committee be formed to prepare the pamphlet, consisting of Canon Coleridge and Mr. Dyke, with power to add to their number.

Canon Coleridge said Mr. Dyke was an accomplished teacher of youth and would do the job much better than he (the speaker) could. He would be glad to collaborate with Mr. Dyke, but they might leave the leading part to him.

This was agreed to.

## A COLLECTION OF TRIPLES METHODS.

The question of the printing of this pamphlet having been settled, the Council returned to the consideration of the Methods Committee's suggestion that the 'Collection of Triples Methods' should be completed and printed.

Mr. J. A. Trollope said this book was, in a way, really as elementary as the pamphlet they had just been talking about, because it dealt with Grandsire and Stedman Triples, in the main, and other simple methods like Oxford Bob and Court Bob. What they wanted to do was to provide a book intended for the person who had just got beyond the stage Canon Coleridge had spoken of. That was why the committee suggested that in certain cases the full course of the method should be printed instead of a lead only, and that they should give a reasonable selection of peals, quarter-peals and touches. The peals which they proposed to print were not those which would, perhaps, appeal most to the ordinary conductor or the person interested in composition, but those peals which the beginner wanted. They would not give Holt's Original, but they would give Parker's Twelve-part and its variations and any other peal there might be of that kind: probably Taylor's Bob and Single, but he did not think they would give Holt's Ten-part, because that was obsolete. The book was to be a more elementary book than the 'Collection of Major Methods,' and the committee wanted to know whether the Council desired them to finish it on these lines and whether they might hand it over to the Standing Committee with instructions to get it printed; or whether, on the other hand, they wanted the committee to finish the book and come back again next year for instructions as to printing. He moved that, when completed, the manuscript should be handed to the Standing Committee for publication.

The Rev. H. Drake seconded, and suggested that the words 'as soon as possible' be added to the resolution.

The President: Have you any idea how soon it will be ready?

Mr. Trollope said it was already practically finished, but he was hung up for the selection of quarter-peals. It would not be many months in any case, but he thought it would be better to take their time about it. They would be glad if those who had peals or quarter-peals that would be useful would send them along. He could not say that the committee would necessarily use them, but if anyone had anything which it would be of benefit to include in this book he hoped they would send it on to him.

Rev. E. S. Powell said those who had already sent to him in connection with the Troyte book need not send again, because the committee had those figures.

Mr. Trollope's proposal as to printing the book was then agreed to.

## A NEW MEMBER FOR THE METHODS COMMITTEE.

The President said the Standing Committee, before they heard Mr. Trollope earlier in the day, on the membership of the committee, had discussed the vacancy on the committee caused by the death of Mr. Law James, and they recommended that Mr. Stephen Wood be appointed on this committee. He was one of the younger members who would do good work with the committee, and who was an expert on methods. Mr. Trollope had suggested waiting until the next meeting, when the whole committee came up for election. Personally, he (the President) would like to see someone else on the committee to do some of the checking, because, speaking from his own experience of the work on this committee in the past, he knew checking was needful.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn seconded the proposal to add Mr. Wood to the committee, and this was agreed to.

The motion, moved by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, seconded by Mr. F. W. Perrens, requesting affiliated ringing societies to use their best endeavours to increase the circulation of the only ringing paper, was next discussed. This matter was fully reported in our issue of May 27th.

## THE NEXT MEETING.

The President drew attention to the fact that the next meeting of the Council must be held in London. In this connection he reminded the Council of Rule 3, which provided that, except in the event of a vacancy, in which case the new member shall be elected only for the unexpired period of the three years, the election of representative members shall take place triennially before the end of the year. He added that the Council had received an invitation from the Middlesex County Association to tea after the London meeting. Their hon. secretary had provisionally accepted the invitation, and he would like the Council's endorsement of that acceptance.

This was agreed to.

The President said the Council had received an appeal from the Gloucester and Bristol Association for the proposed memorial to the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies. Most of them had probably seen the circular. The Standing Committee had considered it, and suggested that, in view of the valuable work Mr. Davies did for the Council, the Council vote a sum of ten guineas to the memorial (applause).

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn seconded, and the proposition was at once carried.

At the suggestion of Mr. C. H. Jennings, a vote of sympathy was passed with the Master of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, who had

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.  
MEETING AT KNOWLE.

A quarterly meeting of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, was held at the Parish Church, Knowle, on Saturday. Although in the diocese of Birmingham, and only about 12 miles from the city, Knowle still retains its old-world rural aspect. The bells, recently restored and augmented to a peal of eight, were raised at 3.30, and were kept going in various methods until 5 o'clock, when an adjournment was made to the Red Lion Hotel for tea.

The business meeting followed, at which the Master (Alderman J. A. Pritchett, M.A.) presided.

Reference was made to the death of Mr. Charles Cottrell, an old and much respected member of the Erdington Parish Church company, and all present stood for a moment as a tribute of respect to his memory.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. T. H. Reeves) reported that, in accordance with instructions received at the last quarterly meeting, he had sent an appeal to the various towers in the diocese on behalf of the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies' memorial fund. Up to the moment they had responded and sent in donations, whilst several others had intimated that they would send later.

The matter of a donation from the Guild's funds was fully discussed, and on the proposition of Mr. A. Paddon Smith, seconded by Mr. J. W. Pomberton, it was unanimously resolved to make a donation of two guineas to the memorial from the Guild's funds.

It was also unanimously agreed to convert the Guild's holding in the five per cent. War Loan into the new 3½ per cent. Loan, and so in a small way support the Chancellor of the Exchequer in his efforts to reduce taxation.

Mr. Paddon Smith appealed for additional support for 'The Ringing World.' He referred to his absence from the meeting of the Central Council at Plymouth, where he was to second a resolution on this matter. For the information of the members, he would like to explain that he was prevented from attending owing to being out of the country on business. He did, however, write the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn explaining his absence. He much regretted he was unable to be at the meeting, as this was a matter on which he felt strongly. If there were any present who did not take the paper regularly he would urge them to do so at once, and also do all they could to get others to become regular subscribers, and so by increasing the circulation increase its size and usefulness.

As regards the place of next meeting, Mr. G. A. Martineau, of Solihull, gave them a hearty invitation to the Parish Church, Solihull, where a new peal of bells were now being installed. The dedication service was provisionally fixed for October 1st, which was the date of the next quarterly meeting. He hoped this date would hold good, and, if so, he could assure the Guild of a hearty welcome. The Chairman thanked Mr. Martineau for his kind invitation, and suggested that as the date was somewhat uncertain the matter be left in the hands of the secretary, and this was agreed to.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to Mr. W. H. Smith for having everything ready concluded the business.

At the request of the Vicar some of the ringers went to the Vicarage garden, where a fete in aid of the British Legion was being held and rang the handbells. This was a 'surprise item,' and was much appreciated by those present. The Vicar evidently had his eye to business, for, after the ringing, he inveigled the party to look round the various stalls and entertainments, and, whilst several were successful in carrying off prizes, all went away somewhat lighter in pocket.

A return was made to the tower for further ringing, and the bells were dropped at 8 p.m., and so ended a very pleasant meeting.

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met with a serious accident, and the hon. secretary was requested to forward it to the Rev. R. H. Gundry with good wishes for his speedy recovery.

The President said before they parted he wished to propose a vote of thanks to the Mayor of Plymouth for the use of the Council Chamber, which had proved a very comfortable place to meet in. They also thanked his Worship for having come there that morning and welcome them to Plymouth, and the Bishop of Exeter and the Bishop of Plymouth for their welcome and words of encouragement. They also had to thank very heartily indeed the Devon Guild for the various arrangements they had made for the comfort of the Council and for their hospitality, and he would particularly mention the work done by Mr. E. W. Marsh. They also desired to thank the Truro Diocesan Guild for the invitation to meet them on the previous day and for entertaining some of the members to lunch; particularly they thanked Mr. A. S. Roberts for what he did in making the arrangements, and the Truro Cathedral band for postponing their annual outing in order to be at home to welcome the visitors. He would also like to thank Dr. Symons, who came from Penzance, and Colonel Jerram, who was also there to welcome them. Further, they also had to thank the various tower keepers who had got the bells ready for them in many towers.

This vote, having been accorded by acclamation, the Council rose at 5.30 p.m., and were afterwards the guests of the Devon Guild at tea, while later there was a social gathering at the Royal Hotel.

**CHRISTCHURCH PRIORY'S RING OF TWELVE.****FOUR NEW BELLS ADDED TO GRAND OLD EIGHT.**

Four new bells at Christchurch Priory Church, Hants, have raised the ring at this historic building to a peal of twelve—the second in the county of Hampshire and the forty-seventh in the British Isles. Christchurch had a peal of ten, but the trebles were no match for the glorious back eight, and thanks to the generosity of local donors it has been possible to dispense with the former trebles, and, by adding four entirely new bells, to provide an extended peal not only in keeping with the original octave, but worthy of the magnificent church, a building with which only Winchester Cathedral itself and Romsey Abbey in the diocese can vie. Two of the new bells have been given by members of the Druiitt family and two by the Barron Bell Trust.

The work has been carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who have provided four bells of splendid tone which blend perfectly with the older bells, and the result is a very fine ring of twelve.

The dedication took place at a short service held on Wednesday evening last week. This was largely attended, and in the course of the service the Vicar (Canon W. H. Gay) and other clergy, members of the Church Council and choir proceeded to the ringing chamber, where Canon Gay recited the solemn words of dedication. Mr. F. Hopkins (chairman of the Barron Bell Trust), Mrs. Blair, Miss Charlotte Druiitt and Mr. Herbert Druiitt chimed the new bells, and then the full peal of twelve were heard for the first time.

Following the service a supper of celebration was held at the King's Arms Hotel, at which there were present, in addition to bell-ringers from various parts of the diocese, many friends. In the chair was Canon W. H. Gay, supported by the Mayor of Christchurch (Alderman W. H. Tucker), the Rev. Shirley Price, Rev. C. H. Gilson, Rev. Dr. Potter, Mr. A. Troke, Mr. F. Hopkins, Mr. E. Denison Taylor (Loughborough), Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tucker, Mr. Alan Druiitt (secretary of the Church Council), Miss Charlotte Druiitt, Mrs. Blair, Mrs. John Druiitt, Mrs. Cecil Locke, Mrs. Hopkins, Mr. David Llewellyn, Mr. and Mrs. Elliott, Mr. George Williams (Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild), Mr. Wilfred Andrews (captain of the Winchester Band of Ringers and the representative of the Diocesan Advisory Committee). The towers represented were Bournemouth, Bournemouth, Milford, Loughborough, Lyndhurst, Ringwood and Exeter.

**PRESENTATION TO MR. G. PRESTON.**

Mr. Elliott, chairman of the Christchurch District Bellringers, spoke of the pleasure all felt at the addition to their peal, and went on to introduce a matter which, he was sure, would give pleasure to all, and that was to make a presentation to Mr. George Preston. Mr. Preston had begun ringing in 1887, and over a period of 46 years had contributed distinguished service to campanology in general. He hoped to see Mr. Preston complete the round fifty; there was no reason why he should not. In detailing the merits of Mr. Preston's career, the speaker mentioned the work done by Mr. Preston in securing bells for towers in the district, and his further efforts to see that they possessed a good ringing band. He handed to Mr. Preston a handsome eight-day Westminster chiming clock, saying it was a tribute from the ringers of the district, as a slight recognition of the splendid work he had done for bellringers generally.

Mr. George Preston expressed his great appreciation; it had come to him in the nature of a very great surprise, and for the moment words failed him. 'I have done,' he added, 'what I could, but always in the nature of a labour of love, in fact, I am never happier than when I am ringing, and some of the happiest moments of my life have been spent in the Priory belfry.'

Canon Gay, in introducing Mr. Hopkins, of the Barron Bell Trust, said how much they were indebted to him. He would that he could meet the 'opposite number' of Mr. Hopkins, who would present an organ. 'If,' he begged his listeners, 'you should hear of an "organ Mr. Hopkins," pray let me hear of him.' He also added his quota of praise to Mr. Preston.

Mr. F. Hopkins said that he was delighted to have been the means of helping to increase the bells. Christchurch possessed a beautiful tower and a beautiful edifice, a cathedral in appearance, which was worthy of the finest peal of bells they could put into its belfry. The geographical position was fine, and the hills made a natural sounding board. He had a brother who was a sea-going man, and now he would be able to say when he heard the bells at sea, 'Ah, there are the Priory bells ringing out from Christchurch, and somewhere in the town old Fred is "having one".' (laughter).

He told briefly the conception and work of the Barron Bell Trust, and congratulated the Loughborough Bell Foundry on their work.

Mr. Alan Druiitt, speaking on behalf of his sister, Mrs. Blair, said it gave her great pleasure to be able to participate in the increase of the Christchurch peal. He endorsed what others had said of Mr. George Preston, for 'he has such a love and affection for the old belfry as few have shown.'

Mr. Denison Taylor, of the Loughborough Bell Foundry, said he hoped the work his firm had done was worthy of the town and its traditions. There were previously 46 towers in the British Isles with a peal of twelve. Christchurch made the 47th.

His Worship the Mayor expressed the very real pleasure it afforded him to know that during his tenure of office a full peal now embellished the tower. On behalf of the town he thanked the members of the Druiitt family and the Barron Trust most heartily for their gifts. He added his thanks also to Mr. Preston and his ringers for the work they had done.

The Rev. Shirley Price commented that in listening to the peal he had heard a new note definitely, and he trusted that during his stay in the town he himself would be able to strike a similar new note of use and worth.—Mr. Walter Tucker added his word of praise, and the various ringers spoke of the excellence of the bells.

**DIOCESAN GUILD'S MEETING.**

On Saturday the annual general meeting of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild was held at Christchurch, when nearly a hundred members and visiting ringers enjoyed ringing on the new peal of bells.

The Master (Mr. George Williams) presided over the meeting, at which, among other business, it was decided to elect the full quota of Central Council representatives to which the Guild was entitled, and Mr. F. W. Rogers (general hon. secretary) and Mr. G. Pullinger (former hon. secretary) were elected, in addition to the Master and Mr. H. Barton. The other officers were re-elected.

The question of the transfer of five towers from the Portsmouth district to the Alton district was adjourned to a special general meeting to be held after the views of the Bishop of Portsmouth have been ascertained.

Five guineas was voted to the Davies Memorial Fund.

Service and tea followed the meeting.

A full report of the proceedings will appear in our next issue.

On Sunday the first quarter-peal on the twelve bells was rung by a representative band. This was 1,320 Grandsire Cinques by G. Preston (secretary of Christchurch District) conductor, 1. J. W. Faithfull (Southampton District) 2. J. S. Goldsmith (hon. sec., Guildford Diocesan Guild) 3. Mrs. R. Richardson (hon. sec., Lincoln Branch of Ladies' Guild) 4. F. W. Rogers (hon. sec., Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild) 5. H. Barton (Central Council representative) 6. F. Sparsbott (Christchurch District representative on Guild Committee) 7. R. Stone (chairman of Portsmouth District) 8. A. T. Greenwood (sec., Portsmouth District) 9. W. Fowler (Christchurch) 10. R. Richardson (Master, Lincoln Diocesan Guild) 11. H. Gillard (Christchurch) 12. It was the first actual quarter-peal of Grandsire Cinques by all the band.

**EIGHT BELLS WHICH BECAME FIVE**

On Thursday, June 30th, five members of the Hertford County Association visited the picturesque old-world village of Westmill, and rang the first peal on the ancient bells of the pretty little church of St. Mary.

The bells were a ring of eight till the year 1887, when the three trebles were disposed of. The frame for the octave still remains in the tower.

Guy Ewing, a son of a former Rector, in his book 'Westmill,' writes that in 1552 there were four and a saunce bell, and these remained till about 1700.

The 4th of the present ring was cast about 1350 by William Rofforde, or Rufford, and is one of the oldest bells in the county. The tenor was cast by Miles Gray, of Colchester, in 1616. His earliest dated bell in Hertfordshire is the 6th at Braughing, 1615.

Before 1736 (probably about 1728) the ring of eight was made up by the generosity of a Mr. William Ansell. He died in 1736, aged over 90 years. There is not the slightest doubt that Westmill was both second place to All Saints', Hertford, and the first village in the county to possess a full peal of eight.

How the three trebles were lost to the tower is a mystery. It is said that they were sold to pay for repair to the roof in 1887, and that the tower was not strong enough to carry them.

**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**

The quarterly meeting was held at Ashover on Saturday, June 25th. About 30 members journeyed to this delightful Derbyshire village on a beautiful day, and the bells were kept merrily pealing during the afternoon. A service was conducted in church by the Rector (Rev. J. B. Nodder), who has completed 52 years as Rector of the parish. Tea was partaken of at a nearby tea room, and the brief business meeting followed, Mr. Wilson Allin, vice-president, being in the chair.

The members stood in silence as a mark of respect to the memory of Mr. T. Brooks, of Pleasley, an old member, who had recently passed away.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Selston in July. One new member was elected, and the meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of bells, address, etc.

The members then adjourned to the tower for further ringing in the various standard methods, and a most enjoyable day came to an end. The towers represented were: Alfreton, Ashover, Ault Hucknall, Mansfield, Morton, Pleasley, Ripley, Sutton-in-Ashfield, South Normanton and Tibshelf.



### THE LADIES' GUILD. NORTHERN DISTRICT AT NOTTINGHAM.

The annual meeting of the Northern District of the Ladies' Guild was held at St. Mary's Church, Nottingham, on Saturday, June 25th. The bells were rung during the afternoon, and a service was held in the Lady Chapel, conducted by the curate.

After tea (arranged by Miss I. Thompson) the gentlemen returned to the belfry while the business meeting was held. Mrs. Jacques presided, and two new members were elected, viz., Miss Sanders, of Birmingham, and Miss Hodgkinson, of Duffield.

The statement of accounts and secretary's report were adopted. Mrs. Ryder was re-elected vice-president, Miss Thompson and Miss Cawthorne were elected joint secretaries, Miss Foulk and Miss Varley elected on the Central Committee, and Mrs. Wolstencroft, Mrs. Scott and Miss G. Burchall on the District Committee.

The following places were suggested for the year's meetings:—Cresswell in September, Loughborough, a joint meeting with the Lincolnshire District, in November; Nottinghamshire in March and the next annual meeting at Handsworth, Sheffield.

The usual votes of thanks were passed, and the ladies were very grateful to the gentlemen for turning up so well to ring the bells at the heavy end for them.

Ringers attended from Beeston, Cresswell, Bottesford, Cotgrave, Sutton-on-Trent, Sandiacre, St. Peter's and St. Mary's, Nottingham, Treeton, Rotherham, Mansfield-Woodhouse, North Collingham, Duffield, and Handsworth, Sheffield.

### GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The meeting of the Leatherhead District, held at Ockley on June 25th, was not very well attended, three visitors from Warnham and one from Farnborough making a welcome addition to the six from the district, but the bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening to various methods, ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Minor.

Owing to the Rector having a previous engagement there was no service, so at 5 o'clock a move was made to the Red Lion, where tea was soon disposed of. Then followed the business meeting, which was held in the cool of the church porch.

The Secretary read an account of the Central Council's meeting at Plymouth, sent by Mr. Grover, who regretted being unable to attend.

Mr. Alan R. Pink, having left the district, Mr. F. G. Woodiss was elected to the vacancy thus caused, as district representative on the General Committee.

The meeting then closed by asking Mr. A. Hills to convey to the Rector their thanks for the use of the bells during the afternoon, and a few more touches were rung before leaving to catch the trains home.

### WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

The quarterly meeting at Privett on June 25th was largely attended, there being about 46 present, including the Master (Mr. G. Williams), Mrs. Williams, Mr. F. W. Rogers (General Secretary), Mr. W. Andrews (Winchester), Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Bayley and Mr. R. Hasted (Farnham), the places represented being Blackmoor, Alton, Privett, North Stoneham, East Meon, Petersfield, Swanmore, Overton, Winchester, Aldershot, Farnham, Portsmouth, Titchfield and Bath. The Guild Office was read by the Vicar of Privett (Rev. W. P. Putt), who also gave an excellent address, which was much appreciated. Mr. and Mrs. Putt very kindly entertained the party to tea in the Vicarage garden, and the short business meeting which followed was also held on the lawn.

In the absence, through ill-health, of the Chairman (Rev. F. G. Eyres), Rev. W. P. Putt presided. Three hon. members and three performing members were elected, and the next meeting was fixed for October 22nd at Binsted, and the annual meeting at Alton on February 11th.

Mr. Rogers spoke of the necessity of increasing the circulation of 'The Ringing World,' and his remarks were supported by the Master.

After the vote of thanks to the host and hostess and also to the organist, which Mr. Williams proposed, had been carried with applause, a few touches were rung on the handbells, and a good many of the party returned to the tower again.

### RINGING IN THREE COUNTIES.

The St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, held their annual outing on Saturday, June 25th. Travelling by motor coach, the party arrived at the hospitality of their old friend, Mr. Alfred G. Rivers, the 'Black Horse,' Dry Drayton, Cambridgeshire, for breakfast at 8.30 a.m. This was followed by ringing at Bourn, Eaton Socon, Huntingdon, Godmanchester and St. Ives, then dinner with mine host of the 'Black Horse.' On the journey home a halt was made at Cambridge, where, after viewing 'The Backs,' ringing was indulged in on the bells of the R.C. and Great St. Mary's Churches. Handbell ringing and the meeting of friends at Stowmarket brought a successful outing to a close. The society wish to thank all incumbents and others for their permission to ring, also Mr. A. G. Rivers, who made an admirable pilot in this interesting part of England.

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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.

Donations, however small, will be gratefully received either by:—

Lloyds Bank, Ltd., Temple Gate, Bristol.

Rev. E. S. Saleby, The Vicarage, Leonard Stanley, near Stonehouse, Glos., Master.

P. C. Williams, 34, Victoria Park, Fishponds, Bristol, Hon. Treasurer.

E. Guise, 48, Jamaica Street, Stokes Croft, Bristol, Hon. Secretary.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at \*St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 12th, St. Magnus', London Bridge, on the 14th and 28th, St. Michael's, Cornhill, for service on the 17th, at 5.30 p.m., St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 21st, and \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 26th; all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

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.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Summer Festival will be held at Weybridge on Saturday, July 9th. Weybridge (8) and Hersham (8) bells available afternoon and evening, Oatlands Park (8) 3.15 to 4.15, 7 to 8 p.m. Chertsey (8) 3 to 4 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Goosnargh, on Saturday, July 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The meeting at Sevenoaks on Saturday, July 9th, has been postponed owing to illness.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, July 9th, at Stansted. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford, Herts.



**ELY ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Wisbech.—The next meeting will be held at Hilgay on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5.15. All ringers welcome.—Edward Barker, Dis. Sec., Shouldham.

**SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual Festival at Brecon, Saturday, July 9th. 10 a.m. to 2.45 p.m., 5.30 p.m. to 8 p.m., tower of St. Mary's Church (8 bells) open for ringing. 3 p.m., service in St. Lawrence Chapel of the Cathedral; preacher, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, S. Nicholas', Hereford. 4 p.m., tea at Ely Tower (by kind invitation of the Lord Bishop). 4.30 p.m., business meeting at Ely Tower (the Lord Bishop's residence). The tower of St. David's Church, Brecon (6 bells), will also be open for ringing.—W. R. Howells, Hon. Sec., 11 and 12, Church Place, Neath, Glam.

**BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—Owing to illness near Wortley Church, the shield contest will be held at Penistone on Saturday, July 9th. Draw takes place at 2.45.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Banbury and District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Great Tew on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service 4 o'clock. Tea by kind invitation of the Vicar and vice-chairman, the Rev. W. E. MacFarlane. Meeting to follow. Come to one of the best of Oxfordshire villages and bells.—E. Pearson, Hon. Sec., Deddington, Oxon.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Lancaster Branch.—Next meeting will be held at Barton-in-Lonsdale on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (6) available at 2 p.m. — E. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Castle Oval, Kendal.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Brading on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., Collingwood, 23, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wellingborough Branch.—Annual branch meeting will be held at Ecton on Saturday, July 9th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, tea and business meeting to follow. As the election of officers takes place at this meeting it is hoped as many as possible will attend.—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Bordon Road, Wellingborough.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Midsomer-Norton and Frome Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Camerton on Saturday, July 9th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea and business at 5 p.m.—G. M. Hasell, Branch Sec., 11, Council Houses, Timsbury.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—The second quarterly meeting will be held at Spondon on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Business meeting in belfry at 4.30 p.m. Subscriptions for 1932 (1s. 6d., including report) are now due. ALL ringers cordially invited.—George Freebrey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Roxton on Saturday, July 9th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested. Please come.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wimborne Branch.—A practice is to be held at Wyke Regis on Saturday, July 9th. Ringing from 3.30 to 6.30 and 8 to 9.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Isleworth, Middlesex, on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (10) available from 2.30. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea and meeting. All ringers welcome.—Edith K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Mary the Virgin, Bury, on Saturday, July 9th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—The meeting which was to have been held at Rainford to-morrow (Saturday, July 9th) has been postponed.—J. Grounds, Branch Sec.

**HUNSDON, HERTS.**—A mid-week meeting will be held at this charming old world village on Wednesday, July 13th. Bells, a peal of 8, ready at 3 o'clock.

**GREAT NESS, near Shrewsbury.**—The augmented ring of 6 (tenor recast and 3 new trebles added and rehung 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.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Loughborough District.—A meeting will be held at Hugglescote on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (8) ready 3.30 p.m. A garden fete is being held in the Vicarage grounds and a good attendance is requested. Anyone requiring tea write J. Sage, 104, Fairfield Road, Hugglescote, by July 14th.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 16th. Service in Cathedral at 11.15 a.m.; preacher, Rev. L. Moxon, Vicar of Newport Pagnell, and chairman of North Bucks Branch. Business meeting in Chapter House immediately after service. Dinner in Christ Church Hall at 1.30 p.m. Tickets 2s. each to members, 3s. non-members. Applications for dinner tickets, accompanied by remittance, must reach general secretary not later than Wednesday, July 13th, after which date the business will be in the hands of the caterers. A collection will be taken at the service for the Guild Restoration Fund.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Halewood on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (6d. each) and meeting to follow. Business nominations for general and branch officers. For tea notify Mr. J. Robinson, North End, Halewood. Please make a special effort to attend.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, July 16th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Harlington, on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., with tea and meeting to follow, in Church Hall. A hearty welcome to all.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 16, Nellgrove Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kettering Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Cranford (6) on Saturday, July 16th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea follows. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by Tuesday, July 12th?—H. Baxter, Bredon, 256, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

**ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Rolvenden on Saturday, July 16th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Dorchester Branch.—A meeting will be held at Maiden Newton and Cattistock on Saturday, July 16th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea to follow. The Cattistock carillon will be open for inspection. Other bells available, Bradford-Peverell, Frampton, Stratton and Sydling.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

**WIDECOMBE-IN-THE-MOOR, DEVON.**—The ring of six bells restored by Messrs. John Taylor & Co., Loughborough, will be reopened on Saturday afternoon, July 16th.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wirral Branch.—A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at Capenhurst (6 bells) on Saturday, July 16th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 6 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. A good attendance is requested.—Harry S. Brocklebank.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Rothley (5 bells) on Saturday, July 16th. Tea can be obtained by applying to me not later than Thursday previous. All ringers and friends welcome.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Hon. Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A district meeting will be held at Debenham on Saturday, July 16th. The restored ring of 8 will be available all day. Tea at the Parish Room at 5 p.m., 9d. each. Intending visitors please send word by July 14th to W. C. Rumsey, Debenham, Stowmarket.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Hinton-on-the-Green on Saturday, July 16th. Service with an address by the Rector (the Rev. V. C. Blythe) at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided, and will those who intend to be present please let me know not later than the Tuesday previous? Buses pass between Evesham, Cheltenham and Gloucester. Bells (8) available 3 p.m.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Gosberton on Saturday, July 16th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by July 12th?—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Colston-Bassett on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Please come and try this fine peal. All ringers welcome. Tea can be arranged for in the village. There are several outstanding subs. Will those who have not yet paid kindly pay up and be 'sports'?—E. C. Gobey, 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A meeting of the Southampton District will be held at Eling on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service at 4.15. Tea at 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea must please notify me by July 12th.—W. T. Tucker, Dis. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The July quarterly meeting will be held at Stratford-on-Avon on Saturday, July 16th. Bells available during afternoon and evening. Tea will be provided at 5 o'clock, at a moderate charge. Business meeting to follow. Visitors will be welcomed.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Deanery.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Weare on Saturday, July 16th. Tower open 2.30. Divine Service 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting.—L. G. Tanner, 38, Southville Road, Weston-super-Mare.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Lewisham on Saturday, July 16th. Bells ready 3.30. Tea (close by) 5.30. Meeting and ringing to follow.—J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Grimsby District.—The next meeting will be held at Burton-on-Stather on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (6) ready 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., at a moderate charge. Business meeting afterwards. Numbers for tea to Mr. J. Bray, Trentwood, Flixboro Road, Burton-on-Stather, Scunthorpe, not later than Wednesday, July 13th. All welcome.—H. I. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Kempston on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Stagsden, Beds.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at All Saints', Whitefield (8 bells) on Saturday, July 16th. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. A ring for all.—D. Brown, Branch Hon. Sec.

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**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Redbourn on July 16th. Bells at 3 p.m. There will be a service and tea. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Puplett, Hon. Sec., Aylesbury Road, Tring.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Everton on Saturday, July 16th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. All who require tea please notify Mr. G. Swindin, Everton, near Bawtry, by July 13th. Good attendance requested. Further particulars re the Haigh Memorial and Library.—H. Revill and R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Secs.

**CHRIST CHURCH, ALSAGER.**—The ring of 8 bells, having been rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be reopened on July 16th. A meeting of the Crewe Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild will be held on the same day. A short service and opening at 3.30. Tea about 5 p.m. Bells available until 9.30 p.m. All those requiring tea please notify the secretary, R. D. Langford, 6, Laura Street, Crewe, on or before July 12th. Further particulars on circulars. All ringers welcome.

**SWAVESEY, CAMBRIDGE.**—The ring of 6, rehung with new fittings in a new frame by Gillett & Johnston, Croydon, will be dedicated on Saturday, July 23rd. Service at 3.30 p.m., followed by tea, by invitation, to those who notify the Rev. C. E. O. Finch, Swavesey Vicarage, Cambridge, by July 21st. All ringers welcome.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at West Wickham on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea at 1s. per head to those who notify me not later than July 18th. Half fares up to 2s. will be paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—By the kind permission of Major P. H. G. Powell-Cotton, the summer meeting will be held at Waterloo Tower (12), Quex Park, Birchington, on Saturday, July 23rd.—Business meeting at 4.30 p.m. in the tower.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Sec.

**BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wiveliscombe on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow. Those requiring tea please notify by previous Tuesday.—P. Merson, Bishops Hull.

**TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual festival at Truro, Saturday, July 23rd, 2 to 9 p.m. Bells: Kenwyn (8), Kca (8), Cathedral (10) from 6 to 8 p.m. only. The Guild will attend Evensong in the Cathedral at 4 p.m. Tea (free to ringers) 4.45. Please notify Lieut.-Col. C. F. Jerram, Talland Veau, Falmouth, by July 9th. Opportunities for ringing will be given to odd ringers, but late entries cannot be included in the programme.—W. H. R. Trewbella, Hon. Sec.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Coleman's Hatch on Saturday, July 23rd. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in the Vicarage Room. Meeting to follow. Will secretaries please notify me not later than Wednesday previous to meeting how many may be expected from their towers? Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.)—R. Swift, Hon. Div. Sec., Iping, Ifield Road, Crawley.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sleaford Branch.—Half-yearly meeting at Heckington on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (8) available from 2.30 to 9. Service 4.30. Tea 1/6 per head, at 5, followed by business meeting. For tea please notify Mr. J. H. Clark, 6, Banks Lane, Heckington, Lincs, by July 20th. This is important. All welcome.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preliminary Notice.—The Snowdon Commemoration Dinner will this year be held at Sheffield on Saturday, October 8th. Full particulars later.—Sidney F. Palmer, Local Sec.

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