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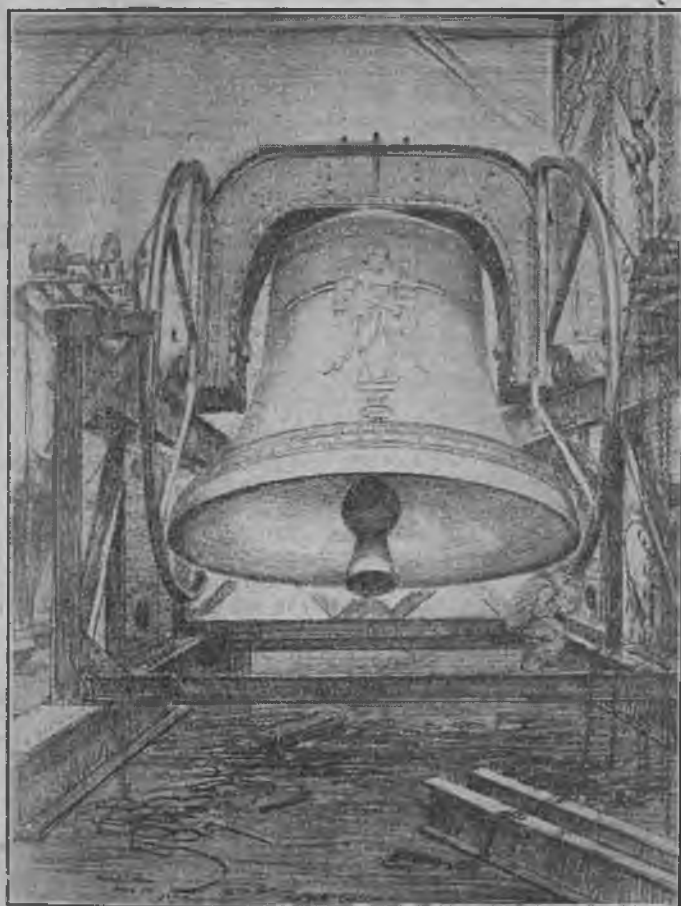
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There have been occasions when ringers have asked, after a meeting of the Central Council, 'What have they done?' and it has been difficult to point to any one useful action which has resulted from the proceedings. Last week's meeting at Hereford, however, was in striking contrast to many of its forerunners, and probably no previous gathering of the Council has accomplished so much at one meeting. In support of this view, let us set out some of the 'positive' actions taken: It was resolved to print a new edition of 'Rules for Local Companies,' a model upon which many bands frame their rules and the revision of which a committee has just completed. The collection of one-part peals of Treble Bob Major has also been completed by its particular committee, and was placed in the hands of the Council. The Methods Committee is ready and was authorised to print a revised edition of the 'Collection of Minor Methods,' and in this connection a controversy of five years' standing over the names was finally settled as the result of a series of motions, which gave the Council the opportunity of voting separately upon several of the various questions of principle which have been involved in regard to the titles. Then, the Towers and Belfries Committee were empowered to investigate the best methods of dealing with acoustic difficulties both inside and outside towers: definitions were adopted for bringing the requirements of six-bell peals into line with present practice and laying down for the first time recognised conditions for five-bell peals; while last, but certainly not least, the Council gave its approval to a scheme by which it is hoped to keep touch with young ringers when they move from one district to another.

That, without any of the other subjects on which progress was reported, was a programme of definite accomplishment not only creditable to the Council, but of real value to the Exercise, and is a complete answer to those who continue to put forward the argument—for which there may have been some justification years ago—that the Council is a useless body. It is becoming more and more representative of the Exercise, and with this increasing support its services to ringing are becoming more and more valuable. We have in season and out of season urged that the Council must be what the ringers, through their associations, like to make it. If they determine to make it a really live central authority they can do so, and there is evidence now that it is becoming more fully recognised in this direction. Although held in a somewhat 'inaccessible' part of the country, last week's meeting was the best attended of any outside

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London, and the spirit which pervaded both the business and the social side of the proceedings not only added to the pleasure of all concerned, but, we feel sure, did a great deal to convince those present, who may have had any doubt upon the subject, that the Central Council is a body which is of inestimable value to the Exercise as a co-ordinating force, and can be made of even greater utility if ringers will only give it the support to which it is entitled. On the other hand, the Council, by a programme of business, such as it disposed of at Hereford, will do a great deal to demonstrate to ringers that it is capable of and willing to do practical work on their behalf.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 30, 1928, in Three Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

CECIL C. MAYNE Treble	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 7
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 2	JAMES E. DAVIS... .. 8
*MISS ELSIE E. CHAPMAN... 3	*JAMES BENNETT... .. 9
GEORGE R. PYE... .. 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 10
CHARLES T. COLES 5	REUBEN SANDERS 11
JOHN HOLMAN 6	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal of Cambridge Maximus. Miss Chapman has now rung peals of Cambridge from Minor to Maximus, and is the first lady ringer to do so.

TEN BELL PEALS.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Monday, May 28, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

ARTHUR TOMLINSON Treble	WILLIAM E. WILSON 6
WILLIAM ROBINSON 2	*THOMAS WATSON 7
*THOMAS B. NEWTON 3	JAMES MARSH 8
EDWIN JENNINGS 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD 9
FREDERICK HINDLE 5	*THOMAS METCALFE Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

* First peal of Caters. First peal of Caters on the bells. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Wadham, of Millwood, on her 90th birthday. Ringers of treble, 5th and 6th belong to Blackburn, 8th to Ormskirk, 9th to Southport, 7th and tenor are local, the rest from Ambleside.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 28, 1928, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

GILBERT R. GOODSHIP ... Treble	*WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 6
WILLIAM PYE 2	EDWARD D. SMITH 7
JAMES BENNETT 3	HAROLD W. CLARK 8
JOHN HOLMAN 4	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 9
JAMES E. DAVIS 5	REUBEN SANDERS Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal of Royal.

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BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 31, 1928, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Stephen-the-Martyr,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

ALFRED E. REEVES Treble	WILLIAM H. SHUBER 6
ARTHUR PRINCE 2	JOHN A. BURFORD 7
WILLIAM H. THOMAS 3	HARRY BENNETT 8
ALFRED KING 4	WALTER FARLEY 9
ALBERT STOWELL 5	GEORGE E. CAPEWELL ... Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON, SEN. Conducted by ALFRED E. REEVES

Arranged for the ringers of 4th and 6th, visitors to the jubilee meeting of the association, who were staying the week in Bristol.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 2, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

ROBERT J. DAWE Treble	GEORGE W. STOKES 6
MRS. F. I. HAIRS 2	FRANK BENNETT 7
*FRED N. SMEATON 3	KEITH HART 8
*JACK M. CRIPPS 4	JOHN DEARLOVE 9
ALFRED W. GROVES 5	JAMES A. HART Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 25, 1928, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Matthew, Kingsdown,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

*REGINALD PARKER Treble	GILBERT PEARCE 5
MRS. R. J. WILKINS 2	EDGAR GUISE 6
*ARTHUR DURBIN 3	JOHN G. JEFFRIES 7
EDGAR LEWIS 4	ALBERT PARKER Tenor

Conducted by JOHN G. JEFFRIES.

* First peal. The treble ringer is not yet aged 14. Rung for the Association's jubilee.

PENSHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 26, 1928, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB AND SINGLE.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

BRO. BERNARD PANKHURST Treble	P.G. BRO. HARRY SEAL ... 5
BRO. PERCY G. DENTON ... 2	BRO. GEORGE EDWARDS ... 6
BRO. ARTHUR WILES 3	P.G. BRO. ERNEST EVEREST '7
BRO. ARCHIBALD DENTON ... 4	BRO. CHARLES BAKER ... Tenor

Conducted by BRO. GEORGE EDWARDS.

Rung in honour of the 61st birthday of Her Majesty the Queen. All the above are members of the Loyal Leicester Lodge of the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows, and it is believed to be the first peal rung by members of one lodge. Ringers of 1st, 2nd and 4th hail from Leigh, 3rd and 7th from Chiddingstone, 5th, 6th and tenor belong to the local band.

TURVEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 26, 1928, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr.

PEARL INSKIP Treble	WILLIAM STOCK 5
*JOSEPH SHARP 2	WILLIAM SHARP 6
HENRY W. GAYTON 3	HERBERT L. HARLOW 7
HENRY STAPLETON 4	JOHN T. NEWINGTON ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. GAYTON. Conducted by J. T. NEWINGTON.

* First peal of Major 'inside.' First peal of Major as conductor. This composition is now rung for the first time.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 26, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	*CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 5
*THOMAS HEMMING 2	ALFRED HACKETT 6
THOMAS J. SALTER 3	*HECTOR G. BIRD 7
JOHN SMITH 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Bird, of Old Hill, mother of H. G. Bird.

BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 26, 1928, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BANKES' SIX-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

H. JONES Treble	S. HOLT 5
P.C. D. BROWN 2	F. STONELEY 6
J. HALL 3	P.C. J. CARTER 7
A. FROST 4	G. WHITELEG Tenor

Conducted by F. STONELEY.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. E. Burroughs, the respected captain of this tower, who has been a service ringer for 50 years; also a birthday compliment to H. S. Kellett.

NORTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Whit Monday, May 28, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*STANLEY F. CLARKE Treble	ALPHAUS J. BERRY 5
ERNEST F. POPPY 2	LESLIE G. BRETT 6
DAVID WHITING 3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 7
ALBERT G. HARRISON ... 4	WILLIAM STEGGAIL ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY

* First peal of Major and first attempt. David Whiting was elected a member of the Guild prior to starting for the peal.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Whit Monday, May 28, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

*JOHN HOBBS Treble	HENRY HARRISON 5
WILLIAM THORNEY 2	*NORMAN HEMMINGTON ... 6
*FRANK BRADLEY 3	ALFRED BARRATT 7
*SAMUEL PINDER 4	EDWARD C. GOBEY ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

KINVER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Whit Monday, May 28, 1928, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THORSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

SAMUEL BAKER Treble	BENJAMIN GOUGH 5
WILLIAM FISHER 2	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 6
FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 3	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 7
JOSEPH F. SIMPSON 4	*HARRY BOSWELL Tenor

Conducted by C. WALLATER.

* First peal in the method. First on eight bells. Rung on the occasion of the silver wedding of the treble ringer. Also as a birthday compliment to the first grandson of the ringer of the fourth, who kindly entertained the ringers and their friends to tea after the peal.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.—On May 15th, for Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins.: Miss B. Stadden 1, Miss A. Stokes (conductor) 2, Miss Stokes 3, Mrs. Edwards 4, Miss Orchard 5, Mr. Goldstone 6, Mr. Gillingham 7, Mr. Calbourn 8.

ROSS, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 26, 1928, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt. in E flat.

T. BALDWIN	Treble	W. BIBBY	5
J. AUSTIN	2	J. BIBBY	6
W. T. POSTON	3	J. CLARK	7
W. POSTON	4	E. V. RODENBURST	Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by J. AUSTIN.

EYE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 26, 1928, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM MUSK	Treble	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	5
ALPHAEUS J. BERRY	2	DAVID WHITING	6
JAMES BETTS	3	WILLIAM CLOVER	7
ALBERT G. HARRISON	4	WILLIAM STEGGALL	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM STEGGALL.

Rung in honour of the 61st birthday of Her Majesty Queen Mary.

PALGRAVE.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, May 28, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

WILLIAM C. RUMSEY	Treble	ALPHAEUS J. BERRY	5
ERNEST F. POPPY	2	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	6
ALBERT G. HARRISON	3	GEORGE ARCHER	7
DAVID WHITING	4	WILLIAM STEGGALL	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM STEGGALL.

ROSS, HEREFORDSHIRE.

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

On Monday, May 28, 1928, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 24½ cwt. in E flat.

JOHN CLARK	Treble	SAMUEL GROVE	5
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.	2	JAMES E. GROVES	6
ERNEST T. ALLAWAY	3	STAFFORD H. GREEN	7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	4	WILLIAM H. BARBER	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

First peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 28, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION.

MISS DOROTHY FUTTER	Treble	JACK HONEY	5
MISS RUBY HAZELL	2	ALBERT E. LOCK	6
MRS. A. E. LOCK	3	GORDON CAUDWELL	7
JOHN NOBES	4	JOHN A. FRANKUM	Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.

This was Mrs. A. E. Lock's 100th peal.

NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 29, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION.

Tenor 19 cwt.

ANDREW TULLY	Treble	JAMES C. GRAY	5
EDWARD A. HERN	2	ALBERT E. ADAMSON	6
JAMES E. SCOTT	3	ADAM DEAS	7
JOSEPH ROBERTSON	4	ROBERT SKEOCH	Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD A. HERN.

* First peal. The ringer of the sixth hails from Chester-le-Street.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, May 29, 1928, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 4 lb.

* JOHN ROUND	Treble	WILLIAM GREEN	5
SAMUEL BAKER	2	BENJAMIN GOUGH	6
WILLIAM FISHER	3	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	7
ALFRED ROWLEY	4	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD	Tenor

Composed by GEO. HAYWARD. Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

* First peal and first attempt in the method. The ringer of the 3rd was elected a member previous to starting. Rung in the octave of the Whitsun festival.

LYMINGTON, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 30, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr.

* STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG	Treble	STANLEY E. ANDREWS	5
* FRANCIS G. BLAKE	2	GEORGE PRESTON	6
† ARTHUR V. DAVIS	3	JAMES E. FIGGURES	7
* FRANK HOOD	4	* HARRY J. GILLARD	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESTON.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire. Rung as quarterly peal of the Christchurch district. The ringer of treble belong to Brockenhurst, 2nd to Sopley, 3rd and 5th to St. Peter's, Bournemouth, 4th and 7th to Lymington, 6th and tenor to Christchurch.

TETTENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, May 30, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

HERBERT KNIGHT	Treble	WILLIAM FISHER	5
ABRAHAM E. WINTERTON	2	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	6
JOHN PERRY	3	ROBERT PICKERING	7
EDWARD F. MITCHELL	4	EDWARD GENNA	Tenor

Conducted by R. PICKERING.

W. Fisher's 300th peal. First of Stedman as conductor and first attempt.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 31, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.	Treble	* EDWARD J. BEER	5
* EDWIN BARNETT, JUN.	2	† HERBERT A. HOLDEN	6
* THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.	3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	4	FREDERICK J. COLLOM, JUN.	Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

* First peal of New Cambridge. † First peal of Surprise inside.

DUNMOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 2, 1928, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

ERNEST J. BUTLER	Treble	* FRANK CLAYDON	5
ALBERT W. COLES	2	* WALTER ARNOLD	6
CHARLES T. COLES	3	* LEWIS W. WIFFEN	7
GEORGE R. PYE	4	WILLIAM PYE	Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

NEWPORT PAGNELL, BUCKS.—On Saturday, April 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins.: F. Mapeley 1, H. Lear (conductor) 2, E. Yates 3, E. Whitlock 4, W. Pedley 5, E. Lathall 6, W. Smith 7, R. Hall 8. First quarter-peal by treble and 4th ringers. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. C. Beard, one of the local ringers.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 2, 1928, in Three Hours.

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES HUNT Treble	WILLIAM G. GIGG 5
ALFRED J. WYATT 2	WILLIAM H. LLOYD 6
*ARTHUR H. REED 3	PERCY SPARKES 7
WILLIAM H. COLES 4	PERCY MERSON Tenor

Conducted by PERCY SPARKES.

* First peal on eight bells. First peal on eight as conductor. Rung to celebrate the King's birthday.

The following four peals were rung by members of the Kent County Association in East Kent during the Whitsun holiday:—

FOLKESTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 26, 1928, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

At the Church of SS. Mary and Eanswyth.

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

Tenor 25 cwt.

*HORACE WHITEHEAD ... Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	FRANK BENNETT 6
HARRY BAKER 3	CHARLES W. PLAYER 7
ROBERT J. DAWE 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method, also on the bells.

CHERITON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 26, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

At the Church of St. Martin.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 7½ cwt.

ROBERT J. DAWE Treble	CHARLES W. PLAYER 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	HARRY BAKER 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	*CHARLES FRANKLIN 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT.

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN

* First peal in the method, also on the bells.

DOVER, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 29, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

ROBERT J. DAWE Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	HORACE WHITEHEAD 6
CHARLES MILLWAY 3	CHARLES W. PLAYER 7
KENNETH PATTENDEN 4	HORACE JORDAN Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Mr. Jordan was elected a member previous to starting for the peal.

ASH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 28, 1928, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

At the Church of St. Nicholas.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

HORACE WHITEHEAD ... Treble	ROBERT J. DAWE 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	KENNETH PATTENDEN 6
FRANK BENNETT 3	LUTHER HONESS 7
CHARLES MILLWAY 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN

KNIGHTON, RADNOR.—At St. Edward's Church, on May 30th, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes): R. H. Jones 1, E. W. Watkins 2, W. J. Benians 3, J. J. Price 4, T. H. Y. Smallwood 5, F. Evans (conductor) 6, G. C. Abley 7.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BULKINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 22, 1928, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED E. BACON ... Treble	CHARLES G. BATES 4
JOSEPH E. SYKES 2	†CECIL T. NEALE 5
*ALFRED HINDS 3	JAMES H. RAPER Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. RAPER.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. D. F. E. Sykes, mother of the second ringer.

BULKINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, May 28, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

At the Church of St. James.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 extents.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED E. BACON ... Treble	†WILLIAM A. MEEK 3
*WILLIAM A. STOTE 2	JOSEPH E. SYKES 4
JAMES H. RAPER ... Tenor	

Conducted by JAMES H. RAPER.

* First peal of Doubles. † First attempt for a peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. R. Raper, mother of the conductor.

CADOXTON, NEATH.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Whit Monday, May 28, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings.

HARRY BOYCE ... Treble	DAVID J. LEWIS 4
*TERRY DAVIES 2	GWYN I. LEWIS 5
CYRIL LAKE 3	*ARTHUR PYNNE Tenor

Conducted by G. I. LEWIS.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. D. J. Lewis. Thanks are due to the ringer of the treble, who stood in at a minute's notice.

EXHALL, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 29, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

*WILFRED BARNETT ... Treble	†WILLIAM A. STOTE 4
ALFRED E. BACON 2	†CHARLES G. BATES 5
JAMES H. RAPER 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

* First attempt for a peal. † First 720 in the method. Rung on the birthday of William T. Chown.

SIBSEY, LINGS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 2, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*MRS. H. HARPER ... Treble	WILLIAM HOUGHTON 4
*WILLIAM WILKINSON 2	HAROLD HARPER 5
*HARRY JOHNSON 3	WILLIAM E. CLARKE Tenor

Conducted by W. E. CLARKE.

* First peal. Mrs. Harper is the first lady ringer to ring a peal for the Eastern Branch. Five of the company are Sunday service ringers.

DATE TOUCHES.

At Lamberhurst, Kent, on Sunday, May 20th, for evensong, a late touch of Surprise (1,928 changes), being 128 London and 120 each of Immanuel, Lightfoot, Stamford, Wearmouth, Hexham, Surfleet, Berwick, Beverley, York, Durham, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Cambridge and Norwich: A. Henley 1, B. Luck 2, G. Fuller 3, A. Marshall 4, A. Relfe 5, A. Smith 6.

On Tuesday, April 24th, at St. Peter's Church, Bramley, Leeds, 1,928 Oxford Treble Bob Major in 1 hr. 12 mins.: W. Waterhouse 1, S. Helliwell 2, Frank Blacketh 3, Fred Blacketh 4, J. Guy 5, F. Jackson 6, Hy. Blacketh 7, J. W. T. Holgate (conductor) 8.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

GRANTS FROM BELFRY REPAIRS FUND.

The annual meeting of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild was held at Thrapston on Whit Monday. Following a meeting of the Central Committee in the schools, the Guild form of service was held in the Parish Church at noon, and was well attended, being conducted by the Rector, the Rev. A. G. Bagshaw. Miss Kingsford presided at the organ, and the lesson was read by the Master of the Guild, Mr. F. Wilford.

In the course of his address, the Rector, making a call for more young ringers, said many hands were below strength, and that meant far too much work being thrown on those who already gave a great deal of their time to this branch of church work. They showed a thorough feeling of fellowship and brotherhood as they went from one belfry to another to help those who were short-handed. He would like to take that opportunity of thanking the captain of his own belfry (Mr. J. Nickerson), who for 30 years had done noble service for that particular branch of church work.

Lunch was served at the White Hart Hotel, 96 sitting down. This was followed by the business meeting, presided over by the Master (Mr. F. Wilford). Amongst those present were Rev. R. C. Thursfield, J.P., Rev. G. H. L. Hopper, Rev. A. G. Bagshaw, Rev. C. R. C. Wakefield, Canon A. M. Luckock, Rev. E. C. Channer, Messrs. W. T. Wilson (treasurer), S. F. Millward (auditor), R. G. Black (general sec.), F. Barber, H. Baxter and J. Nickerson (branch secretaries), J. J. Jutson (treasurer, Peterborough Branch), Miss Thursfield (hon. secretary, Northants Branch of Ladies' Guild), Messrs. F. Warrington (Long Stanton), J. A. Waugh (London), D. Vincent (Nottingham), J. Brothwell (Rotherham), W. P. Whitehead (Leicester), E. A. Marsh (Husbands Bosworth), S. J. Loasby (Kettering), and D. J. Nichols (late general secretary). Apologies for absence were received from the Very Rev. the Dean of Peterborough (the president), Canon J. P. Friend, Rev. D. A. Jones, Rev. G. M. Davidson, Rev. C. J. Watkins, Messrs. F. Hopper and T. Tebbut (who had that morning left for the Central Council meeting which was being held at Hereford the following day), Mr. A. E. York, Mr. W. H. Waldron and Miss E. Jutson.

The officers were re-elected en bloc, with best thanks for their past services, on the proposition of Mr. W. Perkins, seconded by Mr. D. J. Nichols, who said he was quite sure no Guild had been better served. The Chairman briefly responded. The officers re-elected were: President, the Very Rev. the Dean of Peterborough; Master, Mr. F. Wilford; hon. treasurer, Mr. W. T. Wilson; hon. secretary, Mr. R. G. Black; hon. auditor, Mr. S. F. Millward.

The next annual meeting is to be held at Kettering, on the recommendation of the Central Committee. A special general meeting is to be arranged at Weedon on September 29th, when it is hoped to secure the services of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, to preach at the service.

Amongst the grants from the Belfry Repairs Fund which were recommended by the Central Committee and ratified by the meeting were £10 to St. Peter's, Northampton, where the ring of eight has recently been rehung, and £10 to Yaxley, near Peterborough, where a cracked bell is to be recast and another quarter turned. Since the Belfry Repairs Fund (which consists of collections at Guild services) was started in 1917, £126 has been collected and grants made of £58 3s.

An interesting feature of the day's proceedings was a presentation, organised by the Wellingborough Branch, to their president, the Venerable Archdeacon Greaves, Vicar of Finedon, on his giving up the benefice on leaving for Peterborough. The gift consisted of a group photograph of about 75 members of the Guild (with the Archdeacon in the centre), taken on the Vicarage lawn at Finedon. The photograph, in a dark frame, about four feet by two feet six, was a fine piece of work, and an ivory plate on the frame bore the inscription: 'Presented to the Venerable Archdeacon Greaves by the members of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild of Bellringers on his leaving Finedon, May 28th, 1928.'

After a few appropriate remarks by Mr. F. Barber, Wellingborough Branch secretary, he asked the Master to make the presentation.—This the Master did in an apt speech, to which the Archdeacon suitably replied and expressed his best thanks.

In moving a comprehensive vote of thanks to the Rector of Thrapston, for the service and for his practical address, to the organist, Miss Kingsford, to the clergy for the use of the respective peals of bells so kindly placed at the disposal of the members, to the Thrapston Branch officers for the splendid arrangements, the Rev. R. C. Thursfield wished the Rev. A. G. Bagshaw every happiness in the new benefice (Finedon) to which he would presently be moving.—Rev. G. H. L. Hopper seconded.—The Rev. A. G. Bagshaw, in his reply, said he was sure they would all be sorry to know that Miss Kingsford was leaving them, and to wish her all happiness, and thank her for her services in connection with the Guild.—A vote of thanks to the chairman closed the meeting.

LONDON.—At St. Andrew's, Wells Street, W., for evensong, May 30th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) from Carter's (old Bob peal A. Culmore 1. J. H. Walsom 2. C. D. Nichols 3. Robt. Thomson 4. H. Dyes 5. C. F. Winney 6. Robt. Fardon (conductor) 7. Mrs. R. A. Fardon 8.

DEVON GUILD.

WEDDING GIFT TO THE PRESIDENT.

The fifty-fourth annual meeting of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, held at Barnstaple on Whit Monday, was attended by 150 members and friends, quite one half of the large gathering coming from all parts of the county by road.

A hearty service was held in Barnstaple Parish Church, the address being given by Preb. Wallington, Vicar of Barnstaple, from the text, 'Exalt the Lord, put forth all your strength.' He alluded to the circumstance of the Guild holding their meeting in a district where change ringing was practically unknown, and yet ringers, in discharging a service to God, were all one brotherhood and churchworkers to the best of their ability. They were not always recognised; the churchwardens, organist and other officers figured on the parish magazine, but the ringers often seemed to be regarded as outsiders, an anomaly which had been remedied in his parish. He emphasised the advisability of ringers being recognised on their Church Councils, and using every endeavour to get the younger men interested in bell-ringing.—Dr. Edwards presided at the organ, and gave a new rendering of the tune for the second Guild hymn.

After luncheon at Bromley's Restaurant, an interesting episode was a presentation to the president (Rev. E. S. Powell), on the occasion of his marriage, of a gentleman's mahogany wardrobe and set of eight handbells, subscribed for by members of the Guild, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. Maitland Kelly, ex-president of the Guild. Mr. Kelly, in a happy speech, referred to Mr. Powell's untiring energy, self-denying zeal, and great ability. Having gained the highest honours in mathematics at Oxford, he now displayed his skill in composition to the benefit of the Exercise. Mr. Kelly humorously prophesied that the wardrobe might one day be used to contain Mr. Powell's episcopal robes. The wardrobe, of course, could not be brought to the meeting, but the handbells were in evidence, and rung through a plain course of Grandsire Triples by Messrs. E. W. Marsh, F. J. Davey, G. H. Myers and R. Grater, the tone and performance being much admired. Accompanying the presents was a book containing a list of the 418 subscribers, all members of the Guild.

Mr. Powell, in returning thanks, said he found it difficult to express his feelings of gratitude for such tokens of affection and esteem, and kind thought in providing such really useful presents. He urged all members to continued unabated their zeal for the spread of change ringing, to aim at the highest ideals, with a constant endeavour to improve the quality of their striking, and to make every possible advance in the practice of higher methods. He thought Mr. Kelly's reference to the future use of the wardrobe somewhat wide of the mark, as he believed that two-thirds of it had already been reserved for hanging ladies' dresses (laughter and applause).

The ordinary business of the meeting consisted of the adoption of the annual report and financial statement for 1927, a summary of which appeared in 'The Ringing World' of April 6th last. The balance sheet showed a balance of £41 10s. 6d. in hand at the end of the year. The officers were re-elected as before, viz., Rev. E. S. Powell, president; Mr. T. G. Bartlett, hon. treasurer; and Mr. T. Laver, general secretary.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar of Barnstaple and organist for the service, to which the latter responded.

Tiverton was selected as the place for holding the annual meeting in 1929.

Five new members of the Marland St. Peter's band were elected and awarded certificates, having only commenced learning at Christmas last under the instruction of their Vicar, the Rev. W. H. Szale. The large gathering subsequently dispersed for ringing at Barnstaple, Pilton and Bishop's Tawton. Braunton tower had also been arranged for, but for various reasons none of the hands were able to keep their appointments there, for which the committee have to apologise to the steeplekeeper.

T. L.

SURPRISE MINOR IN CHESHIRE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Allow me very heartily to congratulate the St. Nicholas' Wallasey, company, who have recently rung a peal in seven Surprise Minor methods. They deserve great praise for their performance. It is, however, not the first such performance by the Chester Guild.

The Grappenhall company were the first to ring a peal in seven Surprise methods. This they did on December 3rd, 1898, the methods being Wells, London, Worcester, York, Bristol, Superlative and Cambridge. All these methods were 'regular' at the time, so this record must stand. Two peals in the same seven methods have also been performed outside the county by the Chester Guild, viz., at Walton-on-the-Hill, Liverpool, on June 2nd, 1914, and on the 22nd of the same month at Crosby, Lancashire.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE R. NEWTON.

[Mr. J. E. Ashcroft also writes calling attention to the peal rung at Grappenhall.]

BEGINNERS' FIRST QUARTER PEAL.

At Hensbridge, Somerset, on Thursday, May 31st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): D. Pickford 1. W. C. Shute 2. W. J. Coombs (conductor) 3. F. Lovelace 4. F. Hopkins 5. T. J. Setter 6. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1st, 4th and 5th, who are members of the local band.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**MEETING AT ILKLEY.**

A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held at Ilkley on Saturday, May 19th, when the bells of the Parish Church of St. Peter were available for ringing from 2 p.m. onward. Ilkley has many claims to the regard of members of the Yorkshire Association, it having been the birthplace of the famous Snowdon brothers, who for a period of nearly forty years guided the fortunes of the Association in their capacity as president. Some eighty members took advantage of the invitation of the local branch, and the bells were rung in a variety of methods.

The day's proceedings commenced with a meeting of the general committee, following which a bountiful tea was served in the Church Institute. While tea was being served, Rev. Canon Hamer (the Vicar of Ilkley) came in to extend a hearty welcome to the members who had braved the stormy weather, and regretted that time would not allow his staying to the meeting. He expressed the hope that the association would visit Ilkley again in the near future. The general meeting followed immediately after tea. The president (Rev. C. C. Marshall) was in the chair, supported by the principal officers of the association.

The Chairman announced to the meeting the death of Mr. J. McKell, of Gargrave. The deceased was one of the few surviving members who had been associated with Mr. J. W. Snowdon, having joined the association in 1877. In moving a vote of condolence with Mrs. McKell and family in their bereavement, the Chairman regretted that no word had been sent to the responsible officers of the association until after the funeral. If such notification had been made, representatives would have attended the funeral.

The vote of condolence was carried by the members rising in silence, and the secretary was instructed to write a letter of condolence to Mrs. McKell.

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. F. Cryer, G. Lewis, G. Halksworth, F. W. Dale, F. Clark, H. Walker and F. Barker.

As no invitations had been received for the September meeting, the recommendation of the General Committee to hold the next meeting at Ripon was agreed to subject to suitable arrangements being made.

Miss Constance Wade and Mr. W. Foster were elected as members of the association.

A statement was made as to the progress of the testimonial fund to Mr. J. Cotterell, who has been treasurer of the association for twenty-one years, and the Chairman requested that intending subscribers should send their subscriptions to him personally at the earliest convenient date.

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'IRENÆUS PISTOR.'

We have to acknowledge the following further sums towards the 'Irenæus Pistor' fund: St. John's Guild, Portmadoc, North Wales, per Mr. F. J. Williams, 13s.; 'B,' 10s. Total, £207 8s.

NORFOLK GUILD.**THE PROPOSED DISTRICT REORGANISATION.**

The Norfolk Guild of Ringers held their Whit Monday meeting at Fakenham, when, by the kind permission of the Rev. J. Pole Simeon (Rector), the ring of eight bells of the Parish Church were at their disposal throughout the day. This being the first meeting of the Guild at this church since the bells were rehung, the members availed themselves of the opportunity of making a good test, which proved satisfactory. Luncheon was served at the Crown Hotel, Mr. Arthur L. Coleman (secretary) presiding, supported by the following officers of the Guild: Messrs. R. W. Cooke, W. B. Duncan, W. L. Duffield, W. J. Howson, and representatives from Diss, Gressenhall, King's Lynn, and Mr. T. Fitzjohn, of Scartho, Great Grimsby. The Secretary apologised for the absence of the president (the Archdeacon of Norwich), and read letters of apology from the Rector of Fakenham and Messrs. F. Price and J. F. Duffield.

The toast, 'The King,' was proposed by the Chairman and duly honoured.

The Secretary moved the ratification of the belfry elections of Mr. James Bennett, of Otley, and Mr. Cecil George Silver, of Northrepps.

A short debate then took place on the suggested reorganisation of the Guild into three divisions, coterminous with the three archdeaconries in place of the eleven existing districts. The project was favourably received, and the speakers considered that the matter should be further investigated before any steps are taken in the form for motion.

The members then adjourned to the belfry for further ringing, and were joined by latecomers from Norwich and Wisbech, and Mr. W. White, of Cotgrave.

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A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of Ilkley for kindly granting the use of the bells of the Parish Church was moved by Mr. C. D. Potter, seconded by Mr. J. Cotterell; and a vote of thanks to the local company and the ladies for their kind arrangements was moved by Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by Mr. L. W. G. Morris.—Mr. J. Bazeley replied on behalf of the local company, and regretted that the weather had been so bad. He thanked the members for their appreciation.

No further business being forthcoming, the meeting was brought to a close.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The attendance, numbering 78, at the meeting of the Central Council at Hereford on Whitsun Tuesday was a record for a provincial meeting, and only on two occasions in London (in 1927 and 1924) has there been a larger attendance.

Thirty-six out of the 46 associations and Guilds affiliated to the Central Council were represented at the Hereford meeting.

The Central Council is to meet next year at Chelmsford.

James Barham's name is to be perpetuated in the Exercise by calling No. 14 of the Third's Place Delight, 'Barham Delight.' Barham was a famous Kent ringer, and his name is now given to the method which had been called 'Kent Delight,' in order to save confusion with another and older method already known as 'Kentish Delight.'

Mr. Elwell's 'dead horse' (the deletion of floral names for methods) has proved more extraordinary than even he thought possible. He admitted that every time it had been flogged it had galloped halfway up the course. This time it was flogged so successfully that it came in an easy winner.

In connection with the discussion on this subject it is worth while recalling that the names which have been altered were published by the Analysis Committee in 'The Ringing World' on March 30th, 1925. The first peal with the methods Foxglove, Marigold, Daffodil, Shamrock, Bluebell, Geranium and Dahlia was rung at Norbury, Cheshire, on May 8th, 1924, so that there is no question as to which came first—the name or the ringing of the method.

The missing copies of the new edition of 'Rules and Decisions,' about which inquiries were made after the Council meeting, have all now been accounted for.

Mr. E. Alex Young, the hon. secretary and treasurer of the Central Council, has been elected to the livery of the Worshipful Company of Musicians (one of the old city companies).

It is reported that the four trebles at Saffron Walden, Essex, where there is a ring of twelve bells, are to be recast.

The peal of Treble Ten, at St. Peter's, Brighton, on Whit Monday, was Mr. A. J. Turner's 350th peal, 207 of them having been rung with Mr. Keith Hart in the course of over 35 years' friendship. The first peal they rang together was on September 3rd, 1892. Mr. Turner has been for forty years a steadfast member of the band at Southover, Lewes.

Miss Elsie Chapman is the first lady to ring peals of Cambridge from Minor to Maximus.

'Uncle Justacuss' writes: 'If the extension of Plain Bob on five to six is Plain Bob, perhaps the Editor will publish the figures of St. Simon's on five and its extension to six, so that the Methods Committee will know what we should call it.'

We need not print the figures, 'Uncle Justacuss.' If the Minor is tricked out in fine feathers to make it a regular method, it becomes St. Clement's. But you already know this, don't you, you wily old bird?

And how about this? London Bob Minor reversed is called Hereward Bob. Hereward Bob Minor extended to Major is called Hereward Bob Major. Hereward Bob Major reversed is named Pershore Bob Major! Hence, presumably, Pershore and London are synonymous.

It reminds us of a man who wore a waistcoat. Sometimes he turned it about and then called it a shirt, and when he turned it back he called it his pyjamas.

A peal of 16,800 Kent Treble Bob Major (then the longest peal) was rung at Mottram by the Cheshire Guild on June 8th, 1906.

The first peal in America was rung at Philadelphia on June 9th, 1850.

The faculty for the recasting of St. Martin's bells, Birmingham, is expected this week, so that the removal of the present ring will not now be long delayed.

The fete organised for wiping out the debt on Ickleton bells was a great success. About £150 was wanted, and more than this sum was realised, the gross receipts being £261.

PROPOSED RINGERS' MASONIC LODGE.

To the Editor

Dear Sir,—It is proposed to form a Ringers' Lodge of Freemasons, to meet on Saturdays in Birmingham three or four times per year. Twelve ringing brethren have already promised to act as founders of the proposed lodge, and in due course I will forward particulars of the proposal to them and also to those I have already had the opportunity of discussing the matter with.

I shall be very pleased to communicate with any other ringing brethren who are at all interested in the proposal, on receipt of their address.—Yours faithfully,

45, Engleton Road, Radford, Coventry.

FRANK W. PERRENS.

DEATH OF THE REV. A. G. LANGDON.

The Rev. A. G. Langdon, Rector of Great Munden, Herts, and a member of the Cambridge University Guild, the Herts County Association and the Devon Guild, recently passed away very suddenly, and the ringers and parishioners and others desire to raise a memorial to his name, which, if funds permit, will be in the form of a porch to the church. Subscriptions will be gratefully received by Mr. B. Patmore, Great Munden, Ware, Herts, and a list of subscribers from the Exercise will be published in 'The Ringing World.'

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

SPECIAL REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS AT HEREFORD.

The meeting of the Central Council at Hereford on Whit Tuesday was attended by 78 members. The proceedings took place in St. Peter's Church House, and Canon G. F. Coleridge (Oxford Diocesan Guild) presided. There were also present Mr. E. Alex. Young (hon. secretary and treasurer), Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Oxford Diocesan Guild) (hon. librarian), and representatives of the following affiliated bodies:—

Ancient Society of College Youths: Messrs. A. A. Hughes and T. W. Faulkner.
 Bath and Wells Diocesan Association: Messrs. J. Hunt and H. W. Brown.
 Bedfordshire Association: Canon W. W. C. Baker.
 Cambridge University Guild: Mr. E. M. Atkins.
 Chester Diocesan Guild: Rev. C. A. Clements, Messrs. E. W. Elwell, R. D. Langford and R. Sperring.
 Devon Guild: Rev. E. S. Powell and Mr. F. J. Davey.
 Dudley and District Guild: Mr. S. J. Hughes.
 Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association: Mr. W. H. Barber.
 East Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Association: Messrs. H. G. Fretwell and J. Lord.
 Essex Association: Messrs. G. R. Pye and E. J. Butler.
 Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association: Messrs. W. A. Cave and E. Guise.
 Guildford Diocesan Guild: Messrs. A. H. Poling and R. Whittington.
 Hereford Diocesan Guild: Messrs. C. Edwards and J. Clark.
 Hertford County Association: Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake.
 Kent County Association: Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, Messrs. T. Groombridge, sen., and E. Barnett, sen.
 Ladies' Guild: Mrs. G. W. Fletcher.
 Lancashire Association: Messrs. W. H. Shaker and P. Crook.
 Lincoln Diocesan Guild: Rev. H. Law James, Rev. H. T. Parry, Messrs. R. Richardson and G. W. Chester.
 Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association: Mr. J. W. Jones.
 London County Association: Mr. A. D. Barker.
 Middlesex County Association: Messrs. F. A. Milne, C. T. Coles and W. H. Hollier.
 Midland Counties Association: Mr. J. H. Swinfield.
 Oxford Diocesan Guild: Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Messrs. F. W. Hopgood and J. Evans.
 Peterborough Diocesan Guild: Messrs. F. Wilford, R. G. Black, T. Tebbutt and F. Hopper.
 St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham: Mr. A. Paddon Smith.
 Salisbury Diocesan Guild: Rev. F. L. Edwards, Messrs. T. H. Deans and S. Hillier.
 Shropshire Association: Mr. W. Saunders.
 Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford: Messrs. H. Knight and T. J. Elton.
 Suffolk Guild: Rev. H. Drake and Mr. C. Mee.
 Surrey Association: Mr. J. D. Drewett.
 Swansea and Brecon Guild: Mr. A. J. Pitman.
 Truro Diocesan Guild: Mr. W. H. Southard.
 Warwickshire Guild: Mr. F. W. Perrens.
 Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild: Mr. G. Williams.
 Worcestershire and Districts Association: Messrs. T. J. Salter, R. G. Knowles and C. A. Binyon.
 Yorkshire Association: Messrs. P. J. Johnson and J. Cotterell.
 Hon. members: Revs. C. D. P. Davies, A. T. Beeston and H. S. T. Richardson, Messrs. J. S. Pritchett, J. Griffin, J. H. B. Hesse, J. A. Trollope, J. George, and J. S. Goldsmith.
 Apologies for absence were received from the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Rev. E. E. Marshall, Canon H. J. Elsee, Messrs. W. J. Nevard, C. H. Howard, J. D. Matthews, C. J. Sedgley, H. Barton, J. W. Parker, W. Ayre, C. F. Johnston, C. Dean, T. R. Dennis, H. Walker, H. Argyle, W. Story, H. W. Wilde, W. Shepherd, A. L. Coleman, G. P. Burton, E. H. Lewis, W. Bolton and A. E. Sharman.

BISHOP OF HEREFORD'S WELCOME.

The meeting having been opened with prayer, the President said they had known what it was to be welcomed wherever the Council went by the chief officers of the church in the diocese or district. Last year they not only had the Archdeacon of London to welcome them, but also the Lord Mayor of London. That day they met in different surroundings, in a delightful old city, but what interested them most that morning was that they had the Bishop of the diocese to welcome them (applause).

The Bishop of Hereford, who was received with applause, said it was a great pleasure to him to welcome the Council to that city and diocese, because he could assure them that in that diocese they valued enormously the work which they were doing and which was being done by the Diocesan Guild of Ringers. As a parish priest he never had to do with anything but one bell for many years, and that simplified things enormously (laughter). When eventually he had to deal with a peal of bells he began to realise something of what he understood was a Lancashire addition to the Litany, 'From singers and ringers' (laughter). He could not say that he should have felt it necessary to join in the response (laughter). Still, there were certain difficulties which had to be contended with. Coming into that

diocese he had found the value of the work of the Diocesan Guild in raising the whole status and position of bellringing and making it what it should be, the handmaid of the services of the church. The Guild in that diocese, continued the Bishop, had done a great deal not merely for ringers, but also in stirring up interest in the condition of the church towers. He found that during the past four years he had been called upon to take part, on the average, in the reopening of at least two towers every year (applause). It did not mean that there were a large number of towers in the diocese out of order, but it did mean that those that were out of order were being steadily put into order by the restoration of the bell cage or the addition of other bells, and that was due very largely to the effective way in which the Guild was being worked in the diocese (applause). Nothing could give him greater pleasure, he added, than to welcome a body which was doing so much to bring the manhood of the country, and particularly of the country villages, into closer touch with the church. There were few things which were really serving the church better than the work of bellringing—and he was pleased to say that a great many of the teams in that diocese contained a large proportion of young men—in bringing young men of the country districts into the active service of the church, giving them an interest in the work of the church, and making them feel that they were doing something which was really part of the essential services of the church (applause). He was glad to accede to the request that he should welcome them that day, not on the ground that he was a ringer, for he had never acquired anything in the nature of ropesight—and on those grounds he could not claim to meet them—but as recognising on the part of the Church of that diocese the extraordinary value of what was being done by the Diocesan Guild and by associations all over the country, and he felt it to be not merely a duty but a great pleasure to come there and bid them welcome to that ancient city and diocese and to say that he hoped their meeting that day would be as fruitful as any that had gone before it, and would promote the well-being of that branch of church work throughout the country. On behalf of the diocese and city of Hereford he bid them a hearty welcome and God-speed in their work in that conference and throughout the country (applause).

The President briefly expressed thanks to the Bishop for his address, and said they felt it a high honour that his lordship should have come among them that day (applause).

The Bishop then left, and the Council proceeded to the business on the agenda.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Council held in London, having been printed in 'The Ringing World,' were taken as read and passed.

FINANCE.

In presenting the statement of accounts, the Hon. Treasurer stated that the number of representatives had increased from 116 to 118. The affiliation fees received had amounted to £14, which included arrears of 5s.; interest on investments was £4 15s. 2d. The expenditure was £37 3s. 6d., leaving a balance in hand of £26 15s. 6d., compared with £45 3s. 10d. at the beginning of the year, the principal expenditure having been on printing.

The accounts had been audited by Messrs. A. Paddon Smith and J. Griffin, members of the Standing Committee, and were passed.

The hon. librarian's statement of accounts and report, which were published in our last issue, were submitted by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn and adopted. In view of the issue of the revised edition of 'Rules and Decisions,' the Council decided to scrap the remaining copies of the old edition, which was published in 1904.

Mr. P. J. Johnson asked if there were any means by which the Council could popularise its publications. He suggested they might revert to a plan adopted some years ago and invite secretaries of associations to take parcels of publications on sale or return.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn said in the past where secretaries of associations threw themselves into the task the result was very good financially, but there came a time when they thought they had sold all they could sell. There were, however, some associations who had not tried it, and he would be glad to send parcels on sale or return to any responsible person.

TRINITY YOUTHS' RECORDS.

The Hon. Secretary said he had an interesting matter to bring before the Council. Many of them would remember that there used to be among the old London ringing societies a society called the Trinity Youths, whose headquarters were at Deptford. They also used to ring in various towers in the south-east of London. They had very valuable peal books, and they also put up some remarkably fine peal boards in some of the towers, many of the members at one time having been shipwrights with a gift for carving and splendid work. The society became nearly defunct and was revived by the late Rev. H. A. Coker 40 or 45 years ago, when the few surviving members were collected, and it went forward again with new life. Unfortunately, however, the society had once more passed out of active existence, and the peal books, which were highly treasured for years and deposited in a cupboard at St. Alphege's Church, Greenwich, were apparently borrowed by someone who forgot to return them. Recently Mr. F. W. Thornton informed him that he had discovered the 'copy' peal books, and he thought they were of sufficient interest historically to warrant him making a clear copy of them and handing them to him (Mr. Young), with the desire that they should be presented to the Council, on his behalf and that of the surviving members. (Continued on next page.)

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bers (applause). Mr. Young said he therefore had great pleasure in asking the Council to accept the books for the library, and trusted it would induce others, who had books of a kind likely to be valuable and for which they had no safe place of keeping, to hand them over to the library, where they could be kept for the future.

The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore said that, knowing the Trinity Youths at that time, he suggested many years ago that part of their county association area should be named the Trinity Youths' District, but the Trinity Youths of that day turned up their noses and would not have it, and the Kent County Association formed the Lewisham District. Had the Trinity Youths fallen in with the suggestion, the society would not have been defunct now.

The President pointed out that the secretary received the copies of the peals in loose sheets, and he had at his own expense had them bound for the good of the Council (applause).

Mr. James George said that he was one of the surviving members of the Trinity Youths.

It was resolved to accept the gift with thanks.

RULES FOR LOCAL COMPANIES.

Mr. E. W. Elwell reported that the committee dealing with the revision of the "Model rules for a local company" had completed their work. The old code had been retained with certain modifications. The chief alterations were the addition of a second code at the end, which was very much shorter and more practical (leaving the fuller code to be drawn on when assistance was required on any particular point), while some of the rules had been simplified. He proposed that the rules be passed for the use of the Council, and printed.—Mr. W. H. Hollier seconded.

The Hon. Librarian: Printed if funds permit.

Mr. A. Paddon Smith proposed that the rules be put in hand if the cost did not exceed £5.—Mr. J. George seconded.

Mr. Elwell said he would guarantee the cost would not exceed £5.—This motion was agreed to.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

The honorary members retiring by rotation were Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson and Mr. J. W. Parker. In announcing that the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey had sent an apology for absence, the President said Mr. Boughey felt that, with advancing years, he was practically useless on that Council, and therefore he hoped his name would not be put forward again for election. During the past year, proceeded the President, the whole of the hon. members' places had been filled, and they had no vacancy, which they always tried to keep in case an emergency should arise and they wanted to elect someone to the Council for a special purpose. The Standing Committee had considered the question and recommended that the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson and Mr. J. W. Parker should be re-elected, but that the place rendered vacant by the resignation of Mr. Boughey should not be filled.—This course was adopted, on the motion of the Rev. F. L. Edwards, seconded by Mr. W. A. Cave.

New members of the Council were then introduced to the president, who welcomed them, and said how extremely pleased they all were to see Mr. Pulling there, as the representative of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, after his fearful accident last year. He hoped they would soon see him at the heavy end again and fit for a twenty thousand (hear, hear).

MEMORIAL TO SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD.

The Council then came to the consideration of the reports of committees. The first was that of the Standing Committee, and the Hon. Secretary said they had never had this on the agenda before, but he thought it ought to be there because there were occasions when the committee might have something specially to bring forward. After their last meeting in London he was in receipt of correspondence with regard to helping to pay for a bell at a church at Pendleton in memory of their first president, Sir Arthur Heywood. He gathered that the bell would have a suitable inscription to the effect that it was a memorial bell, and it was suggested that the Council might like to subscribe. Nothing definite had yet been done in the matter by the local people, and the Standing Committee, therefore, were not at present proposing anything.

Mr. W. H. Shuker (Lancashire Association) said the church for which the bell was required was a new church, opened about two months ago. The Pendleton church to which he belonged already had a peal of eight. As far as his association knew, Miss Heywood had asked the Midland Counties Association if they would put a new bell in the new church in Sir Arthur's memory. They had heard nothing from any other source.

The President: If the Midland Counties Association have been asked to place a bell in the tower and wish to obtain help from this Council, the Council should be approached in a proper way by the M.C.A. (hear, hear).

Replying to a question, Mr. Shuker said the tower of the new church was big enough for a peal of bells, but as far as he understood only one bell was required.

The President said the Council would remember that last year it was suggested by Canon Elsee that members of the Council and Sir Arthur's friends should be invited to subscribe to a memorial tablet, to record the last peal that Sir Arthur rang, which was by members of the Central Council at Duffield. That tablet had been erected, and he had heard from Mr. Wilde, who had had the matter in hand

during Mr. Elsee's absence in Africa, that there was £2 7s. 11d. still owing on it. He (the president) mentioned it to the Standing Committee, and that amount was forthcoming at once (applause).

Mr. Shuker proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Wilde for the trouble he had taken in connection with the memorial tablet, and this was carried with acclamation.

A GIGANTIC TASK.

Reporting for the Peals Collection Committee, the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson said the typed results of the one-part peals of Treble Bob were on the table (a considerable pile of MS.). There would be a few sheets more to come of peals of Royal and Maximus. If the Council wanted to know more details, Mrs. Fletcher could probably speak feelingly about it, as they had given her something to do during the last few months.

Mrs. E. K. Fletcher said the first part of the Collection, consisting of the five, three, and two-part peals, of which four copies were typed, were put into string binders, and she suggested that the Council should authorise the one-part peals to be dealt with in the same way.

This was agreed to, and the President cordially thanked Mrs. Fletcher for all her labour in typing the volumes, which had really been a gigantic task.

The Literature and Press Committee's report, as given in 'The Ringing World' of June 1st, was moved by the Rev. F. L. Edwards, seconded by Mr. J. Griffin, and adopted.

MINOR METHOD NAMES.

The Rev. H. Law James, on behalf of the Methods Committee, reported that the revision of the Minor Methods was in hand, and they hoped to be able to publish the new edition in a few weeks. The recommendations of the committee as to the names to be given to the methods appeared in 'The Ringing World' on May 11th.

The Hon. Secretary said Mr. A. L. Coleman, in sending his apology for absence, wrote that he hoped careful consideration would be given to the nomenclature question.

Mr. J. A. Trollope said the Council would remember at the last meeting the committee asked and obtained powers for a final revision of the names to be applied to the Minor methods, and after some discussion they gave an undertaking to publish the list in 'The Ringing World,' so that there could be criticism before the titles were finally put in the new book. That list had been printed. Substantially it was the list presented to the Council at the Salisbury meeting. It was the Analysis Committee's list, with just the sort of alterations which they themselves would have made, if they had revised it after the three discussions that had taken place. He did not mean they would have made exactly the same revisions, but it was substantially the same list. There had been in some quarters a sort of suggestion that the committee, when they got these powers, were intending to overhaul the names extensively. The list was an answer to that. When they came to criticise the names they must remember that the names were very largely those given to the methods by six-bell ringers. The differences between the Methods Committee and the Analysis Committee were very small, although there was a good deal said about them, but he believed they had all been adjusted. A great deal of criticism had centred round what were known as the floral names, and they would remember that the Nomenclature Committee issued a list which contained a great many amendments and alterations. The Methods Committee had not been able to adopt any of these amendments and alterations, not because they objected to the alterations as alterations—they might have been improvements—but because they felt that their job was simply to see which name had priority. They did not consider that they had to settle any question as to the artistic or æsthetic value of the names, but he thought there ought to be an opportunity, if there was any feeling—and there was at one time—amongst six-bell ringers against the use of floral names and the addition of the words 'Castle' and 'Abbey' to certain titles. There was something in the letter which Mr. Burton wrote in 'The Ringing World' on this point, and there was now an opportunity for those who wished to bring that matter forward to do so, and take the sense of the meeting upon it and settle it once and for all. The time had gone by for any general discussion on the names.

(To be continued.)

THE SOCIAL SIDE.

Despite the counter-attractions held out to ringers by reason of the Bristol Jubilee, members of the Central Council began to arrive at Hereford on the Saturday afternoon. A peal had been arranged on the Cathedral bells, starting at 5.30, but owing to the late arrival of a train from the north it was declared off, and general ringing on these fine-toned old bells was enjoyed until 7.30.

On the Whitsun Sunday the visitors assisted to ring for the 7 a.m. service at the Cathedral, the 11 o'clock service at All Saints' and again at the Cathedral in the evening. In the afternoon some of the party made an enjoyable trip to Leominster (or 'Lemster,' as it is called locally). The church, a large and ancient one, was found to be very interesting, and the Council's hon. secretary was able, being an architect, to describe the various styles of architecture which are so well exemplified in the building. The ancient 'ducking stool,' too, was found both interesting and amusing.

Bank Holiday found the weather, which had been gradually improving, at its very best. The local committee had kindly arranged a charabanc to be retained for the day, so it was determined to use

it in the morning for a trip to Holm Lacey, and, in the afternoon, for an excursion down the glorious valley of the Wye, to the famous ruins of Tintern. The Holm Lacey trip comprised a visit to the old church and a pull or two on its light eight, an inspection of the Rectory garden, with its unique pear tree, and, under the courtesy and guidance of the Rector, a walk through the rooms and grounds of Holm Lacey. This mansion is one of the stately homes of England, and the party hardly knew which to admire most, the magnificent ballroom, with its wonderful carving, or the large formal garden upon which the house fronts. In the afternoon a party of nearly 20 drove to Tintern. The route lay through Ross (where an attempt for a peal was in progress), and thence by the spurs and valleys of the Forest of Dean and the banks of the Wye to the abbey ruins. The extensive remains of the old Benedictine monastery were viewed with the greatest interest, and all were impressed by the beauty of the architecture. In the meantime, the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, who had acted as road guide, had arranged a tea upon the lawn of the Anchor Inn, formerly the Water Gate of the abbey. The party, now rested and refreshed, were the better able to enjoy several 'touches' upon handbells, two sets of which had been thoughtfully brought, and, after bringing round some Cinques, cars were boarded and the homeward route taken in the cool of the evening, this time via Monmouth and a wayside inn a few miles further on. Hereford was reached in time for an hour's informal 'social' at the Booth Hall. The only regret was to hear that a band who had started in Hereford for a peal at All Saints' were not rewarded with success.

All provision for the care and entertainment of the visitors was due to the untiring efforts of the local committee, and especially to the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson and Messrs. Edwards and Davis. The Council's representatives, too, were fortunate in having the old Booth Hall set aside for their use over the week-end. This fine old room, with its magnificent timber roof dating from the 14th century, was much admired by the members. The local Guild who use it are most fortunate in the place of their meetings.

After the meeting of the Council on Tuesday, the members and their friends were entertained to a meat tea in the Booth Hall. The Dean of Hereford, who was in the chair, expressed the hope that the members had had a good time, and would carry away with them pleasant memories of their visit to Hereford.—The Hon. Secretary replied.

Ringing took place at the Cathedral and various churches in the city, and the men members returned once more to the Booth Hall, where an enjoyable social party was held, with some excellent songs and handbell ringing.

KEEPING TOUCH WITH YOUNG RINGERS. THE COUNCIL'S SCHEME.

To the Editor.

'That this Council invites its affiliated associations and Guilds to unite in a scheme for keeping touch with ringers who remove from one area to another.'

Sir,—As the person responsible for bringing this suggestion before the Central Council at Hereford on Whitsun Tuesday, and in view of the unanimous approval with which it met (every member, I believe, voted in favour of its adoption), I should like to suggest, in order to put it into effective operation, that all associations and Guilds should, at the next reprint of their rules, add the following:—

Removal of ringers.—It shall be the duty of the secretary of every local band or tower, on the removal of any member of the band to another district or Guild, to ascertain as soon as possible the new postal address to which the ringer has removed, and at once—

(1) In the case of a removal to another district in his own Guild, send the new address to the secretary of that district, whose duty it shall be at once to send the address on to the secretary of the local band to which the ringer in question has removed, and it shall be the duty of some member of that local band at once to seek out the ringer and invite him or her to the tower.

(2) In the case of a removal to another Guild, send the address to which the ringer has removed to the general secretary of his own Guild, who will, in turn, pass it on to the general secretary of the Guild into whose area the ringer has removed. He will then pass it on to the district secretary concerned, in order that the district secretary may communicate the address to the local secretary of the tower nearest to the ringer's new address.

It is very discouraging to those who have charge of towers, and who (after considerable difficulty nowadays) have persuaded some lad to take up ringing, to spend a considerable amount of time on him, get him, perhaps, to handle well and ring rounds, and then suddenly lose him, on account of his going away to another job. It is still more discouraging when we think that, owing to the fact that the lad is still only a probationer, and will be a stranger in a strange land, he will, therefore, in all probability be lost to the Exercise altogether, and the time we have expended on him be wasted. The ringer who does not move until he has acquired a degree of proficiency in the art will, of course, always find his way unaided to the nearest tower, and it is the beginner who moves away from his home tower during the probation period that we are principally concerned with in this scheme, and whom we are anxious to save from dropping out. If we can put this scheme into effective operation, a young fellow once having put his hand to the rope need never be lost sight of, wherever he removes to.—Yours, etc.,

ROBERT WHITTINGTON.

Guildford Diocesan Guild.

A DEPLORABLE RESULT.

To the Editor.

Sir,—As a result of the vote at the Hereford meeting there will be no diplomas issued by the Central Council to those ringing their first peal.

I do think it is a heartbreaking setback to very many of our young ringers, who had been looking forward to obtaining what, to them, would have been a most cherished possession. This incentive has been denied to them.

Now for my growl. I think the older ringers who have rung their first peal 20, 30 or 40 years ago, have not been able, mentally, to put themselves in the place of young ringers, keen and enthusiastic to ring their first peal. The time when the older ones rang their first peal is dim and distant to them, and as the matter is immaterial to them (I write in all good nature), their feelings are against any change.

Anyway, I hope that the youngest Guild will now set a lead to the Exercise by establishing a diploma of the Guildford Diocesan Guild for those of its members who ring their first peal, and who wish to receive an official outward and visible sign of recognition, to be cherished and hung up in the best room of the home.

T. P. WALKER.

One of the 'youngest' ringers of the youngest Guild.

THE REV. H. DRAKE'S ACCUSATION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As the Rev. Herbert Drake accuses me in your last issue of deliberate lying, I shall be glad if you will reprint the following:—

1. From Mr. Drake's letter: 'Mr. Trollope says we stated that an entirely root and branch reform was necessary, extending even to the alteration of such a name as Double Norwich Court Bob Major. It is clear to everyone who knows even the elements of the subject, reading the reprint of the report in your issue of May 18th, that the exact contrary is the case. We did not propose the least alteration of any well-known name, and never mentioned Norwich at all. This is the third time I have repeated this to Mr. Trollope, and the fifth time I have done so in your columns in all. Yet he calmly repeats what he must know to be untrue.'

2. Verbatim extract from the report of the late Nomenclature Committee presented to the Central Council at Chester, and published in your issue of June 25th, 1925. The report was adjourned to the Ipswich meeting, and it was to it that I moved my amendment: 'That as opportunity offers, all non-essential words such as Pleasure, Court, Delight, and Bob, when the latter is used as a meaningless appendage, be dropped. To a practical ringer Double Norwich now signifies the particular method intended, without the use of the words Court Bob.'

—Yours faithfully,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

SUFFOLK GUILD.

EVERY RINGING TOWER AFFILIATED.

At the quarterly meeting of the Suffolk Guild on May 12th, at Stratford St. Mary, the Rector, the Rev. J. Henry, presided over a large attendance, 53 being present. When the minutes of the preceding meeting, held at Fressingfield, were read, it appeared that with the adhesion of Fressingfield every ringing tower in the diocese now belonged to the Guild. This satisfactory completion of seven years' work was hailed with great enthusiasm at both meetings. A number of new members were elected.

The following towers were represented: Lavenham, Ufford, Mistley, Little Waldingfield, Lawford, Great Bromley, Hinton, Higham, Stratford St. Mary, Broomfield, Wormingford, Little Horkesley, Ardleigh, Langham, Dedham, Hythe, Tendring, Ipswich St. Mary le Tower and St. Margaret's, Kirby, Thorpe-le-Soken, Clacton, Great Bentley, Grotton, Thorington, and Polstead. The Secretary pointed out that the meeting was actually a joint meeting with the Essex Association, although, owing to the secretaries not succeeding in getting into touch with one another, it was not formally so. A hope was expressed, and endorsed by all present, that there would be many such meetings in future.

Votes of thanks to the Rector, and to all who subscribed for, and helped at, the tea, concluded the meeting. This was followed by a very joyful service in church, at which the Rector gave a short address. Ringing in many methods was kept up till a late hour, both at Stratford St. Mary and at Langham.

A new district is to be formed to comprise the towers of Fressingfield, Wingfield, Wilby, Laxfield, Cratfield and Stradbroke.

PRESENTATION TO MR. J. W. MOORHOUSE.

LEEDS RINGER DEPARTS FOR CARDIFF.

On Whit Sunday evening the ringers of Christ Church, Armley, met to say farewell to Mr. J. W. Moorhouse, who is leaving Leeds for Cardiff. Mr. J. Thackray, on behalf of the ringers, presented to Mr. Moorhouse a gold-plated fountain pen as a memento of the assistance he had given to the local company.

A quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes) was then rung in 48 mins.: A. Coldrick 1. M. Moorhouse 2. H. Lofthouse 3. Miss E. Lawrence 4. H. Grimwood 5. J. Thackray 6. J. W. Moorhouse 7. G. Moorhouse (conductor) 8.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT CHELMSFORD. NEXT YEAR'S JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS.

The 49th annual meeting of the Essex Association was held on Whit Monday at Chelmsford, and was largely attended by members from all parts of the diocese. A special feature of the gathering was consideration of the jubilee of the association, which will be celebrated next year, and which will coincide with the 'coming-of-age' of the Master, Mr. C. H. Howard, Braintree, who will then complete 21 years in office. It is intended to suitably mark this double and interesting event in the history of the Essex Association.

Proceedings opened in the morning with service at the Cathedral, conducted by Canon Lake, who was assisted by the Rev. J. W. Horsley. The ringers' form of service was used, and the Master read the lesson. The collection for the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £1 12s. 6d. The address was given by the Rev. P. E. T. Widdrington, Rector of Great Easton, from the words, 'And they were all with one accord in one place.'

The business meeting followed at the Cathedral Hall. The Master presided, supported on the platform by Canon Lake, the Rev. P. E. T. Widdrington, and Mr. F. J. Pitstow (Saffron Walden), hon. secretary and treasurer to the association.

THE QUESTION OF DIOCESAN STATUS.

The Master presented his report, which recorded a very successful year's work. The membership was now 1,040, which exceeded by three the record of 1923. The finances were in a satisfactory condition. The receipts were £65 18s. 3d., and expenditure £47 5s. 2d. £25 had been placed to reserve fund, increasing it to £178 14s. 3d. Of this sum £17 2s. 1d. was earmarked for the Bell Restoration Fund. Fifty-eight peals were rung during the year, against 69 in the previous year. If the quantity was less, the quality showed no depreciation. The question of changing the name of the association had been discussed at several district meetings during the year. At a meeting of the Northern Division held at Dunmow, the following resolution was carried by a very large majority: 'That a recommendation be sent to the General Committee to consider the advisability of changing the name of the Essex Association to the Chelmsford Diocesan Guild.' This resolution will engage the attention of the committee when next they meet previous to the annual meeting. When the association was formed in 1879, Essex and Herts comprised the diocese of St. Albans, and a separate association was formed for each county. Some years ago a suggestion was made that the two associations should amalgamate and become a diocesan association. After careful consideration it was thought in the best interests of each association that they should continue to work on county lines. A different state of affairs exists to-day. Essex has become the diocese of Chelmsford, and the clergy look upon their ringers as an important branch of churchworkers, and it is felt by many that their position would be strengthened if the association embraced a diocesan status. When the committee were prepared to make their report it would have to come before an annual meeting to give members an opportunity to express their opinion and give their decision before a change in the name can be effected.

Upon the proposition of Mr. G. R. Pye, seconded by Mr. A. Pye, the report was unanimously adopted.

Canon Lake took the chair during the election of Master, and, in proposing the re-election of Mr. Howard, the Canon stated that the Essex Association had had a good Master for 20 years, and so long as he was able to go on they would be pleased to keep him. They were glad to see Mr. Howard again, and were sorry to hear he had been ill for a short time—not on account of bellringing but in spite of it (laughter and applause).—The proposition was carried unanimously.

Mr. C. H. Howard, in taking the chair again, said he appreciated the confidence placed in him, and so long as his health and strength permitted he would be pleased to serve the association (hear, hear). He was looking forward to a very interesting year next year, and hoped he would have the privilege of being Master of the association when it celebrated its jubilee (applause).

Upon the proposition of Mr. G. Green, Mr. F. J. Pitstow was re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer, and said he should be pleased to carry on as before.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR JUBILEE.

The general committee was re-elected: Dr. Spencer-Phillips, Messrs. W. Keeble, W. Lincoln, T. Faulkner, F. Dench, the Master, secretary, District Masters, secretaries and auditors: Peal Committee, Messrs. F. Pitstow, T. Faulkner, G. R. Pye and W. Keeble; auditors, Messrs. W. H. Theobald and G. W. Faulkner.

The Master stated that as the jubilee was to be celebrated next year it was most important there should be a strong committee which would have to carry out the jubilee programme. He could well remember the 21st anniversary of the association, and hoped there would be an even bigger celebration to mark 50 years in the Essex Association (applause). He suggested that the general committee should be supplemented by representatives from each district. The first meeting of the enlarged committee would be held at Chelmsford, and other meetings could be held in the diocese as decided, and out-of-pocket expenses would be paid from the association to those members who applied in order to attend the committee meetings.

The following were elected to be added to the general committee: Northern District, Messrs. L. W. Wiffen and F. Claydon; North-East

District, Messrs. E. P. Duffield and W. Chalk; South-East District, Messrs. T. Lincoln and A. Head; North-Western, Messrs. A. Pitstow and W. Prior; South-Western, Messrs. W. Miller and A. Pye. It was decided to hold the first meeting at Chelmsford on the first Saturday in October.

On the election of new members, Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips proposed the following, all from Galleywood, and they were unanimously elected: Rev. F. N. Roughton, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Coombes, Miss R. Coombes, Miss O. Landon, Miss H. Landon, and Mr. W. T. Day.

Mr. G. Joyce raised the question of registration of names of six-bell methods, and said it was time that this matter was settled. At Leytonstone the ringers wanted it settled once and for all.

The Master replied that the question was before the Central Council at the present time; it had been in hand for several years, and it would be a good thing to have it settled.—A resolution requesting the representatives to support the views expressed by Mr. Joyce was carried.

OLD MEMBERS HONOURED.

The Master reported that Mr. F. Rudkin, Braintree, was the only surviving founder of the association, and it would be a graceful act to recognise him by making him a life member of the association. Mr. H. Dawson, Great Baddow, and Mr. J. Wagborne, East Ham, were also old members.—All three were elected to be life members.

It was decided to make grants from the Bell Restoration Fund as follows: Elmdon, two guineas, for recasting 3rd bell; Great Bardfield, three guineas, rehanging ring of six; Saffron Walden, two guineas, for recasting four trebles. It was also agreed to hold joint meetings with the Middlesex, Herts, Suffolk and Ely Associations. It was decided to make an appeal to the affiliated towers for help to a fund for the benefit of Mr. Benjamin Keeble, who is 81 years of age, and who in the early days of the association took a prominent part in its management, and was one of its early pioneers.

The Master proposed thanks to Canon Lake for arranging the service at the Cathedral and for the use of the bells, and said the ringers hoped to see Canon Lake when they celebrated the jubilee at Chelmsford next year (applause). He also proposed thanks to Rev. P. E. T. Widdrington, and referred to the work of restoration to the tower and bells at Great Easton Church.

Canon Lake, in reply, recalled his experiences at the gathering in Chelmsford when the Essex Association became of age, and said he was looking forward to the jubilee. The Canon also referred to the proposal to alter the name of the Essex Association of Change Ringers to the Chelmsford Diocesan Guild, and said, while he thought it would be a good thing to mark the jubilee by raising the ringers as a body to the status of churchworkers, yet it had to be remembered that a diocesan position would mean greater responsibilities, and a certain amount of diocesan control, so the members should be very careful what they did. If the association decided to come to Chelmsford for the jubilee, the very best would be done to ensure success (applause).

The Rev. P. E. T. Widdrington also replied, and said the reopening of the bells at Great Easton would take place on July 15th. The bells would be blessed by the Bishop at the morning service, and would be available for visiting ringers during the afternoon. He gave all an invitation to attend.

Mr. Butler then proposed thanks to the Master for presiding, and said the members were very pleased to see Mr. Howard sufficiently recovered to be present at the annual meeting again (applause).—The Master said he was glad to be able to be there (applause).

The members had luncheon together at Hicks' Restaurant, and in the afternoon and evening there was ringing at Chelmsford Cathedral (12), Writtle (8), Widford (8), Galleywood (8), Great Baddow (8), Great Waltham (8), Boreham (8), Springfield (6), and Broomfield (6), in all the standard methods.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

THE NEW PRESIDENT.

The annual meeting of the North Wales Association was held at Bangor on Whit Monday, presided over by the chairman, Rev. W. M. Morgan-Jones, M.A. A large number of members were present, representing the following towers: Bangor, Wrexham, Gresford, Llandudno, Rhyl and Portmadoc, and among the visitors were Mr. Mrs. and Miss Wolstencroft.

On the motion of the Chairman, the members were called upon to pay tribute to their late president, the Rev. T. Lewis Jones, M.A. He was the first president of the association, and passed away in February last.

The Chairman, in his remarks, referred to the splendid work Mr. Lewis Jones had done for change ringing in North Wales, and said his loss was sadly deplored.

The following officers were elected for 1928-29: President, Rev. W. M. Morgan-Jones, M.A., Bangor; Master, Mr. A. J. Hughes, Rhyl; treasurer, Mr. E. Rowlands, Wrexham; secretary, Mr. W. Cathall, 35, Spring Road, Wrexham.

It was decided to hold the half-yearly meeting at Rhyl on the first Saturday in September, and the annual meeting in Llangollen on Whit Monday, 1929, or, failing this, at Gresford, on the same date.

Prior to and following the meeting the visitors and members rang several touches in different methods on the bells, and during the afternoon they partook of an enjoyable tea provided by the local ringers.

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on June 21st, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 12th, Southwark Cathedral on the 14th, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 26th, and St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 28th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. A special meeting will be held at headquarters at 8 p.m. on the 19th to consider the recommendations of the Rules Revision Committee.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The Annual Cup Contest promoted by the Hoylandswaine Company will be held, as usual, at Hoylandswaine on Saturday, June 9th, commencing 3 p.m. prompt. Tea will be arranged for those who apply before that date. All ringers and ladies welcome.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Eastchurch, Isle of Sheppey, on Saturday, June 9th. Bells available at 3. Association service in church at 5. A good attendance is hoped for at this, one of the rare visits to the island.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Debenham on June 9th. Tea in Parish Room at 4.45. Meeting follows. Bells (8) available from 2.30 and at Stonham Aspal (10).—H. Drake.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Ruislip on Saturday, June 9th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Ask for cheap fares on District Railway. Harlington July 7th. Hillingdon July 28th. All ringers and friends welcome.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Stanmore on Saturday, June 9th. Bells from 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea, at usual terms, at 5.30. Please advise me if you are coming. Meeting after tea. Cheap return tickets from tube stations to Edgware, thence short bus ride. Harrow Weald bells in the evening. Members and friends cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Walton on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Special methods: Oxford Treble Bob Minor and London Surprise. Subscriptions please.—Claude J. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at the two 6-bell towers of Wheathampstead and Sandridge on Saturday, June 9th. Meeting at the former at 3 p.m., Sandridge 6.30 (approx.). Tea by the kind invitation of the Rector of Wheathampstead.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The summer meeting of the above branch will be held at Hungerford on Saturday, June 9th (eight bells). Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., at 1s. All ringers welcome. Kintbury tower will be available for ringing after 6 p.m. (six bells).—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Presteigne District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wigmore on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (6) available 4 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 (free). Business meeting to follow.—J. Preece, Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Pembroge.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting at Barkway on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (8), a nice peal, afternoon and evening. Tea 5 o'clock at Wheatsheaf. All ringers and friends welcome.—George T. Croft, Dis. Sec., 37, Burnell Walk, Letchworth.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Braunston (6) on Saturday, June 9th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Fircroft, Braunston Road, Daventry.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Penarth on Saturday, June 9th. Tea at 3.45. Meeting 4.15. Service at 5.30.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

YORKS ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Pickering on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (8, tenor 14 cwt.) from 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Castle Café 5 p.m., 1s. 6d. per head, followed by meeting. Members and friends intending to be present at tea please communicate with Miss A. M. Henderson, Hayfield, Pickering, Yorks, on or before Tuesday, June 12th.—F. Barker, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Reddish on Saturday, June 16th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting 7 p.m. A good attendance is requested. Business is important.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The next meeting will be held at Frensham on June 16th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Those intending to be present must notify me by June 13th. Bus services to and from Frensham from Farnham Bush Hotel and station: Nos. 16, 16a, 16b and 19.—B. H. Clark, 17, St. James' Avenue, Farnham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leyland St. James' on Saturday, June 16th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 1s. 6d. a head to all who notify Mr. J. T. Miller, Oak House, Midge Hall, not later than Thursday, June 14th. A good attendance requested.—F. Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The annual joint meeting of the Doncaster and District, Barnsley and District, Sheffield and District and the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Ecclesfield, near Sheffield, on Saturday, June 16th. Tower open at 2 p.m. Tea in the Gatty Memorial Hall at 5 p.m. Price 1s. 3d. Names for tea to be sent to Mr. F. Mortimer, 84, Cross Hill, Ecclesfield, by Wednesday, the 13th. It is hoped all who intend being present will comply with this request. The annual feast and hospital parade, the latter a very interesting affair and well worth seeing, will help to make an enjoyable afternoon outing.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 18, Royston Avenue, Doncaster.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A ringing meeting of the above Guild will be held at Crawley on Saturday, June 16th. Tower open 2.30. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea should let me know by Wednesday, June 13th.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

DEVON GUILD. — N.E. Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Calverleigh on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting 4.15. Service 4.45. Tea, 1s. each, 5.15. Business meeting after tea. Please let me know numbers for tea by Tuesday, June 12th.—M. Hanson, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, 2, The Avenue, Tiverton, Devon.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch. — A meeting of the above branch will be held at King's Norton on Saturday, June 16th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.30. All those requiring tea must notify me not later than June 13th.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Snaith on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (6) available from 1 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea in School at 5 p.m. (1s. 3d. each) to those who notify Mr. H. North, High Street, Snaith, Goole, on or before Wednesday, June 13th. For further particulars see circular.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Southern District will be held at Barnard Castle on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Members requiring tea please notify me not later than Thursday, the 14th inst.—J. T. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 71, Surtees Street, Darlington.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District. —A meeting will be held at Flitton on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (6) at 3.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street, N. Dunstable.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District. — The annual meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, June 16th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at White Cot Dairy at 5 p.m. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by June 13th?—N. G. Williams, Weston House, Weston, Bath.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Clifton on Saturday, June 16th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch. — The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Woodston on Saturday, June 16th. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Business meeting afterwards. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next district meeting for practice will be held at S. John's, Newhall (6 bells) on Saturday, June 16th. Bells open from 3 p.m. Members make own tea arrangements. All ringers welcome.—R. H. Dove, Dis. Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. — The June meeting will be held at Fillongley on the 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—J. A. Fenton, Gen. Hon. Sec., 42, Bennett Street, Rugby.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch. —The next branch meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, June 16th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. Will members please come forward with their subscriptions? — John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—The next meeting will be held at Benington on June 16th, when the bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. The Rector is kindly providing tea free. Will all those who can do so notify me of their intention to attend.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden, Herts.

NOTTINGHAM. — Society of Sherwood Youths (Established 1672).—C.E.M.S. Conference June 17th to 20th. Ringing: St. Mary's, Sunday, 10 to 11, 5.30 to 6.30. Other ringing by arrangement. — F. Blood, 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

LEICESTER. — By special invitation of the Lord Bishop of Leicester, a service for all bellringers in the Leicester Diocese will be held in the Cathedral, Leicester, on Saturday, June 23rd, at 3.30 p.m., at which the Lord Bishop will preach. It is hoped every tower in the diocese will be represented. Visitors and friends from kindred associations and dioceses cordially welcomed. Bells of the Cathedral (10), St. Margaret's (12), St. John the Divine (8), St. Saviour's (8), St. Peter's, Belgrave (8), All Saints' (5) will be available 2 to 3 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Tea at reasonable price may be arranged for any who notify Ernest Morris, 24, Coventry Street, Leicester, not later than Wednesday, June 20th.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District.—The next meeting is to be held at Brabourne, by kind invitation of Rev. S. K. Lockyear, on Saturday, June 23rd. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 5, to be followed by tea. Would members kindly send names or numbers intending to be present to Mr. S. Finn, Ivy Cottage, Brabourne, Ashford, by June 19th? A good attendance (all ringers welcome) is desired.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The summer meeting of the Cheltenham branch will be held at Elkstone on Saturday, June 23rd. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30, by kind invitation of the Rector and churchwardens. Business meeting to follow. Will all those who intend coming please let me know not later than the 20th inst.?—Walter Yeend, Branch Hon. Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—A bye-meeting will be held at East Farleigh on Saturday, June 23rd. The usual arrangements. Members intending to be present please notify me not later than Tuesday, June 19th.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Eastern District will be held at Houghton-le-Spring on Saturday, June 23rd. The 8 bells of St. Michael's, recently rehung, will be available after 3. It is important that members requiring tea (at 5 o'clock in the Parish Hall) should send notice to Mr. Parkinson, 1, North View Terrace, Fence Houses, not later than the 20th.—George S. Taylor, Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at North Ockenden (5 bells) on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea to follow. Nearest railway stations: Upminster, L.M.S., $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles, and South Ockenden, L.M.S., $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles. Buses leave Upminster 'Bell' 2 and 4 p.m., returning at 8.30 p.m. To enable adequate arrangements to be made for tea will those intending to be present kindly advise me not later than Tuesday, June 19th?—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath, Essex.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells: St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) available from 3. Tea at Lloyd's Restaurant at 5.30; to fully paid members 1s., to others 1s. 6d. General meeting to follow. Subscriptions are now due. Please send word by Tuesday, 19th inst.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Heathfield on Saturday, June 30th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Star Inn 5 o'clock (1s. 3d. per head). Half rail fare to members.—G. W. Stokes, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next general quarterly meeting will be held at Melbourne on Saturday, June 30th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Committee meet at 4 p.m. in Church Room. Meat tea at 5 p.m., at the Blue Bell Inn (2s. 3d. each to those who notify Mr. W. Earle, Blanch Croft, Melbourne, Derby, not later than 27th inst.). A good attendance requested.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A district meeting will be held on Saturday, June 30th, at Sproughton (6). Bells at Bramford (6) also available. Tea in Sproughton Parish Room at 4.45, 9d. each. All welcomed at this annual affair. R.S.V.P. — Geo. E. Symonds, 28, Clievallier Street, Ipswich.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Summer festival at Epsom, Saturday, June 30th. Bells available from 2 p.m.: Epsom, St. Martin's (10), Christ Church (8), Leatherhead (10), Ashted (8), Ewell (8). Service, St. Martin's, Epsom, 5 p.m. Preacher, the Bishop of Guildford. Meat tea (1s. 9d. each) 6 p.m. Ringers and friends welcome. Numbers by June 26th.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., 63, Commercial Road, Woking.

HERTFORDSHIRE AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS.—Preliminary Notice.—A joint meeting will be held at North Mimms on Saturday, July 7th. All details in later issues.—W. Nash and C. T. Coles.

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