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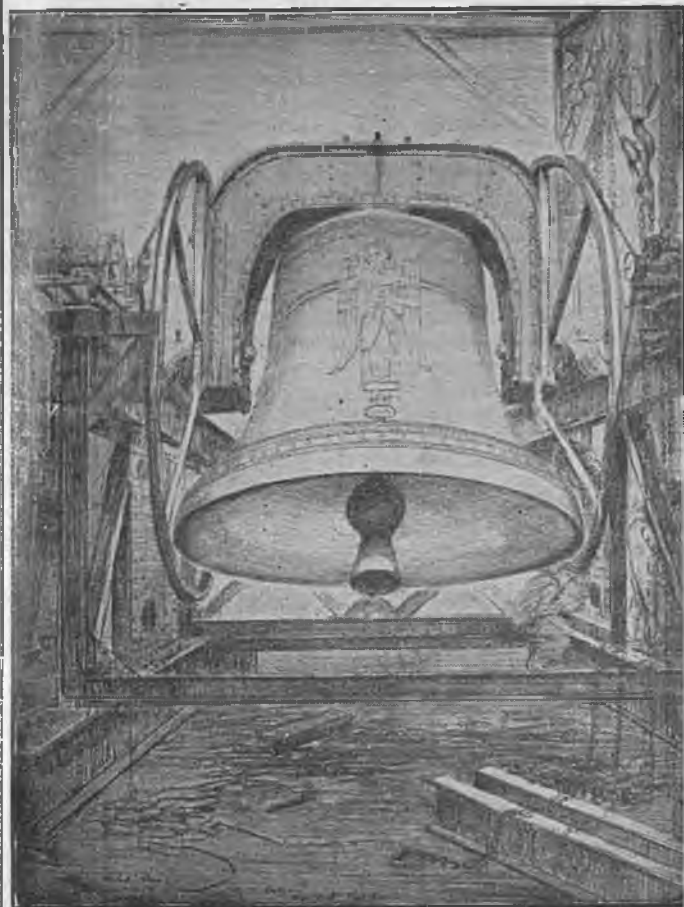
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A BIG PUSH.

The resolution passed at the meeting of the Central Council, urging affiliated societies to use their best endeavours to increase the circulation of 'The Ringing World,' brings pointedly before the Exercise the very important fact that the support given to this paper is, in plain language, inadequate. For a long time past many of those most intimately in touch with ringing matters have known that the support given to this paper falls far short of what might reasonably be expected from a body whose numbers are as great as ringers are presumed to be. The importance of a journal, not only to the advancement of the art, but to its very existence, is recognised by all who give the subject a moment's thought, and the risk that lies behind an insufficient circulation is causing grave concern to those who most fully realise what the plight of the Exercise would be without its own special organ. Hence the resolution which came before the Central Council and which it is hoped the associations and guilds throughout the country will do their best to implement. This resolution, we may add, was placed on the agenda entirely unprompted by us and we appreciate it not least for that reason.

Circulation is, of course, the life-blood of a newspaper, and in cases where that paper's appeal, as in the case of 'The Ringing World,' is only to a limited section of the community, it is of vital importance that the whole of that section, if they would serve the best interests of the cause they profess to have at heart, should support their specialised journal. It is only by this means that they can get the best return for the contribution they make. It is no exaggeration to say that if the Exercise were suddenly left without a paper devoted to its interests, it would be dealt a staggering blow. Ringing stands where it does to-day largely by the service which has been rendered to it by successive journals, which have appeared—and, all but one, disappeared—in the last sixty years, and yet there has never been a time when those who have sought to serve the Exercise in this direction have been properly, one might even say remotely, compensated, for the thought and labour put into it and the responsibility which has been undertaken.

This state of things is hardly likely to go on indefinitely. There has been an increased activity among ringers in recent years which has made extraordinary demands on the space available in 'The Ringing World,' and we realise that often ringers have had to go unsatisfied in the publicity which they have sought for their doings. And yet with all this activity and the demands which it has made, there has been but a trivial increase

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in the support given to the paper as measured by net sales. As was pointed out by the Editor, in the statement which he made at Plymouth, there is only one way to meet this growing requirement for more space, and that is a larger circulation, sufficient to cover the cost of a larger paper. We have sufficient faith in the Exercise to believe that, if it sets its mind to the task, the increase asked for, namely, 3,500 copies per week, can be obtained. Such an increase would enable 'The Ringing World' to be permanently enlarged by four pages; it would provide space for much matter which now is reluctantly omitted and, what is more, the introduction of fresh features, which at present could only be included by the sacrifice of even more of the news. A great push is to be made to raise the circulation of 'The Ringing World.' Will all our readers put their shoulder to the wheel and get some non-subscriber to place a three months' trial order with his newsagent? This would be the quickest and most effectual means of providing the Exercise with a larger and better journal and making its future secure in the interests of the art of ringing.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

READING, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 25, 1932, in Three Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE MUNICIPAL CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 20 lb.

GEORGE R. PYE	Treble	*MISS PATRICIA HOLLOWAY ...	7
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ...	2	*HARRY G. FOXELL	8
RICHARD T. HIBBERT ...	3	JAMES BENNETT	9
WILLIAM PYE	4	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ...	10
STANLEY C. DAVIS	5	*EDWARD G. FOSTER	11
CHARLES POLLEN	6	HARRY W. SMITH	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by W. PYE.

* First attempt for a peal on twelve bells.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 28, 1932, in Three Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

*EDWARD JENKINS	Treble	*LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ...	7
†JACK TIPPER	2	ALBERT J. HUGHES	8
JOHN HOLMAN	3	†WILFRED MATTHEWS ...	9
*TOM WILDE	4	†WILFRED STEVENSON ...	10
†JOHN BRIERLEY	5	†JOHN WORTH	11
†HARRY NORGROVE	6	†FREDERICK SEAGER ...	Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal in the method. † First peal on 12 bells. First peal in the method in the county. W. Matthews has now rung peals of Plain Bob on six to twelve bells. Rung in honour of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. W. Stevenson, and as a 22nd birthday compliment to Albert H. Hughes, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hughes.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

*FREDERICK J. PLUMMER ...	Treble	EDGAR H. TINGEY	6
CHARLES W. CLARKE	2	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ...	7
†HENRY W. GAYTON	3	WILLIAM STAPLETON ...	8
MISS EVELYN STEEL	4	HARRY TYSOE	9
ALFRED KING	5	HERBERT J. SHARP	Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by A. E. SHARMAN.

* First attempt for a peal on ten bells. † First peal of Bob Royal.

WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.
CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 21, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

CHARLES TINDALE Treble	SIDNEY ELWICK 6
JOHN W. WATERS 2	ALFRED E. B. OXLEY 7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 3	GEORGE WHITE 8
*JACK REED 4	HARRY GIBSON 9
JOHN WALLER 5	RICHARD HANSELL Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by A. E. B. OXLEY.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, May 28, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

*THOMAS HILL Treble	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 6
JOHN C. ADAMS 2	*WALTER R. HUGHES 7
†HARRY BOSWELL 3	*GILBERT HARDING 8
*GEORGE W. HUGHES 4	BERT HORTON 9
EDGAR T. SMITH 5	THOMAS J. ELTON Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by T. J. ELTON.

* First peal of Royal. † 100th peal on tower bells. First peal of Royal on the bells since they were recast.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 28, 1932, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. in D.

ALBERT WALKER Treble	*WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 6
WILLIAM SHORT 2	FRANCIS BROTHERTON 7
WILLIAM SAUNDERS 3	GEORGE L. HEWITT 8
WILLIAM C. DOWDING 4	WALTER LAGO 9
ALFRED S. BAYLEY 5	B. LESLIE JONES Tenor

Composed by G. R. FARDON.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

* 850th peal. W. Saunders has now rung a peal on each of the ten bells since the trebles were added in 1925. Mr. Fussell rang his 100th peal in the same tower 41 years ago.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(St. Mary-le-Tower Society.)

On Saturday, May 28, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

HERBERT SHERMING Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING 6
HOBART E. SMITH 2	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE 7
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE 3	WILLIAM P. GARRETT 8
HAROLD E. SYMONDS 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 9
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 5	FREDERICK J. TILLET Tenor

Composed by G. E. SYMONDS.

Conducted by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 25, 1932, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

THOMAS F. KING Treble	WILLIAM H. CROCKER 5
*CAPT. W. H. LINDB, C.A. 2	CHARLES W. BELL 6
MISS N. G. WILLIAMS 3	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT 7
JESSE HALLETT 4	GILBERT H. HARDING Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT

* First peal of Major.

HENSINGHAM, CUMBERLAND.—As a birthday compliment to the churchwarden, Mr. J. Osborn, 720 Bob Doubles was rung after evensong on Sunday, April 24th: A. Forsyth (first 720) 1, F. Moore (first 720 'inside') 2, S. Richardson 3, A. Durham 4, J. E. Brown (conductor) 5, J. Forsyth (first 720) 6.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

CHARLIE COOK Treble	CHARLES AYLWARD 3
ARTHUR WILES 2	ERNEST H. EVEREST 6
THOMAS SKINNER 3	HARRY SEAL 7
HAROLD HUNTLEY 4	LESLIE EVEREST Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST H. EVEREST.

Rung with the bells fully muffled with the exception of tenor open at back stroke, as a last token of respect to F. Longley, a member of the local band, who was interred in the churchyard the same day.

WOOBURN, BUCKS.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, May 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

HENRY C. ALFORD Treble	PERCY NEWTON 5
GEORGE MARTIN 2	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS 6
FREDERICK G. BIGGS 3	ROLAND BIGGS 7
THOMAS J. FOWLER 4	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by G. MARTIN.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, May 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

ERNEST G. GERRARD Treble	JAMES M. BAILEY 5
CHARLES F. BAILEY 2	ERNEST S. BAILEY 6
RONALD H. BULLEN 3	FREDERICK J. SMITH 7
ALFRED KEEBLE 4	JAMES G. RUMSEY Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

MINEHEAD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt. 23 lb.

ALFRED H. PULLING Treble	WILLIAM G. GIGG 5
ALFRED J. WYATT 2	JOHN PUGSLEY 6
WILLIAM H. LLOYD 3	JAMES HUNT 7
*FRED DATE 4	*WILLIAM MALE Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal of Stedman.

SWINTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 7 lb. in D]

*NORMAN HEAPS Treble	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 5
CHARLES E. LAWSON 2	WILLIAM HORAN 6
JAMES H. RIDING 3	EDWARD JENKINS 7
HERBERT DAVENPORT 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal of Surprise.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 18, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb.

MISS FLORRIE WYMAN Treble	NELSON ELLIOTT 5
WILFRED WILLIAMS 2	ROBERT SWIFT 6
A. WINGFIELD DURHAM 3	ALFRED J. BULL 7
KENNETH SNELLING 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS

GILLINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE AND
SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

ERNEST BRETT Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE 5
KENNETH SNELLING 2	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 6
WILFRED WILLIAMS 3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 7
FREDERICK DIGBY 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by the Rev. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by W. WILLIAMS

This peal contains 2,944 London, 608 Bristol, and 736 each of Cambridge and Superlative, the two latter methods being rung in alternate courses. First peal in four spliced methods by the association and in the county, and first 'spliced' peal as conductor.

SEDGLEY, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, May 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 4 lb.

*NORMAN H. SMITH Treble	W. HAROLD JONES 5
HAROLD L. FLAVELL 2	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 7
GEORGE E. FEARN 4	HARRY BOSWELL Tenor

Composed by G. HAYWARD. Conducted by HARRY BOSWELL.

* First peal on eight and first attempt for Bob Major. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. W. Fullwood (who is a Sunday service ringer at this church) and Miss Florence May Cox. An attempt was made at an earlier date to celebrate this event, but came to grief after two hours.

HERTFORD.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 19, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

CHARLES RUSH Treble	ALBERT LAWRENCE 5
GEORGE GRAY 2	SIDNEY CARTER 6
DANIEL DYE 3	JOHN WELCH 7
WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ... 4	JOSEPH LADLEY Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by J. LADLEY.

Rung on the 25th anniversary of the opening of the bells, erected May, 1907.

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 20, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROLAND KENDALL Treble	HARRY WILDE 5
CLIFFORD ELLISON 2	SAM LONGBOTTOM 6
EDGAR WHITELEY 3	CECIL DRAKE 7
HAROLD PEARCE 4	WILLIAM AMBLER Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by WM. AMBLER.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th.

GRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 20, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINDS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 5
*EDWIN A. BARNETT 2	*HARRY HOVERD 6
*MRS. G. H. CROSS 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 7
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 4	GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

* First peal in the method.

STAINES—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, May 29th, for evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): A. Cummings 1, G. Walmsley 2, P. Bell 3, W. C. Parker 4, Miss K. Bradford (conductor) 5, W. Jolley 6, G. Beeby 7, C. Jackson 8.

UPPER BEEDING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt.

ALFRED J. BULL Treble	JACK M. CRIPPS 5
KEITH HART 2	ROBERT SWIFT 6
KENNETH SNELLING 3	WILFRED WILLIAMS 7
JOHN DEARLOVE 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

SKIPTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1932, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

*WILFRED HALLIWELL ... Treble	WILLIAM HORAN 5
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 2	†HERBERT DAVENPORT ... 6
*CHARLES E. LAWSON ... 3	TITUS BARLOW 7
JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method away from the treble. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 21, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SURREY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*WILLIAM M. STONE Treble	*GEORGE W. STEERE 5
*WILLIAM T. BEESON 2	C. ERNEST SMITH 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 3	*CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
*GEORGE GILBERT 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal in the method.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

*HAROLD PENNACK Treble	PERCY GREEN 5
WILLIAM KEEBLE 2	DR. SPENCER PHILLIPS ... 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 3	GEORGE GREEN 7
WILLIAM LINCOLN 4	ARTHUR HEAD Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal of Double Norwich. Rung to celebrate the 60th birthday of Mr. G. Green, who kindly entertained the ringers to tea.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 21, 1932, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5312 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble	WILLIAM J. THYNG 5
WILLIAM A. WOOLER 2	WILLIAM H. TURTON 6
JOHN P. TARTON 3	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... 7
NORMAN C. LEWIS 4	RICHARD F. REECE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

The peal (6,336) was composed on February 28th, 1882, and is now rung for the first time.

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 21, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

TOM COOPER	Treble	*JOHN COAD	5
*LIONEL PARKIN	2	†GEORGE LEE	6
JAMES H. HAYWOOD	3	A. GEORGE W. MEASURES	7
LESLIE HAYWOOD	4	FRED WATKINSON	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 158). Conducted by F. WATKINSON.
* First peal of Major. † First peal.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 21, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES	Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT	5
ARTHUR J. MARTIN	2	WILLIAM RANFORD	6
FRED HAWKES	3	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	7
HAROLD F. MARTIN	4	CHARLES CAMM	Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.
First peal of Surprise on the bells.

WATLINGTON, OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 21, 1932, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

FRANK BUCKLAND	Treble	ROLAND BIGGS	5
MISS K. E. FLETCHER	2	HARRY WINGROVE	6
GEORGE MARTIN	3	WILLIAM HENLEY	7
FREDERICK G. BIGGS	4	FRANK CORKE	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

This is believed to be the first peal of Surprise rung on the bells.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*FLORENCE K. HARTLE	Treble	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW	5
STEPHEN H. HOARE	2	†EDWARD ASHBY	6
GEORGE M. KILBY	3	†FRANCIS KIRK	7
HAROLD G. CASHMORE	4	REGINALD S. NEWMAN	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.
* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

LONGTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1932, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE W. BIDDULPH	Treble	WILLIAM P. DEANE	5
*JACK TIPPER	2	WALTER LONGMAN	6
JOHN E. WHEELDON	3	JOHN WORTH	7
THOMAS HURD	4	ERNEST BENNETT	Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by ERNEST BENNETT.

* First touch of Cambridge Major. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. Wilfred Stevenson, who is a Sunday service ringer at Christ Church, Macclesfield, and also as a birthday compliment to the conductor. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

A 'FAMILY' 720.

On Whit Monday 720 changes of Bob Minor were rung on hand-bells by the following: Dennis A. S. Symonds 1, Maurice T. Symonds 2, Stedman H. Symonds (conductor) 3-4, Frederick G. Symonds 5-6. The first two ringers are grandsons and the latter two ringers sons of Mr. Arthur Symonds, the well-known Suffolk ringer and instructor, who is at present slowly recovering from a serious illness.

BATH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWARD ALEXANDER	Treble	JESSE HALLETT	5
MISS N. G. WILLIAMS	2	HORACE TAYLOR	6
THEODORE GRANT	3	*CHARLES W. BELL	7
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT	4	JOSEPH W. BELL	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. BELL.

* 100th peal for the association. Rung for the centenary of St. Saviour's Church.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

KEMPSTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 21, 1932, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent.

AMOS SMART	Treble	CYRIL PRINDIVILLE	4
SYDNEY FOSKETT	2	NOEL WILES	5
HENRY W. GAYTON	3	PEARL INSKIP	Tenor

Conducted by PEARL INSKIP.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, April 28, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

BERNARD GILLATT, SEN.	Treble	JACK BRAY	4
BERNARD GILLATT, JUN.	2	*ERNEST BRITAIN	5
*PERCY PEACOCK	3	†FRANK LORD	Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal in three methods. † 50th peal.

COULSDON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Fourteen 120's each of Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.) in G sharp.

RONALD H. DOVE	Treble	*ROYDON DAVIES	3
*TONY PRICE	2	†DANIEL COOPER	4

*CHARLES H. KIPPIN

Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells (cast by Hodgson in 1875).

BURBAGE, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's in 14 methods, viz.: (1) Kent and Oxford, (2) Duke of Norfolk, (3) College Exercise and Norbury, (4) Old Oxford, (5) Bocking and Willesden, (6) Wragby, Neasden, and College Bob IV., and (7) Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM GAYES	Treble	WILFRED STEVENSON	4
JACK TIPPER	2	*TOM WILDE	5
JAMES A. MILNER	3	JOHN WORTH	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal in 14 methods. First peal in 14 methods as conductor. Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. A. Milner, of Disley.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, April 17th, for evening service, 1,280 Bob Major: H. E. Taylor (first quarter-peal) 1, W. Latter 2, H. Cornes (first with a bob bell) 3, H. Markwell 4, W. Collison 5, D. Findley 6, S. Russell 7, A. Richardson (conductor) 8.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1932 in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

SYDNEY BAILLESS Treble	HECTOR A. KNIGHTS... .. 4
WILLIAM NEWTON 2	FRANK BAILLESS... .. 5
JOHN H. BAILLESS... .. 3	*GEORGE A. CHARLTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BAILLESS.

* First peal. Rung on the fourth anniversary of the dedication of the three new bells.

LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, May 14, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Cambridge Surprise and Woodbine and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob.

JOHN O. WELLER Treble	*HAROLD C. HYGATE 4
*RONALD A. TOPPIN 2	LEONARD A. TIDY 5
JAMES W. KNIGHTS 3	WALTER CLAYDON Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD A. TIDY.

* First peal of Minor.

FORNHAM ST. MARTIN.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 14, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt.

CHARLES STANNARD Treble	GEORGE LILLEY 4
JAMES CHINERY 2	HORACE W. FOULGER 5
GEORGE W. ABLITT 3	WILLIAM STANNARD Tenor

Conducted by W. STANNARD.

SUDBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 14, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 16 six-scores of Plain Bob and 26 of Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt.

*ALBERT WELSH Treble	*JOHN BAILEY 3
JOHN ALLEN 2	FREDERICK TOOLEY 4

W. REGINALD BUTCHER ... Tenor

Conducted by W. R. BUTCHER.

* First peal.

MARDEN, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, May 15, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

WILLIAM G. T. BARRETT ... Treble	THOMAS W. ROWLEY 4
JAMES P. HYETT 2	G. JAMES R. PRICE 5
THOMAS W. ROWLEY, JUN. ... 3	HAROLD H. W. KINSEY ... Tenor

Conducted by G. J. R. PRICE.

Rung in honour of the Whitsun Festival, also as a 70th birthday compliment to the treble man.

WINSLOW, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CENTRAL BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Monday, May 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings. Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM BANNER Treble	WILLIAM JONES 4
HARRY FRANCE 2	WILLIAM HAWKINS 5
FRANK GIBBARD 3	ERNEST FRENCH Tenor

Conducted by FRANK GIBBARD.

First peal by all except ringer of 4th. All the above are regular Sunday service ringers except Mr. W. Jones, who kindly stood in at very short notice. Believed to be the first peal on the bells. This is also the first peal for the Central Bucks Branch of the Guild.

COTGRAVE, NOTTS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Double Court, Single Oxford, Plain Bob, Single Court, Kent Treble Bob, and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

MISS FRANCES HUMPHREY Treble	ROGER W. DANIELS 4
MRS. PHILLIS HUMPHREY ... 2	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY ... 5
WALTER WHITE 3	HORACE M. DAY Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. William White, of Cotgrave, who celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on the above date. The ringers also wish to express their appreciation and thanks to Rev. Chaplain for the hospitality shown them after the peal.

BOZEAT, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Monday, May 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being five six-scores each of Manchester, Canterbury, Old Doubles, April Day, Bob Doubles, St. Dunstan's, Antelope, Grandsire, and two six-scores of London Singles. Tenor 17½ cwt.

SIDNEY CORBY Treble	ALFRED J. ELLIOTT 3
HORACE TYLER 2	ALBERT MINNEY 4

JOSHUA J. PARTRIDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by J. J. PARTRIDGE.

ALLENMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 17, 1932, in Three Hours,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 11½ cwt.

CHARLES EDWARDS Treble	WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS 4
ALLEN E. GWYNNE 2	CHARLES L. SADLER 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	WALTER TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

First peal of Treble Bob Minor on the bells and first by all the band except the conductor. Mr. Fussell has now rung peals of Kent Treble Bob from Minor to Maximus.

RINGSTEAD, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 17, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

*B. JOHN STUBBS... .. Treble	JACK D. BELL 4
ERNEST E. WHITMORE ... 2	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... 5
CHARLES M. WHITNEY ... 3	WALTER COPPERWHEAT ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER COPPERWHEAT.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal as conductor. The average of this band is 19 years.

ABBEYDORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 19, 1932, in Three Hours,

At the Cistercian Abbey of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt.

*ALBERT E. WILLIAMS ... Treble	ALLEN E. GWYNNE 4
CHARLES EDWARDS 2	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 5
REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON ... 3	CHARLES L. SADLER Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

* First peal. First peal of Minor on the bells. This is the only Cistercian Abbey in England used as a parish church.

HANDBELL PEAL.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 3, 1932, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,

At 9, PEMBROKE ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

PERCY J. JOHNSON 1-2	JOHN AMBLER 5-6
WILLIAM BARTON... .. 3-4	GEORGE AMBLER 7-8

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE REV. MAITLAND KELLY.**DEDICATION BY CANON COLERIDGE**

The completion of the scheme for improvements in the chancel of Kelly Church, Devon, as a memorial to the late Rev. Maitland Kelly, formerly president of the Devon Guild, was signified by the dedication by Canon Coleridge at a service in the church on Wednesday, May 18th. The memorial consists of dark oak panelling covering the walls around the altar, and a pair of chastely designed riddell posts flanking the altar table. The top panels at the sides are carved with designs of the Devon Guild's device and acorn scrolls alternately, and with bells and pomgranates at the back, decorated in crimson and gold. An inscription on the north side centre panel reads: 'To the glory of God and in memory of Maitland Kelly, Priest, born August 21st, 1842, died June 15th, 1929, Rector of this parish, 1905 to 1912. This panelling was erected by relatives, parishioners, friends, and members of the Devonshire Guild of Ringers.'

The church was filled with a congregation that included parishioners, the local band of ringers, the president (Rev. E. S. Powell), general secretary (Mr. T. Laver), members of the South-West Branch of the Guild, and a party of twenty members of the Central Council who came by coach from Plymouth.

Previous to the service the visitors and local ringers were entertained to tea by Miss Kelly in Kelly House.

The service opened with the hymn, 'We love the place, O God,' followed by the Lord's Prayer, the Creed and the lesson. Canon Coleridge then pronounced the dedicatory words: 'In the name of the Trinity we dedicate this panelling to the memory of Maitland Kelly, a faithful servant of God, whose example we all might follow.' The congregation then stood for a minute in silence.

Canon Coleridge prefaced his address with the sentence in the Book of Daniel, x. 11, 'A man greatly beloved,' which, he said, applied forcibly to Mr. Kelly, who was, and always will be, beloved by those who knew him. The preacher traced his career from his birth at Kelly, education and interest in bellringing at Oxford, curacy at Abingdon, where his good work was still remembered, his faithful ministry at Plympton St. Maurice, Salcombe and Ottery St. Mary, and in later years back to Kelly in retirement, though never idle, the counsellor and friend of all brother-ringers, neighbours and parishioners alike. It had been the speaker's privilege to stay with Mr. Kelly every summer for many years, and at every visit some incident or other would compel admiration of his upright and worthy character. The memorial they had dedicated that day was, he thought, quite the most appropriate memento that could have been devised, and right indeed that it should signify the deceased's great love for ringing and his devotion to the Guild.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Chipping Norton Deanery Branch was held at Shipton-under-Wychwood on Saturday last, when members attended from all the towers in the deanery. The Master of the Guild (Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), Mr. R. T. Hibbert (Guild secretary), and Mr. A. J. Wright were also present. The Master and secretary from the Southern Branch of the Worcestershire Association attended, and there were ringers from the Warwickshire Guild and the Gloucester and Bristol Association.

Service was conducted by the Rev. E. C. Freeman. The Rev. H. E. Worthington gave an interesting and inspiring address that was greatly appreciated. Tea was provided in the Beaconsfield Hall, 54 sitting down to an excellent spread.

At the business meeting which followed, the Vicar presided, and the officers were elected as follows: Chairman, the Rev. E. C. Freeman; secretary, Mr. J. Keyte; General Guild Committee representatives, Mr. A. Miles and Mr. Green. It was proposed to hold the autumn meeting at Enstone.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for conducting the service, also to the Rev. H. E. Worthington for his excellent address. Votes of thanks were also passed to the Master, secretary and treasurer of the General Guild for coming to the meeting.

The Master replied, saying how pleased he always was to come to these meetings, and also to see such a good gathering. He made a special appeal to all present to do all they could to support 'The Ringing World' and see that every tower took as many copies as could well be afforded, as he did not know what ringing would be like without a ringing paper.

The treasurer spoke upon the Guild finances, and it was proposed to give a grant of one guinea from the branch funds to the Guild Restoration Fund.—Mr. R. T. Hibbert made a few very interesting remarks about ringers, and said how much he enjoyed listening to the Rev. H. E. Worthington.

A special vote, welcoming the ringers from visiting associations, was passed, and the hope expressed that they would come again to future meetings.

The ringing in the afternoon and evening included touches of Stedman Triples, Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and Double Norwich Major.

WREXHAM, DENBIGHSHIRE.—At St. Giles' Parish Church, on Sunday, May 8th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters: W. Jones 1, F. Mitchell 2, A. Lea, sen., 3, J. Capper 4, P. Cross 5, F. Evans 6, A. Lea, jun. (conductor) 7, T. Cathall 8, W. T. Thomas 9, A. Hodges 10. First quarter for ringers of 2 and 10.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. T. R. Dennis, having found it necessary to relinquish office as secretary to the Society of Cambridge Youths on account of health and business, Mr. H. J. Hazell, 14, French's Road, Cambridge, has been appointed to succeed him. All communications should now be sent to him.

Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, have been entrusted with the restoration of the ring of eight bells of St. Mary's Parish Church, Woolwich. The work includes the recasting of the tenor bell, tuning the others and rehanging the peal on ball bearings.

There are at least three places at which Cambridge Surprise Major, Royal and Maximus have been rung by members of one association, in addition to the performances at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields by the Royal Cumberland Youths, mentioned last week.

St. Martin's Guild has rung peals of Cambridge Major, Royal and Maximus at St. Martin's, Birmingham. The Lancashire Association has accomplished a similar performance at St. Nicholas' Church, Liverpool, Major having been rung on both the front and the back eights. In addition, a peal of Cambridge Minor has been rung in the same tower.

At St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, peals in five different even-bell methods have been rung on eight, ten and twelve bells, viz., Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge; two odd-bell methods, Grandsire and Stedman, have been rung in Triples, Caters and Cinques; and there have also been peals of Superlative Surprise Major and Maximus.

One of the oldest members of the Surrey Association has passed away in the person of Mr. John Wyatt, of Ashtead. He was also a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths. The funeral took place on Monday.

The reports of a large number of peals are unavoidably held over.

THREE HALESOWEN RINGERS.

A CHURCH MEMORIAL.

There was a large attendance of bellringers from different parts of Worcestershire at a service at Halesowen Parish Church on Saturday, May 21st, when a tablet which has been placed near to the belfry to the memory of three old bellringers of the Halesowen hand, viz., Messrs. G. N. Cockin, E. White and M. Hachett, was unveiled and dedicated. Mr. White had served as a ringer for 54 years and Mr. Cockin and Mr. Hachett for 53 years, and by a singular coincidence they all died within a period of twelve months of each other. The tablet bore the following inscription: 'This tablet is placed here by members of the church in grateful memory of George Newby Cockin, born April 18th, 1858, died August 28th, 1929, Sunday School teacher for 45 years, bellringer for 53 years; Elijah White, born May 7th, 1844, died February 2nd, 1930, chorister for 21 years, Sunday School teacher for 35 years, bellringer for 54 years; Matthew Hachett, born October 18th, 1855, died July 16th, 1930, bellringer for 53 years; who by their work and character served God and two generations of their fellow-men in this parish.'

The tablet was unveiled by Mrs. Cockin, the widow of one of the three men, and it was dedicated by the Rector (Canon H. C. A. Colville), who was assisted in the service by the curate (the Rev. P. J. Martin). In the course of an address, Canon Colville paid a tribute to the work of the three men, and said it was a singular thing that they should be such friends and associated in the belfry for so long a period, and then, within a few months, should pass on together. It was no common honour to have one's name on the church walls. The Church had been very jealous about allowing memorials to be put on its buildings, but he did not think there could be a more worthy recognition of the work of those men, who had served with diligence and skill for over 50 years the town in which they lived and God. He had calculated that these men, in the course of their work as bellringers, must have spent at least 10,000 hours in the belfry, which was quite an appreciable slice of the working hours of a man. Quite a considerable portion of their life had been given to the service of God and their fellow-men.

Subsequently a large number of the congregation paid a visit to the belfry, where Mrs. Frank Somers unlocked a library of books which has been provided for the ringers. Later, the ringers were provided with tea, after which touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Cambridge Surprise Major and London Surprise Major were rung.

Those present included the Ringing Master (Mr. W. H. Webb) and the following ringers from other districts: Messrs. E. R. Eaton (Boldmere), H. Mason (Hagley), R. Matthews (Stourbridge), A. J. Skelding (secretary of the Northern Branch of the Worcestershire Association), J. Jagger (Oldbury), W. Cooper (Stourbridge), W. Short and B. Ashford (Clent), H. Withers (Northfield), W. Green and J. Price (Old Hill), J. Withers (Selly Oak), S. J. Hughes (Smethwick) and H. Price (Bromsgrove).

MUFFLED BELLS.

At Deal, Kent, on May 19th, 720 Bob Minor: E. Verrier 1, A. Long 2, J. Arthurs 3, S. Bamford, R.M., 4, W. Terry 5, L. Ladd (conductor) 6. Rung muffled as a mark of respect to Mr. G. Fenn, who was buried at Walmer on this day.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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RECORD SALES OF PUBLICATIONS.

The Hon. Librarian, in his report, said: There has not been much demand upon the contents of the library this last year, but the following works have been presented: A copy of Mr. J. A. Trollope's research work in connection with the history of the College Youths between 1755 and 1788; this has been typed by Mr. W. G. Wilson and is presented by the author. A copy of the History and Rule Book and the Service Book of the Ancient Society of College Youths, presented by the society. Twelve copies of the book, 'Bell Towers and Bell Hanging,' by Sir Arthur Heywood and others, and a copy of the 'First Five Hundred Peals of the Oxford Guild,' presented by Mr. E. A. Young. By special request I have sold one of these copies, but I should like the Council to advise me what to do with the remainder.

This has been a wonderful year for the sale of publications; indeed, there has been nothing like it since I have been librarian. For many years, as the Council will recollect, we have not covered the cost of advertising. Last year, however, I did manage to show a balance to the good of £2 8s. 1d., but this year there is a balance of £42 9s. 5d., and that after paying the ordinary advertisement account of £9 2s., plus £3 for the special advertising of the Minor Methods. This, of course, is the result of placing a high-priced book on the market for which there was a great demand. I refer to the 'Collection of Doubles and Minor Methods,' and as I have remarked before, one quick-selling book liven up the sales of others. Coming to the other publications, I think the result tends to show that the money spent by the Council in recent years has been well expended. I have not yet received all the returns from the 'on sale or return' agents, but so far the result is good, and their sales account for £10 18s. 11d., out of the £58 17s. 1d. realised by the sales generally. The Lincoln Diocesan Guild has responded to the suggestion made last year, and has purchased outright a complete stock of publications. Others have purchased more largely than before, and thus availed themselves of the discount allowance. I saw an opportunity of replenishing the stock of method sheets which was getting low, and bought a certain number of Grandsire and Stedman and Cambridge Surprise Major which the Rev. H. Drake had to dispose of.

The number of publications in stock is as follows: 1,133 Glossary, 40 Rules and Decisions, 226 Peal Collection Section 1, 428 Peal Collection Section 2, 619 Peal Collection Section 3, 165 Major and Cater Methods, 209 Doubles and Minor Methods, Corrigenda Leaflets (several hundreds), 155 Rules for a Local Company, 371 Cards on Care of Bells, 167 On the Preservation of Bells (limp), 5 On the Preservation of Bells (stiff), 135 Law on Church Bells, 335 Methods Sheets, 11 Report on Conference with S.P.A.B.

The Librarian's statement of accounts showed that £58 17s. 1d. had been received for 930 copies of publications, the principal sales having been 272 copies of the 'Collection of Doubles and Minor Methods,' 219 method sheets, and 140 copies of 'Law Affecting Church Bells.' Advertising and incidental expenses amounted to £16 7s. 8d., leaving a balance transferred to general fund of £42 9s. 5d.

THE FATE OF OLD BOOKS.

Mr. J. A. Trollope asked if there was any machinery by which an eye could be kept on any old or valuable books relating to ringing which might perhaps eventually be secured for the Council's library. He had specially in mind what might ultimately become of the books which the Rev. W. Pearson had got. He possessed one or two books which were absolutely unique. No doubt Mr. Pearson had some intention as to how these books were to be disposed of eventually, but it was of great importance that these books should not be dispersed and lost. He wondered if it was possible to find out what was to become of them.

Mr. Young said he had spoken to Mr. Pearson on this matter in a tentative sort of way, and he thought Mr. Pearson had made up his mind that the books should eventually go to the University of Cambridge. It was possible, if that Council expressed an earnest hope that the books might come to their library, that it might have the desired consummation.

The President, replying to the first part of Mr. Trollope's question, said he did not think there was any machinery for the purpose, but he thought a good deal could be done by talking to individual ringers. He felt quite sure Mr. Pearson would make some arrangements by which his books would not be lost. They might not come to that Council, but they would go somewhere where they would be safe. He thought, also, that quite a lot could be done if members would keep a watch on booksellers' catalogues of old books. It was sometimes possible to pick up volumes in this way. With regard to what should be done with the few copies remaining of the book on 'Bell Towers and Bell Hanging,' the Standing Committee recommended that the librarian be allowed to dispose of some of them, leaving three at least in the library, but that the books be sold only to accredited representatives of affiliated societies. These books were getting scarce, and they would be very costly to reprint at the present time, and it was important that they should get into places where they would be made use of. The committee proposed that the copies be sold at five shillings each.

The report was adopted, and the committee's suggestions agreed to.

THE BALANCE SHEET.

The accounts of the Council were presented by the hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. G. W. Fletcher). The balance from the last account was £47 14s. 9d., interest on investments £5, affiliation fees £28 5s., subscriptions from hon. members £2 7s. 6d., sale of publications (less expenses) £42 9s. 5d., total £125 16s. 8d. The expenditure included £35 15s. 2d. on the printing of publications, £10 10s. donation to the Stedman Tercentenary Fund, gifts of books to Messrs. Fardon and Sharman (demonstrators of the Carter ringing machine) £2 6s., other expenses £15 13s. 7d.; balance carried forward £61 11s. 11d. The market value of the investments was £125 5s. 6d.

The accounts had been audited, on behalf of the Standing Committee, by Messrs. A. A. Hughes and W. A. Cave, who moved and seconded their adoption.

Replying to the Rev. E. S. Powell, the Hon. Treasurer said it was not necessary to sell out any stock to pay for the printing of the 'Doubles and Minor Collection.'—The accounts were adopted.

THE CARTER RINGING MACHINE.

Mr. E. A. Young presented the report of the trustees of the Carter ringing machine as follows: On Saturday, February 20th last, Mr. E. A. Young and Mr. A. A. Hughes (trustees) attended the Victoria and Albert Science Museum, there being present also the two demonstrators, Messrs. Fardon and Sharman, and also an officer of the Museum. They found the machine and its appurtenances as previously reported to the Council. It was set to ring two or three plain courses, which, despite a few failures, it successfully brought round. We are of opinion, however, that the time cannot be far distant when the machine will require overhaul and repair, as it showed signs in different parts of a little wear. On May 2nd last, following an official request, the machine was demonstrated to an officer of H.M.O.W. by Mr. Fardon and Mr. Young. The visitor and his two friends inspected the machine and heard a course of Grandsire Cinques. The treasurer was asked to arrange payment of the demonstrators' fee for the annual inspection.

Mr. Hughes seconded the adoption of the report.

Mr. C. T. Coles asked if there was any particular time when this machine was demonstrated. He was sure there were members who would like to see the machine. Having paid a recent visit to South Kensington Museum to see the machine he was disappointed in not being able to see it at work. It would be a good idea if a periodical demonstration could be arranged, say, on the occasion of some big ringers' gathering in London, like the College Youths' Dinner or some occasion like that.

The President thought they might leave Mr. Coles' suggestion to the trustees. He thought they would be willing to arrange a demonstration either on the afternoon before the College Youths' dinner, or every third year in connection with the Central Council meeting. If they advertised the demonstration, he thought a good many ringers would be prepared to avail themselves of the opportunity of seeing it.

Mr. Young said he thought it would be quite a good thing if a demonstration could be arranged in connection with the Council meeting in London.

The report was adopted.

CONSTITUTION OF COMMITTEES.

The Standing Committee's formal report said the various recommendations of the committee would come up on the respective items as they were reached in the agenda.

Rev. E. S. Powell asked the Standing Committee to deal with the constitution of the committees generally before the new Council met, and to make a report on the matter. He said his reason for doing so was that on various occasions it had seemed as if the constitution of the committees was rather haphazard. Some years ago, for instance, he did a bit of work for the Peals Collection Committee. Afterwards, at a meeting of the Council at which he was not present, he was elected a member of that committee. Since that time he had had no communication of any kind from the committee. He believed the president was a member of the Methods Committee, but he was afraid that since he (Mr. Powell) had been a member of that committee they had had little or no communication with regard to the business of that committee. He thought it would be a good thing if the constitution of the committees could be cleared up. Next year a new Council was to meet and new committees formed. They had a new secretary, and he would be a new broom and very anxious to sweep clean. He thought, therefore, it was a good opportunity for the Standing Committee to look into their own constitution and that of the other committees and see whether they were as representative of the Council as they might possibly be. He proposed, as a recommendation to the Standing Committee, that this be done so that things generally might be tidied up (applause).

Mr. J. Hunt seconded, remarking that it was nearly time some of the committees were looked into.

Rev. F. L. Edwards said it would be a real advantage if the Council would themselves appoint the conveners of the committees and not leave the members to appoint their own. From his own experience he had known a committee to go through a whole year without receiving any communication from the convener.

The President said he believed he was responsible for the motion some years ago that the committees should themselves elect a convener, and that the convener should present a report to the Council.

cil. At that time there was no organisation among the committees at all. If that scheme had not succeeded it was due partly to the conveners, who, having been appointed conveners, had not convened (laughter), and partly to the committees themselves, who, if they found a convenue did not convene, should chuck him out and elect another (laughter). The scheme was workable if the committees worked it, but in view of the fact that it had not been working he was sure the Standing Committee would be prepared to look into the whole question, and they would accept the recommendation. With regard to the personal point of the Methods Committee, some years ago, soon after the Major Methods were published, he resigned from the committee because he found he had not time to do any more work for it. At the same time he resigned the conveyership of the Towers and Belfries Committee, while remaining a member of the committee, but the letter with his resignation from the Methods Committee seemed to have gone missing.

The Standing Committee's report was adopted, together with the Rev. E. S. Powell's recommendation.

FRESH MATERIAL FOR PEALS COLLECTION COMMITTEE.

The brief report of the Peals Collection Committee was received from the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, who wrote that he had received a lot of fresh material, mainly Royal and Maximus, and was going through it to pick out anything that was new.

The report was adopted on the motion of Mrs. Fletcher.

REV. H. LAW JAMES' LIFE WORK.

The next report considered by the Council was that of the Methods Committee, which was published in 'The Ringing World' on April 29th. Mr. Trollope said the most important thing that had happened during the past year was the loss they had sustained by the death of the Rev. Henry Law James. Canon Coleridge had already expressed what they all felt with regard to his death. He could not speak for the Methods Committee, and in his place, without making some reference to the work he did. He (Mr. Trollope) supposed the work on the Methods Committee was really the chief thing that Mr. James did for the Exercise, apart from his local work in the Lincoln Diocese. It was quite true to say that this work he did through the Methods Committee and for the Exercise, with regard to method construction, was practically finished. He had a certain message to deliver, and he had delivered it. It was not a final message, although perhaps he thought it was, but the position we were now in as an Exercise with regard to method ringing and the understanding of methods, compared with what it was 30 years ago, was due largely to Mr. Law James, and if they were to take the opinion of modern young men, who understood something about it, and compare it with that of the authorities at that time—Bulwer, Heywood and others—they could not help being struck with the enormous advance there had been right through the Exercise in the understanding of those mathematical laws which were the basis of their art. That the Exercise had taken such a large interest in them was due very largely to Mr. Law James.

Continuing, Mr. Trollope said the question of filling up the vacancy was the business of the Council, but the Council had always taken into consideration the wishes of the committee. What they suggested was that, as the committee expired at the end of this year, they should leave the question of filling the vacancy open until the London meeting, and meanwhile look out for a suitable man to take Mr. Law James' place. With the particular work they had in hand at the moment, he did not think they needed any further assistance this year. There were, added Mr. Trollope, two things the Council entrusted the committee with. One was the getting on with the publication of the book on methods of Triples, and the other the matter that arose out of the Rules and Decisions definitions, which was brought up at Lambeth and was referred to again last year. He asked to be allowed to deal with the first matter and to leave the second, which was dealt with in their report, to Mr. Powell. When he (Mr. Trollope) left Mr. Law James after the Liverpool meeting, it was arranged that Mr. James should get on with the methods and get out a draft. He sent Mr. James all the papers he had, and he heard nothing from him up to the time of his death. He then wrote to Mr. James' brother to ask how far Mr. Law James had proceeded with the work, and ultimately received the papers from Surfleet, but they were only the papers he had previously sent. He was afraid that Mr. James had been able to do nothing towards the work. He (Mr. Trollope) set to work to prepare the draft on the basis of what he had discussed with Mr. James, and he had nearly finished it. They were prepared to submit a proposal to the Council for the publication of this book. They proposed to take Stedman and Erin as the only two methods worth ringing without a treble hunt, and ten or eleven methods of pure Triples, and then put in about eight other methods which had a treble and six working bells, like New Bob. The explanations would be largely for the benefit of the more elementary people. For these they proposed to give the full course of certain of the methods and a selection of touches and peals. They proposed to give a big selection of touches of Stedman and Grandsire. They thought the book would come out at about fifty or sixty pages, and would thus be considerably cheaper than the book on Doubles and Minor methods. The report of the librarian was so encouraging that he thought they were justified in asking the Council for permission,

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LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

ROTA OF MEETINGS TO BE PREPARED.

The society's annual visit to Guiseley took place on Saturday, May 28th. The business meeting was held in the tower, the president (Mr. W. H. Senior) being in the chair. Members were present from Armley, Batley, Burley, Birstall, Calverley, Drighlington, Edinborough, Guiseley, Headingley (St. Michael's), Leeds (Parish Church), Pudsey, Queensbury, Rothwell and Ripon. Two new members were elected, viz., Messrs. J. Collinson and J. McGlenn, of the Guiseley company.

The number of towers now affiliated to the society had placed the committee in rather a difficult position with regard to the list of annual visits. This matter was explained to the members, and suggestions asked for. After discussion, it was agreed that a rota of towers be prepared by the committee, and that all towers should be visited in turn. The round of visits to all towers should be completed in just over two years.

The appeal by the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association for the proposed memorial to the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies was read, and it was decided to send a donation of 10s. 6d. to this fund.

A letter with regard to the inclusion of a ten-bell tower in the society was referred to the committee with the suggestion that the secretary should approach this tower with regard to affiliation to the society.

The next meeting is to be held on June 25th, and will be a joint meeting with the Yorkshire Association (Western Division).

On the motion of the hon. secretary, the very best thanks of the society was accorded the Rector and churchwardens of Guiseley for the use of the bells, and to the Guiseley company for the other arrangements, and especially to Mr. F. W. Dixon for kindly arranging the tea.—Mr. C. Walsh replied on behalf of the local company.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

'WEIRD SPLICED STUFF.'

A meeting of the North and East District at Northlaw, held on Saturday last in typical 1932 summer weather, was not very well attended, but lack of quantity was compensated for by quality, and consequently some encouraging work was done in this little village at the 'back o' beyond.'

A walk of two miles from Cuffley brought the vice-president and hon. secretary on the scene, to find the Master already on the spot. Subsequently the ringing went with a good swing, and with the help of a well-known Edmonton couple many methods were rung, including a good course of London Surprise Minor as a service touch.

The usual short service was taken by the Vicar, who also presided at tea. At the business meeting the hon. secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles) gave a brief account of the proceedings at Plymouth on Whit Tuesday, especially calling attention to the resolution asking for greater support for 'The Ringing World.'

The handbells were brought into use, a course of Stedman Triples being rung, whilst a feature of the ringing on the tower bells was some weird spliced stuff, consisting of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor. We strongly suspect the existence of some 'rows' in this touch; but if there was a row or two, the ringing was so good that it cannot be said to have been a 'row.'

Members are asked to note that it was decided to hold the next meeting at Stanmore either on June 25th or July 2nd.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FIRST MEETING AT LEIGH.

The spring meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at Leigh on Saturday, and was attended by upwards of 30 members from 12 towers in the district. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. F. L. W. Sealy), who at the outset of his address extended a hearty welcome to the members on that, their first, visit to Leigh. After the service, an excellent tea was partaken of at the Brickmakers Arms. The cost of this was kindly defrayed by the local members. The business meeting followed, the Vicar presiding.

Eight new members were elected, and votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, conducting the service, and presiding at the meeting; to Mr. H. Hitchcock, a member of the local band, for his services at the organ; and to the local members for making the arrangements and providing the tea. This was suitably replied to, and the members returned to the tower, where ringing in various methods from Grandsire Doubles to London Surprise Minor was carried on till a late hour.

The new treble bell which has recently been added by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank was considered by all to be a perfect 'splice,' and the tower now contains a nice handy ring of six.

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when the work was finished, to get on with the publishing of it. He thought they might even publish the book so as to make a little profit on it. He felt perfectly sure that, as they were dealing largely with Stedman and Grandsire, it would be quite as useful as any book they had already issued. He moved that the Council authorise the publication of the book on Triples methods.

The Rev. E. S. Powell seconded.

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THE WITCH'S CAULDRON.

QUAINT POSSESSION IN A SURREY TOWER.

Frensham, a little Surrey village, four miles from any railway station, attracted nearly fifty ringers on Saturday, when a meeting of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was held. The square and rather squat fifteenth-century tower of the church contains a ring of six bells, some of which came from the Reading Foundry. Three of them were cast by Ellis Knight in 1627, when they were a ring of five, and they bear the remains of the doggerel verse which was in those days sometimes spread over a peal of bells: 'I as second will ring'; 'I as third will sing'; 'I as tenor hymn all round.' The intervening bell (at that time the fourth) was evidently recast in 1658, and its only inscription is the date. The old treble was recast in 1745 by Robert Catlin, and the present treble was added in 1897, when the bells were rehung in a new frame.

The bells are rung from the ground floor, and the tower contains one great object of interest to all visitors. It is the 'Witch's cauldron' of beaten copper, measuring 8ft. 8in. in circumference and 14in. in depth. It is traditionally said to have been the property of Mother Ludlam, who was reputed a witch, and lived in a cave in the sandstone in Moor Park, near by. The cauldron was loaned to a woman who failed to return it at the appointed time, and was refused by Mother Ludlam. Thereupon the cauldron pursued the borrower, and she took sanctuary in the church, the cauldron getting no further than the tower, where it still rests. More possibly the cauldron once belonged to Waverley Abbey, and was used by the Cistercian monks for cooking on the occasion of the village feasts.

Eleven towers were represented at the meeting, ringers being present from Aldershot, Ash, Frensham, Farnham, Farnborough and Scale (in the district), and visitors from Guildford (S. Nicolas'), Ottershaw, Reading (St. Laurence's), Overton and Binsted (Hants). Some useful practice was put in during the afternoon and evening, the methods ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise, the most encouraging feature of the gathering being the large proportion of young ringers present.

In the absence of the Rector (Rev. M. C. H. Collet), the Rev. B. C. Taylor, of Binsted, hon. secretary of the Alton District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, conducted the service, and in his address, based on the objects of ringing guilds, spoke words of kindly counsel.

The choir, both men and boys, led the singing. Mr. T. A. Stroud, a member of the Guild and organist of Frensham, presided at the organ.

The Rev. B. C. Taylor presided at the tea and meeting which followed, when three new members belonging to Frensham tower were elected, and a report presented on behalf of the Guild's representatives on the Central Council dealing with the Plymouth meeting.—Mr. C. Hazelden emphasised the representatives' recommendation that members should do their best to extend the circulation of 'The Ringing World.'

A comprehensive vote of thanks to all who had helped to make the meeting so successful and enjoyable was proposed by Mr. Eldridge, and heartily accorded.

SHALFORD BELLS NEED A 'CLEAN SWEEP.'

Despite a drenching afternoon there was a highly successful meeting of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild at Shalford on Saturday week, when nearly forty members attended. There was a full choir for the service (nearly all the ringers at Shalford are members of the choir), and the Vicar, the Rev. David Railton, gave a striking address on a refreshingly new line. The lesson was read by the leader of the local ringers, Mr. L. C. Hunter.

The Vicar presided at the subsequent tea and meeting, and was supported by Mr. H. L. Baldock, secretary of the Church Council, Mr. McKay Martin (organist), Major J. H. B. Hesse (Master of the Guild), Admiral T. P. Walker (hon. treasurer), Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (hon. secretary), Mr. G. L. Grover (district secretary), Mr. W. Melville (District Ringing Master), and Mr. A. A. Hughes (London).

At the request of the Vicar, Major Hesse had examined the condition of the bells and frame, and he reported that the tower was solid masonry, and its strongest way was east and west. The top frame, which carried the treble and fifth, was mounted very high and was practically on the top of the tower. It was carried on the bottom frame, which was built up on two timber beams which run north and south, and round the ends of which the masonry looked to be loose. It was quite time that something was done with regard to the frame. The bells also were frightfully out of tune, and his view was that they should clear out the whole lot, recast the bells and rehang them in a steel frame, constructed to take eventually two trebles. He strongly urged the authorities not to patch up the old frame.

The Vicar thanked Major Hesse for his report, and said he hoped that at some time they would be able to have the work done, although at present they had some other rather costly schemes in front of them which would have first to be undertaken.

Mr. G. L. Grover presented a report on the Central Council meeting, in which he emphasised the importance to the Exercise of 'The Ringing World,' and the necessity of increasing its circulation. The

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SAFFRON WALDEN RINGER'S DEATH.

Saffron Walden has lost an old member of the company by the death of Mr. Arthur Francis James, who passed away at the age of 64 years, in the Freemasons' Nursing Home, Chelsea, after an illness of six months' duration. Deceased entered the nursing home a few weeks ago, and underwent an operation from which he apparently was making a good recovery, but he passed away in his sleep on Saturday week.

Born at Farnham, Surrey, Mr. James was the son of Mr. John James who set up a business as watchmaker and jeweller in Saffron Walden, to which the deceased eventually succeeded. He was educated at Saffron Walden School, and afterwards took a prominent part in local activities. He joined the Saffron Walden Ringing Society in 1888, and was a member up to the time of his death. He always took a great interest in the society, and altogether he rang 65 peals, one of which was the then record length of Superlative Surprise Major, the 8,800 rung at Loughborough in May, 1894, composed and conducted by a famous Saffron Walden man, Nathan J. Pitstow. Mr. James also rang in a 6,016 in the same method, and an 8,064 of Kent Treble Bob Major. His peals consisted of Kent Treble Bob Major 6, Royal 2, Grandsire Triples 1, Caters 3, Stedman Triples 12, Caters 4, Bob Major 1, Royal 1, Double Norwich Major 9 (conductor 1), Superlative Surprise Major 9, Cambridge Surprise Major 10 (conductor 1), New Cambridge Surprise Major 5, and London Surprise Major 2.

In his early days he joined the old 3rd V.B. (Cambs) Suffolk Regiment, and received rapid promotion. On reaching the rank of colour-sergeant he was one of the youngest volunteers of that rank. He was afterwards awarded the Long Service Medal. On the formation of the Territorial Army Mr. James transferred to the 1st/8th Essex Regiment and mobilised with that unit at the outbreak of the war. He was afterwards transferred to the 2nd/8th Essex Regiment, and promoted to R.Q.M.S. He continued to serve until he was discharged in 1916 on reaching the age limit. However, he was soon called upon to give his services. He was specially commissioned with the rank of captain and helped to raise and afterwards commanded 'B' Co., 2nd/3rd V.B. Essex Regiment until the end of hostilities.

Mr. James was also an accomplished musician, and was a member of the Orpheus Orchestra and a keen supporter of the Saffron Walden Amateur Operatic Society. He was also a Freemason, being Master of the Walden Lodge, 1280, in 1927, and had he lived he would have received still further honours in the craft. He was also a member of the Saffron Walden Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

Mr. James was active in many other spheres. He was one of the oldest members of the Literary and Scientific Institution, and in his early days actively supported both cricket and football in the town, but later bowls claimed his attention.

The funeral at Saffron Walden on Wednesday of last week was attended by members of all the organisations with which Mr. James had been connected in his lifetime. The service at the cemetery church was conducted by the Rev. W. Bro. A. J. Gillson, assisted by the Rev. W. Bro. W. Rutherford. The lessons were read by W. Bro. F. J. Pitstow and W. Bro. L. S. Thorning. The committal rites were performed by the Rev. W. Bro. A. J. Gillson, and the brethren of the craft filed past the grave and placed on the coffin sprigs of acacia, in accordance with the Freemasons' custom.

The immediate mourners were Mr. H. James (brother), Messrs. E. A. and H. E. Pitstow (brothers-in-law), Messrs. A. E., F. J., H. and L. Pitstow (nephews).

Mrs. A. James, the widow, was unable to be present.

There were a large number of floral tributes, including one from the Saffron Walden Society of Change Ringers, who in the evening rang a muffled peal of Grandsire Triples in memory of the deceased.

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Guild's representatives trusted the members would do their utmost to support the paper. Another important matter which was discussed upon by the Council was to print and issue a book of instructions on the proper way in which to handle a bell, with an explanation of the way to ring Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor. The need for such a work had long been felt by both learners and instructors. 'A great deal of time, labour and brains are given free to the Exercise by people who produce the Council's publications,' concluded the report, 'and ringers should show their gratitude by purchasing these books. Each tower should aim to have a library of its own, and the Council's publications could be obtained by purchasing one volume at a time, each ringer subscribing at intervals a few pence towards it.'

The Master and Mr. Hazelden both urged the importance of increasing the support given to 'The Ringing World,' and Mr. Grover was thanked for the report.

Messrs. C. Girdler and R. C. Brooks (Shalford) were elected ringing members of the Guild, and the Rev. D. Railton an honorary member.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar, to the organist and to Mr. Leslie C. Hunter for the arrangements made for the meeting.

Originally in Shalford tower there was a ring of five cast by the Eldridges, of Chertsey, but they were recast in 1789 by John Warner, and the tenor was again recast in 1866. Shalford is one of the places where the village stocks can be seen, close to the entrance to the churchyard.

SUCCESSFUL GATHERING AT MIDDLESBROUGH.**YOUNG AND OLD AT CLEVELAND ANNUAL MEETING.**

Four of the members who attended the meeting of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association held at Middlesbrough, on Whit Monday, total amongst them 300 years in age, and a ringing service of 238 years. They represented the 'Old Brigade,' but there were many of the younger generation present, ready and eager to do their part to help the association on. Twenty-eight members and friends had gathered from Chester-le-Street, Skelton, Darlington (St. John's and Holy Trinity), Selby, Stockton, Thirsk, Ripon, Ormesby, West Hartlepool, Whitby, Northallerton, Kirby Wiske, and Sharow, and at the conclusion one heard at every turn the opinion expressed, 'Another good meeting.'

The bells of the Middlesbrough Parish Church were kept going merrily from an early hour till 12 o'clock when a service was conducted by the Vicar of Middlesbrough (Rev. Canon Lawson), the preacher being the Archdeacon of Cleveland. A full choir was in attendance, and the service proved most beautiful and inspiring.

Luncheon was held at the Star and Garter Hotel, and the annual business meeting followed. The president (Mr. J. C. Pollard, of Middlesbrough) presided, and welcomed the members to Middlesbrough. He also expressed the thanks of the meeting for the delightful service and for the ready permission granted for the use of the bells at Middlesbrough, as well as at Ormesby and Stockton.—in a characteristically humorous speech, the Vicar of Middlesbrough expressed his appreciation of the association's visit to Middlesbrough, and hoped that members would use the bells to their heart's content.

The secretary's report, showing amongst other things that 13 peals had been rung during the year for the association, was received with thanks, as was the treasurer's report and balance sheet.

The committee of the Sunday Service Ringing Scheme reported that Middlesbrough with 1,108 points had again won the first certificate, and Whitby with 471 points had gained the second certificate. They also mentioned points of interest as to the sheets submitted.

It was decided to purchase six copies each of Snowden's 'Rope-sight' and 'Standard Methods' for sale to the members attending meetings, it being the opinion of the meeting that much good would be done thereby.

The report of last year's ringing competition was received, and several members stated how beneficial such an innovation had proved. It was decided that a similar contest should be held at Felixkirke in the autumn, the ringing to consist of raising, ringing 12 changes of Bob Minor, and lowering. This was specially arranged to help the less advanced bands.

Mr. J. Stott, of Thirsk, was elected president of the association in place of Mr. Pollard, who, at his own request, was not nominated for the position, and Mr. H. Taylor, of St. John's, Darlington, was appointed a vice-president to fill the vacancy caused by the elevation of Mr. Stott to the presidency. The other officers were all re-elected.

The meetings for the ensuing year were fixed for autumn, Felixkirke; Easter, Whitby; and the annual Whitsuntide meeting, Ripon (or Northallerton).

At the conclusion of the business, one of the visitors tendered his congratulations to the president and ex-president for the expeditious and businesslike manner in which the meeting had been conducted.

The members then returned to the various towers for further ringing, which was continued till a late hour, the methods rung ranging from Grandsire Triples to Stedman Caters and Kent Treble Bob Royal.

J. C. P.

TUNSTALL, KENT.—On Sunday, April 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 240 Stedman Triples, and 120 of Cambridge Minor by the following service ringers: Mr. and Mrs. G. Spice, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Spice, W. Spice, sen., W. Spice, jun., F. Boorman (first quarter-peal), W. Gorman, G. Kenward and R. Aylett.

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SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**HIGH STANDARD IN RINGING COMPETITION.**

The large company of bellringers who assembled at the tower of St. Catharine's Church, Baglan, Glam., on Saturday, May 14th, were, as on former competition days, favoured with delightful weather. There were ten bands of ringers who had entered for the event, the eighth annual contest, which consisted of raising the bells in peal, ringing 120 changes of any method, then falling the bells in peal. St. Catharine's Church is possessed of a fine peal of six, and their melodious tones were heard a long distance away from the church.

As on previous occasions, Mr. W. H. Fussell, of Slough, carried out the duties of adjudicator in an admirable manner. He was accommodated in a room adjacent to the church. Ringing commenced at 11 a.m., and continued (with a break for lunch) until 4.30 p.m., when the last of the competing bands had completed their allotted task. The order of ringing, and the points obtained by the bands, out of a possible 240, were as follows:—

Cefn Coed	223
Talgarth	221
St. Mary's, Brecon	220
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As, however, the first, fourth, sixth, eighth and ninth bands rang methods other than Doubles, they were entitled to a deduction of five points each from the totals shown above, and the final placings in the competition (in order of ringing shown above) were 3, 6, 7, 2, 4, 1, 10, 5, 8 and 9. Cadoxton were thus winners, and second and third places were taken by Llanelly, Breck and Cefn Coed. Certificates were awarded the first three teams, whilst Cadoxton also had the shield.

A company of 80 ringers sat down to an excellent cold luncheon at the Church Schools, whilst the number increased to approximately 100 for tea. The Rev. H. C. Morton (Vicar of Baglan) presided over both gatherings. After tea had been served, the Vicar extended the Guild a hearty welcome into the parish, and stated that he was very pleased to have the privilege of doing something to further the cause of change ringing. Although it was only in 1926 that the competition had previously taken place at Baglan, he would again be pleased to welcome the Guild on another occasion. He then called upon Mr. W. H. Fussell to deliver his adjudication.

Mr. Fussell stated that he was very pleased with the way the several bands had performed their tasks that day, and that the standard of ringing had shown an improvement on former competitions. It was a matter for congratulation that there were four different methods rung upon the bells, viz.: Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Minor and Kent Treble Bob, and this emphasised the fact that the ringers were keen on going ahead by ringing changes other than Grandsire Doubles. It was encouraging to note that the competition was so keen, and that three of the bands had lost no points in falling the bells in peal. The performances, taken as a whole, were highly satisfactory.

The Vicar afterwards presented the shield and certificate to the captain of Cadoxton team (Mr. J. E. Bloxham), and the certificates for second and third places to the captains of Llanelly, Breck and Cefn Coed teams (Messrs. S. T. Rackham and Isaac Reed).—These were suitably acknowledged.

The thanks of the ringers were heartily accorded the Vicar, who, with his churchwardens, Parochial Church Council, and lady helpers, had so magnificently entertained them to a free luncheon and tea.—This was proposed by the Rev. W. Gurnos Davies (Vicar of Llanelly, Breck) in a very humorous speech, and seconded by Mr. David J. Lewis, Cadoxton. Three hearty cheers were then accorded the Vicar and his workers.—The Rev. C. Morton, on behalf of himself and all who had assisted to make the gathering such a success, briefly responded.

The ringers' thanks to Mr. W. H. Fussell were proposed by Mr. S. T. Rackham (Master of the Guild), who was supported by Mr. Charles Powell (hon. treasurer).—Mr. Fussell, in responding, stated that it had been a great pleasure to him to perform his duties, and that if he were spared he would be delighted to come another time if the Guild so desired.

CHEW STOKE RINGER'S DEATH.

The death has occurred at Chew Stoke of Mr. William J. Balch, who passed away at the age of 53 years on May 12th. He was secretary and conductor, and, although he only rang Grandsire Doubles, was most regular in his attendance for service ringing. His illness was quite brief, for he was ringing on the Sunday before he died.

He was laid to rest on May 17th in the churchyard close by the tower he loved. Ringers from Chew Magna, Compton Martin, Pensford, Ubley, Clutton and Stanton rang the bells muffled in memory of a much-respected friend.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on June 16th and 30th, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 14th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 23rd *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 28th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

PRYCE TAYLOR MEMORIAL, LOUGHBOROUGH.—Service at the Parish Church, Loughborough, on Saturday, June 4th, at 3 p.m. The rings of 10 of the Parish Church and of the bell foundry tower will be available after the service. By kind permission of the Rev. Canon Briggs, the Rectory grounds will be open. Tea will be provided in the Fearon Hall.—D. S. Collins, 145, Paget Street, Loughborough.

DEVON GUILD.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Huntsham on Saturday, June 4th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Cowden on Saturday, June 4th. Tower opened 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. — G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The spring meeting will be held at Bennington on June 4th, when the bells will be available as usual. Tea will be provided by the Rector in the Church Room. All ringing friends will be welcome. — W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Great Chishill on Saturday, June 4th. Bells (5) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea on Vicarage lawn, price 1s. each; profits to start fund for new treble bell. Please look up Carter's Doubles and come and make the meeting a great success. Heydon bells available during evening.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Whiston (8 bells) on Saturday, June 4th. A welcome to all. — M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, June 4th, at St. George's, Southwark (Little Dorrit's Church). Bells available 3.30 to 8.30. Break for tea (in vicinity) and meeting 5.30 to 6.30. All friends welcome.—J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Blakenhall, near Wolverhampton, on Saturday, June 4th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service in church 4.30. Business meeting afterwards. — Herbert Sheppard, 49, Hellier Street, Dudley.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—A meeting will be held at Esher on Saturday, June 4th. Bells available 3 p.m., service 4.30, tea and meeting to follow.—H. Hancock, 3, Chobham Road, Otter-shaw, Chertsey.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, June 4th. Service, co-operated with the Diocesan Guilds' Union, in the Cathedral at 3 p.m. Preacher: Archbishop of York. Tea at the Co-operative Café 4.45 (resident members free, non-members 1s. 6d.). Cathedral tower open 2 to 3. St. Peter-at-Gowts and St. Botolph's 1.45 to 2.30. After the meeting the Cathedral and St. Botolph's bells will be available until 9 p.m. and St. Peter-at-Gowts until 7.30 p.m.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 43, Etherington Street, Gainsborough.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—The annual meeting will be held in London on Saturday, June 4th. St. Clement Danes' bells will be available at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at the A.B.C. Tea Rooms opposite, at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow.—M. L. Cross, 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, Kent.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Old Alresford on Saturday, June 4th. Service at 4 p.m., followed by tea at 4.30 in the Village Hall. Owing to unforeseen circumstances, the usual charge for tea will be made. Bells of New Alresford and Bishop Sutton open at 2.—George Noice, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Cathedral View, Winchester.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton and Bedford Districts.—A combined meeting will be held at Husborne Crawley, on Saturday, June 4th. The bells (8), recently augmented, will be ready at 2.30. Tea at 5 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech.—The next meeting will be held at Upwell (6 bells) on Saturday, June 4th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea 5. All ringers welcome.—E. Barter, Dis. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—A quarterly meeting is to be held at Swanage and Kingston on Saturday, June 4th. Ringing at Swanage from 3 p.m. Tea, Oriental Café, 4.45. Service 5.30. Address by Rector (the Rev. W. R. Parr). Ringing at Kingston from 6.30. Coach from Waverley 1.45.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

ALDENHAM, June 4th. — Ringing from 3.30. Tea 5.30, Village Club. Cheap tickets from all stations and coaches to Bushey or Radlett. Buses to church.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—The branch annual meeting will be held at Collingtree on Saturday, June 4th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. — T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next quarterly ringing meeting will be held at Millom on Saturday, June 4th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. — W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Urchfont on Saturday, June 4th. Ringing commences 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea at 5. Chirton and Marden bells also available for ringing during the evening. All ringers welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Semington Road, Melksham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Shenley (6 bells) to-morrow (Saturday), June 4th. Service 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Chaceley to-morrow (Saturday), June 4th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea and business meeting to follow.—H. Wakeford, Ashchurch, Tewkesbury.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—June meetings at St. Clement Danes', Strand, W.C.: Sunday, June 5th, 10 a.m., service ringing; Mondays, 13th and 27th, practice, at 7.30 p.m.—Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec., 15, Camden Grove, Peckham, S.E.15.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The annual meeting will be held at Kelston, near Bath, on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (6) available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those who wish for tea kindly notify me by June 8th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Bath.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Nocton (6) Saturday, June 11th. Bells available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Notification for tea by June 6th prompt to Harold Marcon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, St. Giles, Lincoln.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Beaminster on June 11th. Bells from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5.15. Notification for tea to C. H. Lathey, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, 10, Newfoundland, Bradpole, Bridport.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Harwich on June 11th. Bells available 2.30 to 8 p.m. Tea provided at the Hanover Dining Rooms at 5.15. All are welcome. Will all those intending to be present please notify the district secretary, James R. Sparling, Station Road, Wivenhoe, not later than June 8th?

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next meeting will take place at Great Gaddesden on June 11th. Bells at 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify me by the 9th? This is important.—C. J. Puplett, Hon. Sec., Aylesbury Road, Tring.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Singleton (6 bells) on Saturday, June 11th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30. Visitors welcomed.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Squires Gate, Blackpool.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Anstey on Saturday, June 11th. The bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea in the School at 5 p.m. Notification for same to me by Thursday, June 9th. Business meeting following tea. All members and friends welcome.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Local Hon. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—A special meeting will be held at Croydon on Saturday, June 11th, the nature of business being despatched to each member by post. Bells of St. John's Parish Church (8) available from 3 o'clock and during the evening. St. Peter's (10) during evening only. Service in Parish Church at 5 p.m. Address by the President (the Bishop of Croydon). Tea (free of charge) and meeting following at Parish Hall, Sylverdale Road. Please notify Mr. D. Cooper, 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon, by June 8th, if you are coming to tea. It is the DUTY of every member to be present at this meeting.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec., 18, Guy Road, Beddington.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Stebbing on Saturday, June 11th. Bells from 2.30. Service 5 o'clock. Tea 5.30. Business meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. F. Harrington, Mascot, Stebbing, not later than Thursday, the 9th?—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Wath-on-Deane on Saturday, June 11th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Tea 1s. per head. Please notify me by Tuesday, June 7th. All are welcome.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec., 67, Avenue Road, Wath-on-Deane. The shield contest will be held at Wortley, near Sheffield, on Saturday, July 9th. Draw 2.45 p.m. Entries (6s. per band) close on Saturday, June 25th.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Rotherfield on Saturday, June 11th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock at the George Hotel (1s. 3d. per head). Business meeting to follow. Will all those intending to be present kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, June 8th?—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Divisional Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Barkway bells (8) will be available on Saturday, June 11th, at 3 p.m. Tea, 5.30 p.m., at Wheat-sheaf. Bus service from Royston and Hertford districts. Make up your mind now to come—and enjoy yourselves!—Don Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Offley, Hitchin.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Southern District will be held at Heighington, Saturday, June 11th. Bells (6) available 2 p.m. Dedication of peal board. Ringers requiring tea 1s. 3d. each. Please notify me June 8th. Caterer requires number to avoid excess supply.—J. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 71, Surtees Street, Darlington.

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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch. — A meeting will be held at St. Margaret's, Lowestoft, on Saturday, June 11th. Bells available at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. J. Lee, Hon. Sec., 20, Stanley Road, Great Yarmouth.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —The monthly meeting will be held at Balderstone on Saturday, June 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—H. Hamer, Hon. Sec., 4, Nall Street, Milnrow.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch. —The summer meeting will be held at Bucklebury on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., at 1s. Ringers welcome. Come and have a good time at Bucklebury. Intending visitors please notify the Rev. E. M. Thorp, Bucklebury Vicarage, near Reading, Berks, by Wednesday, June 8th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at Great Crosby on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Please make a special effort to be present. Other details notified at the meeting.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District. —A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Sunbury-on-Thames (8) on Saturday, June 11th. Ringing from 3.30 p.m. Tea in the Parish Room at 5.15 p.m. Shepperton bells (6) available 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Fred W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 16, Nellgrove Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex.

SALISBURY GUILD.—North Dorset Branch. —The next quarterly meeting will be held at Sherborne Abbey (in conjunction with the Ilchester Deanery of the Bath and Wells Association) on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. All welcome. Please notify E. V. Roe, Hon. Sec., Caundle Marsh Rectory, Sherborne, Dorset.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch. —The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, June 11th, at Aston Abbots. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Guild service at 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—E. F. Gibbard, 92, High Street, Winslow, Bucks.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch. —The annual festival will be held at Helmdon on Saturday, June 11th. Lunch (2/6) at 12.30 p.m. Service 2. Tea (6d) 4.30. Ringers from other branches or guilds are asked to notify the Secretary, Rev. R. Howes, Cold Higham Rectory, Towcester, if they will be present at the lunch.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division. —A meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 15th, at Ickleton. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford, Herts.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —A ringing meeting will be held at Churchkirk on Saturday, June 18th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Everybody welcome. These bells go well to all methods.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch. —A meeting of the above branch will be held at Selly Oak Parish Church on Satur-

day, June 18th. Bells will be available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.15 p.m., with address by the Vicar (the Rev. R. P. Steer). Tea and business meeting to follow. Will all those intending to be present please notify me not later than June 14th?—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 18th. Bells: St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) from 3 p.m. Service in Cathedral at 4. Tea and general meeting in Wade Street Schools at 5. Charge for tea, 9d. for those who have paid their subscriptions; to others 1s. 3d. Please let me know by Tuesday, 14th inst. — H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division and The Leeds and District Society. —A joint meeting will be held at Idle on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. For tea please notify Mr. R. Umpleby, 630, Leeds Road, Thackley, not later than June 22nd. Further particulars on circulars. All ringers welcome.—Wm. Ambler, H. Lofthouse, Dis. Secs.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary Notice. —The annual festival will be held at Oxford (D.V.) on Saturday, July 16th. Details of arrangements will be published later.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec.

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