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OPEN MEETINGS.

The main object in holding association meetings is to give the members of the bands in particular districts opportunities for joining together in friendly concourse and so gaining the advantages that come of co-operation and a feeling of the unity of the Exercise. The object is not primarily or mainly to teach beginners. Though opportunities should be, and usually are, given to beginners to put into practice what they have learnt in their home belfries or elsewhere, an open meeting is almost the worst place possible to teach them what they do not already know. Teaching is not just a matter of allowing a beginner to blunder somehow through the course of an unfamiliar method with perhaps somebody standing behind him and telling him which bell to strike over. Teaching is explaining things, showing what should be done, and (as important as anything else) correcting faults.

These things cannot be done in an open meeting. However strong and able the ringing master may be, it is seldom he can assert sufficient authority to confine a beginner to that ringing which really would do him good. Too often he is allowed to take part in some of the more complex methods before he is competent to ring Grandsire Triples or Plain Bob, with the result that he misses the essential points of the art, and the ringing is spoilt for those who do value and take a delight in the quality of the ringing as well as in the supposed complexity of the method. The experienced ringers are as much entitled to have some of the ringing reserved for them as the inexperienced are to have opportunities for gaining experience.

It would be a good thing if, now and then, a strong ringing master were to arrange for a course of some method, be it only Treble Bob or Double Norwich, and rigorously to exclude everyone that he did not know was a first-class ringer and striker. No doubt there would be much talk about selfishness and exclusiveness, but if the inexperienced and the learners paid attention to ringing done by really good bands they would learn more and benefit more than they would if they were allowed to take part in every course or every touch when the standard of the striking was low and the quality of the ringing was poor. There can be no first-class ringing unless the band is first-class throughout. One bad striker will spoil the ringing of an otherwise excellent

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band, and that is one of the reasons why really good ringing is so very rare.

Teaching should be done at home and under conditions which enable the learner to grasp the essentials of the art. The chief of them are bell control and the ability to strike a bell over another bell so that it satisfies the keenest and most exacting ear. For these only a few bells and only the simplest methods are required. The instructor who concentrates on them can safely let his pupils go to any open meeting, knowing that they will gain credit for him and pleasure and profit to themselves and others.

TEN BELL PEALS.

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 25, 1945, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence.
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

Jean A. Southerst	*Treble*	William Judge	6
Walter F. Judge ...	2	Fredk. A. H. Wilkins	7
Anna Sellors	3	George Holifield ...	8
Joan Houldsworth ...	4	Richard White	9
John E. Spice	5	Francis A. White	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Charge. Conducted by John E. Spice.

BANBURY, OXON.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Sat., May 26, 1945, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;
Tenor 17¼ cwt.

Margaret C. Cossar	*Treble*	Alan White	6
Margaret D. Telford	2	Betty Spice	7
Anna Sellors	3	Harry Miles	8
Joan Houldsworth ...	4	John E. Spice	9
Jean A. Southerst ...	5	Rev. C. Elliot Wigg	*Tenor*

Composed by E. C. Shepherd. Conducted by John E. Spice.

NEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 2, 1945, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt. in E flat.

*Thomas N. Lanaghan	*Treble*	Reginald W. Rex ...	6
†Harry Balaam	2	Samuel J. Hector ...	7
Freda E. Diserens ...	3	Albert Diserens	8
Jessie M. Kippin ...	4	Frederick E. Collins	9
Daniel D. Cooper ...	5	Charles H. Kippin	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lewis. Conducted by C. H. Kippin.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Treble Ten.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., June 2, 1945, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-le-Tower,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 32 cwt.

William P. Garrett	*Treble*	Leslie C. Wightman ...	6
*Mrs. C. W. Pipe ...	2	Charles Clark	7
George A. Fleming ...	3	William J. G. Brown ...	8
Lester W. Brett ...	4	George E. Symonds ...	9
Frank L. Fisher ...	5	Cecil W. Pipe ...	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Law James. Conducted by Wm. J. G. Brown.
* 150th peal.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 2, 1945, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, Ranmoor,
A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB ROYAL, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 16¼ cwt.

F. Bernard Ditcher	*Treble*	John W. Smithson ...	6
Ernest A. Thorpe ...	2	J. Edward Cawser ...	7
G. Gordon Graham ...	3	John E. Turley	8
Leonard Trevor	4	Arnold Hill	9
John H. Brothwell ...	5	Herbert O. Chaddock	*Tenor*

Composed by William Barton. Conducted by J. E. Cawser.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 19, 1945, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Botolph,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt.

Cyril W. Hammond	*Treble*	Harry Argent	5
Herbert A. Holden ...	2	Richard Constant ...	6
*George Thompson ...	3	George J. Butcher ...	7
*Ronald Constant ...	4	*Donald Stacey ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by George J. Butcher.
* First peal.

LISS, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 21, 1945, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Frederick A. Burnett	*Treble*	Ernest J. Munday ...	5
William A. Theobald	2	*Ernest A. Jurd	6
John H. Hunt	3	Frederick W. Burnett	7
*Peter R. Blackman ...	4	William Scaife ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Fredk. W. Burnett.
* First peal.

BEVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 21, 1945, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 35 cwt.

Harold Turgoose	*Treble*	Frank Braithwaite ...	5
Robert Owen	2	Robert Collins	6
Stanley E. Pacey ...	3	Thomas Southwick ...	7
George F. Williams ...	4	George Braithwaite	*Tenor*

Conducted by George F. Williams.

OXTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 24, 1945, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Saviour,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 20½ cwt.

John Cooke	*Treble*	John A. Webster ...	5
Frank Varty	2	William Dean	6
George R. Newton ...	3	Ernest F. Bennett ...	7
Alex. J. Webster ...	4	Frank T. Parry ...	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Geo. R. Newton.

CRESWELL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Sat., May 26, 1945, in Three Hours and One Minute,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Leslie W. Bacon	*Treble*	Stanley Slaney	5
*Cyril Wright	2	Walter Allwood ...	6
G. Gordon Graham ...	3	George L. Chambers ...	7
A. Benjamin Cooper ...	4	John E. Turley ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by J. E. Turley.
* First peal.

HOLBECK, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 26, 1945, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Matthew,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Alan Sheppard ...	*Treble*	Fred Terry	5
Sam Helliwell	2	Ernest Raynor	6
Horace S. Morley ...	3	Ronald H. Dove	7
Miss Margaret Hawley	4	Edward Bradley ...	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. Hardy. Conducted by Edward Bradley.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 26, 1945, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity, Queensbury,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*Patricia E. M. Barton	*Treble*	Edgar Whiteley	5
Paul Birkett	2	William Barton	6
*Derrick Taylor	3	William Ambler	7
*Gordon Benfield ...	4	Sam Longbottom ...	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by William Barton.
* First peal.

KIDLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 26, 1945, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation). Tenor 23¼ cwt.

*Robert Higgins	...*Treble*	William C. Porter	... 5
*James Higgins	 2	Fred A. H. Wilkins	... 6
Walter F. Judge	... 3	William Judge	 7
*David A. Hill	 4	Neil I. Allnatt	... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by Walter F. Judge.

* First peal.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 28, 1945, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Laurence,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

Patricia E. M. Barton	*Treble*	J. Cecil Booth	 5
William Barton	 2	George Robinson	... 6
Gordon Benfield	... 3	S. Rowland Myers	... 7
*Dennis Roe	 4	John Ambler	... ...*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by William Barton.

* First peal. Rung muffled for Mr. Pratt Cordingley.

BIRMINGHAM.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., May 28, 1945, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
At Bishop Ryder's Church,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

G. William Critchley	...*Treble*	John Pinfold	 5
William B. Cartwright	2	Ronald H. Dove	 6
George F. Swann	... 3	Henry H. Fearn	 7
Edgar C. Shepherd	... 4	George E. Fearn	... ...*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by George E. Fearn.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., May 29, 1945, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

Sidney O. Cheney	...*Treble*	Herbert W. Perkins	... 5
Peter J. Staniforth	... 2	G. Stedman Morris	... 6
Harry G. Wayne	 3	Edward R. Whitehead	7
Harold J. Poole	 4	William J. Root	... ...*Tenor*

Composed by Fredk. H. Dexter. Conducted by Harold J. Poole.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., May 29, 1945, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 8¾ cwt.

Albert Hales	... ...*Treble*	William A. Rouse	... 5
Charles A. Andrews	... 2	Urban W. Wildney	... 6
Alan R. Andrews	... 3	Horace A. Wright	... 7
Violet A. Hales	 4	Edward E. Davey	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by E. E. Davey.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 2, 1945, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Ten-part, No. 1. Tenor 11 cwt.

Thomas W. Hammond	...*Treble*	Thomas W. Hesketh	... 5
Thomas Lee	 2	Edwin C. Birkett	... 6
George R. Newton	... 3	Percival W. Cave	... 7
David Vincent	 4	Arthur Lintott	... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by Percival W. Cave.

WOOLWICH, KENT
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 2, 1945, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

*George Large	... ...*Treble*	*Alan G. Hall	 5
Arthur Mason	 2	Harry Hoverd	 6
Herbert A. Holden	... 3	Frederick J. Cullum	... 7
Herbert E. Audsley	... 4	James Bennett	... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by Frederick J. Cullum.

* First peal in the method.

ROCHDALE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 2, 1945, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Church of St. Chad,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 15½ cwt.

Herbert Barlow	...*Treble*	Frank Appleton	 5
William Crabtree	 2	John Meadowcroft, jun.	6
John Lee	 3	Ivan Kay	 7
Wilfred Bamford	 4	James Taylor	... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. Meadowcroft.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTH.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sat., June 2, 1945, in Three Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
At the Cathedral Church of St. Woolos,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 21½ cwt.

David J. Lloyd	...*Treble*	Emylyn Evans	 7
John Morgan	 2	George J. Davis	... 8
Evan Thomas	 3	Trevor W. Owen	... 9
Wilfred Williams	... 4	Gwilliam Phillips	... 10
Gwyn W. Lewis	 5	William J. Roberts	... 11
David W. Jones	 6	Hector Edwards	... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by Emylyn Evans.

Rung with 8, 11, 9, 10, 12 behind.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 2, 1945, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
At the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury.
A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 25½ cwt. in E Flat.

Josiah D. Harris	...*Treble*	C. Ernest Smith	 5
Ernest J. Munday	... 2	Tower R. Taylor	... 6
Frederick W. Burnett	... 3	William T. Beeson	... 7
John H. Hunt	 4	Frederick W. Rogers	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by F. W. Rogers.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 2, 1945, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

John Lloyd	... ...*Treble*	Thomas Hemming	... 5
Frank W. Perrens	... 2	John Pinfold	 6
William B. Cartwright	3	Henry H. Fearn	 7
Clifford Skidmore	... 4	George E. Fearn	... ...*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Wm. B. Cartwright.

LUGWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 2, 1945, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes.
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

George Davis	...*Treble*	John D. Worsey	 5
Mrs. E. F. Salmons	... 2	Arthur W. Davis	... 6
William E. Williams	... 3	Walter Taylor	 7
William H. Symonds	... 4	Ernest F. Salmons	...*Tenor*

Composed by George Williams. Conducted by E. F. Salmons.

ROCHDALE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 2, 1945, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Church of St. Chad,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 15¼ cwt.

Herbert Barlow	...*Treble*	Frank Appleton	 5
William Crabtree	... 2	John Meadowcroft	... 6
Jack Lee	 3	Ivan Kay	 7
Wilfred Bamford	... 4	James Taylor	... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by John Meadowcroft.

STANDISH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 2, 1945, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Wilfrid,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

William Taylor	...Treble	Corpl. C. Crossthwaite	5
John Booth	 2	E. Roger Martin	... 6
William Sharples	... 3	F. George Bradley	... 7
Sergt. V. J. Wood, R.E.	4	James W. Grounds	...*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by E. R. Martin.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 2, 1945, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*NEIL ADAMS ... ...*Treble*	WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... 5
CUTHBERT W. POWELL 2	REV. C. CAREW COX ... 6
MRS. C. W. POWELL ... 3	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... 7
*JOAN M. BURLINSON ... 4	HENRY G. KEELEY ... *Tenor*

Conducted by the REV. C. CAREW COX.
* First peal.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 17, 1945, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*WILLIAM PIGGINS ... ...*Treble*	WILLIAM DUFFY 4
*BETTY DUFFY 2	FRANK TAYLOR 5
*KEN DUFFY 3	CHARLES PERKINS ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK TAYLOR.
* First peal.

KEWSTOKE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 19, 1945, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being eight six-scores each of Union, April Day, Plain Bob and 18 of Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt.

S. THOMAS ... ...*Treble*	W. BLAKE 4
G. PRESCOTT 2	*J. WEADEN 5
*W. HART 3	J. WEAKLEY ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by G. PRESCOTT.
* First peal.

HORSHAM ST. FAITH, NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 19, 1945, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 each of Double Bob and Double Court and five of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

LLOYD CHAPMAN ... ...*Treble*	MRS. GEORGE SAYER ... 4
F. NOLAN GOLDEN 2	ARTHUR G. BASON 5
REV. J. E. TREDENNICK 3	GEORGE SAYER ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE SAYER.

LYTCHETT MATRAVERS, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 21, 1945, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

LIONEL H. PINK ... ...*Treble*	REGINALD KING 4
FREDERICK PRECEY 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... 5
HAROLD E. WHITE ... 3	SERGT. P. TOCOCK ... *Tenor*

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.
100th peal as conductor.

SANDAL MAGNA, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 21, 1945, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of College Exercise, Capel, Sandal Exercise, Kingstone, London Scholars, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 13 cwt.

*EDDIE BALL ... ...*Treble*	JOHN W. MOXON 4
ALFRED LAMB 2	*WILLIAM WOMACK ... 5
WILLIE ROBINSON 3	GEORGE CUTT ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by G. CUTT.
* First peal.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 21, 1945, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt.

*MISS NANCY EVANS ...*Treble*	HARRY W. HOWARD ... 4
REGINALD W. WORRALL 2	WALTER ALLMAN 5
MRS. DOROTHY OSBORN 3	HARRY PARKER ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by H. PARKER.
* First peal.

BRADSHAW, NEAR HALIFAX, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 21, 1945, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 8 cwt. in B flat.

VICTOR A. JARRETT... ...*Treble*	*KENNETH SCOTT 3
ROY MANN 2	RONALD SQUIRES 4

TPR. CYRIL S. JARRETT *Tenor*
Conducted by V. A. JARRETT.
* First peal.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., May 21, 1945, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
One extent each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

*LEONARD TUFFREY ...*Treble*	EDGAR C. SHEPHARD ... 4
WILLIAM H. J. PARKER 2	EDWARD T. LLOYD ... 5
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 3	VINCENT A. HEMMING ... *Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.
* First peal of Minor.

LONGNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 26, 1945, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST. DUNSTAN'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores each called differently, with 4-6-8 covering. Tenor 14 cwt.

A. E. ELLIAS ... ...*Treble*	A. F. LEACH 5
P. POCKETT 2	G. C. HOWELL 6
S. T. PRICE 3	C. R. HEWER 7
*A. HOOPER 4	E. POCKETT ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by S. T. PRICE.
* First peal.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 28, 1945, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and St. Clement's Bob, and two each of Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY ... ...*Treble*	ALEX. J. WEBSTER ... 4
*MISS JOAN WEBSTER ... 2	JOHN A. WEBSTER ... 5
MISS MARJORIE WEBSTER 3	FRANK VARTY ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by F. VARTY.
* First peal.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 31, 1945, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's. Tenor 6¾ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON ...*Treble*	FRANK K. MEASURES ... 4
GEORGE A. CHARLTON ... 2	WILLIAM A. WOOD ... 5
GEORGE A. NEWTON ... 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

GOOSTREY-CUM-BARNSHAW, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 2, 1945, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores. Tenor 6 cwt.

*BERNARD J. ONGLEY ...*Treble*	*WILLIAM HORNBY ... 4
*ERIC HORNBY 2	MISS DOROTHY OSBORN 5
HARRY PARKER 3	HARRY W. HOWARD ... *Tenor*

Conducted by H. PARKER.
* First peal.

SOUTH KIRKBY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 2, 1945, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.

LEWIS STEELE ... ...*Treble*	ERNEST SHORT 4
ERIC CRITCHLEY 2	EDWARD BRADLEY 5
MISS MARGARET HAWLEY 3	DANIEL SMITH ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by DANIEL SMITH.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 2, 1945, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Comprising extents of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

ALBERT I. WALPOLE	*Treble*	STANLEY FENN	4
NOLAN GOLDEN	2	GODFREY G. WALPOLE ...	5
GEORGE SAYER	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 2, 1945, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents.

GDSN. R. J. BOOTH	*Treble*	MARK LANCEFIELD	4
JOHN W. IRELAND	2	SERGT. A. J. LANCEFIELD	5
WILLIAM J. LANCEFIELD	3	EDWARD S. RUCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD S. RUCK.

LANCHESTER, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 2, 1945, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

JACK LISHMAN	*Treble*	STANLEY PROUD	4
JOHN A. BROWN	2	STEPHEN THOMPSON ...	5
CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB ...	3	DENIS A. BAYLES	*Tenor*

Conducted by D. A. BAYLES.

LYTCHETT MATRAVERS, DORSET.—On Sunday, May 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. G. Wareham 1, Miss V. Mabberley 2, L. H. Pink 3, G. Wareham 4, H. E. White (conductor) 5, D. K. King 6.

LINCOLN.—At the Cathedral on May 20th, 1,287 Stedman Caters: A. Howes 1, J. Walden 2, T. Pyle 3, L. Snell 4, J. A. Freeman (conductor) 5, G. Flintham 6, H. Lowman 7, K. W. Mayer 8, H. L. Pask 9, A. Marcon 10.

HANDBELL PEALS.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 3, 1945, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
AT 24, SUFFOLK ROAD,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

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

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 16, 1945, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
AT 21, THE CHINE, STAPLETON.
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

ROYSTON G. BRYANT	1-2	MONICA RICHARDSON ...	5-6
CLEMENT GLENN	3-4	DONALD G. CLIFT	7-8

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

OXHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 18, 1945, in Two Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT 17, KINGSFIELD ROAD.
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

HAROLD G. CASHMORE ...	1-2	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	5-6
LAURENCE R. TARR	3-4	GRAHAM C. TARR	7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Sun., May 27, 1945, in Two Hours and Six Minutes,
AT NEW COLLEGE.
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

ALAN WHITE	1-2	JOHN E. SPICE	5-6
BETTY SPICE	3-4	JOAN HOULDSWORTH ...	7-8

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, June 3rd, 1,040 Kent Treble Bob Royal: A. Walpole 1, B. Barber 2, E. R. Goate (conductor) 3, Miss K. Lewis 4, Miss D. Constance 5, D. Long 6, H. W. Barrett 7, S. Fenn 8, J. Spalding 9, G. Walpole 10.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

HIS MAJESTY'S THANKS.

In acknowledgment of the loyal address sent to H.M. the King by the Central Council from the Birmingham meeting, the following reply has been sent from Buckingham Palace:—

'Please convey His Majesty's sincere thanks to all those associated with you in your loyal message on the victorious conclusion of the war against Germany.'

Signed Private Secretary.

We are sorry to hear that Mrs. G. W. Fletcher has met with an accident and fractured her wrist.

The peal of Double Bob Minor at Willesborough was rung for the conductor's golden wedding.

Last Monday was the third anniversary of the funeral of John Sparkes Goldsmith, which took place at Pyrford Church in the presence of a large and representative congregation of ringers.

The handbell peal of Bob Major at Enfield published last week was rung on April 28th, not on April 7th as stated.

The name of Mr. F. C. Smale, of the Devon Guild, was omitted from the list of those present at the Central Council meeting, and the name of Miss L. K. Bowling, the new honorary member, was incorrectly given as Bowley.

MR. CYRIL F. JOHNSTON.

On Monday, May 28th, at the Connaught Rooms, London, Mr. Cyril F. Johnston presided at the annual livery luncheon of the Company of Clockmakers, as Master, an office which he holds for the second year in succession. There was a large and distinguished gathering of members and guests, including the Lord Mayor, the Bishop of Croydon and the Astronomer Royal.

The toast of 'The Master' was proposed by Sir H. Spencer Jones, F.R.S., who said it was particularly appropriate that the Master of their company on this occasion, so soon after the happy ending of the war in Europe, should be connected with the bell founding industry. Throughout the centuries bells had always been used to sigualise occasions of national rejoicing.

DEATH OF MR. PRATT CORDINGLEY.

We regret to announce the death on May 25th of Mr. Pratt Cordingley, who for more than 40 years was president of the Pudsey band. The funeral was private at a local crematorium, and later in the day a muffled peal of Bob Major was rung on the bells of Pudsey Church.

Mr. Cordingley started to ring at Pudsey in 1896. At that time the band rang Bob Major, but, after many years of hard work, and teaching without outside help, he succeeded in enabling them to ring peals of Cambridge, Superlative, London and, later, Bristol Surprise Major. Many ringers in the West Riding owe to him their introduction to Surprise ringing. He rang 75 peals, ranging from Minor to London Surprise Major.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

MEETING AT BIRMINGHAM.

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

By arrangement, the Council adjourned the reception and consideration of the report of the Standing Committee until after the luncheon interval. This was the first business when members reassembled, and the president called on Mr. G. W. Fletcher to read the report of the committee. This stated:—

During the years that have passed since we last met we have endeavoured to keep in close contact with all matters affecting our affairs, to maintain the prestige of our craft, and to render what services we could to the authorities.

In the days before the ban, when limited ringing was permitted, many matters were referred to us by the Ministry of Home Security, and we were able to give assistance in the drafting of official notices.

We were aware of the total ban before it was actually in force, but although we made representations as to the need for it, the fact that the War Office had reserved the bells for its own use in the interests of national security rendered any further action inadvisable.

With the imposing of the ban we immediately asked what service the members of our affiliated societies could render, and received a cordial letter of thanks for the offer. A further letter from us as to how it was proposed to ring the bells for an emergency brought the reply that the Army Council were not concerned how bells were rung provided they were rung. An application by us for the protection of historic bells brought the reply that unless the bell was available for use in the present conflict no claim could be made for it in future history. Permission was, however, given to remove the ropes in these cases, and it is interesting to note that with this exception only, all other bells were reserved for war purposes. Thus when we were asked for advice as to the taking down and storing, we refrained from giving such advice.

There can be no doubt that the War Department expected it would be necessary to use the bells, for at a much later date they asked what steps were necessary on their part to maintain the bells for immediate use.

After the victory ringing for El Alamein the London Press were quite willing to start an agitation for the resumption of ringing, but enquiries showed that the War Department still considered that the emergency existed.

The appeal by the authorities to avoid unnecessary travel, the difficulties of hotel and meeting room accommodation, coupled with the fact that many of the members were engaged on urgent war production, influenced the decision to abandon meetings, and, in fact, the meeting arranged last year was only cancelled at the last moment at the request of the Ministry of War Transport.

To partly overcome the difficulties arising regarding the election of officers and honorary members, the committee at their meeting held on February 20th, 1943, resolved that the officers continue in office, and that honorary members retain their membership.

'THE RINGING WORLD.'

Your committee, under the authority given by the Council, appointed a sub-committee to deal with matters affecting the circulation of 'The Ringing World,' and we now present their report.

Events leading up to the purchase of the copyright:—

(1) Meeting at Woking of members of the Standing Committee, when the Executors stated that they proposed to cease publication. The committee decided that if the Executors would continue for a time, consideration would be given to the purchase and a guarantee against loss would also be given until a decision was reached.

(2) Preparation approximate accounts to date of death to more fully understand the position.

(3) Meeting of the Standing Committee to consider figures available.

(4) Appointment of sub-committee to negotiate, with power to act.

The negotiations for the purchase of the copyright proved somewhat difficult, and at one time it seemed that they would fail. The offer that was finally accepted was £200 for the goodwill, blocks and records; to pay the sum of £90 to Mrs. Renshaw for her services; to provide the Editor's salary and expenses, and to bear any losses from June 5th, 1942. To prepare accounts for the Executors from January 1st, 1940, to June 5th, 1942, and to collect the outstanding debts, estimated at £700.

To finance the transaction it was decided (1) to sell the Council's investments and apply the proceeds in the purchase of the copyright: (2) to seek permission of the donors to the J. S. G. Fund to use the remaining moneys of the fund for the benefit of the paper; (3) to invite all affiliated associations to advance sums by way of loan.

The investments were sold and yielded a profit of £43 1s. 3d. Without exception permission to use the J. S. G. moneys was readily given, and the sum of £241 10s. 3d. thus became available. The response to our invitation to associations was very disappointing, and the thanks of the Council are due to the following, who readily came to our aid when money was most needed:—

Ancient Society of College Youths, Barnsley and District Society, Bath and Wells Diocesan Guild, Chester Diocesan Guild, Devon Guild, Durham and Newcastle Association, East Derbyshire and Notts Association, Ely Diocesan Guild, Guildford Diocesan Guild, Hertford County Association, Irish Association, Ladies' Guild, Lancashire Association, Lincoln Diocesan Guild, Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association, Middlesex County Association, North Staffordshire Association, Norwich Diocesan Association, Oxford Diocesan Guild, Oxford Society, Oxford University Society, Peterborough Diocesan Guild, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, Scottish Association, Shropshire Association, Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, Society for Archdeaconry of Stafford, Truro Diocesan Guild, Warwickshire Guild, Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

The amount advanced was £168.

Bearing in mind that the principal part of the income is from sales made by the publishers, and that custom of trade demands three months' credit, it was not surprising, therefore, that at the outset we had difficulty in meeting current bills. The difficulty was overcome by the treasurer, Mr. A. A. Hughes, making personal arrangements with his bankers.

The task of collecting outstanding debts necessitated the examination of all records for a period of upwards of 12 years, for the books and papers were in a sorry state. Notices had to be analysed, in some cases for 13 years, and a complete abstract made of lines and insertions. This work was undertaken by Mrs. Fletcher. The results were compared with the published accounts of the various associations.

In the main association secretaries were very helpful, but many debts could not be collected—Statute of Limitations being pleaded in one case, whilst in another we are still asked to believe that the major portion of their payments were omitted from the books. The largest amount paid by any one society for outstanding notices was £38 5s. 10d. Four other associations paid the following: £37 16s. 11d., £30 4s. 5d., £25 12s. 7d., £22 11s. 8d.

Postal subscribers also proved difficult with some 400-500 accounts to deal with. In all the total amount of debts collected was £619 17s. 11d., which has been accounted for to the Executors. A brief acknowledgment from the Executors' solicitor is the only acknowledgment received.

With the valuable assistance of Mr. J. A. Trollope and Mrs. Fletcher, we have endeavoured to preserve continuity and to place the financial affairs on a proper footing.

We insist that all notices and subscriptions for postal copies be prepaid. We have made fixed quarters for subscriptions to run, and our invitation to associations to deposit money to meet the cost of their notices has had fair success.

Five points we would ask readers to remember: (1) We are an unpaid staff; (2) with 800 postal subscribers it is impossible to send reminders; (3) our notices use up valuable space and should be read: (4) abusive and offensive letters are not very helpful; (5) it should not be necessary to write 'Stop' on 140 accounts, as we were compelled to do at March 31st.

We are pleased to report that on three occasions we have reached the limit of the circulation permitted by the Paper Control, and as we still have a waiting list, we anxiously await the release of more paper.

We are aware that some resentment is felt regarding the cutting of the notices and reports, but this, for the most part, is only a war-time measure.

No doubt, now that the war in Europe is at an end, steps will be taken to consider what can be done to further increase the usefulness of the journal to all members of the Exercise, and to take advantage of the fact that for the first time in organised ringing the paper which serves the needs of ringers is owned by them.

The cash position is now sound and the loans from associations have been repaid. By way of reward for the use of these moneys, we have allocated the sum of £42 to be used for further notices.

The profit to September 30th, 1944, is £457 3s. 2d.

Mr. W. Ayre moved that the report be accepted with the grateful thanks of the Council to all those who had put in such hard work. Mr. C. T. Coles seconded and the resolution was carried with acclamation. Mr. Ayre added that their thanks were especially due to Mrs. Fletcher. She was a tower of strength behind their secretary and they should put on record their appreciation of the work she had done (hear, hear).

Mr. G. Newton thought the report that had been read should silence any criticisms, particularly about footnotes. 'I feel I have nothing but praise to say for the businesslike and satisfactory way the proceedings have been handled. I will go back and tell my friends I am on the side of the Council.'

The Hon. Secretary said the position that arose now was that the sub-committee should be authorised to continue the work. The sub-committee was formed to negotiate the purchase of 'The Ringing World,' and under its terms of reference was asked to put it on its feet. The sub-committee claimed that they had done their job, and it was now for the Council to say who should be the committee to run it. The committee appointed would have to consider what could be done to meet all criticisms and complaints and sift out those complaints. He suggested that complaints should be sent to the committee rather than to the Editor. So if they had comments or criticisms, don't trouble the Editor. Trouble the committee.

Mr. A. Paddon Smith: I think we should be doing wrong if we do not re-elect the committee. If they can make a success of 'The Ringing World' during this awful time—and I know something of the Paper Controller and the acute paper shortage—it augurs well for the

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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future. I am sorry we have not been asked to subscribe and take up some shares. It looks to me, if my sense of smell is accurate, that there is something good here. I move that the president, Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher and Mr. Hughes be reappointed on the committee to act.

The Rev. H. Ll. Edwards, seconding, said the Council should be most grateful to the committee for making such a satisfactory job. This was agreed to.

Suggestions were invited, and Mr. Frank Hairs suggested an alteration of the format of the page from two to four columns and pages 4in. longer. Mr. A. Walker suggested that on the title should be incorporated the late editor's name and read, 'Official journal of the Central Council of Church Bellringers, founded by John S. Goldsmith, 1911.' Whatever was said about the finances of the paper, Mr. Goldsmith was a very successful editor and he gave everyone as much publicity as he could.

Mr. Fletcher, in promising to give consideration to the suggestions, said there was only one way to run 'The Ringing World' and that was on a business footing. For that reason they had from time to time to write rather difficult letters and call a spade a spade. Unless they did that the paper would be bankrupt in a year. He had had a word with Mr. Hughes. The actual cash position was that there was £900 in the bank. It was the first time in the history of the Central Council that they had over £1,000, as with the £258 in hand they had over £1,100. They were now in a position to look to the future with confidence and go ahead with that full printing programme when possible.

Mr. C. T. Coles, in asking the Council to propose a vote of thanks to Mr. J. A. Trollope, said he was probably the only man who could have stepped into the shoes of the late Mr. Goldsmith. He expressed the hope that Mr. Trollope would be spared for many years to come.

Mr. E. Alex. Young, seconding, said it was an historic occasion. The resolution was carried with acclamation.

Mr. Harold Poole: May I ask what is the position of the outstanding debts? Is the matter closed or are steps being taken to collect them?

Mr. Fletcher: The position is that as the sub-committee who were appointed have been sacked and the new committee appointed, we can consider the matter closed.

TOWERS AND BELFRIES.

The President, in presenting the report of the Towers and Belfries Committee, said they had lost by death one of their members, Mr. Hunt, who had given a lot of advice in the West Country. Major Hesse was rather a sick man, but he heard recently that he had dealt with three or four cases. He had had two or three inquiries which he had dealt with by correspondence. The committee would be glad to receive any inquiries, and it would be possible to deal with many inquiries by correspondence if people would send a diagram of the tower showing the position of the bells and ropes.

The Department of Scientific and Industrial Research at Garston, near Watford, was taking an interest in the question of the insulation of sound, and a member of their staff was writing a history of sound insulation. In response to their inquiry, he sent the report of the Council meeting in 1892, in which the general principles were set out. He had had some further correspondence and had suggested that they should visit some of the towers in the Watford district.

He believed that in the near future they would know a great deal more about sound insulation. There were problems especially in regard to the increased use of concrete in church towers, because, as they knew, concrete in church towers when used in the ordinary way was not an insulator. In the case of a tower built entirely by reinforced concrete or lined with reinforced concrete, steps would have to be taken to prevent either the permeation through the concrete structure or the reflection of sound. He was not prepared to say much except that in the near future there would be on the market forms of concrete very much less permeable to sound, and it would be possible to give towers a surface that would not reflect sound.

In regard to the Noise Abatement League, before the war they subscribed to this organisation because they felt it would be better that we should be friends rather than enemies, and they could help them in reducing the nuisance of noise made by certain church towers. There was no doubt whatever that bells could be a very real nuisance to the neighbourhood if the exits of sound were not properly controlled. They thought before the war that it would be well to keep in touch with these people. Recently they had a request from this League for the Council to continue its membership, and the Standing Committee recommended that they should become life members on the payment of 5 gns.

Mr. E. Alex. Young, in seconding, pointed out the damage to mortar in towers by distant explosions, and said many of their towers built of brick or stone were now very much reduced in strength.—The report and the recommendation were adopted.

The President said Mr. Sharpe had done a great deal of work in exploring towers and took a great interest in the antiquarian side of bells. He moved that he be invited to serve on the committee.

Mr. F. Sharpe: I should be very pleased to serve. I have records of bell frames in 2,000 towers which I think may be of great use.

The hon. secretary proposed and Mr. A. A. Hughes seconded the appointment of Mr. E. A. Lewis (convener), Major Hesse, Mr. E. Alex. Young and Mr. F. Sharpe to the committee. This was agreed to.

LITERATURE AND PRESS COMMITTEE.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards said their first word must be one of profound regret at the loss of a beloved and esteemed colleague. As founder of 'The Ringing World' and its editor for more than a quarter of a century, John S. Goldsmith rendered invaluable service to the cause of bellringing, and his name would occupy a place of perpetual honour in the literature of the Exercise. It was truly providential that at the time of Mr. Goldsmith's death the services of such an experienced author as Mr. J. A. Trollope were available for carrying on 'The Ringing World.'

The reaction of the Press at large to the ban imposed upon the ringing of bells afforded powerful and gratifying evidence of the place held by church bells in the hearts of the British people. With remarkable unanimity the London and provincial newspapers indited articles deploring the silence of the bells, called with increasing insistence for the lifting of the ban, directed attention to agitation in Parliament for its removal, as well as references to bells of victory in the Prime Minister's utterances, and gave expression to joy and satisfaction when at length the free use of bells was restored.

In the present circumstances, bells and ringers are assured of a 'good press.' It remains for ringers to unite in the endeavour to maintain that position by—

(a) Doing their best to ensure that bells are well and regularly rung on all proper occasions;

(b) Exercising reasonable restraint in their use for practice and peals; and

(c) Paying the strictest attention at all times to good and regular striking.

BROADCASTING.

With regard to broadcasting, such occasions as the celebration of victories have been marked by broadcasts of bells from London and other centres, culminating in the comprehensive symphony of bell music on the official proclamation of the surrender of the German forces, from Westminster Abbey to a Dorset village. It is gratifying to note that broadcasts of local interest to the Empire and the Forces have in several cases included a recording of the church bells—one such from Yeovil was heard with especially fine effect—and both in these programmes and in the Children's Hour there have been broadcasts by young bands of ringers. On one such occasion Coalbrookdale bells were heard, and the speaker was one of Mr. Saunders' young pupils; another time beginners at Staverton did some very creditable striking, and voices heard included those of the authors of 'The Ringers' Handbook,' which has recently appeared in a new and enlarged edition.

In some cases ringing has been broadcast unannounced, before a Sunday service. An eminently successful instance was that of the eight bells of Melksham, Wiltshire. In this connection there is one obvious criticism to be made; namely, that bells are not made a regular and distinctive feature of the B.B.C. programmes on the great church festivals; even Easter Day is allowed to pass without any mention of church bells.

The adoption of the report was seconded by Mr. A. Paddon Smith.

Mr. A. Walker suggested that those who were broadcasting should send notices to 'The Ringing World.' It would help.

The President: I don't know if any of you listen to the Continental broadcast at 10.45 p.m. Instead of giving the S.O.S. they have replaced it with some of the most mournful chiming on eight bells that I have heard. At least they might ring the bells and not chime them.

The report was adopted, and the committee — the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards (convener), Mr. A. Paddon Smith and Mr. A. Walker—reappointed.

PEAL BOARDS.

Mr. W. Ayre, on behalf of this committee, stated there was nothing to report. The committee, consisting of the Rev. C. E. Wigg, Messrs. W. Ayre and W. G. Wilson (away on Service), was re-elected.

BIOGRAPHIES.

Mrs. Fletcher reported that Mr. Goldsmith was the convener of this committee. Since his death all the papers had been handed to her. She proposed to hand the papers to Mr. A. C. Hazelden and he would go into the matter and see what could be done to pick up the threads. They might be able to report more fully after they had been through the papers. Mrs. Fletcher and Mr. A. C. Hazelden were re-elected.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

The retiring members of the Standing Committee, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Messrs. J. T. Dyke, C. F. Johnston, R. Richardson, A. Paddon Smith, A. Walker, E. C. S. Turner and G. E. Debenham, were re-elected, and to fill vacancies the following were appointed: Messrs. W. G. Wilson, F. Hairs, J. F. Smallwood and Percy Johnson. The ex-officio members are the president, hon. librarian, hon. secretary, hon. auditors and conveners of committees.

NORWICH THE NEXT MEETING.

The President said the Standing Committee had received an invitation to go to Norwich, and they recommended Norwich for the next meeting of the Central Council. It was true they had been there before, but it was in 1899, and he thought there were only two members present that day who were at Norwich at that time. In Norwich there was a good number of peals; there was a live organisation and reasonable accommodation.

Mr. E. C. S. Turner proposed and Mr. A. Walker seconded that the next meeting be held at Norwich.

An amendment was moved that the next meeting be held at Cardiff.

Mr. J. W. Jones said at the moment there was only one ring at St. John's, Cardiff. Llandaff bells, which were in the City of Cardiff, were not available. They were not at the moment able to make arrangements for a successful meeting there.

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow said at Norwich there were a ring of 12 and three rings of eight, all in more or less good order.

The meeting voted in favour of Norwich.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

Mr. C. T. Coles gave notice of motion under Rule 15, and said part of Rule 2 stated that no representative member shall be eligible as an honorary member, which meant that while a person was a representative member he could not be an honorary member, and also that if a particular person was a representative member and suddenly ceased to be a member of the Council, they could not retain him. Accordingly at the next meeting he proposed to give notice of the following addition to Rule 4:—

In the event of the president, hon. secretary or hon. librarian, being a representative member, by any cause ceasing to be a member of the Council, it shall be competent for the Council to elect such member as an honorary member, if it so desires, to take effect from the beginning of the meeting at which the election is made, always providing there is a vacancy amongst the hon. members on the Council.

'This,' explained Mr. Coles, 'would have the effect that if the president, hon. secretary or librarian as a representative member suddenly lost his seat it would be competent for the Council to re-elect that person as an honorary member.'

The other arose from the decision to permit the Universities Association to affiliate to the Council. It seemed to him that territorial associations were at a disadvantage when life members of territorial associations were excluded from representation on the Council. That morning the Universities Association was elected to membership on a life membership basis similar to that in relation to the Oxford and Cambridge University Associations. He gave notice of motion of the deletion from Rule 2: 'For the purpose of this rule the basis of calculation of members for territorial and diocesan societies shall be the number of annual subscribing members and non-resident life members.'

The President: Mr. Coles has made sure by giving 12 months' notice.

Mr. C. T. Coles said he sincerely hoped that what he was going to say would not cause a long discussion. He regretted that the resolution regarding this society which dropped out in 1939 was put by the Lord Mayor of Birmingham, and any opposition then would have been in bad taste. During the luncheon hour it seemed that there was considerable criticism, and he suggested that it was a very unfortunate precedent to allow associations to come in and enjoy the same membership as those who had retained their membership and paid their subscriptions during that period. If the whole of the 47 or 50 associations had done exactly the same thing the Council would probably have ceased to exist.

Mr. W. Ayre asked if notice to withdraw was given in 1939 in accordance with the rules.

The Hon. Secretary: No formal notice was received.

Mr. W. Ayre: If so they are still affiliated and must pay up. I would go so far as to ask for the motion to be rescinded.

The President: I do not think there is a possibility of rescinding it. I would suggest to you that as the matter was passed we leave it as passed. It might be recorded in the minutes that views were expressed that this should not form a precedent and we hope that the member of the Gloucester and Bristol Association will take back with him that a number of members of the Council were against the affiliation, and if the circumstances were different there would have been a good deal of opposition.

Mr. P. J. Johnson declared that the resolution, despite the fact that it was carried, was out of order.

The Secretary said the point overlooked was that the Council as such served a triennial period of three years. That day was the first session of a new Council, and in accordance with common practice the Gloucester and Bristol Association had applied for affiliation from that meeting.

A member: Do I take it that the Gloucester and Bristol Association refuse to pay their back subscription?

The President replied in the affirmative and suggested that the Gloucester and Bristol Association representative should take these views back to his association.

Mr. W. B. Kynaston said he would be pleased to do so. Mr. Guise wrote to him saying that he had received an account for their subscription, and his (the speaker's) opinion was that they should pay on the basis of membership as before. That was last November. Last Tuesday he received a letter stating that the majority of their members were against the payment of arrears and that £1 had been lodged with Mr. Fletcher so that if the Council decided in their favour their representative would not be debarred from taking part. When he received that letter he felt very small.

VOTES OF THANKS.

The President proposed a vote of thanks to the Archdeacon of Aston for saying the prayers, and also to Mr. Paddon Smith, who was responsible for making the arrangements whereby they got the hall, to Mr. T. E. Reeves, to Mr. Albert Walker for making arrangements for the ringing, and to the steeplekeepers.

Congratulations were also extended by the president to Mr. E. A. Young, who was celebrating his 80th birthday.

The concluding vote of thanks was that to the president, proposed in graceful terms by Canon G. F. Coleridge.

THE THEORY OF RINGING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The copies of 'The Ringing World,' in which the question of a school of ringing was suggested and discussed, have only recently reached me, so that, by the time that this letter reaches your office, the topic might have sunk into oblivion.

In your article of March 9th, you seem to have dismissed the subject, once and for all, as impractical. There seems little doubt that the proposal, whilst most desirable, presents such a number of difficulties as to make the scheme quite outside the bounds of possibility. The alternative which Mr. Price suggests of forming corresponding groups might prove successful, as regards those who are advanced in theory. However, to such as I, who have only dabbled in the subjects of composition, proof, etc., and know very little about them, the idea of subscribing to a circulating thesis would do little more than make our ignorance of the matter more manifest. There must be many like myself who have a desire for theoretical knowledge and to whom the articles that have appeared in 'The Ringing World' recently have been of real help. I, therefore, think that if these articles were published in book form they would meet with a wide reception; this would apply particularly to Service men abroad who, like myself, have not received every copy of 'The Ringing World,' due to various causes, and so have been unable to collect the articles as they have appeared. If this suggestion were decided upon, would it not be possible to grade the subject matter and make, say, three separate pamphlets, a primary, intermediate and final. A beginner could then work through each stage in turn, whilst a more expert person might start with the intermediate or final pamphlet, according to his knowledge of the subject, without labouring through what he considers to be elementary.

R. G. SPEARS.

S.E.A.C.

SUFFOLK GUILD.

MEETING AT LONG MELFORD.

At a meeting of the Suffolk Guild, held at Long Melford on May 26th, ringers were present from Horringer, Grundisburgh, Newton, Groton, Little Waldingfield, Glemsford, Bury St. Edmunds, Wickham St. Paul's, Sudbury, Lavenham, Newmarket and the local belfry.

Mr. A. Futch, of Sudbury, was appointed hon. secretary, and new members were elected from Long Melford and Horringer. Clare was selected as the place of the next meeting. The methods ranged from Bob Major to Cambridge Surprise.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers was held at Exeter on Whit Monday, and was attended by about 150 members. The ringing was at the Cathedral and at Heavitree, St. David's and St. Thomas'. Service at St. Thomas' was conducted by the Vicar, and the address was given by Prebendary E. V. Cox, the president of the Guild.

After luncheon in Buller Hall, the business meeting was held, with Prebendary Cox in the chair. Prebendary E. V. Cox was re-elected president, and Messrs. J. N. Godfrey (Ottery), H. Myers (Plymouth) and A. W. Searle and E. J. Ryall (Exeter) were appointed additional vice-presidents in recognition of services rendered to the Guild. Mr. F. C. Smale was elected hon. secretary, Mr. T. Lavery treasurer, and Messrs. F. C. Smale, W. C. Wakley, A. Bennett and G. E. Woodley representatives on the Central Council.

Mr. E. Shepherd was congratulated on his diamond wedding. In his reply, he referred to the large number of young ringers who were present, and said that the bells of St. Sidwell's, Exeter, which had been destroyed in an air raid, and where he is churchwarden, will be restored in due course.

It was decided on the proposition of the president to consider the possibility of securing a union between the change ringers and the call change ringers of Devon, on the lines of the Truro Diocesan Guild. Holsworthy was chosen as the place of the next annual meeting.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT GOUDHURST.

A meeting of the Tonbridge District of the Kent County Association was held at Goudhurst on June 2nd, at which 33 members attended. Service in church, conducted by the Rev. F. MacMichael, was followed by tea and the business meeting, at which Mr. A. Battin was in the chair. The new members elected were Mr. A. H. Reader (Hadlow), Mr. R. A. Whitehead (Leigh) and Messrs. R. Bowles, J. Blunt and F. Bond (Goudhurst). Seal was selected for the next meeting, to be held on the first Saturday in August. The methods rung during the afternoon and evening ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Major.

DEATH OF MR. JAMES RANN.

The death is announced of Mr. James Rann, who passed away on Whit Sunday, after two years' illness, at the age of 81. The funeral was on May 24th at St. John's, Loughton. Handbells were rung over the grave by Messrs. Bacon, Chalk, Morss and Morley, and in the evening touches of Grandsire Triples were rung with the bells half-muffled. Mr. Rann had been a ringer for about 60 years and was a member of the Essex Association and Royal Cumberland Youths.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

WALMER, KENT.—On May 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: *Mrs. C. George 1, C. Turner 2, A. P. Cannon 3, *P. Wood 4, E. T. Ellender 5, G. Freestone 6, F. A. Rye (conductor) 7, *H. E. Axon 8. * First quarter-peal of Triples. First quarter-peal as conductor.

EWELL, SURREY.—On Sunday, May 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Freda Watkinson 1, Patricia Smee 2, A. Hadley 3, H. E. Good 4, G. Pullinger (conductor) 5, H. Tourle 6, J. E. Beams 7, M. G. Skipp 8.

MAIDS MORETON, BUCKS.—On Sunday, May 20th, 1,260 Bob Minor: F. Baldwin 1, F. Townsend 2, H. Stopps 3, E. Nichols 4, H. Jones 5, F. Vickers (conductor) 6.

ALDBOURNE, WILTS.—On Whit Sunday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles on the back six, 1-2 leading: H. W. Palmer 1, T. J. Palmer 2, A. V. Jerram 3, N. W. Hawkins 4, A. Adams (conductor) 5, T. A. Palmer 6, G. G. Jerram 7, F. D. Jerram 8.

PUDSEY, YORKS. — On Sunday, May 20th, 1,264 Bob Major: Patricia E. M. Barton 1, Samuel Ward 2, J. Ernest Procter 3, Gordon Benfield 4, William Barton (conductor) 5, J. William Cordingley 6, S. Rowland Myers 7, John Ambler 8.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On Sunday, May 20th, 1,260 Bob Minor: H. English 1, D. Stainsby 2, A. Holmes 3, Miss B. Stainsby 4, Miss M. Gann 5, R. Stainsby (conductor) 6.

FAIRFORD, GLOS.—On May 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. C. Cuss 1, W. A. Godwin 2, B. S. Nichols 3, J. W. Dixon 4, H. Acock 5, W. J. Dixon 6, J. Hope (conductor) 7, G. R. Miles 8.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On Monday, May 21st, 1,299 Stedman Caters: F. Hayes (conductor) 1, Miss K. Fletcher 2, G. Martin 3, W. Harding 4, W. Tomlinson 5, Rev. R. Routh 6, W. Welling 7, F. West 8, R. Coles 9, A. D. Strathdee 10.

CHEDDAR, SOMERSET.—On May 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Richardson 1, E. Wickham 2, E. Binning 3, H. Fountain 4, E. Fisher (conductor) 5, J. Small 6, B. Sheldon 7, E. Hudson 8. 6-8 behind.

TRING, HERTS.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. C. Jones 1, F. J. Reeve (conductor) 2, C. Badrick 3, R. Metcalfe 4, F. C. Reeve 5, F. Vickers 6, W. Jeffs 7, N. Brackley 8.

EAST GRINSTEAD.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss K. Shepherd 1, G. Tizzard 2, T. Tullet 3, W. J. Ladd 4, G. Lambert (conductor) 5, E. J. Oliver 6, J. Wren 7, S. W. Chesson 8.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Thursday, May 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Raymond A. Clist 1, J. Beagley 2, George Carter 3, William H. Viggers 4, Thomas Upshall 5, Frank C. W. Knight 6, Charles F. Andrews (conductor) 7, Albert E. King 8.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.—On May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Morgan 1, A. E. Richards 2, J. W. Clarke 3, J. Morgan 4, D. F. Ferguson 5, S. Jones (conductorf) 6, H. Thomas 7, E. Price 8.

MORTLAKE, SURREY.—On Sunday, May 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Chilcott 1, H. Belcher 2, H. Langdon 3, C. F. Hunt 4, H. G. Miles 5, A. Jones 6, W. J. Paice 7, F. C. Pannell 8.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCS.—On Monday, May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Robert Walmsley 1, Mary Kenyon 2, Arthur Gibson 3, Everest Ford (conductor) 4, Bryan Staveley 5, Jack Ashcroft 6, Albert Greenhalgh 7, William Smalley 8. Rung muffled for Harry D. Shackleton, a member of the band, buried that day.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Tuesday, May 29th, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. W. Baldwin 1, F. J. Lewis 2, the Rev. T. P. Hearn 3, A. Law 4, H. L. Cooke 5, A. Painter 6, W. H. Hayward (conductor) 7, S. Eastbury 8.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On May 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Beagley 1, T. Upshall 2, D. C. Allen 3, G. Carter 4, R. Hasted 5, F. C. W. Knight 6, J. A. Waugh (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT FELTHAM.

A meeting of the South-West District of the Middlesex County Association on May 26th was attended by about 30 members and friends from Carshalton, Ealing, Feltham, Heston, Hillingdon, Hounslow, Isleworth, North Mimms, Old Windsor, Pinner, Preston, Rotherfield, Sandhurst, Stowmarket, Twickenham, Uxbridge and Westminster. The methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich, and Cambridge Superlative and London Surprise Major.

One new member was elected, and the date of the meeting at Cranford fixed for June 23rd.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

MEETING AT GULVAL.

A meeting of the Penzance Branch of the Truro Diocesan Guild was held at Gulval, when 114 ringers attended from Tuckingmill, Phillack, Towednack, St. Hilary, Crowan, Ludgvan, Camborne, Helston, Madron and Cury, with visitors from the Truro Branch from Truro Cathedral, Kenwyn, Gwennap, Redruth, St. Gluvias and Mabe. The eights at Gulval and St. Mary's, Penzance, were rung during the afternoon and evening. The service was held in Gulval Church, and the address was given by the Vicar, the Rev. C. H. S. Buckley. Tea was provided in the Church Hall. Miss Eileen Symons, daughter of the late Dr. John Symons, for over fifty years Master and president of the Guild, was elected branch chairman in the place of Canon J. U. Yonge, who is retiring. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Helston in September.

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LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Annual, Winscombe, on Saturday, June 9th, 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Bath.

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Ashford District.—Hythe, Saturday, June 9th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30.—P. Page, Dis. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

BECCLES.—Norfolk and Suffolk joint practice meeting (10), Saturday, June 9th, 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5.—E. R. Goate, 47, Smallgate, Beccles, Suffolk.

SUSSEX ASSN.—Northern Division.—Turners Hill (8), Saturday, June 9th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15.—A. E. Laker, 4, Barnfield Cottage, Balcombe, Sussex.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Farnham District.—Bentley (6), on Saturday; June 9th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.

MIDDLESEX ASSN.—St. Andrew's, Enfield, Saturday, June 9th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., and tea. St. Mary's, Windmill Hill, 3 p.m. and evening.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Dis. Sec.

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch. — Buckfast Abbey (12), Saturday, June 9th, 3 p.m. Tea and meeting in Abbey canteen 5.30 p.m.—A. L. Bennett, Branch Sec., Cornerways, Buckfastleigh (phone 3121).

OXFORD GUILD.—Oxford City Branch.—Dorchester (8), Saturday, June 9th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Sec., School House, Radley, Abingdon, Berks.

OXFORD GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Bucklebury (8), Saturday, June 9th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—T. J. Fisher, Hon Sec.

KENT ASSN.—Rochester District.—Bobbing (6), June 9th, 2.45 p.m.—G. H. Spice, Hon. Dis. Sec., 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Withyham (8), June 9th, 3 p.m. Tea, Dorset Arms, 4.30 p.m. Names to C. A. Bassett, 3, Penrill Place, Wadhurst, Tunbridge Wells.

HERTFORD ASSN.—Watford, Saturday, June 9th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.30.—H. G. Cashmore, 24, Muriel Avenue, Watford.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nuneaton District.—Monks Kirby (8), June 9th, 3 p.m. Bring food; cups of tea provided.—Leonard Trevor, Dis. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, E.1, Saturday, June 16th, 3 p.m. Ringing at St. Margaret's, Westminster, 5 p.m. —A. B. Peck.

WORCESTERSHIRE.—Northern Branch. — Halesowen (8), Saturday, June 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., and business.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Road, Stourbridge.

ISLEWORTH.—Saturday, June 16th, 2.30 p.m. Tea Church Hall, 4.45. Bells (10), 6 to 8. 37 bus from Hounslow East, Isleworth or Richmond Station to Isleworth Square. Names to H. W. Rogers, 22, The Grove, Isleworth.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD and LINCOLN GUILD.—Elloe Deanery.—Crowland, Saturday, June 16th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by June 13th.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—St. Hilda's, South Shields (8), Saturday, June 16th, 2.30 p.m. Bring food. Cups of tea provided.—Frank Ainsley, 30, Aysgarth Avenue, Grangetown, Sunderland.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSN.—Loughborough District.—Ibstock, Saturday, June 16th, 3 p.m. (not Kingston-on-Soar). Cups of tea 5 p.m. Frequent buses from Coalville (Marlborough Square).—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSN. (Southern District) and BARNSLEY, DONCASTER AND SHEFFIELD SOCIETIES.—Wath-on-Dearne (8), Saturday, June 16th, from 2.30 p.m. Tea in Church House, 5 p.m. Names to W. Green, 9, Moor Road, Wath-on-Dearne, near Rotherham, by 14th.—Sidney F. Palmer, Acting Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Quarry Road, Totley.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Debenham District.—Practice, Stonham Aspal (10) on Saturday, June 16th, 3 p.m. Tea in Village Hall at 5 o'clock (1s. 6d.). Names by June 14th.—W. C. Rumsey, Debenham.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry District.—Corley (5), June 16th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Keresley (5) after meeting.—W. A. Stote, Dis. Sec.

ELY ASSN.—Wisbech Branch.—Terrington St. Clement (8), Saturday, June 16th, 2.30 p.m. Tea provided.—W. W. Cousins, Terrington St. John.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSN.—Burton and Derby Districts.—Repton (8), June 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.; bring food.—J. W. Cotton and W. Lancaster, Hon. Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Rossendale Branch.—St. Saviour's, Bacup (8), Saturday, June 16th, 3 p.m. Business in tower 6 p.m. Bring food; cups of tea provided.—H. Parkinson, Hon. Sec.

ESSEX ASSN.—N.E. Division.—Kirby (8), June 16th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. at the Lion Inn. Names early. Last train 7.42 p.m. and bus 6.40 p.m.—L. Wright, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSN.—Quarterly Abergavenny, June 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4. Meeting to follow.—F. J. Harrington, 32, Surrey Street, Canton, Cardiff.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSN.—Leicester District.—Lutterworth (8), June 16th, 3 p.m. Also Bitteswell (6). Tea at cafe, Lutterworth, 5.15 p.m. Names by June 13th.—H. W. Perkins, 53, Landseer Road.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Bolton Branch.—Blackrod Parish Church, Saturday, June 16th, 2.30 p.m. Business 6.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Manchester Branch.—St. Mary's, Radcliffe, on Saturday, June 16th, 3 p.m.—Frank Reynolds, Sec.

ST. MARY'S, NOTTINGHAM.—Rededication service, Saturday, June 16th, 2.30 p.m. Ringing afterwards until 8.30 p.m.—Ralph Narborough, 9, Patrick Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham.

HERTFORD ASSN.—Western District.—Tring (8), Saturday, June 16th, 3 p.m. Numbers for tea by June 13th.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK (8).—Ringing anniversary, Saturday, June 23rd, 2 to 8. Tea shop opposite church open 3 to 5.30.—Stedman H. Symonds, towerkeeper.

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Annual, Wednesbury (10), June 23rd, 3. Service 4.15. Tea (1s. 3d.), British Restaurant 5. Meeting to follow. Names to Mr. A. Hingley, 16, Blockhall, Darlaston, by June 19th.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

ESSEX ASSN.—North-Western Division.—Harlow Common, Saturday, June 23rd. Service. Tea provided. Names by Wednesday, June 20th.—W. Wheeler, Mill Street, Harlow Common, Essex.

SURREY ASSN.—Southern District.—Lingfield, Saturday, June 30th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Vicarage 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Wallis, Mount Pleasant, High Street, Lingfield, by June 27th.—Alfred Gear.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Special, Gloucester, Saturday, July 7th, 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—E. Guise, Hon. Sec.

BARNSLEY SOCIETY.—Annual contest, Felkirk, July 14th. Open to all members. Tower open for practice until June 30th. Entrance fee 6s. per company. All entries must reach me not later than July 7th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley.

CORRECTED ADDRESS.—Mr. P. A. Corby's address is now 79 (not 7a), Beckwith Road, Herne Hill, London, S.E.24.

MARRIAGE.

CANNON—JESSOP.—On June 2nd, at St. Paul's, Dorking, Surrey, by the Rev. Arthur Nickol, Arthur Patrick, only son of Mrs. and the late Mrs. Henry William Cannon, of 22, The Avenue, Betchworth, to Sylvia Constance, younger daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. Archibald George Jessop, of 74, The Crescent, Eastleigh.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, April 27th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. D. Harris 1, L. P. Cook 2, W. Tate 3, J. W. Best 4, J. H. Hunt 5, E. A. Jurd 6, F. W. Burnett (conductor) 7, H. A. Nobes 8.

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