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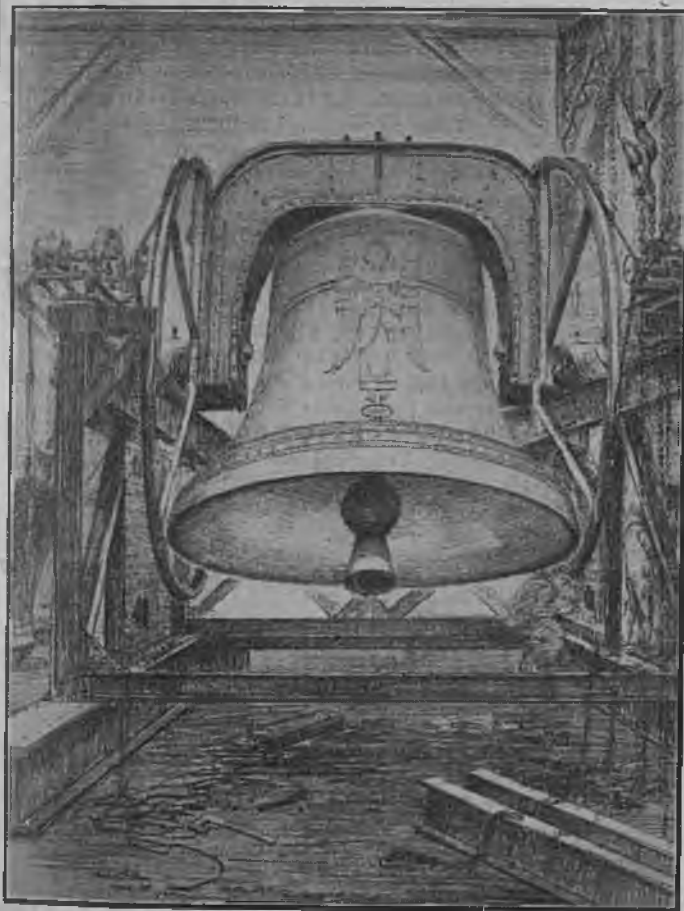
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TIMES HAVE CHANGED.

A pertinent question is raised by a correspondent as to the position of members of the Central Council under the ruling of the President at the recent Hereford meeting. Canon Coleridge took exception to the use of the word 'delegate,' and the Rev. C. D. P. Davies emphasised the fact that in the rules that word is not to be found. Without splitting hairs as to the exact differences in these terms—strictly there is very little, if anything, between them—the real point at issue is whether the members of the Council are sent to the meetings to give effect to their own views, or to the opinions of those who send them. With the greatest respect to the President, we venture to suggest that the Council to-day is on a different footing to the Council of thirty years ago, and it is this change of basis which has saved the Council from death by inanition, and given it the new life which has been infused into it in recent years. At the outset it may have consisted of an assembly of men, who, having been appointed, merely aired their own views and voted as they chose, and, in our humble opinion, it was that attitude of detachment from the Exercise that, had it continued, would have led to the Council's complete undoing.

There may be—indeed, there obviously are—some old members who still hold that early view, but we are quite sure the majority of the members of the present Council take a different standpoint. While they are quite ready to apply themselves to any question and vote on it according to their personal lights, when they are requested by their own members to vote in a particular way they would feel—as our correspondent felt at Hereford—that he would be disloyal to the members who sent him, if he had not given effect to their wishes. After all, the associations can make or break the Council, and in these democratic days ringers would quickly ask why they should send representatives to the central body if they could not rely upon them to support their views.

This is the only possible foundation upon which the Council can stand, if it is to be representative of the affiliated bodies. Whether the members call themselves 'representatives' or 'delegates' seems to us a small matter, so long as it is recognised that their votes on any special subject—particularly in the case of a matter like the peal diplomas, which had been referred to the associations by the Council itself—shall be given in accordance with the wishes of the association that elects them. Either they represent the association or they do not. If they do not then there is little or no use for the Council. If they do, then it is as well to acknowledge that they must, in loyalty,

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carry out their instructions. It is quite certain that, in many associations, representatives who refused to do this would be replaced at the earliest possible moment. The tradition of the Council may point to 'free and unfettered' voting, but practical politics require that representatives shall 'represent' the people who elect them. They must vote as much according to 'orders' as the Member of Parliament obeys the crack of the party whip—or someone would want to know the reason why.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 23, 1928, in Four Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS Treble	DANIEL COOPER 7
GEORGE R. PYE 2	FREDERICK E. COLLINS 8
ALBERT W. COLES 3	JAMES BENNETT 9
WILLIAM H. HEWETT 4	HAROLD W. CLARK 10
CHARLES T. COLES 5	REUBEN SANDERS 11
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 6	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal of Cambridge Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 19, 1928, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PRO-CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. WOOLOS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE GATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

FRED ATWELL Treble	JOHN HAMMOND 6
JOHN BULLEN 2	CHARLES GREEDY 7
JOHN W. JONES 3	WILLIAM PHILLIPS 8
SAMUEL JONES 4	P.C. CHARLES DAVIS 9
JOHN PHILLIPS 5	ALBERT THOMAS Tenor

Composed by W. T. ELSON.

Conducted by C. GREEDY.

Arranged specially for P.C. Davis, who hails from Deptford. This was his first peal on ten bells.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 23, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOSEPH D. HARRIS Treble	ARTHUR T. VERRELLS 6
ALBERT D. STONE 2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 7
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 8
EDWARD C. MERRITT 4	JOHN DEARLOVE 9
ALFRED W. GROVES 5	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 20, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM H. HOLLIER Treble	REGINALD G. USLEY 5
* FRANK E. HAWTHORNE 2	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 6
HORACE BELCHER 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
* ERNEST C. S. TURNER 4	† WILFRED J. ELLIOTT Tenor

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 21, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 8040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 5
JAMES S. HUTCHBY ... 2	ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... 6
LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... 3	JAMES GEORGE ... 7
ALFRED BALLARD ... 4	JACK TOWELL ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* 990th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Gladys Baum and Mr. Hubert Lane, of Stoney Stanton. The 200th peal by the conductor, who is only 20 years of age.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, June 21, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ... Treble	FREDERICK G. COLE ... 5
WILLIAM G. EDWARDS ... 2	ALBERT J. PITMAN ... 6
D. CECIL WILLIAMS ... 3	WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... 7
CHARLES J. FRAY ... 4	OWEN H. GILES ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of great respect to Mr. A. W. Pearce (Rector's Warden), who died very suddenly on the previous Saturday. Mr. A. J. Pitman hails from Port Talbot, South Wales.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 23, 1928, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.

EDWARD HARRISON ... Treble	SAMUEL ROBERTS ... 5
JOHN RANGLES ... 2	GEORGE R. JONES ... 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... 3	THOMAS GRIFFITH ... 7
JAMES ALDERMAN ... 4	ARTHUR FILSTON ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. JONES.

Rung in honour of the birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and as a wedding peal of Mr. W. Catterall, secretary of the above association.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 23, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMOND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE FREEBREY ... Treble	HENRY FLETCHER ... 5
PERCY H. TATE ... 2	CHARLES SMITH ... 6
PERCY DUDLEY ... 3	JACK BAILEY ... 7
ELIZABETH FOULK ... 4	CHARLES BRADLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE FREEBREY.

First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. E. Freebrey, also in honour of the birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, June 23, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE R.C. ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS ... 5
WILLIAM C. RHODES ... 2	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH ... 6
WILLIAM J. MEERS ... 3	JAMES GEORGE ... 7
GEORGE F. SWANN ... 4	JOHN E. PYWELL ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of Bernard W. Wittell, for many years Ringing Master at above church, this being the first opportunity to ring, owing to repairs to the spire, etc.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 23, 1928, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN HALL ... Treble	ERNEST F. POPPY ... 5
MISS KITTY WILLERS ... 2	GEORGE BENNETT ... 6
GEORGE PRYKE ... 3	LESLIE G. BRETT ... 7
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... 4	THOMAS W. LAST ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY. Arranged to oblige Miss Willers while on holiday in the district.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 23, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

CYRIL VALENTINE ... Treble	JOHN E. BIBBY ... 5
ROBERT SPERRING ... 2	* FRANCIS BIBBY ... 6
WILLIAM BIBBY ... 3	JAMES H. RIDING ... 7
ALBERT J. HUGHES ... 4	EDWARD JENKINS ... Tenor

Composed by J. PIGGOTT.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal of Bristol. First peal of Bristol on the bells. Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

ARKSEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 23, 1928, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

GEORGE CLARK ... Treble	ARNOLD HILL ... 5
HARRY MORGAN ... 2	JAMES MCCLUSKEY ... 6
MILTON C. FOWLER ... 3	PERCY GLEDSTONE ... 7
J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 4	HAROLD WALKER ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the association. Rung as a farewell to Mr. H. Walker, secretary of the Doncaster and District Society, who, much to the regret of all the band, is leaving the district.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 23, 1928, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... Treble	REGINALD JOHNSON ... 5
* FRED N. SMEATON ... 2	HERBERT MARKWELL ... 6
† BERNARD WELLS ... 3	ALFRED J. BULL ... 7
FRANK BENNETT ... 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Composed by the late N. J. PISTOW. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method. † Fiftieth peal.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 23, 1928, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S FOUR-PART.

FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... Treble	CHARLES WINNER ... 5
WILLIAM HAIGH ... 2	HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... 6
STUART SANDFORD ... 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. ... 7
ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... 4	EDWARD HADLOW ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

Rung with bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Rev. S. J. Poole, M.A., Vicar of St. James' in this parish, who died on June 22nd, and to the late Mr. T. C. Holiday, late bass soloist of Rochester Cathedral, who was interred the same afternoon.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.—On June 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: Miss V. Hymun 1, Miss A. Stokes (conductor) 2, Mrs. W. Edwards 3, A. Berg 4, Miss H. Orchard 5, J. Nisbet 6, W. Gillingham 7, J. Thomas 8. Rung in honour of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Bowl, of Victoria, Australia. Mrs. Bowl (nee Dorothy Willett) was for several years a regular Sunday service ringer at Portishead Church.

LENTON, NOTTINGHAM.
MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 23, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF SPICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*FRANK BRADLEY Treble	LAURENCE CHADBURN ... 5
HENRY HARRISON 2	*NORMAN HEMMINGTON ... 6
PERCY PRICE 3	GEORGE WEST 7
WILLIAM THORNLEY 4	EDWARD C. GOBEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

* First peal of Spiced Treble Bob. Rung in honour of the birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. This peal contains 428 7's.

SIX BELL PEALS.

PETERCHURCH, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, June 17, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*CHARLES A. BOWYER ... Treble	JAMES RANDLE 4
WILLIAM E. BREWER ... 2	JAMES P. HVEIT 5
GEORGE J. PRICE 3	*EDGAR A. JONES Tenor

Conducted by G. J. PRICE.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

WINFARTHING, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, June 17, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 4 lb.

HERBERT FULCHER ... Treble	GEORGE CARSON 4
ERNEST WHITING 2	GEORGE GOWER 5
JOHN SNELLING 3	RUSSELL RICHES Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, June 18, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

FRANK W. PERRENS ... Treble	*GEORGE GARDNER 4
HUBERT G. SUMMERS ... 2	JOHN W. TAYLOR 5
THOMAS W. CHOWN ... 3	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

* First peal in the method.

BARLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 19, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Cambridge Surprise and three 720's each of Oxford and Kent.

Tenor 8 cwt.

ALBERT HOWARD ... Treble	WALTER MANSFIELD ... 4
ARTHUR G. KING ... 2	FRANK HARPER 5
JOHN W. WARD 3	ROBERT HOWARD Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

Arranged for Arthur G. King, who hails from Great Yarmouth.

OLD WARDEN, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 23, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob, each called differently.

WILLIAM HOLDEN ... Treble	HERBERT SHERMAN ... 4
*STANLEY L. WALLACE ... 2	TOM BARTRAM 5
HERBERT L. HARLOW ... 3	PEARL INSKIP Tenor

Conducted by PEARL INSKIP.

* First peal in three methods. Rung for the birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

ST. MARY CRAY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 20, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

*WILLIAM H. BEVAN ... Treble	CVRIL BRETT-SMITH ... 4
JACK BEVAN 2	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... 5
*GEORGE H. LOVELOCK ... 3	HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... Tenor

Conducted by R. BRETT SMITH.

* First peal.

BEDWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 20, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAMES H. RAPER ... Treble	CHARLES G. BATES ... 4
WILLIAM A. STOTE ... 2	JOHN E. MORETON ... 5
JAMES DRAYCOTT ... 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

Rung after meeting short for Major.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 23, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

JOSEPH SHARP ... Treble	WILLIAM STOCK 4
HENRY W. GAYTON ... 2	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... 5
WILLIAM SHARP 3	HENRY STAPLETON Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

EASTHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 23, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Cambridge Surprise, two of Oxford Treble Bob, 720 each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, and two 720's of Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

G. RONALD EDWARDS ... Treble	JOHN COOKE 4
JOHN BREESE 2	*JOHN HUGHES 5
JAMES F. SMITH 3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal. This was J. Breese's first peal on six bells, and also his first 720 of Cambridge Surprise and of Oxford Treble Bob.

ANSTLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 23, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. George.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*ROBERT HOWARD ... Treble	WALTER SMITH 4
*WALTER MANSFIELD ... 2	FRANK HARPER 5
JOHN W. WARD 3	WILLIAM K. NORTH Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

* First peal of Bob Minor. First peal in the method on the bells.

WOLVEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 23, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*BERTRAM C. POND ... Treble	CHARLES G. BATES ... 4
JAMES UPTON 2	JAMES H. RAPER 5
ALFRED E. BACON 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. RAPER.

* First peal of Minor. This, the conductor's fiftieth peal, was rung to honour the birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the wedding of Mr. Langford and Miss Jones. Mr. Langford is a prominent Coventry Corporation official.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, June 19, 1928, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

At 81, BAKER STREET, SPARKHILL.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

FRANK E. PERVIN	...	1-2	ALBERT WAIKER	...	7-8
GEORGE F. SWANN	...	3-4	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE	...	9-10
FRANK W. PERRENS	...	5-6	MORRIS J. MORRIS	...	11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRANK E. PERVIN.
Mr. Fred Price heard most of the peal.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 21, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes.

At 16, LIME GROVE.

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

ALFRED BARNES	...	1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY	...	5-6
HAROLD JACKSON	...	3-4	FREDERICK PAGE	...	7-8
*PETER LARLIN...			...	9-10	

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by ALLEN F. BAILEY.

* First peal of Bob Royal and first attempt.

NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL BELLS.

For the next two months the bells of Newcastle Cathedral will be laid off while Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, are overhauling the whole ring and recasting the fourth bell, which has always been somewhat of a 'weaking' in the peal. They are to be fitted with ball bearings, and many other improvements and additions provided.

The bell founders hope to have the bells ready for two important weddings fixed for September 1st one that of Dr. Phyllis Routledge, eldest daughter of the Ringing Master, and the other that of the son of the senior verger, Mr. Dick Thompson, a prominent member of the Cathedral Guild of Ringers.

REV. C. E. MATTHEWS' MEMORIAL.

PROGRESS OF THE FUND.

The appeal for funds which was made in 'The Ringing World' in November last, and by circular letter sent to all towers in the area of the old Winchester Diocesan Guild, has met with good response, and the sum in hand amounts to £81 5s. 8d.

There are, however, several prominent towers connected with the old Winchester Guild, both in Hants and Surrey, who have not yet subscribed, and in view of what Mr. Matthews did for ringing it is felt that the members of those towers will desire to be connected with this memorial.

As the fund will shortly be closed, all those intending to subscribe should do so without delay.

The old ring of five bells at Milford-on-Sea are now at the foundry of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., who have secured the contract. They are to be replaced by a ring of eight, tenor 12½ cwt. in G, hung in a new iron frame. The probable date of dedication is November 3rd. It is hoped to obtain sufficient subscriptions to offer the two treble bells as the Guild memorial.

A full list of subscribers will be given in 'The Ringing World' when the fund is finally closed. Subscriptions should be sent to Mr. G. Pulinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Eastleigh.

'AFTER MANY ROVING YEARS.'

Some of the older generation who may remember the late Paul Cashmore, of West Bromwich, may be interested to know that his eldest son, Edward, is back in the old country for a short stay, after an absence abroad of 38 years. He is now 77 years of age, and it says much for his keenness and good health that at that age he undertook the journey home from Vancouver, a distance of over 6,000 miles, bringing his wife with him—and he is going back!

In his younger days Mr. Cashmore was an enthusiastic ringer, and rang peals with the late John Carter.

On Sunday evening last he had a pull at his old Parish Church at West Bromwich, and read the lessons at the service that followed. He also occupied his old seat in the choir. He is very proud of having had this privilege in the church in which he was christened nearly 77 years ago. Two of his nephews rang with him, Mr. S. W. Smith and Mr. A. Paddon Smith, and the former, not having touched a rope for thirty years (having given up ringing for singing), promptly broke a stay!

Mr. Cashmore wishes, through this medium, to thank Mr. Pagett and his young band at West Bromwich for enabling him to have a pull once again in the tower in which he learned to ring as a boy.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

An innovation in connection with Diocesan Conferences has to be recorded. At the Ely Diocesan Conference a report was asked for on the work of the Ely Diocesan Association, and the three minutes allotted were made good use of. It has already had good results by bringing the existence of the association to the notice of incumbents, and it might be well if other Diocesan Conferences could be induced to follow the same plan.

What is the meaning of the following note in the rules of the Central Council: 'A "representative member" is not necessarily a member of the society which he represents'? It is as good a conundrum as any with which the Methods Committee have provided us.

The peal rung at Warrington, Cheshire, on Saturday, June 2nd, was the first peal of Doubles on the bells. The first peal on the bells was a peal of Treble Bob Minor (three 720's of Oxford and four of Kent) rung on July 22nd, 1911.

There were high 'Jenks' at Liverpool on Saturday week, when several ringers from Crewe, Chester and Bolton-cum-Warrington rang Cambridge Surprise Maximus for the first time, under the leadership of the 'lightning conductor.'

The peal at Southwark Cathedral was the first of Cambridge Maximus by D. Cooper and F. E. Collins, who have both rung peals of Minor, Major, Royal and Maximus in this method.

Elijah Roberts, a marvellous exponent of method 'tapping,' tapped a peal of Stedman Cinques on handbells at Birmingham on June 30th, 1833. It was conducted by Henry Cooper, and there was no doubt as to the authenticity of the performance.

The first peal at All Saints', Poplar, was rung by the Cumberland Youths, for the consecration of the church on July 3rd, 1823.

Mr. Harold Walker, who for some years has been hon. secretary of the Doncaster and District Society, is shortly leaving Doncaster to take up an appointment at Boston.

COMPETITION RINGING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In a letter from your correspondent, 'Campanologist,' in a recent issue, he asks what ringing associations are going to do to interest the competition ringers in change ringing and the affairs of the Exercise.

The Guild of Devonshire Ringers, ever since its formation, has had as one of its principal objects the cultivation of change ringing, and debars its members from taking part in any competitive ringing under penalty of exclusion.

The recently-formed Devon Association of Ringers, who are promoting these competitions, are content to hold as the summit of their ambition, rising, falling, and ringing a set sequence of call changes with precision at a certain rate within a specified time.

The Guild has no feeling of animosity towards these round ringers, but rather a feeling of compassion, and it says to the round ringers in effect, 'Why don't you aim higher, study and practice half-pull change ringing, and make yourselves eligible to join us?' To which the round ringers reply, 'Our system, we think, is better than yours, the public prefer it, and we are not going to bother our heads with studying your complicated methods.'

As long as they maintain this obstinate attitude any attempts by the Guild to persuade them are hopeless. Further, it was openly stated at one of their competitions recently that their purpose was 'carrying war into the enemy's camp,' evidently meaning the Devon Guild. Why they should adopt a fighting attitude is inexplicable, as the Guild has no antipathy towards, or desire to interfere with them.

The only thing the Guild can do is to encourage its members to visit outside towers as frequently as possible, and exhibit half-pull ringing for the round ringers to become convinced of its superiority by their own observation.

I would like to ask 'Campanologist' what he would suggest the Devon Guild could do further to overcome the opposition and prejudice which he mentions.—Yours faithfully,

T. LAVER,

General Secretary, Guild of Devon Ringers.

SURPRISE MINOR IN CHESHIRE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. G. R. Newton's letter re the peal of Surprise Minor at Wallasey, I would like to say that the footnote was added after consulting Mr. Elwell, secretary of the Chester Guild, who informed me that it was the first for the Chester Guild.—Yours faithfully,

THOS. A. ROGERS.

VETERAN MILVERTON RINGER'S DEATH.

An old member of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association has passed away in the person of Mr. William Andrews, of Milverton, Somerset, who for more than 44 years was sexton. Failing health caused him to give up ringing some time ago, but in his day he was a very reliable change ringer. It was his wish that muffled bells should be rung at his funeral, and this desire was carried out after the interment on Thursday, June 21st. The bells were also rung half-muffled on Sunday morning, when a quarter-peal was rung by: J. Sweetland 1, E. Chapman 2, R. Scott (conductor) 3, C. Tarr 4, W. Cross 5, A. J. Andrews 6, A. Tout 7, S. Sharland (first quarter-peal) 8.

BELFRIES, NOT MUSEUMS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I feel I must congratulate you on the views so ably expressed in your leader under the above heading appearing in last week's issue. I think you have voiced with wonderful precision the views of many thinking ringers of to-day, who look for something more from their hobby than the mere exercise of pulling a rope, or the fascination of intricate methods. They are listening for the music. Especially would I thank you for the sound opinion expressed in the third and ultimate paragraphs of the article. Many hundreds of ringers must feel as I do that if copies could be circulated to incumbents, churchwardens and parochial church councillors who may have the restoration of their bells under consideration, nothing but good could result.—Yours faithfully,

A. PADDON SMITH.

Birmingham.

IMPERFECTIONS IN OLD BELLS.

Sir,—Allow me to offer congratulations on the splendid leading article, 'Belfries, not museums,' in this week's issue of 'The Ringing World.' It is well-timed and reasoned, giving food for thought to the faddists and those ignorant few who refuse to march with the times, and who keep their heads (and ears) buried in the sand. The old peals of bells cannot possibly compare with a modern ring in shape or tone. The only feature of old peals of bells is that they possessed in some few instances one good bell (cast by accident probably), such as Lavenham tenor, Bow tenor, Exeter 11th, and so on, and it was this which made the belfries containing them more or less renowned. Nowadays, we get in a modern peal of bells uniformity of weights and a perfect balance in tone between one bell and another, which was not possible under the old methods of casting and hand tuning.

It would really surprise a good many if they knew of the imperfections as regards weights and tones in the twelve bells now being taken down from St. Martin's tower, Birmingham. Each of the three chief foundries who inspected and reported on our bells would bear this statement out, and each strongly recommended that all the twelve bells be recast into a modern peal of bells, which, happily, is now to take place. It is up to our associations throughout the country to see that their representatives on the Diocesan Advisory Boards are men who can give good, sound advice and reason, when called in to report on peals of bells about to be restored, and insist that they are cast and tuned on modern lines, and that a thoroughly good job is made of the erection and hanging of the bells on engineering lines. Ball bearings then may be dispensed with, and swivel, self-oiling, plain bearings could be substituted by those who prefer them.—Yours faithfully,

ALBERT WALKER.**MUSEUM EXHIBITS.**

Dear Sir,—One must congratulate you on your leading article of the 22nd inst., and hope that it will be brought to the notice of the secretary of the S.P.A.B., but I do think that you should have included certain prominent members of the Central Council. One can find a little excuse for Mr. Powys, but none at all for those who have been too long connected with bellringing. If we are to have the belfries turned into museums, I would suggest that not only antiquated frames and bells be left to stare at, but also a few of the ringers with antiquated ideas might also be relegated to a similar position.—Yours truly,

PERCY O. LAFLIN.

King's Norton.

DOUBLE SURPRISE MINOR METHODS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I was delighted to read the two letters from Mr. Parker and Mr. Severn in your last issue concerning the theoretical standpoint of these Double Surprise methods, and I should be very glad if you would find space in your valuable journal for me to add my meed of praise for these methods from a practical point of view. As reported in 'The Ringing World' last week, we have rung twelve of them at Norton, and I may say that we simply revelled in them. When we had rung about one half of them, one of our ringers said, 'Mr. Wheeldon, I can feel these methods making a better ringer of me.' I replied in the words of a well-known advertisement, 'Yes; they are worth a guinea a method' (not box), and all the band concurred. Speaking personally, I have taken part in the first 'silent' peal of Surprise Minor ever rung, and in 'band conducted' peals, and have also taken part in the present record lengths for our association, both Minor and Major, but none of these have thrilled me to the same degree as the ringing of these twelve methods. Surely they must be worth preserving when they are capable of gripping men in this fashion, and, should the Central Council fail to include them in the new book which they contemplate issuing, it would be a thousand pities, for it would be a grievous loss of most excellent material to the Exercise in general.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN E. WHEELDON.

Milton, Staffs.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**YATELEY'S RETURN TO BASINGSTOKE DISTRICT.**

A very successful and enjoyable quarterly meeting of the Basingstoke District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild was held at Yateley on Saturday, June 23rd, when about 40 members attended from Basingstoke (St. Michael's and All Saints'), Bramley, Heckfield, North Stoneham, Oakley, Overton, Gilchester, Winchester and Yateley. Disappointment was expressed at not seeing any visitors from the adjacent towers in the Guildford diocesan area.

Service was held at 4 p.m., and the Rev. E. Jones (district secretary) conducted the Guild form of service, assisted by the Vicar of Yateley.

A splendid tea, provided by the generosity of the Yateley ringers and friends, was enjoyed in the Parish Room, presided over by the Vicar.

At the business meeting, the Vicar welcomed the Guild to Yateley, and expressed the wish that the visit would soon be repeated.

Mr. S. J. Riddell, the genial leader of the local band, gave a short and interesting history of the bells, in which he mentioned that Yateley at one time in the Basingstoke District, was afterwards transferred to the Yorktown District, and now again found itself in the Basingstoke District, to the great satisfaction of the local ringers.

The Secretary announced that the next meeting would be held at Kingsclere on September 15th, and urged all who intended to attend to let him know early. Full particulars will appear in 'The Ringing World' in due course.

During the afternoon and evening good use was made of the bells, and touches of Bob, Grandsire, and Stedman Doubles, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Bob Major brought round.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**ELKSTONE HOPES TO HAVE ANOTHER BELL.**

The summer meeting of the Cheltenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association was held at Elkstone on Saturday last. The weather was delightful, and a good number of ringers were attracted to this fine old church, situated on one of the highest points of the Cotswolds and noted for its Norman architecture. There is a ring of five bells recently rehung. Service was held in the church, conducted by the Rector, whose father presided at the organ. The lesson was read by Mr. G. A. Noch (churchwarden). A splendid tea was served on the lawn adjoining the church, and given by the good people of Elkstone.

Mr. G. A. Noch presided at the business meeting, supported by the Rector and Mr. Tonkinson, Mr. W. H. Hetch, Mr. J. H. Shephard (Swindon), Mr. Bond (Cirencester), and some 45 members from Leckhampton, Prestbury, Alderton, Winchcombe, Swindon, Dumbleton, Badgeworth, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham (St. Mark's), and the local tower.

The following members were elected: Rev. Tonkinson, Messrs. C. Gibbs, Ayers and W. Leach, all of Elkstone. Leckhampton was selected for the annual meeting.

It was decided that the names of all captains of towers in the branch should be inserted in the Ringers' Directory out of the funds of the branch. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. G. A. Noch, Mr. F. Blowing (head ringer), the lady helpers and all who had helped to make the meeting so successful. This was supported by the secretary (Mr. W. Yeend), who expressed the hope that another bell would be added in the very near future, with the kind assistance of Mr. W. H. Hetch.

On the way home, the neighbouring tower of Cowley, with its nice ring of six, was visited, but it was found that the 'go' of several of these bells was, to say the least, bad, for the want of using.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**PROPOSED ADDITION TO WORPLESDON BELLS.**

Much useful work is being done in the Guildford Diocesan Guild by the system of combined practices which is being carried out through the districts.

Last Saturday there was an especially pleasant gathering of the Guildford District at Worplesdon, where the Rector and Mrs. Bruce entertained a party of about 30 to a sumptuous tea on the Rectory lawn.

The work in the belfry was devoted to Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, and Plain and Treble Bob Minor, and excellent use was made of the opportunities. After the labours in the tower, the Rev. J. C. G. and Mrs. Bruce's hospitality was specially appreciated, and they were thanked by Admiral T. P. Walker for the kindness and particularly warm welcome extended to the visitors. Mrs. Bruce, it may be mentioned, is one of the local ringers.

Worplesdon has a peal of six bells, with a tenor of about 18 cwt. When they were rebung in 1908 provision was made in the new frame for two trebles, and efforts are now to be made to raise funds for these additional bells.

TOTTENHAM, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, June 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples for morning service: H. W. H. Strickland, C. T. Coles (conductor), S. W. Crabb, W. R. Madgwick, C. Rutton, J. E. Nash, E. A. Hull, H. Ellis.

GREAT CARILLONS AT LOUGHBOROUGH.

WONDER BELLS FOR AMERICA.

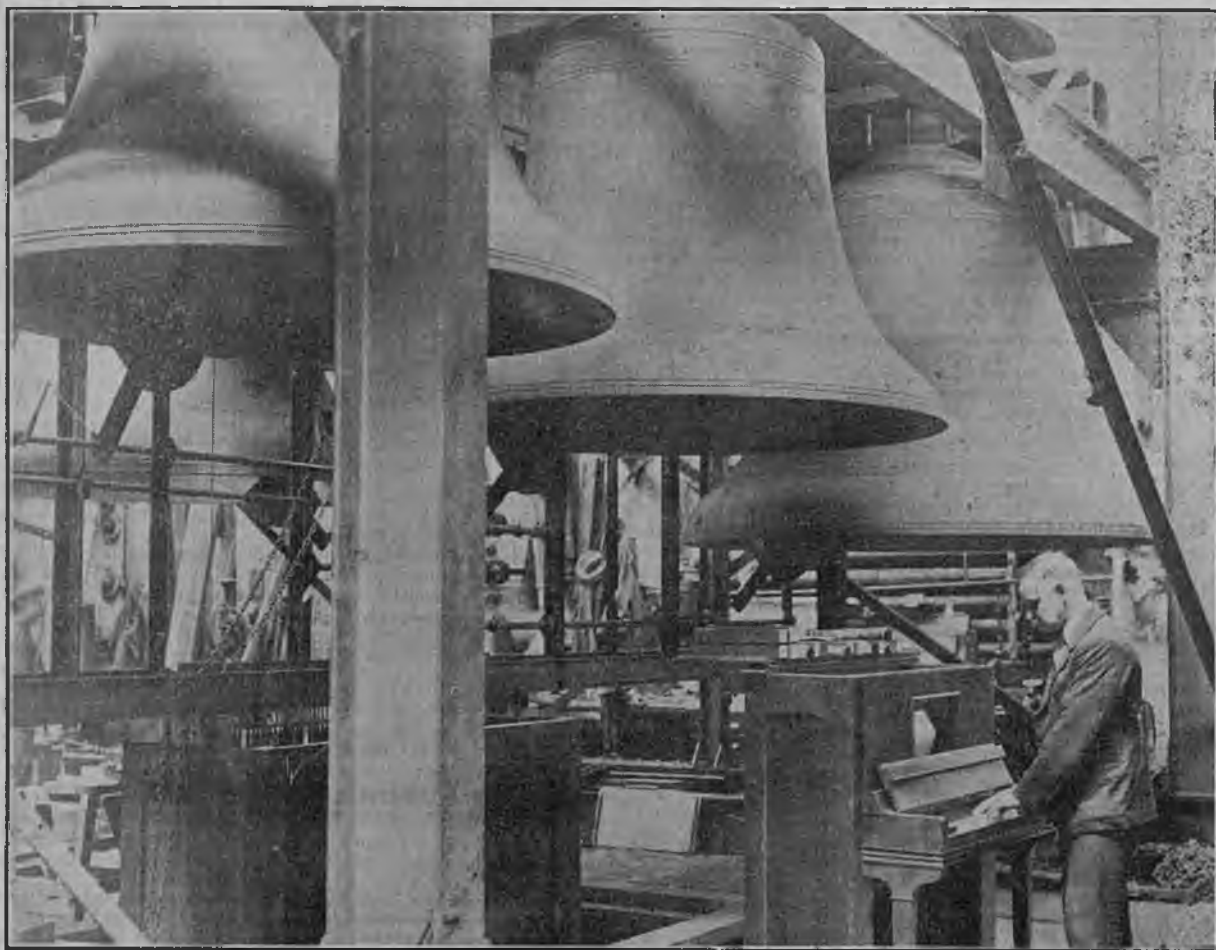
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England is providing America with its newest form of music, although it is a music centuries old on this side of the Atlantic. The Americans have recently discovered the beauties of the carillon. Having found it, they are out to get the biggest and best the world can provide, and that, they have realised, can only be obtained in England.

At this moment there is in the celebrated foundry of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., at Loughborough, a carillon which, both in weight and number of bells, is the greatest ever assembled together for one order by any firm of bell founders in the world. Its 48 notes cover four chromatic octaves, with the exception of the largest semitone, and the thirteen notes in the top octave are duplicated to give more power at this end of the scale, so that in all there are

timed for Mountain Lake, Florida, where it is to take its place in a beautiful white marble tower, which is being erected in the Bird Sanctuary, by the American Foundation Incorporated. This tower, about 200 feet in height, is to be of most graceful proportions, and the bells will be hung 160 feet above ground level.

The carillon can, of course, be played by the usual clavier, but, in addition, it will be possible to operate it from an ivory key board at the foot of the tower. The lightest touch upon this instrument will cause the hammers to strike the bells, for the power is derived from an electro-pneumatic installation, which is also used in connection with a most wonderful automatic player. The application of this latter was the outcome of the genius of the late Mr. Pryce Taylor. What this automatic machine will do is, almost



The three largest bells and the keyboard of the Mountain Lake carillon.

61 bells. And such bells! Better bells were never produced by anyone, at any time. They are 61 perfect specimens of the bell founder's art, and in point of size they range from a mere 14 lbs. up to a gigantic E flat bell which weighs more than ten and a half tons, and whose majestic tones smite the ear like a grand chord from a great organ. The harmonics throughout this wonderful collection of bells are perfectly blended, and even the little ones, so difficult to tune with accuracy, are a sheer delight. There is nothing 'brassy' or harsh about them; their tones are pure and true.

This wonderful carillon, a climax, if we may say so, among the many remarkable productions of this world-famed foundry, is des-

human; in fact, it is in some respects more than human, for, when properly set, it cannot err. In principle it is an adaptation of the pianola, but with this difference; it has to overcome resistance of the many hundreds of pounds in bringing the hammers into contact with the bells, the hammer of the bass bell alone weighing nearly 4 cwt. That the mechanism of this latest instrument is the last word in carillon building may be judged by the fact that even the trackers and the hammers are made to move on ball bearings; and so quick acting is it that the stroke on the bell is practically instantaneous with pressure on the keyboard.

A representative of 'The Ringing World' had the privilege of hearing this magnificent carillon tried out a few days ago by Mr.

Eric Jordan, the able municipal carillonneur of Loughborough. The effects which are possible from this perfectly tuned instrument are really wonderful, for the harmonics have been brought under extraordinary control. Mountain Lake Bird Sanctuary will undoubtedly have a carillon unexcelled in quality anywhere in the world.

In the foundry at the same time was an almost identical carillon for Springfield Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, Mass., the only difference being that it has one semi-tone less. A feature of this carillon is that, while the carillon is in the tower, the bells can be coupled with the organ keyboard by the mere operation of a stop. There is thus no limit to what can be done in the playing of carillons, except in the compass of the bells themselves, and in future developments it would almost seem that the old style of carillonneur, whose task under the old methods requires great physical exertion, will disappear, although it must be said that the small effort required in playing from the clavier of these new Loughborough carillons is in striking comparison with the labour that is necessary in operating the manual of the old carillons of Belgium and Holland.

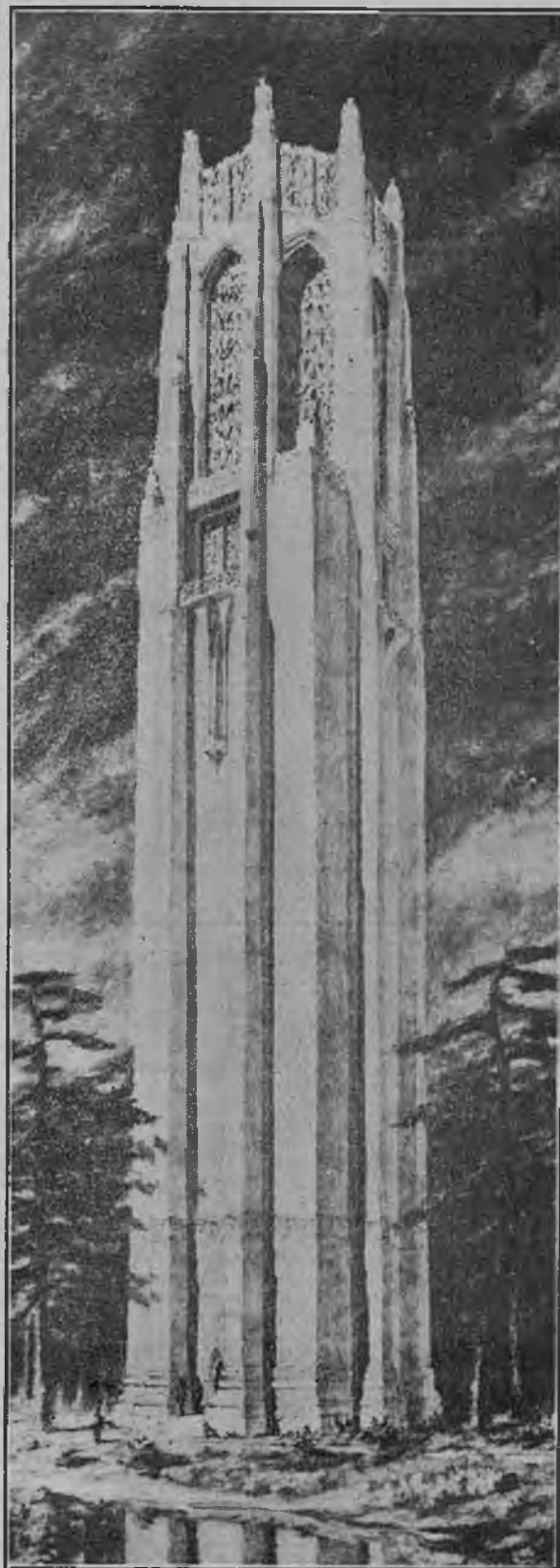
Carillon work at Loughborough has grown immensely in the last two or three years, and the fame of John Taylor and Co. has become world-wide. Among the carillons completed within the last twelve months or so have been one for Germantown M.E. Church, Philadelphia, with a compass of 48 notes, but making, with a duplicated upper octave, 61 bells, the largest of which is three tons; another for Albany City Hall, New York, with a compass of 47 notes, and, with a duplicated upper octave, 60 bells, the bass bell being five tons; another for Christ Church, Cranbrook, Michigan, covering 46 notes, with 59 bells, the largest being three tons; and Sydney University War Memorial, consisting of 62 bells, with an octave duplicated.

The Springfield and Mountain Lake carillons are shortly passing out of the foundry; but two other great instruments are in progress, some of the bells of which are completed, or rapidly reaching that stage. One carillon is for a fine new cathedral now in course of erection at Indianapolis, and is to be given by the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite (a branch of Freemasonry). This will comprise 62 bells with a five ton G as the lowest note, and covering 49 notes. For Bathurst, a carillon of 35 bells and notes is in preparation, the largest bell being 1½ tons.

This, however, is only one phase of the activities at Loughborough Foundry, which to ringers is best known as the source of many of the finest bells in our English churches; but before going on to refer to what Messrs. Taylor and Co. are doing in this direction, it is interesting to note that they have recently cast a 10½ ton hour bell and four quarter bells for the new Nottingham Exchange. This hour bell has the deepest tone of any bell in England, not even excepting Big Ben, which is three tons greater in weight. It is a remarkable example of what bell founders can do in these days, with their improved knowledge of bell shapes and tuning. For Brisbane Town Hall, Australia, Messrs. Taylor and Co. are making a 4½ ton hour bell in A flat, and quarter bells; for Pretoria Boys' High School, South Africa, an hour bell and quarter chimes; and for a new Nonconformist church at Alfreton, Derbyshire, a chime of twelve bells, with tenor 12½ cwt., to be automatically operated.

Turning to the ringing peals for English churches, it is gratifying to know that Messrs. Taylor and Co. have no fewer than 30 of these in hand, the most interesting, perhaps, being Worcester Cathedral. The ringing peal of twelve and three extra semi-tone bells are to be recast; and the five-ton hour bell is to be tuned to harmonise with them. Our representative saw the old bells as they stood in the foundry yard before breaking up, and when one heard them tapped one realised how far Lord Grimthorpe's ideals fell below the standards of to-day. They lack all the characteristics of modern shape and tone. Among the other restorations which Messrs. Taylor and Co. have in hand are the following: Recasting and augmenting to a ring of eight the five bells at Milford-on-Sea; rehanging and supplying two new trebles to make a peal of eight at Great Bardfield; rehanging and augmenting to eight bells the peal of six at Higher Walton; rehanging the thirteen bells at Newcastle Cathedral (on ball bearings) and recasting the fourth bell; rehanging and adding two new trebles to make a peal of six at Wisborough, Sussex; rehanging and adding two new trebles to the ring of four at Churston Ferrers, Devonshire; recasting the five back bells at Crich, Derby; rehanging the peal of six at Kirk Ella; recasting the peal of five and augmenting to eight at Enderby; the peal of eight at St. George's, Dublin; the peal of five at Great Easton, Essex; the peal of five at Kirby Bellars; the peal of six at Hinton Waldrist; the peal of six at Swimbridge Parish Church, etc. They have, of course, also just completed the casting of the four trebles to increase the bells at Lincoln Cathedral to a ring of twelve.

Such activity is a splendid testimony to the vigour of the bell founding industry. It is no longer a happy-go-lucky enterprise; but embraces all that modern science and knowledge can devise to produce bells that have never been approached in quality at any time



The magnificent white marble tower in which the Mountain Lake carillon will hang.

in the world's history. Fortunately indeed are those folk who in these days have new bells cast by firms with resources such as those which are behind the work turned out at the Loughborough Foundry, with which the name of Taylor is synonymous.

The history of this business is indeed an interesting one. The first of the long line of founders, it would appear, was one Johannes de Stafford, Mayor of Leicester in 1366 and 1370, and a famous bell-founder in his day. He was followed by William Miller, whose three sons, in partnership with another founder, cast the old tenor bell for Loughborough Parish Church. Then came Edward Newcombe, who also had three sons associated with him in the business; and one of these, again in partnership with another founder, cast 'Great Tom' of Lincoln. This was in 1610, and the Newcombes were followed by the Watts. The foundry had been moving about somewhat, first at Leicester; it was subsequently moved to Nottingham, and in 1717 it was at Kettering in the control of the Eayre family. An apprentice of the latter, named Arnold, started at Leicester again, and there then appeared the first of the Taylors. Robert Taylor, born in 1760, was apprenticed



A contrast: The largest and the smallest bells in the carillon.

to Arnold at the latter's foundry at St. Neots, and subsequently acquired the business. He had two sons, William and John, the younger of whom (John) went to Buckland Brewer, Devonshire, in 1825, there to build a bell-foundry, having previously been operating a foundry at Oxford. Eight years later, however, John Taylor returned to Oxford, only to establish himself anew at Loughborough in 1840; and here the Taylor foundry has since remained. John Taylor died in 1858, leaving his business to his only surviving son, John William Taylor, justly esteemed as one of the greatest bell-founders the world had ever known. Followed in succession his sons, John William Taylor, junr., and Edmund Denison Taylor, who, since the lamented death of his brother in 1919, has been in control. The development of the business, which began in marked degree in the days of John William Taylor, senr., who cast many noble bells and famous peals, including 'Great Paul' and the ring of twelve at St. Paul's Cathedral, has proceeded apace in later years, until to-day it is so busy that even the present enormous factory can scarcely keep abreast of the work.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The recent gathering of East Berks and South Bucks Branch at Farnham Royal was well attended, and after tea a committee meeting was held to determine the jubilee celebrations of the formation of the old society, from which this branch came into existence. The first quarterly meeting was held on April 28th, 1879, and the first annual meeting on July 26th of the same year. The committee are meeting again on September 30th.

FORTY YEARS A RINGER AT DUNSTABLE.

The death has occurred of Mr. F. Franklin, for forty years a ringer at Dunstable, Beds. As a mark of respect the bells of the Parish Church were rung half-muffled on Sunday, and for matins a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,280 changes) was brought round in 50 mins.: B. F. Calcott 1, G. H. Sentance 2, A. V. Good 3, C. Rollings 4, C. E. King 5, G. Heley 6, A. G. Matthews 7, A. E. Sharman (conductor) 8.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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PEAL DIPLOMAS.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn brought forward the motion which had been adjourned from the last meeting, 'that the Council shall issue at a small charge peal diplomas for the encouragement of young ringers.' He said it had been adjourned because they thought it was their business to talk to their Guilds and Associations upon the matter and get their opinion. In his own Guild he had reviewed the situation with the secretary, Mr. Tom Hibbert, and they had come to the conclusion that they had turned the corner with regard to the difficulty of getting young ringers. They had more beginners now than they had a year ago; the outlook was more hopeful, though there was still room for improvement. He had spoken on the matter of diplomas at every branch meeting of his own Guild, and also to the Committee, and at every meeting there had been an almost unanimous show of hands in favour of the diploma being granted. One branch only did not vote in favour, and their idea was that it savoured too much of cups and trophies—that was the only thing against it. He was not going to take up the time of the Council by repeating what he said at the last meeting, but he would ask someone to second the motion and see what the opinion of the Council was this year, after having discussed it with the members of their own associations.

Mr. J. Hunt seconded. He said the delegates from the Bath and Wells Association had direct orders to support the motion. It had been thoroughly discussed throughout the diocese, and their members were universally in favour of the proposal. Moreover, their association was in favour of it being extended, not only to those who rang their first peal, but eventually to conductors when they got a young band through their first peal. If this proved successful it might also be applied to the men who got their ringers through successively their first peals of Doubles, Triples and Major.

Mr. James George emphatically condemned the proposal. It was nothing but a farce, he said, to get young ringers through their first peal just anyhow, in order to get them a diploma. He knew a case of a person who was got through a peal, because something had been promised beforehand if the peal was rung. The peal was said to have been rung, but when he (the speaker) got the same person into another belfry to try to ring a touch that person could not ring a course, or even two leads. He was afraid that diplomas would lead to very bad peals being rung. It was quite an honour for anyone to ring their first peal, and to have the record of it published, and see their name in print. When he started they never thought of diplomas and he condemned the whole practice.

Mr. F. Hopgood gave the resolution his hearty approval. It could not possibly do any harm, and if it would do any good, as he claimed was possible, let them try it.

Mr. C. Edwards said the motion had the support of the Hereford Guild. They were in a rather remote part of the country, and few people realised the difficulties they had in getting young fellows to take an interest in ringing. A certain number would go so far, but would not go to the trouble of trying to reach the peal ringing stage. He thought the Council might do something to give them an object in view. If this proposal were adopted it would be one means of bringing the Central Council before the young ringer and an incentive to him to go on in the art. It was all very well for Mr. George to condemn the motion; he had his ringers already made for him when they came to Birmingham, but in that part of the country they had to make the ringers to send to him (laughter). They had taught about 30 or 40 ringers at his tower, but they had all gone, and ringers must be getting very thick in some parts of the country (laughter). He thought the diplomas would encourage young ringers to go on in the art, but he agreed that the peals for which the diplomas were awarded should be creditable peals. The proudest day of a ringer's life was when he rang his first peal, and if in Mr. George's day diplomas had been awarded he was quite sure one would have been hanging in his house to-day, and Mr. George would be proud of it.

Mr. P. J. Johnson said he considered the Council was being invited to do something which ought to be the primary function of the societies affiliated to the Council (hear, hear). In his young days—and he was not an old man yet—they used to find that the old ringers attached a great deal more importance to good striking than they did to the achievement of peals, but they found that in later years the standard of a man's ringing was judged by the number of methods he could ring. What they had to ask themselves was whether, with these diplomas, they would be setting up a definite standard of advancement to the young ringer. In the Yorkshire Association a man had to be able to ring 720 changes before they admitted him as a member. He thought it would be equally logical for the Council to discuss whether they should award medals to those who ring a thousand peals. When they awarded a diploma for a first peal it did not necessarily set up a standard. It depended, for one thing, on what sort of a conductor they had got—and he could speak feelingly. In this motion the Council were proposing to undertake a function that should be the job of the societies which were affiliated to the Council. It was their job to give advice on the technical side of the science, but he did not think

it would be wise to interfere with the individual business of the associations (applause).

The Rev. E. S. Powell said on the previous day this matter was brought before a meeting of 170 members of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, when a unanimous vote was given against the proposal. Like the Hereford Guild, they were somewhat isolated and far away, and in addition they had to face a very determined effort of the 'Churchyard Bob' or 'stonev' ringers, who had set up an association which bore a colourable name to the change-ringing Devon Guild, and they had established in it a competition for round ringers. What mattered most, however, was this, the more a competition of that kind could succeed the less chance there was of getting a man to take up the higher art of change ringing. The Devon Guild might have a very big fight in front of them, and that was the feeling behind the vote given the previous day—that anything which encouraged competition or reward for ringing was, in the view of his Guild, lowering in tone, and he was instructed very earnestly to vote against the resolution.

Canon Helmore said in the Kent Association the subject had been brought forward in district meetings, and he must say that, so far as he could judge, his members were for the most part completely apathetic with regard to it. They had an old certificate which was never asked for, and that was for a man who could ring so many changes. He was never asked for a copy of that, only for the certificate of membership.

The Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake said it seemed to him that if they could combine with that idea another that was very similar to it, it might commend itself more to the backwoodsmen (laughter). If the diplomas were issued in different colours, and could be obtained in blank form, on which they could record ordinary peals, and which could be put together in a kind of loose leaf ledger, special peals being distinguished by different colours, they would have interesting peal books for themselves and for the younger members. Even Mr. James George, of England, probably kept a peal book, although it might by now be rather an extensive one. Personally he would like a book on the loose leaf ledger system, so that peals could be entered up on a standard form and put therein. If they had different coloured papers for different methods they would see from the book itself what sort of a standard the ringer had reached.

Mr. George Williams said the Winchester Diocesan Guild members were in favour of the proposal, and he had been asked to support the motion. Those of them who had rung hundreds of peals ought not to oppose the young ringers' wishes.

Mr. A. H. Pulling said the Guildford Diocesan Guild supported the proposal, and, personally, he gave it his support, because it would be a little reward to a ringer. He felt, however, that there should not be any charge made to the ringer, but that the Guilds should pay for the diploma, if the Central Council could not do so. No doubt very soon all roads would lead to London, or some other great centre, to celebrate the one-thousandth peal of a well-known gentleman, but he had no hesitation in saying that when a young band rang its first peal of Grandsire Triples it would be a more creditable performance than Mr. James George's one-thousandth.

Mr. W. A. Cave thought rather too much stress was being laid on the peal ringer. Why should they not encourage and give a diploma to the young ringer when he proved himself by ringing for Sunday services? That was the man they wanted; not the peal ringers.

The Rev. H. Drake said that at the meeting of their Suffolk Guild they did not want to turn this resolution down, but they did not see that it was practicable, because it had not been put before them in sufficiently definite form. It was the local association which was in a position to say whether a peal was worth recording or not; the Central Council was not in a position to say so.

The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson agreed that the issue of the diplomas should be in the hands of the local associations, but he took it that if that were done the associations would obtain their supplies from the librarian or secretary of the Council, and the issue would be in the hands of the association officials. Whether or not the young ringer paid for the diploma would depend on the association. Personally he thought the scheme should be carried out, and carried out by the Council, whose business it should be to do all it could to promote the art of ringing. A thing issued by the Council would be of very much more value to the ringer and of a great deal more value to the Exercise. It would help the young ringer to realise what an enormous body of church workers he belonged to, and in that way he thought it would be of great educative value to the lads in the country parishes. A certificate issued by the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers would be much more valued than one issued by an association.

Mr. F. A. Milne said that at the annual meeting of the Middlesex Association, which was very largely attended, there was an almost unanimous vote to oppose this resolution.

Mr. F. Wilford, who next rose to speak, began by saying that at the annual meeting of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild the delegates—but he got no further when the President interrupted him by saying that members were not delegates. They were not there as Trade Unionists sent to a conference to vote as they were

told, but were there as representatives, perfectly free to vote exactly as they liked after listening to the arguments. The word 'delegate' had been used three or four times that day—they were not there as delegates, but as representatives.

Mr. Wilford then proceeded that the representatives to the Council from the Peterborough Diocesan Guild were not given any instructions from their Guild. It was left to their own discretion, but they were of opinion that the matter belonged to the Guilds, as Mr. Johnson had already said.

Mr. R. Whittington said the representatives of the Guildford Diocesan Guild were instructed to vote for the motion, although he was personally opposed to it. He should, however, vote as his members wished him to do.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies said they would not find the word 'delegate' from one end of their constitution to the other. He always contended very strongly that everyone came there to express his own judgment; not to vote this way or that at dictation, but to exercise his own common sense in voting after listening to the arguments.

Major J. H. B. Hesse said Mr. Whittington and Mr. Pulling had expressed their views as representing the Guildford Guild; as Master of that Guild, although not one of its representatives, he thought he ought, therefore, to say what he felt about it himself. In his view diplomas were the wrong kind of encouragement to give a man. If a man wanted to ring for the honour of ringing, the peal books were enough to see his peals in. They wanted men who would ring without any reward for it (hear, hear).

Mr. W. Southard said that in Cornwall they already gave medals and certificates, but these did not seem to encourage young ringers very much to go in for the art of change ringing.

In replying to the discussion, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn said the idea behind the scheme was that the diploma should come from the Central Council, as being the most important body. When a young ringer had rung his first peal, which would have to be a genuine peal, and the record had been published, he would apply through his branch or general secretary to the secretary of the Central Council, and the diploma would come in due course. It was thought that if he paid something for it he would value it more. The idea was also that the diplomas should be all of one size and colour, and only be issued for first peals in any method. He brought the scheme forward because it was something suggested by young ringers themselves, and the diplomas should be given as an encouragement, and not as a reward.

A vote was then taken, and the motion was lost by a considerable majority.

REPRESENTATIVES OR DELEGATES?

To the Editor.

Sir,—On several occasions during recent years you have, in your 'Leaders' deplored the lack of, and pleaded for more interest to be shown by ringers generally in the doings of the Central Council. You have advocated individual ringers bringing up for discussion at their district and annual meetings subjects which are of general interest to the Exercise, and which are also subjects which their representatives could introduce for discussion at the Central Council meetings. This advice has, I think, been more or less acted on. It certainly has in my own district. Now, sir, at the Central Council meeting at Hereford on Whitsun Tuesday an incident occurred which, in my opinion, has a bearing on the question of how much interest we can get ringers, as a whole, to take in what the Council is doing—it has, at any rate, a positive and direct bearing as to the amount of interest they are going to take in what their own representatives are going to do, and through them, what the whole Council is doing. I believe I am correct in stating that at the 1927 meeting of the Council the suggested 'Diplomas for Young Ringers' scheme was purposely deferred for a year, in order that the subject might be discussed at district meetings, the feelings of ringers generally regarding it ascertained, and, as a result, representatives would come to this year's meeting knowing exactly the feelings of the people who sent them there, and vote on that motion accordingly. That is exactly what has happened in my own Guild of Guildford. Both before we were divided from Winchester, and since we have been a Guildford Diocesan Guild, this question has been debated at our meetings, and the voting has been in favour of the adoption of the scheme, and we were requested to vote at the Council meeting for its adoption.

During the discussion which took place at Hereford on this motion I stated definitely that, personally, I was against the idea altogether, but the question had been debated at our Guild meetings; and as the feeling was generally in favour of the scheme we were requested to vote for its adoption. I certainly intended to do so. And there is the point to which I wish to draw the attention of ringers generally. The statement that representatives had a mandate, so to speak, from their Guild members as to how they were to vote on this motion, brought the president quickly to his feet, and he said, 'You are not here as delegates to a Trade Union conference; you are here as representatives of your Guild, and should come here with an open mind, listen to the discussion, and then vote according to your own conscience.' Now, sir, had I obeyed our honoured president (and I am truly sorry that I could

not) I should have been disloyal, and, I think, very unfair to the people who were sending me to Hereford; so, in order to be loyal to them, I had to be disloyal to the president and to my own conscience.

However, the point I particularly want to raise is this—if that is how we are expected (by the Council) to vote, on a subject that has been deferred for a year in order to find out the feelings of members of the Exercise generally, may I ask what is the use of the year's discussion. This particular question might just as well have been settled in 1927. We, here, have been discussing it off and on during 1927-28. I, personally, was against the idea from the first, and all our discussions have failed to convert me. I am sent to Hereford to represent a Guild which, as a whole, approves of the scheme, and, naturally, expects the representatives to vote according to their expressed wishes. Yet there, we are told, we must not give effect to the result of the decision of 1927 to defer action for 12 months in order to find out the wishes of ringers generally, unless it also agrees with our own personal opinion. I contend that such a position is impossible and intolerable, and will certainly not be conducive to getting ringers generally to take an interest in the doings of their representatives, or of the Central Council at all.

In conclusion, I should like to make it quite clear that I certainly have no wish to interfere with any traditional practices of the Central Council, or to oppose, in any way, any ruling of our president, but I certainly am concerned in getting ringers generally to take a lively interest in the actions of their representatives on the Council. In order to illustrate my way of thinking and looking at this matter, I will put it in this way—supposing that all the associations had done as Guildford did, discussed this question at their meetings during 1927-28, and that there was, in all of the associations, a majority of the members in favour of the adoption of this scheme, and also that they had all requested their representatives to vote in favour of it. Suppose, again, that all the representatives were, personally (as myself), against the motion. The discussions in the Council would, under such circumstances, be all against the motion, and if we all carried out the president's ruling, we should all vote 'according to our own conscience,' and, of course, altogether against the expressed wishes of a majority of the ringers of the whole Exercise. I contend that such a position is untenable, and tends dangerously near to the ridiculous, and that the time has come when, if we are to get ringers generally to interest themselves in the Central Council and its doings, representatives must be allowed actually to consult their members as to their opinions on debatable subjects, and be prepared to vote at the Council's meetings accordingly.—Yours faithfully,

ROBERT WHITTINGTON
(Guildford Diocesan Guild).

METHOD NAMES.

'IMMANUEL' SURPRISE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I would like to give an explanation of the title 'Immanuel' Surprise which was referred to at the Central Council meeting. Being the composer of the method, and having given it its title, it is very amusing to see this part of the 'dead horse' flogged to life at intervals by the Rev. H. Drake. The method was produced in 1906, and rung by the Immanuel Church company, Oswaldtwistle, Lancashire, on May 27th, 1906. There was no intention of profanity in the mind of the author when the name was given, only just a kindly wish that the church, which had witnessed the struggles and rise of a band of raw recruits by their own efforts to a position of eminence in Minor ringing, should be held in remembrance with a Minor method of similar name. Being also the composer of Oswald Treble Bob, imagine my relief when it did not turn out a dead horse, but stood the test. I would like to remind the Methods Committee that a peal of Immanuel was rung a few months ago, by the Ely Association, I think. Mr. Butler remarked that if they were to go on making changes the Minor ringers would not know where they were. He can rest assured that for a long time they have not known where they stand regarding many of the names. Mr. J. S. Goldsmith says he does not suggest they should touch these method names which have an historic interest. If Immanuel is not yet historic, I think I can claim it is becoming established as a popular Surprise Minor method. A last word, if the Methods Committee decide to change the name, I ask them to give it Oswaldtwistle.—Yours faithfully,

C. SHARPLES.

Blackpool.

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Eagle (5) Saturday, June 30th. Tower open 2 p.m. Bus leaves Lincoln (St. Mark's) 1.15 and 3 p.m.; returns to Lincoln 6.30 and 9 p.m.—Notification for tea to Harold Marcon, District Secretary, 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—The annual meeting for the election of officers will be held at Desborough on Saturday, June 30th. Bells (8) ready 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Will members kindly make a special effort to attend? Visitors welcome.—H. Baxter, Branch Secretary, Silver Street, Broughton, Kettering.

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) A good attendance requested.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—The 117th Ringing Anniversary will be held on Saturday, June 30th. Bells ready 2 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. Symonds.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—The branch annual meeting will be held at Northampton on Saturday, June 30th. Bells of St. Peter's and St. Sepulchre's from 2.30 during the afternoon. Service at St. Peter's at 4.15, followed by tea at 1s. per head, and business meeting in St. Peter's Church Rooms at 5 p.m.—T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The summer festival will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, June 30th. The bells (8) will be ready at 2.30.; service at 5; tea 5.30.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street, N. Dunstable.

EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Chiddingstone on Saturday, June 30th. Tower open 2.30.—George Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

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.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., 63, Commercial Road, Woking.

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, Chevallier Street, Ipswich.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District. — The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Upper Armley, Leeds, on Saturday, June 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea in the Church Hall at 5 p.m., 1s. 6d. per head. Tickets for tea can be obtained at the hall between 3 and 5 p.m.—Hilda F. Jacques, Hon. Dis. Sec., Northfield Avenue, Mansfield-Woodhouse, Notts.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at High Easter (6) and Good Easter (5) jointly, on Saturday, June 30th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. It is hoped there will be a good attendance.—R. C. Clark, Dis. Sec., 8, Hill Road, Chelmsford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Will members please note that the meeting arranged at High Easter for June 30th has been cancelled, owing to the bells not being in a fit state to ring.—R. C. Clark, Dis. Sec., S.E. Division.

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.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The meeting at Brighouse fixed for June 30th has been postponed.—F. Hutchinson, District Secretary.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Doncaster Deanery Choir Festival, Saturday, June 30th. Ringing at St. George's 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Special business meeting re resignation of Hon. Secretary.—H. Walker.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for July: St. Clement Danes, Sunday, the 1st, at 10 a.m.; Monday, 2nd, quarterly and special meeting to discuss addition to rules, 6.30 p.m.; 16th and 30th at 7.30, St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, 10th, at 8.—S. C. Moye, Gen. Sec., 14 Gt. Bland St. S.E.1.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on July 5th and 19th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 10th, Southwark Cathedral on the 12th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 26th. All at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION (St. Albans District) and the **MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD** (North & East District).—A joint meeting will be held at North Mimms on Saturday, July 7th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m.; short service at 5 p.m. with an address by the Rev. C. G. Ward. Tea afterwards in the Scout House at 1/- per head. Two bus services run from St. Albans near the church; one bus leaves Hatfield at 3 p.m.; Enfield to St. Albans route, nearest point new arterial road; train leaves Finsbury Park 2.17, arrives Brookman's Park 2.50, next arrival 4.11, cheap return fare 1s. 6d. To facilitate tea arrangements, a postcard to either of the undersigned by Wednesday, 4th, please. A visit to this old church with its rural surroundings is worth while.—W. Nash, North Mimms, Hatfield, and C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, Highams Park, E.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held at Whalley on Saturday, July 7th. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Derby on Saturday, July 7th. Ringing at the Cathedral (10) at 2 p.m.; short service at 4; tea at 4.15 in the Church Schoolroom, St. Mary's Gate (1/6 per head), followed by meeting. St. Andrew's (10) and St. Alkmund's (8) will be available for ringing in the evening. Will all who wish for tea kindly notify Mrs. L. W. Jacques, Northfield Avenue, Mansfield-Woodhouse, Notts, before Thursday, July 5th. All ringers welcome.—Edith K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will hold their annual meeting, and an eight bell contest at Liversedge, on Saturday, July 7th. Draw to take place in School at 2.45 p.m. All who require tea may have same at 1/6 each, by sending word not later than July 2nd, to L. Hargreaves, 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at 75, High Street, Winchester (near Westgate) on Saturday, July 7th. Committee meeting, 1 p.m.; general meeting, 2 p.m.; tea, 4 p.m. Service in Cathedral at 5.15 p.m.; preacher, the Bishop of Southampton. Bells available: Cathedral (12), Hursley (8), St. Maurice's (6), Micheldever (6). Parties wishing to ring during the morning should write Mr. G. Williams, West End, Southampton, by July 2nd, who will make arrangements. Those requiring tea must notify me prior to July 4th.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Eastleigh.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Harlington on Saturday, July 7th. 6 bell ringing from 3 p.m. Tea arranged as usual. Train to Hounslow (East), bus to Harlington Corner or train to Hayes (G.W.R.). Harmondsworth, evening. All ringers and friends welcome.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division, Ardleigh.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ardleigh, Saturday, July 7th. There will be ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 and tea at 5.15 in Neuth Hall (kindly provided by our honorary member, Mr. Neuth). Will all wishing to attend please let me know not later than Tuesday, July 3rd.—R. W. Stannard, 12, Ireton Road, Colchester, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Shepshe'd St. Botolph's on Saturday, July 7th. Bells (8) ready from 3 o'clock. All ringers will be welcome.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—A meeting will be held at Leiston on Saturday, July 7th. Bells (8) at St. Margaret's ready at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided free of charge in Junior Council Schools about 5.30 p.m. All ringers are welcome.—Geo. Willson, 41, Valley Road, Leiston, Suffolk.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, July 7th, at Yeovil. Bells 2.30 p.m. Evensong 4 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. Bells available: Yeovil (10), East Coker (8), West Coker (8), Preston (6). Would those who require tea kindly notify me.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—The meeting arranged for July 7th at Wimbledon is unavoidably cancelled.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting at Barlborough on Saturday, July 7th. Bells (6) ready early. Short service 4.30 p.m. for unveiling of marblette peal board for peal rung on February 4th, in honour of Miss Lampson's 21st birthday. Mr. Locker Lampson has given consent for all ringers and friends to go through Barlborough Hall and grounds. A good attendance is desired. Tea at 5.15 p.m. on Rectory Lawn, weather permitting. Doncaster to Chesterfield, East Midland Buses, pass the church; Retford to Chesterfield will change at Clowne on to No. 3 or 4 bus, to Barlborough, one mile hence. Advise P. E. Hibbard, Sycamore Lane, Barlborough, nr. Chesterfield, those who require tea, not not later than July 4th.—H. Haigh and H. Revill, Hon. Secs.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Western District will be held at Chester-le-Street on Saturday, July 7th. Bells available after 2.30. Hoping to have a good attendance.—H. Tyson, Sec., 23 Bungalow, Tanfield Lea.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Trowbridge on Saturday, July 7th. Bells (10) ready 3 p.m. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Business meeting follows tea. The bells at North Bradley (6) and Hilperton (6) available for ringing in the evening.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The summer meeting of the Reading Branch will be held at Checkendon on Saturday, July 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Ringers' service at 6 p.m. A special bus will run from the Duke of Edinburgh, Caversham Road, at 2.30. Tea will be provided for all members. Please notify me by Wednesday, July 4th, of numbers hoping to attend, and numbers for bus.—F. W. Hopgood, Hon. Branch Sec., 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—A meeting will be held at Alconbury on Saturday, July 7th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Will those requiring tea please let me know by July 4th. Bus leaves Huntingdon Market Square 2.30 p.m.—C. Fields, Dis. Sec., High Street, St. Neots.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Stone on Saturday, July 7th. Service in church 5 p.m., tea 5.30. Will all those who require tea please notify Mr. A. Rowley, 88, Church Street, Stone, not later than July 4th?—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held at Bradfield, July 7th. Ham tea provided free to all who write Mr. C. H. Gillett, Bradfield, on or before Wednesday, July 4th. A hearty welcome extended to all ringers. Buses leave Malin Bridge car terminus at 2.30, 3, 4.15.—R. Harrison, Hon. Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan and Liverpool Branches.—A joint meeting of the two branches will be held at Rainford on Saturday, July 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m.; service at 4.30 p.m.; tea and meeting to follow. Tea will be provided at 1s. each to those who notify Mr. J. W. Hall, 99, Bank Villas, Rainford, not later than Thursday, July 12th. All ringing friends welcome.—James Wm. Grounds, 8, School Lane, Standish, and Claude I. Davies, Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree, Secretaries.

BRISTOL (E.).—St. Ambrose Church Bells.—The new peal of eight bells (tenor 11½), by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Bristol on Saturday, July 14th. Service at 3 p.m. Tea, 1/- per head, at 4.15 p.m. in the Hall. Bells open to all ringers after tea. Will all those who intend to be present and require tea kindly let the Vicar know by July 11th: Rev. F. G. Walmsley, St. Ambrose Vicarage, St. George, Bristol, E.—Edgar Guise.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wargrave on Saturday, July 14th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Twyford bells (8) available after tea. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea please send word by July 10th.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Branch Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—A meeting will be held at Ottershaw on Saturday, July 14th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 5, tea 5.30. Those intending to be present must notify me not later than Tuesday, July 10th.—H. J. Chaffey, Upper Childown, Longcross, Chertsey, Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Penshurst on Saturday, July 14th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4. Tea at the Institute followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the District Secretary by Tuesday, July 10th.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Secretary, 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brownedge R.C. Church, Bamber Bridge, on Saturday, July 14th. The bells, a recast and augmented peal by Taylor & Co., will be available from 2.30 p.m. A frequent bus service runs to within five minutes' walk from both Chorley and Preston. Tea at 1/6 a head to all who notify Mr. R. Hardacre, 24, St. Mary's View, Brownedge, not later than July 12th.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Ulcombe on Saturday, July 14th. Tower open for ringing 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea by kind invitation of the Rector after service. Kindly notify as early as possible.—C. H. Sone, Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The summer meeting will be held at Margate on Saturday, July 21st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service. Will all those requiring tea at this meeting please notify Mr. A. H. Saxby, 35, King Street, Margate, not later than Thursday, July 19th?—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Littlebourne.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A ringers' rally will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, July 21st. The Hon. President, Rev. Canon Hone, M.A., has kindly offered the Rectory Grounds for this occasion. The Rt. Rev. Lord Bishop of Wakefield has promised to attend. Grounds open 2 p.m. Service in St. Mary's 4 p.m. Photo group to be taken. Tea 5 p.m. All associated ringers with their wives and friends are invited to be present. Tea 1/- each, which must be applied for before July 10th.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec., 16, Gawber Rd., Barnsley.

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DOUBLE NORWICH v. COURT BOB.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—'Deliberate lying' is one thing; repeated blunders is another; and persistently adopting the wrong point of view is a third. The last is all that I have accused Mr. Trollope or anyone else of doing; and though the second suggestion may not have been excluded from my letters, the first certainly was, and I am sorry Mr. Trollope should have brought it in; and if any of my words justify his, I unreservedly withdraw them and apologise to him.

Having said this, I must point out that there is no inconsistency in the two extracts which he quotes in your issue of June 8th. The only way in which they can be made to clash is by reading the words in my letter, 'We... never mentioned Norwich at all,' as though they stood by themselves, whereas the chief word of those I have represented by dots, is 'alteration,' and it should be clear that I meant we never mentioned any alteration of Norwich at all.

In our report, as quoted by him, we say, 'Double Norwich now signifies the particular method intended, without the use of the words, Court Bob.' There is no suggestion of any alteration here: it is a mere statement of fact showing that long titles get shortened in practice. We did not even say whether the method ought to be known as Court Bob rather than Norwich. I understood from Mr. Hunt, at Hereford, that it was because we did not say that that he opposed our report.

This, however, was not our job. We left the fact that the method is now usually known as 'Norwich' untouched, and suggested alternative names for those others in which Norwich appears.

Now that this sentence has been for the first time shown up, by being quoted in Mr. Trollope's letter, I must agree that it has been made so concise as to lead to a misunderstanding, which is probably the cause of the opposition to our report. In the quotation it appears as if we proposed doing away entirely with the words 'Pleasure, Court, Delight and Bob,' as being non-essential and meaningless. What we wanted—or, at any rate, what I wanted—was to suggest that they should not be used when they are non-essential and meaningless, or either. With such a suggestion as this I am quite sure Mr. Trollope and Mr. Law James would agree.

As I have not the report here, I cannot say how far the context justifies this misconception. But I can fairly ask why, if Mr. Trollope objected to this sentence, he did not move an amendment directly referring to it, instead of his wrecking and obstructionist amendment.

Although the actual names we suggested have not been adopted, the question has been settled to everyone's satisfaction on the general lines of our report. We brought that report up at Chester, and agreed to a year's postponement for the very purpose of having such an alternative report before us as Mr. Trollope brought up at Hereford. If he had done this at Ipswich, the matter could have been settled courteously and without two years' unnecessary delay.
JUAN LES PINS, June 16th, 1928. HERBERT DRAKE.

NOTICE.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Dis. — The next meeting will be held at Hamstead, on Saturday, July 14th. Full particulars next week. — W. Ayre, Hon. Sec.

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