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**A PEAL OF DOUBLES.**

The Central Council, by a motion passed at Canterbury, has enlarged its definition of what it will recognise in future as a peal of Doubles. The position has hitherto been that the basis of a peal was forty-two true extents, but all along the Council has tacitly admitted peals which have included what are known as the Pitman and Morris arrangements of Grandsire Doubles—compositions which are not true extents, but are in blocks of 240 changes with each change occurring twice. Inasmuch as these peals have been included in the Peals Analysis every year since they were first rung without demur, the Council has, by its latest resolution, merely 'legalised' what it had hitherto failed to discourage. It was probably this, rather than any belief in the virtues of the compositions themselves, that led the majority of the members of the Council to vote as they did.

Very different, however, was the motive behind the support given to the resolution by a small section of the Council. These members hold the view that any arrangement of changes, rung in a recognised method, is permissible as a peal as long as, in Doubles, each appears 42 times, and, in Minor, seven times. They argue that true extents are not necessary, and, on the plea that Pitman's composition of Doubles is on all fours with the Bankes James' arrangement of Minor (which it is not) and that these compositions are in demand (which is more than doubtful) they have got what they failed to get on a direct vote at Chelmsford.

In our view the Council has taken a distinctly retrograde step in lowering the standard of what should be required in the truth of peals on five or six bells. If it is not possible to ring 5040 of Minor or Doubles without repetition, it should, at least, be essential that the composite parts should consist of separate and complete extents. It is true that at the moment the Council have specifically mentioned only the 'Pitman and Morris twelve-scores,' but it cannot stop there. There are other arrangements of Doubles equally adaptable which, if rung, will have to be admitted because they are equally as 'true' in round blocks as those to which recognition has now been given.

The mere fact that these compositions have been rung and tacitly accepted by an indifferent Council in the past is no real ground for refusing to acknowledge them in the future. Indeed, there is precedent for such refusal. The Council passed a resolution in the 1911-1912 session, laying it down that peals of Minor should consist of at least seven true and complete 720's. Previously many peals consisting of fourteen 360's and even twenty-one

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240's had been rung and accepted in the Analysis. That standard was rejected by the new definition, but no action was taken on the performances already recorded. Obviously you cannot legislate in ringing for the past, but if the standard is ever to be raised, the Council must have no compunction in declining to accept for the future things which men have practised in the past merely because they have been practised. If they do, ringers will just ignore the rulings of the Council because they know they have only to go on doing a thing long enough and the Council will give it official acknowledgment, whether it is worth it or not. We cast no slur whatever on the performances that have been rung, but we ask our readers who seriously consider these things to think of the already open door which there is for 'wangling' in Grandsire Doubles and of the much wider breach that is made for the unscrupulous conductor if he is to be encouraged to provide himself with opportunities to juggle with these modern 'arrangements.' We think thoughtful conductors, on contemplation, will leave these 'scrambled' compositions alone.

## CORONATION PEALS

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BRIDGERULE, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 26, 1937, in 1 two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.		Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 1/2 lb.
JOHN W. SANGWIN ... ..	... Treble	FREDERICK SANGWIN ... .. 5
* RONALD HILL ... ..	... 2	CHARLES SANGWIN ... .. 6
G. HARRY MYERS ... ..	... 3	H. FREDERICK MYERS ... .. 7
THOMAS G. MYERS ... ..	... 4	WILLIAM J. SHEARS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

\* First peal on eight 'inside.' This peal, rung on the eve of Corpus Christi, was also in honour of the birthday of Queen Mary.

SWANSEA, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 5, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.		Tenor 19 cwt.
JOHN W. JONES ... ..	... Treble	GWYN I. LEWIS ... .. 5
JOHN T. WILLIAMS ... ..	... 2	ERNEST STITCH ... .. 6
EDWARD PHILIPS ... ..	... 3	ALBERT J. PITMAN ... .. 7
GEORGE POPNELL ... ..	... 4	* D. ALLEN ROSE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. STITCH.

\* First peal.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 8, 1937, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

* F. ROWLAND RIDGWELL ... Treble	ALFRED L. SIMMONDS ... .. 5
ALFRED E. PITSTOW ... .. 2	FRANCIS GLEAVES ... .. 6
* GEORGE H. SPARROW ... .. 3	REGINALD LATEBURY ... .. 7
JOHN W. WARD ... .. 4	LEONARD E. PITSTOW ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by A. E. PITSTOW.

\* First peal of London Surprise. A previous attempt failed after 2 1/2 hours.

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## BRISTOL.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JACOB,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).

Tenor 20 cwt.

*MISS AUDREY M. LOOK ... Treble	†JACK SPILLER ... 5
MISS ANNIE BROWN ... 2	LEONARD DERRICK ... 6
GILBERT PEARCE ... 3	RAYMOND C. SEAGER ... 7
EDWIN J. BROWN ... 4	†GEORGE F. BURCHER ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN J. BROWN.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method.

## NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 19, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

SIDNEY THOMPSON ... Treble	ANDREW THOMPSON ... 5
KENNETH THACKER ... 2	ALAN D. STEEL ... 6
CHARLES MORLEY ... 3	CHARLES H. PAGE ... 7
FREDERICK A. HORSTER ... 4	ARTHUR ALLMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

## DRAYCOTT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 27, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*KENNETH SHELLEY ... Treble	ALAN D. STEEL ... 4
EDWARD STEELE ... 2	CHARLES H. PAGE ... 5
WILLIAM PERKINS ... 3	FREDERICK SHELLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

\* First peal. The ringer of the treble is only 13 years of age.

## QUEENBOROUGH, ISLE OF SHEPPEY.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 29, 1937, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9 cwt. in B.

*BERT MAY ... Treble	*FRANCIS J. CHEAL ... 4
WILLIAM J. WOOD ... 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... 5
WILLIAM A. WOOD ... 3	*GEORGE A. NAYLOR ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

\* First peal of Minor in three methods. William J. Walker's 300th peal. First peal of Minor as conductor.

## WARKTON, NORTHANTS.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Kettering Branch.)

On Saturday, May 29, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being six six-scores each of Stedman Slow Course, New Doubles, St. Simon's, Canterbury, Chase, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

*CECIL BROWN ... Treble	ARCHIBALD S. TOSELAND ... 3
MATTHIAS HOBBS ... 2	LEONARD G. TOSELAND ... 4
BURLEY P. MORRIS ... Tenor	

Conducted by BURLEY P. MORRIS.

\* First peal in seven methods.

## WINFARTHING, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 29, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Cambridge and Norwich Surprise, College Exercise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob and Bob Minor.

Tenor 9 cwt. 4 lb.

*WALTER ELSEY ... Treble	*ALBERT G. HARRISON ... 4
*FREDERICK C. ROPER ... 2	*CHARLES LOOME ... 5
†FREDERICK C. GUNTON ... 3	*ERNEST WHITING ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

\* First peal in seven methods. † First peal of Minor.

## WOLLASTON, STOURBRIDGE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 29, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

WILLIAM HODNETT ... Treble	JOHN BASS ... 4
ROBERT MATTHEWS ... 2	JOHN LLOYD ... 5
WILLIAM SHORT ... 3	PERCY RICHARDS ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT MATTHEWS.

First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor by the band and the association. Also rung as a welcome to the Rev. O. R. Craze as curate to Wollaston.

## BADBY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(DAVENTRY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 29, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 17 cwt.

*WILLIAM C. MOORE ... Treble	FRED HANCOCK ... 4
MRS. E. S. POWELL ... 2	REV. EVERARD S. POWELL ... 5
GEORGE HANCOCK ... 3	†LAWRENCE GREENHOW ... Tenor

Conducted by REV. E. S. POWELL.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal in two methods. First peal by the branch.

## BONVILSTON, GLAMORGAN.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 31, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with 10 different callings.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*CYRIL G. EDMED ... Treble	ROBERT E. COLES ... 4
WILLIAM SAMUEL ... 2	ALFRED HANNINGTON ... 5
EDWARD J. THOMAS ... 3	EDGAR COLES ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED HANNINGTON.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells since their restoration by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

## KEELE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 3, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, with ten callings.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*SIDNEY THOMPSON ... Treble	EDWARD ATKINSON ... 4
FREDERICK A. FORSTER ... 2	ANDREW THOMPSON ... 5
KENNETH THACKER ... 3	ARTHUR T. ALLMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by ANDREW THOMPSON.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

## NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ... Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR ... 6
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 7
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 8
JAMES TOPP ... 4	JAMES PARKER ... 9
MRS. G. W. FLETCHER ... 5	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

## ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

## THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH

## SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

HORACE BELCHER ... Treble	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 6
*MISS OLIVE L. ASHBROOK ... 2	FRANK E. DARBY ... 7
ERNEST J. KING ... 3	†PHILIP A. CORBY ... 8
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 4	CECIL W. PIPE ... 9
E. RALPH MACKRILL ... 5	THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by THOMAS W. TAFFENDER.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Royal. † First peal in the method.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 5, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

BROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

JOHN G. AMBS ... .. Treble	† FRANK DEWEY ... .. 5
GEORGE LADD ... .. 2	SIDNEY PROCTOR ... .. 6
* NEVIL HOLLINGWORTH ... 3	WILLIAM G. THORPE ... 7
WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... 4	* ALBERT E. FLATTERS ... Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

\* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman on an 'inside' bell.

BOLSTERSTONE, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 5, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

LEONARD SHAW ... .. Treble	ARTHUR FIRTH ... .. 5
JOHN R. BREARLEY ... .. 2	* DANIEL SMITH ... .. 6
ALBERT NASH ... .. 3	ARTHUR GILL ... .. 7
ARTHUR PANTHER ... .. 4	HAROLD CHANT ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEO. LEWIS.

Conducted by H. CHANT.

\* First peal of Double Norwich. First peal of Double Norwich as conductor.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, June 6, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb.

CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ... Treble	GEORGE L. HALL ... .. 5
JACK BRAY ... .. 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 6
RICHARD H. A. HARVEY ... 3	GEORGE DOBBS ... .. 7
G. LESLIE A. LUNN ... 4	* GEORGE E. FEIRN ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

\* 100th peal. First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild. J. Bray and G. E. Feirn's fiftieth peal together.

KENNINGHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 6, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

WALTER ELSEY ... .. Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 5
FREDERICK C. ROPER ... 2	† R. WILLIAM BARBER ... 6
ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... 3	HENRY TOOKER ... .. 7
* ALBERT G. HARRISON ... 4	ERIC G. BENNETT ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* 125th peal. † First attempt for a peal in the method. The composition is the first of its kind to be rung in the method.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 11, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... Treble	WALTER F. TYLER ... .. 5
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 2	DEREK M. SHARP ... .. 6
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 3	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 7
HARRY HOSKINS ... .. 4	EDMUND MOUNTNER ... Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON.

Conducted by J. BENNETT.

Rung to replace the peal of 5,024 at St. George's, Gravesend, on June 12th, 1920, recently found to be false. A 14th birthday compliment to Miss Muriel Mitchell, daughter of the hon. general secretary of the Kent County Association and leader of this tower.

**MR. C. SLINGSBY'S BIRTHDAY.**

On Wednesday, May 26th, at Ashford Parish Church, in honour of Mr. Slingsby's 100th birthday, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung by Mrs. C. W. Everett 1, T. Tabrett 2, H. C. Castle 3, J. Parsons 4, G. Swaffer 5, P. Page 6, C. W. Everett (conductor) 7, R. Goldup 8.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wednesday, June 9, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, DERITEND,

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

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JAMES GEORGE ... .. Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS ... .. 5
GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. 2	GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. 6
* SYDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY ... 3	FRANK E. HAYNES ... .. 7
HENRY H. FEARN ... .. 4	WILLIAM T. FROGGATT ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples.

PRESTWICH, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

* JOSEPH SAUNDERS ... .. Treble	CRCIL RADDON ... .. 5
WILFRED J. MOSS ... .. 2	* STANLEY N. HARRISON ... 6
ALAN J. BROWN ... .. 3	JOSEPH H. RIVYARD ... .. 7
* FRANK REYNOLDS ... .. 4	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

\* First peal in the method.

NORTHOP, FLINTSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF LITTLE ALBION TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 11½ cwt.

* HARRY LEWIS ... .. Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY ... .. 5
* ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 2	JAMES MORGAN ... .. 6
* FRED HARTMAN ... .. 3	* J. WILLIAM CLARKE ... .. 7
JOHN HAYES ... .. 4	PERCY SWINDLEY ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES MORGAN.

Conducted by P. SWINDLEY.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method in Wales.

PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 7½ cwt.

FREDERICK C. ROPER ... Treble	ALBERT G. HARRISON ... 5
WALTER ELSEY ... .. 2	ERIC G. BENNETT ... .. 6
FREDERICK C. GUNTON ... 3	ERNEST WHITING ... .. 7
CHARLES LOOME ... .. 4	CLEMENT J. MORE ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

STONHAM ASPALL, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAMBERT,

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

Tenor 24 cwt.

HARRY D. LISTER ... .. Treble	SHELFORD SPARROW ... .. 5
WILLIAM E. WATSEN ... 2	ARTHUR R. WOODARD ... 6
KRITH W. WHITTELL ... 3	EDWIN A. CRACKNELL ... 7
GEORGE W. ABLITT ... .. 4	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD ... Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL.

Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

CHARD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

DAVID G. TAYLOR ... .. Treble	R. GORDON CROSS ... .. 5
ALFRED J. WYATT ... .. 2	PERCY MERSON ... .. 6
JAMES HUNT ... .. 3	WILLIAM H. LLOYD ... .. 7
S. GEORGE COLES ... .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Composed by A. P. CANNON.

Conducted by R. G. CROSS.

First peal of Major on the bells.



SLOUGH, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary.

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... .. Treble	THOMAS J. FOWLER ... .. 5
GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 2	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 6
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... .. 3	EDWARD L. A. HUDSON ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. FOSSELL ... .. 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. Tenor

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

Rung for the centenary celebrations of the church and to celebrate the State Drive of the King and Queen to Windsor, the peal being in progress as their Majesties passed through Slough.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, June 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE GRAY ... .. Treble	GILBERT E. DEBENHAM ... .. 5
ROBERT HOWARD ... .. 2	JOSEPH F. CHETLEY ... .. 6
THOMAS A. BLOW ... .. 3	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... .. 7
LEONARD E. FIDLER ... .. 4	R. THOMAS NEWMAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.  
No. 419, reverse variation.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Botolph.

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

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

HARRY HOVERD ... .. Treble	JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. 5
DEREK M. SHARP ... .. 2	GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 6
NORMAN SUMMERHAYES ... .. 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 7
JOHN WHEADON ... .. 4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

First Surprise peal as conductor. James M. Bailey's 400th peal. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Jean M. Thompson and Mr. James E. Bailey, which took place earlier in the day at Swanscombe.

HAZELBEECH, NORTHANTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 13, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Michael.

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

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. 12 lb.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... .. Treble	WILLIAM A. WOOD ... .. 5
PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM ... .. 2	JOHN A. TIMSON ... .. 6
ERNEST W. TIPLER ... .. 3	FRANK K. MEASURES ... .. 7
ARTHUR D. ALDHAM ... .. 4	FRED PERRY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

GLASBURY-ON-WYE, BRECONSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, May 30, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter.

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being four 720's of Grandsire, two of Canterbury Pleasure and one of Plain Bob rung alternately, with 28 callings. Tenor 15 cwt.

*THOMAS VAUGHAN ... .. Treble	JAMES P. HYETT ... .. 5
DAVID H. BENNETT ... .. 2	THOMAS BEAVER ... .. 6
ALBERT E. JONES ... .. 3	JOSEPH T. MORRIS ... .. 7
G. JAMES R. PRICE ... .. 4	JOHN JONES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

\* First peal in three methods. Rung for evening service with 7-6-8 behind.

SHENFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 31, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

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

Consisting of 720 each of London, Wells, Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*BERTRAM C. HINES ... .. Treble	JOHN SITCH ... .. 4
*LESLIE H. THRIFT ... .. 2	EDWARD T. SITCH ... .. 5
*ROBERT C. HEAZEL ... .. 3	HARRY TURNER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. TURNER.

\* First peal in seven methods.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, June 3, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter.

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

Being one extent each of Single Court, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

ARTHUR W. HOODLESS ... .. Treble	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... .. 4
*HAROLD JUDD ... .. 2	GEORGE DOBBS ... .. 5
JACK BRAY ... .. 3	ERNEST BRITAIN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

\* First peal in seven methods.

STOKE-BY-CLARE, SUFFOLK.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 5, 1937, in Three Hours,

At the Parish Church.

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

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Plain Bob and St. Clement's. Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE R. TOWNES ... .. Treble	RONALD SUCKLING ... .. 4
REGINALD G. SIMMONDS ... .. 2	ALBERT CATTERWALL ... .. 5
BERNARD W. PETTITT ... .. 3	RALPH BIRD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. CATTERWALL.

First peal on the bells.

BURWARTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 5, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence.

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

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

ARTHUR C. NASON ... .. Treble	HUBERT JONES ... .. 4
WILLIAM J. BENIAMS ... .. 2	JAMES HUGHES ... .. 5
EDWARD SULLIVAN ... .. 3	E. RICHARD BALDWIN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by Wm. J. BENIAMS.

The ringer of the 5th bells from Church Stretton, remainder from Ludlow.

FELKIRK, NEAR BARNSELY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Sunday, June 6, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter.

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

Bing 720 each of College Exercise, Norbury, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 10 cwt.

ROLAND HILL ... .. Treble	*CYRIL COOK ... .. 4
WILFRED TIBBLE ... .. 2	JOHN THOMAS WHITE ... .. 5
HAROLD CHANT ... .. 3	DANIEL SMITH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by D. SMITH.

\* First peal on an 'inside' bell. First peal rung in this tower for the Yorkshire Association by an entirely local band, all the above being regular service ringers. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, who was inducted on June 4th.

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THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, June 5, 1937, in Two Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,**

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

Being 20 methods in seven extents:—

- (1) Oxford Bob and Single Court.
- (2) Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Fulbeck and Canterbury Pleasure.
- (3) Double Oxford, London Bob, Thelwall and Lytham.
- (4) St. Clement's, College, Childwall and Wavertree.
- (5) Capel and Sandal Treble Bob.
- (6) London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob.
- (7) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

MISS DOROTHY VESSEY ... Treble	JACK BRAY ... .. 4
MRS. F. BRAY ... .. 2	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ... .. 5
FRANK VERNON ... .. 3	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

First peal in 20 methods by all the band and for the association.

**NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.**

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

*On Tuesday, June 8, 1937, in Three Hours,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,**

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

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings.

Tenor 11 cwt.

SIDNEY S. SCATTERGOOD ... Treble	CECIL G. SMITH ... .. 4
OLIVER HINES ... .. 2	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD ... .. 5
FRANK SHARP ... .. 3	*ARTHUR YATES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. F. WOODWARD.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells since they were rehung.

**SALFORD, LANCASHIRE.**

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Tuesday, June 8, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED TRINITY,**

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

Being one extent of Oxford and Kingston Treble Bob, one of Kingston Treble Bob, one of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

* HAROLD HOLLINGWORTH ... Treble	* HERBERT MCKINNELL ... .. 4
* JOHN HASSELL ... .. 2	* NORMAN HEAPS ... .. 5
KENNETH LEWIS ... .. 3	ALAN J. BROWN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH LEWIS.

\* First peal in four methods. Rung after meeting short for Major, F. Reynolds kindly standing down.

**BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.**

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Saturday, June 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, FAIRFIELD,**

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

Being seven extents in 73 methods, viz.:—

- (1) Kentish, Berkeley, Edinburgh, Pembroke, Oswald, Barham, Melandra, Beeston, Chelsea, Peveril and Leasowe Delight, and Waterford and Berwyn Treble Bob.
- (2) Chepstow, Rostherne, Balmoral, Wilmslow, Skipton, Knutsford, Fotheringay, Bogedone, Ely Delight, Hull and Bourne Surprise and Nelson Treble Bob.
- (3) Charlwood, Newdigate, Neasden, Old Oxford, St. Albans, College Bob IV., Wragby, Willesden, Braintree, Marple, Humber, Taxal, Clarence, Elston Delight and Morning Star Treble Bob.
- (4) Capel, Ockley, Sandal, Duke of Norfolk, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Kingston, Norbury, Oxford Treble Bob and Carisbrooke, Donottar, Wath and Pontefract Delight.
- (5) Hexham, Surfleet, Berwick, Beverley, Primrose, Cambridge Surprise and Waltham and Burslem Delight.
- (6) Rossendale, Lightfoot, Stamford, Wearmouth, Annable's London and Netherseale Surprise.
- (7) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh, Abbeyville and Canterbury Delight.

Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb.

JAMES A. MILNER ... .. Treble	WILFRED STEVENSON ... .. 4
JAMES FERNLEY ... .. 2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... .. 5
KENNETH LEWIS ... .. 3	JOHN WORTH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH LEWIS.

One hundred and forty-two changes of method. This is the greatest number of methods yet rung in seven true and complete extents, and is also the maximum number of Treble Bob methods which can be spliced into seven extents.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

**PEAL NOTES.**

Two ladies (Mrs. Jack Bray and Miss Dorothy Vessey) took part in a peal in 20 Minor methods at Barnby-in-the-Willocks, Notts, on June 5th. It was the first peal in 20 methods by all the band.

The peal of Bob Major at Chard, Somerset, on June 12th was arranged by Mr. P. Merson to enable Mr. Pat Cannon to ring a peal at the church in which he was confirmed and which he attended when at school at Chard.

Sunday service ringers at Netherscale, Derbyshire, rang, on June 8th, the first peal in the tower since the bells were rehung prior to the Coronation.

A composition by Mr. Nolan Golden, hon. secretary of the Norwich Diocesan Association, the first of its kind to be rung to Double Norwich, was called by the composer at Kenninghall, Norfolk, on Sunday, June 6th. The only calls are singles, and the sixth is never away from either 5th's or 6th's at a course-end. It is a 48-course peal and at Kenninghall was reduced to 5,120, the 2nd thus never being in 6th's at course-ends. Here are the figures:—

23456	1	3	4	5	7
54263	S	S	S	S	
34256	S		S		
A 42563		S	S	S	S
32546	S		S		
A 35426					
B 34265		S	S	S	
54236	S		S		
B 42356					
A 43526					
B twice 52436					
A 54326					
23456	S				

Repeated

A hand 'met short' for a peal of Treble Ten at Stonham Aspell, Suffolk, on June 12th, and consoled themselves by ringing a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major.

The peal of Kent Treble Bob at Milton-next-Gravesend, Kent, on June 11th, was rung 'true and complete' to replace one, rung at St. George's, Gravesend, on June 12th, 1920, and conducted by the late Mr. W. H. Judd, of Prittlewell, which has had to be numbered among the slain since the discovery was made that the abbreviated version of F. Robinson's peal was false. This time the full 5,184 was rung.

On June 12th a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal was rung at North Stoneham, Hants, to welcome home from their honeymoon Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Smith, the former being organist of the church.

**LEICESTER CATHEDRAL BELLS.**

**RINGERS' OPENING BRINGS LARGE GATHERING.**

By A CORRESPONDENT.

On Saturday, June 12th, the new ring of 12 bells at Leicester Cathedral was 'open' to visitors, and the event brought together a 'crowded house,' over 80 ringers arriving from all points of the compass. The first arrival was the 'globe trotter' from Swindon complete with 10ft. rule. Yes, the tenor bell was well and truly measured. Can any bells be said to be 'open' until Mr. Shepherd has performed this ceremony? He regretted his inability to stay long, as he was due at another measuring party in Somerset the next day.

Among other old timers present were Jack Holman, of Sheffield, Harry Chapman, late of Manchester and now of realms unknown, Harry Bartram, of Melton, and Jack Swinfield, S.O.F., that old stalwart of Midland Counties ringing, who hails from the town on the Trent where the river water is put into casks and bottles and retailed to thirsty and long suffering ringers under the name of beer! Birmingham, Walsall, Rugby, Nuneaton, Nottingham, Derby, Northampton and Kettering were all represented and quite possibly other places too.

Ringings in various methods took place on the 12, 10 and both eights, courses and short touches being the order of the day to enable everyone present to have a pull.

At 4.30 a service was held in the Cathedral, the Midland Counties Association form being used. The service was conducted by the Precentor of the Cathedral, who, in a short and appropriate address, mentioned that the Provost of the Cathedral, who has been ill for some time, was now somewhat better, and sent a hearty greeting to the ringers.

Mr. Harold Dexter, son of Mr. F. H. Dexter, officiated at the organ. In the evening the bells were again set going, but as time crept on the number in the ringing chamber gradually diminished. It is believed that the missing ringers had gone to study articles on 'elbow bending' and 'throat massage' in an adjacent free library!

During the afternoon many expressions of appreciation of the bells were offered—they really are a very fine lot. The fine appearance of the newly refitted bell chamber also brought much favourable comment. Who was the oldest ringer present is doubtful, but the youngest conductor was aged exactly 12 weeks! His parents—both ringers—are evidently bringing him up in the correct manner.

**THE LATE MR. R. W. HYNER.**

FORMER SECRETARY OF GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

The funeral took place on Monday, June 7th, of Mr. R. W. Hyner, whose sudden death has already been briefly recorded in our columns.

Deceased was 62 years of age and a native of Ledbury, where he learned to ring, and, despite the handicap of a deformed hand, was an excellent ringer and striker. He was a member of several associations, including the College Youths, Hereford Association and Salisbury and Oxford Guilds.

He joined the Swindon Parish Church Guild in 1902 and was a member up to the time of his death, acting as tower secretary for many years, while from 1915 to 1918 he was hon. secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. He also served the association as branch secretary for some years. Not a great peal ringer, his peals numbered 63, consisting of Grandsire Doubles, Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples and Caters, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Superlative Major and Plain Bob and Kent Royal, while he had conducted peals of Grandsire Doubles, Triples and Caters and Double Norwich Major.

The funeral service at the Parish Church was conducted by the Rev. L. Gollidge, and, in addition to the family mourners, there were representatives of the Swindon Press, Ltd., by whom deceased had been employed for 40 years. The Gloucester and Bristol Association was represented by Messrs. W. H. Trueman and W. B. Kynaston (chairman and secretary, Swindon Branch). St. Mark's ringers were represented by Mr. N. Allnatt, whilst among his old colleagues who attended to pay their last respects to a faithful member of the tower were Messrs. Berry, Bishop, Gardner, Lawrence, Palmer, R. G. Townsend, G. W. Townsend, Smith and H. W. Wells.

The bells were rung half-muffled before and after the service, and wreaths were sent from the Parish Church ringers, St. Mark's ringers and the Swindon branch of the association.

**THE LATE MR. F. W. THORNTON.**

With the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect for the late Mr. Frederick W. Thornton, 672 Stedman Triples was rung on Sunday, June 13th, for evening service at St. Olave's, Hart Street, City: R. Hoazel 1, E. J. Beer 2, Mrs. J. E. Davis 3, Mrs. G. H. Cross 4, G. H. Cross 5, W. J. Beer 6, G. W. Steere 7, H. Willson, jun. 8. The bells were also rung half-muffled for the morning service by the local company. St. Olave's was the last church at which the late Mr. Thornton rang.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.****THE NEW PEAL FOR EBBW VALE.**

A quarterly meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association was held at Llanfrechfa on Saturday, June 12th. Lovely weather prevailed, and at 3 o'clock the bells, a light ring of eight, recently augmented from six, were raised and rung in various methods. The Vicar officiated at the service and gave an interesting address pertaining to church bellringers.

Tea was served in the Church Hall and was followed by the business meeting, Mr. C. Addams-Williams, the donor of one of the new bells, being present, and, at the conclusion of the meeting, becoming an honorary life member.

Instructors', restoration and augmentation reports were read, mention being made that the proposed new peal of bells for Ebbw Vale were to be installed and dedicated about the middle of September.

A report of the Central Council meeting held at Canterbury was given by one of the representatives who attended.

New members were elected from Caerleon and Magor towers.

The usual vote of thanks to the Vicar for his kindness and hospitality closed the meeting.

The bells were afterwards kept going until late in the evening, bringing to a close a pleasant and successful meeting.

**THE LATE DEAN OF ORIEL.**

On Wednesday, May 26th, at the Parish Church, Redruth, Cornwall, a half-peal of Grandsire Doubles, with 4-6-8 covering, was rung in 1 hour 45 minutes: Stanley Seymour 1, William Sanders 2, Vivian Williams 3, Edward Sanders 4, Harold Seymour 5, Harry Mitchell 6, Frederic Harris (conductor) 7, William Simmons 8. This half-peal was rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Rev. John Freeman Russell, Dean of Oriel College, Oxford, whose death on Coronation Day was announced in a previous issue of this paper, but contrary to the report which says he learned to ring whilst a student at Pembroke College, he, as a matter of fact, learned to ring at Redruth, and, together with his brother, were two of the first of the local band to be awarded the Guild medal for proficiency in change ringing, and it is interesting to note that two of his sometime fellow-ringers, H. and S. Seymour, stood in this half-peal.

**BOYS' FIRST QUARTER-PEAL.**

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) was rung at the Church of St. Matthew, Oxhey, before Confirmation service on Sunday, June 6th: Kenneth C. Curtis (age 13) (first quarter-peal) 1, P. W. Brinklow 2, Jack L. Rosson (age 14) (first quarter-peal 'inside') 3, P. J. Bowley 4, F. A. J. Steward (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5, A. E. Nye 6, P. Bishop 7, R. French 8. Rung with 7, 6, 8 covering.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Realistic sounds of church bells played a part in the Aldershot Tattoo, which concluded on Saturday. Part of the scenery represented old London, with church tower, complete. From this tower the pealing of bells in a course of Triples (provided by gramophone and amplifiers) heralded the opening item of the programme and was heard again in another part of the wonderful pageant.

Members of the Archdeaconry of Staffs Society will hold their annual meeting in Lichfield on July 10th, but, although they meet as usual in their own Cathedral city, they will not have the use of the Cathedral bells—because this is not the year for them. It is strange that a diocesan organisation may only ring the bells of their Cathedral once in two years.

Special interest attaches to the meeting of the Salisbury Guild at Wyke Regis on July 10th, and members should make a point of being present.

The ringer of the eleventh in the peal at Liverpool on May 15th was Edward, and not Ernest Canuce as published.

## SPICED PEALS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—The Central Council, at its meeting last year, made certain decisions in respect of spiced peals. In view of these decisions, is the peal rung at Wymondham on May 12th correctly described? I ask in the interests of accuracy, and for no other reason.

C. T. COLES.

## LEEDS' GOOD EXAMPLE.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—As a staunch supporter of our excellent paper, 'The Ringing World,' and as one who has read with great interest the debate which took place at the Central Council meeting, I feel I cannot allow the opportunity to pass, without endorsing entirely the remarks that were made and the soothing, but none the less true, references to towers which take only one copy of the paper among their total strength.

Mr. Percy Johnson cites an instance of a twelve-bell tower where this position obtains. Assuredly this is despicable. I may say that at Leeds Parish Church we have eleven members, six of whom take the paper regularly, and in addition we also take one copy for the tower. Of the remaining five who do not take the paper it is only fair to say that their ages range from 65 to 78 years of age. Then again the problem of unemployment has been acute.

However, I feel that if all towers supported the paper in this proportion, the troubles of 'The Ringing World' would, to say the least, be greatly reduced. In conclusion, I trust your article will be read, marked, learnt and inwardly digested by all who have the interests of ringing at heart. I may say I have taken the paper since its innovation and am now 75 years of age. **HARRY SMITH,**

Hon. Sec., Leeds Parish Church.

## CHESTER CATHEDRAL BELLS.

### THE NEW TREBLES.

In order to commemorate the jubilee of the Chester Diocesan Guild two bells have been added to the Cathedral peal in order to bring it to ten. The occasion has also been used to recognise the great work which has been carried out by the Dean and also the Coronation of King George VI.

The bells bear the following inscriptions:—

1.—Think and thank. F. S. M. Bennett, Dean. Cast to celebrate the jubilee of the Chester Diocesan Guild of Bellringers, 1887-1937.

2.—Benedictus Benedictat. Cast in the year of the Coronation of H.M. King George VI., 1937. God Save the King.

The Diocesan Festival is to be held on Saturday, July 17th, when the Lord Bishop will declare the full peal open.

The service will commence at 3.30, followed by tea at 4.30 and the annual meeting at 5.15.

Several towers in the city will be open for ringers who wish to 'have a pull' and in this way celebrate the occasion.

## BIRMINGHAM CHURCH TO BE DEMOLISHED.

### LAST PEAL ON THE BELLS.

On Wednesday, June 9th, was rung what will probably be the last peal upon the bells of Deritend Church. The church, a plain red-brick structure, is scheduled for demolition in the near future, to make way for a road-widening scheme. The bells, a tuneless peal of eight, were installed in 1777 by Robert Wells, of Aldbourne, Wilts. They had been silent for some five years, chiefly because, with so many modern peals in the vicinity, they were not considered to be worth ringing. However, with a borrowed set of ropes, and after several afternoons had been spent by one or two of the band in greasing the bells and tightening bolts, the bells were made pealable.

Peculiarly enough, the sixth bell, which is the only bell in the tower to be hung on ball bearings, has the worst reputation for 'go.' The following inscriptions may be of interest:—

4th.—May the town of Birmingham be ever held in esteem for its manufact. R. Wells. Recit.

6th.—Wisdom to the Council of the State and success to the British Fleet.

7th.—May Great Britain ever stand unrivalled in her commerce.



## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

(Continued from page 410)  
PEALS OF DOUBLES.

The following motion was on the agenda:—

That so much of all previous resolutions of the Council as defines or attempts to define what shall be recognised as a peal of Doubles be rescinded and that the following be substituted therefor:—

1. Peals of Doubles shall consist of 5,040 or more changes rung in:—
  - (a) True and complete Six-Scores, without interval between any two Six-Scores and without rounds or any other row being struck more than once before the next change is made.
  - (b) Round blocks consisting of two or more Six-Scores, provided that each of the Six-Scores which comprise the round blocks shall be itself a true and complete round block.
  - (c) Twelve-Scores known as Morris' and Pitman's.
  - (d) Combinations of (a), (b) and (c) above or any two of them.
2. At the conclusion of 5,040 or more changes, rung in accordance with (1) above, one true touch of any length less than 120 changes may be added.
3. Peals of Doubles may be rung with or without a covering bell.

In proposing the motion, Mr. W. G. Wilson said he made no apology for bringing the matter before the Council, because the position which arose on the Peals Analysis Committee's report last year made it inevitable that something should be done to clear the question up. The definition in the motion meant that peals should be recognised if they consisted of the ordinary 120's or of 'spliced' 120's. Examples of 'spliced' 120's were included in the second edition of the Doubles and Minor Collection. They consisted of round blocks, in which a six-score was commenced and before it was finished, one or more other six-scores were rung, and then the first was finished. With regard to the Morris and Pitman arrangements, the latter was equivalent to the Bankes James arrangement on six bells and the Council had already approved of that. In the Morris arrangement the 120 changes were rung at handstroke and also at backstroke, so that they had two 120's intermingled more than they had with an ordinary round block.

### WHEN THE TROUBLE STARTED.

Mr. Wilson went on to review the attempts which the Council had made to deal with the matter. Doubles had never been dealt with before the Hereford meeting in 1928 and that was when the trouble started. In 1928 Mr. Goldsmith moved a resolution trying to define what peals on five or six bells were. The one relating to Doubles was: 'That peals of Doubles consist of 42 true and complete 120's rung without interval and without rounds or any other row being included, or rung more than once in any 120. A peal may be lengthened by any number of 120's fulfilling the same conditions, with or without one touch of less than 120.' That definition said, '42 true and complete 120's.' The Minor definition was exactly the same, except that it referred to seven 120's, although Mr. Goldsmith claimed that it would enable Bankes James' Cambridge to be rung. He also said it would allow Pitman's, but excluded Morris'. The Rev. H. Law James seconded that motion. Several people felt doubtful, if a peal was to consist of 42 120's, whether Pitman's and Morris' could be rung, and whether round blocks of 240's would be excluded, and Mr. James said definitely 'No.' Although that definition excluded everything except 120's, the proposer and seconder said the only thing it did exclude was Morris'. The Council passed the resolution. The next lot of trouble was in 1929 at Chelmsford, when the Methods Committee reported that they wanted to include certain compositions in the new edition of their book, it being said that if the Exercise found they were valuable they would get used; if they found they were of no use they would disappear, but, said Mr. Wilson, they had not disappeared yet. During the debate Mr. Goldsmith said he was in favour of including the Bankes James Cambridge, but hoped the Council would decide that the other compositions in dispute should be excluded, although, said Mr. Wilson, he had assured the Council in the previous year that they were included in the resolution. That 1929 meeting was the year when they had an amendment to exclude the compositions from the book passed by one vote, 30 to 29, but could not carry it as a substantive motion, which showed there was a good deal of doubt. When it was suggested it should be included as an appendix with an indication that the insertion did not commit anybody to the opinion that the compositions were suitable for peal ringing, it was carried by 44 votes to three, which seemed to him to bring out the fact that a lot of members thought they were valuable enough to put in the book, even if they were doubtful about ringing a peal containing them.

### INCLUDED IN THE ANALYSIS TABLES.

After that debate Mr. Whittington had a motion which was deferred until a later date, but he did ask one question: Would the inclusion of these compositions in the book commit the Peals Analysis Committee to accepting them in their report, and he was definitely told 'No.' But every year since then they had been included in the report, and the Council had approved of the tables without debate, and had even done so again that morning. In 1929 there was an article in 'The Ringing World' which said the position with regard to peals of Doubles was in a most unsatisfactory state, that things could not remain as they were and sooner or later the question would have to be settled. That was eight years ago and still the question was not settled. They had a rest for a year or two and the question was next brought up in 1934 when the Council decided that, notwithstanding any definition to the contrary, peals in any recognised Minor

method containing compositions on the Bankes James plan were, in the opinion of the Council, permissible. That settled the Minor question and was a commonsense way of dealing with it, although they were warned on that occasion that it would bring other things in its train. As far as Minor was concerned they had had no more of it. What he was asking the Council to do that day was the same as they had already done for the Minor. The immediate thing that caused that motion to be put on the agenda was the decision of the Council last year, when, they would remember, the Council considered a report of the Peals Analysis Committee and a peal of Minor was mentioned which had been rung in 1935 and did not conform to the decision of the Council, because it contained three 480's of Little Bob. The Analysis Committee was then definitely instructed to exclude it from the report, but no one suggested that they should exclude peals in which Pitman's and Morris' arrangements had been rung. The Council also instructed the committee to exclude from their tables any peals which were contrary to the decisions of the Council and to draw the Council's attention to them for discussion. That made the question bound to be considered that day. Even if his motion had not been on the paper, said Mr. Wilson, the Council would have had to consider it that morning on the report of the Analysis Committee. There were three things which the Council could do. They could carry on as they were now doing, disapproving of these peals on paper and allowing them in the report. He did not think the Council would agree that that was satisfactory. They could decide to enforce the original motion on Doubles and exclude everything except 120's. If they did that they would be treating Doubles ringers different to the way in which they treated Minor ringers, with less reason, because Doubles ringers were more restricted. The other course, and the one he wanted them to choose, was to pass his resolution and face up to the situation that progress had been made in composition; that five-bell ringing could do with something extra, and should be dealt with in the same way as six-bell ringing. He was asking them to do nothing terribly revolutionary. They had done it for Minor, and in 1928 they were assured by the proposer and seconder that Pitman's and Bankes James' arrangements were included.

Mr. Wilson was warmly applauded on the conclusion of his 'maiden' speech in the Council.

Mr. E. C. S. Turner, in seconding, said that from the Analysis Committee's report he observed that one of the affiliated societies had rung no less than 13 peals during 1936, which included these 240's. He thought that was a good reason for passing the resolution.

### 'NOT A LEG TO STAND ON.'

Mr. S. H. Wood congratulated Mr. Wilson on the way he had stated his case in his first speech to the Council, especially bearing in mind the task he had got, for he had not got a leg to stand on (laughter). It took a certain amount of courage to talk about Doubles or Minor at all. The grounds on which he (Mr. Wood) opposed the motion were, first, the length and complicated nature of the rule. The existing rule seemed to him to be quite simple and concise, it was understood by everybody. It might not have been at first, but he thought they all now understood what 120 of Doubles was and what 720 of Minor was. He felt the Council was going to be a laughing stock if it could not say what it would accept as a peal of Doubles without taking up half a page of the printed agenda paper and having three clauses and four sub-clauses to explain it. As regards Morris' and Pitman's arrangement he did not feel very much either way. He did not do much Doubles ringing himself and he would like to hear the views of Doubles ringers as to whether they wanted to continue ringing these compositions. He could not see that they wanted to alter the whole principle of a peal. Recently he went through the whole history of the controversy. It seemed to him that one main thing came out of the long and bitter years of struggle and that was that after a certain amount of dithering and wavering on the part of the Council they did, in the end, reaffirm the previous principle that peals on six and five bells should consist of the requisite number of extents. The Bankes James Minor was not recognised by the Council until it was proposed that, notwithstanding that it was not in conformity with the existing definition of a peal, it should be accepted. He could not see why they could not do the same with the Doubles and say that the Morris and Pitman arrangements could be let in as exceptions. Mr. Wilson himself said that when they passed the resolution on the Bankes James arrangement it ended the controversy and nothing more had been heard of it. Everybody was satisfied and everybody would still be satisfied with regard to the Doubles.

Mr. J. A. Trollope congratulated Mr. Wood on the most persuasive way he had talked the largest amount of tosh and tripe that he had heard for a long time (laughter). When he talked about the Bankes James composition having been let in as an exception, he was not speaking the truth. That was brought in 'notwithstanding anything to the contrary.' As to Mr. Wood's objection to this definition of a peal of Doubles on the score of its length, he (the speaker) had been a member of the Council for 40 years and he had seen a number of attempts to formulate definitions. Most of them had shown how extraordinarily difficult it was. There was one criticism of the present motion he would offer, and he would move as an amendment the omission of the second clause about ringing an odd touch. He did not know where that came from. A peal of Doubles should be in multiples of six-scores and a peal of Minor should be in multiples of 720. (A Voice: Hear, hear.)

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## THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MINOR AND DOUBLES.

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Mr. Trollope: I know exactly what I am saying, you won't get me on that (laughter). It was extraordinarily difficult, continued Mr. Trollope, to say in a definition exactly what they meant by truth and completeness except on seven bells. They all agreed that on seven bells a peal should consist of 5,040 changes 'without repetition of a change or a bell out of course.' If they were to ring Holt's ten-part peal and at the end ring a touch of, say, a thousand in the same method without interval, could they claim they had rung a peal of 6,000 of Grandsire Triples? He thought not. They would have rung a peal and a touch; the fact that they had been rung without interval would not alter the fact. The same principle ought to be made to apply to Doubles. The ringing of odd bits was not only contrary to the principle on which peal ringing should be done, but he did not think it was wanted. He moved the deletion of Clause 2.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith opposed the motion on the ground that what should constitute a peal of Doubles was already adequately defined. It was quite true that when he moved the definition at Hereford he said he considered it included the Pitman Doubles, and he now frankly confessed that he changed his opinion on this point very soon afterwards, and that was the reason he opposed its inclusion in the 'Doubles and Minor Collection' at Chelmsford. The Morris and Pitman arrangements were not on the same footing as the Bankes James arrangement of Cambridge Minor, and in proof of this the speaker quoted the Council's own rules on 'Regular Methods.' In these rules it was laid down that 'in methods with one hunt, which included Minor, the division between the leads was between the first and second blows of the whole pull of the hunt, before or behind.' Therefore, Minor methods had rounds as the first row of the method, and, that being so, the Bankes James arrangement consisted of true extents. But when they came to Doubles the Council's rules laid it down that 'in methods with two hunts (the treble and another) the division between the leads was midway between the whole pull of the first hunt and the whole pull of the second hunt, before or behind.' Thus rounds was not the first row of Grandsire Doubles, and consequently Pitman's arrangement did not consist of true extents. There was, therefore, a definite distinction between the Minor and Doubles, and he asked the Council not to accept the motion on the ground that the Doubles should be admitted because they had accepted the Minor.

### NO REAL DEMAND.

As to whether there was any real demand among ringers to ring these compositions, as was suggested by Mr. Turner when he said that last year one association had rung peals including these arrangements 13 times, Mr. Goldsmith said an entirely different complexion was put upon this fact when they realised that 12 of these peals were called by the same conductor and the other by one of his band. Only on three other occasions had this arrangement been used by other conductors, and even then in one case only 240 was used and in another only a 720. He suggested that these facts showed there was no real demand for the admission of these compositions as peals, and in any case if conductors and ringers wanted greater variety in their peals they could get it by the far more interesting way of substituting other bells than the treble as the hunt bell, and by doing so they could continue to ring true extents, which should be the basis of all peals of Doubles and Minor. He warned the Council that this motion was only the thin end of the wedge on the part of those who held that any sort of arrangement of Doubles or Minor should be accepted as a peal as long as a recognised method was used and every row of Doubles appeared 42 times and every row of Minor seven times. He contended that this was against the tradition of peal ringing and asked the Council to vote against the motion.

The President asked if the 13 peals rung by one association had been rung in five-bell towers.

Mr. Goldsmith said in only two or three instances was that the case.

The President said he asked in case the band was limited to ringing Doubles.

### 'CONSISTENT INCONSISTENCY.'

Mr. P. J. Johnson said it seemed to him that the Council, having accepted certain things, must accept certain other things, and he could not see how they were going to get out of it. Once having accepted the Bankes James arrangement they must, to be consistent in their inconsistency, accept this motion. It was wrong to have accepted the Bankes James arrangement, but, having done so, they must accept this other. One or two of the speakers, continued Mr. Johnson, had put up the argument that these compositions were something that ringers wished to ring. He thought that was one of the things that settled the Bankes James job. What they had to decide, however, was not what ringers cared to ring—that had nothing to do with the matter at all—but a mathematical problem. What they had to decide was whether they were going to ring repetitions, but, having decided to accept the Bankes James composition, to be consistently inconsistent they must accept this motion.

The Rev. H. Drake supported the amendment to leave out paragraph 2 and was prepared also to leave out paragraph 3.

Mr. C. T. Coles, in congratulating the mover and seconder on giving the Council the only subject for discussion that day, apart from the committee reports, said, from his own experience, he was astonished at their temerity in reintroducing the subject. With regard to the

number of peals rung, said Mr. Coles, Pitman's composition was published in December, 1923, and Morris' in December, 1926. Up to the end of 1930 Pitman's composition had been rung in peals, wholly or in part, some 139 times by 15 associations. About that time the controversy began and people began to look upon them suspiciously as being false. Since then there had been a considerable falling off. This year, up to date, they had been rung three times, by three associations and three different conductors. The compositions had never been rung by the association which Mr. Wilson and he represented, so they did not attempt to regularise them for their own sake, but for the sake of the Exercise at large. A composition of Triples or Major if known to be false was ignored; ringers would have nothing to do with it; but there were a considerable number of people who did not consider that the Morris and Pitman arrangements could be regarded as false. If they had had any doubt on the subject they would have ignored them. He reminded the members that these compositions had been published by the Council; were they, then, to be told that they encouraged the ringing of them but refused to recognise them in peals? If they did they would certainly, as Mr. Wood said, make a laughing stock of themselves. If these compositions were to be barred, were the Council going to delete the peals from all previous analyses or only from last year's; or would it be only from this year's or only from that day? If they were false why should they not all be cut out? Another difficulty the committee would be faced with was that peals were not always fully described. Occasionally a report merely stated '5,040 Grandsire Doubles.' Were the committee to write and ask for further details or were the committee to be allowed to put these particular peals in the analysis and so encourage a certain amount of dishonesty among conductors, who could ring Pitman's and Morris' compositions to their heart's content and not describe them? It was said that the Bankes James peal consisted of true 720's because rounds was the first row of the method. If it consisted of true 720's there was no need to bring up the resolution three years ago admitting it as an exception. In conclusion, Mr. Coles asked members of the Council who were not six and five-bell ringers, and who had fundamental objections to six and five-bell peals, not to enter the controversy, but to let it be settled by those who were in sympathy with the six and five-bell ringers. The Council had published these compositions in one of their publications and had included the peals in the analysis tables for the past 14 years; if they were to be consistent, therefore, they must admit them at this stage.

### NO MORE ADDED TOUCHES.

Mr. J. Hunt said he did not agree with accepting the Minor, and he still did not agree to-day, but he felt, in justice to the five-bell ringers, that, having accepted the Bankes James Minor, they must accept this resolution. He, however, supported the deletion of Clauses 2 and 3. They did not want to finish a peal with a touch of two bobs. With regard to the covering bell, they had been ringing peals with that for the last 40 or 50 years or more.

Mr. Wilson accepted the amendment to delete Clause 2 relating to the additional touch at the end of a peal, although, he said, he did not know there was anything fundamentally wrong about it.

Mr. Kynaston then moved as an amendment to delete all the motion after 1(a).—Mr. Hollier seconded, but the amendment was lost.

Mr. S. H. Wood moved that sub-clause (b) be deleted. He said this provided for starting a 120, and then splicing into it another 120. It would be possible, he said, to go on splicing the six-scores one into the other, until they got a one-part 5,040, the only thing about which was that they had each change 42 times.

Mr. Goldsmith said to delete this would be more inconsistent than ever, and Mr. Coles said if it were taken out it would be one of the most foolish things the Council had ever done.

Mr. A. D. Barker said the Bankes James and the Morris and Pitman arrangements were not rung as much as they used to be, and he thought the use of them would die out in time.

Mr. Wood's amendment was negatived, and the original motion (omitting Clause 2), on being put, was carried, the President remarking that it was by about a three to one majority.

(To be continued.)

## BELLS OF ST. PETER'S, BOURNEMOUTH.

### A RESTORATION FUND.

A fund has been opened to provide the necessary money to completely restore the bells of St. Peter's, the Parish Church of Bournemouth, in commemoration of Coronation year.

It is proposed to recast and relang the peal in modern fittings at a cost of £500, and in connection with the recasting work a very generous offer has been made to the Vicar.

The raising of the required balance would not be formidable but for the presence of a large deficit on parochial funds, a deficit which has accumulated since St. Peter's has become bereft of its residential congregation and has become something of a 'city church' surrounded by business establishments. There is no doubt as to the urgency of attention to the peal of eight bells, and it is hoped to raise the money to allow for the completion of the work during Coronation year.

It may be that some of the visiting ringers who have been welcomed at St. Peter's might like to help. Contributions may be sent to the Vicar, Canon Hedley Burrows, St. Peter's Hall, Hinton Road, Bournemouth, and will be gratefully acknowledged.

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.****THE IMPORTANCE OF QUARTERLY PEALS.**

Thirty-three members put in an appearance at the summer meeting of the Western Branch, held on Saturday, June 12th, at Longdon, 13 miles from Worcester, and lying between Upton-on-Severn and Tewkesbury. Considering the travelling distance and difficulties of access (for Longdon is a village situated on a secondary road, and buses touching the place are few and far between), this number was satisfactory. The old church possesses a ring of six bells supplied by T. Mears, in 1835, tenor about 12 cwt., which were rehung by Mears and Stainbank in the early part of this year, and although the tone leaves something to be desired, the 'go' is excellent.

The Rev. W. Griffiths, curate of Upton-on-Severn, kindly took the service in place of the Vicar of Longdon, the Rev. G. W. Webb (clerical secretary), who, unfortunately, lies ill in a Malvern nursing home. Consequently arrangements for tea were re-made at short notice, and it was held at the Plough Inn, no member being 'out of course.'

In the Vicar's absence, Mr. R. G. Knowles (vice-president) was voted to the chair. The first matter arising out of the minutes was the last quarterly peal, but no one knew whether it had been successfully rung. The conductor was not present and no notification of its having been rung had reached the meeting, whereupon Mr. S. T. Holt observed that the quarterly peal had been instituted primarily for the benefit of local bands and to encourage budding conductors, and, whether successful or otherwise, the result ought to be made known to the meeting. He expressed the hope that conductors would treat the quarterly peal seriously, and look upon it more as an honour at being elected to call the peal.

The hon. secretary (Mr. G. E. Large) told the meeting that in spite of their proposing and accepting the Bushley ringers, he had spent quite a lot of postage in trying to obtain that band's subscription, but without result, so that he feared it was now a hopeless case.

The quarterly peal, to be rung at Longdon, was left in the hands of the Branch Ringing Master, Mr. C. Camm, while it was decided to hold the branch annual meeting at St. John's, Worcester.

**LOCAL RINGERS ABSENT.**

The Chairman expressed his pleasure at seeing so many young ringers present. They were very necessary, he said, if the place of older ones was to be taken, to say nothing of keeping bellfounders in business!

The secretary asked members if they would point out to him any errors in his 'Report' so that they could be rectified.

Mr. Holt proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. G. W. Webb for allowing the use of Longdon Church and bells, to the curate of Upton for taking the service at short notice, and to Mrs. Webb for playing the organ. He also proposed that the secretary write to the Vicar expressing the meeting's wishes for his speedy recovery.—These proposals were carried unanimously and ended the business meeting.

There followed a further hour or so's ringing, ranging from rounds to two successful touches of Spliced London and Cambridge Surprise, though it must be admitted that the 'splice'—Cambridge to London—nearly ended in a 'clean break' on several occasions.

Old stalwarts in the persons of Mr. Tom Elcox, who came from Arley Kings, a distance of about 27 miles each way, and Mr. Bill ('Evergreen') Ranford, who came from Suckley, 24 miles, were an example to many of the younger members of the branch who live only half the distance away and yet who failed to turn up.

This meeting, arranged at Longdon especially to encourage the new local band just forming there, did not have the desired effect, as all were taking part in a cricket match at Worcester!

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

A successful meeting of the Sonning Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Binfield, Berks, on Saturday, June 5th, when members and visitors were present from Hurst, Sandhurst, Sonning, Waltham St. Lawrence, All Saints', Wokingham, Finchampstead, Burnham, Hillingdon, Pirbright and the local band. Tea was served in the Parish Hall by Mrs. Rance and friends, who were warmly thanked by the branch chairman. Service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. C. Ellwood), who gave a helpful address, his subject being the 'joy of living,' which, he said, ringers in their work helped to bring out.

It was a pleasure to have present Canon Coleridge, Master of the Guild and branch chairman, who was able to take part in a six-score of Stedman Doubles and afterwards gave some practical advice to some present as to the correct way to handle a rope.

The ring of six bells was made good use of in the following methods: Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Doubles, London, Cambridge and Norwich Surprise, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Canterbury, St. Clement's, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor and rounds for beginners.

2,237 720's.

At Great Gransden, Cambs, to open the Hunts Branch meeting of the Ely Diocesan Association, on Saturday, June 5th, a 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. Fields 1, S. J. Peck (first 720 of Cambridge) 2, H. J. Parker 3, F. W. Lack 4, A. E. Austin 5, P. Warrington (conductor) 6. The conductor's 2,237th 720.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.****VICAR LEAVES CRICKET MATCH TO CONDUCT RINGERS' SERVICE.**

When members of the Surrey Association visited Christ Church, Epsom, for the North-Western District meeting on Saturday week, the Vicar, the Rev. John E. Matthews, B.A., was playing cricket for the local side on the common by the church. He left word for the visitors that he would come along in the tea interval to conduct their service, and he did. 'I want,' he said in the course of a short address, 'to express my gratitude to you all for the work which you do Sunday by Sunday for the Church and to give you a word of appreciation and encouragement in that work. I also desire to thank you most heartily for the peal of welcome which you tried to ring at the time of my induction.' (This was a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major which came to grief after 2½ hours' ringing.) Immediately after the service the Vicar returned to the cricket field as the hope of his side. Verily, a sporting parson.

The company held their tea and meeting in the Parish Hall. The attendance numbered 40, representing Banstead, Beddington, Benhilton, Camberwell, Chelsea, Croydon (St. John's and St. Peter's), Ewell, Leatherhead, London (St. Lawrence Jewry), Uckfield, Wimbledon and the local band.

At the commencement of the business meeting the company stood in silence for two minutes as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Mr. Allen Silas Gower, who died on May 19th, aged 82 years. For a quarter of a century Mr. Gower was a ringer at Christ Church, Epsom, and for many years was the association's honorary auditor.

The secretary (Mr. F. G. Woodiss) gave a short résumé of the ringing which had been done in the district in connection with the Coronation, with special reference to the first peal of Cinquus at Croydon, and requested those tower secretaries who had not yet done so to send particulars of any Coronation ringing that was done at their towers to the general secretary without delay.

The secretary also reported that an invitation had been received from the Middlesex Association to join with them and the Oxford and Guildford Diocesan Guilds in the combined meeting to be held at Staines and Egham on Saturday, August 28th, and that that invitation had been accepted on behalf of the Surrey Association.

A proposition arising out of a meeting of the District Committee regarding the printing of the cover of the association's report for 1937 (Coronation year) was discussed. It was decided that this year's cover be printed, if possible, in the national colours (red, white and blue) to a design to be approved by the General Committee.

Mr. J. R. Mackman, of Benhilton, was elected a member of the association, and the election of Mr. E. T. Woolloff in the belfry at Banstead prior to a peal on Whit Monday was ratified.

Apologies for unavoidable absence were received from the Master, Mr. D. K. C. Birt, and from Mrs. Kippin, a member of the committee, who had that day had to enter hospital for an operation.

The meeting terminated with the usual vote of thanks to the Vicar, and to Mr. J. Crawford for making arrangements for the meeting to be held and for its successful conclusion. The ringing during the afternoon and evening ranged from Grandsire Triples to Spliced Surprise Major.

**A PENWORTHAM CELEBRATION.****225th ANNIVERSARY OF A LANCASHIRE RING.**

The ancient Church of St. Mary, Penwortham, on its wooded escarpment on the south bank of the Ribble, was an fête on Saturday, June 12th, the occasion being the 225th anniversary of the bells, a ring of six by A. Rudhall, augmented by the Freemasons of the North-West Province to an octave some years ago.

The celebration was originated by the local veteran, Mr. J. R. Taylor (who has been a ringer at Penwortham for 50 years), in a desire to further the public interest in beltring matters. Ringing took place in a variety of methods from 2.30 till 4 p.m., when a service was held, the prayers being said by the Vicar (the Rev. O. Burton) and a very helpful address delivered by the president of the Lancashire Association (the Rev. Arthur Scott).

Afterwards an adjournment was made to St. Mary's Hall, where an admirable tea was spread and 'changes' swiftly made at the tables, also in a variety of methods.

Welcoming the visitors in a witty speech, the Vicar recalled the bicentenary of the bells, which, he said, seemed only yesterday. During and also after tea Mr. J. and Miss Booth, of Standish, gave selections on the handbells, which were much appreciated, and Mr. J. R. Taylor sketched the history of bells and ringing in Penwortham from 1858 till now. He appealed for more young folks to take up the art of change ringing, at the same time extending the invitation to the gentler sex.

The president of the association also emphasised the appeal in his response to the welcome. He said there was a danger of ringing becoming a lost art if we did not keep our belfries filled with recruits.

Mr. J. Roskell, the local captain, thanked all those who had helped in any way to make the event such a memorable one.

Asked to say a few words at the end of the proceedings, Mr. F. G. Bradloy, Preston branch president, in expressing the appreciation of the members, remarked that there appeared to be no danger in Penwortham of catering becoming one of the lost arts.

Further ringing on the handy little ring till 9 p.m. ended a very happy day in the Preston Branch.

F. G. B.



## NOTICES.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—The next meeting will be held at Horsell (near Woking) on Saturday, June 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at the Institute. Don't forget your officers, they need your support. All ringers and friends welcome.—F. E. Hawthorne, 4, Temperance Cottages, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

**LADIES GUILD** (Southern District) and **GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**. (Farnham District).—A joint meeting at Frensham on Saturday, June 26th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Marindin Institute, 5.15.—Miss H. F. Mills, Maidencombe, Northbrook Road, or C. W. Denyer, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

**GLASTON, UPPINGHAM, RUTLAND.**—The Rt. Rev. Bishop Lang, D.D., Archdeacon of Oakham, will dedicate the new treble bell, installed by John Taylor and Co., to augment the peal to a ring of 6, on Saturday, June 26th, at 3 p.m.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Andover District.—The summer meeting will be held at Highclere on June 26th. Bells (8) open at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4 p.m. All requiring tea please notify F. D. Knapp, Highclere Farm. All ringers welcome.—Rev. F. S. Marle, Hon. Sec.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bletchingley on Saturday, June 26th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers heartily welcome.—W. Claydon, 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—Next meeting at Shouldham on Saturday, June 26th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. We should like you to be present.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terlington St. John, Wisbech.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Miles Platting, on Saturday, June 26th. Tower open for ringing at 6 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

**SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY** (Established 1623).—The 314th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 26th. Bells (12) available from 2.30 p.m.—Leonard E. Pistow, Hon. Sec.

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting at Great Ness, Saturday, June 26th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m.—R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., Craigmere, Upper Road, Meole Brace, Shrewsbury.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The summer festival will be held at Husborne Crawley, on Saturday, June 26th. The bells (8) will be available from 2.30 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Preacher, the Rev. R. Wynter, Rector of Sympton. Tea, at 5.15, in the Vicarage garden (weather permitting). It will greatly help in making tea arrangements if intending visitors will send a p.c. to Canon Rust, Husborne Crawley, Bletchley.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Ripon on Saturday, June 26th. The Cathedral bells (10, tenor 23 cwt.) will be available for ringing. Tea, followed by business meeting at the Black Bull Hotel at 4.45 p.m.—J. Reed, Hon. Sec., 67, Hedley Street, Guisborough, Yorks.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next meeting has been arranged at Warfield (8 bells) on Saturday, June 26th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head. Phone Slough 1260. — A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Sharnford on Saturday, June 26th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—Wm. A. Wood, Hon. Sec.

**EDWINSTOWE, NR. MANSFIELD, NOTTS.**—Ringers' Day, Saturday, June 26th. Bells available 3 p.m. A ring of six rehung by John Taylor and Co.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—There will be ringing for service on Sunday, June 27th, commencing at 5.30 p.m., at Shoreditch. Please book the date for the summer meeting—July 17th at Pinner. Full particulars later.—N. Summerhayes, Hon. Sec., 26, Wilmot Road, Dartford.

**GOATHURST** near Bridgwater, Somerset.—Rededication of the bells by the Bishop of Taunton on Tuesday, June 29th, at 8 p.m.; a ring of six restored by John Taylor and Co.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on July 1st, \*St. Mary-le-Bow on July 6th. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held in Bath on July 3rd. Bells available: Abbey (10) 3 to 4 p.m. and 6.30 to 7.30 p.m.; Twerton (8) 3 to 4 p.m. and after the meeting; St. Mark's (6) 3 to 4.30 p.m. and after the meeting. Service 4.30 p.m. at St. Mark's. Tea and meeting to follow. Other towers could be open if required. Free copies of 'The Glossary' available.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton, Bath.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Solihull, near Birmingham, on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells (10) available from 3.30. Tea 5.30, followed by business meeting. Kindly notify regarding tea not later than July 1st. — T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham 11.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton District.—Next meeting, Measham, July 3rd. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome. Tea provided for those who notify the undersigned by Wednesday, June 30th. Please note: The district outing will take place on July 10th (not the 17th). Route: Via Hoar Cross, Rocester and Ashbourne. Those who wish to join the party should let me know by June 26th. — J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Rishton on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-East Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Mistley (8 bells) on July 3rd. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea provided by the Vicar at 5 p.m. Arrangements have been made for bells at Holbrook-Sutton and Harkstead to be available, which are on the Suffolk side. Will all those intending to be present please let me know as soon as possible?—J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Hotel, Wivenhoe.



**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting to be held at St. Mary's, Balderstone, Rochdale, on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells from 2 p.m. Business at 6.45 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—S. Lloyd Parry, Branch Sec., 24, St. James' Street, Milnrow, Rochdale.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wirral Branch.—A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at Burton on Saturday, July 3rd. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Meeting afterwards, when tea tickets for jubilee meeting may be had. A good attendance is requested.—H. S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 30, South Hill Road, Birkenhead.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Circumstances necessitate the cancellation of the summer meeting which was to be held at Wylam and Newburn on July 3rd.—Roland Park, Hon. Sec.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Petersfield on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells available: East Meon (8), Privett (8), Buriton (6) and Steep (5) from 1 to 3 p.m. and after the meeting, Petersfield (8) from 2 to 3.30 p.m. and after the meeting. Service in St. Peter's at 3.30. Tea and meeting to follow in St. Peter's Hall. Will those requiring tea please inform Mr. C. E. Bassett, 32, Charles Street, Petersfield, by Thursday, July 1st? All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

**LADIES GUILD.**—Central District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Tottenham Court Road, London, W.C., on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at the Express Dairy. Business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, June 30th. Gentlemen cordially invited.—M. L. Cross, Hon. Sec., 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, Kent.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kibworth on July 3rd. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. A. Martin, Kibworth, not later than July 1st.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Stockport Branch.—A meeting will be held at Poynton on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea please advise Mr. G. Turner, 26, Park Avenue, Poynton, near Stockport.—Kenneth Lewis, Sec.

**NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Draycott on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea please advise Mr. W. Shelley, The Wentlow, Tean, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs, not later than June 30th?—Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec.

**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Morton on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Bus service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Please notify me how many will require tea by Wednesday, June 30th.—J. W. England, 49, The Common, South Normanton.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Goldhanger on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, tea to follow. Tollesbury and Tolleshunt D'Arcy bells available during the evening. A special coach will leave the Corn Exchange, Chelmsford, at 2 p.m. prompt, fare approximately 3s. Will all those who wish to travel by the coach and those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, June 30th, certain?—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Div. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The quarterly meeting of the West Norfolk Branch will be held at Wells on Saturday, July 3rd.—W. J. Eldred, 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Parbold on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m.—S. Forshaw, Branch Sec., 38, Poolstock, Wigan.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Melksham on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Parish Room 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome. For tea please advise.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Norton Church on Saturday, July 3rd. For tea please notify Mr. Wm. Biggen, 13, Abbey Lane, Woodseats, Sheffield. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield 7.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION, SHERWOOD YOUTHS AND LADIES GUILD.**—Northern District.—Joint meeting at Newark, July 3rd, at 3 p.m. For tea (rs.) please notify Mr. W. Thompson, 86, Hatton Gardens, Newark, by July 1st.—I. B. Thompson and R. Towler, Hon. Secs.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Peterborough Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at West Deeping on Saturday, July 3rd. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, June 29th?—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Brabourne on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. For tea, notify S. Finn, Ivy Cottage, Brabourne.—P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Great Brington, on Sat., July 3rd. Names for tea to me by June 30th.—J. C. Dean, Hon. Sec., 16, St. Peter's Street, Northampton.

**SILVERTON, Nr. EXETER.**—The bells will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Exeter on Thursday, July 8th, at 7.30 p.m. The ring of six bells has been restored and augmented to eight, including new framework, by John Taylor and Co.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—The summer meeting will be held at Ash on Sat-

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**LADIES' GUILD.**—Preliminary Notice.—The annual general meeting will be held at Handsworth, Sheffield, on Saturday, July 10th. Further particulars later.—E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Summer Festival at Epsom on Saturday, July 10th. Bells (10) of St. Martin's from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. An eight bell tower will also probably be available in the evening. Numbers for tea must be sent to Mr. G. L. Grover, East Clandon, Guildford, not later than Tuesday, July 6th.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Harston on Saturday, July 10th, when the Vicar is extending a hearty invitation to all ringers to try the bells restored and augmented to a ring of six by J. Taylor and Co. The bells will be available from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30. As the Vicar is also entertaining us to tea, I must ask for names of all intending to be present to reach me by Wed. July 7th.—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton. Cambridge.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Staplehurst (8 bells) on Saturday, July 10th. Bells available 2.30. Service at 5. Half fares up to 2s. will be paid to members attending this meeting.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—A meeting will be held at Yateley on Saturday, July 10th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify by July 6th, to Major J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec., Lea Cottage, Yateley, Hants.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, July 10th. Bells: St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 p.m. in Wade Street School; to fully paid members 9d., to others 1s. 3d. General meeting to follow. Please send word not later than Tuesday, July 6th.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Stansted on Saturday, July 10th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Will those intending to be present kindly advise me?—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 69, Rye St., Bishop's Stortford

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—Leigh, the model village of Kent, with its interesting church, will, on Saturday, July 10th, be the meeting place of many ringers. You must come and join them. Details next week. Please notify me for tea by July 6th.—Alec E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Dorchester Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Wyke Regis on Saturday, July 10th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Guild office 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. A large gathering expected. Please advise for tea.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., 3, Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Banbury and District Branch.—Annual meeting at Adderbury on Saturday, July 10th. Bells (8). Service at 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Banbury (10), Deddington (6), and by kind permission King's Sutton (8) on the Peterborough border, are available for ringers attending at Adderbury. Please let me know for tea.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury.

**SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.**—Annual festival at Gorseinon, Saturday, July 10th. 12-2.30, tower open for ringing; 3, service at St. Catherine's; 4, tea; 4.30, business meeting. Let secretary know as soon as possible the number for tea.—L. T. Havard, 2, Harp Terrace, Brecon.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—Meeting at Hendon on Saturday, July 10th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. Please send your advices by July 7th. Nearest station, Hendon, on Edgware tube. Cheap tickets from all tube stations. Special Method: Double Stedman Slow Course Minor. Practice at St. Giles', Cripplegate (12 bells) on Wednesday, July 14th, 7.30 p.m. Joint Herts and Middlesex meeting at Monken Hadley on July 24th.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4. Tel.: Larkswood 1959.

**BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The Annual Shield Contest will be held at Cawthorne on Saturday, July 10th. All entrance fees (6s. per band) and voluntary subscriptions must reach me not later than June 26th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., Rock Cottages, Shaf-ton, near Barnsley.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—South Norfolk Branch.—This branch meets at Kenninghall on Saturday, July 10th (not 3rd as previously arranged). Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m. at the Red Lion, opposite the church, followed by business meeting. Also Quidenham (8 bells), 1 mile distant, 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m., and after meeting. A post-card with names or numbers for tea, please, by July 7th.—A. G. Harrison, Hon. Branch Sec., 90, Denmark Street, Diss, Norfolk.

**SATURDAY, JULY 17th.**—Meeting at Abbots Langley. Ringing from 3.30. Tea at 5.30. Herts Association.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual festival, 1937, will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 17th. Service in Cathedral 11.15 a.m. Preacher: Bishop G. B. Allen, D.D. Business meeting in Chapter House immediately after service. Dinner in Christ Church Hall at 1.30 p.m. Tickets, 2s. each to members, 3s. each to non-members. All applications for tickets, accompanied by remittance, must reach general secretary not later than Wednesday, July 14th, after which date the business will be in the hands of caterers. Further particulars will be given on notices sent to guild towers.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading, Berks.

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