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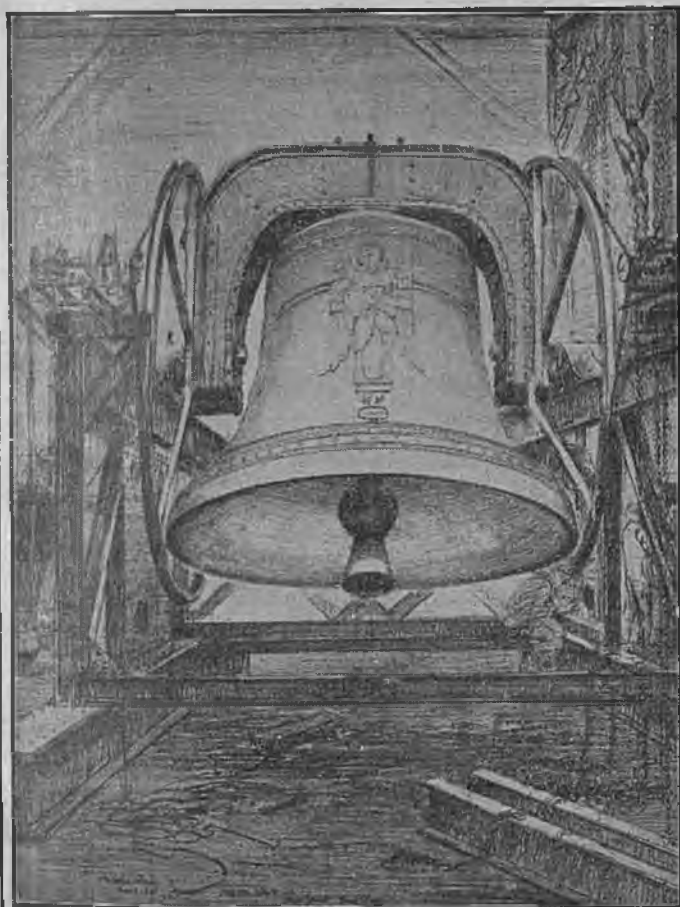
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TO LEAD, OR NOT TO LEAD?

The article which appeared in this column a month ago, describing the action of the Midland Counties Association, in laying down its own rules as to what, in future, the association will record as a peal, as a 'lead and a challenge' to the Central Council, elicited two replies which we regret it has not been possible to publish until to-day. They are both arguments justifying the attitude of the Council in adopting a 'do nothing' policy on this question of what should constitute a peal. Obviously, of course, we do not agree that it is wise of the Council to refuse to express an opinion on this subject even though it be a thorny one. If the Council had never laid down any rules governing peals it might have been a different matter. But almost from the days of its inception the Council has, and rightly so, concerned itself with the standard that should be required for peals. It has not hesitated from time to time to lay down rules, and these rules are to be found in the official "Decisions" under the heading of 'Conditions required for peals.'

Our point is that the Council, having set up a standard—a minimum standard if you like—should not be afraid to amend these conditions as and when required. Our previous article did not attempt to suggest what those conditions should be, but to emphasise the need that the Council should be the body which should define the regulations and thus lead the Exercise, instead of being led by it. It will be far easier for the Council to retain the lead which it has set in the past than to regain it, once the associations have established their own standards for peals—standards which might possibly be extremely difficult to reconcile.

Unless the standard of peals is to fall, there can surely be no objection to specifying a minimum, but once lose the hold upon a standard of some kind and chaos may creep in which will undo all the good which forty years of work has done in the way of creating uniformity in the Exercise. If the Council is to wait indefinitely upon circumstance; if it is to wait to see which way the cat jumps, then it cannot be said that the Council is any longer the head of the Exercise, and the existing 'conditions' required for peals would be better expunged from the 'Decisions.' Either they exist to unify practice or they are useless; and unless the Council is prepared to move with the times and amend its rules where necessary and reinforce its own definitions when called upon to express an opinion, its operations lose the force of authority and the Council will lose prestige among those who only have a superficial knowledge of its work but look to it to give a lead to the Exercise.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, June 3, 1930, in Three Hours and Forty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

GEORGE E. FEARN Treble	WILLIAM WOODHEAD ... 7
ALBERT H. WARD 2	*CYRIL TANSSELL 8
ALBERT WALKER 3	A. PADDON SMITH 9
JAMES GEORGE 4	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ... 10
SYDNEY T. HOLT 5	RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... 11
FRANK E. HAYNES 6	JOHN NEAL Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques. Rung on the 25th anniversary of the foundation of the Diocese of Birmingham.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Monday, June 9, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, SHOREDITCH.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. Treble	ALFRED PYE 7
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 2	GEORGE A. CARD 8
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	*FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 9
JOHN W. CORNFORD 4	WILLIAM BOTTRILL 10
THOMAS NEWMAN 5	LEONARD H. BAYBUT ... 11
THOMAS BEVAN 6	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by the late J. CARTER.

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN

* First peal of Stedman Cinques.

TEN BELL PEALS.

APPLETON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 7, 1930, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5009 CHANGES;

WILLIAM SIMMONDS Treble	RICHARD G. RICE 6
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. ... 2	WALTER F. JUDGE 7
RICHARD POST 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. ... 8
HUGH J. BALCOMBE 4	RICHARD WHITE 9
FRANCIS TAYLOR 5	CUTHBERT G. WHITE Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 7, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

SEPTIMUS RADFORD Treble	WILLIAM W. THORNE 6
ALBERT WALKER 2	FRANK BENNETT 7
ALBERT HARMAN 3	CHARLES HAZELDEN 8
JAMES HUNT 4	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 9
JOHN H. B. HESSE 5	REGINALD A. RADFORD ... Tenor

Composed by J. E. GROVES.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

The previous peal in which Messrs. S. Radford (Guildford), A. Walker (Birmingham) and J. Hunt (Taunton) took part together was rung at Taunton 34 years ago.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 9, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

JOHN S. GOLDSMITH Treble	GEORGE MARRINER 6
CHARLES HAZELDEN 2	JAMES HUNT 7
ALBERT WALKER 3	JOHN H. B. HESSE 8
FRANK BENNETT 4	ALBERT HARMAN 9
MRS. C. HAZELDEN 5	WILLIAM W. THORNE Tenor

Composed by HENRY HALEY.

Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, June 9, 1930, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB CATERS, 5093 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

FRANK LAWRENCE Treble	WILLIAM PAGE 6
ROBERT G. KNOWLES 2	WILLIAM RANFORD 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT 3	WILLIAM C. JONES 8
CYRIL TANSELL 4	CHARLES CAMM 9
WILLIAM LEWIS 5	CHARLES YOUNG Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH FIGOTT. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

First peal of Double Norwich Caters by all the band, on the bells and for the association. Rung at the first attempt. The tenor ringer made up the band at a minute's notice, it being his first attempt on ten bells. Rung on the occasion of the birth of a grandson to Mr. W. C. Jones.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

GRIMSBY, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 24, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

HAROLD RUSHBY Treble	FRANK LORD 5
JACK BRAY 2	JOHN E. KENNINGTON 6
ARTHUR T. SWAIN 3	HERBERT I. MINGAY 7
STEPHEN BROMFIELD 4	P.C. ARTHUR PASHLEY ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

Rung to mark Empire Day. Bob Major was rung after meeting short for Double Norwich, Mr. Rushby taking a rope at a moment's notice.

HEANOR, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 28, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

G. LINDOFF'S SIX-PART, No. 4.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble	CHARLES DRAPER 5
W. RICHARDSON DRAGE 2	J. ALFRED BARRETT 6
MADRICE SWINFELD 3	JAMES S. HUTCHBY 7
JOSEPH BAILEY 4	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

REIGATE, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, May 31, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ROBERT SWIFT Treble	ALFRED J. BULL 5
KENNETH SNELLING 2	CECIL NICE 6
REGINALD V. JOHNSON 3	GEORGE ELLIS 7
WALTER CLAYDON 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by JOHN THORP.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 31, 1930, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN FLINT Treble	JOHN H. BROTHWELL 5
JESSE J. MOSS 2	THOMAS RILEY 6
STANLEY SLANEY 3	EDWARD E. ROBBINS 7
JOSEPH SAXTON 4	ERNEST WAGSTAFF Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

Rung with half-muffled clappers to the memory of Archbishop Lord Davidson.

NORTH MIMMS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 31, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

BEN JARMAN Treble	ALBERT LAWRENCE 5
WALTER H. L. BUCKINGHAM 2	LEWIS A. GOODENOUGH 6
JOHN MALYAN 3	WILLIAM NASH 7
HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH 4	GEORGE A. SPENCER Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM NASH.

Rung as a farewell peal for the Rev. C. G. and Mrs. Ward on their leaving the parish and diocese.

BENGELO, HERTFORD.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 31, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 7½ cwt.

WILBY J. HAZELL Treble	EDWARD H. KING 5
JOHN THOMAS 2	MRS. E. K. FLETCHER 6
*JOHN G. NASH 3	JAMES PARKER 7
WALTER J. BOWDEN 4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

* First peal in the method. First Surprise peal on the bells. The band wish to thank Mr. Pomfret for overhauling the ropes and having everything in readiness.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFS.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 31, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	JOHN SMITH 5
JOHN BASS 2	HECTOR G. BIRD 6
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT 3	THOMAS HERMING 7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

This was the quarterly peal for this branch and a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Bass.

SAXLINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 31, 1930, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

WILLIAM E. BASON Treble	CHARLES E. LOVETT 5
GEORGE MAYERS 2	FRANK H. DAVEY 6
RICHARD BALDRY 3	GEORGE POINTZ 7
*LEONARD POINTZ 4	GEORGE BAILEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WM. E. BASON.

* First peal. Rung on the fourteenth anniversary of the Battle of Jutland, in which P.O. Frank H. Davey took part.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST SOCIETY.)

On Sunday, June 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

LINDOFF'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

NELSON ELLIOTT Treble	*REGINALD V. JOHNSON 5
*GEORGE OLLIVER 2	*CECIL NICE 6
KENNETH SNELLING 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS 7
*ROBERT SWIFT 4	GEORGE ELLIS Tenor

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

SPONDON.—At St. Werburgh's Church, on June 2nd, 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins.: J. Cope 1, W. Slater, jun., 2, F. Coxon 3, W. Slater 4, C. M. Coxon 5, J. Bailey (conductor) 6. First extent of Minor on the bells by a local band.

MIDDLESBROUGH, YORKS.
CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, June 2, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

SAMUEL YATES Treble	THOMAS LANCASTER 5
* J. REID 2	H. CLAYTON 6
MISS LANCASTER 3	J. W. PASSMAN 7
J. C. POLLARD 4	THOMAS LANCASTER Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by T. LANCASTER.

* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 4, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN FRIST Treble	REGINALD V. JOHNSON 5
JACK M. CRIPPS 2	CECIL NICE 6
NELSON ELLIOTT 3	KEITH HART 7
* ALBERT E. LAKER 4	WILLIAM STENNING Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

* First peal on eight bells.

WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.
CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, June 4, 1930, in Three Hours,
At the Parish Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

* ALBERT HUNTER Treble	HUBERT WATERS 5
ALFRED E. ONLEY 2	HARRY SHORT 6
WM. A. BRECKON 3	ALBERT V. COATES 7
GEORGE WHITE 4	RICHARD HANSELL Tenor

Conducted by W. A. BRECKON.

* First peal and first attempt.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCs.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 4, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
At Immanuel Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

JOHN CAVANNAGH Treble	† LEONARD SCHOLES 5
ARTHUR LORD 2	RICHARD BALDERSTONE 6
* JOSEPH RILEY 3	WILLIE AARON 7
ARNOLD BRANTON 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by W. AARON.

* First peal. † First in the method. First peal as conductor. Ringer of 5th from Oswaldtwistle, 2nd and 6th from Rishton, remainder from Church.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 4, 1930, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

* JAMES H. LUCAS Treble	* PERCY E. JONES 5
† FREDERICK G. BALDWIN 2	GEORGE GILBERT 6
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE 3	* EDGAR G. SWIFT 7
FREDERICK W. GOODFELLOW 4	FRANK CORKE Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by FRANK CORKE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

BELPER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 4, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

G. LINDOFF'S SIX-PART, No. 5.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble	CHARLES DRAPER 5
JOSEPH BAILEY 2	JAMES S. HUTCHBY 6
PERCY DUDLEY 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
MAURICE SWINFELD 4	W. RICHARDSON DRAGE Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 5, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

* MISS CONSTANCE HOVERD Treble	CYRIL BRETT-SMITH 5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 2	HARRY HOVERD 6
WILLIAM R. BOND 3	BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE 7
JOHN J. LAMB 4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

* First peal of Major.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, June 7, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary, Portsea,

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

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

JOSEPH D. HARRIS Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR 5
* CECIL L. GUY 2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 6
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 7
HENRY JENNINGS 4	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

* First peal in the method. This composition is now rung for the first time.

HARMSTON, LINC'S.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 7, 1930, in Three Hours,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION.

Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES MCGUINNESS Treble	GEORGE CHESTER 5
HAROLD MARCON 2	H. LESLIE PASK 6
GEORGE FLINTHAM 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN 7
JOHN WALDEN 4	ARTHUR H. A. MARCON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

A wedding peal to Mr. Harold Walker, of Colwick, Nottingham, and to Miss Mabel Bateman, of Motttingham, Kent.

PETWORTH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 7, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 18 cwt.

ALFRED H. PULLING Treble	WALTER CHARMAN 5
* CHARLES W. DENYER 2	C. ERNEST SMITH 6
PETER CHARMAN 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON 7
MAURICE SMITHER 4	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal of Stedman and proposed a member of the association before starting. Rung with the bells half-muffled, immediately after the funeral, to the memory of Mr. James B. Watson, churchwarden and chief steward to Lord Leconfield, Lord Lieutenant of Sussex, of Petworth Park.

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ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 5, 1930, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Edward,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

ALFRED PRIOR ... ..	... Treble	FRANK G. RINGE	5
ERNEST FURBANK	2	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD	6
ROBERT HEAZEL	3	ERNEST J. BUTLER	7
GEORGE R. PYE	4	WILLIAM PYE	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

DORKING, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 7, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

MISS IRENE L. HASTIE ... ..	... Treble	GEORGE COOK	5
GEORGE MARRINER	2	ARTHUR H. SMITH	6
FREDERICK G. WOODISS	3	WILLIAM G. NEWBERRY	7
JOHN H. WHITE	4	ALAN R. PINK	Tenor

Composed by F. HOPWOOD.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

Miss Hastie is believed to be the first lady to ring a peal in this tower.

DUNSTABLE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 7, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Priory Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 2½ cwt.

BERT F. CALCOTT ... ..	... Treble	* CLIFFORD ROLLINS	5
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	2	ALBERT FLEET	6
* FREDERICK J. PLUMMER	3	* ALBERT G. MATTHEWS	7
GEORGE W. HARRIS	4	ARTHUR E. SHEARMAN	Tenor

Composed by TOM LOCKWOOD. Conducted by ARTHUR E. SHEARMAN

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob. A congratulatory peal to the Rector, the Rev. G. C. Rolfe, and Mrs. Rolfe, on the birth of a daughter.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 7, 1930, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

JOHN W. JONES ... ..	... Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY	5
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE	2	GEORGE GILBERT	6
WILLIAM WELLING	3	GEORGE MARTIN	7
HARRY WINGROVE	4	CECIL C. MAYNE	Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by G. MARTIN.

First peal in the method on the bells.

LEYTON, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, June 7, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

CHARLES A. HUGHES ... ..	... Treble	GEORGE R. PYE	5
ALFRED PRIOR	2	JOHN H. CRAMPION	6
WILLIAM H. BARBER	3	ROBERT RICHARDSON	7
GEORGE R. NEWTON	4	WILLIAM PYE	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss E. Richardson, daughter of the ringer of the seventh.

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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 7, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Bloomsbury,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FODR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN A. WAUGH ... ..	... Treble	CHARLES T. COLES	5
ALBERT W. COLES	2	GILBERT GOODSHIP	6
WILLIAM J. ELLIS	3	JAMES BENNETT	7
ERNEST J. BUTLER	4	GEORGE A. HUGHES	Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT W. COLES.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 9, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

EDWARD ASHBY ... ..	... Treble	CHARLES T. COLES	5
WILLIAM H. BARBER	2	JOHN CRAMPION	6
JOHN A. WAUGH	3	ROBERT RICHARDSON	7
GEORGE R. NEWTON	4	WILLIAM PYE	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

This peal was the first in the method, and the quickest peal of Major rung on the bells. It was also Mr. W. Pye's 900th Surprise peal.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

AULT HUCKNALL.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 10, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 960 St. Simon's, 1,200 Plain Bob, 1,200 Old Doubles and 1,680 Grandsire.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

W. PARKES ... ..	... Treble	H. BAILEY	3
A. SMITHSON	2	W. RILEY	4
F. W. KNOWLES ... ..	...	...	Tenor

Conducted by F. W. KNOWLES.

LANGPORT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

DENIS HALE ... ..	... Treble	H. WESTLAKE	4
T. W. CREED	2	† T. LOCK	5
* H. LUCAS	3	* A. HALE	Tenor

Conducted by T. W. CREED.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

STOKESAY, SHROPSHIRE.

On Wednesday, May 28, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings.

Tenor 12 cwt.

PERCIVAL R. NASH ... ..	... Treble	† FORREST T. MASSEY	4
HUBERT JONES	2	WILLIAM R. NASH	5
* WILLIAM F. RICKARDS	3	WILLIAM HABBERLEY	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM R. NASH.

* First peal. † First inside. Rung on the eve of the Ascension.

YALDING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, May 28, 1930, in Three Hours,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

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

MRS. H. BAKER ... ..	... Treble	HARRY BAKER	4
WILLIAM E. PITMAN	2	THOMAS E. SONE	5
CHARLES H. SONE	3	ALBERT RELFE	Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

First peal in the seven methods by all except the ringer of the tenor. First peal of Minor as conductor.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Friday, May 30, 1930, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 19½ cwt.

*PERCY TAYLOR	Treble	ALAN BROMLEY	4
†EDWIN BROMLEY	2	REGINALD E. LAMBERT	5
ROBERT T. LAMBERT	3	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.

* First peal. † First peal on an inside bell. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect for Archbishop Lord Davidson.

BLACKWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 31, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Stedman, 2,400 Grandsire and 1,920 Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM SWAIN	Treble	ROBERT BAILEY	3
ARTHUR SMITHSON	2	F. W. KNOWLES	4

*A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS Tenor

Conducted by F. W. KNOWLES.

* First peal of Doubles.

KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 31, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cuneceastro, York, Bourne, Cambridge, Nether-seale, Annable's London and Norwich. Tenor 11 cwt.

FRED PARR	Treble	GEORGE BURNHAM	4
ALFRED PARR	2	WILLIAM H. TURTON	5
HARRY GLEAVES	3	CHARLES SEVERN	Tenor

Conducted by C. SEVERN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Lord Davidson, also the late Mr. Harry Taylor, for some time a ringer at the above church. The 100th peal by Mr. W. H. Turton.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 31, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

MISS K. BURCHNALL	Treble	ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN	4
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL	2	ERNEST A. MIDWINTER	5
HERBERT ROOKE	3	LEONARD PIERREPONT	Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD PIERREPONT.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar (Rev. T. H. J. Eling, M.A.). Mr. Chamberlain, of Southwell, was proposed a member of the North Notts Association.

MARDEN, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, June 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twelve 240's of Pitman's, and nine 240's of Morris'. Tenor 16½ cwt.

CHARLES LEETE	Treble	FRANCIS J. WILLIAMS	4
WILLIAM G. T. BARRETT	2	JAMES P. HYETT	5
HERBERT COLCOMBE	3	JOHN H. MOUNTFORD	Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. G. T. Barrett.

WEDDING BELLS.

On Saturday, June 7th, at Doncaster Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung in 50 mins. by G. Hawksworth (conductor) 1, C. Holmes 2, J. Holmes 3, C. Clark 4, W. Betley 5, H. Wagstaff 6, F. Newsome 7, H. Baldwin 8, as a compliment to Mr. Harold Walker, of Doncaster, Yorks, and Miss Bateman, of Mottingham, Kent, who were married on the same afternoon in London. Mr. Walker was formerly a ringer of Doncaster, and secretary of Doncaster and District Society.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 3, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

ALBERT RELFE	Treble	WILLIAM DURHAM	4
THOMAS FULLER	2	ANDREW MARSHALL	5
JOHN J. BASSETT	3	JAMES BASSETT	Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

Rung in honour of the birthday of H.M. the King. First peal for the ringers of 2nd, 3rd and 4th. All three are only 15 years old.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTHERN BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Northern Branch was held at Grimsby on Saturday, May 31st, and, taking into consideration that this is one of the extreme districts of the branch, there was a good attendance. Among the towers represented were Bigby, Branston, Burton-on-Stather, Elsham, Gainsborough, Grimsby (St. Andrew's and St. James), Kellingholme, Lincoln (Cathedral), Scotcherne, Scunthorpe, Thornton Curtis and Ulceby. The Rev. J. Barber, of Great Contes, and Mr. and Mrs. Richardson and Mr. G. Ladd, from the Elloe Deaneries Branch, were also present. The two rings of eight were available, and kept going to various methods during the afternoon and evening, rounds being also rung for the learners. The bells at St. James' were rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Archbishop Lord Davidson.

Service was held in the Parish Church, the Vicar, Rev. H. R. Burrows, officiating and giving an appropriate address. Mr. H. Rushby, one of the local ringers, presided at the organ, and the singing was led in a most efficient manner by the choirboys. Mr. F. F. Linley, president of the Northern Branch, read the lesson. This was followed by a course of Grandsire Caters in the chancel by the following: Mrs. R. Richardson 1-2, F. S. W. Butler 3-4, R. Richardson 5-6, H. Marcon 7-8, C. W. Taylor 9-10.

Fifty-eight members and friends afterwards sat down to an excellent tea in the Church House.

Mr. Linley presided at the business meeting, and was supported by the Vicar of Grimsby, Rev. H. T. Parry, president of the Grimsby District, and members of the committee.

An apology for absence and good wishes for a successful meeting was read from Mr. J. A. Freeman, Northern Branch Ringing Master. The balance sheet and secretary's report for 1929 were passed, and the whole of the officers reappointed. Two new members, Messrs. G. Atkinson and H. Cawkwell, Thornton Curtis, were elected. The arrangements for the next annual meeting were left in the hands of the general secretary.

A suggestion was made that the number of bells, with name of correspondent for each tower, should be inserted in the next report.—It was decided to leave this matter in the hands of the committee.

In a very witty and humorous manner the Rev. Burrows gave the branch a most hearty welcome to Grimsby.

Mr. Linley proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks to the church authorities for the use of the bells, the organist and choirboys for their services, the caterers for the splendid tea provided, and all others who had in any way helped toward making the meeting such a success, at the same time making reference to the excellent manner in which the boys of the choir had rendered their assistance at the service.—This was carried and responded to by the Vicar, who alluded to the loyalty of his ringers as churchworkers.

A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the business, after which further ringing took place, and a very successful meeting brought to a finish.

ALDERSHOT'S ACTIVITIES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Aldershot may well be called a nursery for ringers.

Four years ago the Aldershot band was broken up, leaving only four of the old band to carry on. These, instead of taking things lying down, looked round and roped in three choirboys and three girls whose ages then averaged 13 years, all of whom have since rung a quarter-peal. To-day the Aldershot band is 17 strong, and is, I think, one of the youngest and keenest bands in the country.

It is not at all a strange sight to see as many as thirty at one of their Friday night practices. Everyone gets some ringing, some in rounds and some being coached in changes, according to the stage they have reached.

No meeting in the district is complete without the Aldershot band, who make their presence felt, especially at tea time.

How many other towers are there, I wonder, who devote three-quarters of their practice night to helping learners from other towers, and so to helping change ringing along in this country?—Yours faithfully,

E. BRAGG,

Grenadier Guards.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT.*To the Editor.*

Sir,—It is good to sit and think. I do sometimes, and perhaps my subject may be the leading article in 'The Ringing World.' Week by week we get a topic to consider, and without doubt every single article interests some members. It would be absurd to state that the whole Exercise reads, marks, learns and inwardly digests every one, and it is, therefore, all to the good that we have such a diversity of topics. Sometimes it is highbrow for those that can appreciate it. More often it is a plain-spoken piece of advice, or even, perhaps, a rap over the knuckles of more or less severity, a gentle word of warning or a generous word of praise. I repeat, it is good to sit and think. It is, however, better to take action.

Consider for a while the first of the second thousand, 'Peals and Peal Ringers.' Here is food for thought to begin with. What does it show? Less ringers? Less enthusiasm? Less opportunities? Apparently less something. Should we be content with less? It is good to sit and think. It is better to take action. What action? I would suggest that the object to attain should be to change the degree of comparison from less to more in each of the above. That will be something to attain. However, as everyone knows, this will mean spade work for some. How many? Why not all. Many hands make light work. It is good to sit and think. It is, however, better to take action.—Yours sincerely,

'LAYMAN.'**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

A very successful quarterly meeting was held at Warnham on Saturday, May 31st, when about 40 members and friends attended from Billingshurst, Heene, Guildford, Brighton (St. Peter's and St. Nicholas'), Itchingfield, Horsham, Kirdford, Lindfield, West Grinstead, West Tarring, Rudgwick, Warnham, and Dr. E. L. Taylor, of Sevenoaks. The bells were available from two o'clock onwards, and were kept busy in the standard methods until five o'clock, when the company took tea at the good old Sussex Oak Inn.

At the business meeting, with Dr. Taylor in the chair, the following non-resident members were elected: Mr. C. Geary (Nottingham) and Mr. H. E. Audsley (Crayford).

Votes of thanks to Dr. Taylor for presiding, and to the Rector for granting the use of the bells, concluded this part of the programme, and another visit was paid to the belfry for further ringing.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**LUTON DISTRICT.**

A very pleasant and successful meeting of the above district was held on Saturday week at Westoning and Flitwick, about 20 members being present from Barton, Silsoe, Luton, Woburn, Kempston, Dunstable and Totternhoe.

Ringing took place during the afternoon at Westoning, where hangs a good peal of six, with a tenor about 13 cwt., in good-going order, and of good tone, in spite of being a mixed lot. The treble and fourth are by Mears, second and fifth by Chandler, third and tenor by Russell. These bells were kept busy during the afternoon in methods ranging from London Surprise to Grandsire Doubles.

The tea and business meeting were held in the Bell Inn, the chair being taken by Mr. A. King, vice-president. Five new members were elected, and Woburn selected for the next meeting on June 28th.

After tea, Flitwick was the venue. This was the first time the association had ever paid a visit to this tower, where there is a very ancient ring of five bells: The treble, 1637, Taylor, recast 1867; 2nd, John Clarke, 1608; 3rd, John Keene, 1631; 4th and 5th, Miles Graye, 1653 and 1654; rehung by Bowell some years ago. Members were delighted to find the tower in first-class condition, it being, from bell chamber to floor, in a well-cared-for condition, and the bells going like tops. Grandsire, Stedman, and Plain Bob Doubles were rung. Members thoroughly enjoyed their first visit to this church.

SUDDEN DEATH OF WELL-KNOWN OLDHAM RINGER.

On Sunday night, just before starting to ring for evening service, Mr. Isaac ('Ike') Schofield, aged 68, of St. Mark's, Glodwick, passed away very suddenly in the tower.

Mr. Schofield was secretary to the Oldham and District Society, and his loss will be greatly felt. He was never tired of giving of his service to further the cause of ringing, especially to the young ringers. Mr. Schofield had rung a good many peals in different methods. He was one of the band that rung the record peals of Kent Trehle Bob at Mottram about 26 years ago. He was a member of the Lanes Association, Chester Guild, Ashton-under-Lyne Society and the Oldham and District Society. He was well known and respected in all these associations. Mr. Schofield lost his wife 14 months ago and his son last Christmas. He leaves behind three daughters to mourn their loss.

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The photographs should be accompanied by brief particulars of the bells, with their inscriptions and dates if possible, and any other interesting information about them.

Pictures should, for preference, be photographic post-cards, and, where there is any choice, the tower should be a feature.

Obviously, of course, all the pictures cannot be published at once, the object of getting a collection being that the photographs may be ready at hand for use when fitting opportunity occurs.

Will each tower secretary be good enough to send a photograph of his own tower? It should be forwarded in an envelope for protection, and addressed to The Editor, 'The Ringing World,' Woking, Surrey, and the sender should enclose his name and address.

BELFRY GOSSIP.

Messrs. Taylor and Co. installed a peal of eight at Great Baddow in 1924. Since that time they have rehung the peal of eight at Great Dunmow, augmented the peal at Great Bardfield to complete the octave, and the peal at Great Easton to six, and now the Loughborough Company is to instal another new peal in Essex. This is to be a fine new ring of eight, tenor approximately 15 cwt., at Great Holland Parish Church.

The first peal at Winchester Cathedral was rung forty-five years ago to-day, when Mr. F. G. Dawe conducted a peal of Grandsire Triples and Murray Hayes performed a herculean task in keeping the tenor going.

Jasper Snowden was born at Ilkley on June 18th, 1844.

A DEAN'S APPEAL FOR MORE RINGERS.

At the annual conference of the Rochester Diocesan C.E.M.S., held at Chatham on Saturday week, the Dean (the Ven. Donald Talbot) appealed for more bellringers.

'I am informed,' he said, 'the it is becoming increasingly difficult to enrol young men as bellringers. This is a great pity, because bellringing is one of our proud national possessions. You won't find it anywhere else in the world. I appeal to you members of the society to interest yourselves in it so that this possession will not be lost. Bellringers are as important in the worship of God as the men in surplices. The ringing of church bells is worship.'

THE PEAL AT PORTSMOUTH.

The peal of Double Norwich Major rung at St. Mary's, Portsea, and recorded elsewhere in these columns, was rung at the special request of the Vicar (Rev. G. C. L. Lunt) to welcome past members of the clergy staff, who were assembling during the Whitsuntide for a great reunion at Portsmouth. The Archbishop of Canterbury (Dr. Cosmo Gordon Lang), a former Vicar of Portsea, was unable, owing to medical advice, to preside over this gathering of nearly seventy clergy, but those present during the week-end included the Bishops of Southwark and Kingston, Bishop Norman Lang, Canon Southam (Chester Cathedral), the Vicar of Fareham, the Rector of Beaconsfield and several other prominent clergy. The company were also favoured by the presence of the Bishops of Winchester, Portsmouth and Southampton.

VISIT TO OXFORDSHIRE TOWERS.

The Heyford bellringers had a most enjoyable outing on Saturday, May 3rd, when they journeyed by bus through Wootton, Bladon and Cassington, indulging in their art in each village; then on through Eynsham to Oxford, where they enjoyed a good tea, and rang at St. Giles' Church before leaving. They reached Islip at six o'clock, and rang there, and then at Ambrosden, Launton and Middleton Stoney, and returned home at 9.45. It is hoped this outing will be the forerunner of others. The arrangements were in the hands of the captain, Mr. F. Pritchett. The ringers wish to thank all those who so kindly helped, and the various incumbents for the use of the bells.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL. TUESDAY'S MEETING AT LAMBETH. ELECTION OF A NEW PRESIDENT.

The first session of the newly-elected Council was held by the courtesy of his grace the Archbishop of Canterbury in the Guard Room at Lambeth Palace, London, on Tuesday, where there was an attendance of nearly one hundred members.

The chair was taken at the outset by the retiring president, Canon G. F. Coleridge, and the Council was welcomed on behalf of the Archbishop (who is now away by the sea recuperating his health in view of the forthcoming Lambeth Conference) by his secretary, the Rev. A. Sargent.

Canon Coleridge then informed the Council that he felt compelled through advancing years to retire from the office of president, and as there had been only one nomination for the office he declared Mr. E. H. Lewis, who had for many years been a representative of Cambridge University Guild, elected.

Mr. Lewis took the presidential chair amid applause, and cheers having been given for Canon Coleridge, on the call of the hon. secretary, Mr. Lewis acknowledged the honour done him by his election to the office.



MR. E. A. YOUNG.

Re-elected Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Council.

No nominations having been received for the offices of hon. secretary and treasurer and of librarian, Mr. E. Alexr. Young and the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn were re-elected to the respective offices. Mr. Young stated that during his contemplated absence from England Mr. W. A. Cave had kindly undertaken to carry on the work.

The Hon. Secretary and Treasurer presented the accounts, a summary of which has already been published, and these, having been audited, were adopted, as were also the accounts of the librarian, who presented the following report:—

ONLY MODERATE SALE OF PUBLICATIONS.

The hon. librarian's report for the year ending April 30th, 1930, was as follows: This has been an uneventful year, both for the library and the sale of publications. Few books have been borrowed, and the only addition to the library has been the peal composition books of the late Mr. John Carter, which were presented by the hon. secretary. As to the publications, shortly before Easter the revised issue of 'Rules for a Local Company' came from the printers, and notice of its being on sale was at once given in 'The Ringing World,' but up to the present only a few copies have been sold, though it

has been much in demand while it has been out of print. The new issue of 'Minor Methods' has not yet reached the librarian. There has only been a moderate sale of other publications, amounting to £4 16s. 5d. The book 'On the Preservation of Bells, etc.,' is in the process of revision preparatory to reprinting, for which it should be ready before long. The cost of advertising and postage was £9 10s. 6d., so that there was an adverse balance on the year of £4 14s. 1d.

The following honorary members were re-elected: Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Messrs. J. A. Trollope, J. Griffin, E. A. Young, J. S. Goldsmith and C. F. Johnston. The Rev. A. T. Beeston, the other retiring hon. member, did not seek re-election.

The Hon. Secretary reported on various matters that had come before the Standing Committee, the members of which were re-elected, with the addition of the 'conveners' of committees who were not already members.

The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, reporting for the Peals Collection Committee, which was reappointed, stated that the work now in hand and almost concluded was the proof of peal of Treble Bob with tenors parted.—Mr. G. R. Newton raised the question of having the whole of the Treble Bob Peals Collection made more readily available for use by printing it, but it was pointed out that the question of printing costs was to come up later on another committee, and the matter would have to be left over for a time.—The committee's report was adopted.

The Literature and Press Committee's report was read by the Rev. F. L. Edwards and adopted, and the committee re-elected with the addition of Mr. C. H. Howard.

MINOR METHODS COLLECTION TO BE PRINTED.

The most important question in the Methods Committee's report was that of printing the collection of Minor methods. The Rev. H. Law James explained that the total cost of printing the work as it stood would be about £68, and to make it pay they could not publish it at less than 3s. a copy. The committee suggested that if the cost was too much to enable the Council to publish the whole at once, it should be published in two parts—one consisting of the methods and the other of the compositions.

Mr. Trollope said the committee had gone carefully through the transcript, and if the volume was to be what they wanted to make it they could not cut it down by so much as a comma.

Many suggestions were made as to what should be done to bring the cost of the work within reach of all ringers, including cutting down the contents, dividing the volume into a greater number of sections, giving only half-leads of the methods, and issuing it in several parts, but eventually Canon Coleridge moved a resolution to print the book as it stands, and sell out stock held by the Council in order to cover the cost. An amendment moved by Mr. P. J. Johnson (Yorkshire) to issue the work serially having been defeated, Canon Coleridge's motion was carried by a large majority.

The committee were re-elected with thanks for their services. After lunch, the Council dealt with the reports of other committees. That of the Analyses Committee, already published, was adopted, and the committee thanked for their work and re-elected.

The individual reports of the members of the Towers and Belfries Committee was of considerable interest. The committee have revised the pamphlet on the 'Preservation of Bells, Frames and Fittings,' and it would shortly be ready for printing. The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, the hon. secretary, and Major J. H. B. Hesse referred to the work done in belfry inspections during the year, and the President, arising out of an inspection he made at Barnet, gave a lucid and instructive address in regard to the ascertained strains and stresses on towers caused by the ringing of bells.

Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn moved that the report be adopted and the revised edition of the book printed as soon as possible.—Canon Elsee seconded, and the motion having been carried, and the committee elected, Mr. F. E. Dawe suggested that the expense of printing should be met by subscriptions from among the members of the Council, which he offered to head with a donation of two guineas. Several other members at once offered to contribute, and the sum necessary is likely to be forthcoming in this way.

The Records Committee's report was read and adopted, and the Rev. A. T. Beeston having retired from the Council, the other members, the Rev. H. Law James and Mr. T. Hervey Beams, were re-elected, and Mr. George Grover (Guildford) added to the committee.

The Legal Committee, having completed its work last year, was discharged with thanks for its services, but Alderman Pritchett was asked to hold a watching brief for the Council in case any legislation detrimental to ringing should be introduced. The Rev. H. Drake offered to defray the cost of printing the committee's report, which was a very valuable one, to make it accessible to those who ought to be in possession of it, and his offer was accepted with thanks.

The members of the Council stood for a few moments in silence to mark their regret at the death of Mr. F. A. Milne, a member of the committee, and as a token of sympathy with the relatives.

The Broadcasting Committee, having completed its work, was discharged with thanks for its services.

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HON. MEMBERS INVITED TO PAY.

The Council then dealt with the motions on the agenda. The Hon. Secretary proposed that in future the subscription for the third and fourth representatives of an association should be 2s. 6d. only, and that hon. members should pay a subscription of 5s. per annum.

The first part of the motion was defeated, so that the subscription of 5s. will be payable for all representatives.

At the suggestion of Alderman Pritchett, the second part of the motion was amended to read that hon. members be invited to subscribe not less than 5s. per annum, and in this form it was adopted.

A discussion was initiated by the Hon. Secretary on the suggestions made in 'The Ringing Word' on October 18th last that the rules of the Council should be altered. He did not think there was a great deal in the suggested alterations, but thought they might well be considered.

Mr. W. A. Cave followed, and proposed: 'That, in order to bring ringing societies into closer communion and co-operation with the Central Council of Church Bellringers, every affiliated society be requested to include in their rules words to the following effect: "That this society be affiliated to the Central Council of Church Bellringers and loyally carry out the rules and decisions thereof."'

The Rev. H. Law James moved to leave out the words 'and decisions,' but the motion was carried in the form proposed except that, at the suggestion of Alderman Pritchett, the words 'loyally abide by' were substituted for the words 'loyally carry out.'

It was then further resolved: 'That the Standing Committee consider, and, if thought necessary, revise the rules of the Council and report to the next meeting.'

Notices stood in the name of the Rev. H. Drake as follows: (a) That a collection of lantern slides be formed by the Council to illustrate ringing in its various aspects, and (b) that all notices of motions to be laid before the Council shall be sent in the names either of individual members or of affiliated societies, and shall reach the secretary in time for them to be published a week before Easter, as a preliminary agenda. Within a fortnight after Easter other resolutions or amendments may be sent to him, but in this case only in the names of the societies.

Mr. Drake withdrew these proposals on the understanding that they would be taken into consideration by the Standing Committee.

On the motion of Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, seconded by Mr. G. Grover, it was resolved: 'That the Methods Committee be requested to review the Council's statement on "Regular Methods" contained in "Rules and Decisions" and report to the next meeting of the Council, what, if any, amendments they consider are necessary in view of present developments in method ringing.'

Four places were suggested for the next annual meeting, which is due to be held in the North, viz., Ripon, recommended by the Standing Committee, Leeds, Dublin and Liverpool.

It was held that Dublin was ruled out under the scheme, and would be considered when the meeting next fell to be held in the West, and, on a vote being taken, Liverpool was selected.

A vote of thanks to the Archbishop of Canterbury for permitting the meeting to be held at Lambeth, was passed, and the business concluded with a vote of thanks to the president.

In the evening a social gathering, attended by many of the representatives and their friends, was held at Auderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, which was the Council's headquarters for the week-end.

A full report of the proceedings will be given in future issues of 'The Ringing World.'

FRATERNISING AT LAMBETH.

The Middlesex Association and London Diocesan Guild, South and West District, were at Lambeth on Saturday, May 17th, as visitors to the London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild (Southern District), and a pleasant afternoon and evening were spent, very useful practice being obtained in various methods. The attendance was by no means startling, and one wonders what becomes of the advocates of joint meetings on these occasions. Ringing commenced soon after three and proceeded merrily until six o'clock, by which time among other visitors were to be seen a vice-president and secretary of the over-the-water association. Unfortunately, the L.C.A. District Master was prevented from being present by illness, and a letter of sympathy was directed to be sent to him with hopes for a speedy recovery. Mr. Essory, steward, L.C.A., and Mr. Mackrill, treasurer, shared the duty of M.O. quite skilfully in his absence. Some 22 sat down to an excellent tea, arranged by Mr. Hardy, the local steeplekeeper, to whom the best thanks of the company were given. Some of the 'giants' of the Exercise rang a service touch of Cambridge Major in fine style, and the company attended evensong, at which the Rector gave an address of welcome and advice, the musical side of the service being ably accompanied on the organ by Mr. Martyn, one of the Woolwich members, who stayed at some inconvenience to himself to help on the work. Members are indebted to him. A vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for the use of the bells, etc., and ringing was carried on till 9.15, concluding with a course of London.

J. H.

THE NEW PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL.**MR. E. H. LEWIS' INTERESTING CAREER.**

At the meeting of the Central Council, on Tuesday, Mr. Edwin Hugh Lewis, one of the honorary members, was elected president in succession to Canon G. F. Coleridge. The Council is fortunate in securing the services of such a capable chairman, for Mr. Lewis comes to the office with a wide experience gained through his association with important industrial undertakings, as well as an expert knowledge of ringing.

Born on June 13th, 1881, at the Vicarage of St. Ann, Nottingham, the youngest son of Canon J. D. Lewis, Mr. Lewis was educated at Cordwalles School, Maidenhead, Charterhouse and Trinity College, Cambridge. He first learnt to handle a bell and ring call changes when Canon Lewis was appointed Rector of Trowell, Nottinghamshire, in 1900. He joined the Cambridge University Guild on entering Trinity College in 1901, and was a contemporary of the Revs. H. S. T. Richardson and B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake. His first peal was 5,024 Bob Major at St. Andrew's, Cambridge, on June 17th, 1902.

After taking his degree (Mechanical Sciences Tripos) in 1904, Mr. Lewis was appointed assistant manager of the Liverpool Silver and Copper Co., Ltd., Widnes, and lived for two years in Liverpool, ringing during that period at various churches in South Lancashire.

In 1906 he moved to Frodsham, Cheshire, and rang regularly at St. Lawrence's Church, where there were then six bells by Rudhall. He took charge of the belfry when two trebles were added in November, 1911. In the meantime he had taught a band at St. Paul's, Widnes, where eight bells had been hung in September, 1907. Mr. Lewis married in 1909 the daughter of Archdeacon Richardson, Rector of Southwell, and sister of the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson.

In 1914 he was appointed assistant manager of the Glasgow Iron and Steel Co., Ltd., Wishaw, Lanarkshire, in 1916 works manager, and in 1927 general manager. While at Wishaw he was responsible for starting up the cement works, where cement was made as a side line from the slag from the blast furnaces.

Last year he was invited to join the boards of directors of the Tunnel Portland Cement Co., Ltd., whose works are at West Thurrock, Essex, and of Messrs. F. L. Smith and Co., Ltd., who are associated with F. L. Smith and Co., A/S, of Copenhagen, the well-known engineers and makers of cement making machinery. As a result he took up residence at Brasted, Kent, in November last.

Mr. Lewis is a member of the West of Scotland Iron and Steel Institute (filling the important post of president, 1922-26), the Iron and Steel Institute (member of Council, 1922-26), the Institute of Metals, the Ceramic Society, and the Institute of Fuel, of which he was appointed one of the first Fellows in 1928.

Until May, 1929, he was lay elector, lay representative and churchwarden of St. Andrew's Church, Wishaw, and chairman of the Wishaw Local Employment Committee from its inception.

There was, of course, little opportunity of ringing in Scotland, even if business activities had permitted, but Mr. Lewis was able to attend occasional meetings of the College Youths (of which he has been a member for 27 years) when in London attending meetings in connection with iron, steel and cement trades.

Mr. Lewis has rung 154 peals (26 on handbells) from Minor to Maximus. He has been a representative of Cambridge University Guild on the Central Council since 1908. A few years before the war he called the attention of the Council to activities of the S.P.A.B., which resulted in the formation of the Towers and Belfries Committee, of which he is a member, and he contributed to Sir Arthur Heywood's book, 'Bells and Belfries,' much valuable information on strains and stresses, the result of scientific investigation and calculation.

PRESIDENTS OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart.	... ..	1891 to 1917.
Rev. A. H. F. Boughey	... ..	1918 to 1920.
Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge	... ..	1921 to 1930.
Mr. E. H. Lewis	... ..	1930.

BELL RESTORATION AT CHURCH OAKLEY, HANTS.

The peal of six bells at Church Oakley, Hants, have recently been retuned, quarter turned and rehung with new headstocks and ball bearings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. The bells were rededicated on Wednesday, June 4th, by the Rector, the Rev. G. H. Jewdine, at a simple but dignified service, of which the main note was praise and thanksgiving, the local band ringing a touch of Grand sire Doubles after the rededication and before the sermon.

In the course of his sermon the Rector paid a tribute to the skill with which the bells had been removed and rehung and to the work of the local band of ringers, and appealed to his people to answer the 'Come' of the bells by 'We will go to the House of the Lord.'

A number of other ringers from other parishes attended the service, including Mr. George Williams, the Ringing Master of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, and at the conclusion of the service they got busy in the belfry and kept the bells going till late in the evening.

'RULES' FOR PEALS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—No doubt many of your readers will heartily agree with your recent leading article, 'A Lead and a Challenge,' but there is another side to the matter. Change ringing is not like many other things—it has no vital need for a written code of definite and precise rules. In cricket, or football, or bridge, or tennis, or billiards—in all these and all things like them, you must have a set of rules which provide for every possible circumstance and which must not be broken. Without them you would speedily have disagreement and anarchy, and no game would be possible. It is not so in change ringing. Its essential rules are implicit in the art itself, because the art is based on one or two broad and strong principles. You cannot have change ringing unless you do keep to these rules, and therefore, broadly speaking, you cannot (at least, not seriously) break them. The proof of this lies in the fact that during two and a half centuries ringing began and developed without either a code of agreed rules or any central authority to make or enforce them. Every rule in ringing which matters arose spontaneously; it was never laid down by authority nor defined. And yet throughout its history ringing remained and must remain essentially the same thing.

You never had, and never can have, one set of rules for ringing in one part of the country and another in another, in the same way that the primitive football has split into Association and the different forms of Rugby football. The fact that we have 'call changes' and 'cross peals' does not affect this.

The principles on which peal ringing is based were summed up by the ancients as Truth and Completeness. Now it does not require any definition to enable ringers to understand what is meant by a true and complete peal of Grandsire Triples or Bob Major or Superlative. Indeed, any attempt at definition would rather tend to cloud the issue than not. The instinct of ringers, which is really the accumulated experience of the Exercise in these things, is a safe guide. It is far more likely to be sound than the considered opinions of any individuals, however eminent. Only in a very narrow borderland is there any ground for uncertainty. Our peals must be true and they must be complete. To this rule there is no exception; but there is a little uncertainty as to what truth and completeness mean in a very small number of cases. It is here that people are so very anxious to rush in with definitions, and here that definition is much more likely to do harm than good.

For proof—twenty-five years ago spliced ringing was formally illegal. It was not merely forbidden by the precise wording of the adopted rule; if it had been submitted to the judgment of representative ringers it would have been condemned. Just that class of men who now want to bar the Bankses James arrangement of Cambridge Minor and the Morris arrangement of Grandsire Doubles would then have tried to bar spliced ringing if the question had been raised. But the men who started spliced ringing followed their instinct, thinking nothing and caring nothing for the formal rule, but feeling that here was something which was a natural development, a new and precious gift for the Exercise's treasury. And so it was firmly established before anyone bethought themselves as to whether it was formally legal or not. And, of course, once established the formal rule was impotent against it.

So, too, it would have been with these five and six bell compositions if the question had not been raised in an acute form before it had been shown by experience whether they are good or bad, useful or otherwise. The discussion has perhaps delayed the final settlement, but this at least is certain, that the result depends not on any attempts at making rules or definitions, but on whether, in the long run, the instinct of the Exercise approves or condemns them, whether the six-bell ringers want them or not. And I certainly, for one, feel strongly that any attempts (mainly by eight-bell ringers) to forbid them, and so prevent them being put to the only fair and satisfactory test, are clean contrary to the best interests of ringing and of the Exercise.

Individual associations, of course, have the right and the duty to decide what standard they shall exact for the peals they book, though that duty should not be carried out in any narrow and partisan spirit. But the Central Council must look at these things with a broader view, and not for the sake of precise definition hamper the progress of ringing or seek to restrict the liberty which is the right of every band of ringers. In ringing we do not want precise rules. What we do want is a fuller understanding of the great unchangeable principles on which our art is based. If we put our trust more in the instinct of the Exercise and less in individual opinion we shall not go far wrong.—Yours,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

'A LEAD AND A CHALLENGE.'

Sir,—If I am not able to support the line you have taken up in your article with the above title, you may say I am not consistent with the policy we both thought the right one on nomenclature. The reason, however, is this. As long as there are differing names, and differing technical terms in the Exercise, the development of the science of change ringing will be hindered. Only a central body can decide such matters, and, as you rightly point out, it is the duty of

the Central Council to do this. It is not, however, its duty to decide all such questions. It is within its power and its duty to say that some questions are urgent, and should be decided at once, while others ought to be postponed. Now nomenclature was and is an urgent question, and some decision had to be made. The Council decided last year that the question of peals of Minor was not a question which ought to be settled at present.

There are several good reasons for this policy, besides those which have so far been produced. For instance, there has never been any uniformity of standards among the different societies, and I do not myself see any reason why there should be, as long as they are not more closely federated than is now the case. This may, as you say, diminish the authority and prestige of the Central Council. But in these matters this authority and prestige do not matter, if the Council is right in saying that the time to decide these questions has not yet arrived.

Again, one admires the action of the Midland Counties Association. They have taken a self-denying course which may injure them considerably, because they have the courage of their opinions. But it is very much better that this experiment should be tried by one society at a time, than by the whole Exercise. If the questionable compositions cease to be questioned, and are often rung, it is fairly certain that the society will retrace its steps—a fairly easy matter. But what is easy and advisable for one or more societies may be neither easy nor advisable for the Central Council.

Again, take my own case. As I have several times said, I do not hold any very strong opinion on the matter at issue, and felt it well to get the opinion of the Guild of which I am secretary. It was accordingly well discussed at the largest meeting the Suffolk Guild has ever had. Not a single voice was raised against these compositions. The only opposition to a motion in support was from a member who thought the discussion was premature—practically the same opinion as the Central Council ultimately expressed. Now it is possible, though not very probable, if the Central Council had decided differently, that we should have found ourselves cut off from them. Such a result can never occur now. It is clearly wiser for a central body to avoid decisions which may exclude any of its constituent societies.

You say that the M.C.A. knew what they wanted, and that the Central Council could have done the same. But that is just what they could not do. No doubt what you actually mean is that the M.C.A. had a sufficiently large body of favourable members to carry the resolution in question. The Central Council, however, had not. Moreover, such a decision could be made by a society by a narrow majority. It would be futile for the Council so to act. As long as there is an influential minority in favour of certain compositions, those compositions would be rung whatever a majority of the Council might pass. By obstinately or tyrannically using a majority in such an event the Council might split the Exercise, or it might give the questionable compositions the very fillip which it did not wish to, but it could not prevent the tide rising, if its rise was due.

It is also futile to argue about a higher standard, while some of us are convinced that the compositions in question actually are of a higher standard than the others. To enlarge the field of operations is not necessarily to admit inferior specimens. They may be better. The principle underlying the idea of 'red tape' is that quality is better than quantity. Fortunately this is not always the case.

HERBERT DRAKE.

5,120 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR.

BY NOLAN GOLDEN.

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LLANDAFF.—At the Cathedral, on Thursday, June 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins. for evensong, also as a wedding honour to the daughter of Mr. North, sidesman of the Cathedral, who was married on the above date: E. Coles 1, Evan Coles 2, A. Rowley 3, T. Carter 4, L. Wright 5, W. Dare 6, E. Coombes (conductor) 7, J. Bovey 8.

THE DEVON GUILD.

ANNUAL MEETING PROVOKES KEEN INTEREST.

The annual general meeting of the Guild at Exmouth on Whit Monday was attended by nearly 200 members from all parts of Devonshire. A service was held in the fine church of Holy Trinity, with popular hymns rendered by the full choir, the lesson being read by the president of the Guild, and an appropriate address given by the Rev. J. Daughish, R.D., Rector of Lymington, who spoke of the debt of gratitude which churchgoers owed to the ringers. The ringing of the bells, he observed, was inseparably bound up with English religion, and in these days, when Sabbath observance was so generally neglected, the call from the belfry was a challenge to those who disregarded the church services in their pursuit of pleasure. Therefore, he thought, the work of the ringers was more effective than any sermon; and the ringers themselves might take to heart the message of their bells, to practise what they preached.

Dinner was served in the Church Hall for 209 members and friends, the arrangements being carried out to perfection by a ladies' committee of Exmouth Hospital under Mrs. E. V. Cox.

The president (Rev. E. S. Powell) presided over a meeting which was animated and lengthy. The annual report and financial statement were adopted.

The report of the general committee of the Guild was as follows: A particularly encouraging feature of the year has been the attendance and interest shown at the many meetings which have been held. From the reports received from the various branches it would appear that the Guild generally has been marking time during the year 1929, and has not made such advances as might be expected to keep pace with the times. Only fifteen peals have been rung, compared with twenty-seven in 1928. While peal ringing is not the sole aim of the Guild, it is undoubtedly an index of progress, and this falling off, together with a decline in membership, are factors that give the committee some anxiety. The committee desire to impress on all members that the Guild is a live organisation, and as such it must be either progressive or retrograde. Every single member can do something to help forward the work, but if any are apathetic then the burden laid on the officers to carry on the organisation is unduly increased. The monthly Cathedral practices have been sadly neglected, and the committee would urge all, who can, to attend these practices to acquire an insight into twelve-bell work.

The statement of accounts showed that the balance in hand was increased during the year from £50 10s. 8d. to £53 15s. 1d.

A proposal for an alteration of the rules governing the election of president of the Guild and chairmen of branches was abandoned.

A further proposition for altering the rule limiting the period during which the annual general meeting should be held was deferred until the next general meeting.

The Rev. E. S. Powell was re-elected president, Mr. T. Laver as general secretary, and Mr. T. J. Stokes was elected general treasurer in place of Mr. T. G. Bartlett, who was cordially thanked for his ten years' service as treasurer.

Mr. W. J. Southwood and Major C. F. Jerram were elected vice-presidents with those already on the committee.

For the office of representative on the Central Council five nominations were received for four vacancies, and, on a ballot being taken, the Rev. E. S. Powell and Messrs. Marsh, Shepherd and Woodley were declared elected.

It was resolved that a sub-committee be constituted to consider a proposal to provide a permanent memorial to the late Rev. Maitland Kelly, in recognition of his lifelong and self-sacrificing devotion to the Guild.

Plymouth was selected as the venue of the annual meeting in 1931. One life member and three associate members were elected.

A proposal by Mr. Southwood that a special committee be appointed to examine certain alleged defects in the Guild's organisation was defeated.

The general committee was authorised to arrange a partition of the Exeter and North Devon Branches so as to constitute the area in the Deaneries of Holsworthy and Torrington a separate branch.

A vote of confidence in the Rev. E. S. Powell as president, proposed by the Rev. E. V. Cox, was carried with acclamation, the president in responding being visibly affected.

The keen interest shown by this large meeting in the proceedings would appear to belie the allegation that the Guild has reached its decline.

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JUBILEE OF THE SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your account of this, in your last issue, you report me—quite correctly—as referring to a paper, read by the Rev. H. C. Sturges in 1879 to the deanery chapter, as being productive of the Sonning Deanery Society.

I have, however, since learned, on excellent authority, that the paper in question, of which I hold the original, was read by the Rev. E. H. Hart Davis.

This paper was handed to me by Mr. Hart Davis, a few years before he died, with some words of explanation which left me with the impression that it was the work of Mr. Sturges.

I have been informed, also on good authority, that Mr. Sturges did read a similar paper to an informal meeting of clergy at about this time.

I write this as giving some reason, I hope, for my words at the jubilee meeting, and for the benefit of those who in after years will be searching after truth.—Yours truly,

CYRIL W. O. JENKYN

Master of the Oxford Guild.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

TRURO BRANCH MEETING.

St. Newlyn East, Cornwall, possesses a nice ring of six, tenor 9 cwt., rehung about four years ago by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., on ball bearings and in a new frame, when the present treble was added. The church, a beautiful edifice, possesses a fine screen. The Vicar, the Rev. M. May, M.A., extended a very hearty welcome to the fifty or so ringers from Truro Cathedral, Perranzabuloe, Illogan, Redruth, St. Gluvias and St. Budoeh, who attended a Truro Branch gathering on Saturday, and the result was a very happy meeting enjoyed by all. The bells were started before two o'clock by the local band, and were kept going until late in the evening.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, who also gave the address. He was assisted by the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella (diocesan secretary), who read the lessons. A splendid tea, provided by the Vicar and Mrs. May, was thoroughly enjoyed, a vote of thanks being proposed by the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella and seconded by Mr. A. S. Roberts (district secretary).

It is hoped to hold the next meeting of the branch at Truro on Saturday, November 1st, when it is hoped the Lord Bishop will give the address.

A LOSS TO TRURO CATHEDRAL RINGERS.

By the death of Mr. W. S. Sitwell, which took place suddenly on Saturday, May 31st, Truro Cathedral ringers have sustained a severe loss. Although it is seven years since Mr. Sitwell had a serious illness, which compelled him to resign the Mastership of the Cathedral ringers and give up active ringing, he had always taken a keen interest in their work, and at the time of his death held the position of Vice-Master and treasurer.

Mr. Sitwell was the senior partner of the firm of Messrs. Sitwell and Harvey, solicitors, and held many appointments, being secretary to the Dilapidations Board, legal secretary to the Bishop of Truro, and Diocesan Registrar.

On Sunday, June 1st, the Cathedral bells were rung half-muffled in his memory, and after the evening service a touch of 504 Grandsire Triples was rung by Miss L. Willoughby 1, Miss E. J. C. Augwin 2, A. S. Roberts 3, F. W. Marshall 4, W. H. Southard (conductor) 5, W. E. Minoos 6, W. H. Sleeman 7, P. Webb 8.

The funeral took place at Kenwyn Church on Tuesday, June 3rd, when the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella, Messrs. W. H. Southard and A. S. Roberts represented the Cathedral ringers. A wreath was also sent from the band.

AN ESSEX VISIT.

The ringers of St. Mary's Church, Burnham-on-Crouch, accompanied by the Vicar (the Rev. D. L. Williams), visited St. Nicholas' Church, Tillingham, Essex, on Tuesday, May 6th, and spent a most enjoyable evening. The Burnham ringers, by getting the Tillingham ringers to ring with them, helped them with the first stages of change ringing. They also very much admired the great keenness shown by the Tillingham ringers, which is ever needed by those about to take up change ringing.

The ringers, of whom there were nineteen, were afterwards entertained to refreshments by the Vicar (the Rev. C. G. Gardner). The Burnham ringers would like, through 'The Ringing World,' to tender their heartfelt thanks to the Rev. C. G. Gardner for his kind hospitality and allowing them the use of the bells, and also to the Tillingham ringers who attended and gave them such a cordial welcome.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—On Tuesday, May 6th, for H.M. the King's accession, 720 Bob Minor: Miss M. J. Crawford (first 720) 1, J. Brown (first in the method) 2, F. Pattison 3, F. Sheraton 4, W. Brown 5, J. Crawford (conductor) 6, S. Walker and G. Sidde covering on 7 and 8.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—On Sunday, June 8th, at St. Bartholomew's Church, for evensong, 1,187 Grandsire Caters: H. Furlonger 1, R. Hayes 2, A. J. Bartlett (Chiddingfold) 3, J. H. B. Hesse 4, F. Bowden 5, J. S. Goldsmith (Woking) (conductor) 6, A. Walker (Birmingham) 7, M. Smither (Chiddingfold) 8, A. R. Pink (Dorking) 9, W. Eldridge 10.

LEWISHAM.—On Whit Sunday, June 8th, in 44 mins., at St. Mary's Church, H. Franks' quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): H. Warnett, jun., 1, C. H. Walker 2, H. Warnett, sen., 3, J. Bennett 4, W. W. Fox 5, F. W. Thornton (conductor) 6, J. Dafters 7, F. Goodwin 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. H. Warnett, jun., and W. W. Fox.

STISTED, ESSEX.—On Sunday, June 8th, for the annual Friendly Societies' parade, at the Church of All Saints, 720 Kent Treble Bob (12 bobs): S. Warne 1, L. W. Wiffen 2, C. H. Howard (conductor) 3, G. Wiffen 4, H. C. Reason 5, W. H. Hammond 6. Also 720 Cambridge Surprise: S. Warne 1, C. H. Howard 2, G. Wiffen 3, A. Wiffen 4, L. W. Wiffen (conductor) 5, H. C. Reason 6. After service 720 Oxford Treble Bob: S. Warne 1, C. H. Howard (conductor) 2, G. Wiffen 3, A. Wiffen 4, H. C. Reason 5, L. W. Wiffen 6.

FARINGDON, BERKS.—On Sunday, June 8th, for morning service, at the Church of All Saints, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: E. Walker 1, F. Wheeler 2, H. Taylor (conductor) 3, C. Pearce 4, C. I. J. Pearce 5, E. G. Hughes 6, T. Clarke 7, A. Townsend (first quarter-peal) 8.

KENSINGTON.—At St. Mary Abbot's Church, on Sunday evening, June 8th, for divine service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,263 changes): F. V. Sinkins 1, A. Cutmore 2, E. R. Mackrill 3, J. A. Dart 4, C. F. Winney 5, H. G. Miles 6, A. Waddington 7, W. E. Judd (conductor) 8, G. C. Rice 9, Capt. C. Warner 10.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD.—At the Parish Church of St. Michael, for evening service, on Whit Sunday, June 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes) in 49 mins.: R. Haydon 1, H. M. White 2, W. Prior 3, F. Springham 4, F. Bird 5, H. J. Tucker (composer and conductor) 6, H. Bull 7, W. W. Tucker 8, W. T. Prior 9, H. Wacey 10. First quarter of Caters by the ringers of 1st, 7th and 10th. Also the first quarter of Grandsire Caters on the bells since re-hanging.—On Sunday, May 4th, for evening service at the Parish Church of St. Michael, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: Miss D. Wacey 1, Harold Wacey 2, F. Springham 3, Rev. F. W. Lane 4, L. C. Shepard 5, W. W. Tucker 6, F. Bird (conductor) 7, H. A. Wacey 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Wacey and Rev. Lane. First quarter 'inside' by the ringer of 2nd.

WORCESTER.—On Tuesday, June 8th, at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): F. Neate 1, W. Powell 2, J. H. Hill 3, T. Lewis 4, W. C. Jones 5, A. Hill (conductor) 6, R. Wolcott 7, J. J. Jefferies 8, E. Watkins 9, W. H. Johnson, 10. Rung in honour of the King's birthday and as a birthday compliment to W. Powell, who has been a regular Sunday service ringer for nearly forty years.

PLYMOUTH.—At Emmanuel Church, on Whit Sunday, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples from Holt's Original in 49 mins.: R. Pugsley 1, R. Beer 2, W. G. Hiscott (conductor) 3, W. Rundle 4, G. Goddard 5, A. Trigg (Penzance) 6, R. J. Baldry 7, F. Baldry 8.

ALDERSHOT.—On Sunday, June 1st, at the Parish Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: Miss Edna Southby 1, Miss A. Fisher 2, Miss Nancie Denyer 3, A. Cox 4, W. Viggers 5, P. Eldridge 6, E. Bragg (conductor) 7, Guardsman R. Chance, Grenadier Guards (first quarter-peal) 8.

PYLINGDALES, YORKS.—On Sunday, June 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): Miss K. Taylor 1, M. Cooper 2, Miss D. Bulman 3, E. Thompson 4, Miss A. Bulman 5, G. F. Alexander 6, W. Swallow (conductor) 7, T. Tindale 8. Arranged for the conductor, who hails from Pontefract.

ABERAVON, GLAM.—On Sunday, June 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: G. Chappell 1, W. Williams 2, W. J. Nurton 3, F. E. Stone 4, C. Mathers 5, C. Jones 6, A. J. Pitman (conductor) 7, J. Wethersby 8.

CROYDON.—On Sunday, May 25th, at the Church of St. Peter, for evensong, 1,263 Stedman Caters: D. Wright 1, H. Wills 2, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 3, R. H. Dove 4, W. Bulpitt 5, F. Leeks 6, R. Davies 7, W. H. Hewett 8, E. Denham 9, J. Adcock 10. First quarter of Stedman by ringers of 4th, 6th and 7th. Rung as a compliment to H. Wills on the 26th anniversary of his wedding.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Giles, on Sunday, May 18th, for morning service, 1,295 Grandsire Caters in 54 mins.: G. Bannard 1, T. Law 2, A. W. Robinson 3, F. Rollings 4, F. Hopper 5, W. R. Parker 6, W. H. Austin 7, W. J. Dove 8, J. J. Taylor (conductor) 9, J. G. Dean 10. First quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters by ringers of treble and third.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Matthew, Bethnal Green, for evensong, on Sunday, May 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 49 mins.: H. C. Taylor 1, J. Martin 2, J. F. Parrott 3, F. J. Parrott 4, L. Sadler 5, L. Wapshere 6, I. J. Attwater (conductor) 7, H. Hills 8. First quarter by ringers of 5th and 6th.

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on June 19th. *St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 24th; all at 7.30 p.m.; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 26th; 8 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Handsworth on Saturday, June 14th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea (1s. each person) and business meeting. Gentlemen cordially invited. Subscriptions due. Those requiring tea please notify Noel Cawthorne, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Handsworth Road, Handsworth, Sheffield.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Grundisburgh (8 bells) on June 14th. Tea in Parish Room at 4.30 p.m., 9d. each. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Wethersfield on Saturday, June 14th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Scothern (6), Saturday, June 14th. Tower open 2 p.m. Notification for tea to Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Jarrow on Saturday, June 14th. Bells of Christ Church and St. Peter's; also St. Andrew's, Hebburn, available. Meet Christ Church at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at Co-operative Café. All are welcome, and please don't 'dodge' the meeting, but 'dodge' at it.—F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Water Street, West Hartlepool.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Arlesey on Saturday, June 14th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Parbold on Saturday, June 14th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. A good attendance requested. Subscriptions are now due.—James W. Grounds, Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next quarterly meeting for ringing only will be held at Silverdale Church on June 14th. Bells (6) will be ready at 2 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The second quarterly meeting will be held at Hallaton on Saturday, June 14th. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Fox Hotel at 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. A special bus will leave Victoria Park Gates, Leicester, at 2.45 p.m.—Alban Disney, Dis. Hon. Sec., 3, Highgate, Aylestone Lane, Leicester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Hungerford on Saturday, June 14th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at 1s. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch. — A meeting will be held at St. Chad's Church, Poulton-le-Fylde (6 bells) on Saturday, June 14th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Free tea to all who notify me not later than Wednesday, June 11th.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec., 118, Dickson Road, Blackpool.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Crofton on Saturday, June 14th, by special invitation of the Vicar (Rev. H. Brownrigg), who hopes to have a good ringers' rally on the last day of the week's Quincentenary Celebrations of the Parish Church. Bells ready for all day. All ringers and friends are welcome.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Christ Church, Bradford-on-Avon, on Saturday, June 14th. Bells available from 3.15. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow in Schools.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting, at Hillesdon, Saturday, June 14th. Service 4 p.m. Preacher: The Rev. H. Chapman, Vicar-designate of Wotton Underwood. Tea, 5 p.m., 1s. each. Ringing from 2 p.m. — Rev. J. F. Amies, Edgcote Rectory, Aylesbury.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The annual joint meeting of the societies in the above area will be held at Conisborough, near Doncaster, on Saturday, June 21st. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5. Tea at 5.30. Meeting after tea. Names for tea will be appreciated by Mr. S. Harrison, 11, Church Street, Conisborough, by the 18th inst. Subscriptions for 1929-30 are now due, and should be paid, if possible, at this meeting.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

WHITTLESEY, CAMBS.—The re-opening of the rehung and augmented peal of 8 by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston at St. Andrew's Church will take place on Sat., June 21st, at 3 p.m. Tea in Parish Room at 4.15. Tickets for tea (1/- per head) should be obtained from the Rev. A. E. T. Newman, St. Andrew's Vicarage, Whittlesey, Peterborough, not later than June 14th. The bells will be available for ringing after tea.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Chorley on Saturday, June 21st. The bells at Chorley Parish and St. Mary's R.C. Churches will be available from 2.30. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by Wednesday, June 18th.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Rd., Chorley.

DEVON GUILD.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cruwys-Morchard on Saturday, June 21st. Bells available 2.30. Committee meeting 4.15. Service 4.30. Tea, tickets 1s., 5. All requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, June 17th.—A. G. Selby, Hon. Sec., The Square, Silverton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting will be held with the Ely Diocesan Guild on Saturday, June 21st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. We are hoping to see a good attendance. — C. Beeston, 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford; F. Warrington, Long Stanton, Cambs.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The June meeting will be held at Whitnash (1½ miles from Leamington) on Saturday, June 21st. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Please make own arrangements for tea.—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Stand, Whitefield, on Saturday, June 21st. Bells ready 6 p.m. Subscriptions due.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver St., Miles Platting.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Ockley on Saturday, June 21st. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea on the Cricket Field at 5.30 p.m. Please let me know not later than the 18th inst. if tea is desired. Friends from neighbouring associations will be heartily welcomed.—Alan R. Pink, Hon. Sec., Railway Hotel, Dorking.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Chester-le-Street on Saturday, June 21st. Bells available after 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Hoping to have a good company.—H. Tyson, Sec., 23, Bungalow, Tanfield Lea.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Laughton on Saturday, June 21st. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock at the Roebuck Hotel (1s. 2d. per head). Business meeting to follow. — Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Bishopstone on Saturday, June 21st. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at 1s. per head, for those who notify me early. — S. Hopper, Branch Hon. Sec., 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD. — The next meeting of the above Guild will be held at Rolvenden on Saturday, June 21st. Bells available 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden, Kent.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch. — The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Wistaston on Saturday, June 21st (6 bells). Tea at 5. Meeting to follow. Will those intending being present kindly inform me on or before June 18th?—R. D. Langford, 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—The next meeting will be held at Stagsden (5 bells) on Saturday, June 21st, at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. The Vicar extends a hearty welcome to everyone, and hopes there will be a good attendance, as this is the first meeting to be held at Stagsden. — P. C. Bonnett, Rose Cottage, Stagsden.

LAVENHAM.—On Saturday, June 21st. The bells will be at the disposal of ringers at 2 p.m. till 9.—A. Symonds, Steeplekeeper, 41, Market Lane.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch.—The branch annual meeting will be held at East Haddon on Saturday, June 21st. Notification for tea to R. Adams, East Haddon, Northants.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Established 1623). —The 307th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Friday, June 27th. Bells (12) available from 9 a.m. All visitors welcome.—Leonard E. Pitstow, Hon. Sec., 21, Debden Road, Saffron Walden.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The summer meeting of the Cheltenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association will be held at Dumbleton on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 (by in-

vation of the Rector, Rev. Collens Ashwen). All welcome. Will those intending being present please notify me by the 24th inst?—Walter Yeend, Branch Hon. Sec., Millfair, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division. — A meeting will be held at Longwood, near Huddersfield, on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea provided at a charge of 1s. 3d. per head to those who send in their names to Mr. A. Rotherv, 75, Cliffe End Road, Longwood, Huddersfield, not later than Thursday, June 26th.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District. — The annual meeting will be held at St. Clement Danes', Strand, W.C., on June 28th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Service 5 o'clock, followed by tea and business meeting. Gentlemen cordially invited. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by June 24th?—F. E. Orr, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Laitwood Road, Balham, S.W.12.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Sutton Coldfield, on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Tea at 5 (1s. 3d. per head) for all who let me know by Tuesday, 24th inst. — T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — The first general quarterly meeting will be held at Duffield on Saturday, June 28th. Bells (10) open for ringing during afternoon and evening. Committee meet at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in Church Hall, followed by general meeting. Those requiring tea (2s. per head) must advise Mr. S. Dawson, Tamworth Street, Duffield, not later than 26th to avoid disappointment. Special business to be discussed, so turn up in crowds!—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch. — A meeting of the above branch will be held at Chaddesley Corbett on Saturday, June 28th. Bells will be available at 3 o'clock. Service in Church 4.30. Teas will be 6d. each. Will all those intending to be present please notify me not later than June 24th?—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (East Berks and S. Bucks Branch) and **MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD** (South and West District). A joint meeting has been arranged on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available; Old Windsor 3.30-4.30 p.m. and after tea; Wraysbury 3.30. Guild service 5. Tea in the Scouts' Hall, Wraysbury, 5.45, at 1s. 3d. per head, for those who notify me not later than June 23rd.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District. — Next meeting at Stanmore on Saturday, June 28th. Bells from 3. Service at 5. Tea, usual terms, at 5.30. Please advise me if you are coming. Harrow Weald bells available after tea, if required.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held on Saturday, June 28th, at Hartfield. Tower opened 3 p.m. Will all those requiring tea kindly let me know by Wednesday, June 25th? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Hon. Sec., Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual summer festival will be held on the Thames-side, with Egham as the centre, on Saturday, July 5th. All visitors will be welcome. Further particulars later.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec.

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