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### COVENTRY'S FAMOUS BELLS.

Are the famous bells of St. Michael's, Coventry, now the Cathedral Church of the new diocese, to be lost for ever to ringing? The question is prompted by the announcement that it is proposed to recast them into a carillon of 14 bells, as we briefly intimated in our last issue, and unless something is done quickly one of the finest rings of ten bells in the world will disappear, to give place to a lighter set of bells of extremely limited capacity for tune playing. It is a difficult matter for outsiders to intrude themselves into the domestic affairs of any church, but here, we think, the Central Council might with justification endeavour to induce the Coventry people to hold their hand until further investigation has been made.

The position at Coventry is a unique one. Towards the end of the eighteenth century apprehensions as to the stability of the beautiful steeple, led to the bells being taken down and rehung in a wooden frame rising from the ground and unconnected with the steeple walls. When the church was restored in 1885 the western arch was thrown open and the bell cage, being considered unsightly, was ordered to be removed, and with it the bells had also to go. They were last rung exactly forty years ago this month, and, after being stowed away for a time, were re-erected in the Octagon, where they have since hung dead for chiming. From time to time schemes for the building of a separate campanile have been mooted, but have never matured, presumably for want of funds.

In the forty years which have passed since the bells were rung, however, great advances have been made in the engineering side of bell hanging, and it seems to us that there is opportunity here for a reinvestigation of the ability of the tower to carry the bells at a low level; or, if this project should be impracticable, to raise once more the question of another campanile. To melt up this grand old peal of bells seems almost like sacrilege, when the only object is to get out of them four more. We believe that with a little tuning to bring the bells into line with present day scientific ideas, these ten bells would be as fine as any in the land, and if eventually they are to fulfil no greater purpose than to be played upon by mechanical means, it is still to be hoped they may be preserved, and any extension of their number provided by entirely new metal. While one admires the generosity which has prompted a parishioner to defray the cost of the present proposals, there is very little information available as to whether any consideration has been given to a scheme to restore the bells to their original purpose, or whether any independent advice was sought. We

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admire carillons (when they have sufficient scope) as very beautiful instruments, but as ringers we must guard against the sacrifice of bells, which might otherwise be rung in English fashion, to a desire for mechanical tune playing. Admittedly, the position at Coventry is unusual, but before it is too late we hope something will be done to get the scheme, at least, reconsidered.

### TWELVE BELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, June 9, 1925, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt.

*ARTHUR PRINCE... .. Treble	GEORGE WALKER... .. 7
*GEORGE E. LARGE ... .. 2	JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... 8
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS... .. 3	ERNEST MANSELL ... .. 9
FREDERICK DICKENS ... .. 4	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 10
ALBERT WALKER ... .. 5	JOHN NEAL ... .. 11
MORRIS J. MORRIS ... .. 6	WILLIAM T. FROGGATT ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

\* First attempt for a peal on twelve bells. Mr. Arthur Prince hails from Bath.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, June 13, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes.

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

ROBERT PICKERING ... .. Treble	WILLIAM FISHER... .. 7
JOHN PERRY ... .. 2	EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... 8
HERBERT KNIGHT ... .. 3	BENJAMIN GOUGH ... .. 9
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER... 4	THOMAS J. ELTON ... .. 10
*NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON... 5	WILLIAM A. COOPER ... .. 11
JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... 6	WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... Tenor

Composed by JAS. E. GROVES. Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

Rung to commemorate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Elton. \* First attempt for a peal on twelve, and hails from Nottingham.

### TEN BELL PEAL.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, June 7, 1925, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE BELL TOWER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 31½ cwt. in C sharp.

FRANK JINKS ... .. Treble	JOHN HALL... .. 6
JAMES HEMMING ... .. 2	FREDERICK JORDAN ... .. 7
HERBERT JORDAN ... .. 3	†JOHN C. PERKINS ... .. 8
HARRY MIDDLETON ... .. 4	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... 9
*HAROLD STREET... .. 5	JEFFREY G. HEMMING ... Tenor

Composed by FRED G. MAY. Conducted by JAMES HEMMING.

\* First peal of Caters away from the tenor. † First peal of Caters away from treble. Rung as a compliment to Mr. J. D. Johnson on the occasion of his marriage to Miss E. G. Hemming, the daughter of the conductor, on the previous Thursday; it was also the conductor's first peal of Caters as conductor.

### EIGHT BELL PEALS.

NORTHWICH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 30, 1925, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

ALFRED JOHNSON... .. Treble	SAMUEL MOORE, SEN... .. 5
HUGH YARWOOD ... .. 2	THOMAS WILKINSON ... .. 6
JOHN AUSTIN... .. 3	ALBERT BOOTH ... .. 7
REV. W. R. INGHAM ... .. 4	JOSEPH ASHMOLE ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by J. AUSTIN.

J. Austin hails from Gloucester, and was elected a member previous to starting.

## CHESTER.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Whit Monday, June 1, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHOUT-THE-WALLS,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING ... .. Treble	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... .. 5
JOHN HAYES... .. 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST... 6
JOSEPH W. PARKER ... .. 3	JAMES SWINDLEY... .. 7
GEORGE W. JONES ... .. 4	JAMES H. RIDING ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

This peal was specially arranged for Mr. J. W. Parker, of Sunderland, with the band which rang his record length of Treble Bob Major.

## BETCHWORTH, SURREY.

## THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Whit Monday, June 1, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 12 cwt.

HARRY DYAS ... .. Treble	JOSEPH MILNER... .. 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	SIDNEY G. ARMSTRONG ... 6
AMOS W. CLARK ... .. 3	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 7
ERNEST BREIT ... .. 4	*RICHARD NEWMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

\* First peal.

## MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 3, 1925, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURANCE,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*THOMAS MEREDITH ... .. Treble	JAMES F. CLARKE ... .. 5
JOHN HENRY SWINFELD ... 2	EDWIN HARRY STONELEY ... 6
MAURICE SWINFELD... .. 3	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 7
CHARLES DRAPER ... .. 4	JAMES PAGETT ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES PAGETT.

The composition is now rung for the first time. \* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the King's birthday. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells on this occasion.

## PARNES, SURREY.

## THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, June 3, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr.

*PHILLIP STRATTON ... .. Treble	FRANK SKEVINGTON ... .. 5
HARRY BARRETT ... .. 2	RALPH MACKRILL ... .. 6
ERNEST H. COOK ... .. 3	CHARLES F. W. HUNT ... .. 7
†WILLIAM C. STACEY... .. 4	JOHN WILMOTT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES F. W. HUNT.

\* First peal away from tenor. † First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. Rung in honour of the birthday of H.M. the King.

## LONDON.

## THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, June 4, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, ROTTERHITHE, S.E.,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in F.

GEORGE J. HARMAN ... .. Treble	THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 5
ARTHUR J. NEALE ... .. 2	DANIEL COOPER ... .. 6
JEFFERY R. GAMMON ... .. 3	AMOS W. CLARK ... .. 7
HARRY DYAS... .. 4	FREDERICK W. CHORLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by JEFFERY R. GAMMON.

Rung as an 18th birthday compliment to J. R. Gammon, whose first peal it was as conductor.

## GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, June 4, 1925, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WILDE'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 25 cwt.

GEORGE R. JONES ... .. Treble	THOMAS R. BUTLER ... .. 5
ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 2	JAMES SWINDLEY... .. 6
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER ... .. 3	ALBERT J. HUGHES ... .. 7
ARTHUR PRINCE ... .. 4	WILLIAM HIGGINSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRINCE.

Mr. Prince is from Bath, and Mr. Hollier is a secretary of the Middlesex Association. Believed to be the first peal of Stedman on the bells.

## FARNDON, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 6, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WILDE'S No. 2 TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'.

GEORGE R. JONES ... .. Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY... .. 5
ARTHUR PRINCE ... .. 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 6
THOMAS R. BUTLER ... .. 3	JAMES H. RIDING ... .. 7
ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 4	REGINALD L. INCE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

## LENTON, NOTTINGHAM.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 6, 1925, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON Treble	EDWARD C. GOBEY ... .. 5
*FREDERICK S. PRICE... .. 2	HENRY HARRISON ... .. 6
*JOHN C. DICKENS ... .. 3	JAMES F. GEORGE ... .. 7
ALLAN R. HICKTON ... .. 4	*PERCIVAL PRICE ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by EDWARD C. GOBEY.

\* First peal of Spliced Treble Bob. First spliced peal in the county of Nottingham. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. Johnson, who is a ringer at the above tower.

## FINCHINGFIELD, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 6, 1925, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWARD P. BOCKINGHAM ... Treble	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. 2	WILLIAM ELLIOTT ... .. 6
ERNEST RUNTER ... .. 3	FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 7
WALTER ARNOLD... .. 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. H. BARRETT. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung to celebrate the 56th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. B. Keeble, of Romford. Also as a birthday compliment to F. Claydon. At the conclusion of the peal, the band were kindly entertained by Mr. E. Runter, to whom they tender their thanks.

## BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 6, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

*CHARLES R. BELTON ... Treble	†WILLIAM H. CLARKE... .. 5
†ROWLAND BARROW ... .. 2	*J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD... 3	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD... 7
†WILLIAM COPE ... .. 4	JOHN GRANT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to Mrs. G. Elliott, grandmother of one of the local ringers, who was interred, previous to the peal, at the Belgrave Cemetery. This is the first peal in the method on the bells since they were rehung. \* First peal of Triples, and first peal of Stedman. † First in the method. ‡ First peal with a bob bell in the method.

## NORTHFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, June 6, 1925, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

PERCY O. LAFLIN ... .. Treble	*JOHN EATON ... .. 5
*HARRY WILLIAMS ... .. 2	CHARLES WEBB ... .. 6
*JOHN WITHERS, JUN. ... .. 3	JOHN NEAL ... .. 7
WILLIAM BALL ... .. 4	JOHN WITHERS ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by P. O. LAFLIN.

\* First peal in the method. First peal on the bells since they were recast by Taylor and Co. Twenty-first birthday compliment to ringer of the 3rd.

## KIDLINGTON, OXON.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 6, 1925, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

HOWARD FREEBORN ... .. Treble	JACK JUDGE ... .. 5
FRANK R. COOMBS ... .. 2	WILLIAM STONE ... .. 6
FRANCIS TAYLOR ... .. 3	WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. 7
HARRY TOLLEY ... .. 4	WILLIAM H. THORNE ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by W. F. JUDGE.

## EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 6, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

CHARLES H. WEBB ... .. Treble	*ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ... .. 5
FRANK W. PERRENS ... .. 2	ABRAHAM WILKERSON ... .. 6
†MISS GLADYS M. DODDS ... .. 3	GEORGE S. MORRIS ... .. 7
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... .. 4	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

\* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Cambridge Major.

## CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sunday, June 7, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5030 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores 12 callings.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM DAVIES ... .. Treble	WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS ... .. 5
JOHN BOURNE ... .. 2	*FRANK BOURNE ... .. 6
JAMES P. HYETT ... .. 3	GEORGE R. HANKS ... .. 7
ALBERT MORRIS ... .. 4	WILLIAM BEAVER, SEN. ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

\* First peal.

## HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, June 8, 1925, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

LESLIE G. BRETT ... .. Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 5
ERNEST E. GRIMES ... .. 2	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL ... .. 6
GEORGE PRYKE ... .. 3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... .. 7
GEORGE BENNETT ... .. 4	THOMAS WM. LAST ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.  
First peal of New Cambridge by ringers of 3rd, 4th and 8th.

## MELKSHAM, WILTS.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 10, 1925, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

JAMES BILBY ... .. Treble	FRED LAMBETH ... .. 5
RONALD BECK ... .. 2	CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... .. 6
*WILLIAM WEST ... .. 3	WILLIAM R. BAXTER ... .. 7
JESSE FRANCIS ... .. 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. Tenor

Composed by WM. SHIPWAY.

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

\* First peal of Major.

## ACTON, LONDON.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 10, 1925, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*HOWARD MACKMAN ... .. Treble	ROBERT HOLLOWAY ... .. 5
ROBERT A. FARDON ... .. 2	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... .. 6
RUBY HAWKSWORTH ... .. 3	GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 7
JAMES R. MACKMAN ... .. 4	J. WILLIAM FRUIN ... .. Tenor

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD. Conducted by G. H. CROSS.

\* First peal in this method, and 'just a nipper.' Arranged with great pleasure for Mr. George H. Cross.

## REDENHALE, NORFOLK.

## THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, June 11, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

FREDERICK BORRETT ... .. Treble	EDWIN GOATE ... .. 5
JOHN SOUTER ... .. 2	FRANK COPEMAN ... .. 6
WALTER BARRETT ... .. 3	CLEMENT MORE ... .. 7
FREDERICK SMITH ... .. 4	DAVID ELLIOTT ... .. Tenor

Composed by REV. H. E. BULWER. Conducted by F. BORRETT.

## HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 13, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LENARD.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

WM. STANNARD ... .. Treble	G. LILLEY ... .. 5
C. STANNARD, JUN. ... .. 2	J. CHINNERY ... .. 6
A. HAMMOND ... .. 3	WM. GOODSHIP ... .. 7
F. LEVITT ... .. 4	WM. WATSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by WM. STANNARD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd, and was his first peal. His age is 16 years.

## NORTH MYMMS, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 13, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 13 cwt.

BEN JARMAN ... .. Treble	WALTER AYRE ... .. 5
*W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM ... .. 2	HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH ... .. 6
HARRY WOOD ... .. 3	JOHN T. KENTISH ... .. 7
FREDERICK HUNT ... .. 4	LEWIS A. GOODENOUGH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by L. A. GOODENOUGH.

\* First peal in the method, and first attempt. First peal in the method on the bells.

## WEDDING BELLS.

On Sunday, May 31st, at the Parish Church, Bicester, in 45 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Evans 1, H. Hatfield 2, W. Scarrott 3, B. Cox 4, F. Neale (conductor) 5, E. A. Clifton 6, E. Hims 7, T. Clifton 8.—On Tuesday evening, June 2nd, the ringers had a pleasant little meeting, when Mr. E. A. Clifton, secretary of the local branch of the Guild, was presented with a clock on the occasion of his marriage to Miss Hatfield.—On Wednesday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in honour of the occasion: Miss F. A. Rowe (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Evans (first quarter-peal with a working bell) 2, W. Scarrott 3, H. Hatfield 4, B. Cox 5, F. Neale (conductor) 6, E. Hims 7, T. Clifton 8.

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On Saturday, June 13, 1925, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,**

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

MISS P. UPSHER ... .. Treble	MRS. A. D. BARKER ... .. 5
MRS. A. W. CLARK ... .. 2	MRS. R. F. DEAL ... .. 6
MISS F. E. ORR ... .. 3	MISS E. K. PARKER ... .. 7
MISS E. E. CHAPMAN ... .. 4	MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... .. Tenor

Composed by Miss E. K. PARKER.

GREAT TEY, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 13, 1925, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6152 CHANGES:**

Tenor 16 cwt.

SAMUEL WARNE ... .. Treble	WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. 5
ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... .. 2	WALTER ARNOLD ... .. 6
JAMES FLEETY ... .. 3	FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 7
*ROBERT FLEETY ... .. 4	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST PYE. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

\* First peal in the method.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 13, 1925, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES:**

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM H. COLES ... .. Treble	JAMES HUNT ... .. 5
*ALEXANDER EVANS ... .. 2	EDGAR E. BURGESS ... .. 6
ALFRED J. WYATT ... .. 3	*GABRIEL CHAMBERLAIN ... .. 7
PERCY MORSON ... .. 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. HUNT. Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

\* First peal in the method, for whom it was arranged. First in the method as conductor.

TERRINGTON, NORFOLK.  
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 13, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES:**

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F.

FREDERICK BORRETT ... .. Treble	WILLIAM ELDRED ... .. 5
ERNEST POPPY ... .. 2	WILLIAM ROSE ... .. 6
*CLAUDE COUSINS ... .. 3	WALTER ASHEY ... .. 7
HUBERT DAY ... .. 4	WILLIAM RUMSEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. PLATT. Conducted by F. BORRETT.

\* First peal on eight bells. First peal on the above musical ring of eight bells.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 13, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:**

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... Treble	GEORGE WILSON ... .. 5
FRANK L. FISHER ... .. 2	CHARLES E. FISHER ... .. 6
GEORGE PRYKE ... .. 3	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... .. 7
JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. 4	ERNEST H. DUNNETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 13, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES:**

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*JOHN W. LINES ... .. Treble	†JOHN KING ... .. 5
JOHN R. MAIN ... .. 2	WALTER PERKINS ... .. 6
GEORGE LINES ... .. 3	JAMES WARD ... .. 7
GEORGE BASFORD ... .. 4	ANDERSON Y. TYLER ... .. Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by A. Y. TYLER.

\* First attempt for a peal. † First peal on eight bells.

SOUTHLEIGH, OXON.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 13, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:**

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

JACK HONEY ... .. Treble	JOHN MONK ... .. 5
JACK JUDGE ... .. 2	WILLIAM STONE ... .. 6
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK ... 3	WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. 7
GORDON CAUDWELL ... .. 4	RICHARD KEEN ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the Bishop of Oxford (Dr. H. M. Burge), who passed away on June 10th.

NORTHOP, FLINTSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION AND  
CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 13, 1925, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. EUGAIN AND PETER,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES:**

Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

ROBERT SPERRING ... .. Treble	ALBERT J. HUGHES ... .. 5
THOMAS BUTLER ... .. 2	JAMES SWINDLEY ... .. 6
THOMAS R. BUTLER ... .. 3	EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... 7
GEORGE R. JONES ... .. 4	JAMES H. RIDING ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHT. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

This is the 2nd peal on the bells, the only other having been one of Double Norwich in 1909. The band wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells, and his kind hospitality after the peal; and Mr. Williams for having everything ready.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 13, 1925, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CHARLES E. PERKINS ... .. Treble	*WILLIAM H. COOPER ... .. 5
*WILLIAM GIBBS ... .. 2	HARRY PRICE ... .. 6
JOHN BASS ... .. 3	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. 7
*HAROLD V. COOPER ... .. 4	JOHN LLOYD ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

\* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob; also the first in the method on the bells. J. Lloyd's 50th peal, and rung as a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. F. A. Smith.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

GREAT HAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, June 4, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Being seven extents.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*EWART ANDREWS ... .. Treble	HARRY MIDDLETON ... .. 4
*MISS AMY JOHNSON ... .. 2	†JAMES BRADLEY ... .. 5
JOHN HALL ... .. 3	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HALL.

\* First peal. † First peal away from the treble. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. J. D. Johnson and Miss E. G. Hemmings.

ELDERSFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 6, 1925, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

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

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

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 20 cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... .. Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 4
JAMES R. NEWMAN ... .. 2	ERNEST GIBBS ... .. 5
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 3	CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

BROMFIELD, SHROPSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 6, 1925, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 42 six-scores ten different callings.

*C. COLINSON ... .. Treble	†C. TIPTON ... .. 4
J. W. HARDWICH ... .. 2	W. R. NASH ... .. 5
W. G. BENIAMS ... .. 3	A. NASON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. R. NASH.

\* First peal, aged 14. † First peal inside. Rung to celebrate the wedding, at Pontypridd, of Mr. A. R. Harrison, a member of the local band. Ringers of treble, 2nd and 4th, members of local band; 3rd, 5th and tenor hail from Ludlow.

STRETTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, June 11, 1925, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

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

Being 720 each of Double Bob, Double Court, St. Clement's, Oxford Single, Kent, Woodbine and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A

FREDERICK HINDS ... .. Treble	LEONARD BOSTOCK ... .. 4
GEORGE VERNON ... .. 2	ERNEST H. BOSTOCK ... .. 5
JOHN H. DAVENPORT ... .. 3	EDWARD JENKINS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

Rung as a farewell to F. Hinds, who is leaving for Australia.

CASTLE BROMWICH, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Friday, June 12, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MARGARET.

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

Consisting of seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*GEORGE F. GARRISON ... Treble	FRED PRICE ... .. 4
*EDWARD LARGE ... .. 2	ALBERT T. SCRIVENS ... .. 5
GEORGE E. LARGE ... .. 3	WILLIAM DAVIES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

\* First peal of Minor. Believed to be the first peal on the bells. The band wish to thank the Vicar for his hospitality after the peal.

GLOUCESTER.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 12, 1925, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-LODE.

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

Being 10 six scores of Grandsire and 32 six-scores of St. Dunstan's each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

*GEORGE WASLEY ... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. HARRIS ... .. 4
FRANCIS H. HAYWARD ... 2	THOMAS BALDWIN ... .. 5
WILLIAM C. WASLEY ... .. 3	JOSHUA STEPHENS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS BALDWIN.

\* First peal.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 13, 1925, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Three 720's Oxford and four of Kent. Tenor 18½ cwt.

FRANK TERRY ... .. Treble	PERCY BRETT SMITH ... .. 4
ROBERT BRETT SMITH ... .. 2	T. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... .. 5
CYRIL BRETT SMITH ... .. 3	T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

First peal of Treble Bob Minor by all. A birthday peal for Percy Brett Smith and Miss L. Brett Smith. Rung after meeting short for Major.

WILBY.—At St. Mary's Church, on Thursday evening, May 21st, after Divine service, 720 changes of Plain Bob Minor was rung by the following: Thos. Noller (Wilby) 1, Chas. Oakes (Wilby) 2, Thos. Moyes (Wilby) 3, David Cracknell (Wilby) 4, W. J. G. Brown (Laxfield, conductor), 5, John Noller (Wilby) 6. First 720 by Thos. Noller and David Cracknell.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

BIRMINGHAM.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, June 13, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH BELFRY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPS, 5067 CHANGES;**

FRANK E. PERVIN ... .. 1-2	HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 5-6
FRANK W. PERRENS ... .. 3-4	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 7-8
JAMES GEORGE ... .. 9-10	

Composed by J. E. GROVES.

Conducted by F. W. PERRENS.

Referee: OSWALD J. HUNT.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.**

CONTEST AT NORTON.

The above society held a monthly meeting at St. James' Church, Norton, Derbyshire, on Saturday, June 6th, when a tower bell contest, judged on the merits of good striking, in the best Sunday Service touches, was held for the Society's silver cup, which is a splendid trophy. The towers represented at the meeting were North Anston, Burnsley, Beighton, Bolsover, Chesterfield, Norton, Killamarsh, Rannoor, Sheffield Cathedral, All Saints' and St. Maries, Staveley, and Treeton. The competitors for the cup were: Sheffield Cathedral, St. Maries and All Saints', North Anston, Killamarsh and Ecclesfield. At the conclusion, North Anston was declared the winners, after having given a capital display.

Thanks to the generosity of the Vicar, the Rev. G. W. Hall, M.A., the visitors, numbering 125 members and friends, were entertained to tea on the lawn, under ideal conditions, after which the general meeting took place, the Vicar presiding. The assistant hon. secretary (Mr. T. E. Lee) acted in the unavoidable absence of the secretary (Mr. Chown).

The Vicar extended a hearty welcome to the society, and reminded them that the object of the Guild was to fulfil a very useful purpose in Church work, viz., to call the public to worship God; and in assembling together, as they then were, in their freemasonry, to enjoy the fruits of their labour.

During the course of the meeting, the Vicar presented the trophy to Mr. C. F. Fowler (captain of the North Anston team), who received an ovation from the company.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens, for the use of the bells, proposed by Mr. F. Willey (All Saints'), and seconded by Mr. Potter (Burnsley), was carried unanimously.—The Vicar, responding, brought the meeting to a close. The rest of the day was spent in games and tower bell ringing; also in touches on the new handbells recently procured by the company.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the North Bucks Branch took place at Newport Pagnell on Saturday, June 6th, when the weather was gloriously fine. The attendance was not so great as usual, but a representative gathering was present, the following towers being represented: Blechley, Beachampton, Chicheley, Emberton, Fenny Stratford, Simpson, Stony Stratford, Stoke Goldington, Olney, and the local tower. The bells are a fine peal of eight, and various methods were rung. The members attended service, when the Guild's form was used, the address being given by the Rev. J. L. Dove, of North Crawley (Rural Dean), which was very interesting, and called for a special vote of thanks from the meeting.

Tea was held in the Parish Room, where between 50 and 60 sat down, arrangements having been made by the local ringers. After tea, the usual business meeting was held, the Rev. L. Moxon, of Newport Pagnell, chairman of the branch, presiding. — The Secretary (Mr. W. Sear) presented the balance sheet, which was considered very satisfactory.

Subjects relating to the general working of the branch were discussed, and the Master (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) spoke on various matters, including the Central Council meeting at Chester. — Mr. Wright (treasurer) and the General Secretary (Mr. R. T. Hibbert) passed a few remarks on the general position of the Oxford Guild, and the secretary made an earnest appeal to the representatives of the towers in North Bucks for a subscription to the Washbrook Memorial Fund.—A grant was made from the North Bucks Branch funds of £3 3s.

The tower was again visited for further ringing, the methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Surprise Major.

**SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.**

A combined ringing practice was held at Sandhurst on Saturday, June 13th, but only ten members attended, from the following towers: Wokingham, Twyford, Waltham St. Lawrence, and Sandhurst. The following methods were practised: Grandsire and Stedman, Doubles, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise.

**DEATH OF AN EASTBOURNE RINGER.**

It is with regret that we have to announce the death of Mr. Thomas Deadman, who succumbed on Saturday, May 29th, at the Leaf Hospital (following an operation). He had been in ill-health more or less during the last 18 months, and this had kept him from following his favourite pastime.

Although not a great method ringer, Mr. Deadman had rung about 35 peals on the tenor, and was always regarded as a good striker. He was a member of the Sussex County Association for a great number of years, and learnt first to handle a bell at St. Mary's Church, Eastbourne, but for the past twenty years or more he had been a member of the All Saints' band, and was, for some time, their leader.

He was buried on Friday, June 5th, a service being held at All Saints. Before, and after the service, muffled touches were rung on the bells by members of both All Saints' and St. Saviour's Churches, and during the evening, nine courses of Stedman Triples were rung by the following: A. Gower 1, J. Sharp 2, F. G. Waymark 3, F. Bray 4, B. Hobbs 5, G. W. Stokes 6, E. Gower (conductor) 7, J. H. Sharp 8.

**MR. F. G. MAY IN DURBAN.**

The ringers of Durban, Natal, have received a valuable addition in the person of Mr. F. G. May, late of Bristol, who arrived about the middle of last month. On completing the 50-hour railway journey from Cape Town, Mr. May was met by Mr. F. Simpson, one of the local ringers, and Mr. J. E. Prickett, formerly of Chapstow. 'A hasty journey in rickshaws to Mr. May's quarters, a refreshing cup of tea, and then,' says our correspondent, 'a pleasant hour was spent on the sea front, discussing old times and planning for the future. On Sunday morning, Mr. May joined in the ringing at St. Mary's tower, much to the delight of the local band. Durban is indeed lucky to have obtained the services of two such men as Mr. Prickett and Mr. May, and the writer sincerely hopes that their enthusiasm and encouragement will make the local ringers put their backs and minds into it. A peal of Grandsire Triples should be accomplished very soon now.'

Unfortunately, we have to record the loss of Mr. F. J. Cole, who retires to enjoy a well-earned pension. The writer will always remember and be grateful to Mr. Cole for his help and patience when we first began teaching ringing at St. Mary's. Our loss will be some other tower's gain, for I feel sure that he will not be in England many hours before he finds a corner in some tower. May he long be spared to enjoy his well-earned rest.'

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.****ANNUAL MEETING AT EAST RETFORD.**

A glorious summer day brought together a large gathering of ringers for the annual meeting of the North Notts Association at East Retford. Members were present from Barlborough, Worksop, Norton Cuckney, Gamston, Sutton-on-Trent, North Cottingham, Wheatley, Misterton, Gainsborough, Ordsall, East and West Retford, Doncaster and Grantham. The methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Grandsire Caters, Stedman Caters and Kent Treble Bob Major, the towers of East Retford, West Retford and Ordsall being at the disposal of the ringers.

Service was held at the Parish Church in the afternoon, at which the Vicar of Harworth (the Rev. F. d'Arblay Burney) gave a most appropriate address on the subject of bells and bell ringers. The work of a bell ringer, either lady or gentleman, was of the greatest importance to those who ministered in God's house, he said. In many parishes there were men who had to perform Sunday duty, and could not always attend the Sunday services, but the sound of the bells reminded them and all other classes of people that came within the sound of the bells that there was a God to be worshipped and glorified. He wished the association the greatest success, and hoped the bells of North Notts would ever continue to ring both for practice and as a call to Sunday service, and to remind the people of their duties and responsibilities.

Tea was provided at Cooke's Cafe, when upwards of 50 ringers and friends sat down. The business meeting was presided over by the Rev. F. d'Arblay Burney, in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar of East Retford. Six new members were enrolled, and the next meeting will be held at Laxton on Saturday, July 11th, when the Rev. S. B. Bleau and his ringers will be glad to see a good attendance.

It was unanimously decided to convey a message of congratulation to the South Anston bell ringers on their performance in winning the silver cup of the Sheffield and District Association for the year 1925. The competition was held at Norton Woodseats, Sheffield, on June 6th, and the Anston company were adjudged the best ringers in the competition, and consequently hold the cup for one year.

The Rev. B. Darley was enrolled an honorary life member.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar of East Retford, the Rectors of West Retford and Ordsall, respectively, for the use of the bells, and to the Rev. F. d'Arblay Burney for his address and presiding over tea and meeting.—In replying, he observed that he was now the oldest vice-president in the association.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Ladies' Guild have scored another peal of Stedman Triples, all the ringers belonging to the Central District, and being drawn from a comparatively small radius. Four married ladies were in the band, and it shows what strides are being made by the fair sex when not a single footnote is necessary to the peal. There was not even a 'first in the method.'

Members of the Ladies' Guild, Southern District, who intend to be present at the meeting at Aldershot to-morrow should note that the service has been altered to 4 o'clock.

The meeting of the Midland District of the Ladies' Guild is to be held on Saturday at Hampton-in-Arden, and not at Clent, as at first announced.

On June 20th, 1756, a peal of 'Carathans' Triples was rung at St. Peter-at-Arches, Lincoln. This is presumed to have been Garthorn's 5,040 of Grandsire.

The first peal by the Midland Counties Association was Grandsire Triples, run at Derby on June 23rd, 1882.

Forty years ago next Thursday the peal of ten at Taunton were opened.

In the peal of Guildford Surprise, rung at Worlingworth, Suffolk, on June 1st, the 2nd was rung by James M. Bailey, and the 4th by Ernest S. Bailey.

Mr. J. E. Sykes, who is now in Manchuria, has discovered what he thinks is probably the oldest handbell in existence. When visiting a Buddhist temple at Mukden he saw a statue representing the Buddhist conception of 'The Fall.' A handbell is clasped in the hand of one of the figures of this idol, which is held in great reverence, and is at least 1,500 years old.

George Large, who rang his first peal of Stedman Cinques last week at St. Martin's, Birmingham, is a youth of great promise. His first peal (which he conducted) was Treble Bob Minor, with seven different callings, and it was rung at the first attempt. He showed his capacity by the way in which he rang in the peal of Cinques (also his first attempt).

The following was found among the 'papers' left behind at the Council meeting at Chester.

### POINTS FOR PEALS.

Points for Peals were always absurd,  
And the writer has ever averred  
That it's easy to see,  
Most ringers agree,  
There's a letter too much in the word.

Mr. H. A. Heywood, of Christleton, who presided over the tea, to which the Central Council and friends were entertained at Chester, is a son of the late Canon Heywood, of Swinton, Manchester, and a cousin of the late Sir Arthur Heywood. Although he has never taken up ringing, Mr. Heywood has been a member of the Chester Guild since its formation in 1887, and for some years acted as hon. secretary.

## CENTRAL COUNCIL PUBLICATIONS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Will you allow me to give this formal announcement that the price of Central Council Publications has been increased by fifty per cent. by order of the Council, and to call the attention of members of the Exercise to the new prices, as advertised in your paper.—Yours truly,

Broadlands, Caversham, Reading.

CYRIL W. O. JENKYN.

## DUBLIN'S TWO RINGS OF TWELVE.

The new bell for St. Patrick's Cathedral will be hung next week. It has already arrived in Dublin. The Cathedral will then possess two rings of twelve, three of ten, and four of eight, as follows:—12 in C, tenor 45 cwt.; 12 in D Minor, tenor 30 cwt.; 10 in C, tenor 45 cwt.; 10 in D Minor, tenor 30 cwt.; 10 in F, tenor 19 cwt.; 8 in C tenor, 45 cwt.; 8 in D Minor, tenor 30 cwt.; 8 in F, tenor 19 cwt.; 8 in A Minor, tenor 11 cwt.

## THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Irish Association was held in Dublin on Whit Monday. Members attended from Arklow, Bray, Waterford, Kilkenny, and the various Dublin churches. All the bells of the city were open for ringing, and were made good use of.

Fifty-six members sat down to dinner in the Central Hotel, after which the general business was proceeded with, the president (Canon Greer) occupying the chair. Mr. D. Kennedy, the leader of SS. Augustine and John was elected president, Mr. W. Lynch hon. treasurer, and Mr. G. Lindo hon. secretary.

Dublin was again selected for the next meeting.

The sum of two pounds was voted from the funds to the Washbrook Memorial, which is to be an addition to whatever may be subscribed by the various companies.



## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

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### TREBLE BOB PEAL COLLECTION COMPLETED.

The President (Canon Coleridge) announced that the honorary members retiring this year were the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey (a past president), Mr. J. W. Parker, the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, also Mr. H. Chapman, who was an honorary member, but who is now returned as a representative for Lancashire. That left them one vacancy on the honorary members' list. They had always felt it desirable that they should have one vacancy in hand in case of an emergency arising in which they wanted to put some notable man on some committee, who might be of inestimable use in the hour of necessity.

The three first named were re-elected.

The following new members were introduced to the president: Mr. E. Guise (Gloucester and Bristol), Mr. J. J. Jutson (Peterborough) and Mr. A. J. Hughes (North Wales).

The Council then turned to the reception of the reports of committees. The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, on behalf of the Peal Collection Committee, apologised for the delay that had taken place in connection with the work, but said the best apology was to 'produce the goods.' 'This he was now able to do. It was an enormous pile of manuscript, and if the Council would decide what was to be done with it he would see that it was done as soon as possible. What remained was one part of the peals of Treble Bob. There was one other thing that had been in his mind. The collection was begun originally by Mr. Trollope a long time ago. A good deal more had been published since, and he thought the collection should be brought up to date. When the last instalment was produced, he noticed a criticism of the collection on the ground that it was not especially a conductor's collection, but the aim, it seemed to him, was to show the history of composition in the method, and that had been successfully accomplished. Its utility to conductors was not the chief thing. The question was whether it would be possible to print the whole thing. He thought that was very doubtful, but if ever that were to come to pass it would be a good thing if the collection were brought up to date.

The Rev. H. Law James suggested it might be possible to print a selection for the use of conductors.

The President said they were greatly indebted to the committee for all they had done, and he was sure the Council would wish to carry out the committee's wishes as far as possible. He suggested that the members of the committee should have a further consultation and report later.

Subsequently, the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson said he had consulted the members of the committee. Miss Parker had promised to type the collection (hear, hear). The committee did not recommend making a selection for printing, that was a matter for the Council to settle. It was proposed to collect the peals that had been published since the collection was made, to bring it up to date.

The President said the Council were deeply grateful to Miss Parker for her kindness in undertaking to type the collection. They knew what she had done in the way of typing in the past (applause).

### LITERATURE AND PRESS COMMITTEE.

Mr. G. P. Burton, asked to report on behalf of the Literature and Press Committee, said he really did not know anything about the business. In recent years, Mr. Willson had acted as convener, and drawn up the report. This year, he (Mr. Burton) had heard nothing from Mr. Willson. All he had had was a post card from Mr. Matthews, and a bundle of papers from the secretary.

Mr. J. Griffin said he received a letter from Mr. Willson telling him he would not be able to attend the meeting. In this letter he said it might be asked why he had not submitted a report for the committee. The reason was he was not the convener. The Rev. C. E. Matthews was the convener, and he had suggested that in his (Mr. Willson's) absence Mr. Paddon Smith should take his place. Mr. Willson had added that he had taken the initiative for three years, and, after all, someone else ought to do their bit. Mr. Paddon Smith would be a good man (applause).

Mr. A. Paddon Smith caused much amusement by relating what he knew of the committee's affairs. All he had had, he said, was a package of papers from the hon. secretary and a post card from the Rev. C. E. Matthews thanking him for a letter which he had never written, and asking him to report in Mr. Willson's place. Although he had written to Mr. Matthews saying that there must have been some misapprehension, as he had never written to him, he had had no reply. What was there more to report? (laughter).

The Rev. F. L. Edwards said during the year things which had been brought up by correspondence in local newspapers had been effectually dealt with, and another thing that had come under the notice of the committee was the admirable action of members of the Devonshire Guild in supplying regularly to local papers instructive and interesting articles on ringing matters. He thought this was a most admirable movement to have initiated, and thought the example might be followed in other districts.

### A COLLECTION OF PLAIN MAJOR METHODS.

The Rev. H. Law James reported for the Methods Committee. He

said they were now in a position to print a selection of the Plain Major Methods. Mr. Trollope and himself had had a great deal of trouble, and had had practically to re-do the work, because they had not been able to get anything from Mr. Lewis. Mr. Lewis was a very busy man, but that morning Mr. Young had handed him the papers which he (the speaker) sent to Mr. Lewis two years ago. Mr. Trollope and he would look these papers through again, before going any further, and he hoped they would be in a position to print a selection of 70 or 80 methods very shortly.

Mr. J. A. Trollope said Mr. James and himself made up their minds that they would not come to the Council this year unless they could hand in the complete manuscript ready for printing. The collection had been entirely rewritten, but it was possible there were things in the original draft that had been overlooked in the new; therefore, they wanted time to look through the papers that had now come back from Mr. Lewis. They felt ashamed of the way they had had to come there year after year and say they were no further forward. Criticism, Mr. Trollope continued, was sometimes made of the proposal to publish these methods. It was said that ringers already had more methods to ring than they would ever ring. The committee did not expect that these Major Methods would be taken up with the rapidity of the six-bell methods, but they must remember that before the six-bell collection was published six-bell ringers had about 20 or 30 methods. Now they had some hundreds of Minor methods, and every one had been rung, which showed that the publication of the book had done an immense amount of good. When the six-bell book was published it was said 'People will not ring the methods,' but the book had 'taken on,' and he hoped the same thing would result with the new collection. He strongly recommended hands, when they wanted to break fresh ground, and get off the beaten track, not necessarily to aim at Surprise methods. There were methods which could be rung easily if they could ring Double Norwich, whereas they might break their teeth on Bristol and London. Such methods were those which were rung at Willesden.

Mr. G. P. Burton asked the committee to recollect if these methods were printed there was another committee which might have something to say on the naming of them. He thought there was no analogy between the six and the eight bell methods. They would never get ringers to ring all these hundreds of methods on eight bells. In the methods that were being rung every day, they had all the quality that ringers wanted or ever would want. He suggested that the Council should not waste their money in printing these methods. It would be simply a scrap book.

Mr. E. Barnett thought that was a very narrow way of looking at the matter.

Mr. T. H. Beams supported what Mr. Burton had said with regard to the naming of these methods. Once the names were printed they would be pretty well sure to stick to them.

The Rev. H. Law James said the committee were ordered at the Lincoln meeting to print the methods and attach the names. They had attached the names, and were going to print them.

The Rev. H. Drake said the Nomenclature Committee only asked to be consulted before the names were printed.

The Rev. H. Law James: You were appointed to revise the names of the Minor methods ('No').

The report was adopted.

### PEAL POINTS ABOLISHED.

The report of the Analysis Committee having been printed in 'The Ringing World,' its adoption was moved by the Rev. A. T. Beeston. He said they had not had one peal published twice during the year, and he thanked the conductors for that attention. They had had a little trouble through the publication of peals having been delayed for some months after being rung. He ventured to say that such long delay in publication should not take place again. The Council, he continued, would notice that the committee had introduced a new column into the analysis, indicating the number of conductors who had conducted peals for each association. There was in their report every year a long list given of conductors with the number of peals they had conducted. This was a table that required a great deal of trouble, and the committee suggested that the Council should agree to drop that part of the report, because the committee felt that it was somewhat of a personal thing; it indicated the performances of individual members of the Exercise, and they felt that the analysis was for the Exercise as a whole, and not for any particular individuals thereof.

Mr. J. W. Parker seconded.

Mr. C. T. Coles suggested some minor alterations in regard to the analysis, and went on to raise the question of the number of points allotted to Middlesex and Leicester Surprise Royal respectively. Although he had not rung Leicester, he had rung Middlesex, but he did not think members of the committee had rung either of these methods. After an examination of Leicester Surprise Royal, he had come to the conclusion that it ought not to have any more points than Middlesex, as there was little difference in the two.

The Rev. H. Law James: I move that it be an instruction to the Analysis Committee to omit all points (hear, hear). It is hopeless, and they are absolutely valueless.

Mr. C. T. Coles seconded, and said that would meet his criticism. Mr. W. A. Cave supported the motion. He said some time ago they rang at Bristol a peal of Clifton Surprise Royal. He was not going to argue whether it was harder or easier than other Surprise Royal methods, but as one of that band he could say they would not think of offering a suggestion as to the number of points to be allotted. They rang the peal, and that was all they wanted.

Mr. A. H. Pulling said he came prepared to propose that the points be abolished. It gave the committee a lot of unnecessary work, for it was impossible to compare one peal with another.

Mr. J. W. Parker said points marked the progress of a Guild or Association, and the quality of the ringing. There was nothing else which marked that, and for that reason he thought they should retain them, and possibly try to improve the way in which they were awarded.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies said points had had a good long innings, and he thought they might be bowled out.

The Rev. A. T. Beeston said the Council had already decided that points shall be given, and he asked if the rule could be rescinded without due notice.

The President: Not if it is a rule.

The Rev. A. T. Beeston said with regard to the criticism of Mr. Coles, the Council decided the points. A table of point values was drawn up by their old colleagues, was discussed by the Council, and passed. The table of values was published in the ringing papers, and it was that table which guided them in allotting points to peals. With regard to Leicester and Middlesex Surprise Royal, the latter was a double method, and the former a compound method, and the Council had decided that a compound Surprise method was of more value in points than a double method. That was the reason why Leicester had 63 points, and Middlesex only 60.

It was pointed out that the scale of points was not a 'rule,' but a 'decision,' and as such, the President held, could be altered without previous notice.

On being put to the meeting, the resolution to omit the points from the Analysis in future, was carried by a large majority.

The President said he remembered very well indeed the question of points being introduced by Mr. Attree, of the Sussex Association. He (the speaker) was dead against it from the beginning, and he was delighted to see the resolution carried now. It was perfectly true what was so often said that a peal of Grandsire Triples by a young band, or the first peal they rang in a new method they had mastered, was far better in value than a peal of London or Bristol Surprise rung by a band who were ringing such peals every week (applause).

The report was then adopted.

#### WELDING CRACKS IN BELLS.

The Towers and Belfries Committee's report was contained in a letter received from Mr. E. H. Lewis, who said the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings had raised the question of welding cracks in bells. The committee were not able to be very helpful, although Mr. Fairclough thought such a practice was possible. Two cases were reported in the technical press, and were said to have been successful. As, however, it is doubtful whether these bells had to stand the same treatment as our ringing bells, he could not say what the effect would be on bells hung for ringing. He asked for information of any cases of welding of which the members of the Council had knowledge, and in the meantime he was, in conjunction with the S.P.A.B., carrying out some experiments on the change in crystalline structures in bell metal caused by welding.

The Hon. Secretary said the question was being investigated by the S.P.A.B. with a view to saving some of our mediæval bells. He always understood that it presented many difficulties, but their bell-founding friends would know all about the difficulties. He knew it had been said that cracks had been cured by this process. He was told many years ago of a tenor that was mended by a German. The process was said to be a secret one, and the man locked himself in the tower, and no one saw or knew what he did. Whether this process had been developed he could not say.

Mr. Fairclough said there was a firm in Warrington who would weld cracks in bells, if they were sent to their foundry, on the terms of 'No cure, no pay.'

Mr. C. F. Johnston said he knew of two bells that had been successfully welded, so far as the structure was concerned, but not so far as tone was concerned. He also heard of a German who went about England before the war offering to mend bells by a secret process. But it was really no great secret, it was simply acetylene welding. He did a very good structural mend, but he did not give the bell back its tone.

The Rev. H. Drake said he did not see why they, as ringers, should discourage the process. It might help to keep an old bell in existence. He did not say it was desirable that anything of the kind should be done to bells that were to be rung.

The Rev. H. Law James: It isn't necessary to mend it if you don't want to ring it. Keep it with the crack in it.

The Rev. H. Drake: The crack may get worse.

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#### DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

##### REV. E. V. COX RETIRES FROM SECRETARYSHIP.

The annual meeting was held in Plymouth on Whit Monday, when 138 ringers were present from Christow, Upton Pyne, Topsham, St. Mary's Church, Plymouth; Otterton, Buckfastleigh, Littleham, Withycombe Raleigh, Lymptstone, Heavitree, Exeter, Kelly, Combe Martin, Thorverton and Holbeton.

Service was held in Charles Church at noon, when an excellent sermon was preached by the Lord Bishop of Plymouth on 'The bearing of the Guild's work upon the great problems of the world.' He said that bell ringing was a capital illustration of co-operation, and showed how this spirit is meant to underlie the work of the world. Men are intended to enjoy their work, and all work ought to be the expression of men's creative faculties in some form of service. Work must have behind it, as its motive, the glory of God. If all work were praise, all work would be gladness; and all work can be praise if it is done to the glory of God. Here are the labour, the toil, the sweat, but up above there is the music. It is the music of our work for which God loves to listen.

What is your message, O bells,  
As the crash of your music swells  
High in the tower where ye swing.  
What is the message you bring?

'Men should work together,' say the bells,  
'Keeping time together,' say the bells,  
'Helping one another, as a man should help his brother,  
Fellows in one service,' say the bells.

'Men should welcome labour,' say the bells,  
'Find a joy in labour,' say the bells,  
'Work will not be dreary, though our arms and back grow weary,  
If our labour maketh music,' say the bells.

'Men should seek God's glory,' say the bells,  
'Triumph in God's glory,' say the bells,  
'Till our jarring discords ended, all the sounds of earth are blended  
In one jubilant hosannah,' say the bells.

The Vicar of Charles Church had made excellent arrangements for the service, which, despite the early hour for those from a distance, was attended by 111 ringers and friends.

Dinner was served in the Charles Church Hall, after which the general business meeting took place.—Votes of thanks were accorded to the Bishop, the Vicar and organist of Charles Church; to the various incumbents for the use of their bells; and to the officers and committee.

The Rev. E. S. Powell was re-elected as president for the ensuing year, and in his remarks stated that he had been able to visit 28 affiliated towers during the first year of his presidency. He urged that more attention be given to even-bell methods, and alluded to the progress in Cinques made at the Cathedral practices of the Guild.

Much regret was expressed at the inability of the hon. secretary (the Rev. E. V. Cox) to seek re-election owing to the pressure of parochial work, and Mr. T. Laver (Exeter) was unanimously elected to succeed him.—Mr. T. G. Bartlett was again appointed as honorary treasurer, whilst Messrs. F. J. Davey and E. W. Marsh were appointed as representatives to the Central Council, owing to the regretted resignation of the Rev. M. Kelly, and the decision to add a fourth delegate, to which the Guild is entitled.

The Rev. M. Kelly read a letter of thanks and deep appreciation for the illuminated album and address, which were given to him some few months ago in token of the value of his services to the Guild as president for so many years.

An alteration to one of the rules was adopted, whereby performing members, who join the Guild after September 30th in any year, shall pay the sum of 1s., all of which shall be paid into the general fund of the Guild.

The motion to appoint a Ringing Master for the Guild and one for each of the branches was referred back to the committee for further consideration.

It was unanimously agreed to hold next year's meeting at Ottery St. Mary.

The president is to be congratulated on the attendance and success of the meeting, and upon his conduct of the business.

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The report was accepted, and the Council then adjourned for the luncheon interval, a group photograph being taken in the Cathedral precincts, before the members dispersed.

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Copies of the group photograph may be purchased from Mr. T. Chidley, 14, St. Werburgh's Street, Chester. Price: Unmounted, 4/-; mounted, 4/6; postage 3d. extra.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.****THE 36TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL.**

Now that the Guild is divided into ten districts, the importance of the annual festival is even greater than when the diocese was worked as a whole. It is an opportunity for members from all districts to meet and worship as a Guild, dine together, and transact such business as concerns the welfare of the Guild as a whole.

On Whit Monday a hearty service was held in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral, under the direction of the hon. secretary (the Rev. G. W. Turner). The Rev. R. A. Lync intoned the prayers. The lessons were read by the hon. secretary. The Rev. H. E. Wall presided at the organ. The Rev. H. E. H. Probyn gave an appropriate address on 'The ringers' message and his method.' The Very Rev. the Dean gave the Blessing.

The dinner was served in the beautiful hall of the Booth Hall Hotel. The party, 70 in number, included ringers from 26 towers, besides visitors from Shrewsbury, Worcester, Wolverhampton, Bristol, Slough and Rickmansworth.

Mr. W. H. Allen, in proposing 'The health of the Clergy,' said he would like to see more clergymen's names in the list of ringers.—Mr. W. H. Fussell, in proposing 'The health of the Master,' said Mr. C. Edwards was 'a goer.' Since he came back to his native county, six years ago, he had done a great deal of hard work for the Guild. He was glad that he (the Master) had been provided with facilities of getting about to the different towers.—Mr. Edwards said he had visited all the districts except two, and he found great strides being made everywhere. He appealed for young conductors.

The Rev. F. W. Worsey, in proposing the toast of the day, said he was asking them to honour a remarkably strong and active body of church workers. The first object of the Guild was to encourage the art of change ringing, not for itself only, but that the bells in each parish might be rung 'with the attractiveness of perfection.'—The Rev. G. W. Turner (hon. secretary), in reply, said the Guild was in a sound condition, numerically, financially, and in the improvement it was making in the art of change ringing. He referred to his suggestion that an asterisk should in the next report be placed against the name of every man who had rung a peal, thus making three classes of qualifications—probationer, certificate holder, and peal ringer. This was later on approved by the meeting.

At the business meeting, Mr. Edwards was re-elected Master; the Rev. G. W. Turner, hon. secretary; Mr. A. W. Davies, Mr. W. Saunders, Mr. W. Mead and Mr. J. Clark were elected representatives on the Central Council; Mr. J. P. Hyett, peal recorder; Mr. A. Chester, auditor. The following were added to the committee: Mr. A. W. Davies, the Rev. H. E. H. Probyn, Mr. H. Male and Mr. H. Chandler. Before the meeting ended, Mr. Edwards proposed the toast of 'The Visitors,' to which Mr. Cave responded.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Editor of the 'Ringing World' was accorded unanimously.

It was agreed that a donation of £3 3s. be made to the Washbrook Memorial Fund.

During the day, Doubles and Minor in various methods were rung at St. Nicholas'; at All Saints', Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Cambridge Surprise, and the first course of London Surprise Major ever rung in the city or at a Guild meeting; at the Cathedral, Grandsire Caters, Stedman Caters and Bob Royal.

**RINGERS' MEETING.**

To the Editor.

Sir,—I have read the various letters commenting upon the services, etc., at ringers' meetings, and I would like to say that I, too, consider twenty minutes to be ample for the service. I should also like to suggest that the luncheon be abolished, and in its place have continuous ringing from the opening of the meeting until about 4.30 p.m., to be followed by the short service, and then have tea together, with the business meeting following immediately.

While on the subject of the M.C.A. and its meetings, I would like to draw attention to another matter which badly needs looking into. I refer to the financial side of business. It is a well-known fact at the present time that the M.C.A. is in an exceptionally sound financial position; in fact, it might be said they are in the enviable position of having so much money that they do not know what to do with it.

In my own district we spent much time drawing up a scheme for Decentralisation—to enable all members to feel the benefit of this surplus wealth, but at the annual meeting all our suggestions were cast lightly aside.

I consider it is high time this matter was investigated thoroughly, and in the meantime I suggest that each district be allowed a sum equal to sixpence for each member of the district. This money could then be used at the discretion of the local district committees for the expenses of their own monthly meetings, etc.

At any rate, it is only fair that the men who have subscribed this money through the years should now receive full benefit from it. Perhaps other suggestions will be forthcoming from members of the various districts.—Yours truly,

FRED BLOOD,

Hon. Local Secretary.

**THE NORFOLK GUILD****DATE OF ANNUAL MEETING CHANGED.**

The general meeting of the Norfolk Guild was held at Norwich on Whit Monday, when, by kind permission of Canon F. J. Meyrick, the Rev. A. Henderson and the Rev. L. E. Waghorn, the rings of twelve bells at St. Peter Mancroft, eight bells at St. John-de-Sepulchre and eight bells at St. Michael, Coslany, were placed at the disposal of the members. Luncheon was served at Messrs. William Grix, Ltd., Criterion Restaurant, White Lion Street, the president, the Dean of Norwich, presiding, supported by the following members of the committee: Canon F. J. Meyrick, Messrs. C. E. Borrett (vice-president), A. L. Coleman (secretary), and W. L. Duffield, G. T. Peggall, and representatives from Buxton, Diss, King's Lynn, Norwich, Ipswich, Thornham Magna and Wymondham, etc.—The toast, 'The King,' was proposed by the president, and duly honoured.—The business meeting followed at which, on a motion, moved by Mr. W. C. Duffield, and seconded by Mr. A. L. Coleman, the following new members were elected: Mr. Philip Edward Sewell, life member; the Rev. Richard Henry Oakley Banks, hon. members; Messrs. Harold Barton, Henry Howes, Arthur W. Rump, Arthur E. Woolsey, performing members.

The Secretary brought forward the motion, of which he had given notice at the Easter Monday meeting at Aylsham, viz.: 'That in future the annual general meeting of the Guild shall be held on Easter Monday of each year.' The Secretary said that he had not more to add to what he said at Aylsham on this important matter, but would like to announce that he had received 48 replies to the circulars sent out with the annual reports on May 16th and 18th, 44 being in favour of Easter Monday, three against, and one neutral.

A discussion took place on the motion, in which the President, the Secretary, Messrs. C. E. Borrett, W. C. Duffield, J. F. Duffield, took part.

The Secretary then formally moved the motion, and the President seconded.—The motion on being put to the meeting was carried.

On the motion being carried, the Secretary moved that standing orders be suspended, and that this meeting do now proceed to elect officers for the ensuing year.—This was agreed to, and Mr. C. E. Borrett moved, and Mr. W. J. Eldred seconded: 'That all officers be re-elected en bloc to carry on until Easter Monday, April 6th, 1926.—The motion was carried nem. con.

Mr. C. J. More moved, and Mr. W. C. Duffield seconded: 'That the August Bank Holiday meeting be held at Diss.

It was proposed to arrange for a ringing meeting at King's Lynn on the occasion of the Agricultural Show in July.—Mr. W. J. Eldred kindly took charge of this matter, and notice of meeting, if any, will appear in 'The Ringing World.'

The President moved a vote of thanks to Canon F. J. Meyrick, the Rev. E. Henderson, and the Rev. L. E. Waghorn for the use of their bells.—Canon Meyrick suitably replied.

The meeting then closed, and the members adjourned to the bellies for ringing, and were joined by others not present at the meeting in the morning.

A. L. C.

**NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.****ANNUAL MEETING AT PORTMADOC.**

A fairly representative gathering of the North Wales Association met at Portmadoc for the annual meeting on Whit Monday, members attending from Bangor, Wrexham, Rhyl and Portmadoc. The service was conducted by the Rev. Jenkins (Vicar), and an excellent address was given by the veteran president, the Rev. T. Lewis Jones, M.A., Vicar of Glandsda, Bangor. The business meeting was afterwards held in the Church House, the president being in the chair, supported by the Rev. J. M. Morgan Jones (curate of Glandsda, Bangor).

A letter was read from the secretary, Mr. C. Jones, tendering his resignation on account of his having been transferred to Grimsby. A new secretary, Mr. M. T. Jones, of Bangor, was elected, Mr. Alf. Lea, junr., of Wrexham, who was also nominated, being defeated by a small majority.—The remainder of the officers were re-elected.

A motion to change the date of the annual meeting to Easter Monday was defeated.—It was decided to hold the half-yearly meeting at Barmouth on the first Saturday in September, or, failing that, at Bangor, and the next annual meeting at Wrexham on Whit Monday, 1926.

Instructors were appointed as follows: Mr. W. Jones (Wrexham area), Mr. W. T. Pegler (Bangor district), and Mr. J. Owen (Portmadoc).—One honorary member and several life members were elected.

A vote of thanks to the president for his address and to the Rector of Portmadoc for allowing the meeting and the use of the Church House concluded the meeting.

Tea was served in the Church House, kindly provided by the local ringers and their good ladies, the latter very efficiently waiting at the table. Needless to say, ample justice was done.—The usual votes of thanks were proposed by the Wrexham and Bangor Youths.

The bells were kept going to train time, touches of Stedman, Grandsire and Kent Treble Bob being rung, an opportunity for first touches for many of the 'boys' being provided.



## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**GUILDFORD.**—At Holy Trinity Church, for evensong, June 7th, in 51 minutes, a quarter-peal of London Surprise Major (1,280 changes): H. Harris 1, C. N. Burdock 2, A. H. Winch 3, H. Hutton 4, H. Burdock 5, W. R. Melville 6, G. W. Steere 7, A. H. Pulling (conductor) 8.

**TOTTENHAM.**—At All Hallows', on Sunday, June 7th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. G. Springham 1, S. W. Crabb 2, F. Bird 3, W. J. Ellis (conductor) 4, C. Button 5, F. A. Hull 6, H. Ellis 7, W. Patmore 8.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. G. Springham 1, H. W. H. Strickland 2, S. W. Crabb 3, W. J. Ellis 4, W. Dickinson 5, H. Ellis 6, C. Button (conductor) 7, E. A. Hull 8.

**CRANLEIGH.**—On Sunday, June 7th, for evening service, 1,264 Bob Major: W. Charman 1, C. Charman 2, Mrs. R. Whittington 3, H. Tidy 4, R. Whittington 5, A. Charman 6, T. Worsfold 7, H. Charman (first quarter-peal Bob Major as conductor) 8.

**FROESTER, GLOS.**—On Sunday, June 7th, for morning service, at the Parish Church, 720 Bob Minor: C. East 1, R. T. Prout 2, F. G. Prout 3, A. Burcombe 4, A. Summers 5, H. W. Fussell (conductor) 6.

**OVER, CAMBS.**—On Whit Sunday, for 7 a.m. Holy Communion, 720 Kent Treble Bob: W. I. T. Ginn 1, F. C. Ginn 2, F. G. Gleave 3, I. Ginn 4, F. Warrington (conductor) 5, H. F. Dring 6. Cambridge Surprise was also rung, and for 6 p.m. service, E. J. King, Peckham, standing in.

**PORTISHEAD.**—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung for 7 o'clock service on Whit Sunday, in 45 mins.: Miss G. Stadden 1, Miss A. Stokes 2, Miss Stokes 3, Mr. J. Nisbett 4, Mr. E. Goldstone 5, Miss H. Orchard 6, Mr. W. Gillingham (conductor) 7, Mr. A. Colburn 8.

**LONDON, W.**—On Whit Sunday, May 31st, at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, for evensong, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. E. Garrard (conductor) 1, F. V. H. Sinkins 2, W. H. Wood 3, E. G. Locke 4, A. Cutmore 5, P. L. Miles 6, C. W. Roberts 7, S. R. Tompsett 8.

**AMBLESIDE, WESTMORLAND.**—At the Church of St. Mary, on Sunday, May 31st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 50 mins.: W. Robinson 1, W. Nivenson 2, W. Robinson 3, E. Hardy 4, W. Middleton 5, F. Hewertson (conductor) 6, B. Newton 7, W. Fisher 8.

**CROYDON, SURREY.**—On Sunday, May 31st, at the Church of St. Peter, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,261 changes), in 50 mins.: D. Wright 1, W. Gammon 2, T. Bloxham 3, W. Bulpitt 4, C. Austin 5, W. Groves 6, J. H. Howell (Hull) 7, E. O. Denham 8, T. G. Bannister (first quarter of Caters as conductor) 9, G. Burt 10.

## THE KINGS' BIRTHDAY.

At Alvaston, Derbyshire, on Wednesday, June 3rd, to celebrate the King's birthday, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: C. Haycock 1, J. Bailey (conductor) 2, W. King 3, H. Hales 4, A. Mould 5, P. Tate 6. First 720 of Treble Bob for ringers of treble, 2nd, 5th and tenor.

At St. Mary's Church, Acton, for the King's birthday, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: C. Edwards 1, Robt. Fardon (conductor) 2, T. Beadle 3, J. W. Pruin 4, Robt. Holloway 5, Miss Hawksworth 6, W. Lidbetter 7, E. Easton 8.

At Shrewsbury, on Wednesday, June 3rd, the bells of St. Chad's rung in honour of the 60th birthday of His Majesty King George. The St. Chad's Society were pleased to welcome the Rev. F. L. Edwards, of Kingston Magna, Dorset; Mr. A. E. Coles, of Bridgewater, Somerset, both of whom were returning from the Central Council meeting. A touch of 374 Grandsire Cinques was rung by E. Lycett 1, C. Lee 2, J. Griffiths 3, W. B. Kynaston 4, R. Pole 5, J. E. Lilley 6, Rev. F. L. Edwards 7, J. Evans 8, A. E. Coles (first touch of Cinques) 9, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 10, W. Saunders 11, J. Evans 12.—Also 315 Stedman Caters and 112 Double Norwich Major.

At Solihull, Warwickshire, on Wednesday, June 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes), in 50 mins.: E. C. Shepherd (composer and conductor) 1, S. Bragg 2, G. A. Martineau 3, C. Bragg 4, H. Shepherd 5, R. Bragg 6, H. Bragg 7, Sam Bragg 8, J. Bragg 9, J. Martin 10. Rung to celebrate the King's birthday.

At Chester, on Wednesday, June 3rd, at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 52 mins., in honour of His Majesty's birthday: R. Sperring (conductor) 1, J. Hayes 2, W. Sconce 3, J. Swindley 4, G. Gerrard 5, C. Sconce 6, E. Channell 7, A. Watkin 8.

## PRESENTATION TO LANCASHIRE BRANCH SECRETARY.

At a well-attended meeting of the Blackburn Branch, held at Blackburn Parish Church, on Saturday, June 6th, the members took the opportunity of presenting Mr. John Watson an oak writing bureau as an appreciation of his devoted service as hon. secretary of the branch since 1906. Mr. H. Entwistle (Ringing Master) made the presentation, and Mr. Watson suitably acknowledged the gift, thanking all the members for their kindness.

## LADY RINGER'S WEDDING.

On June 11th, at St. Thomas' Church, Woolton Hill, the marriage took place of Mr. John F. Sale and Miss Stella Disney (youngest daughter of Canon and Mrs. Disney). The bride is a good change ringer, popular with the local band, and always attended regularly for Sunday service and practice ringing. It is mainly due to her efforts that a new treble is being added to the present ring of five.

By way of showing their appreciation, the ringers erected at the church porch an archway composed of handbells, with white Canterbury bells intermixed. They also presented the bride with a silver rose bowl.

As the bride and bridegroom were leaving the church, 480 Grandsire Doubles were rung: T. Lock 1, N. Scott 2, S. Bevan 3, H. Balaam (conductor) 4, J. Scott 5. The bells again rang out later as the happy couple started for their honeymoon, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), being brought round in 42 mins.: T. Lock 1, R. Rex 2, H. Balaam (conductor) 3, N. Scott 4, S. Bevan 5.

## LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

## GRIMSBY DISTRICT.

A Grimsby District meeting was held at Bigby on Saturday, June 6th, when members attended from Burton-on-Stather, Elsham, Brantston, St. Andrew's, Grimsby; St. James', Grimsby, Barrow-on-Humber, Brigg, and the local ringers, also the Rev. H. C. Frith, of Elsham, and the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, of Kingerby. Service was conducted by the president (the Rev. H. T. Parry), Rector of Bigby, Miss A. Peart presiding at the organ. Tea was partaken of in the School, to which 40 members sat down.

The president presided at the business meeting. Owing to the Deputy Ringing Master having been elected to the office of Ringing Master, through the resignation of Mr. R. S. Long, a Deputy Master had to be appointed, and Mr. J. Bray, of Burton-on-Stather, was elected.

Messrs. F. Stainton, T. Hall and L. Sargent were elected members. Letters of apology for non-attendance were read from the Rev. H. Park, of Thornton Curtis; the Rev. Mylne, of Burton-on-Stather; the Rev. T. Russell Warrilow, Vicar of St. Andrew's, Grimsby, and Mr. H. Rushby.

The President gave the members a very interesting report of the Central Council meeting, held at Chester, which was greatly appreciated. The Rev. E. W. Carpenter also spoke on the broadcasting of change ringing instead of so much tune ringing.

A hearty vote of thanks was given to the Rev. H. T. and Mrs. Parry, the local ringers, their wives and friends for providing such a splendid tea; also to the Rev. H. T. Parry for conducting the service; and to Miss A. Peart for presiding at the organ.

After the meeting, members again adjourned to the tower for more ringing. The methods rung during the day were Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Stedman Doubles, Bob Doubles and Grandsire Doubles, and rounds for beginners.

The next meeting is to be held at Thornton Curtis on Saturday, July 4th.

## CLEVELAND &amp; NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting was held at Ripon on Whit Monday, when 25 members and friends attended from Thirsk, Tadcaster, Darlington (St. John's), Stockton, Shildon, Sharow, Middlesbrough, Wath, Ripon, together with visitors from the Yorkshire Association, Lancashire Association and St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham. Dinner was provided at the Black Bull Hotel, presided over by the President (the Rev. A. Simpson), supported by the vice-president (Mr. W. Pick).

The toast of 'The Royal Family' was given by the President.

At the business meeting, the secretary's report and balance sheet were read and accepted. The Sunday Service sheets showed considerable improvement on previous years, the first certificate going to Saltburn, and the second to Middlesbrough.

The retiring officers were re-elected, with Mr. W. Newton (Stockton) as vice-president to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. J. W. Passman.

The meetings arranged for the year were as follows: September, Middlesbrough; Easter Monday, 1926, Skelton-in-Cleveland; and Whit Monday, Northallerton.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Dean and Chapter for the use of the Cathedral bells; also to the Vicar of Sharow for the use of the bells at that church. The bells at the Cathedral were rung both in the morning and afternoon to the methods of Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples and Caters, Kent Treble, Bob Major and Double Norwich.

**ROCK FERRY, CHESHIRE.**—On Whit Sunday, May 31st, for morning service, 720 of Kent Treble Bob: T. Birch 1, F. Banton 2, F. C. Amos 3, W. Dean 4, J. Hughes 5, J. Cooke (conductor) 6. First 720 of Treble Bob by the ringer of the 5th. The first 720 of Treble Bob on the bells by a local band was rung on May 20th, when T. Birch, F. Banton and J. Withers rung their first 720.



## NOTICES.

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Sunday, the 21st (6 p.m.); St. Magnus on the 25th; Southwark Cathedral on the 23rd; \*St. Mary le Bow on the 30th; all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Saturday, June 20th, at St. Mary's, Beddington. Tower open from 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5.30 at 1s. Business after. Everyone will be heartily welcomed.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, Chelsea, S.W.3.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Arksey, near Doncaster, on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (8) ready early. Short service at 4.30. Tea at 5, at 1s. 6d. per head.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 18, Royston Avenue, Doncaster.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Thomas, Helmsford, on Saturday, June 20th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 7 o'clock. Expecting a good attendance of members.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—First general quarterly meeting will be held at Bolsover on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (8) open for ringing from 2 p.m. onwards. Committee meeting 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m., followed by general meeting.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—Annual meeting at Carlton-in-Cleveland on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (8) available throughout afternoon and evening. Service in the Church at 4 o'clock. Tea at the Fox and Hounds Hotel, at 1s. 6d. per head. Business meeting immediately after tea. Annual subscriptions now due. All ringers cordially invited.—A. L. Henderson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Mayfield, Pickering.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Southern District.—The annual meeting for this district will be held at Aldershot on Saturday, June 20th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome.—H. F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whitefield on Saturday, June 20th. Bells ready 3.15. Meeting 7 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Banbury on Saturday, June 20th, with the idea of forming a Branch in that district. Short service in Parish Church at 4 p.m., tea and meeting afterwards.—R. T. Hilbert, 69, York Road, Reading.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Northaw on Saturday, June 20th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5.30. Tea (1s.) and meeting to follow. Nearest Stations, Cuffley or Potters Bar, from King's Cross or Broad Street, or bus from High Barnet to Potters Bar.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Western District will be held at Chester-le-Street on Saturday, June 20th. Bells available after 3 o'clock.—H. Tyson, Sec.

**LADIES' GUILD** (Midland District).—The annual meeting will be held at Hampton-in-Arden, on Saturday, June 20th. Bells available at 3.30. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea 5.30, followed by business meeting, at which election of officers will take place. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Mrs. Groves, 43, Malvern Road, Handsworth.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Handley on June 20th. Tower open 3, service 4.30. Members requiring tea please notify by June 16th.—J. W. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Aldford, Chester.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. A good company is requested. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, Dist. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, near Warrington, on Saturday, June 20th. Bells available 4 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

**ERITH PARISH CHURCH.**—The official opening of the bells takes place to-morrow (Saturday), June 20th, at 3 p.m. All ringers cordially invited.—F. J. Cullum, 78, West Street, Erith.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston and Farnsworth Branches.—A joint meeting of the above branches will be held at Lancaster on Saturday, June 20th, when the bells of the different towers in Lancaster will be available. All ringers welcome.—Fred Rigby and W. T. Clark, Branch Hon. Secs., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley, Lancs.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Dorchester Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at West Lulworth on Saturday, June 20th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Bells available at 3 p.m. West Lulworth (6), Wool (6), Puddletown (6), Bere Regis (6). Tea provided. Will those desiring tea please notify me by June 17th?—W. J. Bengier, Hon. Sec., 21, North Square, Dorchester.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Gargrave on June 27th. Bells will be available from 2 p.m. (8, tenor 16 cwt.). Tea will be provided in Parochial Hall, at 5 p.m., at a charge of 1s. each to all who notify Mr. W. H. Birt-whistle, West Street, not later than Tuesday, June 23rd. For further particulars see circular.—F. Hopgood, Dis. Sec., 8, Keswick Street, Laisterdyke.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Llantwit Major (Glam.) on Saturday, June 27th. Committee meeting at 4 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Members are asked to come, if possible, to the annual outing on June 27th to Marlow. Trains from Paddington at 1, 1.25 and 2.7 p.m. Return fare 3s. 5d. Tea 1s.—A. H. Keighley, 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Albans, Rochdale, on Saturday, June 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—The next meeting will be held at Brabourne on Saturday, June 27th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.45, for those who notify Mr. D. Finn, Brabourne, by the 23rd.—H. Parkes, Hon. Dis. Sec., Mersham, Ashford.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The Guildford and Yorktown Districts will hold a combined meeting at Yorktown on Saturday, June 27th. Bells available 3 p.m. Short service 5 p.m., followed by tea. Hawley bells will be available after the tea.—E. Raddon and J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Secs.

**SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.**—The 302nd anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 27th. Service at 12 o'clock. Lunch at 1 o'clock. Bells available all day from 9 a.m. All visitors welcome. Will those who wish to attend lunch kindly notify the secretary by the 23rd?—R. A. Strong, Hon. Sec.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Battle on Saturday, June 27th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All those intending to be present please notify me by June 24th.—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting and 8-bell contest will be held at All Souls' Church, Halifax, on Saturday, July 4th, the draw to take place at 2.45 p.m. Tea will be provided at 1s. 6d. each to all who notify, not later than June 30th, L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool and Wigan Branches.—A joint meeting will be held at Aughton on Saturday, June 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston, and James Wm. Grounds, 8, School Lane, Standish, Branch Secretaries.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at Ashted on Saturday, June 27th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Meeting after. Those requiring tea should inform Mr. John Wyatt, The Forge, Ashted, not later than Wednesday, June 24th.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Wallington.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Notttingham District.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Barton-in-Fabis on Saturday, June 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who advise Mr. F. J. Tite, Barton, Notts, not later than June 25th. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Clare District.—A meeting will be held at Haverhill on Saturday, June 27th. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Short business meeting at 5 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—D. Gridley, Sec., Clare.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held on Saturday, June 27th, at Langley (5) 3 p.m. and at Horton (6) 6.30 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names of those requiring tea should be sent to me not later than June 22nd.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Peterborough Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Yaxley on Saturday, June 27th. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, June 24th.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Stockport Branch.—A practice meeting will be held at Taxal on Saturday, June 27th.—John P. Fidler, Hon. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Kirkby Mallory and Peckleton on Saturday, June 27th. Bells available at Kirkby Mallory from 3 to 5 p.m. From 5 p.m. onwards at Peckleton. All ringers welcome.—W. Cope, Local Hon. Sec., Wigston Parva, Hinckley.

**HERTS ASSOCIATION.**—Charming scenery, sweet toned bells, good ringing. Tea and friendly gossip at Abbots Langley. Saturday, June 27th, at 3.30 p.m. Charles H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey, Herts. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, 23rd.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Central Division will be held at Lindfield on Saturday, July 4th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (by kind invitation of the Rector). Half rail fare (maximum 1s.). Will those who intend being present notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday, July 1st?—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Maurice Hall, Winchester, on Saturday, July 4th. Committee meeting at 11 a.m., general meeting at 2 p.m., service in Cathedral at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in St. Maurice Hall (6d. to members, 1s. to visitors), for those who notify me on or before July 1st. The following towers will be open for ringing: Cathedral (12), Twyford (8), St. Maurice, Winchester (6).—G. Pullinger, Hon. Sec., 17, Stoke Park Road, Eastleigh, Hants.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Thorne on Saturday, July 4th. The recently recast peal of 8 available from noon. Service at 5, and tea at 5.30, at 1s. 6d. each, to those who notify Mr. C. H. Thorley, 6, Bridge Street, Thorne, not later than Thursday, July 2nd. All visitors welcome.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, July 4th. Bells: Cathedral 3 to 3.45 and 5 to 5.45, St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) from 3 o'clock. Tea at Lloyd's Restaurant 5.50, 1s. 6d. (1s. to fully paid up members). Please send word by June 30th.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Harlington on Saturday, July 4th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Will arrange tea, with strawberries if possible.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 20, Duke Road, W.4.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—The Annual general meeting will be held at Reading, on Saturday, July 11th. Fuller particulars later.—Edith K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Enfield.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Minchhead on Saturday, July 18th. Particulars later.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

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#### THE LADIES' GUILD. WESTERN DISTRICT SECRETARYSHIP.

The annual meeting of the Western District was held on June 5th at Bath. In the afternoon ringing took place at St. Saviour's Church, where the members received a hearty welcome from the Rector (the Rev. A. Wilkinson M.A.), and several members of the tower. The Rector conducted the service in the church.

Tea was partaken of at Werry's Cafe, and was followed by the meeting. Mrs. C. Knowles, of Tiverton, kindly presided, and was elected a member of this district.—It was resolved to ask Miss Williams, of Bath—who was absent through a previous engagement—if she would fill the post of secretary.—It was also proposed to hold the next meeting at Weston-super-Mare, if possible.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector of St. Saviour's, and the Vicar of St. Michael's for the use of the bells, and to the Bath ringers.

A move was then made to St. Michael's tower, where the members were welcomed by the captain (Mr. Alford), Mr. Rich, and other friends.

**CROTHWAITE, KESWICK.**—On Sunday, May 24th, for evening service, two touches of 216 Stedman Triples: D. Usher 1, W. Hogg 2, J. Wilson 3, F. Barnes 4, T. Hogarth (conductor) 5, T. Hartley 6, F. Grisdale 7, H. Just 8.—On Sunday, May 31st, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples: T. Hartley 1, W. Hogg 2, F. Barnes 3, D. Usher 4, T. Wilson 5, F. Grisdale 6, T. Hogarth (conductor) 7, H. Just 8. Longest touch for ringers of 2nd and 3rd, who, with H. Just, only commenced to learn the method at Easter.

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