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The Literature and Press Committee of the Central Council, among its other duties, acts the part of a 'watch dog' and does its best to keep in touch with any disputes that arise which may involve the curtailment of ringing or the silencing of bells. This is a very necessary arrangement, for cases of this kind seem to be growing more frequent, and while the Council, through the committee, has no *locus standi* to intervene, its advice and help, when sought, can often be of considerable assistance. Particularly is it important that there should be constant watch for the introduction of any restrictive legislation, either through the ordinary channel of a Bill in Parliament or under some power conferred upon a Minister of State. There has already been one instance of a Government department prohibiting the use of a bell at a church on one of its estates. There were circumstances in this case which gave the department special control, but it is well to keep a watchful eye on official activities so that, in the event of developments of a menacing character, no time shall be lost in organising resistance to repressive legislation. It is even possible that such restrictions might come through new local bye-laws, and it is in cases of this kind that ringers themselves can render service by giving the committee early advice of any proposals which might directly or indirectly concern the ringing of church bells.

Another side of the Literature and Press Committee's work has been concerned with Broadcasting, and the committee is to be strengthened so that more attention can be given to this feature of its activities. The B.B.C. is a ponderous body to move and, while it is said to be susceptible to public influence, it is apparently not easily amenable to suggestions made by committees. In most matters the B.B.C. can be congratulated upon the efficiency with which its programmes are arranged. The reason for this, of course, is because it can command the best advice; but in securing efficiency in bell ringing performances it has not been anything like so successful. The explanation is not far to seek. It does not follow that the church which can provide an effectively broadcast service and an acceptable preacher, can also boast of a good band of ringers, and the result has been in many cases a very indifferent type of ringing which has been no credit to the cause of change ringing. Of the miserable travesty of alleged tune playing and bell chiming which is frequently inflicted upon the public prior to what is probably the most popular of all Sunday evening service broadcasts, from a London church, we here say nothing except that if it is true that it pleases the listen-

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ing public, either the public does not understand or else is very easily pleased. But there ought to be a means of showing the B.B.C., through the Council, that while it rightly expects a high standard from all who take part in broadcasts, it is not consistently well served in regard to the bell ringing which is put over the ether. If the Council's committee can do this, and save the public, the B.B.C. and the art of ringing from being so badly let down as it is at times, it will do good service. It is for the committee to find the best method of approach and the solution of the difficulty.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, July 1, 1933, in Three Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, SHOREDITCH.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 28½ cwt.

ARTHUR HARDY	2	GEORGE RADLEY	7
FREDERICK G. SYMONDS	2	GEORGE J. BUTCHERS	8
JOHN POTTER	3	LEONARD BAYBUTT	9
MRS. G. H. CROSS	4	JOHN CORNFORD	10
GEORGE H. CROSS	5	EDWARD D. SMITH	11
THOMAS NEWMAN	6	WILLIAM BOTTRILL	Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by THOMAS NEWMAN

First peal of Stedman Cinques as conductor.

TEN BELL PEAL.

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 1, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES H. SONE	2	WILLIAM WENBAN	6
ALBERT RELFE	2	*A. WINGFIELD DURHAM	7
MRS. H. BAKER	3	LUTHER J. HONESS	8
TOM SAUNDERS	4	*BENJAMIN F. BAKER	9
HARRY BAKER	5	THOMAS E. SONE	Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

* First touch of Kent Royal. First peal of Royal as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION,

On Saturday, June 24, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF WIGSTON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

ALBERT L. WARD	2	JOSEPH S. CARTER	5
FRANK W. PERRENS	2	HAROLD J. POOLE	6
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE	3	JOSEPH A. FENTON	7
FRANK E. PERVIN	4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER	Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by F. W. PERRENS.

First peal rung in this method, which is by J. S. Carter. Rung on the 11th anniversary of the dedication of the bells, and also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Harold J. Poole.

GORTON, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 26, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT BROOKFIELD CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALFRED BARNES	2	EDWARD F. MAWBY	5
WILLIAM BRAMMER	2	ERNEST SEDDON	6
PERCY RUSHTON	3	CHARLES OLLIER	7
ARNOLD S. FEARNHEAD	4	FREDERICK PAGE	Tenor

Composed by J. WOOD. Conducted by F. PAGE.

First peal in the method in the tower. First peal in the method by all except the ringers of 1, 2 and 8. All are members of the local band except the treble ringer. Rung as a birthday compliment to the president of the local band, the Rev. F. Cottier, and Mrs. Barnes, wife of the treble ringer.

BRIDGNORTH, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 24, 1933, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE CASE Treble	BERTRAM HEAD 5
*BERTRAM H. HEAD 2	*C. FRANK COTTRELL 6
GEORGE E. OLIVER 3	WILFRED OVERTON 7
JOHN ELCOCK 4	HORACE W. OVERTON ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILFRED OVERTON.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major with bob bell. First peal of Double Norwich by the whole band and on the bells. First peal of Double Norwich by a local band in the Hereford Diocese. Rung as a birthday compliment to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, also to Messrs. J. Elcock and B. Head.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 26, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ALBERT LAWRENCE Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
MRS. R. F. DEAL 2	JOHN T. KENTISH 6
JOSEPH MARKS 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
EDWIN F. PIKE 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by J. E. DAVIS.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 28, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

FERRIS J. SHEPHERD Treble	WILFRED WILLIAMS 5
EDMUND H. LINDUP 2	OWEN H. GILES 6
KEITH HART 3	JACK M. CRIPPS 7
NELSON ELLIOTT 4	JOHN DEARLOVE Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 29, 1933, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

LIONEL J. CULLUM Treble	ERNEST BRETT 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT 2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM 6
E. CHARLES PATTEN 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
ALFRED G. HILL 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by J. E. DAVIS.

This peal was rung in honour of the induction of the Rev. Thomas Underhill to the living of the above church.

ECCLES, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 29, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

THOMAS JONES Treble	NORMAN HEAPS 5
FRED DONKERLEY 2	*WILFRED STEVENSON 6
WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 3	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON 7
WILFRED J. MOSS 4	†JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

* First peal in the method and 14th attempt. † First peal. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. R. H. Bent, of Prestwich, and Miss Renshaw, of Walkden, which took place at Walkden on the previous Saturday.

FOLKINGHAM, Lincs.—On Wednesday, May 24th, in honour of Empire Day, at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Minor, being 720 of Cambridge Surprise and 540 of Plain Bob, in 43 mins.: H. Gibbard 1, J. H. Musson 2, V. Allen 3, A. Scott 4, C. T. H. Bradley (conductor) 5, C. Wilkinson 6.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On St. Peter's Day, June 29, 1933, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

PERCY J. DYKE Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 5
GEORGE R. LIMMER 2	†EDWARD L. A. HUDSON 6
GORDON W. LIMMER 3	GEORGE GILBERT 7
*JOHN F. JONES 4	ERNEST LOCK Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal away from the treble. † First peal of Grandsire 'inside.' Arranged and rung on the 731st anniversary of the dedication of the church.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Friday, June 30, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

HARRY BOSWELL Treble	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 5
ALBERT D. COLLINS 2	ROBERT PICKERING 6
HERBERT KNIGHT 3	FRANCIS BROTHERTON 7
W. HAROLD JONES 4	H. LESLIE FLAVELL Tenor

Conducted by H. KNIGHT.

Rung on the 50th anniversary of the first general meeting of the society. H. Boswell has now completed the 'circle' in this tower.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 1, 1933, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

HAROLD SKETCHBY Treble	WILLIAM PYE 5
JOHN W. WARD 2	FREDERICK DENCH 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
ERNEST J. BUTLER 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

First peal in the method by the association and in the county. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

HARWELL, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 1, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

FRANCIS E. MAY Treble	JOHN P. PELLOE 5
HARRY MILES 2	RICHARD A. POST 6
*FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS ... 3	WALTER F. JUDGE 7
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 4	ALFRED H. POLLING Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Major on the bells. Rung with the best wishes of the ringers to the Vicar, the Rev. J. C. Cohen, who is leaving Harwell at the end of July to work with the Missions to Seamen in Holland.

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OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, July 1, 1933, in Three Hours and One Minute,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
 Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... ..Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY 5
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER 2	WILLIAM WELLING 6
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER 3	CECIL C. MAYNE 7
ROLAND BIGGS 4	HARRY WINGROVETenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by H. WINGROVE.
 First peal in the method as conductor and first in the method on the bells. Rung for the patronal festival of the church.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 1, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
 Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

PERCY GREENTreble	† HAROLD PENNACK 5
* ALBERT G. BARTHOLOMEW 2	WILLIAM KEEBLE 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 3	GEORGE GREEN 7
WILLIAM LINCOLN 4	ARTHUR HEADTenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.
 * First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.'

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BISHOP'S CAUNDLE, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, June 3, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire, 14 callings.
 Tenor 8½ cwt. in A flat.

* LEONARD HOPPERTreble	† E. T. PAUL FIELD 3
HAROLD C. R. VINE 2	H. DENNIS W. BISHOP 4

† D. W. CHARLES CHANT ...Tenor

Conducted by E. T. P. FIELD.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor.
 First peal on the bells. Rung for the King's birthday and as a compliment to Mr. F. Butt and Miss P. M. Jenkins, who were married in the church that day.

HIGH ONGAR, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 17, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 Being seven true extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

BERTRAM C. HINESTreble	ROBERT HEAZEL 4
ALBERT RAINBIRD 2	CHARLES E. PRYKE 5
FRANK G. RINGE 3	HARRY TURNERTenor

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

First peal on the bells, which were recently augmented to six and rehung by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. First peal of Cambridge Minor by all the band. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a compliment to Robert Heazel on the 27th anniversary of his birthday. The Rector, the Rev. G. R. Nesbitt, wishes to acknowledge through the medium of 'The Ringing World' his indebtedness to the above ringers, who have helped in the restoration of these bells and are assisting in the formation of a Sunday service change ringing band at this church.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, June 26, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT, STELLA,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 Being a 720 each of Hereward Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

* HERBERT P. CLIFFTreble	STEPHEN THOMPSON 4
KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN 2	ROBERT W. LEIGHTON 5
WILLIAM H. BARBER 3	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSONTenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON.

* First peal on the treble.

DARLINGTON.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, June 27, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 Being 720 each of Cambridge, Surfleet, Beverley, York, Durham, Wells and London Surprise. Tenor 7½ cwt.

ROBERT JEFFTreble	GEORGE W. PARK 4
WILLIAM OLIVER 2	W. NORMAN PARK 5
* RICHARD BUSBY 3	ROLAND PARKTenor

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

* First peal in seven Surprise methods.

TIBSHELF, DERBYSHIRE.
EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 1, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

* THOMAS JENNINGSTreble	HARRY DRAYCOTT 4
WILSON ALLIN 2	WALTER TOMLINSON 5
ERNEST A. WILSON 3	JOHN W. ENGLANDTenor

Conducted by JOHN W. ENGLAND.

* First peal.

WIGSTON SURPRISE MAJOR.

BY JOSEPH S. CARTER.

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 21354768
 12537486
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 23158764
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 31246857
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5,088
 BY A. J. PITMAN.
 23456 W 5/4 M

52436 —
 35426 —
 64523 — x
 35264 x
 42635 x
 36245 x —
 23564 — —
 53462 — —
 24653 x
 Twice repeated.

The first peal in this method was rung at Wigston Magna, Leicestershire, on June 24th, conducted by Frank W. Perreine.

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A ROUND OF ESSEX TOWERS.

On Wednesday, June 14th, the ringers of St. Barnabas', Great Tey, had their annual outing. They were accompanied by the Vicar and Vicar's warden. Their first call was at Witham, where they were met by Mr. Evers and Mr. Mellins, members of the local band, and enjoyed a good pull. At Boreham they were met by Mr. Allen, and afterwards went on to Widford, where a good 576 Oxford Treble Bob Major was rung. The next stop was at Writtle, where they were met by Mr. Lincoln, and then on to Chelmsford for lunch and to Galleywood for further ringing. A break in the ringing was then made by running down to Southend for a few hours. On the way home they called at Greab Baddow, and were met by Mr. Green and enjoyed the final pull of the day. Home was reached at 10.15 after a very enjoyable outing. The weather was all that could be wished for. The Vicar, on leaving the party, thanked them very much for the enjoyable day he had had, and said he felt greatly honoured in being asked to join them. The ringers would like, through 'The Ringing World,' to thank all the incumbents for the use of the bells and those ringers who had everything in readiness for them. Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Bob Major were rung during the day.

VETERAN SUFFOLK RINGER'S DEATH.

The death took place at Brandeston, Suffolk, on June 14th, of Mr. David G. Wightman, at the age of 71 years, after a short illness. He was one of a family who took up ringing at Cretingham in the early eighties, and conducted his first peal, one of 21 methods of Doubles, on April 30th, 1883. He also conducted the first Surprise peal rung in Suffolk, a peal of Surprise Minor at Brandeston in 1888. In the same year he took part in a 10,176 of Kent Treble Bob Major at Coddensham, and in 1898 he conducted the first peal rung by six brothers. This was also at Brandeston. In all he had rung 168 peals and conducted 80. He had recently taken up handbell ringing at Monewden, and only on May 25th last he scored his first peal on handbells, ringing 5-6 to a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major.

On June 21st the bells of St. Mary's, Monewden, were rung muffled as a last tribute of respect to deceased, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob and touches of Cambridge, Double Court, Double Oxford and Plain Bob being brought round. Those taking part were Messrs. Alfred, George and William Wightman (brothers), W. J. Groom, J. Greasy, W. Miller, G. Pryke, J. Terrant, J. and C. Arbon and J. Thorndyke.

BENHILTON RINGERS' OUTING

All Saints', Benhilton, Surrey, ringers had their first ringing outing on June 17th last. The party consisted of eleven local ringers, accompanied by Mr. F. G. Woodiss, who has been of great assistance to them since the formation of the present band. A visit was paid to Turner's Hill, Coleman's Hatch, where ringing took place, and afterwards at Withyham, where everyone thoroughly enjoyed ringing on these beautifully toned bells. The visitors were also very pleased with the hospitality shown them by the Rector, who took them round his garden and round the church. This church has a beautiful chapel called the Sackville Chapel, and the fine chancel is flood-lit. The secretary soon availed himself of the opportunity to play the organ. The party then set out for Speldhurst, where tea was partaken of at the George. After tea ringing was indulged in at St. Mary's Church. Thanks are extended to the various incumbents, to the local representatives for making the party welcome, and congratulations are also due to the secretary (Mr. C. S. Poole) for so ably arranging this first outing, which went off without a hitch.

RINGERS SECURE 'ADMISSION TO HEAVEN'

BUT THE PARSON SECURES EXEMPTION FROM TEST.

The charming old city of Ripon and surrounding district was chosen for this year's outing of the St. Ignatius', Sunderland, ringers. The party numbered 20, including the Rev. P. E. Marples (senior curate) and five lady friends. The Rev. Canon Sykes, a former Vicar of St. Ignatius', was also invited, and joined the party at lunch. Arriving by train at about 10.30, the visitors were met at the Cathedral by Mr. F. Tingle, president of the Cathedral Guild, and the new bells were soon going to touches of Stedman Triples and Double Norwich, concluding with one of Stedman Caters, the latter going very well considering that some of the band had not rung on ten before. The ringing was much enjoyed, the tone and 'go' of the bells being all that can be desired.

After an excellent dinner at the Unicorn Hotel, the party proceeded by a comfortable motor bus to Kirkby Malzeard, and had the pleasure of ringing on the fine peal of six (tenor 17 cwt.) of this pretty village. The drive then took the excursionists through lovely moorland scenery, and, passing through Pateley Bridge and skirting the Gouthwaite reservoir of the Bradford Corporation, they arrived at How Stean, a beautiful rocky gorge on the River Nidd, where a very pleasant hour was spent. They then returned to Pateley Bridge for tea at the Crown Hotel, after which thanks were accorded to the Vicar and churchwardens for their contribution to the expenses, to the visitors and ladies for their company, and to the secretary for the excellent arrangements he had made. Brimham Rocks was the next objective. These are huge masses of millstone grit, some of them 50 tons in weight, and many of very grotesque shape, scattered on the heath-clad moor. One of them, at least 20 tons in weight, is so well balanced as to be easily rocked by hand. The ability to squeeze through a narrow passage between two of the rocks is supposed to secure admission to heaven, and much amusement was caused by the remark of the portly parson of the party, who was unable to get through, that he had a private arrangement with St. Peter for exemption from the test. Unfortunately, time did not allow for a thorough examination of these wonderful rocks, and Ripon Station was reached at 8.35, with only a few minutes to spare for the train.

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LEYTONSTONE RINGERS' BUSY TOUR.

A 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor at Littleington enabled Mr. W. J. Nevard to ring in his 720th tower. He was on tour with the St. John the Baptist's Association, Leytonstone, who, as usual, spread their annual outing over two days. Mr. Nevard is 78 years of age and rang the tenor well. The headquarters for the outing were at the Green Man, Trumpington, Cambridge, and there the party arrived in time for supper on the Friday evening. On Saturday they had a charabanc tour, visiting in turn Ashwell (Herts), Littleington, Melbourn, Histon, Cottenham, Willingham (all six-bell towers, at each of which 720's or touches of Surprise Minor were rung), Over (for Grandsire and Stedman Triples and London Major), Swavesey (where 720 Southwell was rung), and concluding at Trumpington with a 720 of London Minor, non-conducted.

On Sunday the party arrived at Stapleford at 7 a.m., and on the light ring of six 720 of Surprise Minor was rung in six different methods. After breakfast a trip was made to Eaton Socon, Beds. This church was destroyed by fire a few years ago, and it is a pleasure to see how it has been rebuilt and completed with a splendid ring of eight bells by Taylor and Co. Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Cambridge and London Surprise Major were rung for the 11 a.m. service. After early lunch Wilburton and Haddenham were visited, and a 720 rung at each church. At Haddenham the visitors were kindly entertained to tea at the Vicarage by invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. A. E. Kirkland). This over, a good 720 Ipswich for evening service completed the programme before the return to London at the conclusion of another very successful outing. The association wish to tender their best thanks to all the local ringers, who met them at every place visited and made them very welcome. It is worthy of note that at all the churches the party were met by the incumbents, who welcomed them to ring on their bells. Special thanks are tendered to the Vicar of Haddenham for his hospitality, and also to Miss K. Willers, who so ably assisted to make the arrangements for the very successful tour. It was regretted that Miss Willers was unable to accompany the party.

During the tour 720's of Beverley, Cambridge, Ipswich, Norwich, Southwell, London, Wells and York Surprise Minor as well as one in six methods were rung.

A THREE-COUNTIES TOUR.

On Whit Monday, June 5th, a party of Nuneaton and Chilvers Coton ringers, together with relatives and friends, set off from Nuneaton Church by motor-coach at 9 a.m. in glorious weather for a tour of Warwickshire, Gloucestershire and Worcestershire. Members of the party were picked up at various places en route to Coventry, where the last one joined. The first stopping place was Lillington, near Leamington, which was reached after travelling through scenery typical of 'leafy Warwickshire.' Mr. H. C. Burt met the party, and touches of Stedman, Kent, Grandsire, Cambridge and Plain Bob were rung on the light eight. Ringing ended abruptly by the breaking of a rope.

Through Leamington and Warwick with a short stay at Stratford-on-Avon, the journey was continued, through Shipston-on-Stour, Moreton-in-the-Marsh and Broadway to Winchcombe, where the party had a picnic lunch. On again over Cleve Hill, where a wonderful view was obtained, through Cheltenham to Leckhampton, where the very light peal of eight was tried. A little difficulty was experienced, at first, but soon the bells were going with a swing. Stedman, Double Norwich, Grandsire and Cambridge were rung here. A peculiarity of the ringing circle is that it is situated between the nave and the chancel of the church. Mr. W. Townsend welcomed the party here.

Off again to Tewkesbury for a tour of the Abbey and the Old Mill. Then on to Worcester for tea, which was much appreciated. Mr. Sid Holt met the party here, joined them at tea and conducted them to the church at Claines, after picking up Mr. T. W. Chapman, of the Nuneaton band, who was staying in Worcester. Grandsire, Cambridge and London were rung at Claines, and then after a refresher at the Mug House, which is situated practically in the churchyard, the party said, 'Good-bye' to Mr. Holt with many thanks for all he had done towards giving them a happy time in Worcester and district. A journey through Droitwich and Bromsgrove brought the party to King's Norton, where several of the band had their first ring on ten bells. Mr. George Fearn had kindly made arrangements here and had gathered together a band of able ten-bell ringers, who were very willing to assist the visitors in touches of Stedman Caters and Kent Royal. All too soon it was time for the last stage of the journey, which lay through Solihull, Meriden and Coventry.

It was after 11 p.m. when the party dispersed, all having voted the outing a great success and expressing the hope that it would become an annual event.

D. E. B.

MEMORIAL TOUCH.

At St. Mary's Church, Newmarket, on Sunday, June 18th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor was rung with the clappers half-muffled in memory of the late Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Leader, who met with a tragic accident while motoring home from Ascot. Mr. Leader was a sidesman at St. Mary's Church: G. Bonnett 1, Mrs. L. Warner 2, L. Moon 3, R. Heath 4, L. Warner (conductor) 5, S. Brown 6.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

COMMENTS ON THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

The summer quarterly meeting of the Guild was held on Saturday, July 1st, when a visit was paid to the old-world village of Castle Bromwich, which is now becoming quite well known as the place where the Midland section of the British Industries Fair is held and also for the Birmingham Aerodrome. Although only some six miles from the city centre, it still retains its rural appearance, and, the afternoon turning out fine and warm, a very pleasant and enjoyable gathering took place. The church contains a peal of six bells, and they were kept going in various methods during the afternoon and evening. An adjournment was made at 5 o'clock for tea, 32 members and friends sitting down. This was followed by the business meeting, which was held in the garden of the village Post Office, at which the Master, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., presided.

Mr. A. Paddon Smith, the Guild's representative on the Central Council, gave a resume of the recent Council meeting. In his opinion, it was the best meeting yet held, and the resolutions adopted were all good. He strongly advised every member to read carefully the full report now appearing in 'The Ringing World.'

The Chairman confirmed Mr. Smith's remarks, adding that the Skinners' Hall was an ideal place for the meeting.

Mr. Albert Walker (hon. member of the Council) thought it was a pity the resolution re Minor methods was not adopted.

The tower election of Mr. Ralph C. Parton, of the Lyc, was duly ratified, and Miss Kathleen Morris, of Shirley, was elected a ringing member.

Mr. Smith proposed and Mr. Walker seconded that the next quarterly meeting on Saturday, October 7th, be held at Solihull; whilst Mr. Haynes proposed and Mr. Johnson seconded that it be held at Edgbaston, pointing out that it was four years since the last meeting was held there.—On being put to the vote, Edgbaston was carried by a big majority.

A vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells concluded the business.

The handbells were then brought out and several good touches in various methods were rung.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

TWO USEFUL SIX BELLS.

In spite of the stormy weather and various 'outings,' the Leatherhead District meeting at Newdigate, a six-bell tower, was quite well attended on June 17th, ringers and friends coming from Capel, Cobham, Leatherhead, Wainham, London and the local band in full strength.

The bells were raised in peal (a Cobham speciality) soon after 3 o'clock, and were kept going until 4.30, when the Rev. J. W. Ward conducted the Guild's service and gave an address, in which he put the necessity for ringers to attend some of the services for which they rang in a fresh and more convincing style.

After the service a move was made to the Six Bells across the road, where about 25, presided over by the Rev. J. W. Ward, sat down to tea. The Rector also took the chair for the ensuing short business meeting. Two of the local band were elected members of the Guild. The secretary explained the postponement of the Guild's summer festival at Leatherhead and Ashted to July 22nd, and also stated that the district's joint meeting with the Surrey Association would be held at St. Martin's, Epsom, and not Rammore.

The Rector said how pleased he was to have the meeting at Newdigate again, and he hoped it would not be long before there was another there.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Rector and to the organist, who had had a long journey in the rain.

Ringing was afterwards resumed and good practice for everyone was got in during the afternoon and evening in a variety of Doubles and Minor methods, including a good 240 of Spliced Kent and Oxford, the only failure being a course of London for a young lady, which got 'stuck' about half-way, so that everyone was satisfied with the day when it was time to lower the bells at 9 o'clock. Then it was that the other Six Bells again came in useful.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

A monthly meeting of the Warwickshire Guild took place at Arley, near Nuneaton, on Saturday, June 17th. About 20 members were there from Allesley, Chilvers Coton, Higham, Lillington, Nuneaton and Stoke, together with the local band, while a visitor from Cadeby, near Market Bosworth, was welcomed. The light ring of six (tenor 6½ cwt.) was kept going in various methods until 5 o'clock, when an adjournment was made to the vestry, a building in the churchyard, but some yards distant from the church. Capt. Tremelling, a Church Army representative resident in the parish, welcomed the ringers in the absence of the Rector, Canon King, M.A. A splendid tea was served by ladies of the parish, and full justice was done to it.

A return was made to the tower and several novices were shepherded through their first touches of Grandsire Doubles and Plain Bob Minor. Cambridge and London Surprise were rung by the more advanced.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association was held at Eastington on July 1st, and was attended by about 20 ringers from Goole, Hemmingbrough, Howden, Hull, Kirk Ella, Market Weighton, Pontefract, Selby, Thorne, Withernsea and the local company. Various methods were rung on the musical ring of six bells. Service was conducted by the Vicar, and Mr. Fox, of Kirk Ella, very kindly officiated at the organ.

An excellent tea, served in the Parish Hall, was followed by the meeting, over which the Vicar presided.

Two new members were elected, viz., Messrs. H. Heptonstall, of Selby, and G. R. Merryweather, of Withernsea.

Middleton-on-the-Wolds was selected as the place of the next meeting in September.

Mr. Taylor, of Withernsea, gave a very pressing invitation to all ringers and friends to attend the informal meeting, to be held at Withernsea on Saturday, July 15th.

On the motion of Mr. F. Crier, seconded by Mr. W. King and supported by Mr. D. Meadley, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and local company.—The Vicar, in reply, said he hoped the association would visit Eastington again in the near future.—Mr. P. Powis responded on behalf of the ladies and local company.

Further ringing on tower and handbells ended a pleasant meeting in glorious weather.

SOUTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS MEET.

ABSENCE OF STARS ENABLE LESSER LIGHTS TO SHINE.

The annual joint meeting of the societies in the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association was held at Conisborough on Saturday, June 24th, and whether it be due to holidays, the Civic Week at Sheffield or another attraction at Doncaster, it must be said that the attendance was very disappointing, only about 20 being present. The towers represented were Rawmarsh, Tickhill, Doncaster, Arksey, Adwick, Eastwood, Killamarsh, Gainsborough and the local company. However, the absence of the 'stars' gave some of the lesser lights an opportunity to shine. They made very good use of the occasion, and a number of touches in various methods were successfully accomplished. A splendid tea, provided by the local company, assisted by the ladies, was thoroughly enjoyed, and, at 9d. per head, made one wonder how it was managed.

The Vicar (the Rev. W. J. T. Pascoe) presided at the short business meeting of the Southern District, which followed tea. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Tickhill on September 23rd. As no new members were forthcoming, the chairman stepped into the breach and was made an honorary member of the association, thus saving a blank.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar and all his helpers concluded the meeting.

RINGERS' PRESENTATION TO RECTOR.

The combined practice ringers who meet at Deane, Hants, fortnightly have made a small present to the Rev. Howell, Rector of the parish, who is retiring and going to live at Winchester.

The Rev. Howell has done much to help ringers in the Basingstoke district, putting Deane tower at their disposal at almost any time. He always takes great interest in the touches rung at the combined practices, and has shown as much pleasure as the ringers themselves when any new method has been brought round successfully. These practices have resulted in Surprise Minor methods on six bells being rung and have done much to stir up interest in the district generally, with the Rector setting a wonderful example of fellowship.

Mr. W. Hunt, of Oakley, made the presentation, which consisted of a silver bell inkstand, suitably inscribed, and all were very sorry to have to say 'good-bye' to the Rev. Howell. He departs with good wishes for a long and happy retirement.

IPSWICH RINGERS' TOUR.

The St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, held their annual outing on Saturday, June 24th. Leaving Ipswich at 6 a.m. by motor-coach, the party arrived at the Angel and Harp, Great Dunmow, about 8 a.m., and the breakfast served consisted of the well-known fitch, etc. Continuing the prearranged route, ringing was indulged in at Sawbridgeworth, Ware, Hatfield and St. Albans Cathedral previous to a wedding. On the journey home St. Andrew's, Hertford, and Holy Trinity, Bengeo, bells were rung, then Bocking, Essex, where the Deau had a chat with several members. Handbell ringing and a convivial half-hour at Stratford St. Mary brought the outing to a close. The society wish to thank all steepkeepers, incumbents and others for their co-operation in making the outing so enjoyable.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—On Saturday, June 24th, at the Collegiate Church of St. Peter, for the Diocesan Missionary Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): *Rev. C. H. Barker 1, H. Knight (conductor) 2 *C. R. Collins 3, T. Smith 4, E. E. Speake 5, J. Whitmore 6, F. Brotherton 7, R. Pickering 8, W. H. Lawley 9, H. Boswell 10. * Longest length on ten bells.

A NEGLECTED SPOT.**LOCAL RINGERS ORGANISE A MEETING AT NEWMARKET.**

A very enjoyable joint ringing meeting of the Ely Diocesan Association and the Suffolk Guild was held at Newmarket on Thursday, June 15th. This town, lying as it does on the extreme border of Suffolk, is seldom, if ever, the venue of Suffolk Guild meetings, which are generally held in Mid or East Suffolk. The local ringers, therefore, decided on a joint meeting with their neighbours in Cambridgeshire, with the result that some 25 or more, including three lady members, arrived, the following towers being represented: Clare, Dullingham, Exning, Fulbourne, Mildenhall, Melbourn, Newton and the local ringers, who were also pleased to welcome a visitor from Walthamstow. The bells of All Saints' (8) and St. Mary's (6) were available at 3 p.m., and touches of Plain and Treble Bob, Stedman Doubles and Cambridge Minor were brought round on the fine ring of six at St. Mary's (tenor 21 cwt. and a Loughborough gem). Many expressed their appreciation of the fine tone and easy handling of these bells, one of the ladies taking a turn at the tenor to Stedman. After tea All Saints' Church was visited. These bells (tenor 11 cwt.) are not renowned for their musical qualities, having been described by the late Rev. F. E. Robinson in his book, 'Among the Bells,' as a 'very discordant ring.' However, touches of Major, Grandsire and Bob Triples were rung before returning to St. Mary's Church, where ringing continued until nearly 9 p.m. The ringers desire to express their thanks to the Rev. J. Prankerd (St. Mary's) and the Rev. C. A. Barnes (All Saints') for the use of the bells, and hope that a similar meeting may be arranged at some future date.

FIFTY-EIGHT YEARS AT ONE CHURCH.

On Sunday, June 25th, at St. Marie's (R.C.), Norfolk Row, Sheffield, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung to celebrate the 74th birthday of Mr. Dixon, who has been a ringer at St. Marie's for 58 years. Enjoying good health, he still continues in the employ of the Gas Company, with whom he has been for about 40 years. The ringers expressed their good wishes to Mr. Dixon: G. Lewis (composer and conductor) 1, J. Osguthorpe 2, T. O'Hara 3, George Holmes 4, J. A. Dixon 5, R. Harrison 6, R. Harrison, jun., 7, H. Hurst 8.

'FIRST' BY ALL.

At Ringslead, Northants, on June 22nd, 720 Netherseale Surprise Minor: G. H. Roberts 1, E. E. Whitmore 2, W. J. Whitmore 3, B. J. Stubbs 4, C. M. Whitney 5, W. Copperwheat (conductor) 6. First 720 in this method by all the band and on the bells, and believed to be the first 720 of Netherseale Surprise rung in the county of Northants.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**MEETING AT CLENT.**

The quarterly meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held at St. Leonard's Church, Clent, on Saturday, June 24th, but, owing to the very inclement weather, a very poor number turned up. The Guild's form of service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. P. C. Thomas), who also gave a very interesting address. At the close of the service an adjournment was made to the Roberts Memorial Hall, where the business meeting was held, at which the chair was taken by the Vicar, who gave a right cordial welcome to the members to Clent and his church.

Several new members were added to the roll, and it was resolved that the arrangements for the next meeting be left with the secretary. It was decided to attempt the quarterly peal at Clent, with the consent of the Vicar and his ringers, the arrangements being left with the Ringing Master (Mr. John Goodman, jun.) and Mr. W. Short.

Apologies were announced from Mr. Harry Mason and Mr. John Goodman (Ringing Master) regretting their inability to be present.

Mr. Colclough, the Guild's representative on the Central Council, gave an explanation of his absence from the Council meeting in London on Whit Tuesday.

At the close of the meeting Mr. Townsend proposed and Mr. B. Richards seconded that best thanks be given to the Vicar of Clent for his kindness in giving permission to hold the meeting at his church, also for conducting the service, for his eloquent address, also for the use of the tower and bells. Gratitude and thanks are also tendered to Mr. W. Short for his great assistance in having everything in readiness and looking after the comfort of those present, to Miss Thatcher for her kindness in officiating at the organ, and to all who in any way assisted in making the meeting a happy and successful one. The bells were kept merrily going during the afternoon and evening.

MUFFLED RINGING FOR P.C. HERO.

On Tuesday, June 20th, at St. John's Church, Whittle-le-Woods, Lanes, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells fully muffled by the following members of the Manchester City Police Bellringers: P.C. R. Benson 1, P.C. J. Mulliner 2, P.C. W. Robinson 3, P.C. W. Pye 4, P.C. G. Pye 5, P.C. J. Wilson 6, P.C. F. Page (conductor) 7, P.C. J. Turner 8. A touch of 504 Stedman Triples was also rung. It was on this day that P.C. Tom Williamson Jewes (who lost his life in an attempt to rescue a man from the River Irwell) was laid to rest in the churchyard. P.C. Jewes faithfully served under Supt. F. R. Williams, president of the National Police Guild of Bellringers.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Three of the bellringers at Kirbymoorside, Yorks, who have put in long service in the belfry have also over 50 years' service in the choir. Mr. Arthur Wood has been a ringer for 58 years and a chorister for 54, Mr. J. Rickaby a ringer for 40 years and a chorister for 50 years, while Mr. J. Anderson has served for similar periods. In addition Mr. J. Sturdy has sung in the choir for 60 years, Mr. H. Rutter for 50 years and Mr. J. Walker for 46 years. A wonderful record!

The bells of All Saints', Fulham, and St. Mary's, Putney, were silent on Sunday owing to the serious illness of the Lord Bishop of London. The chimes are also silent during the night at Fulham.

The handbell peal at Crayford on June 21st was Grandsire Caters, not Stedman Caters as recorded.

AN EARLY LIVERPOOL PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have recently been asked by Mr. F. West, of High Wycombe, if I could tell him the name of the composer of the peal of Grandsire Cinques rung at Liverpool in June, 1814.

It was rung by members of the Birmingham and Sheffield United Societies and was conducted by Henry Cooper. There is no record in St. Nicholas' tower of this performance, and no one in Liverpool, as far as I can ascertain, knows who the composer of the peal was. The figures are given in Shipway and reprinted in the Central Council collection of peals, Section I.

Apart from Mr. West and myself, other members of the Exercise may like to know who composed this peal. Mr. West thinks it possibly might have been one of Mr. Cooper's own compositions, and I am inclined to agree with him, seeing that Mr. Cooper called his own composition of Grandsire Caters at Lichfield in the following year. However, I should be glad if any member of the Exercise can supply the necessary information. **GEORGE R. NEWTON.**

OXFORD AND OTHER CHIMES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—If you think the matter interesting enough, I might add some notes about the Oxford and other chimes to the information which has already appeared in your column. Your correspondent did not mention those at New College, which I like better than the Magdalen set. The latter are in a more prominent position, and so better known, and the tone of the Magdalen bells is certainly superior. Both towers have ten bells, but as only the back eight are used for the chimes, I number them as such:—

Magdalen: I. 21; II. 2184; III. 435637; IV. 43563721; the hour striking on 8.
New College: I. 37; II. 8734; III. 357468; IV. 867453241; the hour striking on 8.

The new chimes at Merton (eight) are as follows, the Roman figures showing the end of each quarter, the notes before being repeated each time:—

875 (I.); 4565 (II.); 568 (III.); 7545 (IV.); the hour being struck on 8.
The chimes at Carfax were composed by Stainer for a church in the Isle of Wight—Freshwater, I think.

The Cambridge quarters were arranged for Great St. Mary's by Crotch, then a chorister at King's, who took the four well-known notes from 'I know that my Redeemer liveth' for the first quarter. They are seldom heard given correctly, probably from the fact of their being so often adapted to a ring of eight, which makes it impossible for the hour to be struck on the key note. This is the third of the quarter bells, and the hour should be its octave, not its fifth, which is what you hear most commonly. They require a ring of ten, the bells used being 1236. The hour ends on 3, the key note, and then the tenor gives its octave. If anyone will try this on a piano he will find it much more satisfactory than the usual fifth. They may be heard correctly at St. Mary Abbots, London.

There are five quarters at Norwich Cathedral on five fairly heavy bells, which at first may sound unfinished, as they form what a ringer would call the top five of a ring of six. But they may be regarded as in the scale of the first ecclesiastical mode, and are then not unfinished, as the fifth is the final of that mode. They run as follows: I. 12345; II. 54123-25345; III. 54315-31243-54235; IV. 14325-43241-51234-23451; and the hour strikes on 5. **W. C. B.**

KELVEDON BELLS.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMPLETE THE OCTAVE.

As recently announced in 'The Ringing World,' Mr. W. Elliott, who has been a ringer at Kelvedon for 54 years, has made an offer with the assistance of his family and relatives to present a treble bell towards completing the octave of this noble ring of six. There have been members of this well-known ringing family connected with this tower for considerably over a century. Many ringers who have visited Kelvedon have often remarked, 'Why not complete the octave?' Now is the opportunity. The Essex Association has generously promised a donation of £5 5s., and the following sums from ringers in the district have also been promised: Messrs. C. H. Howard (Master), £2 2s.; W. Keeble, 10s.; C. Botton, 10s.; A. J. Mason, 10s.; C. W. Burton, 10s. Any further promises of support or donations towards this very desirable object should be sent to Mr. W. Elliott, Brunswick House, Church Street, Kelvedon, who will gladly acknowledge same.

RE-OPENING OF BOW BELLS. TO-DAY'S CEREMONY—TO-MORROW'S FESTIVITIES.

The Lord Mayor of London and the Sheriffs will attend in State the re-opening of Bow Bells this afternoon, when the Archbishop of Canterbury will dedicate the work and give an address.

This is one of the most important events in connection with ringing that has occurred in the city, and is creating great interest, both in and out of ringing circles.

The church itself is of much historic interest. It goes back to early Norman times and was in existence in 1091, for, according to historians, it was badly damaged by a hurricane at that date. In 1271 a great part of Bow steeple fell down, killing 30 people. In 1512 a new tower was completed, but the church suffered total destruction in the great fire of 1666. It was rebuilt by Sir Christopher Wren and completed in 1680, and the steeple is one of the architectural gems of the city of London. The crypt of the church dates back to the 11th century, and is built of Roman bricks, which led the architect to believe that it was the remains of a Roman temple. The foundations of the steeple are certainly laid on the site of a Roman pavement. The Court of Arches, said to be so called after the flying buttresses of the steeple, was first held in Bow Church in 1172, and is still used for the confirmation of the election of Bishops in the Province of Canterbury.

The present restoration of the bells was made possible by the generosity of Mr. H. Gordon Selfridge. Through dilapidation they had been silent for some years and their repair was part of a general restoration scheme, for which an appeal was made for £15,000 in 1930. As funds came in, the tower and steeple were first taken in hand. The damage by time and the atmosphere was found to be more extensive than anticipated, and the roof and many cracks in the walls had to be repaired and the foundations at the south-east corner strengthened. The restoration of the bells, however, was still held up until Mr. Selfridge generously undertook to meet the cost of this part of the scheme.

A massive grillage, weighing 3½ tons, has been fixed in the tower immediately beneath the old oak frame, which is anchored securely to it and has been strengthened with corner brackets in all directions and altered on one side to improve the circle of ropes. New headstocks and specially designed clappers have been fitted and the bells, of course, hung on ball bearings.

When removed from the tower, five of the bells were found to be cracked, and these, with the three trobles, have been recast, leaving only the 4th, 5th, 9th and 11th of the old peal. The work has been carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon.

At to-day's opening the ringing will be done by the Ancient Society of College Youths.

To-morrow will be a ringers' day, and a gathering from all parts of the country is expected. Already more than 500 ringers have accepted the invitation to be present. The bells will be open from 2.30 to 4 p.m., when a short service will be held. At 5 o'clock Mr. Selfridge will entertain the ringers to tea at his Oxford Street store, and there will be further ringing from 6.30 to 8.15 at Bow Church. In addition, the bells at St. Giles-in-the-Fields and St. James', Clerkenwell, will be open from 2.30 to 6.30, and St. Clement Danes from 6.30 to 8.15. It is also hoped St. Martin's-in-the-Fields will be available.

The day will conclude with a social gathering in the Pillar Hall at the Cannon Street Hotel, commencing at 8.30 p.m.

Further information will be found in our notice columns.

MIDSUMMER MERRYMAKING AT MAIDENHEAD.

A tropical thunderstorm with its attendant deluge opened the proceedings of the East Berks and South Bucks practice at Boyne Hill, but even this failed to damp the spirits of the party that gathered from numerous towers for the usual cheerful monthly affair that has assisted greatly towards the success of this branch. The secretary was a bit late in arriving, because the rain would have spoiled his curls. The Mayor was expected, but, having five other engagements, it was not surprising that he was unable to put in an appearance. Two of the visitors left early, to keep an appointment on the other side of the globe, we believe. Not having been a quartermaster, the universal provider was five out in his forecast for tea, although it was noticed that he tried to fill the gap himself. Unfortunately, the handbells were left at home (what a salesman to forget his wares), so that the usual after-tea harmony was not heard.

However, on returning to the tower, by kind permission of Jupiter Pluvius, those who were not already warm did their best to make up for lost time.

Many touches in different methods were rung, including several courses of London, Cambridge and Superlative.

One little disappointment was the fact that some of the charming young ladies who had promised to come did not put in an appearance.

It is hoped that the next practice will be at Penn, when something new in the spliced category will be expected from the 'hot pot' factory.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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THE NEW RULES.

The next report considered by the Council was that concerning the new rules. This report, which set out the Rules Committee's proposals in detail, was printed in 'The Ringing World' on April 7th and had been circulated to the members.

The draft report was presented last year criticisms were asked for. One or two criticisms were sent in, the committee had had those points under consideration, and had redrafted the rules in the form in which the Council now had them. They were published a few weeks ago so that the Council had had ample opportunity to study them. There was one point of criticism about which he would like to say something. It was suggested that if it were made compulsory for associations to pay fees for the members to which they were entitled, rather than merely for the representatives they sent, some associations might possibly feel inclined to withdraw from the Council. The committee were of opinion that it was unthinkable that any association should contemplate taking such action because they might have to pay an extra five shillings or ten shillings a year. The cost of the subscription, at any rate in nearly every case, worked out at less than a halfpenny per member on the number of resident members of any Guild, so that he did not think there was any substance behind that criticism. It was not necessary for an association, because it was entitled to send four members and paid for four, to send four members to a distant meeting—that was for the association to settle—but the committee thought that those who were entitled to a larger number of members ought to pay a corresponding fee. With regard to other criticisms, the proper alterations had been made to meet them. He proposed that the amended rules be adopted as the rules of the Council.

Mr. C. T. Coles seconded.

The Rev. E. S. Powell asked if the actuarial work in computing the membership of the associations was to be left to the associations themselves or to a committee of the Council? It looked as if it should be done from a central source, otherwise mistakes might occur.

The President said he thought they could trust association secretaries to make what was a fairly simple calculation (hear, hear).

Mr. E. W. Marsh said they in Devon, besides the Devonshire Guild which was affiliated with the Council, had at least three associations of church bellringers. He asked whether, under the rule of affiliation, they could be represented on the Council, if so he welcomed the rule and hoped the associations would be canvassed. If they could get them to join they would be able to teach the representatives something which they could take back to their own associations.

The President said there was nothing whatever to prevent it under the rules. There was no definite ruling that affiliated societies must ring changes.

Mr. Marsh: May I suggest the secretary canvasses these associations and tells them they would be welcomed?

The President: That could be done.

Mr. Marsh: There are associations in Cornwall as well.

No amendments to the rules were proposed and they were agreed to *non con*.

Replying to a question, the President said it would be competent by resolution to bring the rules into force for next year's meeting, as far as the general business of the Council was concerned. This course was thereupon agreed to on the motion of Mr. E. J. Butler, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre.

HOW TO STRIKE WELL.

Canon Coleridge reported for the committee appointed at the last meeting to prepare a pamphlet on good striking. Mr. Dyke, he said, had been mainly responsible for preparing the pamphlet, and it was in the hands of the secretary by last August, except for the photographs with which it was to be illustrated. These presented some difficulty, but eventually they were taken. There were four showing how the young practitioner should be taught to hold his rope and two showing the most frequent faults which prevent good striking. After the manuscript had been placed in the hands of the hon. secretary, he heard nothing about the pamphlet until the previous night. The secretary was not, however, to be blamed for the delay. Mr. Fletcher reminded him that at the last meeting of the Council there was an amendment proposed by the late Mr. Jenkyn that the pamphlet should contain hints and rules showing how to ring and conduct Doubles and Minor. Mr. Dyke did not write anything about that, and the reason was that after the last meeting Mr. Jenkyn had had correspondence with the editors of a small book which covered the whole thing, and, he thought, Mr. Jenkyn was inclined to let this side of the publication drop, although he never said so. Meanwhile, with this amendment on the books the secretary quite rightly held up the printing of the pamphlet until the matter could come before the Council. He (Canon Coleridge) was always most anxious that the book should contain nothing but the most primary and elementary instruction about holding the rope and striking properly. If they put in anything else he was afraid the whole object of the book would be defeated because the price would be far more. What Mr. Dyke and he would like was a pamphlet which might be a help to the youngest of ringers and also a help to certain instructors. They wanted to keep it as

as cheap as possible and to sell it at not more than twopence a copy. If the Council accepted it as it was now with Mr. Dyke's letterpress and the six photographs, it could be produced at about 2d. a copy, and he hoped the associations would buy it up in large quantities for distribution. He hoped at least 5,000 copies would be sold at once and every young practitioner given a copy. He was glad to have had a little hand in the production of the pamphlet, although the principal credit must go to Mr. Dyke. He moved that the pamphlet be accepted without any further addition so that it might be sold at as low a price as possible.

Mr. J. T. Dyke seconded.

The President said the Standing Committee's recommendation was that the sale price be not more than 2d. per copy post free, and that the book be confined to the material mentioned by Canon Coleridge, namely, the proper method of handling a bellrope.

Canon Elsee expressed the hope that associations would purchase a large number of copies in order to dispose of them again to their members. That, he thought, would be the best way to secure the pamphlet coming into the hands of the beginners by whom it was really needed.

The President said the Council would be selling actually at a loss by selling at 2d., but the Standing Committee thought it would be money well spent (hear, hear).

The resolution was agreed to and the pamphlet ordered to be printed.

This concluded the business of the committees, but the President said before they passed on to other matters it was only right they should thank the members of the various committees for the work they had done in the past three years (applause).

BREAKING UP OF OLD BELLS.

The Council then proceeded to the various motions which stood on the agenda. The first, which was in the names of Mr. P. E. Dawe and Mr. E. A. Young, was as follows:—

'That this Council deprecates the breaking up of church bells, renowned for their tonal qualities and historic interest, urges church authorities not to assent to their destruction except for the gravest reasons, and furthermore recommends that independent expert advice be obtained in all such cases before action is taken.'

Mr. Dawe, in proposing the motion, said it was a very important one and one that ought to have been discussed many years ago. They had now arrived at the parting of the ways; it would mean a battle royal between those who, like himself, were of an antiquarian turn of mind, with musical quality thrown in, and the up-to-date people who thought mostly of speed and noise, which they interpreted as music, and that abomination called football (laughter). There were thousands of rings of bells in these islands, and they came under three headings, good, bad and indifferent. There were many bells—not only individual bells, but rings of bells—that wanted baking, boiling, broiling and even drowning (laughter). On the other hand, there were bells which were wonderful productions. It would be out of place for him to attempt, out of the eleven hundred or twelve hundred peals of bells he had rung on and listened to, to tell them which were the best, but there were many that really ought to be preserved, cast 200, or 300, or even 400 years ago by hands now cold in dust, but hands which were master hands. These bells ought certainly to be preserved. It had been asked on many occasions, 'What is the good of the Central Council?' The idea of Sir Arthur P. Heywood, who was its founder, was that it should protect their rights and privileges and their interests in the future, and there was one occasion when the Council did something to justify its existence. There used to be about four rings of ten of great value; Coventry, Rotherham, Wakefield and Stepney. When the idea came about to destroy Coventry, the Council took up the cudgels under the leadership of Mr. Young, and at the Consistory Court did what they could to save those famous bells. Mr. Dawe said he attended the Court, where a gentleman who described himself as 'a professor of bells'—he did not know there was such a thing as a professor of bells before—went to the piano, struck a discordant note and said, 'Those are the bells you have in your tower.' He then turned with a self-satisfied grin and, striking a chord, said, 'Those are the bells you are going to have.' During lunch a high dignitary of the Church began to talk to him about the bells and asked what he thought of them. He (the speaker) replied that they were the sweetest and most beautiful ring of bells he had ever listened to. The dignitary said that was 'all rubbish,' which, proceeded Mr. Dawe, showed that some people unknown had been 'spoon feeding' the authorities. The dignitary said the bells were going away and were to be recast, and added, 'You must come and hear them.' He (Mr. Dawe) replied, 'I shall do nothing of the kind,' and they parted not such good friends as they met. Every old ring of bells of any note at all were valuable, but each had its own particular beauty; its own characteristic. If in future they were all going to be the same, they might as well walk to the Royal Exchange when the clock struck twelve and hear a tune played. After Coventry they came to Rotherham. They had been recast by generous donors—goodness knows where they came from, but they cropped up like mushrooms. Rotherham were a magnificent ring of ten, but they were not the characteristically tuneful, musical and harmonious ring that used to hang in St. Anne's tower. Then, said Mr. Dawe, they came to the greatest tragedy of all, and that was the wilful murder of Bow tenor. In his

opinion, Bow tenor no more wanted recasting than the sea wanted water. He did not know what bell metal was worth a hundredweight, but the actual value of Bow tenor was probably between £400 and £500. The intrinsic value of the bell, however, was as nothing to its historical associations and its pure, musical note. It never ought to have been destroyed. He dared say there would be good reason put forward for it, but he hoped some step would be taken that would prevent another such calamitous happening in future. He hoped they would never see the beautiful eleventh at Exeter, or the eleventh at St. Saviour's, Southwark, or Lavenham tenor, turned out to be recast and musically improved. His motion, added Mr. Dawe, referred to expert advisers. He did not think they could possibly associate with this a better name than that of their worthy president, who had proved himself so valuable to them in every shape and form.

'HALF THE BELLS IN ENGLAND NEED RECASTING.'

Mr. E. A. Young seconded the motion. He would not say, he remarked, that any of the remaining fine bells were in imminent danger of destruction. Had it not been for the Council they might perhaps have heard that the peal which used to hang at St. Andrew's, Wells Street, had been split up into separate units or recast, but partly owing to the Council's action last year they were to be retained as a peal. Those bells were worth saving. Then there was the famous eleventh at St. Saviour's, Southwark, where he was a member of the 'screw' during the war. How sad it would be for those ringers associated with that historic church to feel that in some circumstances out of their control that eleventh should be recast. What was really wanted was that when it came to a crucial point such as Bow, there should be someone, or two or three, or at any rate an authority, immediately available to give the casting vote between the conflicting interests as to which of those interests should ultimately prevail. It was difficult to know where they would find such men, men who were at fault with all the points of ringing and of musical and archaeological knowledge. The President had spoken of the glorious traditions of the past, and some of them felt that there had been men in the past who had handed down to them something worth preserving. He agreed with Mr. Dawe that in a case like Bow tenor it should be handed on, and that where any question arose, their hands should be strengthened by having someone capable who would be prepared to step in and say whether it was wise or not to break up such a bell.

Mr. A. Paddon Smith said he hoped the meeting would not be led away by Mr. Dawe's sweet and seductive tones, followed by the depressing influence of gloomy forecasts. 'Do let us have our bad bells recast,' said Mr. Smith. 'I can see no use whatever in preserving an old thing, simply because it is old. If it is old and good, I will stand up for it with anybody, but if it is old and not good, let us recast it' (hear, hear). How these people of Mr. Dawe's views can mention Bow tenor in the same breath as the eleventh at Exeter I cannot understand. 'Good gracious me,' went on Mr. Smith, 'Exeter eleventh is one of the grandest bells that ever was cast, and in proof of that we have one of our modern firms of bellfounders, when there was recasting to be done a few years ago, very carefully preserving this bell and advising that under no circumstances should it be recast. Bow tenor was never a cover to the other eleven bells since the moment it was put there. I have it on good authority that the bell was very badly cracked. Why on earth, then, do we want to suggest that it should be taken out of the tower, dusted and put back cracked?' (laughter). If we were to talk like that in the business world in my part of the country they would not hesitate to tell us we were 'balmy' (laughter). Mr. Dawe drew an imaginary line round the kingdom and told us that within it there were so many peals of bells, and I am prepared to say that at least half of them ought to be recast next week (hoar, hear). It would be one way of helping to solve the unemployment problem. But, when these things come up for decision, do not let us have a resolution such as this, which will be sent to every incumbent who is thinking of having his bells improved. It will delay and damn the project for ever. Do not let us pass such a motion which may prevent the improvement and recasting of the rottenest peal of ten in England, and that is in Birmingham (laughter and applause). Let us save anything that is worth saving, but don't cumber up a tower with anything that ought to be in a museum. We do not want bells which are no good to us just because Oliver Cromwell rang on them (laughter).

Mr. C. H. Howard, speaking as a member of the Chelmsford Diocesan Advisory Board, said they were safe in the hands of the advisory boards, who were very careful to preserve anything of real historic value. The difficulty was sometimes to see that unnecessary pressure was not put on church authorities by the Advisory and Central Advisory Boards to retain bells which were no good. It was not for that Council to prompt them to go further than they were going to-day.

(To be continued.)

CENTRAL COUNCIL PUBLICATIONS.

Will all holders of 'sale or return' stocks of Council publications kindly send me complete particulars for comparison with the Librarian's accounts.

GEORGE W. FLETCHER.

45, Walsingham Road, Enfield, Middlesex.

THE DANGER OF 'CLOCKING.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—While it is universally admitted that 'clocking' is liable to crack a bell, has it ever been scientifically explained why this is so? With a chiming apparatus the hammer comes up about where the clapper strikes in ringing, so that the bell can 'give'—you can see the ringing ropes move slightly. In clocking, unless the clapper has a lot of side-play, the sound bow is hit in about the same place, and again the bell can give to the blow. The only unorthodox strain would appear to be on the crown staple or the clapper itself, with no unusual strain on the bell. On the other hand, when the tower clock strikes the hours, the hammers come down, not only on the outside of the bell, which was never intended to be struck there, but also just below the stay, so that the bell cannot give at all: it appears to me that this should be far more liable to crack a bell than clocking.

Swanage.

J. B. M. RIDOUT.

MR. J. GEORGE AND THE COUNCIL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. George's letter is couched in very strong language, which is quite unjustified. I cannot help his faulty memory, he has probably been so anxious to persuade himself that he made sufficient protest, that he has forgotten what he previously stated. His letter to Mr. Wright, from which he quotes, was written much too late to be of any use. The peal was rung in November, 1930, and in January of the following year it was reported to be false. In 'The Ringing World' of September 18th, 1931, it was announced that a tablet recording the peal was to be erected, and a strong protest was made. Mr. George must have noticed this. In 'The Ringing World' of October 2nd it was reported that the tablet had been unveiled. The report stated that Mr. George was present and had something to say, but not a word of protest. If he had disagreed, he could at least have kept away from that ceremony, and should have registered a public protest. He should, too, have insisted on his name not appearing on the tablet. In the following weeks many letters of protest from different people appeared in 'The Ringing World,' and on October 23rd a letter appeared, signed by myself, suggesting a reference of the matter to the Central Council. A leading article the following week contained a similar suggestion. I have searched for a protest from Mr. George, but fail to find one, and yet there was plenty of opportunity. Later on the Council met and passed a resolution. Mr. George was not re-elected to the Council, in any case it would have been an impossibility for him to sit in the face of that resolution. His letter of protest to Mr. Wright, written some months later, does not affect the issue, it was much too late. In these circumstances I still feel that my statement at the recent Council meeting was justified, especially in the light of a conversation I had with Mr. George shortly after the erection of the tablet. I cannot help it if he has forgotten. Actions, however, speak louder than words, and Mr. George's actions show ample support for any statements that have been made as to his connection with this matter.

For Mr. Smallwood's information I would like to say that honorary members are usually chosen for their ability and willingness to work for the Council. Nobody was able to say of Mr. George that he was ever willing to place any abilities he may possess at the disposal of the Council, and it is quite possible that this may have influenced many votes. Certainly the Council must choose men willing to work in preference to men who have been found wanting. I do not wish to elaborate this point, but there is ample justification for what I have said. If Mr. Smallwood desires to make comparisons, he should remember that honorary members are responsible to the Council, other members are responsible only to the societies they represent.

It is a great pity that this question was reintroduced. Mr. George's friends did him no service by bringing it up again. It was bound to lead to a protest and the raking up of a business unpleasant for all concerned. If it will help Mr. George I am quite willing to accept his word that he is now sorry for what was done, but I register a strong protest against his accusations. I have no wish to do him an injury, but I cannot let that wish influence my attitude and my vote in the Council chamber.

C. T. COLES.

21, Vincent Road, E.A.

July 1st, 1933.

TIPTON RINGERS IN DERBYSHIRE.

The ringers of the St. Martin's Church, Tipton, visited Derbyshire for their annual outing on Whit Monday. They were accompanied by the Vicar (the Rev. G. R. Mortimore) and friends, the party numbering about 20. They proceeded in motor-coach to Barton-under-Needwood, where they rang on the peal of eight bells and had lunch. They then continued to Ashbourne, where they had the pleasure of ringing again on another peal of eight. Afterwards they journeyed to Mayfield, where after tea ringing took place on the peal of six bells. Touches of various methods were brought round at all three towers. After a short interval, the tourists went on to Stapenhill, to pay a visit to the church and vicarage where the Vicar of Tipton is to take up the living. The tour was completed by the way of Lichfield. The ringers wish to thank all those who helped to make the outing a success.

THE BARNETT MEMORIAL.

The following subscriptions have been received for the Edwin Barnett Memorial: T. E. Smith, 10s.; F. White, £1 1s.; S. H. Green, £1 1s.; W. H. Finsell, 2s. 6d.; H. Barton, 2s. 6d.; E. Uckwell, 10s. 6d.; Mrs. Hayward, 5s.; the Ven. the Archdeacon of Rochester, 10s.; A. H. Pulling, 2s. 6d.; Miss Gedge, 5s.; Canon Coleridge, 10s.; Miss Miles, 5s.; Headcorn Ringers, 5s.; St. Nicholas at Wade, 5s.; St. Lawrence (Ramsgate), 10s.; Mrs. Remison, 2s. 6d.; Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, £1 1s.; West Wickham, 5s.; Mr. Evans, £1; Mr. P. E. Bex, £1; G. and A. Johnson, 2s.; G. H. Payn, 2s.; J. Heasman, 2s. 6d.; Dr. E. L. Taylor, £1; A. R. Brough, £1 1s.; Lamberhurst, 5s.; Speldhurst, 2s. 6d.; C. Slingsby, 3s.; R. K. Knight, 3s.; Rochester St. Margaret's, 5s.; A. G. Driver, 5s.; W. Pickworth, 5s.; J. Armstrong, 1s.; W. H. Attwood, 5s.; Charing, 5s.; Sittingbourne, 10s.; J. Avis, 3s.; Milton-next-Gravesend, 10s.; J. Jones, 2s. 6d.; S. R. Cooper, 2s. 6d.; F. Brett, 2s.; Northfleet, 7s. 6d.; St. Mary, Cray, 5s.; W. Haigh, 5s.; St. George, Beckinson, £1 1s.; All Saints, Maidstone, 15s.; G. R. Pye, 10s.; Mr. and Mrs. R. Richardson, 5s.; Lewisham St. Mary's, 10s.; Central Council of Church Bellringers, £3 3s.; W. S. Bradley, 5s.; E. Gibbs, 5s.; total to date, £23 2s.

Further donations will be gratefully received and acknowledged by Mr. F. M. Mitchell, hon. secretary, 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT AT THANET.

The summer meeting of the Canterbury District was held at St. Lawrence, Thanet, on Saturday, July 1st, by the kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. Cowland Cooper. Over 40 members attended, including some of the St. Albans Cathedral Company and one ringer from Yorkshire. The Vicar conducted service and also gave a most interesting sermon. Tea, followed by the business meeting, in the Parish Room, were presided over by the Vicar, who gave a hearty welcome to the association, and, on behalf of the Canterbury District, gave a special welcome to the visitors from St. Albans. The captain of the St. Albans company thanked the Canterbury District secretary for making their summer meeting coincide with the St. Albans outing.

Mr. E. Spice, on behalf of the meeting, thanked the Vicar for the use of the St. Lawrence bells and for the service, also Mrs. Wilkinson for the musical arrangements, and Mr. Porritt, the local secretary, who had made the arrangements for the meeting. The Vicar suitably replied.

A proposition that Deal should be the place for the district's next by-meeting was carried unanimously.

After tea ringing continued until after 8 o'clock, the following methods being rung: Kent Treble Bob Royal and Major, Superlative Surprise, Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Bob Major.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

A JOINT MEETING.

A meeting of the Salisbury and Devizes Branches was held at Amesbury on Saturday, June 17th. After ringing at various towers en route, the members arrived at the Church of SS. Mary and Melorus for the service at 4.30, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. Moxon).

Tea was served in the Schoolroom, amongst those present being the Rev. R. H. Gundry (Master of the Guild), the Rev. F. L. Edwards (hon. general secretary), Mr. F. Green (assistant general secretary), Mr. W. C. West (hon. secretary, Devizes Branch) and Mrs. West, Mr. F. G. Caple (chairman, Salisbury Branch), Mr. F. W. Romaine (hon. secretary, Salisbury Branch), Mr. E. F. White (vice-chairman, Devizes Branch) and others.

After tea the Master expressed the thanks of those present to the Vicar for allowing the meeting to be held at Amesbury and for taking the service.

The members then returned to the tower. A party also journeyed into Salisbury and enjoyed ringing at St. Martin's. During the afternoon and evening the following methods were rung: Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Stedman Triples and Doubles and Grandsire Doubles. It seemed that all attending thoroughly enjoyed themselves, some expressing a wish that this will not be the last of combined meetings between the two branches.

A WORCESTERSHIRE EXCURSION.

The outing of the Oldswinford ringers was held on Saturday, June 24th, their destination being Upton-on-Severn. Leaving the home of the local secretary, travelling by charabanc by way of Worcester, they visited the British Camp, which is on the top of Malvern Hills, but the view obtained was very poor owing to the rain and mist. A splendid tea awaited the party at the Cross Hotel, Upton, and afterwards permission was obtained from the Vicar to ring on the Parish Church bells. Several touches of Grandsire Triples were nicely struck. The ringers wish to thank Canon Edmondson for so readily acceding to their request, as they had not previously sought permission. They were sorry their friends the Upton ringers were not at home. The return journey through Hanley Swan, Hallow and Witley was very much enjoyed, although the weather was not too kind.

SUFFOLK AND NORFOLK TOWERS VISITED.

On Saturday, June 24th, All Saints' Guild, Feering, Essex, with friends from four adjoining towers, wives and the Vicar and churchwardens, left Kelvedon by coach at 7.30 a.m. for an excursion to Suffolk and Norfolk towers. At Dobenham they were met by Mr. W. Rumsey, and short touches of Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Bob Major enabled the visitors to admire the go and tone of this lovely peal. At Eye, unfortunately, they could not ring, so they passed on to Diss, where they were met by several of the local company, including the veteran, Mr. W. Ireland, who took part in a perfect touch of Stedman. After various other touches, lunch next claimed attention, and then the journey was resumed to Redenhall, where they again received a hearty welcome, and one of the local men demonstrated his power with the twig for finding water and metals. Pulham Market was next visited, the visitors being met by Mr. C. Roope, and then on to Pulham St. Mary, where tea was followed by touches on the bells, and a very cordial welcome was given by the Rector. Arriving somewhat late at Stowmarket, two short touches on this grand peal enabled everyone to ring. The number of changes brought round during the day was 3,816. Home was reached at 10.30 p.m. After 15 hours of travel and ringing, dining and sight-seeing, everyone felt they had enjoyed a pleasant and successful trip, and thanks are due to the various incumbents for the use of the bells and to all local men who assisted in the arrangements and several who met the party.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

NEWBURY BRANCH.

The summer meeting of the Newbury Branch was held at Hungerford on Saturday, June 24th, when the following towers were represented: Beeton, Bucklebury, Brightwalton, East Ilsley, Highclere, Newbury, Thatcham and Hungerford. Visitors were present from Overton, Basingstoke, Abingdon and Reading. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. Wardley King), who gave a very interesting address. In the absence of the organist, the Vicar led the singing with a violin. Tea was served in the Church House by Mr. and Mrs. Reed, and about 30 sat down to an excellent meal.

The business meeting followed. The Rev. H. Wardley King presided in the absence of the chairman (the Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford), who sent an apology.

The next meeting was fixed for East Ilsley on Saturday, September 9th.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for his address and welcome to the ringers, also for playing the violin for the service; and to Mr. and Mrs. Reed for providing the tea.

Some good touches in the following methods were brought round: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge Major. Hungerford bells are a very nice peal of eight, with tenor 13½ cwt.

V.W.H. BRANCH MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Vale of White Horse Branch was held at Faringdon on Saturday, June 3rd. Ringing commenced about 2.30, followed by a short service in All Saints' Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. W. Dunbar), who also gave a very interesting address. Mr. H. Mason was at the organ.

Tea was served at the Wheatsheaf to 32 ringers and visitors. The chairman of the branch (the Rev. A. J. de D. Denne) presided at the business meeting, supported by the Rev. J. W. Dunbar, the Rev. R. C. L. Newhouse, Mr. R. T. Hibbert (general secretary of the Guild), Mr. A. J. Wright (hon. treasurer of the Guild), Mr. R. Gilling (branch secretary) and members from Faringdon, Buckland, Uffington and Shrivenham, with visitors from Swindon, Newbury and Staulake.

The financial statement was presented by the branch secretary, showing a balance in hand of £6 3s. 10d. in the general fund and £3 10s. in the restoration fund.

The officers elected for the year were: The Rev. A. J. de D. Denne, chairman; Mr. R. Gilling, hon. secretary and treasurer; and Mr. F. Wheeler, branch representative. Three new members were elected—Mr. H. Townsend (Faringdon), Mr. A. H. Minns and Mr. A. W. Richens (Uffington).

The Chairman spoke very feelingly of the loss to the Guild caused by the death of the late Master, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, and of the great work he had done. He hoped everyone would do their best to see it was carried on. This was also mentioned in the short talks given by Mr. R. T. Hibbert and Mr. A. J. Wright. A grant of £2 2s. from the restoration fund was made towards the cost of repairing the bell frame of Shrivenham Parish Church.

It was suggested that the autumn meeting be held at Uffington on October 7th.

The Chairman thanked the Vicar for allowing the meeting to be held at Faringdon and for his address. He also thanked the organist for his services and the ladies who served the teas. The ringers then made a move to the belfry, where ringing continued during the evening.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

DOVER.—On Sunday, June 18th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Brook's): S. A. Wells 1, T. Robinson 2, J. Eagles 3, H. J. Saunders 4, H. Whitehead 5, C. R. Millway 6, R. T. Clark (conductor) 7, C. Hardiman 8. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. W. A. M. Parker, who is leaving Dover for West Wickham. The conductor's first attempt for a quarter-peal.

SEELY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, June 18th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples for evensong: *P. C. L. Gibbs 1, C. Webb 2, H. Haslam 3, V. G. H. Hemus 4, J. E. Eaton 5, C. H. Stanley 6, Wm. B. Cartwright (conductor) 7, *K. J. Davis 8. * First quarter-peal. † First quarter 'inside.' Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. Wm. Humphreys, aged 88 years, who was a very old parishioner and schoolmaster for many years.

HADDENHAM, CAMBS.—At the Parish Church on Sunday, June 18th, for afternoon service, 720 Cambridge Minor; for evening service, a quarter-peal (1,320 changes) of London Surprise Minor: C. Gimbart 1, P. Warrington (conductor) 2, F. G. Gleaves 3, M. Ginn 4, R. Knights 5, G. Few 6. Also 720 Cambridge Minor. The British Legion standard dedication services were held on this day.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Sunday, June 18th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. Dale 1, J. Cross 2, *A. Rolph 3, *J. Blay 4, E. J. Trimmer 5, *G. Playle 6, J. Cornford (conductor) 7, S. Miles 8. * First quarter Stedman.

SONNING, BERKS.—On Sunday afternoon, June 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): C. Bolden 1, F. Cox 2, E. Smith 3, W. Porter 4, G. Cleeve 5, C. Shepherd 6, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 7, G. Wright 8. Ringers of 3, 4, 5 and 6 hail from Shiplake, treble, 2 and tenor local and the conductor hails from Forest Hill, London, and wishes to thank all for coming and the Vicar (the Archdeacon of Berkshire) for kindly allowing them to ring.

ROCHESTER.—On Sunday, June 11th, at St. Margaret's Church for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Kidd (first quarter-peal) 1, T. Hills 2, C. Norris 3, S. Shellock 4, F. Belsey (conductor) 5, W. Kidd 6, W. G. Wilson (Ealing) 7, A. Haylor 8.

FRINDSBURY.—On Trinity Sunday, June 11th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. A. G. Allen 1, Mrs. E. A. G. Allen 2, R. Humphrey 3, Miss H. Collishaw 4, T. Beaumont 5, L. Crouch 6, G. Philpott (conductor) 7, J. Aitkin 8.

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.—At St. Mary's Church for Confirmation service on Sunday, June 11th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,344 changes): W. J. Butler (first quarter-peal of Major) 1, A. Butler (first quarter-peal of Major) 2, J. W. Faithfull (conductor) 3, A. E. Newman 4, F. Mursell 5, H. Reeves 6, N. Curtis 7, R. Brown 8.

LAVENHAM.—On Sunday, June 11th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): M. T. Symonds (conductor) 1, W. J. Andrews 2, A. Symonds 3, D. A. S. Symonds 4, W. Jarvis 5, L. Offord 6, L. Pryke 7, W. R. J. Poulson 8. First quarter-peal in the method by the ringers of the 4th and 6th.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday afternoon, June 11th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major in 46 mins.: H. Ridgeway 1, *J. A. Green 2, T. Roberts 3, L. Smith 4, E. C. Lambert 5, F. Case 6, R. Foddy 7, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 8. * First touch of Kent. Rung on the second anniversary of the rededication of the bells after rehanging by J. Taylor and Sons.

CHATHAM, KENT.—On Sunday, June 4th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): H. Sprigate 1, H. Hogarth 2, F. Belsey (conductor) 3, S. Shellock 4, W. Walker 5, W. Beaumont 6, C. Norris 7, G. Lawrence 8.

FEERING, ESSEX.—On Whit Sunday, for matins: E. Johnson 1, R. Grainger 2, J. Newman 3, F. Bennett 5, F. Newman 5, W. Keeble (conductor) 6, G. Hayward 7, F. Fludder 8.

SOUTHGATE.—On Sunday, May 28th, for morning service, 1,251 Stedman Caters: A. R. Glasscock 1, S. Wade 2, W. Pickworth 3, J. Armstrong (conductor) 4, G. Plater 5, D. Ovington 6, J. Miller 7, H. Miller 8, N. A. Tomlinson 9, A. G. Crane 10.

A QUARTER-PEAL AFTER THREE PRACTICES.

On Tuesday evening, June 20th, in the belfry of the Parish Church, Kettering, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) was rung on the handbells: Miss D. Moir 1, H. T. Eastbrooke 2, A. S. Toseland 3, B. P. Morris (conductor) 4-5. This was the first attempt by all for a quarter-peal 'in hand'. The treble ringer had had only three previous practices in change ringing, and is to be congratulated on her performance.

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ST. MARY-LE-BOW.—Ringers' Opening. — On Saturday, July 8th. All ringers welcome. 2.30 p.m., ringing; 4, short service; 5, tea, by invitation of Mr. H. Gordon Selfridge, at Selfridge's, Oxford Street (main entrance); 6.30 to 8.15, ringing; 8.30 to 11.45, social at Cannon Street Hotel (Pillar Hall), part of Cannon Street Station. The towers of St. Giles-in-the-Field (8), St. James', Clerkenwell (8) will also be available at 2.30 and 6.30. Transport from St. Mary-le-Bow to Selfridge's by Buses Nos. 7, 8, 23, 123, 184, 185 and 188, also from Bank Tube Station to Bond Street on the Central London Railway. Car park in Somerset Street. Tea tickets to be obtained on the day between 2 and 4 at St. Mary-le-Bow. Members of committee will wear a bell badge, their names being Messrs. G. A. Card, G. Cross, A. W. Coles, C. T. Coles, J. H. Cheesman, J. S. Goldsmith, F. M. Mitchell, A. B. Peck, T. H. Taffender, J. Trustram, A. W. Hersee and C. F. Johnston.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Yelvertoft (5) on Saturday, July 8th. Usual arrangements.—Geo. A. Hollick, Branch Sec., Welford, Rugby.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bradfield Deanery Branch.—Summer meeting will be held at Streatley on Saturday, July 8th. Ringing at Streatley from 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m.: Guild members 6d.; non-members 9d. Goring bells (8) are available after tea. All ringers are welcome. — T. W. Palmer, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Halewood on Saturday, July 8th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea (9d. each) and meeting to follow. For tea notify the Rector, Halewood, Liverpool. Make an effort to attend and notify Claude I. Davies, Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Liverpool 16.

LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Christchurch on Saturday, July 8th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea (1s. per head) 4 o'clock. Service 5 o'clock, followed by meeting. Gentlemen heartily welcome. — Edith K. Fletcher, Hon. Gen. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District. — A meeting will be held at Eaton Socon on Saturday, July 8th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come and make the meeting a success. — C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Midsomer Norton and Frome Branch. — Quarterly meeting will be held at Kilmersdon on Saturday, July 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business 5 p.m. All intending to be present kindly notify G. M. Hasell, 11, Council Houses, Timsbury, near Bath.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Lenham on Saturday, July 8th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.45, followed by tea and business meeting. Please notify me early.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungelow, Linton, Maidstone.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Mayfield on Saturday, July 8th. Tower opened 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. — G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the Southampton District will be held at Fawley on Saturday, July 8th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. — G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishops Cleeve.

BARNLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual shield contest will be held at Darfield on Saturday, July 8th. Draw at 2.45 p.m. Entries close on July 1st.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec., 67, Avenue Road, Wath-on-Dearne, near Rotherham.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Long Ashton. Tower open 2.45 p.m. Divine service 4.30. Tea at the Angel Inn at 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow. Please remember date, Sat. July 8th.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Hatfield Broad Oak on July 8th at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 73, Rye Street, Bishops Stortford.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—A meeting will be held at Hurstpierpoint on Wednesday, July 12th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., by kind invitation, followed by business meeting.—J. M. Cripps, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Hooper Cottages, Old Shoreham.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on July 11, St. Magnus' on the 13th and 27th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 20th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 25th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival at Swansea, Saturday, July 15th. 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. Mary's Church, Swansea (Preacher: Canon W. T. Havard). 4 p.m.: Tea at Curran's Restaurant, Heathfield Street (by kind invitation of Canon W. T. Havard). 4.30 p.m.: Business meeting. Please let me know the number for tea by Saturday, July 8th, without fail. — L. T. Havard, Hon. Sec., 5, St. Mary Street, Brecon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The next meeting will be held at Tunstall on Saturday, July 15th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea by kind invitation. Business meeting after tea. Kindly inform me not later than Tuesday, 11th.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival. — This will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 15th. Service in Cathedral at 11.15 a.m. Preacher: Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge. Business meeting in Chapter House immediately after service. Dinner in Christ Church Hall at 1.30 p.m. Tickets, 2s. each to members; 3s. to non-members. Applications for tickets, accompanied by remittance, must reach general secretary by Wednesday, July 12th, after which date the business will be in the hands of the caterers. A collection will be taken at the

service for the Restoration Fund. The G.W.R. and the L.M. & S. Railway will issue cheap tickets to Oxford from any station in the diocese. Will members please note that vital business will come before the meeting on this date. — Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Brasted on Saturday, July 15th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea (by kind invitation of E. H. Lewis, Esq.) at Moorcocks after service, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, July 11th.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—The next meeting will be held at Tunstall on Saturday, July 15th.—Stanley J. T. Sherlock, Hon. Dis. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE HERTFORD ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of these associations will be held at Hadley, near Barnet, on Saturday, July 15th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.45, 1s. each. Please advise Mr. C. T. Coles not later than July 12th. Barnet bells open for ringing from 3 to 4.30 p.m. All ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4; W. Nash, North Mimms, Hatfield, Hon. Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—A practice meeting will be held at Flixton (8 bells) on Saturday, July 15th. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Special practice, Miles Platting, Tuesday, July 11th.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION will hold the annual meeting, and a six-bell contest, at Meltham on Saturday, July 15th. Draw 2.45 p.m. Those who require tea, 1s. 6d. each, must send word not later than July 8th.—L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. — The July quarterly meeting will be held at Monk's Kirby, near Rugby, on Saturday, July 15th. Bells (8) available during afternoon and evening. Tea at the Denbigh Arms, with business meeting to follow.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at the Priory, Great Malvern, on Saturday, July 15th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Further particulars next week. Those intending to be present please notify me before Wednesday, July 12th. — F. S. Hawkes, Duddage, Twynning, near Tewkesbury.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Milton on Saturday, July 15th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Usual arrangements. Will those who will require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, July 11th. — F. Browning, 10, Butts Hill, Bugbrooke, Northampton.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD AND HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bridgnorth District.—A combined meeting of the above will be held at Bridgnorth on Saturday, July 15th. Bells, St. Leonard's (8), St. Mary's (6), available at 3 p.m. Tea, at the King's Head Hotel, at 5. Please send word to Mr. H. E. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton, or Mr. G. Case, 22, Severn Street, Bridgnorth.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District.—A meeting will be held at Chobham on Saturday, July 15th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please let me know by Wednesday, July 12th, if you are coming.—Kathleen Eastes, Hon. Sec., Holly Brox, Ottershaw, Chertsey.

LADIES' GUILD. — Northern Branch. — Meeting at Sutton-on-Trent, Saturday, July 15th; 3 o'clock. Gentlemen invited. Those requiring tea please notify Miss Burchnall, Pembroke House, Sutton-on-Trent, by July 13th. — L. N. Cawthorne and I. B. Thompson, Hon. Secs.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD. — South and West District. — A meeting will be held at Harlington on Saturday, July 15th. Bells (6) available from 3.30. Short service at 5. Tea in Church Hall about 5.30 p.m. Next meeting at Ruislip on Saturday, August 19th.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District. — A meeting will be held at Ringwood on Saturday, July 15th. Bells available from 2.30.—G. Preston, Christchurch.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD. — The next meeting will be held at Wye on Saturday, July 15th. Bells ready 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. — P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Whiston on Saturday, July 15th. Bells at 2.30. Service 4.30, conducted by the Rector. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those who hope to be present for tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, July 11th?—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Stanford-on-Soar on Saturday, July 15th. Bells (8) will be available at 3.30 p.m.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the Grimsby District will be held at Thornton Curtis on Saturday, July 15th. Bells (6) ready 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, 5 p.m., in Vicarage grounds, if fine, at a moderate charge. Business meeting to follow. *Please note:* Numbers for tea to the Rev. J. H. Park, Thornton Curtis Vicarage, Ulceby S.O., by the Wednesday previous. All ringers and friends welcome.—H. Mingay, 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Orlingbury (5) on Saturday, July 15th. Usual arrangements. Please notify me by Tuesday, July 11th, if you require tea.—H. Baxter, 256, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wyke Regis on Saturday, July 15th. Bells (8), also Abbotsbury and Upwey, from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

BRILL, BUCKS.—The ring of 6 bells, restored and rehung in a new oak frame, will be dedicated on Thursday, July 20th, at 2.30 p.m. Tea will be obtainable. Service in church at 7.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., Central Bucks Branch of Oxford Guild.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Beddington on July 22nd. Ringing 3 to 5 p.m. Tea at Harvest Home 5.15. Business, ringing and social hour to follow. A nice run out to verdant fields. P.C.s re tea appreciated by J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Freshwater on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, 5, at Gillings' Tea Rooms, Station Road, by kind invitation of the Rector, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome. Will those who require tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, July 18th?—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., Collingwood, 23, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Summer Festival at Leatherhead and Ashted, Saturday, July 22nd. Ringing at both towers from 2.30 p.m. and after tea. Service at Leatherhead at 4.30 p.m. Meat tea (1s. 6d. per head) at the Institute, Leatherhead, at 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea must be sent to me not later than Tuesday, July 18th.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Kirdford on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (6) available from 2 o'clock till 9. Short service 4.30. Tea, 5.15, at the Half Moon, 1s. each. All those intending being present kindly advise me by Tuesday prior to the meeting.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Cuthbert's Church, Lytham (8 bells) on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool, S.S.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Adderbury, on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service 4 o'clock, followed by tea and business meeting. Banbury (10) and Deddington (6) will be available in the evening. Good bus services. For tea, kindly notify.—E. Pearson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Deddington, Oxford.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—By the invitation of the President (Canon C. C. Marshall) and the ringers of St. Chad's, Far Headingley, Leeds, a summer meeting will be held at the above tower on Saturday, July 29th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea (1s. each)

in the Schools at 5 p.m. No committee meeting or business meeting. The Vicarage gardens will be open to all ringers and friends. Please send in names for tea to Canon C. C. Marshall, St. Chad's Vicarage.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, near Rotherham.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival, Saturday, July 29th, 2 to 9 p.m., at Callington. Bells: Callington (6), Linkinhorne (6), St. Mellion (6), Pillaton (6), South Hill (5). Service in Callington Church 4 p.m. Tea 4.45. Will those who intend to be present notify me by July 17th?—Rev. H. Trehwella, St. Paul's Vicarage, Truro.

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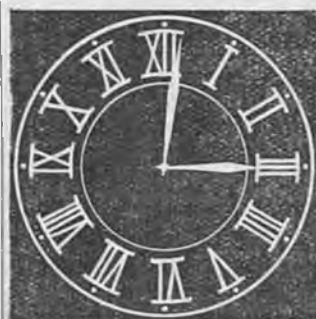
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