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MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

Whether the Midland Counties Association should adopt the new scheme for dividing itself into diocesan guilds or continue in its present form is a matter for the members to decide without external interference, and we need not doubt that after full consideration and discussion a decision will be reached which will meet the wishes and requirements of those closely concerned. Outsiders, even though they have a nominal status as life members, will be content to watch with sympathy and interest.

But though the Exercise in general is not directly concerned with this question, it cannot look upon it with complete detachment and indifference, for a change which would profoundly affect the organisation and status of one of the principal associations could not fail to have some effect on the others, especially in view of the growing opinion that the Exercise should aim at a reorganisation on a diocesan basis. A fortnight ago we published the details of the draft scheme, and some comment on general lines may not be amiss.

The proposal, we are told, has come from the Leicester members. They feel strongly that the time has arrived when Leicester should have its own diocesan guild, and most people, we think, will agree that they have a strong and almost overwhelming case. The Leicester diocese, which is coterminous with the county, has a compact, homogeneous, and clearly defined area. Its centre, the cathedral city, has two fine modern rings of twelve, an outstanding ring of ten, several rings of eight, and many ringers who are among the most skilful and enthusiastic in the country. The other towers in the diocese are within easy reach of the city. Nowhere in England is there a diocese more fitted than Leicester to be the area of a ringing association. If the Leicester men had decided that they must break away from the old Midland Counties Association and form their own guild, it would have been hard to say that they were not justified.

But, of course, Leicestershire is only part of the area at present covered by the association, and in the remainder the conditions are not so favourable for new guilds. Three dioceses are involved. The area of the Southwell diocese is the same as Nottinghamshire, and the area of the Derby diocese is the same as Derbyshire. Either would be a good district for a ringing association, though not so good as Leicestershire. The present Midland Counties Association also covers that part of Staffordshire which lies round Burton-on-Trent, and that is in the Lichfield diocese.

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The Lichfield diocese is not like the other three. They are modern and coterminous with counties. Lichfield covers what remains of what was once the Saxon Kingdom of Mercia, and has no town which is its obvious centre. The cathedral has the historical distinction of being the possessor of one of the very earliest rings of ten, most of which still remains in the steeple, but for many years ringing was not encouraged by the cathedral authorities. A Lichfield Diocesan Association might be possible, might even be desirable, but to form it would need the assent and co-operation of more than one society which is independent and distinct from the Midland Counties Association. Burton-on-Trent, which has played such a prominent part in the development of change ringing, is geographically more closely connected with Derby than with Stafford or Shrewsbury and, should the new scheme take effect, might conveniently be associated (temporarily, perhaps) with Derby, though it is not actually within the diocese. The main thing, after all, is to adopt the plan which will work the best.

The weakness of the draft scheme seems to us to be that the proposers, having decided that diocesan guilds are needed, are afraid to face the full consequences. In order (probably) to disarm criticism, they suggest keeping the present Midland Counties Association in being as well as forming the new guilds. That surely would be a mistake. Unless each of the new guilds was completely free and independent, it would not be worth while troubling to form it. It would be better to have the present districts unhampered by diocesan boundaries. And if the new guilds serve the purpose they are intended to, the Midland Counties Association would become worse than useless. It would have no power, it could do no good, it would be no more than a shadow and a rather ridiculous one. No doubt a good deal of sentiment attaches to the old name, but that is of little real consequence. The service the Midland Counties Association has rendered to the Exercise would still be continued, though under other names, and the old name would not be forgotten.

SERVICE TOUCHES.
BOB MAJOR.

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| 496 | | 496 |
| 23456 W B R | | 23456 W B R |
| 52364 — 1 — | | 23645 — 2 — |
| 35264 — — | | 42356 — 1 — |
| 23564 — — | | 34256 — — |
| 23456 — 2 — | | 23456 — — |
| 512 | | 512 |
| 23456 W B M R | | 23456 W B M R |
| 23645 — 2 — | | 23564 — 1 — |
| 23564 — 2 — | | 45236 — — |
| 45236 — — | | 45362 — 1 — |
| 23456 — — | | 23456 — — |
| 512 | | 512 |
| 23456 W B R | | 23456 W B M |
| 36245 — 2 — | | 53462 — 1 — |
| 24365 — — | | 45236 — — |
| 45236 — 2 — | | 35264 — 1 — |
| 23456 — — | | 23456 — — |

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
MEETING AT HUGHENDEN.

The monthly meeting of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Hughenden on June 24th. The service, which was choral, was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. S. A. C. Dickens. Mr. T. J. Fowler was in charge of the ringing. Over fifty members and friends sat down to tea, which was laid out on the hillside, and presided over by the chairman of the branch, the Rev. R. F. A. Routh. Thanks were given to the Vicar, and Amersham was selected as the place of the next meeting.

HANDBELL PEALS.

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

On Wednesday, July 5, 1944, in Two Hours and Six Minutes.

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th the observation).

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| DENNIS H. LANGDON ... 1-2 | ALBERT J. WALLMAN ... 5-6 |
| ERIC A. DENCH ... 3-4 | PHILIP COWARD ... 7-8 |

Conducted by A. J. WALLMAN.

* First peal away from 7-8. † First peal on an inside pair. First peal as conductor. Average age 16½.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, July 13, 1944, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes.

AT 24, SUFFOLK ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

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| ALBERT J. WALLMAN ... 1-2 | MRS. J. THOMAS ... 5-6 |
| JOHN THOMAS ... 3-4 | WILLIAM L. B. LEESE ... 7-8 |
| CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 9-10 | |

Composed and Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Thursday, July 13, 1944, in Two Hours and Four Minutes.

AT NEW COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

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| BETTY SPICE ... 1-2 | JOHN E. SPICE ... 5-6 |
| JEAN A. SOUTHERST ... 3-4 | ALAN WHITE ... 7-8 |

Composed by H. HUBBARD (C.C.C. No. 48).

Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.

* First peal on an inside pair.

EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, July 14, 1944, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes.

IN THE TOWER OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th the observation).

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| VICTOR WOODARDS ... 1-2 | ALBERT J. WALLMAN ... 5-6 |
| MRS. J. THOMAS ... 3-4 | PHILIP COWARD ... 7-8 |

Conducted by A. J. WALLMAN.

Umpire: J. Thomas.

* Age 15.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 16, 1944, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes.

AT WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5065 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

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| G. STEINMAN MORRIS ... 1-2 | ERNEST MORRIS ... 5-6 |
| HAROLD J. POOLE ... 3-4 | REV. JOHN P. PELLOE ... 7-8 |
| JOSIAH MORRIS ... 9-10 | |

Composed by F. PERRINS. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, July 16, 1944, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes.

IN ST. PETER'S HALL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE PART (7th observation) Tenor size 15 in C.

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| MISS JESSIE C. CHICK ... 1-2 | ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... 5-6 |
| MRS. F. JOHN MARSHALLSAY ... 3-4 | PERCY BRAYSHAW ... 7-8 |

Conducted by MRS. F. JOHN MARSHALLSAY.

* 80th peal. † First peal of Triples.

CLEVEDON, SOMERSET.—On Tuesday, July 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. W. Knight 1, G. Olliver 2, Miss M. J. F. Richardson (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 3, Lieut. C. Glenn (conductor) 4, L. Pullen 5, Major J. H. B. Hesse 6, D. G. Olift 7, A. H. T. Parker 8.

TEN BELL PEAL.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 15, 1944, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 30½ cwt.

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| REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... Treble | SHIRLEY BURTON 6 |
| *JILL POOLE 2 | SIDNEY O. CHENEY 7 |
| Mrs. H. J. POOLE 3 | G. STEDMAN MORRIS 8 |
| †JOHN R. SMITH 4 | COLIN HARRISON 9 |
| ‡REV. JOHN P. PELLOE 5 | HAROLD J. POOLE Tenor |

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of Royal on tower bells. † First peal of Royal. ‡ First peal of Cambridge Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 8, 1944, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 9½ cwt.

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| *BLANCHE WINFIELD ... Treble | WILLIAM DAWSON 5 |
| WILLIAM E. SIMPSON 2 | GIRLING RIGBY 6 |
| CHARLES HUTCHINSON 3 | CHARLES GEARY 7 |
| W. RICHARDSON DRAGE 4 | JACK BAILEY Tenor |

Composed by G. R. NEWTON. Conducted by JACK BAILEY.
* First peal.

BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 13, 1944, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

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| Mrs. H. J. POOLE ... Treble | SIDNEY O. CHENEY 5 |
| REV. JOHN P. PELLOE 2 | ERNEST MORRIS 6 |
| G. STEDMAN MORRIS 3 | REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 7 |
| HAROLD G. JENNEY 4 | HAROLD J. POOLE Tenor |

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

ANSTHEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 14, 1944, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 10 cwt.

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| SHIRLEY BURTON ... Treble | HAROLD J. POOLE 5 |
| *JILL POOLE 2 | REV. JOHN P. PELLOE 6 |
| Mrs. H. J. POOLE 3 | HERBERT W. PERKINS 7 |
| *JOHN R. SMITH 4 | REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... Tenor |

Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.
* First peal of Major.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 15, 1944, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

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| *FREDERICK OLDROYD ... Treble | NORMAN HARDING 5 |
| *GEORGE L. GROVER 2 | FRANK H. HICKS 6 |
| WILLIAM J. ROBINSON 3 | GEORGE GILBERT 7 |
| ALFRED H. PULLING 4 | WILLIAM T. BEESON Tenor |

Composed by W. WILSON. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
* First peal in the method. † 400th peal.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

NEWNHAM, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 8, 1944, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

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| SIDNEY FOSKETT ... Treble | †PHILIP JONES 4 |
| *JOSEPH LINNITT 2 | *RONALD NOON 5 |
| †FRED VICKERS 3 | *GEORGE CARE Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE CARE.
* First peal in three methods. † First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 8, 1944, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob and 720 Single Oxford Bob, rung alternately. Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb. in B flat.

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| *JOYCE HEARN (age 14) ... Treble | FRANK H. HICKS 4 |
| C. ALFRED LEVETT 2 | A. JAMES GLASS 5 |
| GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 3 | GEORGE GILBERT Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.
* First attempt for a peal.

SWAVESEY, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 8, 1944, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| *HERBERT W. PRATT ... Treble | *L.A.C. ERIC NOBLES, R.A.F. 3 |
| *LESLIE W. FISHER 2 | HERBERT FIELDS 4 |
| †FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor | |

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
MEETING AT WINGHAM.

A meeting of the Canterbury District of the Kent County Association was held at Wingham on July 15th, and about 55 members and friends attended, representing 12 towers in the district, besides some ringers in H.M. Forces. Service in the church was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. E. C. Stanton, who gave an address. A collection for the association's Benevolent Fund amounted to 30s.

Tea at the Bridge Cafe was followed by the business meeting, at which five new members were elected, and it was announced that the annual district meeting would be at Sturry on September 2nd. Votes of thanks were given to the Vicar and to the donor of the tea.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
MEETING AT SWAFFHAM.

A meeting of the Norwich Diocesan Association was held at Swaffham on July 15th, and 18 ringers attended from Norwich, Marham, King's Lynn, Terrington St. John, Wymondham, Shouldham, Swaffham, Yaxham and Mulbarton. Various methods were rung, the Vicar preached at the service, and the following new members were elected: Mr. Bert Gogle, of Yaxham, Mr. W. W. Cousins, of Terrington St. John, and Mr. William G. Cooke, of Hempton. Messrs. C. Ebberson, F. Rise, A. Nurse, A. Bugg, J. Bunn, G. Battenbee, R. Thaxter and R. Burton, of Dersingham, rejoined. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Hethersett on September 30th if possible.

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DEATH OF LIEUT. J. H. LEWIS.

Readers of 'The Ringing World' will learn with regret that Lieut. (A) J. H. Lewis, R.N.V.R., son of Mr. E. H. Lewis, the president of the Central Council, has been killed on active service. Deep sympathy with Mr. and Mrs. Lewis will be felt throughout the Exercise.

BOB MAJOR LEAD ENDS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reference to the questions put by Mr. Felstead some few weeks ago, the chief one is the Bob Major lead ends, and, though I make no pretence at being an expert, I will try to answer his query. Just over 30 years ago his questions would have brought a page full of replies. However, the Central Council settled this matter many years ago, and, on the whole, the Exercise has loyally accepted their decision. Now as to why.

(1) The Bob Major lead ends help to prevent the possibility of 8.7's coming at back stroke. This, of course, is an undesirable feature and a sufficient reason in itself.

(2) When the tenors get separated in the ordinary working of the method, the Bob Major lead ends bring them together again and more or less keep them coursing.

There may be, and probably are, other reasons for the desirability of Bob Major lead ends, but I will leave them to abler pens than mine.

'PLAIN RINGER.'

BELFRY PRAYERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In three consecutive issues of 'The Ringing World' I have read of the suggestion, followed by approvals from one or two sources, regarding belfry prayers. The subject to me is of more than passing interest. When once an attached member to a youthful band in a certain Hampshire town, I remember it was customary to have a prayer read before ringing commenced, whether for service, practice or a peal. In those days I thought, but very wrongly so, that it was just a fad by the captain, and, like most of the ringers, immediately forgot about it in the ensuing touch.

I realise now more than ever that it is the finest thing ever introduced into the rules of the belfry, because by those few moments when the prayer is said we are brought to a remembrance of the fundamental service in our action, and that is to ring to the glory of God. Perhaps being in action has brought my views around to face realities in their right perspective. It is a common sight every day to see the pitiable wrecks of what was once the flower of manhood, all caused through selfishness and greed in high places. The only things considered worthy of thought confronting us here are the main issues of life. Surely this can be applied to our ringing, by remembering, not the object of our ambition and selfish greed for cheap popularity, but that it is a service to glorify Him for which reason the bells were made.

The Rev. A. C. F. Davies' suggestion is an excellent one. Could not some form of prayer for use in belfries be adopted as a general rule? I wonder if the Central Council have discussed this small but very important problem? Corpl. R. V. FULLER, A.D. Corps.

South-East Asia Command.

ALPHABET BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Can any of your historian readers give me any information on 'pre-Reformation Alphabet Bells'? C. W. BOND.
25, Beechwood Avenue, Darlington, Co. Durham.

RINGING AT EYNSFORD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I thank Mr. Hazelden for his letter and am glad to know I was mistaken in assuming Eynsford had only a stoney band prior to 1903. I based this assumption on two Sunday morning visits in two successive Lents (when we used not to ring at home) between Mr. Hazelden's visits and the advent of Mr. Brett. On each occasion we only rang call changes.

Mr. Hazelden may be interested to know that T. Brookes, sen., passed away a fortnight ago at the advanced age of 86 years and he rang regularly until three months ago. He was a faithful servant of the Church and died honoured by all. E. BARNETT.

10, Kings Close, Crayford.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

MEETING AT WOOL.

A meeting of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held at Wool on Saturday, July 1st, at which about 40 members were present from Dorchester St. Peter, Abbotsbury, Bradford Peverell, East Lulworth, Poole, Stratton, Swanage, Upwey, Wool and Wyke Regis.

Many touches were rung on the bells during the afternoon and evening. Service was conducted by the Rev. A. L. Edwards (Vicar of Wool), the lesson being read by Canon A. W. Markby (chairman of the branch). In his address Mr. Edwards gave an account of the history of the bells of Wool. Tea was served, thanks to the hospitality of a great number of helpers, and was followed by the business meeting.

The Chairman said that Mr. Godwin felt it necessary to resign through ill-health from the secretaryship, which at the previous meeting he had been asked to undertake jointly with Canon Markby; and Mrs. Godley was elected to carry on as hon. secretary.

The following new members were elected: Mr. James Hutchings (Abbotsbury), Miss Margaret Newbury, Mr. John Bryant and Mr. E. Coombes (Upwey).

Sgt. Toccock, the ringing captain, reported that recently at Abbotsbury a peal had been rung by a band consisting entirely of young members, all of whose first peal it was.

The next branch practice will be held at Abbotsbury on July 15th, and the next meeting at Stratton on August 12th.

JOINT MEETING AT ALDERSHOT.

A joint meeting of the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild and the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, held at Aldershot on July 8th, was attended by about 40 ringers from Aldershot, Ash, Bagshot, Beddington, Farnham, Goring-on-Thames, Guildford, Eckington (Derbyshire), Hitchin, Woodford, Eastbourne, London, Seale, Shalford and West Clandon. Among those present were Mrs. B. Bruce, president of the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild, Mr. A. H. Pulling, vice-president of the Guildford Guild, Mr. G. L. Grover, general secretary, and Mr. J. Corbett, general treasurer.

Service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. B. Rowsell, who welcomed the visitors and stressed the importance of their work as ringers. Mr. G. Goodwin was at the organ.

Several new members were elected at the business meeting which followed tea, and it was decided to hold monthly combined practices throughout the summer. Votes of thanks were passed, including one to Mr. Dollimore. A variety of methods was rung during the afternoon and evening.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT COPT OAK.

A meeting of the Loughborough District of the Midland Counties Association, held at Copt Oak on July 8th, was attended by members from The Oaks, Ibstock, Kegworth, Loughborough, Shepshed, Thrumpton, Whitwick and Old Woodhouse and the local bell-ringers.

Service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. W. E. Goodman, and tea was at the Vicarage. The Vicar presided at the business meeting. It was decided to hold a joint meeting with the Burton District at Ashby on August 12th, and for the next district meeting to be at Woodhouse Eaves and Old Woodhouse on August 26th. The Rev. W. E. Goodman was elected an hon. member, and Messrs. R. A. Pepper, L. E. Whyles, L. C. Stockwell and F. A. Garrett (Copt Oak) and A. Burnham (unattached), ringing members. Mr. W. Harrod rejoined.

Mr. G. R. Edwards called attention to the number of towers in the district where there is no ringing and asked if anything could be done by the association to improve matters. The secretary undertook to get into touch with the incumbents of the churches concerned and to point out that one of the objects of the association was to provide instructors (if required) to assist in the training of new bands. If nothing could be done at the present time preliminary steps might be taken.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar and Mrs. Goodman and to the organist concluded the business.

During the afternoon and evening a wide variety of Minor and Double methods were rung.

ENGLISH CHURCH ARCHITECTURE.

By MAJOR J. HOWARD FREEBORN, M.A.

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Fellow : Chartered Surveyors' Institution.

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THE CATHEDRALS.



YORK MINSTER.
Perpendicular Gothic.

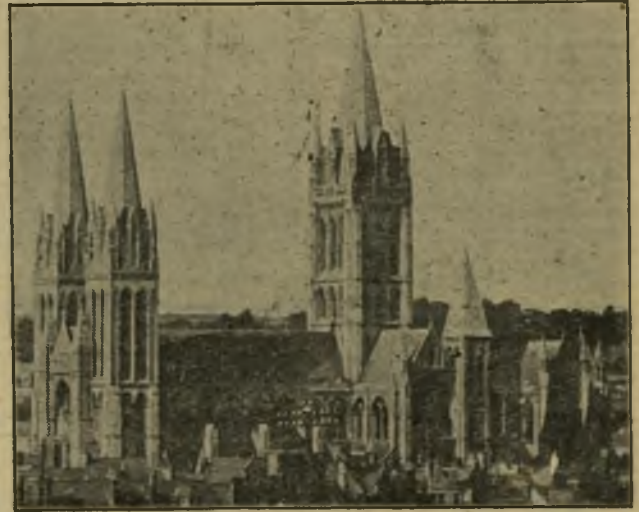
There are 45 cathedrals in England and Wales. Of these twenty-one are of the 'Old Foundation,' that is, consecrated at various times before the Reformation; six are 'New Foundation' monastic churches, constituted cathedrals by Henry VIII.; a further five are monastic churches which became cathedrals in modern times to meet the needs of increased population; one is modern, and ten are parish churches which have been made the cathedrals of new modern dioceses. Two new cathedrals, Liverpool and Guildford, are still in building. All are Norman or Gothic, with but two exceptions, and they constitute a truly amazing series of religious monuments unsurpassed anywhere in the world. With the exception of recent Foundations, they have all been very extensively described and illustrated, and are well known, at least superficially, to a large percentage of English people. I can go no further here than to mention a few typical examples which illustrate the best of each period. I wish I could give some photographs, but for technical and supply reasons connected with paper this is impossible.

There are the mighty Norman naves of Durham, Norwich and Southwell, and that glorious Transitional Quire and magnificent Perpendicular 'Bell Harry' tower at Canterbury. Lincoln, Wells and Salisbury demonstrate the austere purity of Early English naves, and there are the wonderful West Fronts of Wells and Peterborough, and the York transepts, in the same style. The unique Octagon at Ely, the beautiful Angel Quire of Lincoln, the almost feminine grace of the naves of Exeter and

Lichfield and Worcester, and the famous Salisbury spire, enrich the Decorated period.

The Perpendicular is seen at its best in the early work at Gloucester, in the Great East Window and the rich fan-vaulted cloisters; the stately nave of Winchester and the lordly Quire of York. Mediæval vaulting of supreme excellence is exhibited at Norwich and Exeter (XIV. century lierne), and at Oxford, where the XV. century Quire vault is a beautiful and complicated development of the lierne rather than a true Perpendicular form. All the periods of church building are contained within the great length (the longest in England by a few feet) of St. Albans, and exquisite work of First and Third Pointed in Westminster Abbey, which, although it does not rank as a cathedral, is not only the national shrine but one of the very greatest churches.

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And here I shall close these notes on the architecture of our churches. Technical terms abound, I fear, but that is inevitable, and I have tried, both in the context and the glossary, to explain them simply. And I hope that many of my brother-and-sister ringers will find an added interest in their visits to the churches where they ring.

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MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—On Wednesday, June 21st, 720 Bob Minor: H. Pratt 1, E. J. Coe 2, P. S. Skipworth 3, F. Warrington (conductor) 4, L. W. Fisher 5, J. Perkins 6.

PRIORS MARSTON, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Saturday, July 1st, 720 Bob Minor: A. E. Bristow 1, Mrs. E. S. Powell 2, Rev. E. S. Powell 3, G. H. Hancock 4, F. Hancock 5, W. A. Stote (conductor) 6.

COALBROOKDALE.—On Sunday, July 2nd, on handbells, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, 10½ different 120's: Walter Lago 1-2, William Saunders (conductor) 3-4, John W. Humphries 5-6.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.—On Saturday, July 1st, 1,472 Spliced Plain and Little Bob Major: S. Scattergood 1, G. G. Graham (conductor) 2, P. J. Jervis 3, Mrs. J. E. Turley 4, J. H. Smithson 5, L. Bacon 6, W. Allwood 7, D. Smith 8. A farewell to P. J. Jervis.

BISHOP'S HATFIELD, HERTS.—On Sunday, July 2nd, 432 Stedman Triples: J. T. Lock 1, A. W. Coles (conductor) 2, D. Ellingham 3, S. Cull 4, W. T. Holmes 5, H. Nobbs 6, A. R. Lawrence 7, A. Lawrence 8.

RUSHMERE, SUFFOLK.—On Monday, July 3rd, 720 Bob Minor: John F. Jennings (first 720) 1, Cedric Curson 2, James W. Jennings (conductor) 3, Miss Grace M. Jennings 4, Frank E. Wiseman 5, Peter Carter 6.

WILTON, NEAR SALISBURY.—On Sunday, July 9th, for the christening of Raymond Haines, son of the local captain, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (eight callings): *C. F. Haines 1, E. G. Caple 2, F. W. Romaine (conductor) 3, W. A. Theobald 4, L. Harris 5, *G. T. Hibberd 6. First quarter-peal on the bells. *First quarter-peal.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.—At St. Luke's, on Sunday, July 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Lyddiard 1, J. Lyddiard (conductor) 2, Miss H. Oakshott 3, G. F. James 4, C. Cullen 5, G. H. Kite 6, I. Emery 7, E. Moulder 8.

TWINEHAM.—On Sunday, July 9th, 720 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Wickens 1, R. Boxall 2, G. Packham, sen. 3, C. Wickens (conductor) 4, G. Packham, jun. 5.

BANBURY, OXON.—On Sunday, July 9th, 720 Bob Minor: R. Cave 1, W. Watson 2, J. Walton 3, F. Selwyn 4, T. Impey 5, H. Impey (conductor) 6. First 720 by all the band except ringer of 3rd.

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NOTTINGHAM.—On Sunday, July 9th, at St. Paul's, Daybrook, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Bradley 1, Mrs. R. A. Ward 2, P. E. Ball 3, A. W. Hartland 4, R. A. Ward 5, H. Paling 6, T. Groombridge, jun. (conductor) 7, W. Perkins 8.

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LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, July 9th, 1,068 Oxford Treble Bob Major: C. Whiting 1, Mrs. J. E. Bailey 2, F. Youngman 3, H. J. Button 4, E. S. Bailey 5, J. G. Rumsey 6, L. P. Bailey 7, J. M. Bailey (conductor) 8.

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SUNDERLAND.—On Sunday, July 9th, at St. Ignatius', 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Ainsley 1, G. S. Taylor 2, R. Bell 3, W. Oxley 4, R. Walker 5, J. W. Parker 6, R. L. Patterson 7, G. Harvey 8. Rung for the visit of the Bishop of New Guinea, formerly Vicar of the parish.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.—On Sunday, July 9th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. H. Aylett 1, H. G. Summers 2, H. Webb 3, J. W. Taylor 4, J. W. T. Taylor (conductor) 5, G. Gardner 6.

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