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## NEXT TUESDAY'S COUNCIL MEETING.

The Central Council meeting in London next Tuesday is likely to be an interesting one, and will certainly provide the members with a full sitting. The 'triennial' meeting, in the metropolis, of necessity, produces more routine business than the two succeeding gatherings in the provinces, for it is the first session of a new Council and the officers and committees have to be elected, but on this occasion, apart from certain contentious motions on the agenda, the internal affairs of the Council will demand more than usual attention. The business includes consideration of the revised rules and the Standing Committee's recommendations as to their own constitution and that of other committees. Hitherto committees have been elected in a somewhat casual way, generally by asking the representative, who proposes the appointment of a committee for any purpose, to nominate the members. By this means the Council may or may not get the best Committee for the object in view. Whether it is possible to devise any better plan, however, remains to be seen, but whatever is done about the committees in general, there ought to be some less haphazard method of electing the Standing Committee—which is really the Executive Committee of the Council—than has been practised in the past. The number of elective members on this committee ought to be definitely fixed; vacancies should be filled as they occur and elections, when they are necessary, ought to be by ballot.

Very little criticism has been heard up to the present of the proposed new rules. Where they have been discussed by associations the rules seem to have proved generally acceptable and the principles which they seek to lay down for the constitution of the Council are, we think, likely to be adopted by the Council. The intention behind the rules is to make the bond between the associations and the Council a stronger one; to make the Council the central body of the ringing Exercise in fact as well as in name. The fixing of the representation of territorial and diocesan societies on a definite limited numerical basis will not only tend to prevent overlapping, but will also serve another useful purpose in providing, to a much greater degree than is at present possible, some guide to the number of ringers represented by the Council. The new rules also change the financial relationship of the societies with the Council, by basing the affiliation fees on membership and not upon the number of representatives elected to the Council. In actual practice very few associations will be affected, for most of them already elect the maximum number to which they are entitled, and we can hardly imagine any association declining membership of the Council on the strength of

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the financial liability, when the affiliation fees will be, at most, only about one halfpenny per member per annum. The service which the Council renders to the Exercise—not merely through the business transacted at the annual meeting, but by the work of its committees throughout the year, and the fact that it is actually the hub of the wheel of ringing organisation—more than makes its upkeep worth while, and this further attempt to strengthen the ties between the Council and the associations will surely be welcomed.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Wednesday, May 24, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18 cwt. 15 lb.

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|---|---|---|---|
| *ARTHUR CAUSLEY | ...Treble | GEORGE ADES | 6 |
| FRANK BENNETT | 2 | EDWARD J. OLIVER | 7 |
| *BERNARD SAUNDERS | 3 | OLIVER SIPPETTS | 8 |
| HERBERT RANN | 4 | ALFRED J. TURNER | 9 |
| NELSON ELLIOT | 5 | HENRY STALHAM | ...Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Bob Royal. Rung by special permission of the Vicar, Rev. V. P. Powell, to celebrate Empire Day.

LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, May 27, 1933, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,*

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

**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

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|---|---|---|---|
| ROBERT J. DAWE | ...Treble | KENNETH SNELLING | 6 |
| KEITH HART | 2 | *C. ERNEST SMITH | 7 |
| FRANK I. HAIRS | 3 | *ROBERT SWIFT | 8 |
| WILFRED WILLIAMS | 4 | OLIVER SIPPETTS | 9 |
| JACK M. CRIPPS | 5 | JOHN DEARLOVE | ...Tenor |

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal. First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal on the bells.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

RISHTON, LANCS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, May 13, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

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|---|---|---|---|
| ANTHONY CHADWICK | ...Treble | ARTHUR TOMLINSON | 5 |
| JAMES PARR | 2 | JOHN BROWN | 6 |
| FRED HINDLE | 3 | *RICHARD BOLDERSTONE | 7 |
| ARTHUR INGHAM | 4 | LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS | ...Tenor |

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

* 100th peal. The composition is now rung for the first time.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Wednesday, May 17, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,*

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 33 cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| ROBERT SPERRING | ...Treble | JAMES MORGAN | 5 |
| WILLIAM SAUNDERS | 2 | SAMUEL JONES, JUN. | 6 |
| J. WILLIAM CLARKE | 3 | EDWARD V. RODENHURST | 7 |
| JAMES SWINDLEY | 4 | PERCY SWINDLEY | ...Tenor |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by R. SPERRING.

Rung in honour of the wedding of the Rev. Edward Geoffrey Benson, Rector of Quatford, Salop, and Miss Judith Humphrey Welsby, which took place earlier in the day. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the second. First peal of Oxford on the bells.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
*On Thursday, May 18, 1933, in Three Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

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|---|---|---|---|
| WILLIAM WHITING ... | ...*Treble* | JAMES BENNETT, JUN.... ... | 5 |
| GEORGE BENNETT ... ... | 2 | T. WILLIAM LAST ... ... | 6 |
| GEORGE PRYKE ... ... ... | 3 | GEORGE WHITING ... ... | 7 |
| ALBERT E. WHITING ... ... | 4 | LESLIE G. BRETT... ... | ...*Tenor* |

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect for Mr. Edwin Kersey, of Framsden Hall, who was for many years churchwarden at the above church.

TEWKESBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(TEWKESBURY BRANCH.)
*On Saturday, May 20, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,*
AT THE ABBEY,
**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

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|---|---|---|---|
| *ALMERICK PAGE ... ... | ...*Treble* | OLIVER ATTWOOD ... ... | 5 |
| WILLIAM WOODWARD ... | 2 | HARRY DEVEREUX ... ... | 6 |
| JOHN AUSTIN ... ... ... | 3 | CHARLES DYSON ... ... ... | 7 |
| ARTHUR DEVEREUX ... ... | 4 | HAROLD FELLOWS ... | ...*Tenor* |

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

* First peal. This peal was specially arranged and rung as a compliment to the Rev. E. G. Benson, a former curate of Tewkesbury, and Ringing Master, whose wedding took place at Chester the Wednesday previous.

GREAT YARMOUTH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
*On Saturday, May 20, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**
Tenor 30 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in C sharp.

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|---|---|---|---|
| JOHN G. W. HARWOOD | ...*Treble* | FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... | 5 |
| GEORGE HOWCHIN ... ... | 2 | NOLAN GOLDEN ... ... ... | 6 |
| GEORGE MAYERS ... ... ... | 3 | WILLIAM J. CLOVER ... ... | 7 |
| CHARLES F. SAYER ... ... | 4 | FREDERICK SEAGER ... | ...*Tenor* |

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung after meeting short for Superlative Major. Arranged for the 'return of the native,' on holiday from Bradford.

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
*On Saturday, May 20, 1933, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,*
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**
Tenor 18 cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| *FRANK PLATT ... ... ... | ...*Treble* | IVAN KAY ... ... ... ... | 5 |
| FRANK LAWTON ... ... ... | 2 | HARRY PLATT ... .. ... | 6 |
| *ISAAC GARTSIDE ... ... ... | 3 | HARRY H. MELLOR ... ... | 7 |
| †FRED MELLOR ... ... ... | 4 | CHARLES E. PLATT ... | ...*Tenor* |

Conducted by CHARLES E. PLATT.

* First peal. † First peal with bob bell. This peal was rung for the diamond jubilee of the bells, which were dedicated on May 20th, 1873.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
*On Saturday, May 20, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
**A PEAL OF DUFFIELD MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**
Tenor 11¾ cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| STEPHEN H. HOARE ... | ...*Treble* | FRANCIS KIRK ... ... ... | 5 |
| HENRY HODGETTS ... ... | 2 | †MADRICK F. R. HIBBERT ... | 6 |
| *WALTER AYRE ... ... ... | 3 | JOHN E. ROOTES ... ... | 7 |
| GILBERT R. GOODSHIP ... | 4 | FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW | *Tenor* |

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW

* 200th tower bell peal, rung in 79 towers, 16 counties and for 15 associations. First peal in the method in the county and by the association. Rung in honour of Mr. D. C. Rutherford, the donor of the bells, becoming vice-chairman of the Herts County Council.

A peal was rung at Ardley, Herts, on May 15th, in honour of the 70th birthday of Mr. E. Sheppard, who was captain of the local band for 40 years. After the peal he kindly entertained the band to supper.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
*On Saturday, May 20, 1933, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**
Tenor 24 cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| GEORGE HOWLETT ... | ...*Treble* | GEORGE GOWER ... ... ... | 5 |
| *ROBERT BARBER ... ... | 2 | WILLIAM FLATT ... ... ... | 6 |
| GEORGE CURSON ... ... | 3 | RUSSELL RICHES ... ... ... | 7 |
| STANLEY COPLING ... ... | 4 | CHARLES LOOME ... ... | ...*Tenor* |

Composed by Rev. H. EARLE BULWER. Conducted by G. HOWLETT

* First peal of Major. All the above are regular Sunday service ringers.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
*On Saturday, May 20, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

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|---|---|---|---|
| *ERNEST E. PICKERING | ...*Treble* | CECIL E. CARR ... ... ... | 5 |
| ALFRED BALLARD ... ... | 2 | PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM ... | 6 |
| REV. R. P. FARROW, M.A. | 3 | ERNEST MORRIS ... ... ... | 7 |
| DR. F. STEDMAN POOLE ... | 4 | GEORGE A. NEWTON ... | ...*Tenor* |

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First of Treble Bob. First peal in method on the bells. A birthday compliment to tenor ringer. This composition, rung for the first time by M.C.A., never has 28 dodging in 7.8.

KIBWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
*On Saturday, May 20, 1933, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,*
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.
**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**
Tenor 14 cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| WILLIAM HECTOR ... | ...*Treble* | WILLIAM BOLTON ... ... | 5 |
| FRED WALLINGTON ... ... | 2 | ERNEST MEASURES ... ... | 6 |
| WALTER WALLINGTON ... | 3 | NIGEL BOLTON ... ... ... | 7 |
| ARTHUR MANNING ... ... | 4 | FRED STANIFORTH ... | ...*Tenor* |

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by A. MANNING.

EXETER, DEVONSHIRE.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
(ST. THOMAS' SOCIETY.)
*On Saturday, May 20, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| *ROY RUNDLE ... ... ... | ...*Treble* | FREDERICK WREFORD ... ... | 5 |
| †FRANK WILLS ... ... ... | 2 | ERNEST HILL ... ... ... | 6 |
| JOHN HOSGOOD ... ... ... | 3 | EDWARD W. BIFFIN ... ... | 7 |
| WILLIAM H. HOWE ... ... | 4 | ARTHUR H. GOAD... ... | ...*Tenor* |

Conducted by EDWARD W. BIFFIN.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal 'inside.' Credit is due to ringers of 1 and 2, who rang well throughout the peal. Rung on the 10th anniversary of the dedication of the bells. All the above (with the exception of Mr. Howe) are regular Sunday service ringers at this church.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
*On Saturday, May 20, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.
**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**
PARKERS' TWELVE-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

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| *HARRY LIMBERT... ... ... | ...*Treble* | GEORGE DETHERIDGE, SEN. | 5 |
| ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... | 2 | †ALBERT TAYLOR... ... ... | 6 |
| HORACE DOWELL ... ... | 3 | GEORGE DETHERIDGE, JUN. | 7 |
| EZRA HOMER ... ... ... | 4 | REUBEN INGRAM ... | ...*Tenor* |

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal and first attempt in the method on an 'inside' bell. Quickest peal on the bells, and rung by an entirely local band in commemoration of the second anniversary of the induction of the Vicar (Rev. H. Card, B.A.). 80th peal as conductor.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
*On Saturday, May 20, 1933, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,*
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**
Tenor 14¾ cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| THOMAS RILEY ... ... | ...*Treble* | JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... ... | 5 |
| *L. NOEL CAWTHORNE ... | 2 | JOHN R. BREARLEY ... ... | 6 |
| *JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... ... | 3 | W. H. TORTON ... ... ... | 7 |
| ERNEST WAGSTAFFE ... ... | 4 | JOHN FLINT ... ... ... | ...*Tenor* |

Composed by G. LEWIS Conducted by JOHN FLINT.
* First peal in the method.

RAWMARSH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
*On Saturday, May 20, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**
Tenor 12½ cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| *FRANK PICKERING ... | ...*Treble* | ARTHUR PANTHER ... ... | 5 |
| MRS. T. COLIN RYDER ... | 2 | HAROLD CHANT ... ... ... | 6 |
| WILLIAM GREEN ... ... | 3 | T. COLIN RYDER ... ... ... | 7 |
| ARTHUR GILL ... ... ... | 4 | ALBERT NASH ... ... | ...*Tenor* |

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by A. NASH.
* First peal in the method. Rung after meeting short for Surprise, Mr. Pickering very kindly making up the band at short notice.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
*On Saturday, May 20, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**
Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb.

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|---|---|---|---|
| ARTHUR KNIGHTS... ... | ...*Treble* | FREDERICK A. ADAMS ... ... | 5 |
| EDWARD F. GOBEY ... ... | 2 | EDWARD C. GOBEY ... ... | 6 |
| NORMAN C. LEWIS ... ... | 3 | JAMES GEORGE ... ... ... | 7 |
| WILLIAM J. THYNG ... ... | 4 | A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS... | ...*Tenor* |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 384). Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
*On Saturday, May 20, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| *RAYMOND WOOD, JUN. | ...*Treble* | GEORGE OLLIVER... ... ... | 5 |
| REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... | 2 | ROBERT SWIFT ... .. ... | 6 |
| KENNETH SNELLING ... ... | 3 | WALTER CHARMAN ... ... | 7 |
| A. WINGFIELD DURHAM ... | 4 | OLIVER SIPPETTS ... ... | ...*Tenor* |

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS
* First peal in the method.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
*On Sunday, May 21, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
**A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

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|---|---|---|---|
| MISS FLORRIE WYMAN | ...*Treble* | A. WINGFIELD DURHAM ... | 5 |
| NELSON ELLIOTT ... ... | 2 | KENNETH SNELLING ... ... | 6 |
| *ROBERT SWIFT ... ... ... | 3 | ALFRED J. BULL ... ... ... | 7 |
| *C. ERNEST SMITH ... ... | 4 | OLIVER SIPPETTS ... ... | ...*Tenor* |

Composed by Rev. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

HALLOW, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
*On Sunday, May 21, 1933, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,
**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 21½ cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| CHARLES G. BOWKETT | ...*Treble* | *LEONARD CLAY ... ... ... | 5 |
| *PERCY BLISSETT... ... ... | 2 | CHARLES CAMM ... ... ... | 6 |
| SIDNEY T. HOLT ... ... | 3 | THOMAS G. GREEN ... ... | 7 |
| THOMAS W. LEWIS ... ... | 4 | †WILFRED A. SHARPE ... | ...*Tenor* |

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.
* First peal of Stedman. † First peal on eight bells.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
*On Monday, May 22, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**
Tenor 17¼ cwt. in E.

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|---|---|---|---|
| ERNEST CUTSFORTH ... | ...*Treble* | PETER CROOK, SEN. ... ... | 5 |
| WILFRED HALLIWELL ... | 2 | *EDWARD IDDON ... ... ... | 6 |
| WILFRED J. MOSS ... ... | 3 | ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... ... | 7 |
| *FRED DUNKERLEY ... ... | 4 | PETER CROOK, JUN. ... | ...*Tenor* |

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Crook.

TODMORDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)
*On Wednesday, May 24, 1933, in Three Hours,*
AT THE UNITARIAN CHURCH,
**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| HAROLD HAMER ... ... | ...*Treble* | JOHN H. C. MASSEY ... ... | 5 |
| FRED DUNKERLEY ... ... | 2 | STEPHAN L. PARRY ... ... | 6 |
| FRANK FIELDEN ... ... ... | 3 | HERBERT DAVENPORT ... | 7 |
| JOHN NASH ... ... ... ... | 4 | *FRANK NUTTALL... ... | ...*Tenor* |

Conducted by H. DAVENPORT.
* First peal in method. First peal as conductor in the method. Rung to celebrate Empire Day.

ROCESTER, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
*On Wednesday, May 24, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**
M. SWINFIELD'S ODD BOB IRREGULAR TWENTY-PART.
Tenor 13¾ cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| MAURICE SWINFIELD ... | ...*Treble* | CHARLES DRAPER ... ... | 5 |
| JOHN H. SWINFIELD ... ... | 2 | W. RICHARDSON DRAGE ... | 6 |
| WALTER WALLACE ... ... | 3 | JAMES GEORGE ... ... ... | 7 |
| J. CHARLES DICKEN ... ... | 4 | JOSEPH BAILEY ... ... | ...*Tenor* |

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.
This composition is now rung for the first time, and has all the 6-7's at backstroke. First peal on these bells, recently installed by Taylor and Co., the tone and 'go' being excellent. Rung to celebrate Empire Day and as a birthday compliment to Miss Dicken.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
*On Thursday, May 25, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
**A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**
ILKESTON VARIATION. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

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| *CHARLES H. MOORE ... | ...*Treble* | *HENRY TOOKE ... ... ... | 5 |
| GEORGE MAYERS ... ... | 2 | FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... | 6 |
| *GEORGE HOWCHIN ... ... | 3 | WALTER R. FARROW... ... | 7 |
| NOLAN GOLDEN ... ... ... | 4 | WILLIAM J. CLOVER ... | ...*Tenor* |

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First spliced peal. First peal in this variation by all and by the association on eight bells. This composition contains only 4-5-6 in 6th's and the extent there, with their combinations in all positions, and the 64's, 45's and 56's home at plain leads. Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to an esteemed member of the band.

RINGWOOD, HAMPSHIRE,
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
*On Saturday, May 27, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES**
JOHNSON'S VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

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| MISS MARCIA WHITE ... | ...*Treble* | REGINALD BROWN ... ... | 5 |
| EDWARD G. COWARD ... ... | 2 | ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... | 6 |
| GEORGE WILLIAMS ... ... | 3 | WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... | 7 |
| FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... | 4 | FREDERICK W. ROGERS | ...*Tenor* |

Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.
First peal of Surprise on the bells. Rung as a compliment to the Vicar (Very Rev. R. O. P. Taylor) on his being appointed lecturer in pastoral theology in the University of Cambridge for the year 1933-4.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
*On Wednesday, May 24, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
**A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

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| JOHN J. LAMB ... ... | ...*Treble* | LIONEL J. COLLUM ... ... | 5 |
| EDWIN A. BARNETT ... ... | 2 | HARRY HOVERD ... ... ... | 6 |
| JOHN WHEADON ... ... ... | 3 | EDWARD J. BEER ... ... ... | 7 |
| ALFRED G. HILL ... ... ... | 4 | FREDERICK J. COLLUM | ...*Tenor* |

Composed by the late E. BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by F. J. COLLUM
First peal in the method by all the band. Rung in honour of Empire Day.

WOOLWICH.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
*On Saturday, May 27, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 12¾ cwt.

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| LIONEL J. COLLUM ... ... | ...*Treble* | ALFRED G. HILL ... ... ... | 5 |
| JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... ... | 2 | HARRY HOVERD ... ... ... | 6 |
| EDWIN A. BARNETT ... ... | 3 | EDWIN BARNETT ... ... ... | 7 |
| JOHN WHEADON ... ... ... | 4 | HERBERT E. AUDSLEY | ...*Tenor* |

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.
First peal on the bells since their restoration.

KEA, NEAR TRURO, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
*On Saturday, May 27, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,
**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| ARTHUR S. ROBERTS ... | ...*Treble* | HENRY WILLIAMS ... ... | 5 |
| JOHN THOMAS ... ... ... | 2 | FREDERICK W. MARSHALL | 6 |
| MISS E. J. C. ANGWIN ... | 3 | WILLIAM H. SLEEMAN ... | 7 |
| GEOFFREY W. TAYSOM ... | 4 | *E. SANDERS ... ... ... | ...*Tenor* |

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
* First peal and first attempt. The conductor is from Edmonton. The Vicar, the Rev. R. H. Sowell, came to the tower at the finish and complimented the band on the good striking.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
*On Saturday, May 27, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**
Tenor 12 cwt.

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| FREDERICK CARDWELL | ...*Treble* | JAMES H. HAYWOOD ... ... | 5 |
| MISS LUCY M. KELLY ... | 2 | *HARRY MORTIMORE ... ... | 6 |
| F. CLIFFORD WILSON ... | 3 | GEORGE F. TUKE ... ... | 7 |
| *ALBERT FIRTH ... ... ... | 4 | FRED WATKINSON ... | ...*Tenor* |

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by F. WATKINSON.
* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the youngest son of G. F. Tuke.

## SIX BELL PEALS.

COLD HIGHAM, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
*On Saturday, May 6, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

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| J. WILFRID SHARP ... ... | ...*Treble* | HENRY W. GAYTON ... ... | 4 |
| HERBERT L. HARLOW ... ... | 2 | AMOS SMART ... .. ... | 5 |
| WILLIAM STOCK ... ... ... | 3 | *JOHN M. GRAY ... ... | ...*Tenor* |

Conducted by AMOS SMART.
* First peal in seven methods.

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ARDLEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
*On Monday, May 15, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, New London Pleasure, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Delight and Duke of York. Tenor 9 cwt.

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| SYDNEY CARTER ... ... | ...*Treble* | ARTHUR PHILLIPS ... ... | 4 |
| ALBERT LAWRENCE ... ... | 2 | HENRY WALLACE... ... ... | 5 |
| JOHN WELCH ... ... ... | 3 | BARNARD PATMORE ... | ...*Tenor* |

Conducted by BARNARD PATMORE.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. Sheppard, who attained the age of 70 that day. He was captain of the local band for 40 years. It was also a birthday compliment to Mr. E. J. Sparkes.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.
*On Wednesday, May 17, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**
Being seven 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

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| *FREDERIC PURSE ... ... | ...*Treble* | *GEORGE E. BUNTING ... | 4 |
| *THOMAS F. BUNTING ... | 2 | WALLACE W. COUSINS ... | 5 |
| †CHARLES A. UTTERIDGE ... | 3 | CLAUDE COUSINS ... | ...*Tenor* |

Conducted by CLAUDE COUSINS.
* First peal. † First peal and first attempt. First peal on the bells by an entirely local band.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
*On Thursday, May 18, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**
Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

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| SAMUEL ELLIS ... ... ... | ...*Treble* | GEORGE LEE... ... ... ... | 4 |
| *P.C. ERNEST G. PEARCE, JUN. | 2 | ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... | 5 |
| WILLIAM C. BUNN ... ... | 3 | FRANCIS W. NAUNTON | ...*Tenor* |

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.
* First peal. Treble ringer's first peal for twenty-six years.

WEST DEEPING, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
*On Friday, May 19, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**
Being seven 720's, Double and Single Oxford, Plain Bob, Double Court, Single Court, Oxford, Kent and Cambridge Surprise.
Tenor 10 cwt.

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| CHARLES E. BLACK ... | ...*Treble* | CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY | 4 |
| HORACE M. DAY ... ... ... | 2 | WILLIAM NEAL ... ... ... | 5 |
| ROGER W. DANIELS ... ... | 3 | *CHARLES WILKINSON | ...*Tenor* |

Conducted by H. M. DAY.
* First peal in eight methods 'inside.' Rung for the silver wedding of the ringer of the 5th, who, with the treble ringer, belongs to the local band.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)
*On Saturday, May 20, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GABRIEL,
**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10½ cwt.

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| JOSEPH LAWRENCE ... | ...*Treble* | ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... ... | 4 |
| *GEORGE E. LARGE ... ... | 2 | SIDNEY T. HOLT ... ... ... | 5 |
| WILLIAM RANFORD ... ... | 3 | CHARLES CAMM ... ... | ...*Tenor* |

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.
* First peal in seven methods.

NORTHMOOR, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
*On Saturday, May 20, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**
Being forty-two six-scores, nine callings. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

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| P. TRINDER ... ... ... | ...*Treble* | V. CLIFTON ... ... ... ... | 4 |
| O. BOWSHER ... ... ... ... | 2 | N. SPINDLOW ... ... ... | 5 |
| B. D. COSTAR ... ... ... | 3 | B. R. JOHNSON ... ... | ...*Tenor* |

Conducted by N. SPINDLOW.
First peal on the bells.

HARTFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(East Grinstead and District Guild.)

*On Saturday, May 20, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,*

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Seven different 720's. Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| George Lambert ... | ...*Treble* | Alec Richardson ... ... | 4 |
| Ernest J. Oliver ... ... | 2 | Ernest J. Ladd ... ... ... | 5 |
| Philip S. Thompson ... ... | 3 | Albert E. Edwards ... | ...*Tenor* |

Each ringer conducted a 720, commencing from the treble, Albert E. Edwards conducting two 720's.

WINTHORPE, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, May 20, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,*

At the Church of All Saints and St. Mary-the-Virgin,

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

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. (approx.).

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|---|---|---|---|
| Miss Grace Burchnall ...*Treble* | | Leonard Pierrepont ... | 4 |
| Miss Kath. Burchnall ... | 2 | Ernest A. Midwinter ... | 5 |
| Arthur J. Chamberlain ... | 3 | Harold Denman... ... | ...*Tenor* |

Conducted by Harold Denman.

TAXAL, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Saturday, May 20, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,*

At the Church of St. James,

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

Being one extent each of Rostherne, Wilmslow, Knutsford, Bogedone, Marple, Disley and Norbury. Tenor 11 cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| Sidney Hough, sen. ... ...*Treble* | | Wilfred Stevenson ... ... | 4 |
| James Fernley, jun.... ... | 2 | John Worth ... ... ... | 5 |
| James A. Milner ... ... | 3 | Ernest Bennett... ... | ...*Tenor* |

Conducted by Ernest Bennett.

Rung on the conductor's 21st birthday as a compliment to him, also to celebrate the first birthday of Master John Stevenson. These methods, which were first rung and named at Norbury, are representative of six-bell towers within the Stockport and Bowdon Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild.

# HANDBELL PEALS.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Thursday, May 18, 1933, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,*

At the Residence of Mr. W. Ayre,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 15 in C.

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| Henry Hodgetts ... ... | 1-2 | *Walter Ayre ... ... ... | 5-6 |
| Christopher Woolley ... | 3-4 | Francis Kirk ... ... ... | 7-8 |

Composed by Geo. H. Cross. Conducted by W. Ayre.

Witness—Mrs. W. Ayre.

* 50th peal of Bob Major 'in hand.' It is over 30 years since the ringer of 1-2 rang a peal in this method 'in hand.'

BIRMINGHAM.

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

*On Friday, May 19, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,*

In St. Martin's Belfry,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

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| Frank E. Pervin... ... ... | 1-2 | Frank E. Haynes ... ... | 7-8 |
| Frank W. Perrens ... ... | 3-4 | Albert E. Norman ... ... | 9-10 |
| George F. Swann ... ... | 5-6 | Morris J. Morris ... | ...11-12 |

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Frank E. Pervin.

Referee—Albert Walker.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Sunday, May 21, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,*

At 16, Iron Mill Lane,

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

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| *Edwin A. Barnett ... ... | 1-2 | Frederick G. Groombridge | 5-6 |
| Thomas Groombridge, jun. | 3-4 | *Edwin Barnett... ... ... | 7-8 |

Composed by C. H. Martin. Conducted by F. G. Groombridge.

Umpire—T. Groombridge sen.

* First peal 'in hand.'

## SPLICED DOUBLES.

BY GABRIEL LINDOFF.

(Continued from page 326.)

We will conclude Grandsire Doubles with six-part 840's, each containing seven different extents.

Here are the five foundation touches:—

840's.

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| 2345 | 2345 | 2345 | 2345 | 2345 |
| 2534 | 2534 | 2534 | 2534 | 2534 |
| 2453 | 2453 | 2453 | 2453 | 3425 B |
| 5324 B | 5324 B | 3524 S | 3524 S | 5234 S |
| 5432 | 5432 | 3452 | 2435 B | 5423 |
| 3254 B | 2354 S | 5234 B | 5324 S | 3254 S |
| 3425 | 2435 | 5423 | 5432 | 5432 B |
| 5234 S | 3524 B | 2354 B | 2354 S | 2354 S |
| 5423 | 3452 | 2435 | 5423 B | 2435 |
| 2354 B | 5234 B | 5324 S | 3254 S | 5324 S |
| 2435 | 5423 | 5432 | 3425 | 2453 B |
| 3524 B | 3254 S | 3254 B | 5234 S | 3524 S |
| 3452 | 3425 | 3425 | 3452 B | 3452 |
| 2534 S | 2534 B | 2534 B | 2534 S | 2534 S |
| 3425 B | 3425 B | 3425 B | 3425 B | 3425 B |

Each to be five times repeated with Single half-way and end. These can be varied by calling the Single at first and fourth part ends, or second and fifth. Then, by starting at different leads, some two hundred and ten are obtained, giving merely one hundred and seventy-six thousand four hundred.

## LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTHERN BRANCH VOTE TO LAW JAMES MEMORIAL.

The annual meeting held at Gainsborough on Saturday, May 20th, was a real success, the districts of Gainsborough, Grimsby and Lincoln being well represented, but, unfortunately, the Sleaford District was unrepresented. Honorary and performing members to the number of eighty were present from Bardney, Barrow-on-Humber, Bigby, Blankney, Branston, Broughton, Burton-on-Stather, Cleethorpes, Elsham, Grimsby, Heaphani, Lea, Lincoln, Misterton (Notts), Nettleham, Scothern, Scotter, Scunthorpe, Thornton Curtis, Ulceby, Upton and Willingham, in addition to the local company, and Mr. C. T. H. Bradley (Southern Branch secretary).

The bells were available during the afternoon and evening, the methods rung ranging from Bob Doubles to London Surprise Major, also rounds for the less experienced.

Service was held in the Parish Church, at which the Vicar (Canon G. H. Round-Turner) officiated.

Mr. Alan Stephenson, Mus.Bac., Oxon., kindly presided at the organ, and the assistance of a number of the choirboys was a great asset to the musical part of the service. Canon R. G. Fookes (Rector of Lea) gave a very helpful address.

Tea was provided at the Sun Hotel, after which a collection was taken on behalf of the Rev. H. Law James Memorial Fund, and realised the amount of £1 16s. 3½d.

The business meeting followed, at which Mr. F. F. Linley (Northern Branch president) occupied the chair, being supported by members of the committee.

A letter was read from Mr. R. Richardson (Guild Ringing Master) apologising for his absence and expressing the hope that the meeting would deal with the memorial fund as generously as possible, at the same time stating that the amount required had been reduced below £40.

The balance sheet and secretary's report for 1932 were adopted. The whole of the officers were re-elected en bloc. Messrs. William Raines (Thornton Curtis), Thomas Scott and Leslie Whitehead (Elsham) were elected performing members.

It was agreed that the arrangements for the 1934 annual meeting at Grimsby should be left in the hands of the general secretary and the Grimsby District members of the committee.

The principal item on the agenda was a grant from the Northern Branch towards the Rev. H. Law James Memorial Fund. Mr. Geo. Chester proposed, and Mr. J. A. Freeman seconded, the sum of £5. As an amendment Mr. C. McGuiness proposed, and Mr. C. A. Hewitt seconded, that £20 be voted. As a further amendment, Mr. C. H. Baker proposed, and Mr. H. M. Walker seconded, £10 10s. On being put to the meeting the amount of £10 10s. was agreed to.

Votes of thanks to Mr. Linley for presiding at the meeting, to the Vicar for the use of the bells and the service, to Canon Fookes for his instructive address, to the organist and choirboys for their assistance, and to the caterers for the excellent tea provided, concluded the business. Further ringing on tower bells and handbells took place until nine o'clock, and brought to a close a most successful and enjoyable meeting.

SOUTHGATE.—On Sunday, May 13th, for morning service, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major in 50 mins.: A. R. Glasscock 1, J. Armstrong (conductor) 2, G. Slater 3, S. Wade 4, N. A. Tomlinson 5, H. Miller 6, J. E. Miller 7, W. Pickworth 8.

## GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

### WITLEY'S CRAMPED BELFRY.

The ringing room at Witley, the rendezvous of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild on Saturday, May 20th, is not exactly ideal, as in the centre of the room there is a glass case containing the clock pendulum, which hides each ringer from the bell opposite him. In addition, most of the ropes fall very close to the walls, and any ringer with an outsize in belts finds some difficulty in placing himself comfortably between the rope and the wall. In consequence some of the ringing was inclined to be a trifle patchy, although most of the touches, including a course of Cambridge Surprise Major, came home.

Seven of the district towers were represented, and visitors included Mr. J. Cook, of Rock Ferry, and Miss Price, of Ely, and Guild members from Aldershot and Farnborough. The usual form of service was held, and it was learned that the organist had come from Bramley at some inconvenience to himself specially for the meeting. The main business of the meeting was the disposal of a bountiful tea supplied at a moderate charge by Mr. Denyer at the Church Hut. This being successfully accomplished, the Vicar, the Rev. P. G. Holden, was elected an honorary member, and Messrs. Turner and Smith, of the local band, as ringing members.

Mr. A. C. Hazelden thanked the Rector, the organist, the caterers and the local band on behalf of the members, and in this he was supported by Mr. A. J. Bartlett.

The sum of 5s. was collected towards the Admiral Walker Memorial Fund.

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

OXFORD.—On Sunday, May 21st, at St. Ebbe's, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes): G. Horwood 1, F. E. May 2, W. H. B. Wilkins 3, F. E. Taylor 4, J. P. Pelloe 5, W. G. Collett 6, W. F. Judge (conductor) 7, F. A. H. Wilkins 8. First quarter-peal of Cambridge Major by all the band.

OXHEY, HERTS.—On Sunday, May 14th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 39 mins.: R. French 1, E. Bowley 2, F. W. Brinklow 3, J. Bowley 4, W. A. Scarratt (conductor) 5, R. Goldsney 6. First quarter-peal for 4th and tenor. First quarter-peal in method for treble and 2nd.

HIGH WYCOMBE.—At All Saints' Church, for divine service, and as a compliment to Mr. G. W. Wilkins on the attainment of his 70th birthday, 1,231 Grandsire Cinques in 55 mins.: J. W. Wilkins (composer and conductor) 1, F. Hayes 2, R. Coles 3, F. West 4, F. D. Borcham 5, R. Chappele 6, E. Markham 7, G. Hinton 8, E. Coles 9, G. White 10, S. Goodchild 11, W. H. Plumridge 12.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

### CHIPPING NORTON DEANERY BRANCH.

The annual spring meeting of the Chipping Norton Deanery Branch was held at Hook Norton on Saturday, May 20th. Every tower in the deanery was well represented with visitors from Ilmington, Mickleton and Deddington. The lovely peal of eight bells were rung continually from two until four o'clock, by which time about 80 ringers were present and attended the service. The Rev. M. Sperring, Rector of Churchill, gave the address, and made an impressive allusion to the sad loss the Guild had sustained by the death of the Master.

Tea was next served in the Village Hall, after which the business meeting was held.

The Chairman (the Rev. E. C. Freeman) spoke of the sudden passing of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, and remarked that if he had not been taken from them he would have been with them that day, as he had fixed the meeting to fit in with his other engagements. The Chairman said he felt sure it would be hard to fill his place in many ways. The deanery had now also lost an old and valued past-officer in the late Mr. J. F. Barlow, who was secretary of the branch for 21 years in the time of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson's activities.—The whole company stood in silence for a short time as a mark of respect.

The secretary produced the balance sheet, which was considered very satisfactory. The chairman (the Rev. E. C. Freeman) and the secretary (Mr. J. Keyte) were re-elected.

The Branch Secretary urged all ringers present to look forward and continue to go ahead and further the art of ringing, as their late Master would have had them do.

The Guild General Secretary (Mr. R. T. Hibbert) said he had little to say only to back up all that the branch secretary had said, and urged them to 'carry on.' He was sure they would do so as long as they saw fit to re-elect the present officers, who they were very fortunate to have. He also urged all who could to attend the annual festival at Oxford in July.—Mr. Wright (Guild treasurer) made some comments upon the Guild finances, and also referred to the branch as being in a very flourishing financial position. He urged all branches to try and get their subscriptions sent in in good time.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar of Hook Norton for his great welcome, to the Rev. M. Sperring, to the organist and blower, and to the ladies for providing the tea.

Charlbury was selected for the autumn meeting. Ringers then made a move to Great Rollright, Shipton-under-Wychwood and the local tower. Chipping Norton tower was closed owing to the death on the previous Thursday of Mr. Barlow.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

All being well, eight members of the Herts County Association hope to make another attempt for 18,144 of Bob Major at Bennington, Herts, on Whit Monday, starting 7.30 a.m.

Mr. Charles Dyson this year completes the jubilee of his connection with the Abbey tower, Tewkesbury.

Mr. E. V. Rodenhurst, who rang his 300th peal on Saturday at Brewood, has rung his peals in 103 towers, in 19 counties and for 14 associations.

It has been proposed that a ringing tour should be attempted by the Oxford University Society, probably early in September. Will any old members who may be able to join write Rev. W. C. Barrett, secretary, O.U.S.C.R., St. Thomas' Convent, Oxford.

Mr. Walter Ayre rang his 200th peal on tower bells on May 20th. These peals have been rung in 79 towers in 16 counties and for 15 associations.

The ringer of the 3rd in the peal of Bob Major at Salehurst on May 6th was James G. Powell, not Nowell as printed.

One hundred and fifty-one towers are affiliated to the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, which has 1,620 members, made up of honorary life five, honorary 53, performing 1,274, life 232, non-resident 4, unattached 52.

An interesting feature of the annual report of the association is 'Odd Notes for Ringers and Conductors,' containing some very practical hints. They are based largely upon inquiries from members, and it is noteworthy that it was the five-bell ringers who were the keenest in their quest for knowledge. Consequently they get the biggest share of the space.

There were twelve six-scores of Plain Bob and thirty of Grandsire in the peal of Doubles at Grafton Underwood, the report of which was published in our issue of May 19th.

Will ringers who have the Christian name of Harry communicate with Mr. Harry Parks, 8, Station Road West, Canterbury, with a view to arranging a peal.

Ringing touches and two peals on a recent holiday, Mr. F. Warrington travelled 486 miles in one week. The towers visited were Higham Ferrars, Irthlingborough, Over, Saffron Waldon, March, Wisbech (Elm), and Yaxley, and a call was also made on 'Henry the Eighth.'

This is the jubilee year of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. The annual meeting is to be held at Lichfield on June 11th, and it is proposed to hold a dinner in celebration of the jubilee later in the year.

Over 200 ringers and friends are expected at Duffield to-morrow for the dedication of the new ring of 10 bells, which have been installed by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

Miss Kathleen Jutson, of Peterborough, is shortly leaving for New Zealand, where she is to continue her work in connection with the Church Army.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

### ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE LONDON GATHERING.

The meeting of the Central Council next Tuesday is to be held in one of the finest halls of any of the City Livery Companies—Skinners' Hall. This is on Dowgate Hill, which adjoins Cannon Street Station. The Council will be welcomed at 11 a.m. by the Worshipful Master of the Company, Mr. R. D. Poland.

A special meeting of the Standing Committee of the Council is to be held on Monday evening at 8 p.m. in the vestry of St. Clement Danes' Church, Strand.

The following arrangements have been made in connection with the meeting of the Council by a special committee of the London societies and associations adjoining the Metropolis:—

**Headquarters:** Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street. Members and friends are invited to use this hotel as a meeting place. A notice board will be erected in the lounge, and usually one member of the undermentioned committee will be present.

**Saturday:** Various peal attempts have been arranged, and it is hoped that members have by this time made their own arrangements.

**Sunday:** Service ringing at St. Andrew's, Holborn; St. Clement Danes', Strand; St. Lawrence Jewry, St. Giles-in-the-Fields, all at 10 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. Other towers will be posted at headquarters.

**Monday:** Ringing at St. Clement Danes', Strand, 10.30 to 12; Westminster Abbey, 11 to 12, for members and visitors only. Demonstration of the Carter ringing machine at the Science Museum, Kensington, provisionally fixed for 2.30 to 3.30. Ringing at the Imperial Institute afterwards, and at St. Andrew's, Holborn, 6.30 to 7.30.

Other arrangements will be posted at headquarters.

**Tuesday:** Standing Committee meet at 9.45, Skinners' Hall. Council meeting at 11.

Tea immediately after the Council meeting by kind invitation of the Middlesex County Association.

Ringing at St. Paul's Cathedral, St. Magnus', and St. Lawrence Jewry, all at 6.30 to 7.30.

Social at headquarters at 8, when Mr. Rupert Richardson will present famous ringers and others.

**Committee:** Mr. F. M. Mitchell (chairman), Mr. A. A. Hughes (secretary), Messrs. E. J. Butler, C. T. Coles, C. H. Kippin, J. D. Matthews, T. H. Taffender, and E. A. Young. These members of the Council have placed themselves at the service of visitors.

## THE PEALS OF 1932.

REPORT OF THE ANALYSIS AND RECORDS COMMITTEE.

The number of peals rung during 1932 exceeds the total of 1931 by 120 peals. The following summary shows comparative figures:—

| | 1932. | | 1931. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Tower. | Handbell. | Tower. | Handbell. |
| Maximus ... | 22 | — | 15 | 5 |
| Cinques ... | 40 | 2 | 39 | 4 |
| Royal ... | 80 | 9 | 65 | 22 |
| Caters ... | 98 | 9 | 111 | 11 |
| Major ... | 879 | 49 | 791 | 37 |
| Triples ... | 418 | 13 | 414 | 5 |
| Minor ... | 408 | 8 | 355 | 10 |
| Doubles ... | 166 | 1 | 196 | 2 |
| | 2,111 | 91 | 1,986 | 96 |

TOWER BELLS.—Peals of Maximus have increased by seven, being six more of Surprise and one of other methods; Cinques have increased by one; Royal have increased by 15, being wholly in Surprise methods; in Caters, Stedman have decreased by 14 and Grandsire increased by one. In Major methods there has been an increase of 58 in Surprise; London have increased by five, Bristol nine, Cambridge 18, Superlative seven, and other methods 19. Double Norwich have decreased by 10; Kent and Oxford Treble Bob have increased by 19, and Plain Bob by 17. Other methods have increased by four. Triples remain practically the same. Minor peals show an increase of 53, whilst Doubles have decreased by 30.

HANDBELLS.—There is a decrease of five in handbell peals. No peals of Maximus were rung. Cinques, Royal, Caters, Minor and Doubles have decreased, whilst Major and Triples have increased.

ASSOCIATIONS.—The Kent County Association and the Oxford Diocesan Guild have rung the greatest number of peals, viz., 146 each, a decrease of one for the former and an increase of 35 for the latter. The next highest number have been rung by the Lancashire Association with 142, followed by the Midland Counties with 141, the Essex Association with 118, the Yorkshire Association with 113, and the Suffolk Guild with 101. Twenty-eight societies show an increase, the most noticeable being the Midland Counties with 41, the Oxford Guild with 35 and the Essex Association with 21. Nineteen societies show a decrease, the greatest being the Bath and Wells Association with 21 less.

Progressive Lengths and new methods are as follows:—

PROGRESSIVE LENGTHS.

5,760 (longest length) Original Major by the Hertford County Association at Bushey on December 15th.

5,728 (longest length) Forward Major by the Midland Counties Association at Ilkeston on July 27th.

16,271 (longest length) Grandsire Caters by the Oxford Diocesan Guild at Appleton on December 27th.

SPLICED METHODS:

5,120 Spliced Surprise in four methods (first with London, Cambridge, Bristol and Rutland) by the Middlesex County Association on November 11th.

5,088 Spliced Surprise in seven methods (first in seven methods) by the Middlesex County Association on April 19th.

5,280 Spliced Surprise in eight methods (first in eight methods) by the Middlesex County Association on June 21st.

5,040 Spliced Grandsire and New Grandsire by the Chester Diocesan Guild at Eccleston on July 14th.

NEW METHODS:

5,056 Ashtead Surprise Major by the Guildford Diocesan Guild on January 18th.

5,120 Primrose Surprise Major by the Lincoln Guild, April 23rd.

5,184 Shilton Major by the Midland Counties Association, April 9th.

5,120 Irthlingborough Surprise Major by the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, June 11th.

5,024 Edmundsbury Surprise Major by the Suffolk Guild, July 22nd.

5,024 Essex Surprise Major by the Suffolk Guild, September 17th.

5,088 Helmingham Surprise Major by the Suffolk Guild, November 3rd.

5,152 Beddington Surprise Major by the Surrey Association, July 7th.

5,152 Londonthorpe Surprise Major by the Surrey Association, June 16th.

5,024 Berkeley Surprise Major by the Sussex County Association, January 7th.

5,056 Warwickshire Surprise Major by the Warwickshire Guild, March 5th.

5,024 Whitbourne Surprise Major by the Worcester and Districts Association, May 28th.

The peal rung at Beddington on July 7th, published as 'Beddington,' is the same method as that published by the late Arthur Craven as 'Lincoln.'

The outstanding performances of the year were the record length of Grandsire Caters at Appleton, by the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and the peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Exeter, by the Devon Guild.

On handbells the first 'silent' peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal was rung by the Yorkshire Association, who also rang a non-conducted

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## YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A 'VOTE OF CENSURE' DEFEATED.

A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held in conjunction with the Leeds and District Society at Leeds Parish Church on Saturday, when the magnificent peal of twelve bells, recently recast and rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., were available for ringing throughout the day. A number of methods were rung on eight, ten and twelve bells, success being attained in varying degrees.

At a meeting of the general committee, held in the afternoon, it was decided to subscribe the sum of two guineas to the Sam Thomas Memorial at Ranmore, Sheffield.

A service was held, at which the choir and organist were in attendance, and a short address was given by the Rev. —. Hall.

Tea was served in the St. Peter's Hall, over one hundred members and friends sitting down. Mr. J. H. Swinfield, of Burton-on-Trent, and Mr. J. P. Fidler, of Loughborough, were two very welcome visitors. Before tea was over, the Rev. —. Hall had to leave, and Canon C. C. Marshall (president) took the opportunity of thanking him, as the representative of the Leeds Parish Church authorities, for the welcome extended to the association and for the use of the bells. —The Rev. —. Hall suitably acknowledged the vote of thanks.

At the meeting subsequently held apologies for absence were read from Messrs. J. W. Addison and F. W. Dale. A vote of thanks was accorded to the local company for the arrangements they had made, and to the ladies for waiting at the tea tables. This was acknowledged by Mr. W. Woodhead.

Messrs. A. Higginbottom, of St. Giles', Pontefract, and N. Scott, of Huntington, were elected members of the association.

It was decided to hold the September meeting at Howden, and Canon Marshall invited the association to an informal meeting at Far Headingley, where the bells have recently been recast and rehung by Taylor and Co. This meeting will be held on July 29th.

Canon Marshall also suggested that a letter of congratulation be sent to the Lord Mayor of Leeds, the bells having been rung earlier in the day in honour of his birthday, and this was unanimously agreed to.

Mr. P. J. Johnson moved a vote of thanks to the president and secretary, but thought they ought both to be fined for being late. (Canon Marshall was half an hour late for the committee meeting, and the secretary 15 minutes late for the general meeting, having been detained by a course of Cambridge Royal.) This is the first complaint Mr. Johnson has made against the general secretary for seventeen years. Incidentally, Mr. Johnson arrived with Canon Marshall at the committee meeting also half an hour late. Mr. Cotterell, who had somewhat of a name for being late at committee meetings, has been on time on the last two occasions, and therefore thought he was in a position to move a vote of censure on the two culprits. When, however, this was put to the vote he was the only one to support it. Oh, those Western Division committee men!

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peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

The following are the number of peals rung during each month in 1932 and 1931:—

| | 1932. | 1931. | | 1932. | 1931. |
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| January ... | 184 | 183 | July ... | 131 | 115 |
| February ... | 155 | 151 | August ... | 175 | 177 |
| March ... | 154 | 124 | September ... | 181 | 197 |
| April ... | 211 | 148 | October ... | 210 | 216 |
| May ... | 183 | 208 | November ... | 208 | 213 |
| June ... | 143 | 135 | December ... | 267 | 215 |

FOOTNOTES:

This year's analysis of the footnotes shows a very considerable decrease in the number of ringers who have scored their first peal. The number is 430, a decrease of 182. The number who have rung their first peals in a new method, or method on a different number of bells is 1,546, an increase of 243 over 1931. Ringers of their first peal 'inside' number 67, away from the tenor 15, in the method 'inside' 67, Maximus 5, Royal 28, Caters 15, Major 103, Triples 40, Minor 85, Doubles 45, on twelve bells 19, on ten 52, on eight 39, on six 5, on five 4, Surprise 38, in hand 17, in method in hand 36. New conductors number 90, and conductors in new method 117.

Other footnotes show that 52 peals were the first on the bells, 11 since restoration or augmentation, and 228 the first in the method on the bells. Muffled and half-muffled peals number 127, birthday peals 330, royal birthdays 10, weddings (including golden and silver) 76, Church festivals and dedications 65, anniversaries 96, Armistice Day 22, welcome and farewell 64, Empire Day 8.

In conclusion, we give below the number of peals rung in each of representative years since 1881, the total for the whole period being 61,504:—

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1881 | ... | 156 | 1919 | ... | 1,048 |
| 1898 | ... | 1,002 | 1921 | ... | 1,632 |
| 1905 | ... | 1,519 | 1930 | ... | 2,014 |
| 1913 | ... | 2,358 | 1931 | ... | 2,082 |
| 1917 (war year) | | 130 | 1932 | ... | 2,202 |

(Signed) EDITH K. FLETCHER.
GEORGE R. PYE.
CHAS. DEAN.
G. R. GROVER.

## SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

### NINTH ANNUAL RINGING COMPETITION.

The large company of bellringers who assembled at the tower of St. Cyrllo's Church, Nantmel, Rads, on Saturday, May 20th, were favoured with good weather until late in the afternoon. There were nine bands of ringers who had entered for the event, which consisted of raising the bells in peal, ringing 120 changes of any method, then falling the bells in peal.

The Guild were again fortunate in obtaining the services of Mr. W. H. Fussell, of Slough, who carried out his duties of adjudicator in an admirable manner. Ringing commenced at 11 a.m., and continued (with an interval for lunch) until 4 p.m., when the last of the competing bands had completed their allotted task. The order of ringing, and the points obtained by the bands, out of a possible 240, were as follows:—

| | |
|---|---|
| Cadoxton | 229 |
| Brecon 'B' | 202 |
| Cefn Coed | 231 |
| Llanelly (Breconshire) | 232 |
| Talgarth | 224 |
| Neath | 224 |
| Brecon 'A' | 212 |
| Llanelly (Carm) | 226 |

As, however, the first, third, fourth and eighth bands rang methods other than Doubles, they were each entitled to a deduction of five points from the totals shown above, Llanelly (Breconshire) were thus the winners, the second and third places being taken by Cefn Coed and Cadoxton respectively. Certificates were awarded the first three teams, whilst Llanelly (Brecs) also had the shield.

A company of over 100 ringers and friends sat down to an excellent cold luncheon which had been prepared on the lawn at the Vicarage. Tea had also been arranged on the lawn at 4.30, but unfortunately a heavy downpour of rain necessitated removal to the Parish Rooms adjoining the Vicarage. It speaks volumes for the untiring energy of the Rev. E. E. Davies, Mrs. Davies and their helpers that tea was served under such trying circumstances with hardly any delay. After tea the Vicar extended the Guild a hearty welcome to the parish, and stated it was a very long time since there had been such an invasion of Nantmel. He then called upon Mr. W. H. Fussell to deliver his adjudication.

Mr. Fussell stated that he was very pleased with the way the bands had performed their tasks. It spoke well of the enthusiasm of the ringers that nine bands had travelled such long distances for the competition. He congratulated Cefn Coed in particular, as they had rung Stedman and were only a point behind the winners. The performances, taken as a whole, were highly satisfactory.

The Vicar afterwards presented the shield and certificate to the captain of the Llanelly (Brecs) team (Mr. A. A. Rackham), and the certificates for second and third places to the captains of Cefn Coed and Cadoxton teams (Messrs. A. Hunt and J. E. Bloxham). Mrs. Davies very kindly presented medals to each member of the winning team.

The thanks of the ringers were heartily accorded the Vicar, Mrs. Davies and helpers, who had so magnificently entertained them to luncheon and tea. This was proposed by the Rev. W. Gurnos Davies and was duly seconded. Three hearty cheers were then accorded the Vicar and Mrs. Davies.

The ringers' thanks to Mr. W. H. Fussell was proposed by Mr. S. T. Rackham (Master of the Guild), who was supported by Mr. Chas. Powell (hon. treasurer) and Mr. L. T. Havard (hon. secretary).

## TILEHURST RINGER'S DEATH.

The death occurred on May 16th of Mr. J. H. Barnes, sen., after a long and painful illness. Mr. Barnes, who was 58 years of age, had been a member of Tilehurst belfry for some nine years, and his service and practice ringing was an example to all. Before coming to Tilehurst he was a member of St. Giles', Reading, belfry, and previous to that was steeplekeeper at Great Missenden, Berks, for some years.

The funeral took place on May 19th, at Tilehurst, and four of his fellow-ringers acted as bearers. Among the beautiful wreaths was one from St. Michael's ringers. The Reading and Caversham towers were represented by Messrs. L. Joyce, J. Swain, C. Watts and H. Simmonds.

He leaves a widow and two sons, both ringers, to mourn their loss.

In the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with half-muffled clappers, was rung by the local band: M. Haines 1, H. Hunt 2, E. Chapman 3, H. Goodyer 4, A. Haines 5, R. N. Runham 6, R. Chapman (conductor) 7, D. Sellar 8.

## CARLISLE DIOCESE.

At Crosthwaite Parish Church, Keswick, on Wednesday, May 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: I. Green 1, J. Brownrigg 2, F. Grisdale 3, T. Hartley 4, F. Hogarth 5, F. Barnes 6, T. Hogarth (conductor) 7, A. Dawson 8. This was rung to commemorate the octo-centenary of the Carlisle Diocese. It was also a 21st birthday compliment to ringers of 2nd and tenor. First quarter-peal for ringers of 1st, 2nd and tenor, and only second attempt at the method. The ringer of the 4th comes back to change ringing after an absence of ten years, this being his first attempt since he left the tower.

## ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

### PROPOSAL TO ADOPT DIOCESAN TITLE.

Members of the Essex Association are to be called upon at their annual meeting next Monday to make an important decision. They are to be asked to change the name to the Chelmsford Diocesan Guild.

There is a natural dislike among some older members of an old-established association to alter the title which they have so long respected, and at Chelmsford the reluctance to change may lead to strenuous opposition. It has to be remembered, however, that in these days ringing is much more closely allied in its organisation to the Church than it was half a century ago, and while it may be said that the name of a society in itself makes no difference to the service which its members may render, the effect upon other people must not be forgotten, and among churchmen a diocesan touch naturally makes a greater appeal to sympathetic interest than a merely territorial designation.

This is a point of view which members of the Essex Association are not likely to be allowed to overlook next Monday, and, if the Essex Association takes the step now proposed, it may be an incentive to other territorial organisations to follow its lead, so that in every area the ringing societies will, by their very titles, show the public their close association with the Church, to which we owe allegiance and service, and upon which we so largely depend for the practice of our art.

### SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT FEERING.

A meeting of the Northern Division, Essex Association, was held at Feering on May 13th, when 49 members from 18 parishes were present. During the afternoon and evening touches in various methods from Grandsire Triples to Bristol and London Surprise Major were rung. At the service, Mr. Howard (Master of the association) read the lesson. The Rev. C. B. Howard-Knight (Vicar), in welcoming the ringers to Feering, gave an excellent address. Tea was provided at the Bell Inn. The Vicar, who presided at the business meeting, was unanimously elected an hon. member. Four ringing members were also elected, and it was agreed to hold the next meeting at Belchamp St. Paul's on July 29th.

Mr. Howard proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his excellent and impressive address, also to the lady organist and the blower for their services. He considered the large gathering was a compliment to Mr. W. Keeble, who had made such excellent arrangements for tea, and who was doing wonderful work for the association. Mr. Keeble was a man who was always as anxious to get a young band through their first peal as he was to instruct older members in more intricate methods (hear, hear).

The Vicar, in reply, said he felt it an honour to be a member of the association. He was proud to have a man like Mr. Keeble in the parish, and he hoped the association would visit Feering a good many times whilst he was there. He was pleased Mr. Howard had expressed his thanks to the organist, as this lady had somewhat inconvenienced herself to get there, and her services were appreciated and very much enjoyed by all. He would convey those kind remarks to her.

The district secretary takes this opportunity of thanking Mr. Keeble for his kind assistance in arranging tea, etc., and to all those who notified their intention to be present. It is worthy of note that of the 49 present 47 sent in their names.

## UNVEILING AND PRESENTATION.

An interesting ceremony took place in the belfry of the Parish Church of Hanslope, Bucks, on Saturday, May 13th, when two peal boards were dedicated by the Vicar, Rev. J. Percy Taylor who afterwards thanked the ringers for the way in which they had carried out their duties since he became Vicar of the parish. Following the dedication, a presentation was made by the Vicar to Mr. A. W. Gibbons, who is leaving the parish, of a pipe and tobacco pouch, which was subscribed to by the Vicar and bellringers.

The Vicar made feeling allusion to the loss the Oxford Diocesan Guild had suffered by the death of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, who for many years was the Guild Master. The ringers stood in silence for a few moments in remembrance of the deceased gentleman. Afterwards several short touches were rung on the bells by the ringers present, and on the following Sunday a quarter-peal of Minor was rung before the evening service by: A. Keeves 1, A. Atkins 2, H. Garratt 3, F. Brownsell 4, A. W. Gibbons 5, E. C. Lambert (conductor) 6. This was rung as a farewell to A. W. Gibbons.

## SUFFOLK GUILD.

A meeting was held at Woolpit on Saturday, May 20th, when letters of thanks were read for the donations to the Rev. H. Law James and the Rev. C. D. P. Davies memorials, and from Mrs. Cyril Jenkyn for the vote of condolence passed at the annual meeting.

It was decided to meet at Halesworth on Whit Monday, and later at Stradbroke. There was much ringing at Woolpit during the afternoon, and ringing visits were paid to Wetherden, Elmswell, Drinkstone, Rattlesden and Hessett.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

### ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

The Mayor of Dorchester, Mr. R. N. Dawes, who was formerly chairman of the Dorchester Branch, welcomed the Salisbury Diocesan Guild to the ancient Wessex town on the occasion of their annual festival on May 16th. The choral service at St. Peter's Church was conducted by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, hon. secretary and treasurer of the Guild, and the lesson was read by the Rev. R. H. Gundry (Master). The preacher was the Rev. A. Wilkinson Markby (Rector of Dorchester St. Peter's, who in the course of an interesting address remarked that at Dorchester St. Peter's they had eight bells, varying in dates and inscription, and he read on the 8th bell these words: 'Ring to the glory of God.' There were other inscriptions on the other bells, but that on the 8th appealed to him as a particular message for them that morning. What higher standard could anyone desire in this particular branch of their life's work than to have that highest of all desires—to ring to the glory of God? That bell had been hanging in St. Peter's tower for just on 200 years—in September next year—and just think of the different men and women who had pulled it during those 200 years, ringing to the glory of God. The Rector emphasised that first of all they had to ring true; a man had to be true to himself and to his fellow-men. They had to keep up the pitch of truth to the highest—no equivocation, no double dealing. Then they had to ring regularly and be depended upon, because team work was most important. Then they had to be punctual in their ringing; it was no good to turn up late. Punctuality was a great virtue, and the valuable time that had been lost by unpunctuality would accomplish a colossal amount of work if it was gathered together. Might their ringing every time they joined together as a team be in accord with the inscription on the 8th bell of St. Peter's, Dorchester—'Ring to the glory of God.'

### YOUNG RINGERS COMING FORWARD.

Luncheon was served in the Corn Exchange. The chair was taken by the Master, who was supported by the Mayor, his chaplain (Rev. A. W. Markby), Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Canon A. L. Helps (Puddletown), Rev. D. F. Slemeck, R.D. (Charminster) and Mr. O. C. Vidler (Dorchester).

The toast of 'The King' was honoured, and the Mayor then welcomed the Guild to Dorchester. As a very old member of the Guild—he was chairman of the Dorchester branch some 20 years—it gave him great pleasure to submit the important toast of 'The Guild.' It was pleasing to know that the Guild was still progressing, and one thing that he noticed at the meetings was there did not seem to be any fear of ringers dying out, as there were plenty of young ringers coming forward (hear, hear). That was what he had always stressed, and it was the finest thing they could have for the future of ringing. Twenty years ago most of the ringers were practically old men, and he was afraid that in those dark ages they did not welcome very much any new blood coming in (laughter), but he must say that had changed, and he thought the war changed it. Having to get youngsters and ladies as ringers broke down some of the old reserve and criticism which was rather rife among ringers. They must try and advance in the art of ringing, especially change ringing, which was most interesting and, he thought, most arduous. As the Dorchester Branch knew, he was not a ringer, but he had taken a great interest in the Guild for a number of years, and he thought that he had done a little bit to help on ringing (hear, hear). He noticed from the Guild's annual report that a number of peals were rung during the year, and he was going to call Dorchester to order—he wanted to see their names recorded as having rung a peal. They used to lead, but they did not do so now. The Mayor referred to the interest which the Bishop of Salisbury took in the Guild and to the honour which was bestowed on them by having the Earl of Shaftesbury as president.

The Chairman, responding to the toast, in the name of the Guild thanked the Mayor for his cordial welcome, and it was a great gratification to feel that they had been officially welcomed to the town (applause). They had known the Mayor as chairman of the Dorchester branch for many years, and they knew that his heart was with them, and that what he said he meant, and that his good wishes to them came from his heart. He was glad that the Mayor had spoken about the young ringers coming on, but he was not sure that it was as a result of the war. Still he knew perfectly well that it took almost as much as a war to alter the opinion of West Countrymen (laughter). It took them a very long time to get hold of a new idea, but when they did they held it as well as anybody. The young men were finding in change ringing something to interest and occupy them, and he was very glad that they were taking their part in the Guild and the work. He was perfectly certain that there was no doubt about the continuance of the Guild and that it would flourish as in the past. It was a pleasure to read in the annual report that more members were joining and more towers affiliating, and he looked forward to the day when all the towers in the diocese belonged to the Guild (hear, hear).

Musical honours were accorded the Mayor on the lead of the hon. secretary.

Mr. O. C. Vidler, who has long been associated with Dorchester St. Peter's Church, and is a member of the Dorset Archæological Society, gave an interesting and detailed account of St. Peter's ringers' flagon, which was on view at the meeting. It bears the date February 7th, 1676, and an inscription records that it was 'the gift of Edward Lester which is to remain for ye use of ye ringers of Dorchester for ever. St. Peter's.'

The Chairman warmly thanked Mr. Vidler.

### BUSINESS MEETING.

At the annual meeting which followed, the hon. secretary's report was received. This recorded the outstanding events of 1932, which was a memorable year in the history of the Guild, it being the jubilee year of the Guild. The reports of the various branches told of steady progress on all sides. More bands were taking up change ringing, and the peal records bear witness to gratifying advance. The first peal of Stedman Caters rung by resident members of the Guild stands to the credit of the Trowbridge band; the first local peal of Double Norwich constitutes another landmark; several local bands have rung their first peal, while quite a number of parishes have had the first peal rung on their bells.

The balance sheet was presented by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, who said that, while the receipts came to £69 6s. 9d., the expenditure was £98 11s., and the sum of £30 was withdrawn from the deposit account. There remained a balance in hand of £44 5s. 7d., as compared with £43 10s. 2d. at the beginning of last year.

On the motion of the Mayor the accounts were approved, coupled with a hearty vote of thanks to the general secretary for the excellent way in which he looked after the finances.

The Rev. C. C. Cox (Lyme Regis) proposed the re-election of the officers, namely, Rev. R. H. Gundry, Master; Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, hon. secretary and treasurer; Mr. F. G. Green, Devizes, hon. assistant secretary. They wanted to keep their Master as long as they could, said the proposer, and as for their secretary he did not think that any words could express what they owed to him, while Mr. Green backed him up admirably.

The proposition was agreed to unanimously on its being seconded by Mr. C. H. Jennings (hon. secretary, Dorchester Branch), on whose motion the Mayor was elected a vice-president. The Mayor said it was something that he should value very much.

The auditors, Rev. R. E. G. Newman (Gillingham) and Mr. H. R. Hopkins (Kington Magna), were re-elected, as also were the committee.

The representatives on the Central Council were elected as follows: Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Mr. S. Hillier (Devizes), Mr. C. H. Jennings (Wyke Regis), and Mr. F. W. Romaine (Salisbury).

### AMENDMENT OF RULES.

Discussion ensued on the revision of rules, one of which provided that 'all branch officers shall be loyal members of the Church of England.'

The Rev. C. A. Phillips (hon. secretary, Wimborne Branch) said this was distinctly a new thing in the Guild, and it should be realised by the meeting. They all knew and realised more and more how all ringers were officers of the Church, but he thought in a very different position to any other officers who worked purely, as it were, for the working of the Church of England. The work of the ringers was for the whole of the town or village. Consequently they all knew how members of the parishes who were not members of the Church of England contributed loyally to and supported the work of the parish. Then came the time when one offered himself for ringing and became a ringer, and it was possible that such a ringer should from his merit naturally come to hold some office. That had been altered, and it was bringing things more up to date. Of course, in their own Guild they had an instance of a member holding the highest office, although not a member of the Church of England.

It was resolved to give a guinea from the Guild funds towards the re-hanging of Sherborne Abbey bells and a similar sum towards the restoration work at Corscombe Church.

On the motion of Mr. Jennings a letter of sympathy is to be sent to Mr. Northover (Bridport) in the death of his mother. The meeting also approved the suggestion of the Rev. C. C. Cox that a letter should be written to the Bishop of Salisbury conveying a good wishes for his recovery.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards proposed thanks to the Rev. A. Wilkinson Markby for his kindly welcome and stimulating address, to the church organist, to the several incumbents for the use of the towers, to the Rev. R. H. Gundry for his able chairmanship, and to Mr. Gregory for his excellent catering.

Parties of ringers afterwards motored to towers in the district and availed themselves of the use of the bells.

## RINGER'S DEATH AFTER ACCIDENT.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Alfred Richell, of Great Baddow, Essex, which occurred under tragic circumstances. The deceased fell from a ladder in the Village Hall and broke his thigh. He was taken to hospital, but pneumonia supervened, and he died in the course of a few days. Mr. Richell, who was 74 years of age, was for fifty years a member of the local band, and for many years a member of the Essex Association. He took a prominent part in public affairs in the village of Great Baddow, and was highly respected.

After the funeral a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes) was rung with the clappers half-muffled as a last tribute of respect: G. Green (composer and conductor) 1, H. Devonish 2, H. Pennack 3, B. Bartholomew 4, P. Green 5, F. Watts 6, A. Head 7, Dr. Spencer-Phillips 8.

## ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CENTRAL BRANCH IN THE FEN COUNTRY.

A beautiful afternoon enticed some twenty or more members of the Ely Association to Littleport on Saturday last. Members were present from Chatteris, Cambridge, Fen Ditton, Great Staughton, Sutton, Wisbech, Willingham, Over, local ringers and the general secretary, Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake. The service was taken by the Vicar. Tea and business meeting were held at Fountain Cafe, Rev. Tyrwhitt Drake presiding. It was agreed to hold the next meeting at Chatteris. Due notice will be given in the columns of 'The Ringing World.'

Methods rung included Cambridge Surprise Major, Double Norwich, Kent and Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples.

## SHERWOOD YOUTHS

On Saturday, May 20th, a meeting of the Sherwood Youths was held at Bottesford. St. Mary's is a beautiful church, situate in the lovely Vale of Belvoir, an ideal place on a glorious summer day such as was enjoyed on this occasion.

Many members and friends were present, and good use was made of the bells during the afternoon and evening. The usual standard methods were rung, and rounds for the beginners in the art.

The 'Youths' were pleased to welcome a young band of five lady ringers from a neighbouring tower, together with their instructor, and hope they will make good progress.

Thanks are extended to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to Mr. A. Ward for kindly making arrangements for the meeting.

## TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

PENZANCE BRANCH SECRETARY RESIGNS.

The large number of eighty ringers attended a Penzance Branch meeting at Helston, famous for the Furry Dance, on Saturday, May 20th, from Zennor, Lelant, Ludgvan, Towednack, Gulval, Truro Cathedral, Crowan, Phillack, St. Hilary, Tuckingmill, Redruth and the local band. The company included Dr. J. Symons (president), Mr. W. H. Southcard (vice-president), Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella (general secretary) and Lt.-Col. C. F. Jerram (Ringing Master).

The handy ring of eight, tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb., which received the attention of Messrs. Taylor and Co. last autumn, were kept going during the afternoon and evening by the various bands. The service, fully choral, and attended by the choir, was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. D. Moon, and an interesting address was given by Canon G. H. Doble, Vicar of Wendron, his text being, 'If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above.'

Tea was generously provided in the Masonic Hall, for which a hearty vote of thanks was accorded.

After fourteen years of splendid service, Mr. W. Wood, of Gulval, the local secretary, felt that he was compelled to resign, and as a recognition of his work he was elected a vice-president, on the proposition of Col. Jerram.

Mr. Wood proposed as his successor Mr. E. Bassett, of Helston. This was seconded by the Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella.

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## AN OLD BOTTESFORD RINGER.

DEATH OF MR. MARK BEND.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Mark Bend, of Bottesford, which occurred on Wednesday, May 10th, at the age of 76 years. Mr. Bend, who until a year ago, when ill-health compelled him to retire, was one of those men who took the keenest interest and delight in bellringing, his consistent attendances being an example of what a ringer ought to be. For 50 years he was a valued member of St. Mary's band. He had about a dozen peals to his credit, these being Grandsire Triples, Bob Minor and one of Doubles. One peal of Grandsire Triples which he always cherished was the one rung for his 70th birthday, in which he took part. He was one of the oldest members of Framland Society, having joined in 1882. He was also a member of the Midland Counties Association, the Sherwood Youths and the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

The funeral took place on May 13th in the churchyard, and was attended by the following ringing friends: Mr. A. W. Ward (representing St. Mary's band), Mr. R. H. Bartram (Melton Mowbray), Mr. J. H. Wildman (Croxton Kerrial), Mr. W. G. Thorpe (Grantham) and Rev. C. J. Sturton (Orston). Immediately after the burial a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, from Holt's Ten-Part, was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect by: C. T. Samuel 1, W. G. Thorpe 2, Rev. C. J. Sturton 3, A. W. Ward 4, C. F. Briggs 5, L. J. Abbott 6, R. H. Bartram 7, J. H. Wildman 8. This was conducted by deceased's old friend, Mr. R. H. Bartram.

## RINGER ELECTED CHURCHWARDEN.

As a compliment to Mr. H. Goodyer, the captain of the Tilehurst ringers, on being elected churchwarden, a peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted on May 10th by the local band. This was unfortunately lost after three hours' ringing through a rope slipping wheel: M. Haines 1, H. Goodyer 2, H. Hunt 3, A. Haines 4, A. Barnes 5, R. N. Runham (conductor) 6, R. Chapman 7, P. Sellar 8. Longest length by 1st, 4th, 5th and 8th ringers.

# NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Est. 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on June 15th & 29th. Southwark Cathedral on the 8th. *The Coffee Pot on the 13th (8 p.m.). St. Andrew's, Holborn on the 22nd. *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 27th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Brentwood on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. This meeting has been specially arranged in connection with the Jubilee Celebrations of the present Church of St. Thomas, and a hearty invitation is extended to all.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawney's Road, Romford.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Bolsover on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (8). Tea will be arranged for those (only) who send their names in to Mr. J. Flint, 45, Oxcroft Lane, Bolsover.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield (3).

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Halsall Parish Church on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea, by kind invitation of the Rector. Meeting at 6.30. Will all members make an effort to attend this meeting?—Norman Brown, Branch Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Faringdon on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service 3.30, followed by tea and business meeting at Wheatsheaf. Buckland tower (8) open 6 p.m.—R. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Joint meeting, Hunts and Central Districts.—A ringing meeting will be held at Over, Cambs, on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea in Schoolroom 4.30 p.m. Good train (Swavesey, L.N.E.R.) and bus service for all, so all come.—H. J. Parker, Hunts, F. Warrington, Central, Branch Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Oldham on Saturday, June 3rd. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Will members please look up Double Norwich?—H. Hamer, Hon. Sec., 4, Nall Street, Milnrow.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting of the Winchester District will be held at Stockbridge on Saturday, June 3rd. Service at 4 p.m., followed by tea in the Town Hall, at 4.30. Please let me know if you are coming. — George Noice, 6, Cathedral View, Winchester.

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

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Archdeaconry of Wisbech.—A meeting will be held at Shouldham on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5, price 1s. each. All ringers will be welcomed.—E. Barker, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch. — The next quarterly ringing meeting will be held at St. James' Church, Barrow-in-Furness, on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

HIGH ONGAR, ESSEX. — The ring of five bells, restored and augmented to six by Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be dedicated on Whit Sunday at 3 p.m. by the Bishop of Barking.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Brighton, Whit Monday, June 5th. Towers of St. Peter's and St. Nicholas' open for ringing 2-3.45 and after meeting. Good Shepherd, Dyke Road, 7.30-9. Special service in St. Nicholas' Church 4.15. Meat tea in St. Nicholas' Hall, 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Tea 2s. 6d. (members 1s. 3d.).—A. D. Stone, Hon. Gen. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Halesworth Town Hall on Whit Monday, June 5th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m.: Wenhaston (6), Wissett (6) and Chediston (6) all day. Tea, 1s. each, at 4.30. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Abergele on Whit Monday, June 5th. Service in St. Michael's Church at 2.30 p.m., followed by business meeting and tea. Bodelwyddan bells (8) will also be available.—W. Cathrall, Hon. Sec., 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival at Hereford on Whit Monday.—Service in Cathedral at 12.15. Dinner at Booth Hall Hotel, 1 p.m., price 2s. 6d. (1s. 6d. for members who apply to me for tickets beforehand). Business meeting after dinner. City towers available: All Saints' (8) and St. Nicholas' (6), 10.30-12, and 3-5.30 p.m.; Cathedral (10), 5-8.30 p.m.; also outlying towers during afternoon.—H. S. T. Richardson, Hon. Sec., St. Nicholas' Rectory, Hereford.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Ripon on Whit Monday, June 5th. The new bells at the Cathedral (10, tenor 23 cwt.) are available for ringing 10.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m., and are well worth a visit to ring; Sharow bells (tenor 13 cwt.) are available all day. Lunch will be provided at the Black Bull Hotel at 1 p.m. Members 2/-. Non-members 2s. 6d. Services in the Cathedral at 10 a.m. and 4.45 p.m.—T. Metcalfe, Sec., Hewick House, Ormesby Road, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual meeting will be held at Peterborough on Whit Monday. Central Committee will meet at 11 a.m. in St. Mary's Church Hall. Service in St. John's Church at 12 noon, with address by the Dean of Peterborough. Lunch at Dujon Café at 1 p.m., followed by the meeting. Bells available for the day, except during lunch, service and meeting, are: St. John's (8), Woodston (6), St. Mary's (6), and two rings of eight at Whittlesey.—Robt. G. Black, Gen. Sec, Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The 54th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford, on Whit Monday, June 5th. 11.30 a.m.: Service at the Cathedral, with address by the Rev. C. W. Alington, M.A., Vicar of Great Waltham. 12.30 p.m.: Lunch (members 1s. 6d.), to be followed by the annual meeting at the Golden Fleece Hotel, Duke Street. Towers open for ringing during day: Cathedral (12), Writtle (8), Widford (8), Galleywood (8), Great Baddow (8), Great Waltham (8), Springfield (6), Broomfield (6), Boreham (8). No ringing permitted during service and meeting.—Chas. H. Howard, Master; F. J. Pitstow, Gen. Sec. and Treasurer, 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch. — The branch annual meeting will be held at East Haddon (6 bells) on Saturday, June 10th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea please notify me, or Mr. R. Adams, East Haddon, Northants, by Wednesday previous.—Geo. A. Hollick, Branch Sec., Welford, Rugby.

PRYCE TAYLOR MEMORIAL, LOUGHBOROUGH. — Service at the Parish Church, Loughborough, on Saturday, June 10th, at 3 p.m. The rings of 10 at the Parish Church and of the bell foundry tower will be available after the service. By kind permission of the Rev. Canon Briggs, the Rectory grounds will be open. Tea will be provided in the Fearon Hall for those who apply for tickets by Thursday, June 8th, to Mr. D. S. Collins, 145, Paget Street, Loughborough.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, June 10th, at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, ordinarily known as St. George's-in-the-Borough (Little Dorrit's Church). Ringing 3 to 5. Tea locally. Meeting and further ringing 6.30 to 8.30. Hearty welcome to all.—J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—An invitation meeting and tea will be held at Ardleigh on June 10th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Will all those intending to be there please notify me as soon as possible.—F. R. Sparling, Station Road, Wivenhoe.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District. — A by-meeting of this district will be held at Yalding on Saturday, June 10th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Please notify me early.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District. — The annual meeting will be held at St. Clement Danes, London, W.C., on Saturday, June 10th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea to follow. Business meeting afterwards. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, June 7th. Gentlemen cordially invited.—M. L. Cross, 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Singleton on Saturday, June 10th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30. Visitors and non-members heartily welcomed. — C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool, S.S.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Hornby on June 10th. Business meeting after tea. Tea, 1s., to all who notify Mr. F. Fisher, Shoemaker, Hornby, near Lancaster.—E. Swain, Branch Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Moulton on Saturday, June 10th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service (handbell accompaniment) 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. A special attempt should be the desire of all members to attend this meeting. Please let me know who will require tea not later than Tuesday, June 6th.—F. Browning, 10, Butts Hill, Bugbrooke, Northampton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford and District Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Iffley on Saturday, June 10th. Bells at 3 p.m. Guild service at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, 7th. Book the date and please come.—W. Simmonds, Hon. Sec., 7, Fairacres Road, Oxford.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — East Norfolk Branch.—Meeting to be held at Lowestoft, St. Margaret's Church, on June 10th, 3 p.m. Bells (8). Meeting 4 p.m.—J. Harwood, Hon. Sec., 4. Cobden Terrace, Northgate Street, Great Yarmouth.

SALISBURY GUILD. — N. Dorset Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Bradford Abbas on Saturday, June 10th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Other towers available. All ringers cordially invited. — E. V. Roe, Caundle Marsh Rectory, Sherborne, Dorset.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Broughton on Saturday, June 10th. Bells available from 3 p.m. — Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Tempsford on Saturday, June 10th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come. — C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Winslow on Saturday, June 10th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Guild service at 4 p.m. Address by the Rev. S. H. C. Wynne. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—E. F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 92, High Street, Winslow, Bucks.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Towcester Branch.—The annual festival will be held at Cold Higham on Saturday, June 10th. Bells available from 11 a.m. Lunch 1.15 (to non-branch members 2s. 6d., notify secretary). Service 3.30. Preacher: Rev. J. F. Russell, Vice-Principal of Cuddesdon. Tea 4.30. Two other towers (6) can be used after the service.—Rev. R. Howes, Cold Higham Rectory, Towcester.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — A quarterly meeting of the Ledbury District will be held at Bosbury on Saturday, June 10th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m.—A. Jones, Dis. Hon. Sec., The Reddings, Colwall, near Malvern.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Next meeting Barton-on-Humber, Saturday, June 10th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service at St. Peter's 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in the Assembly Rooms. Business meeting afterwards. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. A. W. Hoodlass, 11, Holydyke, Barton-on-Humber, Lincs., by the Wednesday previous. All welcome. — H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — A bi-monthly meeting will be held at Ludlow (8 bells) on Saturday, June 10th. Bells at 3 p.m. Numbers for tea by June 6th to Mr. R. R. Pole, 88, North Street, Shrewsbury.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Navenby (6), Saturday, June 10th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Names for tea to me by the Monday previous. — Harold Marcon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — A ringing meeting will be held at Burgess Hill on Saturday, June 10th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, June 7th. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Grappenhall Branch.—The next branch meeting at Frodsham on Saturday, June 10th, at 3 p.m. Please advise me not later than the 7th to allow arrangements for tea. — Jno. E. Ashcroft, Post Office, Grappenhall.

NORTH STAFFS. DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — A meeting will be held at Kingsley (6 bells) on Saturday, June 10th. Tea will be provided for all who notify Mr. H. Carnwell, Sunnyside, Kingsley, near Cheadle, Staffs., not later than June 7th.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of the Eastern and Western Districts will be held at Gateshead on Saturday, June 10th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea 5.30, 1s. per head, at Anchorage, adjoining church, and please advise Mr. J. McRobie, 58, Bensham Road, Gateshead. Come in crowds, we know you will enjoy it.—F. Robson, 6, Water Street, West Hartlepool, H. Tyson, Joint Hon. Dis. Secs.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — Next meeting will be held at Felkirk on Saturday, June 10th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. For tea (1s.) please notify Mr. M. Perry, 3, Colliery Buildings, Brierley, near Barnsley, by Wednesday, 7th.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—A meeting will be held at Middlewich on Saturday, June 10th. Bells ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. — H. Parker, 3, London Road, Davenham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Huyton on Saturday, June 10th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea (1/3) and meeting to follow. For tea, notify Mr. J. Tickle, Rosebank, Rupert Road, Huyton. A good attendance is requested. Nominations for branch officers required: Ringing Master and Branch Sec.—Claude I. Davies.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, June 10th, at St. Mary's, Sunbury-on-Thames. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Short service at 5. Tea in Church Hall at 5.30. The "summer" (?) meeting will be held at Harlington on Saturday, July 15th.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Heptonstall (via Hebden Bridge) on Saturday, June 10th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea, at 1s. 6d. per head, to those who apply to Mr. George Haigh, 40, Stoodley View, Hepton-

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stall, not later than June 6th. All ringers welcome. — Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec., 40, Littlemoor, Queensbury.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A joint meeting of the Ely Association and Suffolk Guild will be held at Newmarket on Thursday, June 15th. Bells, All Saints' (8), St. Mary's (6) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., 1s. All ringers welcome.—R. Sharpe, Dis. Sec., Suffolk Guild.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held jointly with Bolton Branch at Walkden on Saturday, June 17th. Tower open for ringing at 2 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. For tea arrangements see Bolton Branch notice below. The next special practice will be held at Miles Platting Tuesday, June 13th.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of the Bolton and Manchester Branches will be held at Walkden on Saturday, June 17th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea at 1s. per head. Names for teas to Mr. John Potter, 73, Manchester Road, Walkden, not later than Thursday, 15th. The Bolton meeting has been transferred from Blackrod, per calendar.—Peter Crook and Donald Brown, Hon. Secs.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD. — The annual (jubilee) meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 17th. Bells: Cathedral (10) 3 till 3.45, also after the meeting. St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) from 3 o'clock. Service in the Cathedral at 4, with an address by the Very Rev. Dean Savage. Tea (1s. 3d.) in St. Mary's School at 5 (members 9d.). Please send word not later than Tuesday, June 13th.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Sevenoaks on Saturday, June 17th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea (free), followed by business meeting after service. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, June 13th.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Rd., Tunbridge Wells

DEVON GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Calverleigh on Saturday, June 17th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Monday, June 12th?—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Kinver on Saturday, June 17th. Bells will be available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.15. Address by the Vicar, the Rev. T. A. Cooper-Slipper. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Monday, June 12th, *please*.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Hartfield (6 bells) on Saturday, June 17th. Tower open 3. Service 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation, at the Anchor Hotel. Those intending to be present please notify me not later than Wednesday, June 14th. Half rail fare, maximum 1s. 6d.—R. Swift, Hon. Div. Sec., Iping, Ifield Road, Crawley.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Newdigate on Saturday, June 17th (not the 24th, as originally fixed). Usual arrangements. Please let me have numbers for tea by June 14th.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec., 37, Church Walk, Leatherhead.


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