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THE Central Council meeting at Folkestone will pass into history as a happy meeting. There were none of those violent divisions of opinion that disturb the individual tranquillity of life; and while it is true to say that all were not of one voice on the many matters presented, nobody left with a feeling of a grievance. This was the third meeting of the Central Council in Kent. The other two, in 1905 and 1937, were in Canterbury. Genial John Willis, the chairman of the Kent County Association, in his welcome gave a memory of the last meeting from Bert Luck, who recalled that on the occasion of the Council meeting he rang his first plain course of Grandsire Cinques 'in hand' at 1.30 in the morning with a band that then included the Council's secretary, Mr. George Fletcher, and his invaluable assistant, Mrs. Fletcher. Such was the stamina of the Council's officials in those days; despite the heavy demands of the preparation and dealing with the agenda, there was time to get somebody through their first.

There is a real family sense about a Central Council meeting, and this is exemplified by the Holy Communion that marks the beginning of proceedings. The Bishop of Tonbridge was the celebrant at this service and there were more than 100 ringers present. Later in the day the Bishop joined the Mayor in the official welcome, backed up by Canon Hough, the father of a ringing family, and Mr. John Willis on behalf of the host Association.

The fact that the Standing Committee had a very long session on Monday evening—they had a break for a meal and then resumed until 10.30—led everybody to believe that a long Council meeting was in store. The whispers of an evening session of the Council did not materialise—for which the Editor gives sincere thanks—and the proceedings ended at 4.45 with the prospects of the great union in 1961 not amid south coast sunshine but in the industrialised conglomeration of towns at Stoke-on-Trent, where the visit will coincide with the civic jubilee.

Much of the Council's financial stability depends on 'The Ringing World,' and Mr. J. Frank Smallwood was in a happier frame of mind when he presented the report on the journal. Despite the unavoidable increase in price, he held that there was no room for complacency—the drive for new subscribers must continue. A fact that was not brought out was that the paper's profit for 1959 of £587 was due to one thing—the strike. Had production been normal throughout the period of the strike there would undoubtedly have been a loss. The larger issues of 1960, including those of 24 pages, indicate the policy of the Committee of giving the maximum of their resources to their readers. The 24-page issues represent the generosity of those who send contributions with peal and quarter peal reports. The principle of the voluntary levy has been

Devonshire Ringers and the Bath and Wells Association, where a fee is now compulsory. This has been augmented by direct grants from the Oxford and Salisbury Diocesan Guilds. If the movement spreads, fears as to the future will be allayed. This we do know. Even when the accounts of 1960 are completed the true day-to-day position of the paper will not be known, as much of the revenue—over £2,000—was on the old rate of subscription.

Perhaps the biggest surprise of the Council meeting was the recommendation of the Standing Committee, which was accepted without comment by the floor of the house, to recognise a peal of *Minimus*. How this would have rejoiced the heart of the late Mr. Wilfred Hooton, the librarian of the Council, who on more than one occasion asked that something should be done to stimulate and help forward ringing in 4-bell towers. We do not expect many peals under this heading as no band of ringers would ring them for choice. Few would care to encounter the monotony. We do recall, however, that before the war two youthful enthusiasts of the Chester Diocesan Guild rang a peal of *Bob Minimus* 'in hand' at the second attempt. (They broke down at the first because they had forgotten the number of extents they had rung.)

More and more the Council is endeavouring to widen its doors to embrace all church bell ringers. An enquiry has been received from the Devon Association that if they applied for affiliation would they be welcome. An enthusiastic 'Yes,' led by the Rev. John Scott, of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, came from all parts of the hall. There was no argument about round ringers and call-change ringers being outside the pale, the feeling being that they were *Church* ringers. Is this ringing compatible with the views of those who formed the Central Council—'To encourage and assist the development of the art in its scientific aspect as a branch of Church work'? We will leave others to argue this finer point: the writer's view is 'You are doing a job of work for the Church with a bell as I am; can't we both unite?'

In the past there has been a divergence of outlook between the Council and the Central Council of Churches regarding the treatment and care of early bells. A long conference between the two bodies and the bell-founders has resulted in a measure of agreement and a slightly less rigid attitude on the part of 'the Four C's' on the question of recasting. Where an old bell (pre-1600) is ruining a ring of six bells, should it be retained purely on account of its antiquity? There is only one answer that a ringer who has any ear for bell music or appreciation of good striking would give. It is the sincere hope of the Council that 'the Four C's' will accept the amendment of Mr. Lewis, and that the suggestion of keeping an old bell in the churchyard will not go forward. If an old bell is worth keeping,

TEN BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., May 19, 1960, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

At THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

RODERICK J. LEES Treble	MICHAEL ELSON 6
RUTH M. BORDER 2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN 7
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 8
JOHN PINFOLD 4	JOHN McDONALD 9
DAVID J. PURNELL 5	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

MACCESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 28, 1960, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

At CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 23½ cwt.

CAROL FERNLEY Treble	F. JOHN NELSON 6
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. 2	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD 7
EILEEN FEARN 3	A. PETER WHITEHEAD 8
IVOR JENKINS 4	H. DAVID HOLLAND 9
FRANK OSBALDISTON 5	DEREK TAYLOR Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES.

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. H. D. Holland.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wed., May 25, 1960, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in B.

DAVID J. PURNELL Treble	JOHN PINFOLD 5
RUTH M. BORDER 2	ANTHONY AGER 6
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN 7
GEORGE E. FEARN 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by S. J. IVIN.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

At THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

SANDRA E. CHESTERTON .. Treble	JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. 5
PETER J. STANFORTH .. 2	JOHN M. JELLEY .. 6
*PATRICIA A. WARDLE .. 3	A. JAMES POYNOR .. 7
MARTIN C. FAULKES .. 4	C. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Conducted by A. JAMES POYNOR.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' First as conductor on eight.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Patricia A. Wardle, and an engagement compliment to Patricia A. Wardle and Russell S. Morris.

SWANSEA.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 28, 1960, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

*HAZEL WAY Treble	TREVOR M. RODERICK .. 5
JACQUELINE KING 2	GWYN I. LEWIS 6
LESLIE EVANS 3	ROBERT E. COLES 7
J. ARTHUR HOARE 4	DAVID J. KING Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by DAVID J. KING.

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

Rung on the anniversary of the reconsecration of St. Mary's, Swansea.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., May 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5088 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

TERRY PAGE (Downing) .. Treble	DERMOT ROAF (Trinity) .. 5
HILARY MUIRHEAD (Newn.) .. 2	CHRIS. JOHNSON (Selwyn) .. 6
FRANCES SECKER (Girton) .. 3	PETER LANGION (Trinity) .. 7
STAN HOOD (Trin. Hall) .. 4	JAMES TAYLOR (St. Cath.'s) Tenor

Arranged by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by PETER LANGION.

First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Guild.

WARWICK.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr.

*SHIRLEY STROUD Treble	JOHN W. T. TAYLOR 5
RUTH M. BORDER 2	PERCY STONE 6
FRANK W. PERRENS 3	J. L. GARNER-HAYWARD .. 7
HUBERT G. SUMMERS 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by G. BAKER.

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar (Rev. G. M. Smallwood), who was inducted to the living by the Bishop of Coventry on the previous evening.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 28, 1960, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 68 lb. in E flat.

MRS. C. N. LEA Treble	CHARLES N. LEA 5
JOHN E. ANDERSON 2	W. NORMAN PARK 6
KENNETH LAWSON 3	ERIC N. HARRISON 7
ROLAND PARK 4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH Tenor

Composed by ROGER BALDWIN.

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

GREAT TEW, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

On Sun., May 29, 1960, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 10 lb. in D.

JEAN M. ADDICOTT Treble	ANDREW N. STUBBS 5
CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD .. 2	DAVID T. DARBY 6
NICHOLAS J. MARTIN 3	MALCOLM C. CLOKE 7
GEOFFREY M. BREWIN 4	JAMES H. PAILING Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by JAMES H. PAILING.

Rung to mark the tercentenary of the restoration.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

EILEEN M. FEARN Treble	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 5
*JOHN R. GILDEN 2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY 6
BASIL JONES 3	IAN M. HOLLAND 7
CAROL FERNLEY 4	BRIAN HARRIS Tenor

Composed by DENNIS KNOX.

Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

* First peal of Yorkshire.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., June 1, 1960, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5120 KERRY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

MRS. E. T. CHAPMAN .. Treble	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 5
STANLEY E. BENNETT 2	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 6
JOHN E. ALLEN 3	CYRIL R. BURRELL 7
J. MARTIN THORLEY 4	RONALD C. NOON Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

First peal in the method by all.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5088 TOLLESHUNT D'ARCY COLLEGE

BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt.

ALISON M. MANN Treble	BERNARD C. MANN 5
FRANK B. LUFKIN 2	*BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD .. 6
HARRY R. APPLETON 3	ARTHUR HUBBLE 7
*URBAN W. WILDNEY 4	MAURICE E. DOWNS Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* 25th peal together. First peal in the method, which is No. 278 in C.C. Collection.

A 21st birthday compliment to Mrs. Ann Fell, daughter of the seventh ringer.

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CHISLEHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 4, 1960, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.

At the Church of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
A PEAL OF 5024 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in E.

ISOBEL INMAN Treble	DENNIS BERESFORD 5
A. PATRICK CANNON 2	NORMAN V. HARDING 6
IAN H. ORAM 3	CECIL W. PIPE 7
RALPH BIRD 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS Tenor

Composed by JAMES TOPP.

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

First peal in the method on the bells.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Margaret E. L. Beamish and Tom Chapman.

FELSTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 4, 1960, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

At the Church of the Holy Cross.

A PEAL OF 5152 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

MARY ROAST Treble	ALAN R. SYDER 5
PETER J. EVES 2	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. 6
PETER WOOD 3	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 7
PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 4	JOE E. G. ROAST Tenor

Composed by D. R. CARLISLE and G. A. HALLS.

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

First peal in the method by all the band, and on the bells. 125th peal as conductor. First on the bells since rehanging.

An 84th birthday compliment to Mr. Arthur Bradley, of Fryerning, life member of the Essex Association.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 4, 1960, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Andrew.

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

HARRY BOSWELL Treble	ARTHUR V. PEARSON 5
MURIEL REAY 2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN 6
JOHN MACDONALD 3	RODERICK J. LEES 7
JOHN A. ANDERSON 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON.

Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

WOBURN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 4, 1960, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5120 WOBURN SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in D.

RUTH M. BORDER Treble	STEPHEN IVIN 5
ALICK CUTLER 2	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	PETER BORDER 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 4	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method.

ASHFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 6, 1960, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23½ cwt. in E flat.

LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. Treble	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN 6
HARRY POYNER 3	VERNON BOTTOMLEY 7
GEORGE E. FEARN 4	NORMAN V. HARDING Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 6, 1960, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Paul.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

JENNIFER M. DAVIES .. Treble	ROBERT L. PIRON 5
RUTH M. BORDER 2	JOHN B. LONG 6
JAMES G. NEWMAN 3	STEPHEN IVIN 7
KEITH R. WAKEFIELD .. 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

BLAGDON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 6, 1960, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Andrew.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part.

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

*PAULINE BUCKLAND .. Treble	CECIL MOGFORD 5
†MARJORIE LEGG 2	ANTHONY CLEAVER 6
ROBERT BRICE 3	GEORGE PRESCOTT 7
THOMAS HARRIS 4	JOHN BAKER Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

* First peal. † 100th peal.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 6, 1960, in 3 Hours.

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

ALBERT SCOTT Treble	*CECIL WADE 5
RONALD C. NOON 2	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 6
ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 3	GORDON H. LANE 7
STANLEY E. BENNETT 4	*JAMES W. HAW Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

* First peal in the method.

Rung to celebrate the birth of Philip Hamilton, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Haw.

APPLEDORE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 8, 1960, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

LEONARD SHILLWELL .. Treble	MICHAEL THOMSON 5
CYRIL A. WRATTEN 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN 6
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS 3	JOHN R. COOPER 7
FREDERICK E. DUKES 4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

MALDON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 8, 1960, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F.

MARY ROAST Treble	*JAMES L. TOWLER 5
PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 2	†DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 6
ARTHUR HUBBLE 3	†JOE E. G. ROAST 7
SYDNEY C. EASTER 4	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

* First peal of Major. † 100th peal together.

WOBURN SURPRISE MAJOR

—58—4—12—36.14—14.3.14.36.14.5.

8ths place lead-end 14263857. 4ths place bobs.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

FINDON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.
JAMES R. MAPLE Treble	LEONARD SHILLWELL 4
JEAN HORTON 2	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN 5
DOROTHY K. SAUNDERS .. 3	W. LESLIE WELLER Tenor

Conducted by W. LESLIE WELLER.

COSBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 12 cwt. 3 lb. in G.
*M. FRANCINE S. LOAKES .. Treble	ERIC ROBERTS 4
*R. KINGSLEY MASON 2	ALAN E. HARTLEY 5
DAVID F. LEE 3	JOHN B. BENNETT Tenor

Conducted by JOHN B. BENNETT.

* First peal. Rung for the wedding of Princess Margaret.

HARBURY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 14, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

P. A. ORAM Treble	*H. REEVES 4
R. J. EDDEN 2	H. M. WINDSOR 5
T. K. FARROW 3	*G. L. P. ALDHOUSE .. Tenor

Conducted by G. L. P. ALDHOUSE.

* First peal of Minor. First as conductor. First peal on the bells since augmentation.

CHISLET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being two extents each of Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B. and three of Plain Bob.	Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.
*THOMAS C. PHILLIMORE .. Treble	*ERIC T. EADES 4
DEREK C. CHATFIELD 2	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN 5
THOMAS H. HOLMES 3	BERTRAM J. LUCK Tenor

Conducted by DENNIS A. CHAPMAN.

* First peal of Minor in three methods. First of Minor as conductor. First peal in the tower.

Rung to celebrate the restoration of the bells, rededicated by Bishop Rose on May 15th.

MULBARTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., May 22, 1960, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., St. Clement's and Kent T.B., and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 8½ cwt.	
WILLIAM CLOVER Treble	*GILBERT LARTER 4
HENRY TOOKE 2	THOMAS E. SPIGHT 5
PETER ADCOCK 3	GEOFFREY R. DREW Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. DREW.

* First peal.

ALVELEY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 34 extents (ten callings) and four Morris's 240's. Tenor 11 cwt.

JOSEPH L. STANIER Treble	LEO EVANS 4
ROSALINE A. FARLOW 2	HARRY EDGE 5
ALFRED S. BAYLEY 3	FREDERICK W. JONES Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED S. BAYLEY.

First peal on the bells since being restored and rehung.

BELTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Sat., May 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two different extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

RONALD DUCKER Treble	DAVID JOHNSON 4
JANET I. PORTER 2	A. H. HAWCROFT 5
JAMES THORLEY 3	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.

SADDLEWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford T.B., two of Kent T.B. and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in G.

ROGER LEIGH Treble	JOHN P. PARTINGTON 4
MICHAEL D. FISHWICK 2	GORDON ROTHWELL 5
*E. MICHAEL QUINN 3	PHILIP J. H. HUDSON Tenor

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung for the centenary of the laying of the foundation stone of St. Luke's Church, Heywood.

TILLINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of (1) London Surprise, (2) York Surprise, (3) Ipswich Surprise, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Double Oxford Bob, (6) St. Clement's Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*JACK F. EATON Treble	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS 4
IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS 2	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE 5
PATRICK W. SALTMARSH 3	PETER J. EVES Tenor

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

* First peal. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

TONG, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings) Tenor 12 cwt. in A.

*ANTHONY E. STAMP .. Treble	RONALD H. DOVE 4
†HARRY RENSCHAW 2	†C. BARRIE DOVE 5
*GAEL BROWN 3	*GEOFFREY D. ARMITAGE Tenor

Conducted by C. BARRIE DOVE.

* First peal. † First 'inside.' First as conductor.

HAPPISBURGH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., May 29, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-TH-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents (two callings). Tenor 11½ cwt.	
HENRY TOOKE Treble	*GILBERT LARTER 4
WILLIAM CLOVER 2	THOMAS E. SPIGHT 5
PETER ADCOCK 3	GEOFFREY R. DREW Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. DREW.

* First peal of Surprise Minor.

Rung to honour the engagement of Miss Mary Maddison and Mr. Roy Mills.

GLOSSOP, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 4, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 17 cwt. 13 lb. in F.	
*CHRISTINE LIVSEY .. Treble	EDWARD SHUTTLEWORTH .. 4
BERNARD GROVES 2	JOHN ROBINSON 5
GORDON RUMNEY 3	PETER DALE Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD GROVES.

* First peal of Minor.

MARSTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 4, 1960, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising two extents St. Columb and ten each of Old, Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 5 cwt. in G.

NOEL D. DEAN Treble	*T. MICHAEL RYAN 3
ALEC GAMMON 2	ROY H. JONES 4
EDWARD VENN Tenor	

Conducted by EDWARD VENN.

* First peal.

Rung to commemorate the wedding of Princess Margaret.

MELDRETH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 4, 1960, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11½ cwt.	
*HENRY LEWIS Treble	D. WILLIAM NEWMAN 4
†HUGH BISHOP 2	ALLAN GRIFFIN 5
ALFRED MYNOTT 3	GEORGE E. THODAY Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. THODAY.

* First peal at first attempt. † First 'inside.'

STOKE TRISTER, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 4, 1960, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt.	
RONALD G. BECK Treble	VICTOR ROBERTS 4
ERIC NAYLOR 2	EDWARD J. CHIVERS 5
ERIC C. WADMAN 3	DAVID HOARE Tenor

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

SUTTON BINGER, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 4, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In five methods, being two extents of St. Martin's and ten each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grand-sire. Tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp.

TERENCE J. MILSOM .. Treble	J. JAMES JEFFERIES 3
CLIFF J. RICHARDS 2	CEDRIC J. A. BROWN 4
ALAN F. LEE Tenor	

Conducted by CEDRIC J. A. BROWN.

First peal in five methods by all. First on the bells.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION Southern District

A good attendance of over 50 members was one of the factors that contributed towards the success of the annual meeting of the Southern District held jointly with the Doncaster and District Society at All Saints', Arksey, on May 21st. Early visitors were met by genial host Mr. Ernest Cooper, who entertained with some interesting anecdotes of Arksey. The stories of the ten year old boy who married a woman of 61 and the daughter who died the same year as her mother, the daughter being older than her mother, were proved conclusively by reference to the respective gravestones.

The light ring of eight bells in the central tower of this lovely old church at Arksey were put to good use during the afternoon and evening. Barnby Dun's bells were also made available during the afternoon and so great was the demand for a ring on this handy six that the Rector and local company very kindly volunteered their further use after the tea and meeting.

Tea was provided in the Church Hall by the local ladies. The Vicar, Rev. H. H. Naylor, joined the company at tea and afterwards presided at the business meeting. The chief item of business was the election of Mr. Norman Chaddock to the office of Southern District vice-president. The retiring vice-president, Mr. Dan Smith, had only been able to attend occasional meetings since his serious illness, four years ago. Tributes to Mr. Smith's work for the District since his election in 1945 and wishes for his future health and happiness were paid by Mr. F. Brunt, Mr. H. Chant and Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert. Mr. David Cubitt was elected to the office vacated by Mr. Chaddock on the General Committee. Mr. T. Cutts was re-elected and Mr. F. J. Jackson and Mrs. E. D. Kelly were elected to sit on the District Committee.

The following were elected new members of the Association: Mr. T. W. Crossley and Miss Linda Gott (Wakefield), Mr. R. Watkinson (Tickhill) and Miss Lynn Thompson (Handsworth).

It was decided that the next meeting of the Southern District should be held jointly with the Sheffield District Society at Rotherham on August Bank Holiday Monday, providing the Sheffield Society were in agreement. A collection made for the Bell Repair Fund realised the sum of £1 3s. 9d. Attention was drawn to the next Jasper Snowdon Commemoration dinner, to be held at Rotherham on October 22nd. There is accommodation for up to 250.

MR. JOHN R. SMITH'S 400 PEALS

Mr. John R. Smith, of Southrepps, Norwich, has rung his 400th peal. His list is an interesting one.—

Doubles.—3 methods 1.
Minor.—1-14 methods 68 (conducted 30); Cambridge 5 (2); London 4 (2); 7 Surprise 1.
Triples.—Stedman 18 (2); Grandsire 2 (1); Plain 1.

Major.—Various Plain methods 26 (8); T.B. methods 4 (3); Surprise: Cambridge 30 (2); Superlative 14 (1); London 19; Bristol 25; Yorkshire 28 (3); Bedford 2; Lincolnshire 3; Aldenham 3; Rutland 4; Lyme 2; 4 Spliced 3; 1 each of Dublin, Belgrave, Painswick, Aylestone, Loughborough, Helmingham, Dorchester, York, Biddenham, Frolesworth, 6 Spliced.

Caters.—Stedman 7; Grandsire 2.
Royal.—Cambridge 18; Yorkshire 12; Metropolitan 2; York 2; 1 each of Bedford, Belgrave New Cambridge, Rutland, Albanian, Wye, London No. 3, Pontefract, 2 Spliced.

Cinques.—Stedman 7; Grandsire 2.
Maximus.—Cambridge 10; Yorkshire 7; Albanian 2; Aldenham 2; Bristol 2; 4 Spliced 3; 8 Spliced 3; 1 each of Rochester, Bedford, Lindsey, Belgrave, Wigston, Leicestershire, Rutland, Superlative, Pudsey, Buckingham, Buckinghamshire, Metropolis, Langley, Stonegate, Gartree, Framland; 2 Spliced, 3 Spliced 6 Spliced, 7 Spliced, 5 Spliced, 10 Spliced, 12 Spliced.

In hand.—Minor: Plain 4 (4); Major: Plain 8 (1); Royal: Plain 1.
On tower bells: 287 (54).
On handbells: 13 (5).

SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE – No. 25



MR. T. J. LOCK, A.R.I.C.S., A.I.A.S.

Secretary, Middlesex County Association

Mr. Tom Lock is very well known throughout the Exercise, not only because he is secretary of the most important ringing associations, but because of the many successful ringing tours he has organised since 1951, which have extended from Yorkshire to Hampshire, and Suffolk to South Wales. The quality of the performances and the standard of striking on these tours have done much to increase interest in the art, and have encouraged many ringers to avail themselves of the opportunity to tackle the higher methods, and improve their standard of ringing. Tom Lock will not tolerate slovenly ringing, and he is very exacting in his demand that the peals rung on his tours shall be an example of what good ringing should be.

He was born at Woolton Hill, Hants, in 1909, and moved from the choir to the ringing

chamber when his voice broke in 1924, at the invitation of the captain, Harry Balaam, a one armed ringer who now lives at Basingstoke. Completing his education at Newbury Grammar School, he went to London in 1927 and joined the Willesden band. Here he rang his first peal on December 20th, 1927.

In 1938 he married Kathleen M. Bradford, a well known and highly accomplished ringer, who has served as president of the Ladies' Guild. They went to live at North Mymms, and Tom became captain of the local band. His wife serves as assistant organist at the same church. They have two sons, the oldest is reading Theology at Hertford College, Oxford University, the younger son being still at school. Tom Lock is a chartered quality surveyor by profession, and is a local government officer, responsible for millions of pounds worth of building contract work, which includes the provision of new houses. His services were in great demand as lecturer at evening classes and some of the leading technical colleges.

He has been a staunch stalwart of the Middlesex Association, and served as District Ringing Master, 1935 to 1938; District secretary, 1938-1958, and was appointed general secretary in 1957, serving in both capacities for one year. In succeeding the late E. J. Turner as general secretary, he had a colossal task—but he has filled the position to everybody's satisfaction to date, and the Association is now one of the leading ringing organisations. Elected to the Central Council in 1946, he has served on the Standing Committee, and was a member of the sub-committee formed to recommend a successor to Mr. E. H. Lewis—when he retired from the presidency.

His peals total by March, 1960, was 600, half of them for the Middlesex Association. His first peal as conductor was in 1934, and he rang his first 12 bell peal at Bow in 1938. His list includes over 100 different Surprise Major methods, over half of that number being methods rung for the first time. He has taken part in name peals, married couples' peals and silent peals; has circled Willesden tower to peals 10 times, and also once each at Southwark, Eriti and N. Mymms. He has completed 21 years on the Parochial Church Council, served on various committees of that body, and is a sidesman. From all this it will be seen he leads a busy life—but he found time in 1951 to organise and provide accommodation for ringers who visited the Festival of Britain, JAFUS.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD West Lindsey Branch

Belton, in the Isle of Axholme, whose bells have recently been augmented from four to six, had its first meeting when members of the West Lindsey Branch went there on May 21st, a number of visitors being among the 70 ringers present. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. A. L. Adams) and the lesson was read by one of the Belton ringers.

Following an excellent tea in the Village Hall, the Rev. A. L. Adams took the chair for the business meeting in the absence of the vice-president (Mr. C. H. Baker), who was involved with the B.B.C. in connection with the recent broadcast from Gainsborough Parish Church, where he is Ringing Master.

In congratulating the Belton ringers on their new bells, the secretary (Mr. G. L. A. Lunn) said that the occasion was especially noteworthy as the last augmentation from four to six bells to take place in the Gainsborough District (now the West Lindsey Branch) was over 50 years ago.

Further ringing followed in the evening when Epworth bells were also available.

The peal rung at Compton Dando on May 13th (see page 364) consisted of 15 extents of Plain Bob and 27 of Grandsire and not as printed.

WOLVERCOTE'S WEEK-END TOUR

Wales was the venue for this year's week-end tour of Wolvercote ringers and friends from in and around Oxford on May 14th. Abergavenny was the first stop of the coach and on this fine ten touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters were rung. Llangattock (8) was visited before lunch at the nearby County House Hotel.

Ringling in the afternoon was at St. Mary's, Brecon (8), and Llandovery (6) and after tea at Llanbadarn Fawr (8), where a short service was held. The night was spent at an hotel at Aberystwyth.

On the Sunday morning there was morning service ringing at Llanbadarn Fawr before returning to the hotel for lunch. Nantmel (6) and New Radnor (6) were visited on the return journey before crossing into Hertfordshire. On the delightful eight at Eardisland, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise Major were enjoyed. A song dedicated to the tour was written and rendered on the way home.

Thanks are due to Mr. N. Chamberlain for his unceasing enthusiasm in organising such a successful and enjoyable week-end and also to incumbents and ringers in towers visited.

Bells will be heard prior to the broadcast service on Sunday morning, June 19th, at 9.45 a.m. on the Midland and West Home Service of the B.B.C., from Diss Parish Church, Norfolk.

HALF PEAL

DRONFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.—On May 31st, 2,520 Plain Bob Minor: M. Allen 1, Angela Scutt 2, K. R. Goodall 3, R. Bradbury 4, G. N. Goodall 5, L. Goodall (cond.) 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Roy Bradbury (local ringer) on his engagement to Miss Margaret Beaumont.

ALDRINGTON, WILTS.—On June 4th, 1,260 Doubles (in 5 methods): J. J. Jefferies (cond. Reverse St. Bartholomew) 1, C. J. Richards (cond. Plain Bob) 2, T. J. Milsom (cond. St. Martin) 3, C. J. Brown (cond. Grandsire) 4, A. F. Lee (cond. Reverse Canterbury) 5. First quarter in 5 methods for ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 4. Most methods rung on the bells.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Frances P. Gilbert 1, D. H. Paine 2, Gwyneth R. Paine 3, Valerie Mephram 4, R. D. Brown (cond.) 5, V. F. Gough 6. First quarter peal for Frances Gilbert, Rung for Rogation Day.

AMERSHAM, BUCKS.—On May 26th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: J. E. Camp (cond.) 1, A. K. Forrin 2, Mrs. E. G. Swift 3, G. Orchard 4, D. C. Lawson 5, R. I. Rothwell 6. First of Stedman for 2, 4 and 5. Rung for Evensong on Ascension Day.

AUGHTON, LANCs.—On May 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Bro. J. N. Brown 1, Bro. N. Heaps 2, Bro. A. Sandford 3, W. Bro. Ashcroft 4, W. Bro. E. C. Birkett 5, W. Bro. T. Rothwell 6, W. Bro. T. R. Butler (cond.) 7, W. Bro. J. Rothwell 8. For a Masonic service.

AYLESTONE, LEICESTER.—On May 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Marie Davenport 1, C. L. Powdrill 2, Sandra E. Chesterton 3, Rev. P. B. Blackman 4, P. Martin 5, T. I. Roper 6, A. J. Poyner (cond.) 7, P. A. Wardle 8. For Ascension Day Evensong.

BATH, SOMERSET.—On May 29th, at the Abbey, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: H. J. Merrett 1, Mrs. D. Evans 2, J. J. Jefferies 3, W. J. Prescott 4, C. G. Parsons 5, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 6, J. R. C. Tiley 7, S. A. Read 8, P. W. Weeks 9, J. W. Owen 10. First of Caters for 3, 5 and 7. An 81st birthday compliment to W. J. Prescott, tower Master of Bath Abbey.

BECKENHAM, KENT.—On May 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss H. Oakshett 1, M. F. Oakshett 2, D. G. Brown 3, P. W. Cave 4, Miss J. Hoskins 5, D. Randall 6, J. W. Smith (cond.) 7, Mrs. C. Shiers 8. For Sunday evening service.

BENFIELDSIDE, CO. DURHAM.—On June 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Lishman 1, J. Vickery 2, G. Wall 3, N. Errington 4, C. T. Lamb (cond.) 5, R. Oliver 6. Rung as a compliment to ringer of fourth, for his parents' diamond jubilee wedding anniversary.

BENSON, OXON.—On May 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Howes 1, P. Wilson 2, J. Godman (cond.) 3, R. D. Wells 4, J. Cherrill (first 'inside') 5, S. Pether (first quarter) 6. Rung on St. Helen's Day for Patronal Festival.

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral, on April 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob): M. J. Hobbs 1, Gillian M. Husey 2, J. R. Goodenough 3, C. J. Richards 4, D. J. Hunt (cond.) 5. First in three methods 1, 2, 3, and 4. Also on May 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. J. Hobbs (first of Stedman) 1, C. J. Richards (first of Stedman) 2, D. J. Hunt 3, F. J. Sampson 4, F. C. Mogford 5, P. J. Bird (cond.) 6, D. E. Cobb 7, F. R. Husey 8. For Commonwealth Youth service.

BURMARSH, KENT.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Fagg 1, Mrs. F. Watts 2, F. Watts 3, Miss A. Rayner 4, C. T. Hillis (cond.) 5, B. Watts 6. For Evensong.

CAMBRIDGE.—On May 15th, at St. Andrew the Great, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Surprise Minor: Jennifer Davies 1, D. J. Roaf (cond.) 2, H. E. Bishop 3, M. D. S. Hood 4, H. J. Verity 5, J. R. Taylor 6. For Evensong. Also on May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Griffin 1, F. A. Seeker 2, J. Schofield (cond.) 3, H. E. Bishop 4, D. P. Davies (first quarter) 5, J. R. Taylor 6, D. J. Roaf 7, Hilary Muirhead.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Lilian Butler 1, Denise Hesbrook 2, M. Mullah 3, H. Butler 4, G. Bradbury (cond.) 5, A. Armstrong 6. Rung as a tribute to the late Rev. W. E. Walkerdine, a former Vicar of Shreshill, for 32 years.

CAYTHORPE, LINCs.—On May 28th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples: J. Bennett 1, G. Scott 2, S. Proctor (cond.) 3, G. Ingleby 4, H. Squires 5, J. Cragg 6, L. Squires 7, G. King 8. For Caythorpe Feast.

QUARTER PEALS

CHESTER.—At St. Mary-within-the-Walls, on April 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): Patricia Sibley 1, Mrs. P. Tucker 2, Edna Price 3, H. O. Baker (cond.) 4, R. King 5, R. Lee 6, R. C. H. Sibley 7. Also on May 1st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Patricia Sibley 1, Mrs. P. Tucker 2, Edna Price 3, R. King 4, H. O. Baker (cond.) 5, R. C. H. Sibley 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. F. Edge, churchwarden at the above church. Also on May 8th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): Patricia Sibley 1, Mrs. P. Tucker 2, Edna Price 3, Anthea A. Baker 4, R. King 5, H. O. Baker (cond.) 6, R. C. H. Sibley 7. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Margaret Sibley, daughter of the ringer of the 7th. Also on May 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Anthea A. Baker 1, Mrs. P. Tucker 2, Edna Price 3, Janet M. P. Raban 4, H. O. Baker (cond.) 5, T. Holmes 6, R. King 7, R. C. H. Sibley 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Mr. Joseph Thomas, who was for many years a worshipper at the above church and who was cremated this day. Rung by the Sunday service band, with the help of the ringer of the 6th, who was from Hoole.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.—On May 24th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Ann Godfrey 1, S. Kathleen M. Knight 2, C. R. C. Coussmaker 3, S. A. Scott (first of Triples 'inside') 4, W. G. Challen 5, J. S. Still (first of Triples 'inside') 6, E. Winifred Keys (cond.) 7, P. J. M. Bright (first of Triples) 8. Rung following the Festival Evensong of Chichester Theological College. Ringers of 3 and 8 are members of the College.

Hints For Beginners — 25

When ringing never attempt to put other bells right unless you are absolutely sure what they should be doing.

CHIPSTABLE, SOMERSET.—On June 4th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire): H. Purchase (cond.) 1, H. V. Young 2, A. Turner 3, E. Quick 4, G. Sparks 5, R. Purchase 6.

CLAINES, WORCESTER.—On May 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. J. Stanier 1, D. Price (first of Stedman Triples) 2, A. Morgan 3, T. W. Lewis 4, D. Beacham 5, R. Woodyard (cond.) 6, G. E. Evenden 7, H. Homans 8.

COMBE FLOREY, SOMERSET.—On June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Ford 1, M. Baker 2, H. Cavill 3, S. Parish 4, E. J. Ford (cond.) 5, J. J. Ford 6. A birthday compliment to Raymond Ford.

COMPTON DANDO, SOMERSET.—On June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. M. P. Swann 1, Mrs. A. J. Frith 2, L. B. Coles 3, C. Allward 4, F. C. Mogford (cond.) 5, S. Bates 6. For Confirmation service.

CRANFORD, MIDDx.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Goodfellow 1, Josephine Pole 2, June Richardson 3, P. Woodgayer 4, D. Fowles (cond.) 5, J. Goodfellow 6. For the Patronal Festival.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—On May 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss H. Oakshett 1, G. T. Jennings 2, Miss M. A. Ladd 3, E. J. Ladd 4, M. F. Oakshett 5, E. J. Jenner 6, J. W. Smith (cond.) 7, B. V. Collison 8.

DANEHILL, SUSSEX.—On June 5th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 660 Plain Bob): Betty Butler 1, Peggy Butcher 2, A. Fuller 3, June Carter 4, A. Butcher (cond.) 5, W. Sale 6. First in 2 methods for 1, 2 and 3. For Whit Sunday and a 14th birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

DUNHOLME, LINCs.—On May 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Coddington 1, B. A. Fox 2, J. Blaikie (cond.) 3, B. W. Smith 4, J. Godfrey 5, P. Burton 6. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Brian W. Smith. Also on June 4th, 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: J. M. Smith (first quarter) 1, W. S. Smith (cond.) 2, T. R. Smith 3, B. W. Smith 4, J. Godfrey 5, B. Clarke (first quarter) 6. Rung for Whit Sunday, Sung Eucharist, and to congratulate Charlie and Joyce on the birth of a son this day. The Smith family ringing in the above quarter peal are father, two sons and 13 year old daughter.

EASTHAM, CHESHIRE.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob and Single (Oxford): B. C. W. Jenks 1, Miss G. Halford 2, Mrs. F. R. Ferris 3, F. R. Ferris 4, R. E. D. Hamm 5, K. C. Edwards (first as cond.) 6. For Rogation Sunday.

ELSTOW, BEDS.—On May 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Felicity Prole 1, B. Law (first quarter) 2, Marion Clarke 3, B. Huckle 4, P. Wakeman 5, P. Newing (cond.) 6.

EUSTON, SUFFOLK.—On June 4th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Ivings 1, Mrs. H. Ivings 2, W. Ivings 3, H. Ivings 4, J. E. Ivings (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the Rev. Paul Greaves, of Rougham, interred this day at Hardington Mandeville, Somerset.

FELMERSHAM, BEDS.—On May 25th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: R. Piron 1, Kathleen Rivett 2, Mary Mann 3, C. Payne 4, P. Newing (cond.) 5, P. Wakeman 6, F. W. Rivett 7, C. Mann 8. A 21st birthday compliment to P. Wakeman.

FEN DITTON, CAMBS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. E. Bishop 1, T. G. Page 2, P. H. Langton (cond.) 3, M. D. S. Hood 4, D. J. Kirby 5. For morning service.

FINCHLEY, MIDDx.—On May 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: B. Watson (first quarter) 1, T. Bevan 2, F. Barker 3, M. Soper 4, A. Warren 5, Miss R. Foreman 6, B. Willis (cond.) 7, L. Tubbs 8. Rung for Evensong on Ascension Day.

GREAT HALE, LINCs.—On May 23rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Bird 1, Daphne Brown 2, P. Fenney 3, R. Trevitt 4, E. A. Cole (cond.) 5, G. T. Browa 6. Rung to congratulate the 'Good Companions' Club' on their achievements.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.—On May 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. C. R. Lovatt 1, C. R. Lovatt 2, Mrs. R. Downing 3, C. W. Pipe 4, J. Bennett (cond.) 5, E. W. Pearce 6, R. Downing 7, D. H. Buxton 8. For Confirmation service.

HALIFAX, YORKs.—At the Church of All Souls, on May 29th, 1,312 Spliced Surprise Major (London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative): M. Vivien Copping 1, Patricia Reeve 2, D. S. Hollas 3, Freda Scott 4, C. F. Bryant 5, J. H. Fielden (cond.) 6, J. F. Bryant 7, C. Sweeney 8.

HARRIETSHAM, KENT.—On June 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Bristow 1, S. N. Scott 2, P. Baichlor 3, D. G. Smith 4, P. E. Deverill (cond.) 5, D. A. Hatton 6. Rung on the back six, and to celebrate the 28th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Deverill, parents of the conductor. First quarter for all except the ringer of the second bell. All participants are still attending school.

HEVERSHAM, WESTMORLAND.—On May 28th, 1,440 Hereward Bob Minor: T. Metcalfe 1, D. Lawson 2, Judy Moir 3, L. D. Clement 4, W. G. Wilson 5, W. J. Couperthwaite (cond.) 6. First quarter in method for all the band, on the bells and in the county. Rung for the 100th anniversary of the installation of the church clock.

HILLINGDON, MIDDx.—On May 28th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: F. C. Price 1-2, Mrs. J. Hill 3, M. W. Seymour 4, J. Sexton (first quarter on 10) 5, D. Ward (Slough) 6, F. W. Goodfellow (cond.) 7, J. Hill 8, W. H. Coles 9, C. A. Ashpool 10. Rung for the Deanery Choir Festival at St. John's.

HURST, BERKS.—On May 26th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. C. A. Ede (first of Major) 1, Miss S. A. Castle 2, Mrs. B. C. Castle 3, Mrs. A. J. Rance 4, R. K. Rivers 5, A. J. Rance 6, H. Smith 7, B. C. Castle (cond.) 8. For the Feast of the Ascension.

KENWYN, TRURO, CORNWALL.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. R. Rowe 1, Miss V. W. Matthews 2, C. K. Brewer 3, A. F. Burley 4, H. Harper (cond.) 5, A. E. Matthews 6. Rung before the 8 a.m. celebration of Holy Communion.

KINGS LANGLEY, HERTS.—On May 26th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: W. Ayre 1, Miss G. E. Graney 2, D. J. Goodman 3, Miss M. Erik 4, K. D. Waples 5, R. J. Picton 6, R. V. Wallis 7, B. M. Barker (cond.) 8. For Ascension Day.

KIRK ELLA, YORKs.—On Whit Sunday, 1,300 Minor (720 Spliced Chidwall and St. Clement's Bob, 580 Spliced Plain and Little Bob): I. N. Goldthorpe 1, K. Goldthorpe 2, P. J. Came 3, J. R. Perrett 4, D. S. Johnson 5, J. S. Rank (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

LINCOLN.—At the Cathedral, on June 5th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: C. E. Brown 1, S. A. Chambers 2, R. F. Smith 3, P. A. Sharp 4, W. Tomlinson (cond.) 5, L. Willders 6, H. Lowman 7, H. L. Pask 8, J. Walden 9, G. R. Parker 10.

LONDON, E.C.—On May 29th, at St. Olave's, Hart Street, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. E. Sibson 1, Miss E. J. Langton 2, P. Hull 3, G. Salmon 4, C. M. Pain 5, G. Pratt 6, M. R. Rose 7, R. J. Trebilcock (first of Major as cond.) 8. For Sung Eucharist.

MADELEY, SHROPS.—On May 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Pritchard 1, J. L. Stanier 2, Miss E. Jones 3, Miss D. E. Lewis 4, F. W. Jones (cond.) 5, H. Hyde 6. A 48th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. T. Pritchard, also to mark his 53 years' ringing service.

QUARTER PEALS

MELLS, SOMERSET.—On May 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss H. Young (first on 8) 1, E. Wadman 2, A. Mundy 3, J. Moore 4, D. Hoare 5, E. Nash 6, E. Chivers (first as cond.) 7, R. Beck 8.

MORTON, DERBYS.—On June 1st, 1,272 Minor (720 Oswald Delight and 552 Kent and Oxford T.B.): H. Wagstaff 1, M. Foster 2, G. Challans 3, C. Wright 4, B. A. Richards (cond.) 5, H. T. Rooke 6. Rung as a farewell to the Rector, the Rev. F. Crosse, M.C., who is taking the living of Upton Magna, Salop.

NETTLEHAM, LINCS.—On May 26th, 1,320 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): H. A. Burton 1, C. H. Jeffery 2, J. Pearson 3, J. M. Burton 4, W. R. Parker (cond.) 5. For Evensong on Ascension Day.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On June 6th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Wendy Bowak 1, H. King (cond.) 2, L. Cordell 3, S. King 4, M. McQuistan 5, T. Airey (first quarter) 6. Rung at family service for T. Airey.

PENN, STAFFS.—On April 3rd, and also on April 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. T. Ford 1, D. G. Smith 2, E. Stith 3, Annette Frost 4, C. Griffiths 5, J. A. Roden 6, E. G. Bowyer (cond.) 7, C. F. W. Eyre 8. Rung on both occasions for Matins. Also on May 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Stith 1, G. Smallwood 2, J. A. Roden 3, Annette Frost 4, C. Griffiths 5, A. Williams 6, E. G. Bowyer (cond.) 7, C. F. W. Eyre 8. Rung on the evening of the funeral, to the memory of Mrs. E. B. Twentyman, a friend of the ringers. The bells were rung 'open' at Mrs. Twentyman's own request.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—At the Church of St. Andrew, on Whit Sunday, June 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. W. Milford 1, T. G. Myers (cond.) 2, F. E. Day 3, H. F. Myers 4, D. F. Wheeler 5, S. O'Shaughnessy 6, A. W. Myers 7, W. H. Marks 8. For Evensong.

PRITTELLWELL, ESSEX.—On May 15th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. B. C. Sadler 1, G. Bacon 2, B. C. Sadler 3, J. Belcham 4, D. E. Belcham 5, P. A. Sadler (cond.) 6, P. Sloman 8. For Girl Guides' Renewal of Promise.

PUTNEY, S.W.—On June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Bull 1, M. Lewis 2, B. Coatsworth 3, C. Mew (cond.) 4, A. Clayton 5. First quarter on five bells for al. For Whit Sunday Evensong.

RYE, SUSSEX.—On May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7-6-8 covering): Rosemary C. Hicks 1, Felicity M. A. Rooke 2, Gillian Sewell (first quarter 'inside') 3, A. J. Hicks (cond.) 4, C. Knowles 5, S. Skinner 6, J. Small 7, T. Longley 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Geoffrey Smith, former tower captain.

SANDON, ESSEX.—On May 27th, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): Mrs. J. Harrison 1, Miss J. Groves 2, Miss P. A. Edwards 3, R. J. Harrison 4, P. W. Saltmarsh (cond.) 5. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Wendy R. Austin 1, Fredericka R. Underhill (first quarter 'inside') 2, J. Grensted 3, J. Davey (first of Triples) 4, G. Eastman 5, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 6, S. B. Dobbie 7, G. Kenward 8. For Matins at which His Grace the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury gave the address.

SOUTH MARSTON, WILTS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): Miss M. R. Whiting (first quarter) 1, H. Pope 2, E. C. Anger 3, T. Stone 4, P. Anger (cond.) 5, L. Woodward 6.

STANWELL, MIDDY.—On April 17th, 1,272 Spliced Doubles (10 methods): J. Pickett (13, first quarter) 1, C. Fynes (cond.) 2 and 3, K. Young (12) 4, D. Pickett 5, D. Evans 6. To welcome back J. Pickett. Also on April 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Boyd 1, C. Fynes (cond.) 2 and 3, D. Pickett 4, D. Morgan 5, M. Lane 6. To welcome the new curate. Also on May 22nd, 720 Cambridge Surprise, 540 Plain Bob: D. Pickett 1, C. Fynes (cond.) 2 and 3, K. Young 4, C. Burgess 5, M. Lane 6. For Evensong. Also on May 28th, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise: D. Pickett 1, Mrs. Blagrove 2, M. Lane 3, K. Young 4, C. Fynes 5, F. Blagrove (cond.) 6.

WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On May 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Gale 1, S. Bristow 2, H. V. Young 3, C. Tarr 4, G. Sparkes (cond.) 5, W. J. Nurcome 6, F. Casley 7, W. Baker 8. Rung on 70th anniversary of founding of Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, by members of four towers, Wiveliscombe, Milverton, Ashbrittle and Chipstable.

WOODFORD, NORTHANTS.—On May 6th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Groom 1, Miss M. Kibble 2, Miss A. Hales 3, A. Sansom 4, V. A. Headland (cond.) 5, M. Bosworth 6.

LETTERS

MISLAID LETTER

Dear Sir.—Some time ago our new vicar, at Tonbridge, received a letter from an outing organiser in Glamorgan—we think. This letter has been mislaid and I would be grateful if you could publish a short note in 'The Ringing World' asking the writer to contact me at the address below, if Tonbridge bells are still required for his outing.—Yours sincerely,

W. H. DOBBIE.

13, Baltic Road,
Tonbridge.

CONGRATULATIONS

Dear Sir.—I would like to congratulate Mr. Roy D. Tomlin on calling his first peal, Holt's Original. Seldom to my knowledge has such a feat been performed, and in these days when peals of Triples are scarce, such a peal comes as a welcome change.

W. SHEPHERD.

Addlestone.

INGENUITY AT ACCRINGTON

Dear Sir.—Our ringing room at St. James', Accrington, is not large and when the bells were made into eight in 1953, we found that there was no point at which a straight stair could come up behind the rope circle without having a trap-door on which a ringer would have to stand.

Eventually we built a wooden circular staircase (about 12 feet high) in the centre of the rope circle. It is covered by a hatchway, about three feet high, which, when closed, acts as a table. There are many other towers where this would appear to be the best means of access. The cost was about £10 and no special joinery work is involved, although we made many experimental plans and even a quarter scale model! We also built a 'lantern' roof and have installed new floors in the clock and ringing rooms.—Yours truly,

R. LEIGH.

Hindley, Wigan.

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Two close peal ringing friends, on the Central Council, decided to stay at the headquarters hotel and their respective wives at another hotel. On the first evening they took their respective wives to the headquarters hotel to dinner. After the meal when the ladies had retired the waiter whispered: 'You two have not taken a lot of time in getting a couple of friends!'

Mr. Alan R. Bridges has taken the post of head cook and catering officer at the British Legion Hospital, Nayland, Colchester.

'A get well quickly' message was sent from the Central Council members to Mrs. Marshall, who is still laid up with a broken leg.

On his way to the Central Council meeting, Mr. Peter Bond was involved in a car accident. He was able to be present at the afternoon session.

Who is the young lady who decided to paint her toe nails orange for her hospitalisation? At any rate we send our good wishes for her tonsillotomy operation on June 20th.

Christopher Rogers, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rogers, of Isleworth, has been awarded a senior scholarship at St. Paul's School. He is a member of the British contingent going to Greece in July to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the Boy Scout movement in that country.

Masters of Ceremonies at the social at headquarters following the Central Council meeting, at Folkestone, were two parsons—the Revs. K. W. H. Felstead and the Rev. John Scott. When one was exhausted the other maintained the fun. Round singing followed hand-bell stunts. We did not know that the Exercise had so many fine basses. We hope to publish the verses of Mr. Scott in an early issue.

A correspondent points out that recently the band of St. Paul's, Bedford, has provided Master for the Cambridge University Guild, the Oxford University Society, and Durham University Society. Secretaries have been provided for Cambridge, Oxford, Reading and Southampton University Guilds or Societies, the Ladies' Guild and two district secretaries of the Bedfordshire Association.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Some 23 Masonic brethren had an enjoyable meeting in London recently. The ringing included a good half course of Cambridge Royal at St. Clement Danes' and also visits to St. Giles-in-the-Fields and St. Olave's, Hart Street. The next meeting will be on June 3rd, 1961, in Birmingham.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. A. E. Lock, of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, is in hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. E. Orland, of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, has been accepted for training for the Ministry at Lichfield Theological College.

A pair of kestrel hawks are rearing a family of four on the window sill of the belfry in Tawstock, Devon. Not even the ringing of bells disturbs them.

Ringling in a touch of Grandsire Triples at Lympe during the Whitsun visit were a grandmother, mother and daughter, a father, mother and son and a husband and wife. Who were they?

Mr. Henry C. Lewis, of Fitzwilliam House, Cambridge, who rang his first peal at Meldreth on June 4th, had his first lesson in 'hunting' at Great St. Andrew's Church, Cambridge, in February.

We are asked to state that when a new method is rung, the method and the composition of the peal should be sent to the convener of the Records Committee (Mrs. Fletcher), The White House, Caister-on-Sea, Norfolk.

Latest news from Sydney, N.S.W., is that they are practising Yorkshire Surprise Major and hope to score a quarter peal within a month. By the way, Yorkshire was the most popular method for Surprise peals in 1959, there being 120 against 100 of Cambridge.

Fellow ringers in a Midland tower have taken compassion on one young lady member of 18 who sighs that she has not a boy friend. They have asked the Editor to help her to find a 'canoodling campanologist.' Although the Editor has many extraneous duties to perform he feels that this is outside the functions he can assist in.

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CENTRAL COUNCIL AT FOLKESTONE

A GREAT WELCOME FOR RECORD ATTENDANCE — AFFILIATION ACCEPTED — DEVON ASSOCIATION WOULD BE WELCOME — COLOSSAL BUSINESS IN PUBLICATIONS — 'THE RINGING WORLD' IMPROVEMENTS APPRECIATED — EXTOLLING RINGING IN OUTSIDE PUBLICATIONS

FOLKESTONE looked its best on Whit Tuesday for the 63rd annual meeting of the Central Council held in the Town Hall, when there was a record attendance of 144 members. In addition there were many interested spectators of the proceedings in the gallery above the conference chamber.

Proceedings actually started with a celebration of the Holy Communion for the Council at Folkestone Parish Church at which the celebrant was the Bishop of Tonbridge (the Rt. Rev. G. Russell White), assisted by the Vicar (Canon Hough).

The proceedings at the Council meeting started with an official welcome by the Mayor (Ald. F. W. Archer), who was accompanied by the Bishop of Tonbridge and Canon Hough.

In his good wishes for a successful and happy conference the Mayor said he had been associated with Church work all his life, having been a chorister for 23 years, and it was a pleasure, within 10 days of assuming his year of office, to welcome them. He had read some of their literature about their work and he was amazed at the amount of organisation behind their Council, and the various suggestions made to diocesan bodies that their work could be carried out to the best advantage of the Church.

He noticed that in ringing for service that the church bells were rung to proclaim that Christ lives and to call his people to worship. He thought it was a wonderful way of expressing their work. He was personally very grateful to Canon Hough for the prayers he and the congregation offered for his recovery from illness, which enabled him to hold the office of Mayor.

He noticed that in the recruitment of ringers it was suggested that they should contact choirboys between the ages of 14 and 15. Knowing choirboys he wondered why. As a boy chorister it used to be his duty to toll a single bell five minutes before the service to announce that all seats were free. In those days it was his greatest delight to stop the bell suddenly and see people rush for their seats and after a pause to start ringing again. He did not think choirboys were the best recruits!

The Bishop of Tonbridge followed with a welcome to the conference on behalf of the Diocese of Rochester and Canterbury. He recalled that when he was Vicar of Twickenham he made an appeal for bells—unfortunately they were a carillon. One of the first donations, and a handsome one, was from a Roman Catholic, who lived near the church. He gave his gift because with the bells his dog had stopped barking. (Laughter.)

When he went to Tonbridge they embarked on a scheme of church restoration. The bells were taken down, recast and rehung, and on one of these bells his name was inscribed. Some 18 months ago he left Tonbridge and the local band of ringers then asked him to become their president. The strength of their organisation was the strength of each individual band and with each individual band strong, they would keep their art alive in this country.

Canon Hough proudly proclaimed that he had produced a family of change ringers, and he, alas, was the only 'black sheep.' When on holiday, instead of reading his thriller in his hotel, he was taken out to visit local towers, to find local ringers and ring the bells. There were only two churches in Folkestone where change ringing was practised and he was delighted that his was one of them. 'I feel that what you do is part of England—like our churches and Shakespeare—and our Christian culture is bound up with such a craft and art as bell ringing and one hopes that England may be made really Christian.'

The Central Council was welcomed on behalf of the Kent County Association by Mr. John Willis. He said it was a great honour to them that they were paying their third visit. Mr. Willis said he could not speak of the first visit of the Central Council to Kent, but he remembered the visit on June 7th, 1897, when Canon Helmore was secretary of the K.C.A.

At the meeting, at Canterbury, he was not present, but his friend, Bert Luck, told him he remembered ringing a plain course of Grand-sire Cinques with George and Edith Fletcher at 1.30 a.m. One of the great things about change ringing was continuity and it was a pleasure to him to see George and Edith Fletcher with them.

The president (Mr. Frederick Sharpe) replied to the welcome and said it was a great pleasure to him to know that the Kent County Association celebrated its 80th birthday on Whit-Monday, and they congratulated the Association on its progress. When the Association was formed there was very little change ringing, now it was the rule rather than the exception as it was then. Kent was now one of the strongholds, as in the past in the days of James Barham in the 18th century, and it was noted for its ringing families.

This year had been an eventful one for the Central Council. There had been a tremendous amount of committee work. Since the end of the last war there had been a growing interest in the Church and now there were more young people taking part in the art than ever before. There were, moreover, ringing courses and as was said they were growing by evolution. In change ringing there were still new fields to be conquered.

THE ATTENDANCE

Ancient Society of College Youths: Messrs. J. E. Chilcott, J. F. Smallwood, C. G. J. Watts and W. Williams.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association: Messrs. A. H. Reed, G. Salmon and H. J. Sanger.

Bedfordshire Association: Mr. S. Foskett and Mr. A. E. Rushton.

Cambridge University Guild: Dr. C. M. P. Johnson and Mr. B. D. Threlfall.

Chester Diocesan Guild: Mr. A. R. Elkins and Mr. J. Worth.

Coventry Diocesan Guild: Mrs. D. E. Beamish and Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward.

Cumberland and North Westmorland Association: Mr. G. McKay.

Derbyshire Association: Mr. G. A. Halls and Mr. A. Moulds.

Devon Guild: Miss B. M. Boyle, Mr. J. L. S. Glanvill and the Rev. J. G. M. Scott.

Durham and Newcastle Association: Mr. K. Arthur and Mr. D. A. Bayles.

East Grinstead and District Guild: Mr. E. J. Ladd.

Ely Diocesan Guild: Messrs. D. E. R. Knights, E. H. Mastin and H. S. Peacock.

Essex Association: Messrs. J. H. Crampion, P. J. Eves and F. B. Lufkin.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association: Messrs. A. L. Barry, R. G. Hooper, W. B. Kynaston and C. A. Wratten.

Guildford Diocesan Guild: Messrs. C. W. Denyer, H. N. Pitstow and W. H. Viggers.

Hertford County Association: Messrs. W. Ayre, R. G. Bell, G. W. Critchley and C. Dodds.

Irish Association: Mr. F. E. Dukes and Mr. J. T. Dunwoody.

Kent County Association: Messrs. J. R. Cooper, P. A. Corby, T. Cullingworth and I. H. Oram.

Ladies' Guild: Miss D. E. Colegate, Mrs. A. Richardson, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth.

Lancashire Association: Mr. P. Crook, Mr. F. Dunkerley and the Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith.

Leicester Diocesan Guild: Messrs. S. Burton, E. Morris, P. J. Staniforth and B. G. Warwick.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild: Messrs. J. Bray, G. E. Feirn, J. Freeman and J. L. Millhouse.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Guild: Mrs. D. J. King and Mr. T. M. Roderick.

London County Association: Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Rogers, Mr. W. G. Wilson.

Middlesex County Association: Messrs. F. T. Blagrove, T. J. Lock and J. R. Mayne.

Midland Counties Guild: Mr. J. W. Cotton.

New South Wales Association: Mr. P. M. J. Gray.

North Staffordshire Association: Mr. R. S. Anderson.

Norwich Diocesan Association: Messrs. H. W. Barrett, N. V. Harding and the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow.

Oxford Diocesan Guild: Messrs. A. D. Barker, D. Smith and P. Walker.

Oxford Society: Mr. F. A. H. Wilkins.

Oxford University Society: Dr. J. E. Spice.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild: Messrs. B. Austin, P. I. Chapman, G. W. Jeffs and E. G. Orland.

St. Martin's Guild, Diocese of Birmingham: Mr. F. E. Haynes.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild: Messrs. J. T. Barrett, G. H. Harding, G. S. Morris and W. C. West.

Sheffield and District Society: Mr. N. Chaddock.

Shropshire Association: Mr. H. Poyner.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths: Messrs. D. Beresford, P. N. Bond, F. J. Cullum and F. E. Hawthorne.

Southwell Diocesan Guild: Mr. B. M. Buswell and Mr. J. D. Clarke.

Stafford Archdeaconry Society: Mr. G. W. Hughes and Mr. B. G. Key.

Suffolk Guild: Mr. J. W. Blythe, Mr. C. W. Pipe and Miss R. J. Seabrook.

Surrey Association: Messrs. A. P. Cannon, F. E. Collins and W. F. Oatway.

Sussex County Association: Messrs. R. Overy, R. B. Percy and H. Stalham.

Truro Diocesan Guild: Messrs. W. C. Boucher, D. Burnett and H. Miles.

Universities Association: Miss M. R. Cross.

University of London Society: Dr. D. N. Layton.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild: Mr. A. V. Davis, the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead and Mr. F. W. Rogers.

Worcestershire and Districts Association: Messrs. B. C. Ashford, D. Beacham and W. B. Cartwright.

Yorkshire Association: Messrs. G. Benfield, V. Bottomley, W. E. Critchley and L. W. G. Morris.

University of Bristol Society: Mr. T. P. Edwards.

Honorary members: Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Messrs. J. P. Fidler, F. I. Hairs, A. A. Hughes, D. Hughes, C. K. Lewis, W. A. Osborn, H. L. Roper, E. C. Shepherd, R. F. B. Speed, L. Stilwell, P. L. Taylor, T. W. White and J. Willis.

Life members: Messrs. F. Sharpe, E. A. Barnett, F. W. Perrins, E. H. Lewis, G. W. Fletcher, Mrs. Fletcher.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from the Misses N. G. Williams, H. G. Snowden, M. E. L. Beamish, M. E. Snowden, Mrs. J. Jeffrey, Mrs. C. C. Marshall, Messrs. H. O. Baker, J. W. Clarke, T. G. Myers, H. J. Shuck, B. A. Sollis, J. G. Gipson, A. C. Hazelden, Rev. E. G. Benson, T. H. Taffender, F. W. Goodfellow, E. C. Birkett, E. H. Edge, F. E. Golden, D. H. B. Millward, A. E. Lock, G. E. Fearn, R. St. C. Wilson, D. H. Rooke, L. G. Brett, R. G. Blackman, C. I. Lewis, Rev. A. S. Roberts, A. J. Pitman, C. W. Roberts and A. Walker.

ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

Summary:—	Members	
	Assoc.	Present Absent
Fully represented	29	70
Partly represented	21	54 22
Not represented	7	— 11
Life members		6 1
Honorary members		14 7
	144	41

REPORT AS TO MEMBERSHIP

The honorary secretary reported that 57 Associations were affiliated to the Council with 156 members. The rules provided for 24 honorary members and there were seven life members, making a total membership of 187. There were two vacancies among representative members and three among honorary. All subscriptions had been paid.

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CENTRAL COUNCIL—Cont.**APPLICATION TO AFFILIATE**

An application was received from the University of Bristol Society to affiliate. The Standing Committee recommended that the application be agreed to. It was proposed by Mr. P. M. J. Gray, and seconded by Mr. W. Williams, that the Society be elected a member and this was agreed to.

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

The following were presented to the president: Messrs. J. E. Chilcott, C. G. J. Watts (Ancient Society of College Youths); A. H. Reed and G. Salmon (Bath and Wells); A. E. Rushton (Bedfordshire); Dr. C. M. P. Johnson (Cambridge University); L. R. Elkins, J. Worth (Chester); J. L. Garner-Hayward (Coventry); G. A. Halls (Derbyshire); Miss B. M. Boyle (Devon); Messrs K. Arthur, D. A. Bayles (Durham and Newcastle); E. J. Ladd (East Grinstead); D. E. R. Knights, E. H. Mastin (Ely); P. J. Eves (Essex); R. G. Hooper, C. A. Wratten (Gloucester and Bristol); C. W. Denyer (Guildford); G. Dodds (Hertford); P. A. Corby, I. H. Oram (Kent); E. Morris, B. G. Warwick (Leicester); J. L. Millhouse (Lincoln); D. Smith, P. Walker (Oxford Diocesan); D. J. E. Spice (Oxford University); B. Austin (Peterborough); J. T. Barrett (Salisbury); H. Poyner (Shropshire); D. Beresford (Cumberland Youths); Miss R. J. Seabrook (Suffolk); Messrs. R. B. Percy (Sussex); A. V. Davis (Winchester and Portsmouth); V. Bottomley (Yorkshire); T. P. Edwards (Bristol University); H. L. Roper (honorary).

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

With the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow in the chair nominations were called for the office of president.

Mr. E. H. Lewis proposed Mr. Frederick H. Sharpe. 'We appreciate very much what he has done in the last three years,' he said, 'and we should stick to him.'

Mr. A. A. Hughes seconded, and the resolution was carried unanimously and with acclamation.

Taking the chair, Mr. Sharpe returned thanks and said, 'I can assure you that I have the interest of bells and ringing at heart and will do my utmost for the work of the Council during the coming years.'

OTHER OFFICERS

Mr. R. S. Anderson proposed, and Mr. F. I. Hairs seconded, the re-election of the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow as vice-president.

Mr. J. F. Smallwood proposed, and Mr. A. A. Hughes seconded, the re-election of Mr. E. A. Barnett as honorary secretary and treasurer.

Mr. F. I. Hairs proposed, and Mr. J. F. Smallwood seconded, the re-election of Mr. F. W. Perrens as honorary librarian.

ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS

The Standing Committee recommended the re-election of the following honorary members: the Earl of Shaftesbury, Messrs. J. T. Dyke, J. P. Fidler, A. A. Hughes, D. Hughes, Mrs. C. C. Marshall, Messrs. E. C. Shepherd, R. F. B. Speed, L. Stilwell, P. L. Taylor, A. Walker, T. W. White and J. Willie and not the re-election of Mr. C. W. Roberts. Also the addition of Mr. W. F. Moreton.

This was proposed by Mr. J. F. Smallwood, and seconded by Mr. N. Chaddock, and agreed to. This left three vacancies.

The honorary secretary announced that arising from the election of the honorary members he gave notice under Rule 6 (d) that the committee would propose, next year, the election as life member of Mr. Albert Walker and Mr. Joseph T. Dyke.

HONORARY AUDITORS

It was proposed by Mr. Anderson, and seconded by Mr. Hairs that Messrs. A. A. Hughes and H. N. Pistow be re-elected honorary auditors.—Agreed.

VOTE OF THANKS

Mr. H. W. Rogers moved a vote of thanks to Mrs. Barnett for her continued help to her husband in his work for the Council.—Carried with acclamation.

LOSSES BY DEATH

The Council stood while the death of the following members since the last meeting were remembered: Mr. A. H. Pulling, Winchester Guild 1914-1927, Guildford Guild 1928-1956, honorary 1957-59, attended 30 meetings; Mr. R. S. F. Murphy, Irish Association 1930-1947, attended one meeting; Mr. Cecil J. Matthews, Society of Royal Cumberland Youths 1934; Mr. A. W. Searle, Devon Guild 1904-1931, attended seven meetings.

The following deaths had become known to the Council during the year: Messrs. R. E. Chichester, Devon Guild; H. C. Chandler, Middlesex County Association; John Clark, Hereford Diocesan Guild; R. B. Blanchard, Surrey Association; A. H. Cocks, Oxford Diocesan Guild and A. N. Hardy, Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

TRIBUTES

Mr. F. W. Rogers paid a tribute to the memory of Mr. A. H. Pulling and recalled that he conducted the record peal of Stedman Caters of 19,708 changes in 1912.

Mr. C. K. Lewis mentioned that Mr. Pulling called the first peal of Spliced Surprise Major, an action which in those days required courage as the great men of the Exercise were then saying that it was not quite the right thing to do.

Mr. Harry Miles said he first met Mr. Pulling in 1900 when he was engaged on work in a small village in the Cotswolds. He stayed with the foreman ringer in that village. Conditions were primitive and when he retired to bed he took with him a candle, a box of matches and a cigar. If he could not sleep he would light his cigar and learn Holt's Original, a peal which he conducted afterwards on very many occasions.

Mr. C. W. Denyer mentioned the great help Mr. Pulling had been to him when he was a young ringer. The Guildford Guild would like them all to do something for him in his memory. They proposed to provide a bell for the new Cathedral at Guildford, to his memory from the ringers of the country. To start with the bell would be rung with an electric gadget but afterwards when the tower was built it would be one of the ring of bells. They wanted between £700 and £800 for the bell.

The Rev. John G. M. Scott said Mr. Arthur Searle was a real champion of change ringing in the West Country and rang at St. David's, Exeter. He was an outstanding man and had rung in every tower in Devon.

Mr. F. E. Dukes speaking of Mr. R. S. F. Murphy said he did a tremendous amount of work for change ringing in Ireland. In 1933 he presented a cup with a view to improving the standard of striking and since that day there had been a great improvement.

Tributes to Mr. A. H. Cox were given by Mr. A. D. Barker and the president. Mr. Sharpe said Mr. Cox did more research into the history of past bell founders than any other man. His monumental work, 'The Bells of Buckinghamshire,' was published in 1897.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The honorary secretary reported that the minutes had been circulated. Omitted from those minutes was that the report of the Literature and Press Committee was adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. C. Shepherd and seconded by Mr. F. E. Dukes. Also that the alteration of Rules was seconded by Mr. A. D. Barker and that under Motion (c) the last two were in reverse order. With these amendments he moved the minutes be adopted. This was seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs and carried.

REPORT OF THE HONORARY SECRETARY**Offer To Devon Association**

Although in retrospect I can recall comparatively little of an unusual nature which took place during 1959, I find that 721 letters or receipts were sent out during the year, which shows that the 'secretarial staff' have not been entirely idle.

One rather interesting event, however, was a letter from the Devon Association of Ringers asking for information about the Council's aims and objects, a copy of the Rules and whether we would be prepared to consider the representation of the Association on the Council. On the last point I replied that as the full Council meets only once a year, I could only express an opinion which was that we would consider the Devon Association being represented, particularly if, as I understood to be the case, the Guild of Devonshire Ringers did not object; and that in fact most members would be pleased to welcome the Association to our ranks. I hope members will endorse that opinion. So far no further correspondence has taken place but members may think that some official expression of the Council's views should be conveyed to the Devon Association.

Information about ringing was given to, among others, a German author for a boys' year-book, an incumbent in Newfoundland and a Special Correspondent of 'The Times.' The last helped towards what was, as might be expected, a most accurate and balanced article entitled 'Bell Ringing as a Popular Art,' which appeared on August 22nd, 1959, and which seems to have attracted surprisingly little attention in the Exercise. It could well have been reprinted in 'The Ringing World.'

A letter from myself on the Council's behalf criticising the decision of the Chancellor of the Diocese of Bristol to overrule the Diocesan Advisory Committee's advice not to allow the installation of an electronic apparatus in a Bristol church and referring to the Church Assembly's motion of February 8th, 1954, which deprecated the introduction of such devices into churches, appeared also in 'The Times' of November 21st.

At the time of writing information shows that the following have now ceased to be members of the Council, and we offer our thanks to them for their past services: A. B. Peck, A.S.C.Y., 1933-59; Wg. Cdr. J. S. Mason, A.S.C.Y., 1957-59; R. O. Fry, Bath and Wells, 1954-58; D. Hoare, Bath and Wells, 1959; B. F. Sims, Bedfordshire, 1955-59; Dr. P. A. F. Chalk, C.U.G. 1954-59; Rev. J. Kingdon, Chester, 1949-59; W. Allman, Chester, 1957-59; A. J. Martin, Chester, 1957-59; H. Windsor, Coventry, 1959; W. L. Robinson, Derbyshire, 1954-59; A. L. Bennett, Devon, 1957-59; F. Ainsley, Durham and Newcastle, 1948-59; W. N. Park, Durham and Newcastle, 1948-59; C. A. Bassett, East Grinstead, 1951-59; P. Border, Ely, 1954-59; F. W. Lack, Ely, 1951-59; L. S. Woods, Essex, 1958-59; T. Boreham, Gloucester and Bristol, 1954-59; F. Skidmore, Gloucester and Bristol, 1948-59; G. S. Joyce, Guildford, 1957-59; E. Edmondson, Hertford, 1954-59; Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kent, 1954-59; T. E. Sone, Kent, 1933-59; A. E. Rowley, Leicester, 1946-59; J. A. Freeman, Lincoln, 1945-59; Mrs. A. D. Barker, Oxford, 1948-59; W. Butler, Oxford, 1957-59; R. B. Meadows, Oxford University, 1951-59; Dr. D. H. Niblett, Oxford University, 1957-59; E. Nobles, Peterborough, 1954-59; C. H. Hawkins, St. David's, 1957-59; J. I. P. Davis, Salisbury, 1957-59; F. H. Bennett, Shropshire, 1957-59; G. H. Cross, S.R.C.Y., 1938-59; J. Segar, Southwell, 1953-59; K. G. Brown, Suffolk, 1957-59; F. H. Dallaway, Sussex, 1938-59; C. H. Kippin, Winchester and Portsmouth, 1949-59; G. Pullinger, Winchester and Portsmouth, 1933-59.

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CENTRAL COUNCIL—Cont.

For the eighth time I must record my thanks to Mr. W. G. Wilson and Miss C. L. Groves for typing and duplicating these papers, and for the third and unfortunately the last time to Mr. W. N. Park for preparing the accounts of 'The Ringing World'. My thanks are also due to all who have kindly sent copies of reports and other publications, and to the Conveners of most Committees for the way in which they have abided by the new rule that reports must be in by March 31st. I trust they will keep it up and perhaps encourage the others (and certain Association secretaries and treasurers!) by their example.—E. A. Barnett.

Moving the adoption of the report the honorary secretary said with reference to the Devon Association if the Devon Guild had no objection would the secretary of that Guild write to the Association and tell them.

Mr. F. E. Dukes seconded the adoption.

The Rev. John Scott said as far as he knew ringers in the Devon Guild would be delighted. There was a good deal of excitement among the Guild that the Devon Association had applied for membership. At the moment their constitution was a little fluid, but by application to the Council they hoped that they could get their house in order.

The honorary secretary: I would like to make it clear that they have not applied but asked to be considered.

The President: I think the answer from the chair would be that we would be delighted to welcome the Devon Association. Thanks were also due to the secretary for his work.

The report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE HONORARY LIBRARIAN

6,139 Publications Sold

The outstanding feature of this year is the colossal record figures for the number of publications sold, the total being 6,139 compared with the average for the past eight years of 1,278. This tremendous increase is due entirely to the issue early in the year of the 'Beginners' Handbook' and the sale of over five thousand of these surely augurs well for the future.

Although perhaps not quite so big as last year's, there is still a considerable demand for a collection of Minor Methods, which I believe has now been out of print since 1954, and an early issue of this book is most desirable.

The stock of 'On Conducting' is now rather low and as there has been a steady sale of this book during the past few years, a reprint will be necessary in 1960.

The borrowing of books of reference during the year has been about normal but as books are sometimes kept for very long periods, I would ask borrowers to return books as soon as they have finished with them.

We record our thanks to the people concerned for the following additions to the library: 'Steeple, Bells and Clocks of Shankill Parish, Lurgan' and the 'Irish Bell News,' per Mr. F. E. Dukes; six of J. J. Parker's note books, per Mr. A. D. Baker; MSS. by Col. M. D. Bell on 'Training of Tune Ringers on Handbells,' together with tunes for 8 and 12 bells, per Mr. T. W. White; old peal books and reports of the Midland Counties Association, per Mr. Paul Taylor; 'Facts and Figures about the Church of England,' per Mr. E. A. Barnett; 'The Church and Other Bells of Aberdeenshire,' by the late F. C. Eeles, O.B.E., D.Litt., F.S.A.Scot., and Randal W. M. Clouston, B.Sc.Eng., F.S.A.Scot., presented by the authors.

It now remains for me to attempt an almost impossible task—to express adequately the

thanks due to Mr. R. F. B. Speed for the enormous amount of work he has done for the Council during this year. I am as much at a loss for words to do this as I am to estimate the number of hours he must have spent in despatching over six thousand books. We are indeed very fortunate to have the sales section of the library in such capable and willing hands and we tender most sincere and hearty thanks to Mr. Speed and to his wife, who I feel certain has borne some of the burden.—Frank W. Perrins.

Moving the adoption of the report Mr. Perrins reiterated his great debt to Mr. and Mrs. Speed. Mr. J. H. Crampson seconded, and the report was adopted.

SALES AND STOCK

Method sheets: Cambridge, 17; D.N.C.B., 19; Bristol, 12; Stedman and Grandsire, 40; Preservation of Bells, 79, Four way Minor Table, 50, Handbell Ringing, 139, Major Compositions, 37, Collection of Peals, Sect. III, 13, Report of Conference, S.P.A.B. 4, Doubles Methods, 100, Model Rules, 22, Village Bells, 135, Card of Instruction 28, Plain Major Methods, 61, Methods Committee Report, 13, On Conducting, 119, Handbook, 59, Electrical Switchgear Card, 9, Grandsire Caters, 80, Beginners' Handbook, 5,103; total 6,139.

The stock at cost at the end of the year was £451 19s. 2d.

THE ACCOUNTS

BALANCE SHEET

(The figures in parentheses are the corresponding amounts in the previous year's accounts.)

Sundry Creditors, £566 10s. 9d. (£76); Received in advance, £2,075 7s. 9d. (£1,040); Clement Glenn Fund, £807 0s. 2d. (£785); Provision for Income Tax and Audit Fee £82 1s. 9d. (£40); Capital Accounts—The Ringing World, £5,109 12s.; General Fund, £584 6s. 2d.; £5,693 18s. 2d. (£5,091). Total £9,224 18s. 7d. (£7,032).

Goodwill and Blocks 'The Ringing World' £200 (£200); Library, £10 (£10); Office and Library Equipment, £28 5s. 11d. (£33); Stock of Publications, £451 19s. 2d. (£351); Debtors and Payments in Advance, £863 9s. 2d. (£581); Investments at cost, £4,362 18s. 4d. (£4,362); Cash at Bank or in hand, £3,308 6s. (£1,494). Total £9,224 18s. 7d. (£7,032).

GENERAL FUND

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Expenses—Biography Committee, £6 (£5); Sunday Service Committee, £16 3s. 5d. (£19); Standing Committee, £3 17s. 4d.; Honorary Secretary, £10 (£10); Stationery and Printing, £23 3s. 2d. (£15); Telephone/Telegrams, £2 6s. 10d. (£2); Office and Library Equipment written off, £6 (£6); Insurances Library and Roll of Honour, £1 16s. (£2); Wreath—A. H. Pulling, £2 2s. 6d. (£2); Typing, £2 2s. (£2); Cheque Book, 8s. 4d.; Sundry Expenses, £1 4s. 9d. (£1); Excess of Income over Expenditure, £15 10s. 9d. (£6). Total £101 14s. (£89).

Affiliation Fees, £77 10s. (£76 10s.); Balance Publications Account £24 4s. (£13). Total £101 14s. (£89).

PUBLICATIONS ACCOUNT

Stock, January 1st, 1959, £350 15s. 3d. (£331); Purchases: Beginners' Handbook, 10,027, £340 18s.; Postages, Stationery and Sundries, £36 9s. 8d. (£11 10s.); Trade Discount, £2 16s. (£2 10s.); Advertisements 'The Ringing World,' £20 (£20); Balance (profit) to General Fund, £24 4s. (£13). Total £775 2s. 11d. (£445).

Sale of Publications £302 4s. 11d. (£94); Sale of Surplus Books, £19 18s.; Sundry receipts £1 0s. 10d.; Stock, December 31st, 1959, £451 19s. 2d. (£351). Total £775 2s. 11d. (£445).

The Clement Glenn Bequest showed investments at cost, £762 18s. 4d.; Cash at bank, £44 1s. 10d. Total £807 0s. 2d. (£785). The

market value of the investment on December 21st, 1959, was £834 15s.

The honorary secretary and treasurer moved the adoption of the accounts, subject to audit. In regard to the Publications Account, the outstanding item had been the success of 'The Beginners' Handbook.' Had it not been for the sale of surplus books and sundry receipts the profit would have been only £3. It was a small profit and it showed they were continuing their policy of publishing at as low a price as possible. The item of cost for the Standing Committee was due to the extraordinary meeting held to consider the price of 'The Ringing World.'

Regarding £3,308 cash in hand, Mr. Barnett said he hoped that nobody would think it was spare money. Over £2,000 was for sums in advance for postal subscriptions to 'The Ringing World,' and the remainder was the balance of the Clement Glenn Fund.

Mr. V. Bottomley suggested that the surplus cash be put to a profitable use. At the present time banks were giving three per cent on deposit and only required seven days notice of withdrawal.

The honorary treasurer replied that a further £1,000 was invested this year.

Mr. P. I. Chapman inquired re £19 18s. sale of surplus books. The president replied that with books printed after 1850 where there were more than two copies the librarian had power to sell.

Mr. G. W. Fletcher suggested that this did not form part of the library account and with this the president agreed.

The accounts were adopted, subject to audit, and thanks were expressed to the honorary treasurer for his work.

REPORT ON THE TRUSTEES OF THE CARTER RINGING MACHINE

On July 18th, an open day was held and two parties saw the machine which successfully rang touches or plain courses of Cambridge Maximus, London Major, Stedman Cinques, Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles. Only those who have their 'Ringing World' through the post knew of these demonstrations because of the printing dispute, so the total attendance of 20 for the day was rather disappointing.

On September 26th, a demonstration was given for the Leicester Diocesan Guild ringers, who saw and heard the conclusion of a quarter peal of Cambridge Maximus, which had been started before their arrival, also a plain course of Bristol Major (first time on the machine) and a bob course of Stedman Cinques. The attendance on this occasion was 30.

Mr. V. K. Chew, of the Science Museum staff, has made a tape recording of the machine ringing a bob course of Stedman Cinques. This is for the benefit of those ringers who call to ask to see the machine at times other than appointed demonstration times, and Mr. Chew felt that as they could not see it actually work, a tape recording would be of some advantage.—A. A. Hughes and A. Walker (Trustees).

The Standing Committee recommended that the report be adopted and this was done on the proposition of Mr. A. A. Hughes, seconded by Mr. R. S. Anderson. The latter expressed thanks to Mr. Douglas Hughes and the secretary mentioned the services and interest of Mr. Chew.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

The honorary secretary reported that at an extraordinary meeting on November 7th, 1959, the Standing Committee considered various proposals for meeting the increased cost of producing 'The Ringing World' and decided to increase rate of advertisements by 15 per cent.

The report was adopted.

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'THE RINGING WORLD' COMMITTEE AND INCREASED PRICE

Since its inception in 1911, states the committee's report, the story of 'The Ringing World' has been one of struggle punctuated by periods of crisis. This struggle has not particularly been in respect of lack of copy, for despite the lukewarm support of the Exercise, sufficient news has always been forthcoming to fill its pages. The difficulties have always been encountered on the financial side. We make no apologies for again emphasising to the Council that were all subscribers to take their copies direct by post many of the financial problems would be resolved.

However, your Committee are, of course, compelled to deal with the position as it is and not on a hypothetical basis and early in 1959 it was evident that some revision would be needed if the liquid position was to be preserved. The situation rapidly became acute on the threat of a strike in the printing industry and the certainty of increased costs through their wages to the operatives. As you are aware, the Editor was able, in spite of many difficulties, to print an emergency paper at fortnightly intervals and this was overwhelmingly applauded by the Exercise. There were some grumbles but these your Committee now accept as inevitable.

Several long meetings of the Committee were held when the opportunity was taken to make a thorough examination of the whole position. From previous accounts members of the Council would appreciate operating costs were very low and the salaries of the paid staff bore little relation to the volume of work. It was felt that their remuneration should be more nearly equated to the work done and certain increases were agreed. Even the present figures, however, are still low in comparison to what could legitimately be demanded. Following the award made to and accepted by the printers and the probability of a further increase in two years time, the Committee felt that no other course was open to them but to increase the price of 'The Ringing World' to 8d. or 9d. per copy.

NO DRASTIC DROP IN SALES

They also considered that before putting any increase into effect the whole matter be placed before your Standing Committee, who at a special meeting in November endorsed your Committee's report and a recommendation that from January 1st, 1960 the price be 8d.

Although, as was to be expected, the increase was not unanimously applauded, your Committee are pleased to observe that fears of a drastic reduction in circulation have not been realised and in fact it was not until the week of March 11th that a drop in copies sold was shown. In that issue the figures were 5,570 for 1960 against 5,586 for 1959. It is earnestly hoped that numbers will not fall further and that new readers can be obtained to replace those lost. The Council cannot have failed to observe the increase in size of 'The Ringing World' and it may possibly be this factor which has persuaded some readers to continue their support.

Council requirements now stipulate that committee reports be with the secretary by March 31st. At this date the annual accounts of 'The Ringing World' were only in draft form and showed a small profit for 1959. An examination of the Profit and Loss Account, however, will quickly reveal that this surplus was only possible through the generosity of readers who voluntarily subscribed £336 19s. 1d. Merely to say 'thank you' for this magnificent gesture seems very inadequate but your Committee are certainly most grateful for these contributions and feel their thanks should be supported by the whole Council.

Your Committee, in conclusion, once more express their appreciation to all who in any way have contributed to 'The Ringing World' from those supplying front page articles, to the many sending in short news items and paragraphs of interest. Also to the compiler of the index, Mr. H. L. Roper. To mention even by initials only a few would fill more pages but our thanks are, nevertheless, sincere and our hopes are for a continuance of this help and interest.

Thought must also be given to the Editor and his staff and to Mr. Jeater and we ask the Council and the Exercise to join in thanks to them for their work and to our many advertisers for their support.

In announcing the increase in price of 'The Ringing World' to 8d. per copy from January 1st, your Committee offered to supply at the current price all who renewed their subscriptions before December 31st, 1959. As will be seen from the balance sheet there was a substantial response as shown in the figures for advance payments. Your Committee feel encouraged by this response although it will, of course, preclude the full benefit of the increased price being achieved before 1961.

Your Committee once more renew their appeal to readers in general and to members of the Council in particular for continued and sustained efforts at all times to seek new readers and to supply attractive copy. 'The Ringing World' is YOUR paper and as such its success or failure is YOUR responsibility. —J. Frank Smallwood (Convener).

'A LITTLE MORE OPTIMISTIC'

Moving the adoption of the report Mr. Smallwood said they had had an anxious year which they had got through better than he expected. At the moment they were feeling a little more optimistic than they had found themselves for several years—but they had no grounds for complacency. They had been told that generally there had been an improvement in 'The Ringing World' since the first issue in January. They had received many encouraging letters from all parts of the country and abroad.

In regard to the increase in price, he expected a dismal setback in sales but that had not materialised to any great extent. One thing he would stress was the importance of postal subscribers. At the present time for two postal subscribers there were three through the newsagents. There had been some improvements in the paper and it might be asked why were not some of these improvements introduced before. It was, however, generally known that they had been travelling in a vicious circle for nine or ten years. They had now taken the 'bit between the teeth,' increased the price and gone out for a better paper.

They would have noticed that the page size had been increased and credit for that must go to Tom White, as it was his suggestion. The Woodbridge Press had installed a new machine. The paper previously wasted in cutting was printed on and this gave the equivalent of a page and a half extra an issue. In addition they had some 24 page issues. He hoped they would not finish in the red this year, as they would not reap the full benefit of the increased price. The committee would like to express their thanks to the Standing Committee for backing up the proposals as to the increased price.

Mr. R. S. Anderson seconded the adoption of the report.

PEAL LEVY

The Rev. John Scott said the Devon Guild last year were very disappointed that a peal levy was not introduced, and at their meeting passed a motion instituting a levy on all peals rung for the Guild, of which 6d. per rope would go to 'The Ringing World.' If other Guilds followed this course it would result in a great increase in revenue.

Mr. B. Austin asked if there could be of a better packing of 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. John Mayne said the main reason why young people took the paper through the newsagent was because they found it difficult to pay a lump sum down and also because it went on the family's paper bill. Another reason given by an older ringer was that he preferred it to come not covered with mud.

Mr. W. C. West said at the annual meeting of the Salisbury meeting on May 14th, a motion was carried deprecating that a peal levy was not charged on all peals published in 'The Ringing World.' They had from four to six pages of peals and he felt they should be paid for.

Mr. J. W. Crampion said the question of price had been discussed by the Essex Association and they came to the conclusion that there was no other alternative than to increase the price. They wholeheartedly supported the committee in their action. They also felt that thanks were due to the Editor and apprentices in producing copies during the strike.

Mr. S. Fokett gave the view of the Bedfordshire Association that 'The Ringing World' should not be a charitable production, but placed on a basis that any loss should be met by the territorial Associations.

Mr. John Willis said there were a few members of the Central Council who did not take 'The Ringing World' by post. Had 'The Ringing World Committee any knowledge that every member took the journal?

Mr. H. Miles said 95 per cent of the ringers in Cornwall were not method ringers. If they were not method ringers what was there of interest to them in 'The Ringing World'? Could a page be devoted to those who were not method ringers?

Mr. H. Sanger: We in the Bath and Wells Association have decided to introduce a peal levy on all peals rung for the Association. We feel that until the circulation is improved all Associations should pass such a resolution.

Mr. Cecil Pipe remarked that now that 'The Ringing World' had taken the 'bit between their teeth' they had increased their income by 33½ per cent, which was an extra £2,500 a year.

Mr. R. S. Anderson said it must be remembered that it was a 33½ per cent gross. They had to remember that the price of newsprint did not remain stationary and there would be a further increase of wages in the near future. The committee was hoping that the increase in price already made would cover that. The surplus of £587 included £356 voluntary donations. They were also hoping to write off the £200 for goodwill and blocks.

So far as the peal levy was concerned it had been argued that peals were news and no publication paid for news. There was nothing to prevent an Association imposing a peal levy and so increasing the small amount of voluntary donations for peals. Quarter peal ringers had been very generous; peal ringers did not subscribe so generously. As to a reader getting a dirty copy they could not control the postal authorities. As far as Cornwall was concerned if the call change ringers would let them have the copy nobody would be more delighted than the committee.

The Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith said the committee had made out their case and it was up to them to give it a fair trial.

The president said their thanks were due to the committee for their work. He had had a letter from the American Guild of Handbell Ringers saying how much they appreciated 'The Ringing World' with its additional items.

The report was adopted.

'THE RINGING WORLD' ACCOUNTS BALANCE SHEET

Sundry Creditors—Woodbridge Press Ltd., £552 10s. 6d., Editor, £12 12s. 9d.—£565 3s. 3d. (£74); Amounts received in advance—Postal Subscriptions, £2,027 11s. 6d., Notices, £44 16s. 3d.—£2,072 7s. 9d. (£1,040); Provision for income tax and audit fee, £82 1s. 9d. (£40); Capital Account Balance at December 21st, 1958, £4,522 4s. 7d., Profit for year, £587 7s. 5d.—£5,109 12s. (£4,522). Total £7,829 4s. 9d. (£5,676).

Goodwill and Blocks £200 (£200); Sundry debtors—Rolls Publishing Co. Ltd., £600 14s. 11d.; Advertisements, £137 4s. 9d.; Notices, £119 12s. 3d.; Postal Subscribers 3s. 7d.; Williams Brothers, £3 12s. 8d.—£861 8s. 2d. (£580); Investments at cost £3,600 (£3,600); Cash; at Bank, £3,111 10s. 7d., in hands of agent, £1 18s. 6d.—£3,113 9s. 1d. (£1,261); Amount due from Central Council, £54 7s. 6d. (£35). Total £7,829 4s. 9d. (£5,676).

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

Woodbridge Press Ltd. printing, £3,951 15s., blocks, £37 8s. 6d.—£3,989 4s. 3d. (£4,019); Editorial Office Expenses: Editor's fees and expenses, £400 9s. 3d.; Clerical assistance £158; Postage and Sundries £24 9s. 11d.—£582 19s. 2d. (£603); Postal Subscribers: Postage, £822 12s.; Addressing and wrappers, £236 3s. 5d.—£1,058 15s. 5d. (£1,090); Accounts

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Department: Clerical assistance, £156; Postage, £24 19s. 4d.; Stationery and sundries, £38 7s. 9d.= £219 7s. 1d. (£202); Miscellaneous Expenses £32 16s. 6d. (£23); Audit and Accountancy Fees, £47 5s. (£37); Provision for Income Tax, £62 11s. (£46); Balance being profit carried to balance sheet, £587 7s. 5d. (£437). Total £6,580 5s. 10d. (£6,457).

Sales to Publishers, £2,251 2s. 1d. (£2,296); Sales to Postal Subscribers, £2,806 6s. 8d. (£2,762); Advertisements £424 9s. 8d. (£435); Notices, £546 19s. 1d. (£538); Donations, £356 19s. 1d. (£275); Sundry Receipts, £38 1s. 3d. (£45); Interest on Investments, £157 3s. 10d. (£106). Total £6,580 5s. 10d. (£6,457).

The honorary treasurer presented the accounts and said they were subject to audit as the auditor had been taken ill. He moved their adoption.

Mr. F. I. Hairs seconded.

Mr. Norman Chaddock asked for a breakdown of the voluntary subscription—peals, quarter peals and block grants like the Oxford Guild.

The honorary treasurer replied that it could be done but it was very complicated. They were extremely grateful to the Oxford Guild for their donation of £20.

The accounts were adopted.

THE NEW COMMITTEE

The Standing Committee recommended that the committee be re-elected with the exception of Mr. W. N. Park, who was not now a member of the Council.

Mr. Wilfred G. Wilson and Mr. Patrick I. Chapman were nominated. Mr. Wilson was elected to the committee and the recommendation of the Standing Committee was adopted.

THE PEALS BOARDS COMMITTEE

The task of recording details of Peal Boards from 1825 to the early part of the present century has been somewhat simplified by the fact that records of a large number of these interesting boards were published in 'Church Bells.' The details are being copied prior to their being arranged and typed on a uniform pattern, but as there are well over 500 the work will obviously take some time to complete.

The typing, however, is another problem and the committee would welcome offers of assistance from typists. For those who feel able to help a specimen lay-out will be provided and in cases where some special setting out is necessary, details will be explained. Only with such help can this valuable record of ringing history be completed in a reasonable time.—J. W. Clarke (Convener).

In the absence of the convener, Mr. Walter Ayre moved the adoption of the report.

Seconding, Mr. J. P. Fidler said they had written details from over 5,000 peal boards. It was rather a big task getting them written out in standard form. The typing was now a big problem. Quite a number of these boards were destroyed in the blitz. There were others that were deteriorating rapidly and they asked ringers to have them restored. There were quite a number of boards up and down the country not recorded.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead asked ringers to check details of boards that had appeared in 'Church Bells.' Errors had been found.

The report was adopted.

The Standing Committee recommended that Messrs. J. W. Clarke, W. Ayre and J. P. Fidler be re-elected to the committee. This was agreed to.

THE PEALS COLLECTION COMMITTEE

The collection of Stedman Caters and Cinques is now complete in manuscript form and, allowing time for checking, should be in print within the next few months.—W. E. Critchley (Convener), G. E. Feirn, A. J. Pitman.

Moving the adoption of the report, Mr. Critchley said he hoped to start typing in the near future. He would like to thank all the people who had provided peals.

Mr. G. E. Feirn seconded.

The President: We should thank the committee for the commendable speed with which they had got the collection together.

The Standing Committee recommended that the committee be re-elected with the omission of Mr. C. W. Roberts and the addition of Mr. R. F. W. Speed. This was agreed to.

Literature & Press Committee Tell of Highlights of 1959

Once again some notable full-scale articles have come our way. Most of these are by non-ringers, but it is clear that the material has been carefully collected and discreetly presented. 'Ringers' Rhymes,' by C. V. Hancock, published in the 'Birmingham Post and Gazette,' is very pleasant reading, and gives the author opportunity to remark: 'The ancient art of bell ringing, thank Heaven, has not been killed by modernity.' Eric Potter in 'The British and Commonwealth Review' (August, 1958) and F. E. Corfield in 'Venture' both present straightforward accounts of bells and ringing. The former stresses the importance of ringing as church work, whilst the latter includes mention of the Central Council and 'The Ringing World.' In 'Readers' Digest' (April), Anne Deveson and Barbara Wace write of a visit to St. Paul's. Their description of the ringer in action is slightly distorted but the general substance and tone of the article justify the title 'The Joyous Ringing of Bells.'

'The Times,' of August 22nd, printed 'Bell Ringing as Popular Art,' by a Special Correspondent, an outstanding piece of work, distinguished by its matter, its arrangement and its writing. It provides an excellent survey of the Exercise and its organisation, and refers to 'The Ancient Society of College Youths' and the rules and customs of that body. The précis of the work of the Central Council is a little masterpiece of compression.

A well illustrated article on the activities of the teenagers, maintaining the 'Old Tradition' at Woolton Church, appeared in the 'Liverpool Evening Echo' just before Christmas. It showed the enthusiastic youngsters ringing both tower- and handbells. The same paper in May published an article by Arthur Turner entitled 'Who Will Ring Those Bats Out of the Belfry?' It gives an interesting account of bell usages throughout the centuries.

The local press, generally, has given good coverage to dedications. Great Yarmouth, Carbis Bay and Farnham were particularly well reported.

RINGING IN WORSHIP

Amongst church periodicals we have noted from 'The Liverpool Diocesan Leaflet' for May the friendly appreciation of the work of ringers, written as a special message by the Bishop of Liverpool. The importance of ringing in worship and the beauty of the fellowship among ringers were the main themes. The 'Harpden Parish Magazine,' published a series of articles by J. D. Painter and Mrs. Coburn. These essays on the history of bells and the development of change ringing have been devised and written for the edification and instruction of the parishioners. Finally, 'Cromlyn' (who, by the way, is, I understand, a clerical ringer), in his weekly column PANORAMA, in the 'Church of Ireland Gazette,' devoted considerable space in the issue dated December 8th, to the Central Council's leaflet 'The Ringing of Church Bells for Sunday Services,' which was distributed throughout all Dioceses in United Kingdom and Ireland. A touch of humour prevails throughout the article, but on a serious note he says 'Bell ringers need, deserve and should be given a great deal more high level clerical support... It is no reflection on the Holy Order of Deacons to say that an interest in a parish team and attendance at annual regional meetings should not be regarded as the unimportant preserve of the junior curate... would seem to be just the kind of an occasion when a visitation from an x, a y, or a z (meaning anything in gaiters) would do a lot of good.'

From Ireland, too, comes the well written pamphlet by the local tower secretary, Mr. John P. Irwin, giving the history of 'The Steeple, Bells and Clocks of Shankill Parish' in Lurgan, Co. Armagh. The work is the result of much research and it reveals some very interesting facts.

Miss Jean Sanderson has written a well-illustrated booklet on St. Nicholas' Parish Church, Norton, Herts, in which she devotes quite a lot of attention to the bells.

Contributions from the American Continent have been rather small and undistinguished. In a Canadian paper, the name and date of

which are missing, we find an article on Mrs. Alice Sullivan (nee White) and her remarkable collection of bells. Unfortunately, what might have been a readable and informative account of this notable lady and her early ringing career was spoilt by inaccuracy and slovenly writing. 'The Ocean Press,' published on board the 'S.S. America,' outlines a prospective enterprise by a certain Louis Lamoureux, who proposes to establish a chain of bell shrines on Burke Mountain, Vermont. Since April no further news of this somewhat fantastic project has reached us. 'Bell-making Brisk since World War II' in the 'Oakville Record Star' has some straightforward lines on bells and bell-founding, but the article cannot be held to be in any way distinctive. On July 16th, 'The Hachettstown Gazette' dealt with the history of the five bells of St. James' Church, Hachettstown, New Jersey. These bells are tolled or chimed, and photographs show two of the bells and the chiming console.

Articles in the technical press have been few. Perhaps the one which concerns us most is the reference in 'B.T.H. Productions' to 'Church Bell Reproduction,' an unusual and interesting application of the Hi-Fi equipment made recently at the Church of St. Andrew, Cheadle, Hulme, Cheshire. Here B.T.H. equipment has enabled the sound of the Parish Church bells, previously recorded on tape at the Church of St. Mary, Cheadle, to be broadcast with great fidelity and realism from the daughter church tower. A photograph of the church, with its small turret, makes the whole venture seem unrealistic. More realistic, however, is the description of the electrical equipment used in connection with the striking and chiming of the bells of St. Clement Danes' in the Strand, London. This article appeared in the 'Electrical Review' in February. The 'Foundry Trade Journal' dealt with the Bilbie family in two feature articles by Ronald Bailey. They were entitled 'Eccentric Bell Founders of the Mendips.'

'THE ARCHERS' CHURCH

The cover of the 'Radio Times' of December 25th was decorated with a drawing of the inside of a ringing chamber, depicting ringers at the ropes. The 'Borchester Echo,' on the other hand, provided photographs of the tower at Hanbury, Worcestershire, showing some of the well-known male characters of the daily programme 'The Archers' preparing to ring up the bells. Thus we have an intriguing antithesis; the depiction of an imaginary belfry in a real paper and the portrayal of a real belfry in a fictitious newspaper.

During the year correspondence in the Press has, on several occasions, been directed against ringers and ringing, and amongst these was a notable complaint concerning a peal at Worcester Cathedral. While we cannot ignore these danger signals, we are left with the assurance that provided reasonable restraint is shown, the people of this land are wholeheartedly on the side of the bells and the ringers. The 'Burnham (Bucks) Parish Magazine' in its editorial pleads for public tolerance if the bells are to be rung at all, and the complaint by Sir Percy Sillitoe in the 'Daily Telegraph' was admirably answered by M. W. Lewis, of Newark. Canon Carew Cox and Margaret Wells-Garner. We are of the opinion that a campaign in the Press on the lines of the broadcast from the Northern Ireland Region of the B.B.C. on Christmas Eve, when half an hour was devoted to bell ringing and ringers for the information of the listening public, should do much to interest the public and provide understanding of the ringers' point of view. Such a campaign in the form of well-written articles by members of the various Guilds and Associations, or 'Open days' like the one organised at Rotherham, should do much to win the goodwill of the public. The 'Open day' at Rotherham, which was given good publicity in the 'South Yorkshire Times,' included photographs of teams of handbell ringers from the High School. Over one thousand people visited the tower, whilst many more stopped to listen to the handbell ringers and to hear the ringing from the tower.

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CENTRAL COUNCIL—Cont.

It is discouraging to note that the Chancellor of the Diocese of Bristol has overruled the recommendation of its Advisory Committee in regard to electronic bells proposed to be introduced into the Diocese. The secretary of the Central Council followed up this matter with a letter to 'The Times' saying that other Diocesan Chancellors had refused faculties for the 'blatantly false' bells.

Bell ringing publications continue to appear.

In March, the long awaited 'Elementary Handbook for Beginners' was published by the Central Council. The popularity of this useful book can be judged by the fact that the first edition of 5,000 copies was quickly sold. Ernest Morris, of Leicester, continues to find something to write about. In September a further valuable book was added to the indispensable list of books already published by him. 'Tintinnabula,' his latest book, deals mainly with small bells and gives an interesting insight into the customs of various nations. In November, the publication of the Maidstone District of the Kent County Association. 'The Belfry,' celebrated its tenth year of production. As usual, the journal contains interesting material both from an historical and a change ringing point of view. 'The Ringers' Magazine,' 'Irish Bell News' and 'Ringing Towers' continue in their own lively ways which meet the needs of rural and local ringers, in particular, and also have an interest far beyond their own boundaries. 'The Ringers' Diary' remains a most valuable asset to peal ringers, in particular, and all ringers in general. We cannot now imagine the Exercise without its own diary.

We, finally, desire to express our thanks to all who have sent us articles and newspaper cuttings, which are of the greatest assistance to us in formulating our reports.—Edgar C. Shepherd and Fred E. Dukes.

Proposing the adoption of the report, Mr. Shepherd said they could do with more people sending them cuttings.

Mr. F. E. Dukes seconded.

CHURCH PRESS

Mr. P. A. Corby congratulated the committee on a comprehensive report. He did not see any mention of ringing items in 'The Church Times'.

Mr. Philip Gray said he understood a report of their meeting would appear in 'The Church Times.' They needed a little more active evangelism. There was a great deal of bad correspondence about bells. They must see that the right thing was put in the right place.

The honorary secretary said notice of the meeting was sent to 'The Church Times' and 'The Church of England Newspaper.'

The Rev. John Scott said he circulated to Church newspapers details of the Sunday service survey. He got no response from 'The Church of England Newspaper' and 'The Church Illustrated' did not think it was 'up their street.' 'The Church Times' wrote a most cordial letter and published a report.

Miss M. E. Cross said particulars of the Oxford Guild's ringing course were published in 'The Church Times' and also a report.

The report was adopted.

The Standing Committee recommended the reappointment of Messrs. Shepherd and Dukes and this was agreed to on the proposal of Mr. A. A. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Anderson.

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DAVIS.—On June 11th, 1960, Stella Davis, of Bucklebury, Berkshire. 'Each loving life a Psalm of Gratitude.' 6134

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Peter Crook, 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton, Lancs. will be c/o Paine, 280B, Harvey Avenue, Kelowna, B.C., Canada, from June 28th until October 23rd, 1960. Back home about end of November. 6117

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SUSSEX TOUR.—July 24th to July 31st. 28 towers. There are 1 or 2 vacancies: anyone interested S.A.E. to F. E. Wyman, 73, New Farthingdale, Dormansland, Lingfield, Surrey. 6104

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Practice meeting at St. Andrew's, Clevedon (8), on June 18th. Bells available 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 5931

DEVON GUILD.—Annual festival, Exeter, June 18th. Service St. Mark's 4 p.m., address by the Bishop of Exeter. Tea and meeting in St. Mark's Parish Hall. Numbers for tea to Rev. C. G. Poulton, 36, Polsloe Road, Exeter. Ringing arrangements: St. Thomas' 1.30-3 p.m., Heavitree 1.30-3, St. Mark's 3-4. Cathedral 6-8.30 p.m. 5985

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Stanground, Saturday, June 18th. Bells (6) 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing after tea: Woodston (6) 6-7.15 p.m. Fletton (5) 6-8.30 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 6093

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Tewin (6 bells), 3 p.m., Saturday, June 18th. Tea 5 p.m.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 6133

LAVERNHAM, SUFFOLK.—Ringing anniversary, Saturday, June 18th. Bells available 3 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Tea shop near church. Everyone welcome.—M. T. Symonds. 6107

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—S. & W. District.—Meeting, Saturday, June 18th. Arrangements: Stanwell 2.30-3.30 p.m., Staines (St. Mary) 3-4.30, followed by service. Tea 5 p.m. St. Peter's, Staines 6-8 p.m.—E. R. G. 6089

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, All Saints', Pontefract, on Saturday, June 18th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please provide own food, cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 6130

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD OF RINGERS.—A meeting will be held at Downham (6) (near Wickford), on Saturday, June 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea 5 p.m. 6105

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Hurstpierpoint (8), Saturday, June 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. 6085

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD (Andover District) and OXFORD GUILD (Newbury District).—Joint meeting, Highclere, June 18th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea in the Armoury, Thatcham (8) 6.30, Newbury (10) 7.45 to 9 p.m. 6080

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Alvechurch (8), Saturday, June 18th. 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Coach will leave Bell Hotel, Stourbridge at 2.30 p.m. sharp.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, Stourbridge. 6038

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the 'Rising Sun', Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, June 25th. 6 p.m. Ringing St. Clement Danes', Strand, 3.30 p.m. Practices: June 21st, Southwark Cathedral, 6.45 p.m.; June 28th, St. Paul's Cathedral, 6.30; July 5th, St. Lawrence's, Jewry, 6.30; July 12th, St. Giles', Cripplegate, 6.45 p.m. Will members visiting London please note that weekly practices are held on the continuous rota shown above.—John Chilcott, Hon. Sec. 6124

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Practice meeting, Banwell, June 25th. Bells (8) 5 p.m.—David H. White. 6098

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Bidston, Saturday, June 25th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea provided free for those notifying by Wednesday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 6131

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby and Ilkeston District.—Monthly meeting, Belper (8), Saturday, June 25th. 3.30-5 p.m. and 6-7.30 p.m. Cafes nearby.—W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec. 6121

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Thrybergh, June 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Running buffet.—R. J. Sanderson. 6123

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Chipping Campden (8), June 25th. 3 p.m. Names for tea by June 21st.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 6122

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Meeting, Colerne, June 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea essential by June 23rd. to H. G. Sheppard, 38, High Street, Colerne, Wilts. 6110

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Olveston (8). June 25th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service, tea and meeting to follow.—F. Hussey, 39, Gordon Avenue, Whitehall, Bristol 5. 6118

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Send and Ockham. Saturday, June 25th. Bells 3 p.m., and service 4.30, at Send. Tea 5 p.m.—Red Cross Hut, Send. Ockham and Send bells in evening. Names for tea by previous Wednesday. to Mr. Strudwick, 'Eskholm,' Potters Lane, Send. 6106

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Willesborough. Saturday, June 25th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday. to Mr. R. J. Carlton, 10, Hunter Road, Willesborough.—C. T. H. 6108

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Blackrod. Saturday, June 25th. Bells (6) at 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. No business.—Thornley, Hon. Sec. 6099

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Woodlesford. Saturday, June 25th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided, bring own food.—D. Thorp. 6129

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Cosby, June 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Names please, by the Wednesday previous. to Mr. John Bennett, 28, Warwick Road, Littlethorpe, Narborough, Leics.—M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 6103

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Edenham, Saturday, June 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by June 20th. to Mr. W. Holmes, Edenham, Bourne, Lincs.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 6090

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Monthly meeting at Stoke Poges. on Saturday, June 25th. Ringing 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. 6109

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Hurst, on June 25th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea in Village Hall. Names for tea by June 21st. to Mrs. B. C. Castle, 'The Briars,' Westfield Road, Winnersh, Wokingham. 6101

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Courtenhall, Saturday, June 25th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. - 7.15 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Collingtree (5) available 6.30-7.45 p.m. Social (1s.) 7.45-11.15 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous. Social tickets (C.W.O.) from E. Billings, 61, Melville Street, Northampton. 6097

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Litchborough, June 25th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names by Tuesday previous.—W. A. Yates, 4, Bannerlands, Dadford, Buckingham. 6116

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting at Colston Bassett. Saturday, June 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea at Manvers Arms, at 5 p.m., not later than the 21st, to Mr. G. Payne, Colston Bassett, Notts. 6096

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North East District.—A practice meeting at Theberton (bells 2.30 p.m.), and Yoxford (bells 6.30 p.m.). Saturday, June 25th. Tea at Theberton 5 p.m.—A. R. Bridges, Dis. Sec. 6095

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at Heathfield (afternoon) and Warbleton (evening), on June 25th. Tea at Heathfield at 5 p.m. Please notify F. Beeny (sec.), Hillbrae, Carters Corner Road, Hailsham. 6111

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Annual festival, St. Mary's, Swansea, Saturday, June 25th. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Names for tea by June 18th. to J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Forestfach, Swansea. 6056

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Second quarterly meeting, Gawsworth (8). Saturday, July 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Quarterly meeting, Ingrave, July 2nd. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Brentwood (8) will also be available from 7 p.m. Names for tea. please, to Miss N. Jeffery, 45, Brentwood Road, Ingrave. 6126

LADIES' GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Bath, on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells available: St. Michael with St. Paul, Broad Street, 10-11 a.m.; Twerton 11-12 noon; St. Mark's 2-3 p.m.; Abbey 2.30-3.30; St. Mary, Bathwick 7-7.30; All Saints, Weston 7.30-8.30; Corston from 7 p.m. Committee meeting 1 p.m., St. Mary's Church Hall. Service, Bath Abbey, 3.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting, St. Mary's Church Hall, 4.15 p.m. Names for tea (3s. 6d.) by June 29th. to Mrs. Norton, Gout House Farm, Kingston Seymour, Clevedon, Somerset. 6018

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Meeting. Aberavon, July 2nd. Not June 25th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—R. E. Coles, Branch Sec. 6115

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Attleborough, Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by June 29th. Special methods: Beverley Surprise and College Exercise.—C. F. W. Philippo, 1, Council Houses, Bunwell, Norwich. NOR 01X. 6127

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Oxford, on Saturday, July 2nd. Service at Christ Church 11 a.m. Annual meeting in the Chapter House 12 noon. Lunch in Christ Church dining hall 1.30 p.m. Luncheon tickets 6s. Application for tickets, accompanied by remittance, must reach Mr. A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Church Lane, Wexham, Slough, Bucks, not later than Tuesday, June 28th. Ringing arrangements as on agenda.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6091

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Est. 1623).—The 337th Anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (12) available from 11 a.m. Service 6 p.m. 12 bell ringing guaranteed. Lunch and tea for those who notify me by 23rd.—L. E. Pitstow, 4, Highfields, (Phone 2074). 6082

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Summer quarterly meeting. Bere Regis, on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 22nd, to Mr. H. Pitfield, Rose Cottage, Butt Lane, Bere Regis, Dorchester, Dorset.—R. H. Duke, Hon. Sec. 6079

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting on July 2nd, at Colgrave. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by June 29th. to S. Adams, 54, Wilford Road, Ruddington. 6132

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.W. District.—Meeting at Stratford St. Mary (6), Saturday, July 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Bailey, Squirrels Hall Cottage, Stratford St. Mary, Colchester, Essex. Higham (6) available after tea.—R. J. Sea-brook. 6119

SUFFOLK GUILD.—West Central District.—Meeting at Cotton (8), July 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea by June 29th.—H. Mitson, Dis. Sec., Buxhall, Stowmarket. 6120

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly District meeting at Walton-on-Thames. July 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea by Thursday previous. to Mrs. V. Lathbury, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. Oatlands bells in evening.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 6102

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, July 2nd, at Whitechurch, Hants. Meeting 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. in Church Hall. Numbers for tea to Mr. E. W. Dance, Bere Hill Farm, Whitechurch, Hants. 19 towers open during the day—details later.—R. R. Savory, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6070

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Diocesan festival at Werrington, on Saturday, July 9th, beginning 2.30 p.m. Service at Werrington at 4.15 p.m., followed by tea. 2s. Bells: Werrington (8). St. Stephen, Launceston (8). St. Thomas' (6). Lawhitton (6). Lezant (6). South Petherwin (6), also after tea St. Mary Magdalen, Launceston (8). Replies by Tuesday, June 28th. to Rev. H. Trehwella, Penhevela, Crantock, Newquay. 6112

MISS STELLA DAVIS KILLED

We regret to announce that Miss Stella Davis, of Bucklebury, a vice-president of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, met her death last Saturday while on an outing. She was crossing the road when she was knocked over by a motor-cyclist and died shortly afterwards.

Miss Davis was captain of the Bucklebury band and a past secretary of the Newbury Branch.

FASTEST ON NASH BELLS

Dear Sir.—The claim by Mr. Hartley for the fastest peal on Nash bells is four years too late and six minutes too slow.

On Thursday, January 26th, 1956, a peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung on these bells in 2 hours and 23 minutes, conducted by me.—Yours faithfully,

DAVID J. KING.

Chepstow. Mon.

FIRST OF MINOR AT BRILL

Dear Sir.—Mr. Alan R. Pink claims that the peal of Minor he conducted at Brill, Bucks, on May 14th, was the first peal of Minor on the bells. This is incorrect since I took part in a peal of seven Minor methods, conducted by my father, Tony Price, on July 9th, 1949, in 2 hours and 40 minutes. This peal was believed to have been the first of Minor on the bells.—Yours faithfully,

R. E. PRICE.

Sheffield.

A summer school on 'The English Cathedral and Abbey' will be held at St. John's College Hostel, Heworth Green, York, from August 20th to 27th. The fee will be 12 guineas (non-residents 6 guineas). Application to the Institute of Advanced Architectural Studies, Micklegate, York.

BRISTOL.—At St. Mary Redcliffe, on June 5th. 1,363 Grandsire Cinques: F. G. Leaker 1, A. M. Tyler 2, Marian Hancock (first of Cinques 'inside') 3, Beryl Abbott (first of Grandsire Cinques) 4, J. Baldwin (first of Grandsire Cinques) 5, Jane Cook 6, W. Abrahams (first of Cinques) 7, R. Blackler 8, F. C. Mogford 9, E. F. Hancock (cond.) 10, F. Hamsford 11, S. Gillet 12. Rung after Evenson.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Whit Sunday, June 5th, 1,440 Minor (720 each St. Clement's and Plain Bob): Hermone Hockey 1, W. A. Hughes 2, A. S. Richards 3, J. Faircloth 4, D. Holland 5, A. MacVe (cond.) 6.

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QUARTER PEALS

ORSEY, ESSEX.—On May 29th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss E. Mason 1, Mrs. F. W. Blatch 2, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 3, A. A. Hilliar 4, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 5, F. W. Blatch 6. Conductor's 50th quarter peal. A birthday compliment to Tony Bowley, a member of the local band.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On May 29th, 1,320 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Miss C. Webb (first quarter) 1, O. Cripps 2, W. Simpson 3, J. Harvey 4, D. Marshall (cond.) 5, R. Newsum 6.

SPALDWICK, HUNTINGDON.—On May 7th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. W. Allen 1, H. S. Peacock 2, Lucy Allen 3, P. E. Wells 4, E. J. Whiting 5, R. F. Baker (cond.) 6. In honour of the wedding of H.R.H. Princess Margaret and Mr. Antony Armstrong-Jones.

SPONDON, DERRYS.—On May 11th, 1,272 Minor (Kent and Oxford T.B.): E. H. Willows 1, Miss C. Collier 2, D. K. Walklate (cond.) 3, Miss R. Bull 4, D. Parkin 5, J. Murfin 6.

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