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COUNCIL DEBATES.

Two incidents in the Central Council meeting indicated what, to outsiders, may appear as a certain lack of good spirit. The first occurred when the discussion arose on the Analysis Committee's report on the nomenclature of methods. Two objections were raised to this report as it stood, one by the Rev. H. Law James upon the committee's action in altering certain names which had been deliberately given to methods by the Methods Committee when they compiled and published the Collection of Minor Methods, and the other voiced by Mr. G. P. Burton on the question of the absurd names given to some methods by the Analysis Committee. When asked to take the report back for further consideration the committee adopted a 'take it or leave it' attitude, and, holding up the bogey of having nothing further to do with the subject unless the report was adopted in toto, persuaded the Council into accepting the report unaltered, mainly from fear of offending the committee. There was no desperate need for its immediate adoption, for the report is of little importance until the Council reprint the method collection. Moreover, it does not strengthen the ground of anybody to threaten to resign a task if he cannot have his own way; and many members must have felt with Mr. Cave that they would like to see these questions settled on their merits. It is a moot point whether the committee did not go beyond their powers in changing existing names, and when they introduced a brief report last year stating what were to be their guiding principles, few people imagined they proposed to deal with existing names as well as with methods which were unnamed. On the point of the new garden titles for some of the methods, persistence in them is but adding to the terms which may bring ridicule upon the art. The committee had an excellent opportunity of doing something to raise the dignity of the names applied to methods and to set a precedent for future action; instead they chose to go back to the antiquated ideas of a century ago and to take up an attitude, when their choice was questioned, which a little backbone on the part of the Council could have defeated.

The second point on which the Council showed lack of spirit was when they carried 'the previous question' in regard to the motion on the subject of the demolition of City churches. If a topic of this kind is outside the purview of the Council it should be for the President to rule it out of order before it is discussed, but 'the previous question' is a poor way of getting rid of any matter. It excludes any further discussion until disposed of, and members who may have had views to ex-

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press were debarred from speaking. Far better would it be to carry or defeat the motion by a direct vote. These short cuts through the business are not to be commended, any more than is the tendency of some members to speak two or three times on one subject.

TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 9, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES:

Tenor 31 cwt.

JOHN SADDINGTON Treble	*REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 6
ERNEST MORRIS 2	HAROLD J. POOLE 7
SHIRLEY BURTON 3	*DET.-SGT. H. G. JENNEY ... 8
A. CONINGSBY WRIGHT ... 4	HARRY BROUGHTON 9
FRED W. HILL 5	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Treble

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

Rung during the procession through Loughborough of the bells for the War Memorial Carillon. * 50th peal.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, June 16, 1923, in Three Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ... Treble	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 6
RICHARD T. HIBBERT 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
THOMAS LANGDON 3	RICHARD F. DEAL 8
HERBERT LANGDON 4	WILSON RUSHTON 9
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 5	ALBERT HOWELL M.P.S. ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE T. DALTRY. Conducted by H. LANGDON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Princess Christian.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 16, 1923, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND'S

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5035 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

EDWARD C. GOBEY Treble	WALTER WALLACE 6
HENRY LETTS 2	CHARLES E. HART 7
ALBERT H. WARD 3	ARTHUR BRAINES 8
WILLIAM A. JAMES 4	*SIDNEY DAWSON 9
JOHN C. DICKEN 5	CHARLES BRADLEY Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. C. E. Hart and A. H. Ward.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 9, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS Treble	DET.-SGT. H. G. JENNEY ... 5
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 2	HARRY BROUGHTON 6
SHIRLEY BURTON 3	FRED W. HILL 7
A. CONINGSBY WRIGHT ... 4	HAROLD J. POOLE Tenor

Composed by GEO. R. PYE. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

First peal in the method on the bells, and first of Bristol as conductor.

TARPORLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 9, 1923, in Five Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 9344 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY 5
GEORGE R. JONES 2	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 6
JOHN HAYES 3	JAMES H. RIDING 7
HARRY F. HOLDING 4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

PRESTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 9, 1923, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF SPICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

E. ROGER MARTIN Treble	FREDERICK HARWOOD 5
JAMES ARMSTRONG 2	WILLIAM LANCASTER 6
H. STANLEY ROBINSON 3	JOHN GARTSIDE 7
HARRY FRANCE 4	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... Tenor

Composed by EDWARD C. GOBEY. Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

First peal in the method in the county by the Association, and by all the band except the conductor. * First peal of Spiced Major. Rung at the first attempt, without a practice.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 9, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

COL. SGT. BENNETT Treble	WILLIAM J. WHEADON 5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 2	JOHN WHEADON 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	CHARLES WINNER 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	FREDERICK RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

* 100th peal. This band greatly appreciated the kind hospitality of Col. Sgt. Bennett after the peal.

DERBY.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 11, 1923, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

HENRY FLETCHER Treble	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 5
WILLIAM POYSER 2	WILFRED H. BUXTON 6
* CYRIL J. JENNINGS 3	JAMES PAGETT 7
JOHN W. GLEW 4	JOSEPH LORD Tenor

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by J. LORD.

* First peal in the method. Rung with the bells deeply muffled in memory of Trooper W. J. Davis, killed in action June 11th, 1916.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, June 12, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST WHITING Treble	GEORGE GOWER 5
CHARLES CUTTING 2	HENRY ADCOCK 6
GEORGE T. PEGNALL 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
CHARLES CLARKE 4	TAWNSON ADCOCK Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON.

Conducted by E. WHITING.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 12, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM A. GOODENOUGH Treble	MAURICE SMITH 5
THOMAS EAST 2	WALTER HITCHMAN 6
* JOHN SIMONS 3	RICHARD G. RICE 7
WALTER V. WEBB 4	ROBERT N. ALDRIDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS EAST.

* First peal. Arranged for Messrs. Smith and Simons, of Banbury.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 13, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PABLINUS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	GEORGE H. DAYNES 5
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	JOHN S. MORTON 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 7
JOHN WHEADON 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

This is the first peal on the bells since being rehung by Mears & Stainbank in a cast iron frame on steel girders and ball bearings, the 'go' being perfect.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

On Wednesday, June 13, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM RICHES Treble	ROBERT RAYNER 5
ROBERT RICHES 2	JAMES RICHES 6
GEORGE T. PEGNALL 3	WALTER RICHES 7
RUSSELL RICHES 4	ALBERT RICHES Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by ALBERT RICHES.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 14, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

EDWARD C. CHASTY Treble	CECIL J. BAKER 5
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 2	EDWARD C. GOBEY 6
JAMES F. GEORGE 3	JOHN FLOWER 7
* GEORGE R. GOODSHIP ... 4	HENRY HARRISON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

* First peal of Spiced T.B. This peal contains only 17 Bobs, besides a lead of Oxford in every course. † 100th peal.

BUNGAY, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 14, 1923, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

† H. BARRELL Treble	† CHARLES CLARKE 5
* JACK FORD 2	EDWIN R. GOATE 6
GEORGE T. PEGNALL 3	ERNEST LINCOLN 7
CHARLES F. SAYER 4	FREDERICK FINCH Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Bob Major.

EDMONTON.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, June 16, 1923, in Three Hours,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

MISS PHOEBE UPSHER ... Treble	WILBY J. HAZELL 5
MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... 2	JAMES PARKER 6
ALICK CUTLER 3	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 7
WALTER J. BOWDEN 4	WILLIAM ANDERSON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. J. Hazell.

BENSON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 16, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Helen,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

FRANK BARRETT Treble	THOMAS SHORT 5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK ... 2	ALBERT E. LOCK 6
FREDERICK NAISH 3	GORDON CAUDWELL 7
JACK HONEY 4	*CHARLES SPICER Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.

* First peal. First peal of Stedman since the bells were rehung.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 16, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Cathedral,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 30 cwt.

†CHARLES WALKLATE ... Treble	JOHN MALYON 5
*THOMAS J. HULL 2	WALTER AYRE 6
JOSEPH F. CHATLEY 3	HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH 7
*WILLIAM LITTLE 4	†GEORGE DEBENHAM Tenor

Conducted by HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH.

† First peal on eight. First peal as conductor. * First peal in the method. † First peal. Rung on the Eve of St. Alban's Day.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 16, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 25½ cwt.

THOMAS J. SALTER Treble	JOHN BASS 5
WILLIAM SHORT 2	ROBERT MATTHEWS 6
ERNEST J. BROOKS 3	JOHN SMITH 7
KEITH SALTER 4	JOSEPH DAVIES Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. Keith Salter on his 21st birthday, the band wishing him many happy returns.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 16, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

EDGAR BAILEY Treble	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... 5
BEN. S. THOMPSON 2	GEORGE H. CROSS 6
WILLIAM CLOVER 3	FRANK R. COPEMAN 7
GEORGE T. PEGNALL 4	NORMAN R. BAILEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

First peal in the method by the ringer of the treble. Quickest peal on the bells.

PERRY BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, June 16, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE F. SWANN Treble	ALBERT T. SCRIVENS ... 5
OLIVER G. NORMAN 2	MORRIS J. MORRIS 6
WILLIAM H. JONES 3	ALBERT E. NORMAN 7
JONATHAN PRESTON 4	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Rung to celebrate the marriage of Mr. J. S. Swann (brother of the conductor) to Miss E. M. Morris, which took place at St. Thomas' Abbey Church, Erdington, earlier in the day.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, June 16, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

*CL. SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	HENRY T. WILSON 6
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 3	FREDERICK RICHARDSON ... 7
WILLIAM DUDLEY 4	GEORGE E. WILSON Tenor

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

* rooth peal. Quickest peal on the bells.

FEELING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 16, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NEVARD Treble	CYRIL PEASE 5
FRANK CLAYDON 2	WILLIAM ELLIOTT 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	WILLIAM KEEBLE 7
JAMES FLEUTY 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to F. Claydon, and to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the conductor's wedding.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN AND ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.

On Saturday, June 16, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 8 cwt. o gr. 3 lb. in A flat,

ALBERT A. FLEMING Treble	HENRY C. GILLINGHAM ... 5
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 2	GEORGE A. FLEMING 6
CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 3	*HARRY R. ROPER 7
JAMES DURRANT 4	†FREDERICK GILLINGHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. FLEMING.

* First peal in this method on an inside bell.

NORTHELEET, KENT.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, June 16, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph's,

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

Tenor 16½ cwt.

PERCY E. CLARK Treble	ALAN R. MACDONALD ... 5
EDWIN F. PIKE 2	WILLIAM E. JUDD 6
JOHN WHEADON 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

TURVEY, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 16, 1923, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

CHARLES MORTIMER Treble	FREDERICK J. MYNARD ... 5
HENRY W. GAYTON 2	*HENRY STAPLETON 6
BERNARD FISHER 3	CHARLES W. CLARKE 7
MISS EVRLYN STEEL 4	HERBERT L. HARLOW Tenor

Composed by late JOHN THORPE. Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

* First peal Treble Bob and local ringer.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 16, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CLIFFORD SKIDMORE Treble	THOMAS WILLIAMS 5
HARRY HOLDEN 2	JOHN LLOYD 6
WALTER H. BREYERTON ... 3	CHARLES E. PERKINS 7
*WILLIAM H. COOPER 4	WALTER MASTERS Tenor

Composed by TAYLOR.

Conducted by C. E. PERKINS.

Arranged as a birthday compliment to Robert Gordon's 21st birthday, a member of the local band. * First peal of Grandsire Triples.

SIX BELL PEALS.

TEYNHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Canterbury Pleasure and two 720's each of College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

FREDERICK RUMMERY... ..Treble	EDWARD W. TUMBER... ..4
CHARLES TUMBER... ..2	EDWARD HODGES... ..5
EDWARD W. GAMBELL... ..3	WILLIAM NYE... ..Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM NYE.

DINDER, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 6, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF S. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 10 cwt.

WALTER FARLEY... ..Treble	GERALD F. GRIFFIN... ..4
STANLEY CARTER... ..2	WILLIAM KEEVILL... ..5
WILLIAM ROSEWELL... ..3	JOSEPH T. DYKE... ..Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

COALEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
(WOITON-UNDER-EDGE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 9, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

*REGINALD SMARY... ..Treble	HORACE ROBINSON... ..4
WILLIAM DYER... ..2	JAMES F. PARKER... ..5
FREDERICK OAKHILL... ..3	JAMES SMITH... ..Treble

Conducted by JAMES SMITH.

First peal of Minor on the bells and by all the band. First peal as conductor. * First peal.

BURTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 9, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, St. Clements, Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*WALTER BATTLE... ..Treble	JOHN WILKINSON... ..4
HERBERT LUDKIN... ..2	THOMAS A. ROGERS... ..5
†JOHN COOK... ..3	JAMES R. GRIFFIN... ..Tenor

Conducted by J. R. GRIFFIN.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal in seven methods away from the treble. The band take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Joynson for so kindly meeting them and having the bells in readiness.

BECKFORD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 9, 1923, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire and Plain Bob.

Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK J. JOHNSON... ..Treble	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING... ..4
JAMES HEMMING... ..2	WILLIAM RICKETTS... ..5
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON... ..3	OLIVER ATTWOOD... ..Tenor

Conducted by J. D. JOHNSON.

First peal on the bells.

HARESFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 9, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

WILLIAM JONES... ..Treble	ALBERT WRIGHT... ..4
CHARLES EAST... ..2	HARRY BARRETT... ..5
THOMAS PRICE... ..3	FRANK COLE... ..Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 9, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

*FREDERIC C. RICE... ..Treble	HARRY ARGENT... ..4
†FREDERICK A. MITCHELL... ..2	JOHN BURLS... ..5
CHARLES WATERMAN... ..3	GEORGE MORRAD... ..Tenor

Conducted by JOHN BURLS.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal on a Bob bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Argent.

HAMPTSTEAD NORRIS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 9, 1923, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*W. PARFITT... ..Treble	W. J. TIGWELL... ..4
A. GREGORY... ..2	A. HALL... ..5
E. PONTIN... ..3	C. PARFITT... ..Tenor

Conducted by C. PARFITT.

* First peal. First peal of Minor on the bells. Ringer of the 4th elected a member before starting for the peal.

EARDISLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sunday, June 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 1040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*DAVID J. MOORE... ..Treble	TREVOR JONES... ..4
*DAVID H. BENNETT... ..2	JAMES P. HYETT... ..5
†HENRY J. PEAKE... ..3	JOSEPH T. MORRIS... ..Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal. † First peal for 10 years.

HUNTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Plain Bob, and three 720's of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE POOND... ..Treble	TOM SAUNDERS... ..4
CHARLES H. SONE... ..2	COL.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. 5
LOUIS HEAD... ..3	LEWIS NEWMAN... ..Tenor

Conducted by CLR.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M.

The methods were rung alternately and each 720 called differently.

CHILCOMPTON, SOMERSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 13, 1923, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 20 cwt.

GERALD F. GRIFFIN... ..Treble	WILLIAM R. BAXTER... ..4
SAMUEL J. HECTOR... ..2	CHARLES DOEL... ..5
JESSE FRANCIS... ..3	JOSEPH T. DYKE... ..Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

The conductor's 150th peal.

HENLEY-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE FOUR SHIRES GUILD.

On Thursday, June 14, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 15 cwt. in F

ALBERT BOSWELL Treble	FRANCIS BOSWELL 4
HORACE TERRY 2	WALTER LARGE 5
HENRY COLLEY 3	CHARLES SABIN Tenor

Conducted by WALTER LARGE.

Rung in honour of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, who passed through Henley during the ringing of the peal. After an excellent meat tea, provided by friends in Henley, a 720 of Grandsire Doubles was rung to celebrate a presentation made to the retiring High Bailiff, Dr. Nelson. The ringers stood as for the peal which was conducted by H. Terry.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 12, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Two 720 each of Kent and Oxford and Three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM BUTLER Treble	*JOSEPH ELLIOTT 4
WILLIAM KEEBLE 2	*EDWARD BONE 5
WILLIAM ELLIOTT 3	*GORDON KEEBLE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Rung as a farewell compliment to E. Bone who is shortly leaving for Limpstone, Devonshire. * First peal. Also rung to celebrate the 54th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. B. Keeble, of Romford, who were married at the above church, June 7th, 1869.

STOKESAY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, June 16, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE RANGLES Treble	DANIEL T. MATKIN 4
*M. W. BOTT 2	*WILLIAM MAPP 5
*JACK HARDWICK 3	*GEORGE JONES Tenor

Conducted by D. T. MATKIN.

* First peal. The ringers of the treble, 2nd, 3rd, 5th and tenor all hail from the parish church at Bromfield, and the conductor from Ludlow.

HANDBELL PEALS.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 11, 1923, in One Hour and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At Mr. W. A. JAMES' OFFICE, CASTLEGATE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

*WILLIAM A. JAMES 1—2	†EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 3—4
FREDERICK W. BAILEY 5—6	

Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

* First peal on handbells. † 25th peal. This is the first handbell peal rung in Nottingham.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 11, 1923, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Royal Grammar School,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Size 14 in D.

RAYMOND PHILPOTT 1—2	GEORGE W. STEERE 5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3—4	*JOHN FOSTER 7—8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal on eight bells and first attempt for Grandsire Triples.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Monday, June 11, 1923, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,

In Trinity College,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHNEY (TRIN.) 1—2	J. B. WOOLLEY (JESUS) ... 5—6
E. C. BENSON (ST. CATH.) 3—4	H. G. BENSON (KING'S) ... 7—8

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by J. B. WOOLLEY.

AN IRISH PEAL OF SIX RE-OPENED.

PEPPERY'S TRIP TO BLESSINGTON.

The Parish Church of Blessington, in the county of Wicklow, is dedicated to St. Mary, and contains a peal of six bells all dated 1682, some of them bearing the founder's name, Thomas Bartlet, and the foundry mark of the Whitechapel Foundry. There is in the chancel a very fine tablet inscribed in Latin, and surmounted with the arms of Archbishop Boyle, of Armagh, to whose memory it was erected. The translation runs: "Michael Boyle, D.D. Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, chancellor for 20 years, and frequently acting as judge in ecclesiastical causes. Among his many praiseworthy acts for the good of church and country he erected at his own expense the Church of Mary, Blessington, and the cemetery (for the glory of God, the worthy carrying out of Divine worship, and for the convenience and use of the parish), and provided all the necessary sacred vessels and church furniture, and added a bell tower with a chime of six bells. He solemnly dedicated the above to God, and the service of Religion on the 24th day of August, 1683. This memorial stone, with the inscription thereon, has been set up as a memorial of his munificence by his son, Morough, Viscount Blessington.

Go thou and do likewise."

The title of Viscount Blessington is now extinct, but time seems to lay its hands lightly on Blessington, as all the ancient stones and buildings which the writer saw were as fresh as when put in by the pious Blessington folk now passed to their rest more than two centuries ago. Even the bells which are beautiful castings show no signs of corrosion, each one bearing a beautiful medallion with the arms of the donor.

Saturday, May 12th, was a real red-letter day in the Wicklow Hills, as the bells were to be reopened, after a more than usually long silence. They had been rehung by Master Matthew O'Byrne, of Dublin; in a new steel frame and fittings, with the firm's patented slide rest. "The 'go' of the bells is all that could be expected," was the unanimous verdict of the numerous ringers who took the eventful trip (on a train which might have conveyed our forbears to meet Goode Master Bartlet in 1683), to open the new peal.

'Twas not necessary for me to adjure Goode Mistress Peppery to call me early on the eventful 12th (not of August, Goode reader, though the 'grouse' were getting it hot up there), for, 'i' faith, ye Goode Dame was as ready as her liege to take the glorious air and feast hyr eyes on the superb Wicklow Hill scenery. We boarded ye Goode 'Rocket Express' at Terenure Terminus, near a score of faint hearts and fair Ladies. Goode Mistress Peppery did adjure some of us to tie knots in our lower limbs ere we ventured on the top deck as ye roof was so low and ye sides 'non est.' Ye gent from Christ Church did call it 'Electric.' As to that I had 'mae doots,' for on disembarking we did all resemble prime smoked Yarmouths, but he did assure me that that was where the 'trie' came in. Punctually at 2.0 p.m. our fiery dragon emitted a smoke screen and tried to emulate a swallow, but had to stick to the rails in the end, and off we sailed up the hills, past the old stone house, ye 'Hell fire club,' where the Fenians of old held their deliberations. We did not stop to seek election, though Goode Mistress Peppery did assure me I was qualified these long years. At the next stop the Railway Hotel had its windows broken, and the frames covered with wire netting, and ye Goode Captain of St. Pat's did affirm 'twas to keep the tourists from stealing the glass as souvenirs, but Goode Dame Peppery did venture that 'twas to keep their own thieves in, not others out.

At Tallaght there is a fine old church tower, partly ruined, amid beautiful scenery and a small inviting emporium, equipped with a quaint old painted sign of two foxes rampant, which informs all and sundry that 'this foxe's covert never draws blank.' This last I can vouch for the accuracy of; but, good readers, 'with bated breath,' I did arrive just in time to hear ye Captain of Pat's explaining to Goode Mistress Peppery that 'Tallaght' was Irish for 'burying place,' and ye Goode Spouse did confide in him that she knew Peppery had long thought of settling down, and that such a sylvan retreat would be ideal for him. I did then ponder long which of the two coverts would be drawn most often for my graceless self.

At the next junction the gent from Christ Church retired below decks. I murmured 'mal-de-mer,' but Mrs. P. blamed the hailstorm then in its pomp. I did opine 'twas cold enough for snow, but a gent from St. Pat's granted that if it did the smoke screen emitted by our chip machine was effective to hide us from any snow yet snown, an we had the pluck to brave the top deck of the first car.

But all things end some time, even conjugal smoke screens, and I arrived in Blessington with my bows stove in and my patent log out of action, but needless to relate ye Beste of Pilots was, as usual, triumphant.

We were greeted on arrival by the Rector, the Rev. Wm. Reeves Scuyll, with a hearty welcome that touched all with its spontaneity, and we were at once at home. His arrangements for our comfort were perfection itself, and when he piloted us to the tower to try the bells we were met by Mr. Matthew O'Byrne, of the Fountain Head Bell Foundry, which has been in existence for more than two hundred years, and does a very flourishing trade in bells. We were shown his firm's work, which he described with a verve that only one of his own genial personality can. We rang them, and we changed hands and listened to them, and everyone was satisfied with the various 240's of Minor, 120's of Doubles, and call changes with the local ringers, and our praise was unstinted. Then we were shown the church and its famous tablet by the Rector, who piloted us down to tea in an old-world room in this beautiful old-world Wicklow atmosphere, where the tables groaned 'neath their load of good honest Wicklow cheer, and the ladies were all smiles as they welcomed us and pressed upon us dainties after dainties, till even ringers could do no more, good trenchermen though they always are.

Our votes of thanks to all concerned are of the heartiest, especially to those Wicklow ladies who surely 'had the way with them.' Need I say that 'train' time came all too soon after more ringing, and a pleasant hour with Mr. Byrne.

It is worthy of note, that in 1798, the time of the Fenian Rebellion, a rebel attack was repulsed from the church tower, and at the present day Blessington is again in the limelight as a centre for rounding up the Republican troops; indeed, a sharp skirmish took place the very evening after our visit, but it is pleasing to find that during this time all places of worship are immune from the attentions of both parties—and the local band are taking up change ringing.

PEPPER & HISSELF.

FAIRFORD.—At St. Mary's Church, on June 13th in 50 mins., a quarter-peal of Triples: G. Law 1, O. G. Farmer 2, B. Guy 3, G. J. Winter 4, H. Acock 5, J. Hope (conductor) 6, G. W. Hasting 7, A. King 8. First quarter-peal of Triples for ringer of the tenor, and first quarter-peal of Triples with all local Sunday ringers inside. The ringer of the tenor hails from Lechlade.

BARNET, HERTS. — On Saturday, May 26th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans): R. Roffey 1, F. A. Milne, J.P., 2, H. Eldred 3, G. M. Kilby 4, C. V. Ebberson 5, H. Kilby 6, J. Armiger Trollope (conductor) 7, J. W. Langley 8. Rang after meeting too late for a peal.

OVERLAPPING.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In your issue of June 1st I see that at a meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Association the secretary complained of overlapping, and stated that a neighbouring society in one of its branches had 40 per cent. of its members from the Gloucester Diocese. Now, if he means the Worcestershire Association (Southern Branch) let me point out that the fault lies entirely with themselves. A few years ago the members of two bands in the Winchcombe district approached me about joining an association, and I advised them to join their own county association. I also saw a prominent ringer from Cheltenham, and gave him the address of the secretary of each band. I also gave the address to another ringer in Gloucester, but it appears that no action was taken to rope in these ringers, so they attended one of our quarterly meetings, and made application to join our association. Since then another band from near Tewkesbury made application at a quarterly meeting. Can anyone blame us that we accepted these bands as members?—Yours, etc., F. J. JOHNSON.

LOCAL BANDS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In your last issue you have an inspired note in 'Belfry Gossip,' which says: 'The first Surprise peal in the city of Leicester has yet to be rung (by a local band).'

In your issue of June 17th, 1921, was a peal of Superlative rung at St. John-the-Divine, Leicester, in which every ringer was a member and exclusively attached to the tower. The footnote stated that 'this is the first Surprise peal rung in Leicester by an entirely local band.'

I am not aware of anything to invalidate the claim.

23, Hopfield Road, Leicester.

W. WILLSON.

THE A. T. KING MEMORIAL.

To the Editor.

Sir Dear,—I have to acknowledge, with grateful thanks, 10s. from the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, and 5s. from Mr. A. Miller of Winnipeg, Canada, towards the above fund. The total received for this fund, which is now closed, is £33 18s. 6d., and, as will be seen on reference to your notice column, the memorial tablet will be unveiled at Barnet on Saturday, July 14th. I trust that all members of this association, and also others who so kindly subscribed to the fund, will endeavour to be present.—Yours faithfully,

C. T. COLES.

Hon. Secretary to the Fund Committee.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths wishing to join the St. Mark's-in-the-Field's company for their annual outing on September 1st can have full particulars by forwarding stamped addressed envelope to the Secretary, Mr. J. W. Cornford, 7a, Morgan Mansions, Holloway Road, N.7.

Many ringers who attended the recent meeting of the Central Council in Salisbury were loud in the praises they bestowed on the local committee, especially on the man in charge. That his efforts in other matters is no less appreciated is evinced by the fact that last week he was the recipient of a gold demi-hunter watch, given him by the West Dorset teachers as an acknowledgment of his work as hon. treasurer and secretary for the past ten years, with the sincere wish that he may continue in office for many years to come.

The peal of six at Kingswinford, Staffordshire, is being augmented to eight by the addition of two trebles, and will be dedicated on Sunday, July 1st. The work is being carried out by Mr. J. E. Groves.

An interesting little booklet, entitled 'Why are you a ringer?' has been written by a ringer and published at 2d. by Mr. W. J. Southwood, 14, St. James' Road, Exeter. It is suitable for distribution by clergy among bands, and twelve copies can be obtained post free for 1s. 6d.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The Southern District of the London County Association held a very successful and enjoyable meeting at St. John's, Croydon, on Saturday last. Upwards of 30 ringers were present from various places, including Beckenham, Camberwell, Chelsea, Beddington, Ealing, Lambeth, Roehampton, Putney, Streatham, Westminster, Addiscombe, Walton-on-Thames, etc.

The heavy peal of eight (tenor 30 cwt.) were made full use of, and the following methods were rung: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent, Double Norwich, Cambridge and London Major. Several of the youthful members ascended to the top of the tower to enjoy the view, and probably this may account for the wonderful appetites shown later.

An excellent tea was partaken of at the Hare and Hounds, and was very much appreciated and enjoyed.

At the subsequent business meeting, four new members were made.—A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Clark for the splendid arrangements made; to the Rev. P. McCormick for the use of the bells, and to 'mine host' for the splendid tea supplied. The next meeting was announced to take place on July 7th at All Saints', Fulham.

The tower was re-visited, and a further hour's ringing took place. At the kind invitation of 'mine host,' the party again adjourned to the Hare and Hounds, and a pleasant social evening was spent. Good-humour was abundant, and everyone was merry. Several present rendered some songs, the general secretary being in his element as the accompanist. Stedman Caters and other methods were rung on handbells, and all items received the applause deserved. 'Time flies,' and this particular evening went all out to prove it, it seemed, and the ringers reluctantly dispersed at 'the correct time.'

It is hoped that these social evenings may occur more regularly at meetings, although, of course, accommodation is not often available.

RINGERS IN A CHESHIRE VILLAGE.

The village of Capenhurst, in the Wirral Peninsula, was visited on Saturday, June 16th, by 80 ringers and friends, including the Master and general secretary of the Chester Diocesan Guild.

The war memorial ring of six bells were kept going from 3 p.m. until 9 p.m., in a good variety of methods from Plain Bob to London Surprise. The quaint old church was well filled for the service, and the Rev. A. T. Beeston gave a short address. After service, the Rector kindly provided tea at the Rectory. The wife of the Rector and willing helpers kept their guests well supplied with good things.

A short business meeting followed, and a vote of thanks was enthusiastically accorded the Rector and all those who had done so much for the ringers and friends.

SURPRISE PEAL IN LEICESTER.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Would you please insert the following reply? 'Re Surprise peal in Leicester. The peal of Cambridge Surprise Major rung on the 24th May, 1923, was the first peal of Cambridge Surprise rung in the city of Leicester by a LEICESTER band.' This is not an affiche, as the writer is not au fait on such things. As for sending it 'local' instead of 'Leicester,' there are various lectures to many pars, if the reader wishes it. Therefore, I stick to my statement above, that it is accomplished.—Yours truly, BASTA.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

(Continued from page 377.)

PROPOSED DEMOLITION OF CITY CHURCHES.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards then moved the first of the motions on the agenda: 'That this Council, meeting in the Diocese of Salisbury, in which Sir Christopher Wren was born and baptized, expresses the fervent hope that no sanction will be given to any further demolition of the churches, with which he adorned the City of London, and which bear such a valuable witness to the Christian religion in the world's busiest centre of secular activities.' The mover said he considered the motion was appropriate in point of time and of place. In point of place it was appropriate because Wren was born in the diocese of Salisbury. As to it being appropriate in point of time, he mentioned that two or three years ago, a motion, not on similar lines but the same in principle, was passed at a meeting of the Council, but missed because it was sent to the secretary of a committee which it was subsequently discovered had ceased to exist. The same question of the demolition of churches in the city was to be brought forward again by another committee appointed by the Bishop of London.—Major Hughes D'Aeth seconded.

Mr. J. A. Trollope opposed the motion, remarking that the majority of the churches it was proposed to demolish were worth nothing at all, and were a dead weight on the London diocese. For the site of one of the churches at the back of Lombard Street Barclays Bank were prepared to give a quarter of a million. The committee that recommended the removal of these churches consisted of eminent Churchmen who knew a good deal more about the churches than did those who agitated against their removal from a craze for preserving things because they were old.

Mr. G. P. Burton, who supported the motion, protested against Mr. Trollope's statement that these churches were worth nothing. Every time he (the speaker) went into St. Michael's, Cornhill, it was an inspiration to him. All Hallows', Lombard Street, was a beautiful church. If from a business point of view these churches were worth so much money, were they not worth ten thousand times more to the country? It would be a scandal if that Council did not let it go forth that they protested against the demolition.

Canon Baker said he felt the motion was out of place there. They were Churchmen met for a special purpose, to discuss matters relating to bell ringing, and if they discussed matters outside the scope for which they were met it seemed to him there was no limit to the subjects they might put down on the agenda. Next year they might have a resolution on the question of Prayer-Book revision, and fancy that Assembly passing a resolution about Vestments or Reservation, or that sort of thing. He thought the question of the city churches was an architectural one or an artistic question, and not one that was within the scope of their proceedings. He proposed 'the previous question.'

The Rev. C. E. Matthews said this was largely a motion of sentiment and to bring it down to a point where that Council was concerned with it directly, it ought to be stated in the resolution what churches containing peals of bells it was proposed to demolish.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies said he partly agreed with Canon Baker, but not altogether. He thought they might pass some resolution on the towers that contain bells, which was what they did at Northampton. There, it was held that it was outside their province to express opinions about churches which had no bells, but as a congress of ringers they might express their opinion about churches which had peals of bells.

Alderman Pritchett said he did not think they could logically distinguish between churches with bells and churches without. They were equally sacred, and if they preserved one, they should preserve the other, but he thought the Council was going outside its functions in debating a question of that kind.

The motion of 'the previous question' having been seconded, was put to the meeting, amid some protest against this method of closing discussion, and carried.

FIRST AND RECORD PEALS.

The Rev. H. Drake had given notice to move 'That this Council recommends that first or record peals should not be rung for a society outside the limits of that society's area. He said the objection raised to it in 'The Ringing World' was not one which that resolution was intended to meet, and he, therefore, suggested that he should be allowed to amend it so that it was in positive instead of negative form, viz., 'That this Council recommends that first or record peals should be rung for a society within the limits of that society's area.'

The President: Are you going to alter that now?

The Rev. H. Drake: I am going to ask the meeting to allow it to be put in the positive form.

The alteration having been agreed to, the Hon. Secretary seconded the motion pro forma.

The President: Does anyone wish to speak on it?

The Rev. H. Law James: Yes. I will move 'the previous question' (laughter).

Mr. W. Willson opposed the resolution, and pointed out the difficulties of applying it. Suppose, he said, eight men travelled from one county to the next for a peal, who was going to elect them as members of that association, when there was no one else in the heltry? They were not competent to elect themselves, therefore they would be bound to ring the peal for their own association.

The Rev. H. Drake: The resolution only recommends.

Mr. James George said he agreed with Mr. Willson, and, although he belonged to pretty well every society in the kingdom, and the resolution would not make much difference to him, why should he be compelled to join a society when he went into some other area for a peal, and who would elect visiting ringers unless there was a majority of the band belonging to the society?

The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore pointed out that the resolution did not refer to all peals, but only to first and record peals.

Alderman Pritchett put his opposition to the resolution very concisely. 'In the first place,' he said, 'it is unnecessary, in the second place it is unreasonable, in the third place unworkable, and in the fourth place unintelligible, and I am going to vote against it' (laughter).

Mr. E. M. Atkins: What is the 'area' of a society like the Cambridge University Guild?

A Member: Or the College Youths?

The Rev. H. Drake said he had discussed the resolution with Mr. Willson, and altered it to meet his objection, but it did not seem to have done so (laughter). As it stood, the resolution was simply an expression of pious opinion that ringers should not go out and ring first or record peals in the area of other societies, but that they should preferably ring them at home.

The motion, on being put, was lost by a large majority.

MORE DETAILS NOT REQUIRED.

The next motion was also in the name of the Rev. H. Drake: 'That the Peals Analysis Committee be asked if they can add a column showing the ratio between the number of members and the points gained by each society.' He said that after the very heavy report which they had heard that morning he was unwilling to add to the committee's labours but if they were to have anything said as to which was the first society there should be some account taken of the number of members. It seemed rather absurd, for instance, for the Salisbury Guild, which was in fairly low place in the analysis, to be contrasted with an association like the Norwich or Midland Counties—there was not a fair chance of comparing the two. If they could have another column showing the ratio between the number of members and the points gained they would be able to get some further value out of the analysis than they had at present.

The motion found no seconder, and, therefore, was declared lost.

SPICED-METHOD PEALS.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies proposed 'That in compositions of 5,000 changes or upwards on seven or any higher number of bells in which the plan of splicing various methods is adopted it is essential that there should be no repetition of any row throughout—that is to say, that the whole composition shall be "true" in the universally accepted sense of that word.' He said that years ago, when he was young, it was a great thing, not very often accomplished, for a peal of 42 six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, or seven 720's of Minor to be rung. Then the practice grew of ringing six bell peals in seven different methods, and those things, he thought, were most laudable. It was a great thing for those who had only got six bells to make the utmost use of what bells they had got, but when it came to the question of eight-bell towers, where they could ring peals of Triples or Major, the question assumed a different aspect. He was led to put this motion down on the agenda by a letter which he received a little time ago, in which his opinion was asked upon a proposal to ring a quarter-peal each of London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise, each coming round at back stroke and going off into the next method at hand. To his mind that was a very different question from that of the six bell ringers whom he had mentioned. All honour and credit to them for making the best use of the bells they had. They had only 720 changes to work upon, and could not help repeating them. But when they had got eight bells, if they permitted repetition, they would be striking at the root of what had always been the main object in every peal ever composed from the beginning of change ringing, namely, that it should be true. He was rather old-fashioned, and he could not say that he 'cottoned' very warmly to splicing at all, but if they wished to have splicing let them have, on eight or more bells, a true peal.

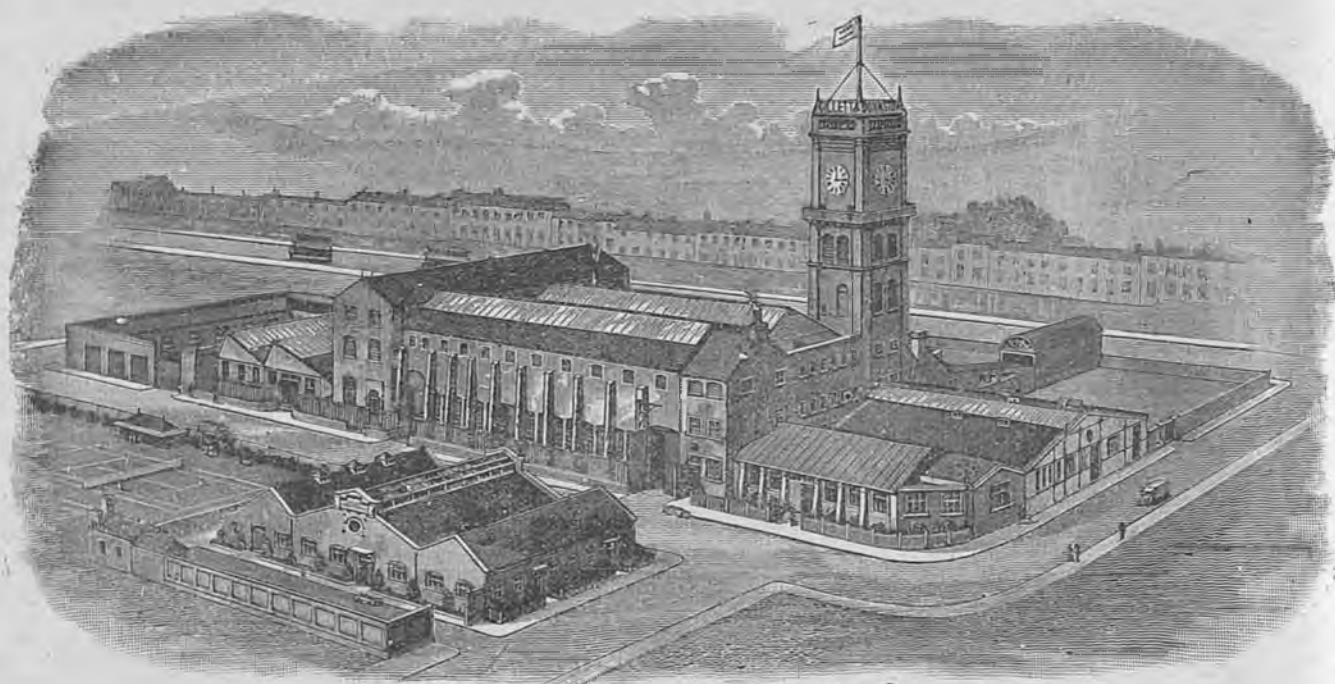
The Rev. E. S. Powell seconded the resolution.

The Rev. H. Law James asked if the resolution was necessary. The rules of the Council already laid it down that every peal on seven bells and upwards must be true, and therefore, he thought, the motion was needless.

Mr. J. A. Trollope said he believed the original suggestion was made between himself and Mr. Davies in the course of corre-

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spondence. His feeling at the time was that it was a thing worth doing, and if they did not like to call it a 'peal' they could call it a 'performance.' The band that could ring four quarter-peals in this way would be doing something worth doing. They could not splice the methods together, so they would have to ring it in quarter-peals.

Mr. J. Parker said he should not think anyone would attempt to ring four quarter-peals that were not true. He was not so sure it was impossible to get a true composition. It was not necessary to change from one method to the other at a lead end.

Mr. W. Willson asked if one of the rules of the Council did not already provide that in peals on 8, 10 or 12 bells there should be not less than 5,000 true changes rung without interval in any one method.

The President: The motion is absolutely in order.

Mr. E. M. Atkins: The effect of the motion is simply to enlarge that rule, to cover a number of methods spliced together in one true peal.

The resolution, on being put, was carried nem. con.

(To be continued.)

POINTS FOR PEALS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Ringers generally will agree with the text of Mr. Pulling's letter of last week re 'Points for Peals,' what concerns ringers more than points (or no points), for peals is the number of hand-bell peals rung without a competent umpire or referee being employed. I believe the Central Council many years ago made some recommendation on the subject. Apart from the findings of the Central Council, it seems quite the proper thing to have a referee in close proximity to the ringers of the peal with a copy of the composition at hand, ready to tick off any or all of the course ends of the peal as they come up, or should one come where it should not be, call stand. Unless a peal is rung under usual conditions this rule (I consider) should apply, or the peal be not included in the Guild or Association's record under whose auspices the peal is supposed to have been scored.

JOHN BEAMS.

West Ewell, Surrey, June 16th, 1923.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the North Bucks Branch was held at Newport Pagnell on Saturday, June 9th, when a very large gathering was present from Blechley, Beachampton, Calverton, Chichelev, Emberton, Feunv Stratford, Great Henwood, Great Linford, Linslade, Maids Morton, Newton Longville, Old Bradwell, Olney, Stony Stratford, Simpson, Stoke, Goldington, Sherrington, and the local ringers. Visitors from neighbouring societies included representatives from Northants and Towcester and district. The bells, a fine peal of eight, were set going at 2 p.m., and service was attended by over 100 ringers. The chairman of the branch (the Rev. L. Moxon) officiated, and an instructive address was given by the brother of the chairman (the Rev. Moxon, of Stewkley). After service, tea was partaken of, and was followed by the business meeting.

The balance sheet was accepted, together with the treasurer's report, showing that the branch was financially sound, having a balance of £21 18s 3d. to its credit, £10 of which was invested in War Loan.

The Rev. L. Moxon was re-elected chairman, and Mr. W. Sear was elected secretary and treasurer.

The Master (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), together with the Guild sec. (Mr. R. T. Hibbert) attended, and both addressed the meeting, expressing their entire satisfaction with the healthy condition of this North Bucks Branch, which reflected credit on those who worked in its interests.

The Secretary stated that they had 30 towers in union with the Guild, with a membership of about 240, and continued to grow which made it very difficult for him to get round them all frequently, but while they placed confidence in him he would endeavour to do his best.

A letter from the late chairman (the Rev. J. R. Vincent), who was in Italy, was read, expressing the hope that the meeting would be a success, and the secretary was asked to write and thank Mr. Vincent for his kind letter, and say how all regretted that he was not amongst them.

Various discussions took place on matters relating to the interest of the branch, and then the usual votes of thanks were given to the chairman for making arrangements, the choir for attending the service, and the ringers for having things all ready and arranging for the tea.

Two ladies from the Oxford Guild were among those present, viz. Miss Robinson and Miss Davis, and both took part in the ringing. The methods rung during the day were Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Major methods from Plain Bob to Cambridge Surprise.

A PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BISHOP SUGGESTS A FEDERATION.

A federation of ringing societies in the diocese of Peterborough, which covers the counties of Northampton, Leicester and Rutland, was suggested by the Bishop at a meeting of the Central Northants Association held at Wellingborough on Saturday week, and a resolution suggesting a conference on the subject was carried.

The meeting had been arranged in order that the Bishop might meet the ringers, and one of the largest gatherings in the history of the association took place.

The Kettering District was represented by 57 members, Wellingborough by 51, Northampton by 22, Thrapston by 22, Peterborough by six, Guilsborough by seven, and Weedon one. The Central Association officers present included the Rev. J. P. Friend (president), Mr. W. T. Wilson (treasurer), and Mr. D. J. Nichols (secretary); the Wellingborough District by Mr. F. Barber (secretary); the Kettering District by Mr. Black (secretary); the Northampton District by Mr. S. J. Lawrence; the Thrapston District by Mr. J. Nickerson; the Weedon District by Major C. O. E. Nicholson; and the Ladies' Guild by Miss Hepburn. Amongst the clergy present were the Rev. R. G. W. Smeaton, Rev. V. F. Honniball (Wellingborough Parish Church); Rev. E. J. W. Nesbitt (West Haddon), Rev. C. F. Westacott (Wilby), Rev. C. H. L. Hopper (Weekley), Rev. Cole-Hamilton (Desborough), Rev. J. White (Pitsford), Rev. H. J. Atkins (Isham), and Rev. D. McVarish (Wollaston).

It was a very hearty service in the Parish Church, familiar hymns being sung, with Mr. E. Head at the organ, the Vicar taking the prayers in the early part of the service, and the Bishop the special prayers at the close of the service. The collection for the bell restoration of Peterborough Cathedral realised £3 0s. 10d.

MESSAGE OF THE BELLS.

The Bishop founded his address on the words, 'O come, let us worship,' a sentence which contained in the fewest words the message of the bells. They in that diocese, and not the least in that county, had a peculiar interest in bells. One of the earliest of bells so far as the actual date was concerned, came from Cold Ashby, and was dated 1317. The history of church bells was part and parcel of the history of English Churchmen through the centuries, and how they had tried to make the worship of God the centre of their life. One of the earliest bell foundries was connected with that county, and they also knew there was one at Leicester, where the maker used to put on bells the head of the reigning king. After sketching the history of Taylor's, of Loughborough, which in 1731 had a foundry at Kettering, and telling of some of the famous bells that they had cast, the Bishop went on to speak of how the bells entered into the life, especially on great national occasions. The bells marked the occasions of joy and also of sorrow, and he supposed there were more muffled peals rung during the last ten years than for five centuries before. They were outward and audible signs of their duty towards God, and bell ringers were the instruments by which that call to worship was made far and wide, a call which, alas, often met with little response on the part of those who heard it, a call which, none the less, was responded to by thousands and thousands every Sunday and often on weekdays as well. Though the call to worship had never been responded to as it should be, it had never ceased to be sounded, and he ventured to say that there was no class of people who ought more fervently to realise their duty of the call to worship than the ringers themselves, who might reasonably be expected to practice what they preached. He once remembered reading of a blind lamplighter who went about the town and lit the lamps, but he never saw the light himself, nor did the light ever bring any benefit to him. That would be rather a parallel case to the bell ringer who sounded the call to worship and yet, though himself a worker in the House of God, never realised the privilege and joy of uniting in worship with his fellow Christians. Let them be an example in that respect, and realise that they belonged to a big family circle. In these days the greatest need of Europe and of their own country was an acknowledgement of God, both in public and private affairs, and, therefore, the ringers' work should be one taken with great solemnity, for the bells were a continual reminder to those who had ears to hear to remember God and His worship. The Bishop concluded by expressing the hope that in the meeting that was to follow some kind of federation would be formed that would link the ringers in the three counties of the diocese in one great family.

Service over, an adjournment was made to the Church Hall, where 170 sat down to tea. The Rev. Friend presided, and the Bishop also honoured the gathering with his presence.

The Chairman, with the opening observation that ringers were reasonable people, went on to say that they had improved enormously. When he started to ring 31 years ago he found the members of the team attending practices more regularly than on Sundays, and discovered that the reason for that was an enormous stone jar in the belfry (laughter). He then pointed out that the belfry was part of God's House, though it had not always been looked upon as such. As a Rural Dean he always took care to visit the belfry of churches and look at the bells.

THE SUGGESTED FEDERATION.

Mr. D. J. Nichols observed that the presence of the Bishop that day would help to stimulate all matters connected with bells and ringers. He felt sure that the suggestion of the Bishop of the formation of a Diocesan Ringers' Association was welcomed by a large number of ringers. It was suggested that the association should be called the Peterborough Guild of Church Bell Ringers, and should embrace all the associations. They would still have their own district organisations.

The President moved the following resolution: 'That in the opinion of this meeting it is desirable that a Peterborough Diocesan Guild of Ringers should be formed; and that the president and secretary of this association be asked to confer with representatives of other associations in the counties of Northamptonshire, Leicestershire, and Rutland, to report to our committee, for the information of the Bishop.'—This resolution was carried unanimously.

Following upon a general discussion, the Bishop said it was a very great pleasure to find himself at so large a gathering of that association, and welcomed the idea of a federation of the associations of the whole diocese. He used the word federation instead of amalgamation, as it left each association freedom of movement, but it linked up the ringers from all parts of the diocese. Incidentally Dr. Woods observed that the bell ringers of the diocese were not limited to the male sex. If the federation was formed no one would be more pleased than the Bishop of the diocese.

Mr. F. Wilford (Northampton) moved thanks to the Vicar of Wellingborough for allowing the use of the bells, and to Mr. Nichols and Mr. Barber (of the Wellingborough District) for making the local arrangements.—This was seconded by Mr. Wilson, and heartily carried.—Major Nicholson also initiated a hearty vote to the Bishop for his presence and interest.

The Vicar of Wellingborough, responding, first told of his difficulty in getting to be a proficient bell ringer, and went on to say that a year ago he ventured to make a remark about how desirable it was that ringers, who called other to church, should first set the example, and, in spite of its unpopularity, he said it again (laughter).

The Bishop's brief reply terminated this part of the proceedings, and several touches on the bells followed.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LUTON, BEDS.—At the Parish Church, on June 18th, for the wedding of Mr. Hyde and Miss Puddephatt, 1,386 changes of Grandsire Triples, in 55 mins.: A. Rookwood 1, H. Walker 2, T. Blackburn 3, A. King (conductor) 4, C. Rollings 5, T. Kendall 6, F. Hunt 7, R. W. Spire 8. First quarter-peal of ringer of the 8th.

NEWPORT, I.W.—At St. Thomas' Parish Church, for 10.30 Matins, on Sunday, June 17th, 504 Stedman Triples: W. Johnson (conductor) 1, W. Chambers 2, H. Jennings 3, H. Barton 4, A. Callaway 5, H. Phillips 6, W. Upton 7, J. Leal 8. Also at Carisbrooke St. Mary's, for 11 o'clock service the same day, 420 Stedman Triples: W. Johnson 1, W. Chambers 2, H. Phillips 3, W. Upton 4, A. Callaway 5, H. Barton (conductor) 6, H. Jennings 7, C. Taylor 8.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, June 17th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 48 minutes: T. Marshall 1, J. Hughes 2, H. T. Hughes 3, E. Jones 4, H. Jarman 5, R. Edwards 6, W. B. Kynaston (conductor) 7, E. H. Kynaston 8.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, June 17th, at the Institution, in 43 mins., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), Thurstan's: Thomas R. Butler, junr., 1—2, Thomas E. Abbott 3, Thomas Butler, senr. (conductor), 4, William D. Wase 5, Alfred S. Bayley 6, William Saunders 7—8. Specially arranged for Messrs. Butler, of Ellesmere, Salop. This is the first time a pair of working bells have been rung to a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in Coalbrookdale.

NORTH STONEHAM.—On Sunday, June 17th, for evening service, at St. Nicolas' Church, 576 Cambridge Surprise: E. Dumper 1, O. H. Giles 2, G. Pullinger 3, W. G. Rowe 4, W. G. Edwards 5, C. J. Fray 6, G. Williams (conductor) 7, W. T. Tucker 8.

KENSINGTON.—On Sunday evening, June 17th, for evening service, at St. Mary Abbots, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: F. V. Simkins 1, W. E. Judd (conductor) 2, P. L. Miles 3, G. M. Mackman 4, H. G. Miles 5, A. E. Bradley 6, C. W. Roberts 7, G. H. Harding 8, W. E. Garrard 9, P. E. Clark 10.

LONDON.—At St. Stephen's Church, Clapham Park, on Friday, June 15th, a memorial quarter-peal (half-muffled) for H.R.H. Princess Christian of Grandsire Triples, from Holt's Original: Miss E. E. Hardestale 1, Mr. T. Langdon 2, Miss M. A. Philip 3, Mr. Challis P. Winney (conductor) 4, Mr. J. S. Higgins 5, Mr. A. T. Smalley 6, Mr. W. Rushton 7, Rev. G. H. Ensor, M.A., 8.—On Sunday, June 17th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, from Holt's Original: Miss F. E. Orr 1, Miss E. Chapman 2, Miss E. E. Hardestale 3, Miss M. A. Philip 4, Mr. F. Lock 5, Mr. A. T. Smalley (conductor) 6, Mr. J. S. Higgins 7, Rev. G. H. Ensor, M.A., 8. First quarter-peal by local band.

FULHAM.—On Sunday, June 17th, for evening service, 1,263 Stedman Caters: F. Norris 1, W. H. Hollier 2, A. Cutmor 3, W. R. Wood 4, G. C. Iles 5, J. Driver 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, A. Harding 8, A. J. Trollope 9, H. Page 10.

WORCESTER.—On Sunday June 17th, at All Saints' Church, for morning service, 640 Bristol Surprise Major: W. Niblett 1, R. G. Knowles 2, W. C. Jones 3, G. Hinton, junr., 4, S. T. Holt 5, W. Lewis 6, W. Page (conductor) 7, C. Camm 8.

PUTNEY.—On Thursday, June 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: H. Rowland, T. Bolton, H. G. Frampton, G. Rivers, F. Skevington, E. Cassell, W. T. Elson (conductor), F. Edwards. Ringing with the bells half-muffled at an anniversary service for the dedication of the war memorial.

ST. ALBANS.—On Sunday June 10th, at the Cathedral, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 48 mins.: *C. Walklate 1, S. Lindsell 2, J. Chattey 3, W. Little 4, W. H. L. Buckingham 5, H. S. Reeves 6, H. E. C. Goodenough 7, J. Blow 8. Conducted by H. E. C. Goodenough. * First quarter-peal.

EAST HENDRED, BERKS.—On June 10th, 72 Bob Minor: G. C. Worley 1, J. Nobes 2, H. A. C. Stratton 3, F. Naish (conductor) 4, F. W. Woodward 5, R. G. Rice 6. First 720 of Minor on these bells for sixteen years.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—On Sunday, June 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): F. Webb 1, W. Judge 2, L. Tuffrey 3, W. Stone 4, F. Clinkard 5, J. Judge 6, W. F. Judge (conductor) 7, W. Thorne 8.

TEYNHAM, KENT.—On Sunday, June 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Minor (1,260 changes), being 720 College Single, 360 Oxford Bob, and 180 Plain Bob, in 40 mins.: F. Rummery 1, C. Tumber 2, E. W. Gambell 3, W. Nye (conductor) 4, E. Hodges 5, E. W. Tumber 6.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, June 10th for morning service, 720 Norwich Surprise Minor: S. Briggs 1, G. Lee 2, E. Bailey 3, E. Bailey 4, A. J. L. Naunton 5, F. W. Naunton (conductor) 6.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On Sunday, June 10th, for evensong, at St. Nicolas' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: W. Chivers 1, Mrs. Hazelden 2, E. A. Etheridge 3, G. J. Nichols 4, C. Hazelden 5, G. Petter 6, G. Tomsett 7, E. Raddon 8, S. Radford (conductor) 9, W. Eitcknap 10.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
NORTHERN BRANCH.

A meeting of the Gainsborough District was held at Messingham on Saturday, June 16th, ringers being present from Gainsborough, Stow, Scotter and Scunthorpe, in addition to some of the local company. The bells were available and kept going in various five bell methods. A short service was held at 4 p.m., at which the ringers' form of office was used, amongst those present being Canon Hicks, Messingham, and the Rev. J. Barber, Stow.

The Vicar (the Rev. A. Peirce) officiated, and gave a most instructive and profitable address to those present. Tea was provided in the Schoolroom, and followed by the business meeting, at which the Rev. J. Barber presided in place of Canon Hicks, and the Vicar, who, owing to other duties, were obliged to leave early.—Mr. E. Dalingwater was proposed district secretary pro tem. for the remainder of the year as successor to Mr. F. S. W. Butler, who resigned the office owing to just recently having been elected secretary for the Northern Branch.

Mr. C. H. Baker seconded the proposition, and at the same time moved a vote of thanks to the late secretary for his past services. Both these were carried unanimously.—Votes of thanks were also accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells and his very able address, the organist for his assistance at the service, the ladies for their excellent catering and assistance at the tea-table, Mr. A. Loughton for having made the necessary arrangements, and the Rev. J. Barber for presiding.

During the interval previous to the business meeting, Mr. A. Loughton and his brother, who is over on a visit from California, entertained the members with some interesting items, consisting of songs and sleight-of-hand tricks, which were very much appreciated and acknowledged by a hearty vote of thanks.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A successful meeting was held at Barkway on Saturday, 16th June. Ringers were present from Royston, Barley, Cambridge, Fulbourn, Letchworth, Hitchin, and the local company. Tea was served at the Wheatsheaf, followed by the meeting at which three new members were elected. During the afternoon and evening good practice was had in the four standard methods. The tower, which was rebuilt in 1851, contains eight musical bells, and is in the fifteenth century style of architecture. The ancient step ladder which originally gave ascent to the belfry (up which many a ringer has trod) is still preserved in the belfry as a specimen of mediæval carpentry.

NOTICES.

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Fittleworth on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at the Church Room 5 o'clock. Pulborough bells are also available in the evening if required.—A. W. Groves, 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Beverley on Saturday, June 23rd. The Minster bells (10) available from 1 to 9 p.m., and St. Mary's (10) from 6 to 8 p.m. Service in the Minster Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Minster Parish Room at 5 p.m.—A. B. Cook, Hon. District Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Bishopstone on Saturday, June 23rd. Train to Shrivenham Station. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock.—H. A. Hearl, Hon. Branch Sec., 5, The Knoll, Swindon.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Hellingly on Saturday, June 23rd. Tower open at 2.30. Service 4.30, and tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—G. W. Stokes, Hon. District Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Newchurch, on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting 7 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—John H. Haydock, Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom, Lancs.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at S. Nicolas, Guildford, on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells (10) ready 3 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Miss N. E. Shorter, Ferndene, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Horbury for practice. No official business, and tea provided, on Saturday, June 23rd. A good attendance is desired.—F. Hopwood, Dis. Sec., 8, Keswick Street, Bradford.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Wellingborough District will be held at Finedon on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells available at 2. Service 4.30, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Greaves). Tea at 5.—F. Barber, Dis. Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting of the above district will be held on Saturday, June 23rd, at Daybrook (8 bells). Tower open at 2.30. Tea in Social Centre, 1s. 3d. each, at 5.30.—F. Blood, Local Hon. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Frodsham, Saturday, June 23rd. Bells ready at 2.30. Meeting 4.45, followed by tea.—John E. Ashcroft, Post Office, Grappenhall.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Solihull on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells (10) available from 3.30. Tea (5.30) will be arranged at a restaurant.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Burnham-on-Crouch on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4 o'clock, followed by tea and meeting at the Railway Hotel.—P. Timson, Dis. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire Branch.—A meeting will be held at Great Addington on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells (6) ready 2.30. A picnic tea 4 o'clock (weather permitting). It is essential that those requiring tea notify me not later than Wednesday, June 20th, otherwise it cannot be provided. Evensong at 6 o'clock.—Cecil E. Hephurn, Hon. Sec., The Pines, Isham, Kettering.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be at Goosnargh, on Saturday, June 23rd. A short time, 3.5 p.m., will be spent at Ribchester. Tea at Goosnargh at 5.30, about 1/6 per head.—W. Taylor, Tower House, Penwortham, Branch Sec.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—The next meeting will be held at Whitwell (6) on Monday, June 25th. Bells from 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea at the kind invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. F. C. Orr). Bowls and other attractions on Vicarage lawn.—W. Upton, Dis. Sec., 10, Elm Grove, Newport, I.W.

GODMANCHESTER PARISH CHURCH.—The Tercentenary of the building of the tower will be kept on Wednesday, June 27th. There will be ringing at intervals during the day (8 bells). All ringers will be welcome. Ringers wishing for tea (4.30) please communicate with the Vicar.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on 26th June, *St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 28th, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.—Established 1623.—The Tercentenary Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 27. A free dinner will be provided at one o'clock; and an official reception by the Mayor and Corporation at a Tea, at 4.30, kindly given by them. A very hearty welcome will be accorded to all visiting ringers: and it is sincerely desired that as many as possible will attend to honour the Saffron Walden Society on this unique occasion.—R. A. Strong, Hon. Sec., West Road, Saffron Walden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Singleton (6 bells) on Saturday, June 30th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting at 6. Tea provided for all who send their names to W. Mapp, Post Office, Singleton.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 3, Rutland Gate, Blackpool.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Old Swinford on Saturday, June 30th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—The annual gathering of ringers will be held on Saturday, June 30th. Bells ready 2 p.m. Any company requiring them earlier please let me know by June 29th. No peal attempt. Entrance west end with cycles.—A. Symonds, 41, Market Lane.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Smarden (6 bells) on Saturday, June 30th, by kind permission of the Rector (Rev. L. H. Evans). Bells available at 2 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30. All members intending to be present please notify me on or before Wednesday, June 27th.—C. Tribe, Hon. Dis. Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Colne on Saturday, June 30th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Method proposed: Double Norwich.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

OLDHAM PARISH CHURCH.—On Saturday, June 30th, the new peal of 12 bells, weight of tenor 35 cwt., recast by J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, will be open to all ringers from 12 noon. A hearty invitation is given to all. Teas will be provided at a nominal fee. Applications for teas must be sent to the secretary on or before Tuesday, June 26th.—James Cox, 144, Horsedgate Street, Oldham, Lancs.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Orsett on Saturday, June 30th, by kind permission of the Rector, Rev. J. Eisdell. Bells (6) ready at 3 o'clock. Tea can be provided for those who notify me not later than the 26th inst.—W. H. Theobald, Hon. Sec., 49, Portway, West Ham, E.15.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be at Tong on Saturday, June 30th. Usual arrangements.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 6, Laurel Grove, Armley.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the above will be held at Crowland on Saturday, June 30th. Bells (6) ready at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock. Service at 7 p.m. All ringers welcome.—John J. Jutson, Hon. Sec., St. Mary's School House, Peterborough.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Haxey on Saturday, June 30th. Bells (6) ready early. Tea provided for those who notify me before the 26th.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Sully, Glamorgan, on Saturday, June 30th. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Oldswinford on Saturday, June 30th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Tea at 1/- each will be provided for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, June 26th.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Stoney Stanton on Saturday, June 30th. Bells available 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The next meeting of this division will be held at Felstead upon Saturday, June 30th. The bells will be available during the afternoon. There will be a service in the church at 4.30 p.m. Tea will be provided in the 'Old School' at 5 p.m., after which the business meeting will be held. All those intending to be present are kindly requested to forward their names to Mr. W. T. Farrow, Tilla Cottage, Felstead, not later than Thursday, June 28th.—W. H. Dyson, District Master.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Thrapston District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Titchmarsh on Saturday, June 30th. Usual arrangements. Tea at the Rectory (6d. a head), 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea advise me by Wednesday, June 27th.—J. Nickerson, Halford Street, Thrapston.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Thornbury, on Saturday, June 30th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech branch.—A district meeting will be held on Saturday, June 30th, at Wilburton, Ely (6 bells). Service at 5 o'clock. Arrangement for tea. Please communicate with me early.—H. W. Gidding, 101, Elwyn Road, March.

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Next meeting at Evesham, on Saturday, July 7th. Bells available 3.30. Service in the church 5 o'clock. Tea 5.30; business meeting afterwards. Gentlemen invited. Names to be sent in not later than July 4th to Mrs Groves, 43, Malvern Road, Handsworth.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at Parbold on Saturday, July 7th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Please turn up in crowds, as efforts are being made to create interest.—J. Halsall, Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bellingborough on Saturday, July 7th. Service in the church at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at 5.15 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify me by July 3rd?—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Memorial Tablet, which is being erected in the Parish Church at Barnet in memory of the late president (Arthur T. King), will be unveiled on Saturday, July 14th. Full details will be announced later.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec. of Memorial Sub-Committee.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Harlington on Saturday, July 14th. Ringing from 3.15. Tea arranged for 5.30, but please let me know by July 9th, those intending to be present, and oblige. Trains from Ealing Broadway at 2.14, 2.19, 2.43, 3.9 (G.W.R.) to Hayes Station.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Secretary, 29, Duke Road, W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Gravesend on Saturday, July 14th. Bells available at 3. This peal has been recast by Messrs. Taylor, and all ringers will be welcomed. Further particulars later. — Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —The annual meeting will be held at Yeovil on Saturday, July 14th. Particulars later.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

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A MISSING REPORT.

Members of the Worcestershire Association may have wondered that no report of their annual meeting on Easter Monday appeared in our columns.

To make the matter clear we desire to say that the responsibility originally lay with no official of the association. A report was, it appears, sent to this office, enclosed with another communication, and both by some means were accidentally destroyed. It was only when inquiries were made about four weeks later as to the non-appearance of the report, that the Editor was aware that it had ever reached this office. An immediate request for a further brief report and subsequently for a copy of the minutes, from which a summary of the proceedings at the meeting could have been written, were refused. Had either of these requests, which were accompanied by a private explanation, been complied with, the members of the Worcestershire Association would not have been entirely without a report of their annual meeting, abridged though it might have been. We regret that we were the original cause of any disappointment which they may have felt, and also that the refusals with which we met, prevented our doing anything further in the matter.

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