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Since the President of the Central Council has been an active member of the Towers and Belfries Committee there has always been something of real value to learn from the report of the committee. The report usually consisted of verbal statements of the members upon belfry inspections which they had carried out, as a result of which church authorities received independent and gratuitous advice upon the condition of their bells and the most efficient means of restoring them. Interesting as these statements may have been, they did little by way of enlightening the Council, except as to the extent to which the services of the members of the committee had been called upon. But since Mr. Lewis returned from his 'exile' in Scotland and has been able to give more attention to this important side of the Council's work, the Towers and Belfries Committee's report, made through the President, has always contained a thoughtful exposition on some one or more questions connected with bells and towers. And it has always been given in a manner that the least technically minded ringer can understand. Those who have followed Mr. Lewis's expositions from year to year must have gained quite a lot of useful knowledge on subjects outside the actual art of ringing, but yet of paramount importance to the ringer and the continuance of his work.

At the Warwick meeting Mr. Lewis touched upon two or three matters of special interest, and his comparisons between plain and ball bearings for bells will, we think, be welcomed by those ringers—and there are still a considerable number about—who prefer the old fashioned method of bell hanging. It has been said that ball bearings on heavy bells are of no use and on little bells are not needed. Whatever truth there may be in this statement, there are quite a number of experienced ringers who, under certain circumstances—one being at the light end of a heavy peal—prefer plain bearings, which enable a bell to be 'held' with less physical strain. We now have the authority of Mr. Lewis that the amount of energy lost in friction in a well-cared for plain bearing is really very small, and that there is in reality practically no difference in the expenditure of effort necessary to ring a bell on well cared for old-fashioned bearings and a bell on ball bearings.

Where the snag of the plain bearings comes in, however, is in the fact that a great many of them are not well cared for. They need far more attention than bearings of the modern type. While for lack of suitable lubrication they will very quickly turn a good-going bell into a bad-going bell, ball bearings will go on for years, not only without attention from the steeple keeper, but

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providing compensation against any loss of alignment caused by atmospheric effects upon a timber frame. Ball bearings, undoubtedly, will keep indifferently cared for bells running far longer than they would on plain bearings, but opinion on the question of which are most suitable from the ringers' point of view, given proper care and attention, will, perhaps, always be divided. There is one tendency, however, which ball bearings have in many cases. The knowledge that the bearings do not need lubrication leads, sometimes, to neglect of other things. Not having to go up into the belfry to grease the bells, the lax steeple keeper fails to carry out other duties which devolve upon him. He does not, for example, trouble to go up so often to tighten, if necessary, the bolts on the stocks, or to put a spanner to the bolts of the frame, both of which ought to have regular attention. It is often said that ball bearings make lazy steeple keepers and we are afraid that in some instances this is true.

TEN BELL PEAL.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, June 6, 1934, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN GATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt. in C sharp

FRED HAYES Treble	HARRY WINGROVE 6
*DOROTHY FLETCHER 2	F. DONALD BOREHAM 7
RALPH COLES 3	GEORGE WHITE 8
REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG 4	EDWARD R. COLES 9
ALAN R. PINK 5	LEONARD STILLWELL Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED HAYES.

* First peal on ten bells. Rung after meeting short for Treble 12. Rung in honour of the marriage of Miss Mary Margaret Nutt, daughter of an honorary lay reader of the parish, to Mr. A. J. Williams, which took place at the above church earlier in the day.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 26, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

JOSEPH S. CARTER Treble	RICHARD F. DEAL 5
RICHARD F. ROE 2	KENNETH A. ROE 6
WILLIAM H. HUMBERSTONE 3	FREDERICK H. DEXTER 7
DR. F. STEDMAN POOLE 4	*JOSEPH UPTON Tenor

Conducted by K. A. ROE.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Queen Mary.

STRETTFORD.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 2, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

FRED DONKERLEY Treble	STEPHEN PARRY 5
WILFRED J. MOSS 2	CHARLES OLLIER 6
FREDERICK J. STEELE 3	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON 7
NORMAN HEAPS 4	JAMES CHAMBERLAIN Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER (No. 8). Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Olive Cooke, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Cooke. Also on the birth of a granddaughter to the ringer of the 2nd. The band were afterwards entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. Cooke, to whom they express their thanks.

MEREWORTH, KENT.—On Sunday evening, April 14th, at the Parish Church, 720 Bob Minor (42 singles): G. H. Bishop 1, L. Newman 2, H. Boorman 3, T. Saunders 4, G. A. Newman 5, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 6.

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

On Saturday, June 2, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*ALBERT A. LUCAS Treble	ALFRED BALLARD 5
WILLIAM WHITE 2	GEORGE A. NEWTON 6
HECTOR A. KNIGHTS 3	GEORGE P. GARNER 7
THOMAS K. DEACON 4	PERCIVAL A. ALDBAM Tenor

Conducted by G. A. NEWTON.

* First peal. First peal on the bells since they were returned and rehung by John Taylor and Co.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 3, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

OLIVER SIPPETTS Treble	KENNETH SNELLING 5
GEORGE OLIVER 2	JACK M. CRIPPS 6
NELSON ELLIOT 3	REGINALD V. JOHNSON 7
C. ERNEST SMITH 4	ROBERT SWIFT Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

Rung after an abortive attempt for Spliced Surprise.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 3, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES Treble	JAMES BENNETT 5
STEPHEN H. HOARE 2	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 6
ALFRED J. HOUSE 3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT 7
JOHN G. NASH 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

First peal in the method on the bells, and by all except the ringer of the 5th. Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 4, 1934, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES E. DAVIS Treble	HARRY HOSKINS 5
BERNARD H. SWINSON 2	NELSON ELLIOT 6
JACK M. CRIPPS 3	ERNEST BRETT 7
JOSEPH WAGHORN 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by J. E. DAVIS.

MARKET DRAYTON.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 5, 1934, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

FRANCIS S. WILSON Treble	WILLIAM J. CHESTER 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	*FRANK HEALEY 6
ALFRED S. BAYLEY 3	EDWARD V. RODENBURST 7
WILLIAM WEATHERBY 4	WILLIAM SAUNDERS Tenor

Conducted by E. V. RODENBURST.

* First peal. A birthday compliment to the wife of the ringer of the third. It is 40 years since Mr. Fussell took part in the first peal of Major in the tower.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 6, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A. J. PITMAN'S ODD AND EVEN BOB IRREGULAR FIVE-PART, No. 14.

Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb.

MAURICE SWINFELD Treble	J. CHARLES DICKENS 5
JOSEPH BAILEY 2	J. ALFRED BARRATT 6
EDWARD F. GOBBY 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
JOHN H. SWINFELD 4	W. RICHARDSON DRAGE Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time and completes peals in all the parts possible on this plan rung by the Wednesday afternoon band. Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 5, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 21½ cwt.

RONALD H. DOVE Treble	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 5
KEITH HART 2	JACK M. CRIPPS 6
JOSIAH D. HARRIS 3	NELSON ELLIOTT 7
TOWER R. TAYLOR 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS Tenor

Composed by CHAS. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS

One hundredth peal by ringer of the treble.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 7, 1934, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

SAMUEL WARNE Treble	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5
RONALD H. BOLLIN 2	ALBERT WIFFEN 6
FREDERICK REDGWELL 3	WALTER ARNOLD 7
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

At the conclusion of the peal the band were welcomed by the Dean, the Very Rev. Dr. Rogers.

PULHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 7, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

ERNEST WHITING Treble	CHARLES LOOME 5
CHARLES BAKER 2	RUSSELL RICHES 6
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	CECIL V. EBBERTSON 7
CHARLES W. ROOPE 4	FREDERICK J. ROOPE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, June 7, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF MANCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

EDWARD JONES Treble	JAMES A. MILNER 5
WILFRED STEVENSON 2	WILLIAM FERNLEY 6
JAMES FERNLEY JUN. 3	W. W. WOLSTENCROFT 7
LIONEL CLOUGH 4	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

This method, of which Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft is the author, is now rung for the first time.

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HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 9, 1934, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 6016 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

HENRY TOOKE Treble	*BERTIE J. HOWCHIN 5
RUSSELL W. CDRSON 2	NOLAN GOLDEN 6
GEORGE MAYERS 3	WILLIAM J. CLOVER 7
WALTER R. FARROW 4	ERIC G. BENNETT Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal in the method at first attempt. First peal in the method and first Surprise peal on the bells by a resident Norfolk band. Longest peal in the method by the association and longest peal on the bells.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, June 7, 1934, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWARD S. T. FARR Treble	*WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM 5
MISS K. M. BRADFORD 2	WILLIAM WELLING 6
LEONARD STILLWELL 3	FRANK CORKE 7
EDWARD J. BRAGG 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal in the method. Frank Corke's 100th peal for the association.

BOLSTERSTONE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 9, 1934, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble	*JAMES H. CHARLESWORTH 5
*ALBERT HELLIWELL 2	J. HYLTON SYKES 6
WILLIAM A. WOOLER 3	AMBURN WILSON 7
WILLIAM J. THYNG 4	THOMAS E. LEE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

* First peal of Oxford, and first of Oxford on the bells.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 9, 1934, in Three Hours and One-and-a-Half Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

EDWARD P. DUFFIELD Treble	FREDERICK REDGWELL 5
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 2	WALTER ARNOLD 6
ALBERT WIFFEN 3	WILLIAM KEEBLE 7
FRANK CLAYDON 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

A birthday compliment to F. Claydon, and the 28th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. F. Redgwell, who kindly entertained the band at the conclusion of the peal. The monthly peal for the division.

SEELY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 9, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES.

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in G.

H. JAMES TURNER Treble	GEORGE E. LARGE 5
C. HOWARD STANLEY 2	*HENRY H. FEARN 6
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT 3	JOHN WITHERS JUN. 7
WILLIAM SHORT 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 9, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FREDERICK M. MITCHELL Treble	EDWARD J. BEER 5
H. RICHARD FRENCH 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 6
GEORGE J. BUTCHER 3	JOHN H. CHESMAN 7
HARRY HOVERD 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by J. H. CHESMAN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Muriel, elder daughter of the ringer of the treble.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 9, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

HENRY BARRELL Treble	GEORGE GOWER 5
STANLEY COPLING 2	RUSSELL RICHES 6
ROBERT GARDINER 3	CHARLES LOOME 7
GEORGE HOWLETT 4	ERNEST WHITING Tenor

Composed by JAMES PAGETT.

Conducted by CHARLES LOOME.

First peal as conductor.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

DENVER, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(WISBECH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 19, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, and one of Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

ALFRED E. BACON Treble	CLAUDE COUSINS 4
WALLACE W. COUSINS 2	JOHN BUCKENHAM 5
*CHARLES A. UTTERIDGE 3	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM Tenor

Conducted by W. BUCKENHAM.

* First peal in more than one method.

SHOULDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(WISBECH BRANCH.)

On Monday, May 21, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of St. Clement's and Oxford Bob, and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*WATSON STUART Treble	VICTOR BOWEN 4
ALFRED E. BACON 2	JOHN BUCKENHAM 5
FREDERICK MATTHEWS 3	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM Tenor

Conducted by W. BUCKENHAM.

* First peal.

GRAFTON UNDERWOOD, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 26, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

LEONARD G. TOSELAND Treble	HORACE PATRICK 3
W. REGINALD BUTCHER 2	ARCHIBALD S. TOSELAND 4
BURLEY P. MORRIS Tenor	

Conducted by BURLEY P. MORRIS.

Arranged and rung as a wedding peal for Mr. Leonard G. Toseland and Miss Constance E. Chester, of Loddington. L. G. Toseland has now rung every bell in this tower to a peal.

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**BROMESBERRY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sunday, May 27, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different callings. Tenor 7 cwt.
CHARLES H. COX... ..Treble | JOHN J. WEBB 4
ARCHIBALD MORRIS 2 | ERNEST COX 5
CHARLES L. SADLER 3 | ALFRED T. POULTONTenor

Conducted by ALFRED T. POULTON.

First peal of Minor on the bells, which have been recently overhauled by Messrs. Bond. Rung as a compliment to Miss Venmore, who defrayed the cost.

**EAST PECKHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, June 2, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

* EDWARD BUTCHERTreble | TOM SAUNDERS 4
GEORGE EDWARDS 2 | * WILLIAM GORMAN 5
CHARLES SAUNDERS 3 | LUTHER J. HONESSTenor

Conducted by LUTHER J. HONESS.

* First peal.

**CHISELDON, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Saturday, June 2, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Cross,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM E. FARMER ... Treble | WILLIAM B. KYNASTON ... 3
* BENJAMIN H. THOMPSON ... 2 | BENJAMIN THOMPSON ... 4
† WILLIAM A. FARMER ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM B. KYNASTON.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire. First peal on the bells. The ringers of treble and tenor and 4th and 2nd are father and son respectively.

**BROMHAM, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, June 2, 1934, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes

At the Church of St. Owen,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 23 cwt.

GEORGE WHITETreble | REGINALD WEST 4
HENRY W. GAYTON 2 | HERBERT L. HARLOW 5
FRANK C. TYSOR 3 | PEARL INSKIPTenor

Conducted by PEARL INSKIP.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, June 2, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, with ten callings.

REV. J. R. KING... ..Treble | CECIL VERREY 4
* REGINALD PRICE 2 | † FREDERICK G. BAILEY ... 5
JAMES HAYNES 3 | THOMAS A. HAYNESTenor

Conducted by FREDERICK G. BAILEY.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. All the ringers are of the local team, and this is the first peal of any kind attempted at Measham with all local men.

**UBLEY, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, June 2, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With ten different callings.

ERNEST TOSSELLTreble | * CHARLES BUSH 4
WILLIAM F. WEBB 2 | † JEFFREY TOSSELL 5
JOHN PARKER 3 | † EDWARD DURBINTenor

Conducted by JEFFREY TOSSELL.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. First peal by a Sunday service band. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of the Rector (the Rev. W. Ford).

**CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sunday, June 3, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 21 differently called 240's. Tenor 12½ cwt.

FREDERICK J. WATKINS ...Treble | WILLIAM BEAVER... .. 5
THOMAS BEAVER 2 | ALBERT E. JONES... .. 6
V. JAMES CARLESS 3 | JAMES P. HYETT 7
DENNIS J. SHARPLES 4 | JAMES L. GOODETenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

First peal on the bells by the local band. The ringers were afterwards entertained to tea at the Vicarage.

ELSTOW, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 6, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Helena,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

VERNEY COOPERTreble | REGINALD WEST 4
MISS EVELYN STEEL 2 | WILLIAM STAPLETON 5
CHARLES W. CLARKE 3 | SIDNEY FOSKETTTenor

Conducted by W. STAPLETON.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

On Saturday, June 9, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, viz.: (1) Whitley and Northumberland, (2) Rosendale and Lighfoot, (3) Stamford and Wearnmouth, (4) Hexham and Surfleet, (5) Berwick and Beverley, (6) Norfolk and Ipswich, (7) Primrose and Cambridge.

JAMES WAGHORN, SEN. ...Treble | ANDREW MARSHALL 4
THOMAS FULLER 2 | JAMES WAGHORN, JUN. 5
ALBERT RELFE 3 | JAMES BASSETTTenor

Composed and Conducted by A. RELFE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar, Rev. E. S. Jose.

GAMSTON, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 9, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt.

MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ...Treble | GEORGE FOSTER... .. 4
WALTER RICH 2 | * FREDERICK HOOPER 5
MISS KATHLEEN BURCHNALL ... 3 | † HAROLD DENMANTenor

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

* First peal of Minor. † 25th peal. Rung to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the opening of the bells, and also a birthday compliment to G. and K. Burchnall.

HOTHFIELD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 10, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Bourne, Ipswich, Cambridge, Netherseale and Norwich Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. in A flat.

GEORGE C. HILL... ..Treble | WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD ... 4
MISS MARGARET PACK 2 | MISS GLADYS PACK 5
WILLIAM J. HENNIKER 3 | ALEXANDER WADDINGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by A. WADDINGTON.

First peal in seven Treble Bob methods by all, and first attempt. First peal ever rung on the bells. Rung in honour of the visit of the Lord Bishop of Dover on the occasion of the dedication of the children's banner.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

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MOULTON'S HISTORIC DAY.

NEW BELLS DEDICATED TO MISSIONARY PIONEER.

Last Saturday (June 9th) was the greatest day in the history of the Northants village of Moulton. It was the centenary of the death of William Carey, the great pioneer of modern missions, who died June 9th, 1834. The parish joined in the world-wide celebrations by augmenting its church bells, for it was in Moulton that Carey thought out his schemes of the world's evangelisation.

Dr. Sidney Madge, F.S.A., an old Moultonian boy, gave the treble bell, and wished it to be dedicated to Carey, as he was the originator of the most remarkable phenomenon in the history of the Christian Church, viz., evangelisation by missionary societies and founder of the first missionary society. The second bell was provided by the generous subscriptions given by both church and chapel people. Carey was a Baptist minister. This, also, is the first time in history that a bell has been dedicated to a Nonconformist minister.

There was an influx of 3,000 people into the village, which rose to the occasion and catered for them all. The weather was ideal, and added to the success of the great day.

A grand procession, with band, started off from Carey's Chapel to the Parish Church, where it was met at the church gates by the Vicar, the Rev. J. M. Turner, wardens, sidesmen, the Rural Dean, the Rev. J. White, Rector of Pitsford, Mr. F. Wilford, Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, several of the neighbouring clergy interested in ringing, Dr. Sidney Madge and his son, the Rev. S. Madge.

The augmented procession wended its way along the churchyard path to the belfry door, for the dedication was to take place in the open air. Between one and two thousand people squeezed into the churchyard, the adjacent streets and into the church itself. An admirable microphone and loud speaker, which had been set up, enabled every word to be heard half a mile away.

The service opened with the hymn, 'Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven,' led by a cornet. Psalm 122, the bellringers' psalm, 'I was glad when they said unto me,' was sung to the bellringers' chant, composed by the Vicar. The first lesson was read by the local Baptist minister, the second by the president of the Northants Baptist Association, and the address given by Carey's great-grandson, the Rev. Pearce Carey, M.A. The bellringers' hymn, 'Unchanging God,' was sung heartily by the hundreds of bellringers present, led by the Moulton ringers on their sweet-toned handbells.

The donors, Dr. S. Madge and the Vicar, took the rope ends of the two new bells, which came well out of the belfry door, and with suitable words handed them to the wardens. They in turn handed the ropes to the Rural Dean, who dedicated the bells. The ropes were next handed to the foreman ringer, Mr. E. Tebbutt, and the ringing instructor, Mr. Tom Tebbutt, who amidst intense silence proceeded to raise the two bells. The Rural Dean offered suitable prayers, and then for the first time in Moulton's history eight bells were heard. The octave was in perfect harmony, thanks to the skill of Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and the music was lovely as the local band, including three girls, rang the plain course of Grandsire Triples. No sweeter ring of bells could be heard in the whole of England.

After the address the service closed with the hymn, 'Hark, hark, my soul.' Canon Jephson, an octogenarian ringer from Ecton, pressed forward to have the first ring. He was followed by a mass of ringers hankering to get hold of the ropes. Tea was then provided in two halls, and two sittings were required to cope with the huge crowds. The hearts of all who thought of what all this involved went out to the village ladies who had to cope with such an unusual state of affairs, and to the busy washers-up.

Then a rush for the belfry again, a packed mass inside, another round the open belfry door and another inside the church. There was some splendid 'tapping' when an expert band got hold of the ropes.

There will be some more on June 23rd, when a great ringers' festival will be held by the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, details of which may be seen in the advertisement columns.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

CHANGE OF TREASURER.

The annual general meeting of the Sussex County Association was held at Hastings on Saturday, June 2nd, when about sixty assembled at All Saints' Church for ringing, followed by a service at 4.30, conducted by the Rev. Walker, of Halton, Hastings, who delivered an eloquent address on 'Sanctification of Life.'

Afterwards those present proceeded to Corner House Restaurant, Fishmarket, where an excellent tea was provided.

The business meeting followed, the Master, Mr. J. Thornton Rickman, being in the chair. Arising out of the minutes of the last meeting was the question of the change in the treasurer'ship since the last annual meeting, which led to a somewhat animated discussion, followed by a unanimous welcome to the new treasurer, Mr. H. R. Butcher.

Mr. A. Huggett, of East Grinstead, was elected as a new member. The following officers were elected: President and vice-presidents; Master, Mr. J. T. Rickman; hon. treasurer, Mr. H. R. Butcher; hon. general secretary, Mr. A. D. Stone; hon. peal secretary, Mr. F. I. Hairs; auditors, Mr. W. Hart and Mr. N. Elliott; representative to

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CENTRAL COUNCIL BUSINESS REVIEWED.

Pinner was the venue of a successful meeting held by North and East District members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild on Saturday last, and, given the attraction of a musical peal of bells, it was not surprising that the attendance reached the satisfactory total of 50. The bells have recently been rendered less troublesome to the people living close to the tower by some very efficient shutters, and it is to be hoped that the complaints, which have been the cause of a serious curtailment of ringing at this church, will now cease.

The ringing, which took place during the afternoon and evening under the guidance of the District Master (Mr. A. W. Coles), was generally of a high standard—some good rounds for beginners and methods from Grandsire Triples to Bristol Surprise to suit all tastes and abilities.

The service was conducted by the Rev. F. H. Hopkins, in the regretted absence of the Vicar, and a suitable sermon, with not too much about bells, was listened to attentively by a good congregation. After tea, a course of Stedman Cinques was rung on handbells by G. M. Kilby, G. R. Pye, Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, W. H. Hewett, G. W. Fletcher and C. W. Roberts.

Before any business was transacted, the Hon. Secretary explained that the Vicar (Rev. P. D. Ellis) was away on a much-needed holiday, following upon the death of his wife, who died recently after a very long illness. They were all exceedingly sorry for the cause of his absence. The Hon. Secretary also mentioned the death of Mr. F. W. H. Sergison (late secretary of the St. Clement's Youths), who had been a member of this association for some six years.

To show their sympathy with the Vicar of Pinner and with the widow of the late Mr. Sergison, members present stood for a few moments in silence.

After the adoption of the minutes of the last meeting, the Revs. P. D. Ellis and F. H. Hopkins were elected honorary members of the association.

Stammore was chosen for the next meeting on July 14th, and it was announced that a joint meeting of the Herts and Middlesex Associations would be held at North Mimms on July 28th.

An interesting report on the meeting of the Central Council was given by the hon. secretary. Mr. Coles took each item on the agenda separately and explained what each of the several committees were doing. He drew attention to the forthcoming publication of a complete collection of 'Triples methods, at the price of about 1s. Regarding the motions discussed, whilst it was of great satisfaction to get the 'Bankes James' composition admitted as a true peal, it was a great surprise that a Council composed almost exactly as last year should accept those peals as true by a vote of 62 to 26, whereas last year it had rejected the same compositions by a pretty big majority. Mr. Coles facetiously suggested that the letters written by himself on the subject had had a good effect.

A discussion arose on the proposal made at the Council meeting to send photos of churches to ringing brethren in Melbourne and Hobart, and valuable suggestions were made for the guidance of the hon. secretary in dealing with the matter.

Mr. Coles concluded his report by mentioning the enormous amount of work put in by Mr. G. W. Fletcher (the hon. secretary of the Council) and his wife, which enabled the business of the Council to be got through in record time.

A supply of the latest publication, 'Hints to Instructors and Beginners,' was distributed by the hon. secretary to tower secretaries present.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells; to the Rev. F. H. Hopkins for his address; to the organist for adding to the harmony of the proceedings; and to Mr. K. J. Guyler for his very efficient arrangements. This was proposed by the chairman (Mr. W. Pickworth) and carried unanimously.

Ringling afterwards was continued until nearly nine o'clock, by which time most members had departed after a very enjoyable meeting.

Central Council, Mr. O. Sippetts: hon. trustees of funds, Mr. F. B. Tompkins, Mr. H. R. Butcher and Mr. G. H. Howse.

Brighton and Chichester were then proposed for the annual meeting in 1935, and the meeting decided in favour of Brighton, a special sub-committee to be appointed to make arrangements.

The Master closed the meeting with a vote of thanks to the authorities of the various churches for the use of the bells, and to the Rev. Walker for his helpful address.

Owing to the lengthy meeting it was too late to visit Christ Church, St. Leonards, to the great disappointment of many. St. Clement's, Hastings, being near, those remaining decided to conclude the ringing on this octave of steel bells, where, amongst other methods, a course of London Major was rung.

As usual, when held at this extreme end of the county, the meeting was not representative, only three members being present from the whole of the Western Division. The following towers were represented: Brighton (St. Peter's and the Good Shepherd), Eastbourne, Turner's Hill, Crawley, Battle, Ringmer, Lewes (Southover), Chichester, Lindfield, Cuckfield, Heathfield, Hartfield, East Grinstead, Mayfield, Rotherfield, Heene, Balcombe and Shoreham.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD SUCCESSFUL DISTRICT MEETINGS.

The Leatherhead District paid its usual biennial visit to Ockley on June 2nd. The Rector, the Rev. H. C. Martin, had forgone his afternoon's cricket to be there to welcome the members, and to conduct the Guild's form of service, and it was something unusual and encouraging to see several of the local band (although not members of the Guild and only capable of rounds and call changes) present all the afternoon.

The long draught and the heaviness going of the bells provided an experience for some of the youngsters, but they all had their try at rounds.

Twenty members and friends from Holmbury St. Mary, Scale, Leatherhead, Mickleham, Newdigate, Ockley and Warnham sat down to tea at the Red Lion, where they were joined later by the Rector, who had got too late for tea with the cricketers.

There was no business on the agenda to bring forward, but Mr. A. Rice was proposed a member of the Newdigate band and duly elected.

The Rector was thanked for his giving up his time to conduct the service, and for the use of the bells, and in reply he said he was only too pleased to have visitors ringing at the church. He deplored the fact that some ringers on their outing had passed through that morning without stopping for a ring. He was surprised that the charge for teas was so great, and expressed a hope to be able to invite the ringers to tea at the Rectory on the next visit.

A return was made to the tower, and the bells were kept going until nearly nine o'clock. A few 'Surprise' visitors putting in an appearance, methods up to Cambridge Surprise were rung, with plenty of 'rounds' interspersed, so that everyone present was catered for.

The Chertsey District had a successful meeting at Egham on May 26th. For the first time for a considerable period the district carried a meeting on its own shoulders, so to speak. There was an attendance of 17 from the various towers, and no one from outside the district, until the hon. general secretary put in an appearance late in the evening. The District Ringing Master (Mr. H. J. Chaffey) and the new district secretary (Mr. F. E. Hawthorne), backed by the Egham ringers, worked hard to make the meeting a success, and had the pleasure of electing one of the Egham churchwardens as an hon. member and two Weybridge ringers as active members.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION BRIDGEND BELLS FOR CHIMING ONLY.

A quarterly meeting was held at Llanfrechfa on Saturday last, when a splendid attendance, representative of a number of towers of the Monmouth diocese, was present. The bells, a ring of six by Blews, installed sixty years ago, were raised about three o'clock and rung in various methods until 4.30, when service was held, the Vicar, the Rev. Rhys Morris, officiating. His address, quite out of the ordinary, was most interesting. Following the service, tea was kindly provided in the schoolroom by the Church authorities.

At the subsequent business meeting, presided over by the Vicar, the representatives to the Central Council gave their reports, restorations and augmentations were dealt with, and it was regretted to learn that the new peal of bells to be installed at Bridgend were to be hung for chiming only, owing to the close proximity of the local hospital.

The hon. secretary read the circular letter he had received in regard to the proposed Australian tour, and it was decided to support the proposal to send photographs of noted towers as a gift to the ringers in the Commonwealth.

New members were elected, including the whole of the Llanfrechfa band, which is now a progressive change-ringing company, thanks to their leader, Mr. W. J. Powell.

Grosmont and Rumney were proposed as places to hold the next Monmouth meeting, and the voting went in favour of Rumney.

The visitors included the churchwardens and Mr. Addams Williams, a local gentleman who takes the keenest interest in the bells, the ringers and the parish in general.

The usual vote of thanks was passed to all who had helped to make the meeting such a huge success, and those who failed to put in an appearance missed a great treat.

The bells were kept going until late in the evening.

STILL RINGING AT 83.

At All Saints' Church, Newport, Mon., on June 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: T. J. Butler 1, F. Atwell 2, J. Butler 3, L. Bainham 4, Rev. I. Richards 5, F. Bullock 6, J. W. Jones (conductor) 7, H. Bullock 8.

Specially arranged for Mr. J. Butler, who is eighty-three years of age. He was a former Newport ringer, and is now resident at Bideford, Devon. He was visiting Newport for a holiday, when he took part in this quarter-peal.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. Ernest Turner, of Ealing, is the youngest ringer to be elected an honorary member of the Central Council. In this respect he has beaten his friend, Mr. J. A. Trollope, by a few months, although the latter had served a term of three years as the representative of the Norwich Diocesan Association before being elected an honorary member.

Next Monday is the anniversary of the birth of Jasper Snowdon, who was born at Ilkley, Yorks (where he is buried), on June 18th, 1844.

The first peal on the bells at Hothfield, Kent, was rung last Sunday, on the occasion of a visit by the Lord Bishop of Dover. It was also the first peal in seven Treble Bob Minor methods by all the band, and was rung at the first attempt. The band received the Rector's congratulations after the peal, and enjoyed the kindly hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. A. Woolley in the evening.

Saffron Walden's 'Great Ringing Day' is to be held this year on Saturday, June 30th, instead of the proper day, June 27th. It is the 311th anniversary of the society.

The eleven peals of Surprise Major recorded this week were rung in no fewer than six methods. Surely a sign of the progress of the times.

THE AUSTRALIAN TOUR.

EIGHT RINGERS FOR COMMONWEALTH TRIP.

A band of eight ringers has now been completed for the proposed Australian tour, and the party will sail in the S.S. 'Barrabool' from London on September 14th.

The actual itinerary while in the Commonwealth has not yet been settled, but it will include visits to Melbourne, Sydney, Hobart and Ballarat, where peals will be attempted, and possibly to Perth, Adelaide, Geelong and Bendigo.

At Melbourne the ringers will be the guests of the Melbourne Centenary Committee, as it is in connection with these celebrations that the visit is being arranged, and the ringers from England will assist in the Armistice Day ceremony by ringing on the bells of St. Paul's Cathedral. The central act of this commemoration is to be the dedication and opening by the Duke of Gloucester of a Hall of Remembrance, in which will be recorded the names of Australian men and women who gave their lives in the Great War.

In connection with the visit the associations and guilds in this country are being asked to contribute to a collection of photographs of the cathedrals and notable churches containing rings of bells in the homeland, to be presented to the ringing societies in Melbourne and Hobart. The Editor of 'The Ringing World' would remind Association and Guild secretaries that, as there are to be two collections of pictures, the photographs are required in duplicate, and the cost is 2s. for each of the two photographs, and not 2s. for the pair.

The tourists will take with them to their ringing brethren of Australia, the greetings of the ringers of the British Isles, expressed through a resolution of the Central Council.

'NOBODY'S' COMPOSITION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The reason why no composer's name was put to the peal of Double Norwich I called at Willesden was that it is just the sort of peal I have in mind when I say they cannot be said to be anybody's composition. There is a very simple dodge by which you can get a number of most excellent peals in many methods and many lengths. I think I was the first to work this dodge, at any rate, intentionally. That was many years ago, and I have used it when I have wanted to call peals in several methods—Double Oxford, Double Bob, Plain Bob Major, Bob Royal, Edmonton and Winchester, as well as Double Norwich. It gives you excellent peals that look to the uninitiated like irregular one-parts. I used it when I called a peal of Bob Royal at Isleworth the other day, and I dare say if I gave that composition and the 5,008 of Double Norwich to any one of your readers he would be rather puzzled if I told him they were the same composition. But my young friends now know the trick, and they smile in a superior way when I use it. It has served my purpose well enough in the past, but, really, I have not check enough to go on calling them original peals composed by me.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

AMONG SUFFOLK BELLS.

On Whit Monday, May 21st, the Bishop's Stortford company, with friends, had their annual outing. Leaving by coach at 7.30 a.m., Sudbury was reached at 9 o'clock, and on the bells of St. Gregory's Church all had a pull. The next stop was Long Melford, where a pleasant time was spent in ringing and looking over the historic church. At Felixstowe they had lunch and tea and a few hours by the sea. On the return journey they stopped at Woodbridge, and all enjoyed ringing on the fine and much talked of peal of eight. The 'go' and lone are splendid and worthy of all the good things said about them. The last stop was St. Margaret's, Ipswich, also a good peal of eight, where short touches for an hour brought the ringing to a finish. Home was reached about 10.30 p.m. Thanks are extended to the Rectors, steeplekeepers and all who helped to make the day a great success.

SALISBURY GUILD'S FELLOWSHIP MEETING

A VISIT TO MILTON ABBEY.

Presentation to Rev. F. Ll. Edwards.

A memorable gathering took place at Milton Abbey, Dorset, on Saturday, when a 'fellowship' meeting, arranged primarily for Dorset ringers, but attended by many from outside the county, was held by the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. The project was initiated by Mr. C. H. Jennings, the enthusiastic hon. secretary of the Dorchester Branch, and eagerly supported by the members of the Guild, who were present with their friends in almost overwhelming force.

Milton Abbey is set in one of the most glorious bits of countryside to be found in all this wide realm. It is no exaggeration to say that, seen under the conditions which prevailed on Saturday, there is no more beautiful spot to be found in England. 'Far from the madding crowd,' it lies in the folds of the wooded hills, now in all the glory of 'leafy June,' and the summer sun smiled down when, from car and coach, some 600 people



THE REV. F. LL. EDWARDS.

were decanted on to the spacious lawns where the abbey and the mansion, once a Benedictine monastery, rise in stately grandeur.

The monastery and collegiate church of Milton were founded by King Athelstan, grandson of Alfred the Great, and later it was converted into an abbey. The original minster was a noble stone building, rich in shrines and relics. It was restored and enlarged, if not rebuilt, in Norman times, and was then a building of considerable architectural pretensions. In 1309 the church was struck by lightning, and, except for two Norman arches, was burnt to the ground. Thirteen years later, as we learn from an interesting brochure by the Rev. Herbert Pentin, the present abbey church was commenced on the same site, but on a much larger

and grander scale, and building operations went on from time to time until within a short period of the Dissolution in 1539.

In 1787 the Abbey underwent a 'restoration,' when the church was despoiled of its fittings and chantry chapels, and other valuable objects of interest went down under the hand of the 'restorer.' From the Dissolution onward the Abbey was in private ownership, and in 1865, at the expense of the late Baron Hambro, in whose possession it then was, it was restored by Sir Gilbert Scott and left in its present beautiful condition.

THE BELLS.

In 1933 the Abbey and adjoining property passed into the hands of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners. The building consists of choir and chancel with side aisles, and north and south transepts, over which rises the tower, but the nave has never been built. The tower is spacious, as these abbey towers usually are, but the bells have little to commend them. They are a light ring, of poor musical quality, and distractingly noisy in the ringing room, which is practically open to the belfry above. But thereby hangs a tale.

About the year 1870 it was proposed to put a ring of eight bells in the tower, and these were cast by Warners. Then it was thought that the tower was too weak to take them all, and only the front five were hung, the three heaviest bells being disposed of to other churches. This was the position of affairs when Mr. J. Hack, an enthusiastic ringer, entered the employ of Sir Everard Hambro, who owned the Abbey and occupied the mansion, in 1900. Mr. Hack did his best to persuade Sir Everard to complete the octave, and he at last consented to give a tenor bell. Then a faculty was obtained to dispose of an old cracked bell in the Parish Church, and this was sent to the foundry and converted into two trebles for the Abbey. Thus the present ring was completed about the year 1909, the bells being cast by Messrs. Llewellyns and James. Mr. Hack taught a band of ringers, and arrangements had been made to put another ceiling into the ringing room when the war came, and nothing further was done. Eventually Mr. Hack moved away to Kent and now resides at Crowborough, Sussex, but he was among the ringers who visited the Abbey on Saturday.

AN INSPIRING SERVICE

The seating capacity of the Abbey could not accommodate all who attended the service, which was a very inspiring one. It was conducted by the Vicar of Milton Abbas (Rev. C. J. Ellwood), and among the other clergy present were the Rev. R. H. Gundry (Master of the Guild), Rev. F. Ll. Edwards (hon. secretary of the Guild),

Rev. C. C. Cox (Master of the West Dorset Branch), and the Rev. C. J. Phillips (hon. secretary of the East Dorset Branch). It was a matter for regret that the Lord Bishop of Salisbury, who had promised to preach, was unwell and unable to be present. His place was taken by the Archdeacon of Dorset.

The opening hymn was 'All people that on earth do dwell,' and the other hymns used were 'Raised aloft within the steeple' and 'We love the place, O God,' while Psalms 122 and 150 were also sung. The lesson, from Kings viii., was read by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, and as a prelude to the 'Magnificat,' a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by four Poole ringers: Messrs. H. Mitchell, F. Townsend, W. Houlton and P. Davis. They were stationed on the stone screen at the entrance to the choir, and the sound of the bells floated down very effectively to the large congregation on the floor of the Abbey.

The Archdeacon, in the course of his address, expressed the regret of the Bishop that he was unable to fulfil his promise to preach. He went on to speak of the valuable work which was done by ringers, but reminded them that it was not enough for them to be interested in campanology merely for the exercise or pleasure they got out of it. They must love it for God's sake, and when they rang it should be for His honour and glory. Having briefly touched upon the evolution of the bell, the Archdeacon said it was the ringers who made these instruments speak, who called the people to worship, prayer and praise. Their lives should, therefore, harmonise with the message of the bells; they should be devout and reverent in God's House, and bear their witness in their lives outside.

The service concluded with the National Anthem.

A collection taken for the expenses of the service realised over £7. The caterers were faced with a big problem in providing tea. Arrangements had been made to deal with a party of 400, but half as many again were present. The difficulty was surmounted by a second sitting, albeit it was somewhat late before everyone had been provided for. That, however, was not the fault of the organisers. It was another instance of people turning up in large numbers without previously notifying their intention to do so. And Milton Abbey is seven miles from Blandford, the nearest town.

Between the sittings the whole party were gathered in the shadow of the east wall of the Abbey, where votes of thanks were passed to all who had shared in the day's arrangements, the Archdeacon, the Vicar, the organist and blower, the churchwardens, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, and, last but not least, to Mr. Jennings, to whose happy thought the gathering was due, and who had worked so unsparingly for its success. The vote was proposed by the Master and seconded by the Rev. C. C. Cox.

APPRECIATION OF HON. SECRETARY'S SERVICES.

The Master afterwards said that day would go down as a red-letter day in the history of the Salisbury Guild, not only because of that great meeting, but because it was a kind of commemoration of the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards' twenty-one years' work as hon. secretary of the Guild (applause). He looked upon that gathering as an expression of appreciation of the wonderful work which Mr. Edwards had done for the Guild for the last 21 years. He was going to ask the Archdeacon to present Mr. Edwards with a little memento of his work, in the shape of an illuminated address, and a cheque with their love and best wishes (applause). Might he long continue as secretary of the Guild (applause).

The Archdeacon said it was with very great pleasure on behalf of the Guild that he asked Mr. Edwards to accept the address and cheque.

The address, which was of magnificent workmanship and framed, had five hand-painted miniatures, Salisbury Cathedral at the top, on one side Winborne Minster and Sherborne Abbey, and on the other side Trowbridge Parish Church and Milton Abbey. It was worded as follows:—

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD OF RINGERS.

To the

REV. FRANK LLEWELLYN EDWARDS, M.A.

We, the members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers, ask you to accept the accompanying small gift as a mark of our affection and appreciation of your services as

SECRETARY

of our Guild for the past 21 years, and we also wish you may live many years to carry on in the secretarial office in the same able way as you have in the past.

(Signed) SHAFESBURY President.

R. HUGH GUNDY, Master.

Milton Abbey, June 9th, 1934.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards said they had certainly prepared a surprise for him. He thanked them with all his heart for the appreciation they had shown of his 21 years' work as their secretary. These 21 years had been eventful years in the life of the Guild. The membership had nearly doubled, and the Guild had been divided into four branches, but it was the work of the branch secretaries and officers which was largely responsible for the increase in numbers and efficiency of the Guild. Milton Abbey would have wonder-

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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BELLS AND THE PRESS.

In their report, presented by the Rev. F. L. Edwards, the Literature, Press and Broadcasting Committee said:—

Seldom, if ever, before have bells and bellringing occupied so prominent a place in the Press as during the past twelve months. The great literary event of this period has been the appearance of Miss Dorothy Sayers' most original novel, 'The Nine Tailors,' wherein the story turns on a nine-hour peal, and a clever cypher is made out of a course of Kent Treble Bob. The solution of the mysterious death of a man, whose body had been found in the bellchamber—that he was killed by the noise of the bells—might indeed be regarded rather as a two-edged weapon, but there is no doubt that the book has had the effect of calling public attention to the scientific aspect of change ringing. Most significant of all is the fact that the 'Daily Express' thought it worth while to publish the novel as a serial story with copious illustrations of the belfry. Of the drawings it may be observed that one of the actual ringing was rather of the old Christmas card type, but those of the bells and their fittings presented a vivid and accurate picture.

The broadcast of the bells of Bethlehem to the world last Christmas Eve naturally claimed a place of honour in the printed page, and in many instances photographs of the Church of the Nativity were reproduced, showing one or more of the bells.

Bow Bells have become more famous than ever. The restoration and reopening of this historic peal commanded the general attention of journalists both in Britain and America, while the interesting experiment recently introduced by the B.B.C. of using a gramophone record of the old bells, as an interval signal, formed the subject of many a newspaper paragraph. A lively correspondence on this innovation in the 'Times' and other newspapers has afforded one more proof of the fact that it is no use trying to please everybody!

NEWSPAPERS REGARD CAMPANOLOGY AS 'GOOD COPY.'

The temporary silence of Big Ben has brought that world-famous bell into the news of the day. This again has given rise to an animated discussion in the 'Times' and other journals on the question whether Big Ben should be recast—and robbed of his individuality. There is adequate reason to believe that his friendly old jumble of tones will continue as heretofore to appeal to the sentiments of listeners throughout the King's Dominions. The substitution of St. Paul's clock chiming for those of Westminster has elicited a number of well-informed paragraphs on the bells of St. Paul's Cathedral. The transfer of three bells from a disused village church to the tower of St. Andrew-by-the-Wardrobe, the recasting of Wolsey's great bell at Sherborne Abbey and the repair of ancient bells in two Suffolk churches by welding have featured prominently in the Press. In this last connection the fact that an article written by the Rev. H. Drake for a Suffolk weekly, the 'Woodbridge Reporter,' was reproduced in full in the 'Western Gazette,' published at Yeovil, suggests that editors regard campanology as 'good copy.' The memorable scene enacted at Sherborne, when boys of Sherborne School, under the direction of Major Hesse, pulled the recast tenor from the station to the Abbey, engaged the close attention of Press photographers, and claimed pride of place in the pictorial pages. Indeed, that popular journal, the 'Daily Mirror,' assigned to it the whole of its front page. The appearance of this picture gave occasion to a humorous incident, which gained currency in the local Press. A lady wrote to the headmaster stating that she had in her house a bust of Cardinal Wolsey, and offering to present it to the school in memory of the part taken by the boys in connection with Wolsey's Bell. The matter was referred to the Vicar and the bust was duly sent. It proved to be that of John Wesley! (laughter). In several of the instances enumerated the editors of the papers concerned have improved the occasion to publish leading articles on bells and bellringing in general, while the correspondence columns, especially of the 'Times,' have furnished striking evidence of widespread interest in these subjects, letters on which have ranged over an extensive field of bell lore.

A LAW CASE.

Recent records in peal ringing set up both by veterans and by youthful performers have found their due place in the news columns. The exploits of Edwin Barnett and Phyllis Tillett have obtained considerable publicity in East Anglian papers, and well-informed comments have appeared in print. The 'Daily Herald' has frequent references to the ringer's art, evidently from the pen of one with technical knowledge. One Mr. Peppercorn was recently represented as saying, 'Bellringing isn't as simple as you'd think. . . . Treble Bob Major sounds like an army man, and Grandsire Triple might be the oldest inhabitant.' The 'Daily Express' last month published a striking account of a visit to the belfry of Bow Church, with a vivid description of the ringing and interesting personal notes on well-known members of the Exercise. Erudite contributions from the pen of Mr. R. Richardson have been appearing in a Midland magazine. A pleasing incident has been reported of Sir G. Lowndes, of Indian fame, revisiting the Dorset home of his childhood on purpose to hear the bells ring in the new year.

One case of objection to church bells obtained general notice. An injunction was sought to restrain the Vicar of St. Alban's, Golders

Green, from causing annoyance by a chime of bells. Three members of the Central Council attended the Court during most of the hearing. Counsel for plaintiff gave a very thorough and interesting exposition of the provisions of Canon Law with respect to church bells. Mr. Justice Luxmoore showed himself well instructed in the proper uses of bells, and with commendable firmness upheld the statutory right and duty of the clergy to maintain such uses. The case was settled by agreement. The impression left was that a more satisfactory settlement might have been obtained and much time and money saved if the Vicar had in the first instance sought the advice of the Central Council.

A letter was sent to the B.B.C. thanking them for the broadcasts of ringing at Christmas and the New Year, and at the same time calling their attention to a most unfortunate use of a record of muffled bells illustrating Dickens' Christmas Carol. The secretary of the Council received an appreciative and courteous reply.

The report concluded with quotations from a magnificent article which appeared in the 'Times' on March 23rd, in the course of which it said: 'There are sweet bells in France, in Italy, in Belgium; but the English country is their true home. And it will never do for England to listen to the fretful fuss of those who would silence her church bells, whether over her fields or over the noisy towns in which they are the only music.'

BROADCASTING.

An additional report by Mr. Albert Walker, on the broadcasting side of the committee's work, was read as follows:—

During the year since Whitsuntide, 1933, there have been several broadcasts of bells in conjunction with the Sunday evening services from various churches and cathedrals. The most notable were the broadcast of Westminster Abbey and Canterbury Cathedral bells for the passing of the old year and ringing in the new year, and more recently the broadcast from Beverley Minster, Yorks, when the Bourdon bell, 'Great John,' in the south-west tower, was rung in conjunction with the noble peal of ten bells in the north-west tower of the Minster, with splendid effect.

It is to be regretted that there is a falling off in bell broadcasts previous to broadcast services from churches in the Midland Counties. Taking Birmingham as an example, St. Martin's Church, the Cathedral and St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral, whose bells have been generally broadcast, have been omitted, although Sunday evening services have on several occasions been broadcast since February 17th last, the date of the last broadcast from Birmingham Cathedral.

We have been in communication with the B.B.C. Midland Director, who assures us that these omissions are temporary and that they hope to include the bells again at an early date. The Rector of Birmingham, Canon T. Guy Rogers, who is a member of the Broadcast Services Advisory Committee of the B.B.C., has promised his support to have the bells included in future broadcasts.

Mr. W. A. Cave seconded the adoption of the report.

Mr. G. R. Newton referred to the absence of bells before many of the broadcast church services, and particularly to the absence of bells prior to the broadcast of a service from Ripon Cathedral, which was relayed to a large number of churches in the north. They had the organ before the service, said Mr. Newton, but he thought there were other times during the service when the organist got his chance to let the people hear the lovely organ music which was so much appreciated. It was a great disappointment that they could not hear the fine ring of bells at Ripon before that service. That service ought to have been preceded by the bells, and he suggested that the attention of the B.B.C. should be drawn to the omission.

B.B.C.'S MISTAKES.

Mr. C. T. Coles said he too wrote, in conjunction with Mr. Richardson, to the B.B.C. as to the misuse of a muffled bells record in the Christmas play. The B.B.C. replied, thanking them for pointing out the mistake, and remarking that 'unfortunately no Christmas bells had been recorded as yet.' Obviously, said Mr. Coles, there were plenty of records, and he sent the B.B.C. a list of the records which he knew existed. Mr. Coles also referred to the broadcast of a sketch in which a trick was supposed to be played, and a man, who was supposed to be secreted in a church, rang all the bells, the record being that of Grandsire Triples. That again was obviously silly. On writing to the B.B.C., Mr. Coles said he got a reply some time later saying that the matter was receiving attention in the proper quarter. Mr. Coles suggested that the Council might do something to stop the use of inappropriate broadcast records. There was, he said, another case, when there was a broadcast of a Russian opera of the period 1598-1605. In that they had the bells of St. Paul's Cathedral rung to Stedman Cinques (laughter). Apparently change ringing was much older than many of them thought and came from Moscow (laughter). The matter, of course, had its serious side, and he suggested that when members of the Council heard things of that sort on the wireless they should communicate with the secretary of the Council. With regard to the interlude of Bow Bells, although he for one appreciated bells, he thought the use of one particular record became rather monotonous, and he suggested that the Council should call attention to the fact that there might be a variation of the records used, there were plenty of them, including St. Paul's and St. Margaret's. With all respect to those who made the excellent record of Bow Bells, he thought they would admit that to have a variation from call change ringing would be appreciated.

The President said the most satisfactory part of Mr. Coles' statement was that letters to the B.B.C. did sometimes have some effect, and they had better go on writing (hear, hear).

The report was adopted, and the President added that when the correspondence in the 'Times' began about Great Tom and Great Paul a certain Capt. Cockayne wrote pointing out that the statement of the B.B.C. that they were going to broadcast Great Tom must be wrong, and that it was Great Paul and not Great Tom they were going to use, because bells were given the name of the Cathedral to which they belonged. When he (the president) saw that letter he wrote to the 'Times' pointing out that the B.B.C. were right, because it was Great Tom, which came from Westminster, upon which the clock struck. He got a courteous reply from the 'Times,' who said they would have published his letter if they had not already got set up in type a letter from Mr. Griggs, R.A., to the same effect. He (the president) took the opportunity of signing his letter officially and he was hoping that for once they might have got into the 'Times.' They nearly did it, but not quite (laughter).

This brought the Council to the end of the committee's reports, and an adjournment was then made for luncheon.

COUNCIL MAJORITIES.

When the Council resumed in the afternoon, the members came to the discussion of motions, the first being, 'That no decision of the Council relating to the ringing of peals shall be binding unless passed by a two-thirds majority of the meeting.' It was formally moved by Mr. J. A. Trollope and seconded by Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, and then an amendment suggested by the Standing Committee was accepted, altering the last words, 'of the meeting,' to 'of the members present.'

Mr. W. E. White asked why the stipulation should apply to the ringing of peals only and not to the other business of the Council?

The President said the old rule was that all decisions of the Council on matters other than those of private business should be passed by two-thirds majority, but that was done away with under the new rules passed last year. It was felt that on this particular question of the recognition of peals, no decision should be taken, either by a snap vote or a small majority.

Mr. P. J. Johnson asked if it was suggested that some particular part of the business of the Council was to be subjected to a given majority, but not the other business? The new rules were only carried last year; were they going to start turning them upside down already? Any majority that was required to carry any other business of the Council ought to be used for the same purpose for defining peals or anything connected with the Council (hear, hear).

The Rev. H. Drake said the president had pointed out that the two-thirds majority proviso was done away with when they passed the new rules. It was a point that was never brought up for discussion, and it had never been agreed to after discussion that they should do away with a two-thirds majority on matters relating to peals.

The President stated that the reason for the Standing Committee's recommendation was that the meeting was constituted by those who signed the roll, and it might be awkward to insist on a two-thirds majority of the 'meeting,' because very often some members had to leave after lunch and before the business of the Council was completed.

PROTECTION OF MINORITIES.

Mr. Trollope then spoke to the motion as amended. He said when the Council was first constituted it was one of the rules that no resolution which affected the outside Exercise should be operative unless it were passed by two-thirds majority. He had been a member of the Council for 38 years, and he only remembered that rule being invoked once before last year, and that was at Worcester in 1902, so that to all intents and purposes it had become a dead letter until last year, and then it was brought into operation over the six-bell peal question. When the revision of rules was made last year the proviso was omitted. He had no means of knowing why, but he imagined that it was felt by those who were re-drafting the rules that it had not functioned. But he proposed now to ask the Council to revive it for one particular purpose only, and that was for the actual ringing of peals, the object being that they should not be at the mercy of a snap division, and that when the Council and the Exercise were sharply divided on any point the minority would be protected; in other words, that a large minority should not be at the mercy of a small majority, especially when the minority contained most of those people who were really interested in the question at issue. What the Council was now asked to agree to was that nothing went out as the authoritative ruling of the Council which had not behind it a large majority of the Council, so that they could say it was the considered opinion of the Council. It had been pointed out to him that the resolution might have the opposite effect to that intended, and he had been asked how they were to have any progress at all if they had to wait until they had a two-thirds majority? He held that this resolution, if carried, would be beneficial, provided they only looked upon their rules for peal ringing in the right way. A lot of people spoke of the rules as if they were restrictive rules, that they must do this or that they must not do the other. That, in his opinion, was not the object of the rules of the Council as far as peal ringing was concerned. Their object was to set up a standard below which they hoped and expected ringers would not fall. To some ex-

tent they had to say that they must not do certain things, but they must take the attitude that no rule could ever forbid anything being rung which was not in the mind of the Council at the time the rule was laid down. If any improvement should come up which was not known when the rule was laid down, that rule should not be construed as forbidding it, neither should it be construed as allowing it. These improvements were things which did not occur very often, perhaps once or twice in a generation. Supposing ten years ago a band made up their mind to ring a peal of Spliced Surprise and wanted to be loyal to the decisions of the Council. If they turned to the rules they would have found that a peal had to be rung in one method only. What should they do? Should they say that the rule as it stood forbade spliced ringing, and that they must get the rule altered before they rang the peal? Had they taken that attitude they would never have rung a spliced peal; long before the rule was altered all the enthusiasm would have evaporated, and the band, perhaps, broken up. But they said, in effect, when this rule was drawn up nobody dreamed about ringing this Spliced Surprise, therefore they considered the rule did not affect it one way or the other. When the peal had been rung and it came before the Council this suggested two-thirds majority, if carried, would operate. It would prevent anything being rushed on the Exercise if it was not desirable, and would give time for any improvement to prove whether it was right or wrong. Sometimes it took a long while, sometimes years, to get a considered opinion of the Exercise, and this rule would serve to keep a question open while they were deciding whether a thing was desirable or not. The object of the resolution was to protect minorities, but if he thought it would be used to stop improvement he would be inclined to vote against it himself.

AMENDMENT AND MOTION DEFEATED.

Mr. W. E. White asked why the motion should apply to peal ringing only? He saw no reason for that.

The President pointed out that under Rule 15 all alterations in the rules of the Council had to be passed by a two-thirds vote.

Mr. White moved that the resolution before the Council should apply to all motions put before the Council.

Mr. P. J. Johnson seconded.

Mr. Coles said if this amendment were passed they would, in his opinion, be going backward. He did not think they should require a two-thirds majority for merely pious expressions of opinion, such as, for instance, was contained in motion No. 14 on the agenda, and if that amendment were passed it certainly would apply to No. 14.

The President said the new rules passed last year were in the Press for nearly a year; people were asked for criticisms and to send in amendments. Ample opportunity was given for discussion, and if people did not take that opportunity it was their own fault.

The Rev. H. Drake said he did not mean that in what he had previously said. What he meant was that they did not actually discuss it.

The President: Presumably you did not discuss it because you didn't want to.

Mr. J. Hunt advised the Council to vote against Mr. Trollope's resolution. Had Mr. Trollope come there with the backing of an association, he (Mr. Hunt) would have considered supporting the motion, but he came there as an individual member. This two-thirds majority under the new rules was quashed, and they were now asked to reinstate it. His advice to them was to vote against the motion, and when they had anything to vote on let them vote on it and pass it like men.

Alderman Pritchett hoped the Council would not pass the resolution. His chief objection to it was that they might never be able to get enough people of one mind to carry a resolution by a two-thirds majority. A minor objection was they had just made new rules on the theory that they were competent to pass by a majority anything they thought fit. They ought not to depart from or make exceptions to it. The Council consisted of experienced ringers for the most part, capable of making up their minds and making them up in a sensible direction. They were naturally cautious, and it was not likely they would pass by a small majority an important resolution. Those who had fears of a considerable minority being overruled might rely on it that there was sufficient good sense among the members of the Council to prevent anything of that kind happening.

The Rev. E. S. Powell said he felt it incumbent to speak on behalf of the resolution, and particularly in regard to what they had heard from Mr. Pritchett. They had been told by the president, and surely that was an answer to Alderman Pritchett, that they already had in the rules that any alteration to the rules had got to have a two-thirds majority. Surely matters relating to peal ringing, things like Spliced Surprise and peals of Minor, were essential matters of some importance and equal in that respect to the rules of the Council. If that were so, and if it were wrong that there should be a two-thirds majority on matters dealing with peals, then they were wrong to insist on a two-thirds majority in the alteration of rules. He asked the Council to consider that before they voted against the resolution.

The amendment that all motions before the Council should require a two-thirds majority was then put to the meeting and defeated by a large majority, and Mr. Trollope's motion was next put and also defeated.

(To be continued.)

'CENTENARY' COMMEMORATION BELLS. FORESTERS' GIFT TO BECKENHAM CHURCH.

The centenary of the Ancient Order of Foresters Friendly Society has been appropriately perpetuated at Beckenham, Kent, by the dedication of two treble bells, by the Lord Bishop of Rochester, on Sunday, June 3rd. A tablet recording the gift of the bells by the local Court, 'St. George' No. 5106, of the Beckenham District, was also unveiled. The Parish Church of St. George now possesses a very comfortable peal of 10 with a tenor 14½ cwt.

A congregation of nearly 500, including Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council), Mr. Cyril Johnston (Croydon), officers of the Kent County Association, and officers and members of kindred friendly societies, assembled for the Foresters' service that had been arranged, and it was during this service that the dedication and unveiling took place.

The bells by the Croydon Foundry have been erected independently of the old octave, and it is agreed that the combination has been very well made, whilst the rearrangement in the ringing chamber leaves nothing to be desired.

The inscriptions on the new bells are:—

Treble.—'Ancient Order of Foresters Friendly Society Centenary, 1934.'

Second.—'Court "St. George" No. 5106, Beckenham District.'

The tablet, affixed near to the entrance to the tower, has been completed in oak with synthetic ivory inlaid throughout. It is of very smart appearance, and is quite an improvement on the usual brass and enamel plate. Messrs. Daymond, of Edward Street, Victoria, S.W., were entrusted with this work.

After the dedication and up to evensong touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters and Treble Bob Royal were rung, whilst after evensong the tower was again visited, when several of the local band gathered to try out their newly-acquired gift.

An open ringing day is to be arranged during July, of which good notice will be given in 'The Ringing World.'

REV. C. W. O. JENKYN MEMORIAL FUND. SECOND LIST OF SUBSCRIPTIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Oxford Society of Change Ringers	3 3 0
Rev. Canon Elsee	1 1 0
W. J. Nevard	5 0
W. A. Cave	6 0
Chipping Norton Branch	3 3 0
Shepton tower	10 0
Rev. Canon Payne	5 0
Chadlington tower	3 0
J. Keyte	1 0
J. P. Keyte	1 0

£8 18 0

CORRECTION.

In the previous list Reading Branch should have been: Caversham tower £2 2s., Nettiebed tower 5s., Rev. R. H. A. Bullock 5s., Rev. — Raper 5s.; total £2 17s.

The committee are hoping that all subscriptions will be paid in before the annual festival, July 21st. They should be sent to the hon. treasurer, Mr. A. J. Wright, 31, Priest Hill, Caversham, Reading.

WEDDING BELLS.

At Heston, Middlesex, on Thursday, June 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: B. Rose 1, W. F. Ellingham 2, F. J. Cattermoul 3, W. H. Stevens 4, H. C. Chandler 5, A. Jones 6, W. Lewis (conductor) 7, D. F. May 8. Rung for the wedding of Mr. G. Manners, of Derby, to Miss B. Kingsley-Rutter, granddaughter of Mrs. Craggs (wife of the Vicar of Heston), which took place at Heston earlier in the day.

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ful memories for him all his life, for it was there he first attended an annual meeting of the Salisbury Guild, and it was there he had received that splendid and generous recognition of his 21 years' service as secretary of the Guild. When he attended his first meeting of the Salisbury Guild there was no church in the diocese with more than eight bells, but shortly after the ring of eight at Wimborne was increased to ten. A little while after that they had a ten-bell tower provided for them at Trowbridge, and this year it was to become the first twelve-bell tower in the diocese. There had been immense progress in the matter of method ringing, and the Guild had celebrated its jubilee, so altogether during the 21 years he had held office they had seen a great deal of interest and advance in the Guild (applause). Everything he had done for the Guild, Mr. Edwards added, had given him the greatest pleasure. He thanked them for the confidence they had shown in him by re-electing him year after year, and for the generous way in which they had recognised his humble services (applause).

The ringing during the day consisted of short touches in standard methods, so that all could have a pull. The gathering was a most enjoyable one, and the visitors left the charming surroundings with the greatest reluctance.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT BARKSTON.

A quarterly meeting of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild (Southern Branch) was held at Barkston on Saturday, May 26th. Perfect weather conditions prevailed and the picturesque surrounding countryside was looking at its very best. Thirty ringers and friends were present from Peterborough, Bourne, Market Deeping, Morton, Bottesford, Hough-on-the-Hill, Wymondham, Orston, Sandicars, Belton, Syston, Folkingham and the local band. The Rector (the Rev. Thorold Eller) kindly allowed the use of the bells during the afternoon and evening, and touches in a big variety of Minor methods were successfully brought round. Service was held in the ancient and well-preserved Church of St. Nicholas, and was conducted by the Rector, the lesson being read, and a very helpful and appropriate address given, by the Rev. A. L. Hopkins, Vicar of Edenham and president of the branch.

Tea was served at a local cafe, 22 sitting down. At the business meeting which followed, the Rev. A. L. Hopkins presided.

The Rev. Thorold Eller was unanimously elected a vice-president of the branch. Mr. G. Williamson and Mr. C. Woods, both of Peterborough, were received as performing members of the Southern Branch.

Edenham was selected for the summer meeting provisionally fixed for July 21st, when it is hoped there will be a good attendance.

The Rector extended a very hearty welcome to those present, and said he was very glad to see such a well-attended meeting and so many towers represented. He paid great tribute to his own ringers, who always set a good example in Sunday service ringing at his churches.

The Rev. A. L. Hopkins referred to an ancient record which he had discovered at the famous Boston Stump Church. It was over a century ago that a relation of his was married in Boston Church, and one item which he thought would be of interest to ringers was that the sum of over £4 was 'paid to ye ringers for drink.' He thought this was a very liberal amount, and particularly so in those days.

It certainly does make one wonder whether the 'course ends' came up in their proper order, after such a lavish sum had been devoted to the purpose for which it was given. Those who remember the old ring at Boston Stump, compared with the present day one, will make allowances for those gentlemen of a century ago.

The meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells, and the service, and to the Rev. A. L. Hopkins for his excellent address. Thanks also go to the organist and members of the choir who attended the service, and to all who helped to make the meeting a success.

The tower was visited again in the evening and ringing continued until 8.30.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD CEFN COED WIN COMPETITION.

The tenth annual bellringing competition in connection with the Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild was held at St. Elli's Church, Llanelly (Carm), on May 26th. The following towers entered the competition: Cadoxton, Talgarth, Llanelly (Brecon), Cefn Coed, St. Mary's, Brecon, Gorseinon and Llanelly (Carm). Mr. W. H. Fussell (Slough), who once again gave his services, was the adjudicator, and he awarded the shield to Cefn Coed, Cadoxton took second place and Gorseinon and Llanelly (Carm) tied for the third position. The ringers were favoured with ideal weather and were royally catered for throughout the day by Canon D. M. Jones, Vicar of Llanelly, the churchwardens and a willing band of ladies.

The presentation of the shield took place in the Parish Hall after tea, and was presided over by the Rev. D. T. Price in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar.

Mrs. Gardner very kindly presented the shield to Mr. A. Hunt and medals to the members of the winning team. Certificates were also awarded to the captains of Cadoxton, Gorseinon and Llanelly (Carm) teams.

Votes of thanks were heartily accorded to the Vicar and the ladies for catering and to Mr. Fussell for adjudicating.

The secretary (Mr. L. Havard) gratefully acknowledges the kind assistance of Mr. S. V. Rees, captain of the home team, for the splendid arrangements he had made.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A small, but happy, ringing meeting of the Central Branch took place at Wilburton on Saturday, June 9th. The bells were set going about 3 p.m. to Bob Minor, while during the day methods ranged up to and including London Surprise. The Guild service was held in the church at 4.30 p.m., conducted by the former general secretary of the association, the Rev. R. Copeman, who is doing duty at Wilburton for two weeks. He gave a splendid address from 1 Timothy iv. 8. He recalled the recent letters in 'The Ringing World' of dull sermons by different clergy. Well, this was a different sermon or address, and good it was. Tea was served at the Royal Oak, and at the business meeting afterwards Willingham was selected for the next meeting.

WELL-KNOWN WALTHAMSTOW RINGER'S DEATH.

One of the oldest and most respected members of the St. Mary's Society, Walthamstow, Mr. William B. Manning, died on Saturday, June 9th, on his 75th birthday.

He was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Essex, Herts and Middlesex Associations. At one time he was a ringer at St. John's at Hackney, and later at Royston, Herts.

Last year he suffered a severe shock when struck by lightning at Snarbrook, his companion, and also a dog he was holding, being killed. This undoubtedly affected his health, and he has never since been the 'same old Bill.'

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**WEST TYNE DISTRICT SECRETARY.**

A very enjoyable meeting of the West Tyne District was held at Newton Hall on Saturday. There was a good attendance, and the bells were kept going merrily until 8 p.m., except for a break for tea, which was held in the inn in the village.

At the meeting afterwards Mr. H. P. Cliff was elected district secretary.

The president, Mr. J. Anderson, was again in attendance; indeed, he has never missed a meeting since this district resumed its activities, and the retiring secretary took the opportunity to thank him, Mr. Storey and others of the Cathedral Guild for the support given him during his term of office.

FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

RUISLIP, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, June 10th, for morning service, at St. Martin's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. Bunce, jun., 1, W. Bunce, sen., 2, G. Lovogrove 3, P. Thrift 4, J. Bunce 5, T. Collins 6, F. Corke (conductor) 7, S. Ewer 8. All are service ringers at St. Martin's, with the exception of the conductor. First quarter-peal in the method by ringers of 1, 3, 4, 5 and 8.

BRIGSTOCK, NORTHANTS.—On Trinity Sunday, at the Church of St. Andrew, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Doubles (1,260 changes, being four six-scores of Plain Bob and six-and-a-half of Grandsire): Miss M. J. Swan (first attempt for quarter-peal) 1, J. W. Allen 2, W. R. Butcher 3, J. Bailey 4, B. P. Morris (conductor) 5.

FARINGDON, BERKS.—For evensong on Sunday, May 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: E. Walker 1, F. Wheeler 2, C. I. J. Pearce 3, H. Taylor 4, H. Edwards 5, R. G. Rice (conductor) 6, E. C. Hughes 7, J. Beasley 8. This is the first quarter-peal on the bells by Mr. R. G. Rice, who was on a visit from Harwell, Berks.

THE KING'S BIRTHDAY.

At Chichester Cathedral on Sunday, June 3rd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples: H. W. Stoveld (first quarter-peal) 1, W. Falkener 2, T. A. Doick 3, H. J. Tucker (composer and conductor) 4, G. Marshall 5, W. E. Titchhurst 6, J. H. Blake 7, F. Arthur 8. Rung also in honour of His Majesty the King's 69th birthday.

At Cannock, Staffs, on Sunday, June 3rd, for morning service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Roberts 1, G. Bradbury (conductor) 2, G. Banks 3, T. Benton 4, A. Williams 5, F. Bates 6, W. Benton 7, H. Bailey 8. Rung in honour of the 69th birthday of His Majesty the King.

At Putney, on June 3rd, for the King's birthday, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: E. Cassell, sen., 1, E. Cassell, jun., 2, C. Collis 3, A. E. Williams 4, C. E. G. Moody 5, W. T. Elson 6, J. Herbert (conductor) 7, W. Foster (first quarter of Stedman) 8. Also rung to celebrate the birth of a son to the wife of the tenorman.

At Gloucester, Glos, on Sunday, June 3rd, for evening service at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. W. Price 1, H. L. Cooke 2, J. C. Eden 3, F. J. Lewis, sen., 4, W. G. Cook 5, F. J. Lewis, jun., 6, H. C. Bond (conductor) 7, H. L. Fawcett 8. Also rung in honour of the King's birthday.

At Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight, on Sunday, June 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples from Holt's Original for evensong and in honour of H.M. the King's birthday: C. Taylor 1, W. Chambers 2, F. Wake 3, E. Drake 4, F. K. Taylor (conductor) 5, W. Upton 6, A. Drake 7, B. Sibbeck 8.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 28th, St. Andrew's on the 21st, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 26th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Escrick on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Service in Church 4 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby, Yorkshire.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Monk's Kirby on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (8) available during afternoon and evening. Tea at the Bell Inn at 5 p.m. at a moderate charge.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Tarleton on Saturday, June 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 1s. 6d. per head. A good attendance is hoped for at this meeting.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The annual joint meeting of the societies in the above area, viz., the Barnsley and District, the Doncaster and District, and the Sheffield and District Societies, will be held by kind invitation at Rawmarsh, near Rotherham, on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 in the open if fine, at 1s. per head.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The jubilee meeting will be held at Boston on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (10) available from 2 p.m. Tea in Memorial Hall 4.45 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Choral Evensong 6 p.m. All ringers welcome.—William E. Clarke, Park House, Norfolk Street, Boston.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary the Virgin, Bury, on Saturday, June 16th. Tower open for ringing at 3. Meeting in the tower at 6.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Business important.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Danbury on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting after.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting of above branch will be held at Newport Pagnell on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please send along in good time. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Silverton on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Singleton on Saturday, June 16th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30. Bring food, cups of tea provided.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Bucklebury on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., at 1s. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—A meeting will be held at Elveden on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea, 1s. each, in Village Hall. Come and have a pull on these beautiful eight. All ringers welcome.—R. C. Sharpe, Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, West Didsbury (8 bells), on Saturday, June 16th. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. All ringers welcome.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Westerham, on Saturday, June 16th, commencing 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, June 16th, at Darwen. Holy Trinity bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Nicolas', Guildford, on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, Ayers' Hall, 5. Gentlemen invited. Please notify for tea by Tuesday, June 19th.—H. F. Mills, Maiden Combe, Northbrook Road, Aldershot.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Terrington St. Clement (bells 8) on Saturday, June 23rd. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—E. Barker, Shouldham, King's Lynn.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting is to be held at Claybrook on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Will persons attending please notify me by Wednesday, June 20th? Hoping for a bumper meeting?—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Tring on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.45, followed by tea and meeting. Numbers for tea by the 20th, please.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Ormskirk Parish Church on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Aughton tower will be open from 6 p.m. The committee will meet for business meeting in the Church House. Tea in local café at a small charge. Numbers for tea to be sent to Mr. James Marsh, 27, Knowsley Road, Ormskirk, not later than Wednesday, June 20th.—William O. Farrimond, Branch Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting of the Western Division will be held at Billingshurst on Saturday, June 23rd, next. Tower open from 2.30. Tea, 5 o'clock, at the Guest House. Kindly advise me early all those requiring tea.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch, and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, S. and W. District.—A joint meeting has been arranged at Denham on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Please send your name for tea, not later than June 19th, to A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—Annual meeting at Stapleford, near Nottingham, June 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Gentlemen cordially invited. Buses every 15 minutes from bus station. For tea (1s.) please notify Mr. Geo. Fisher, 35, Warren Avenue, Stapleford, Notts, by June 20th.—I. B. Thompson, 52, Lace Street, Dun-kirk.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE AND NORTHERN DIVISION YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.—Joint Meeting.—A meeting will be held at Skelton-in-Cleveland on Saturday afternoon, June 23rd. Bells (8, tenor 23 cwt.) will be available for ringers during the afternoon. Teas will be provided at Bail's Café, High Street, at 5 p.m. Members 1s. 3d. per head. Those intending to be at tea **must** send word not later than the 20th to the secretary or will not be provided for.—E. Brown, 11, Ingram Road, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Hawkhurst on Saturday, June 23rd. Tower open at 3 o'clock. All ringers are welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at North Nibley on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells (6) open at 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Fussell, Fort Fields, Dursley.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—The branch annual meeting will be held at Moulton on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells (8) 2.30. Service (handbell accompaniment) 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Will those who intend to be present please notify me for tea not later than Tuesday, June 19th?—F. Browning, Cold Higham, Towcester.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Western District will be held at Blackhill on Saturday, June 23rd, when the bells of St. Aidan's and of the Roman Catholic Church, Blackhill, and St. Cuthbert, Benfieldside, will be available after 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Come and enjoy the beauties of the Derwent Valley.—H. Tyson, Sec., 23, Bungalow, Tanfield Lea.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Anstey, on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (1s. each) at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Please notify the undersigned, for tea, by Thursday previous. A good meeting is requested.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Established 1623).—The 311th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 30th. Bells (12) available from

9 a.m. Service 12.30 p.m. Hot lunch (2s. 6d.) at 1.30 p.m. Will all those requiring lunch please notify me by June 26th.—Leonard E. Pitstow, Hon. Sec., 21, Debden Road, Saffron Walden.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, HOYLANDSWAINE.—Annual ringing contest (6 bells) will take place on Saturday, June 30th. A copy of rules will be sent to any company of ringers on receipt of stamped addressed envelope. Teas not guaranteed if not applied for.—E. Brookes, Hon. Sec., Hall Lane, Hoylandswaine, Sheffield.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—General quarterly meeting at Matlock, June 30th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Committee meet 3.30. Meat tea, 1s. 3d. per head, 5 p.m., at the Duke William. General meeting follows tea. Darley Dale bells (8) available after meeting.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Colne Engaine on Saturday, June 30th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Earls Colne bells (8) also available after 6 o'clock. Will those who intend being present please notify me by Wednesday, 27th inst.?—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A by-meeting, by kind invitation of the Rector, will be held at Brabourne on Saturday, June 30th. Bells ready 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15. Will those who intend coming please notify me as early as possible.—F. Conley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next meeting of the Gloucester Branch will be held at Brockworth on Saturday, June 30th. Bells (6) open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by the 25th inst.?—W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 4, Railway Terrace, Lidney, Glos.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Burstow on Saturday, June 30th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Please notify by Tuesday, 26th, to G. F. Hoad, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Warren Road, Reigate.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—The rededication of the restored ring of 8 bells, 3 recast, the whole retuned and rehung in ball bearings and new fittings by Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will take place on Sunday, July 1st, at 3 p.m. Further particulars later.—Wm. E. Cheater.

IPSWICH ROYAL SHOW.—For ringers visiting the above show ringing arrangements are as follows:—

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Friday, July 6th, St. Mary's, Hadleigh (8 bells).
For Sproughton, Bramford and Hintlesham (all 6 bells) apply to Mr. Charles Mee, Sproughton, Ipswich. All at 7.30 p.m. Any further particulars from the Rev. H. Drake, Ufford Rectory, Woodbridge, or G. E. Symonds, 28, Chevallier Street, Ipswich.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Sandhurst on Saturday, July 7th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea (1s. per head) after service, followed by business meeting. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. each will be paid to members attending. Members

requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, July 3rd. A good attendance of members is specially requested.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Erith on Saturday, July 7th. Towers open at 3 o'clock till 9 p.m. Service at St. John the Baptist 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Numbers for tea not later than Tuesday, July 3rd. A good muster is requested.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec., 7, Gilstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

THE LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Surfleet, Lincs, on Saturday, July 14th. Further particulars later.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.—The new peal of 12 bells, complete with new frame, etc., by Taylor's, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Salisbury on Wednesday, July 25th, at 6 p.m. Ringers' Day, August Bank Holiday. Ringing all day from 10.30 a.m. All ringers welcome. Tea will be provided for those who advise only. Further particulars later.—C. F. Andrews, 22, Drynam Road, Trowbridge.

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