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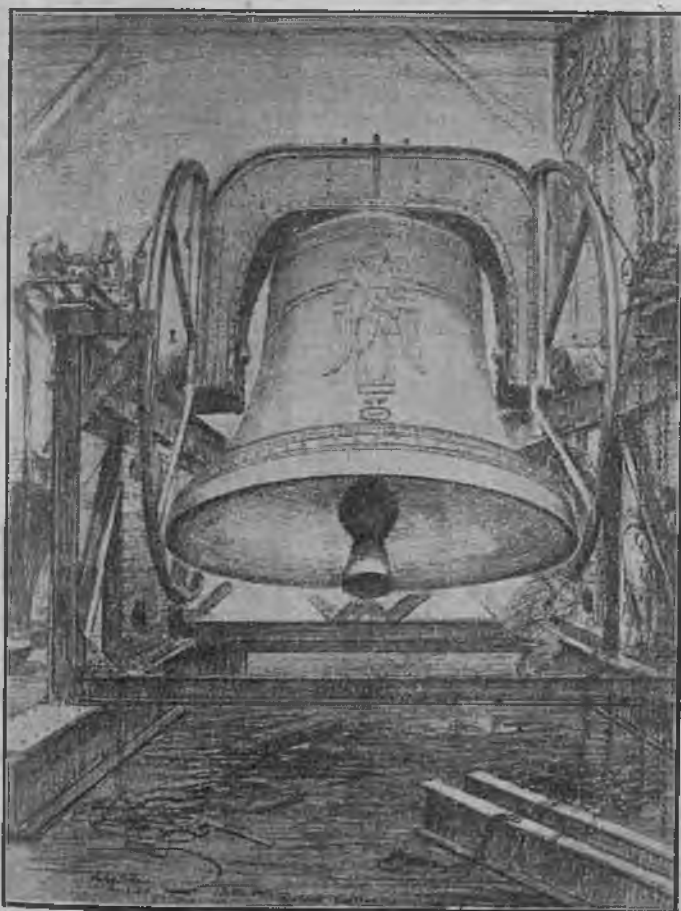
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### DEANS' STRANGE ATTITUDE.

It is difficult sometimes to understand the working of the ecclesiastical mind in regard to ringers and ringing. After more than fifty years of labour the associations throughout the country have, happily, brought home to the large majority of the clergy not only a sense of their responsibility in connection with church bells, but a realisation of the fact that the majority of ringers also have an appreciation of their own responsibility with regard to the ringing of them. And yet from time to time instances come to light of some action or other on the part of authorities which, to those outside, are inexplicable. Such a case is that which happened a fortnight ago at Gloucester. A company of ringers who were going to visit the city had been offered some weeks before, through the local company, the opportunity of ringing with them for morning service at the Cathedral, where there is a peal of eight bells of medium weight. Judge of their astonishment, therefore, when on arrival they found that the Dean, on hearing of the proposed visit, had not only forbidden that they should be permitted to ring, but had even debarred them from going up into the tower! Moreover, we have it on good authority, he was so emphatic that he issued an order that, rather than these visitors should be allowed into the belfry, the Cathedral band themselves should refrain from ringing for the service.

To find words to criticise respectfully the action of the Dean is almost impossible. His attitude is simply past comprehension. No explanation was offered, and the visitors, who had travelled a long distance for the privilege they had been promised and hoped to exercise, were merely shut out at the belfry door by the whim of a dignitary, whose position makes him an autocrat and who apparently has not the least notion of the common courtesies which prevail in these matters, not only among ringers, but, happily, among almost all the clergy and church authorities throughout the land. Ringing in the city of Gloucester, once one of the most progressive and active centres of the art, has been nearly dormant for some few years past, and, if this is the spirit which prevails among those who have control of the bells, the reason is not far to seek. If we may say so, we consider that the Dean offered an unpardonable affront to a responsible company of ringers. He must have forgotten the Biblical injunction, 'Be not forgetful to entertain strangers.' Unlike the Bishops and Archdeacons of the Dioceses of Gloucester and Bristol, he does not appear to give his support to the Diocesan Association of ringers, and perhaps this accounts for his lack of appreciation of

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the amenities which it is usual for the authorities of one church—even though it be the Cathedral Church of a diocese—to extend to the ringers of another.

There is another lamentable case of a Dean refusing admission of diocesan ringers to the mother church of a diocese, and that is at Lichfield. Here the Society for the Archdeaconry of Staffs is persistently rebuffed, and is unable to obtain permission to ring at the Cathedral on the occasion of its meetings except once in two years! Strenuous and respectful efforts have been made to induce the Dean to relax this rule which he has made, but without avail. Again, it is an incomprehensible attitude; but the Dean is the final court of appeal. Such cases as this are few, but their rarity makes them more conspicuous. In the very places where we should look for the exemplification of Christian brotherhood, we find those in authority behaving in exactly the opposite manner, and when things reach the stage to which they appear to have come both at Gloucester and Lichfield, it is time someone did a little plain speaking, even at risk of offending such a highly placed personage as a Dean.

### TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 7, 1928, in Four Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in C.

EDWARD CAENCE ... ..	Treble	*TOM WILDE ... ..	7
*ERNEST JONES ... ..	2	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... ..	8
THOMAS HAMMOND ... ..	3	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... ..	9
WILLIAM BIBBY ... ..	4	JOHN WILKINSON ... ..	10
JOHN E. BIBBY ... ..	5	*JAMES H. RIDING ... ..	11
*ALBERT J. HUGHES ... ..	6	*EDWARD JENKINS ... ..	Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGELEY.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

\* First peal of Surprise Maximus.

### TEN BELL PEAL.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFS.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, July 7, 1928, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

ROBERT PICKERING ... ..	Treble	*FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... ..	
GEORGE HUGHES ... ..	2	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... ..	7
HERBERT KNIGHT ... ..	3	JOHN PERRY ... ..	8
JOSEPH PIGOTT ... ..	4	THOMAS J. ELTON ... ..	9
MORRIS J. MORRIS ... ..	5	*HARRY BOSWELL ... ..	Tenor

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

\* First peal of Stedman Caters and first attempt.

### EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 30, 1928, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, TUBBROOK,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

JOHN WILKINSON ... ..	Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... ..	5
*ERNEST JONES ... ..	2	*JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... ..	6
PERCIVAL W. CAVE ... ..	3	JAMES H. RIDING ... ..	7
THOMAS HAMMOND ... ..	4	EDWARD JENKINS ... ..	Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

\* First peal of London. First peal of London in Liverpool.

## DISS, NORFOLK.

## THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, July 2, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in D.

FREDERICK BORRETT... ..Treble	WILLIAM STEGGALL ... .. 5
CHARLES CUTTING ... .. 2	CLEMENT MORE ... .. 6
JOHN SOUTER ... .. 3	THOMAS FORD ... .. 7
ALBERT HARRISON ... .. 4	GEORGE ARCHER ... ..Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (146). Conducted by F. BORRETT.

\* First peal in the method on an inside bell.

## HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN DISTRICT.)

On Monday, July 2, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... ..Treble	JAMES FLOYD, SEN. ... .. 5
JACK STOPP ... .. 2	J. WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... .. 6
HERBERT GATES ... .. 3	WALTER AYRE ... .. 7
HENRY GOLDING ... .. 4	† E. J. WYNN... ..Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* First peal of Grandsire. † First peal and first attempt. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. H. J. Lavers and Miss S. Elliott, which took place at Biggleswade on June 30th; also to celebrate the birth of a son to the wife of the conductor.

## WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 3, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

G. LINDOFF'S VARIATION OF THURSTON'S.

Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES ... ..Treble	† CHARLES DYKE ... .. 5
THOMAS LOCK ... .. 2	JAMES BENNETT... .. 6
GEORGE M. KILBY ... .. 3	HARRY KILBY ... .. 7
STEPHEN H. HOARE ... .. 4	EDWARD LANKESTER... ..Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

\* First peal in the method away from the tenor. † First peal in the method.

## LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 3, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,  
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION.

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

LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ...Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER... .. 5
E. HARRY STONELEY ... .. 2	JAMES S. HUTCHBY ... .. 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... .. 3	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 7
ERNEST W. CARTWRIGHT ... 4	JACK TOWELL ... ..Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

## NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 3, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
At the Church of St. John,

## A PEAL OF MIXED BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

H. McVAY ... ..Treble	CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE ... .. 5
EDWARD A. IERN ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. DAVISON ... .. 6
JOHN ANDERSON... .. 3	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. BARBER ... .. 4	ADAM DEAS ... ..Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

\* First peal. Rung on the 18th birthday of W. J. Davison.

## OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 4, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Matthew,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

G. LINDOFF'S TEN-PART (No. 1).

Tenor 10 cwt.

E. HARRY STONELEY ... ..Treble	CHARLES DRAPER ... .. 5
JOHN H. SWINFELD ... .. 2	JOHN CURTIS... .. 6
EPHRAIM W. RANDE ... .. 3	JAMES S. HUTCHBY ... .. 7
RICHARD C. BELTON ... .. 4	MAURICE SWINFELD ... ..Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

The conductor has now called a different composition of Stedman off each bell in the tower.

## LONDON.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. JOHN'S SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, July 5, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,  
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, DEPTFORD,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT A. FOSDIKE ... ..Treble	ERNEST B. CROWDER ... .. 5
P.C. CHARLES ELLIOTT ... .. 2	P.C. CHARLES DAVIES ... .. 6
WILLIAM MARTIN ... .. 3	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... .. 7
P.S. RICHARD STEERS... .. 4	ARCHIBALD F. BENNINGTON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.

## CRAYFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 6, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Paulinus,

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

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN....Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY... .. 5
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN.... 2	GEORGE H. DAYNES ... .. 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 3	GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 7
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 4	THOMAS GROOMERIDGE, JUN. Tenor

Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to G. H. Daynes.

## WROTHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 7, 1928, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,  
At the Church of St. George,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

CHARLES H. SONE ... ..Treble	JOHN WHEADON ... .. 5
MRS. H. BAKER ... .. 2	THOMAS E. SONE... .. 6
TOM SADNERS ... .. 3	BERTRAM LOCK ... .. 7
HARRY BAKER ... .. 4	ALBERT RELFE ... ..Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

This composition appeared in 'The Ringing World' on April 6th, 1928.

## WYKE REGIS, WEYMOUTH, DORSET.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 7, 1928, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PISTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr.

FRANK BENNETT ... ..Treble	G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... .. 5
JAMES J. P. DAVIS ... .. 2	FREDERICK C. BENDER ... .. 6
CHARLES H. JENNINGS ... .. 3	JOSIAH MORRIS ... .. 7
CYRIL TURNER... .. 4	HORACE P. DAVIS ... ..Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* First peal of Stedman, also first in the method on the bells, and only the third peal rung on them. The Rector (Rev. E. de Thurston) and curate (Rev. R. East) met the band with refreshments, and congratulated them on their success.

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 7, 1928, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6152 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

GEORGE CLARK ... .. Treble	J. EDWARD CAWSE ... .. 5
FREDERICK CLARK ... .. 2	JAMES MCCLUSKEY ... .. 6
*ERNEST COOPER ... .. 3	FREDERICK G. LEWIS ... .. 7
HARRY BARNES ... .. 4	PERCY GLDSTONE ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE

\* First peal. Rung to celebrate the gift of a daughter to Mr. P. Gledstone.

PAIGNTON, DEVON.  
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.  
(MID-DEVON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 7, 1928, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

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

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

AUDREY L. BENNETT ... Treble	*CHARLES F. AUSTIN ... .. 5
ERNEST W. MARSH ... .. 2	†FREDERICK E. PARNELL ... 6
CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER ... 3	HERBERT J. HOLE ... .. 7
*TOM COLLINGS ... .. 4	*CHARLES BOYCE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST W. MARSH.

\* First peal. † First peal away from tenor. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Drew on the eve of his 85th birthday. Mr. Drew has been connected with ringing at Paignton for 70 years. First peal on the bells.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 7, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

HERBERT DAVENPORT ... Treble	HARRY SMALE ... .. 5
WILLIAM CRABTREE ... .. 2	WILLIAM HORAN ... .. 6
MISS ROSE A. BELL ... .. 3	PETER CROOK ... .. 7
*JAMES INGHAM ... .. 4	WILLIAM H. SHUKER ... .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by PETER CROOK

\* First peal in the method. The conductor's 100th peal.

EARL SHILTON.  
MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 7, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE,

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

AN EIGHT-PART VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE A. NEWTON ... Treble	GEORGE THOMPSON ... .. 5
ALFRED BALLARD ... .. 2	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... 6
ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 3	PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM ... 7
C. HENRY WEBB ... .. 4	*HECTOR A. KNIGHTS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

\* First peal. The ringer of 7th has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.  
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 7, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... Treble	WILLIAM WEATHERBY ... 5
ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... .. 2	†SIDNEY HUGHES ... .. 6
*ALAN M. HICKMAN ... .. 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 7
WALTER LYCETT ... .. 4	BERTRAM L. JONES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD V. RODENHURST.

\* First peal with a bob bell. † First peal. Mr. W. Weatherby has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

MORRISTON, SWANSEA.—At St. John's Church, 720 Grandsire Doubles, after an unsuccessful attempt for a quarter-peal which had been arranged for Mr. H. Pailing, of Nottingham: C. Francis 1, H. Pailing 2, J. T. Williams 3, L. Pelzer 4, G. Lewis 5, G. N. Williams 6.

NORWICH.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, July 7, 1928, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-DE-SEPULCHRE,

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

*ARTHUR W. HAISTEAD ... Treble	†GEORGE BAILEY ... .. 5
GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 2	CHARLES E. LOVETT ... .. 6
JAMES RAMPLEY ... .. 3	WM. L. DUFFIELD ... .. 7
EDWIN R. GOATE ... .. 4	JAMES F. DUFFIELD ... .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES PLATT.

Conducted by J. F. DUFFIELD.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. † 100th peal.

SHIPLEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 7, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

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

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES E. LAWSON ... Treble	GEORGE BARRACLOUGH ... 5
THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY ... 2	FREDERICK W. DIXON ... 6
HARRY WARD ... .. 3	FRANCIS BARKER ... .. 7
GEORGE W. STEEL ... .. 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, July 2, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Rev. E. Bankes James' seven extents.

Tenor 12 cwt.

FRANK W. PERRENS ... Treble	†FRED GARDNER ... .. 4
*OSWALD J. HUNT ... .. 2	JOHN W. TAYLOR ... .. 5
HUBERT G. SUMMERS ... 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

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

PRESTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(CHELTENHAM BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, July 3, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

Tenor 13 cwt.

CHARLIE TOVEY ... Treble	WILLIAM HALE ... .. 4
THOMAS PENDRY ... .. 2	GEORGE H. WALTERS ... 5
HAROLD HALFORD ... .. 3	JAMES J. CAUSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. WALTERS.

First peal of Minor by all the band, except the ringer of the fourth. All are service ringers at the above church.

KNIGHTON, RADNORSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, July 6, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

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

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*THOMAS F. FREECE ... Treble	JOHN J. PRICE ... .. 4
ALBERT E. JONES ... .. 2	THOMAS H. Y. SMALLWOOD ... 5
JOHN F. EVANS ... .. 3	FRANCIS EVANS ... .. 6

\*ROBERT H. JONES ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS EVANS.

\* First peal. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. D. M. L. Thomas. All the ringers are members of the above church, and it is believed to be the first peal rung by its own band.

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## CLAPHAM, BEDS.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 7, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas-a-Becket,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 5½ cwt.

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

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

## OVER, CAMBS.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE OVER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 7, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr.

*CHARLES ROBINSON ... .. Treble	FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... .. 4
*FRED C. GINN ... .. 2	*ARTHUR J. GINN ... .. 5
*BERRY WAYMAN ... .. 3	FRANK WARRINGTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

\* First peal in the method. First in method on the bells. First peal of London by a local band for the association.

## HANDBELL PEALS.

## BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, July 3, 1928, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At St. BAKER STREET, SPARKHILL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 6017 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

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

Composed and Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

## LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 3, 1928, in Two Hours and Six Minutes,

At 396, MEANWOOD ROAD,

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

FRED HODGSON ... .. 1-2	WILLIAM BARTON ... .. 5-6
PERCY J. JOHNSON ... .. 3-4	JOHN AMBLER ... .. 7-8

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON

## FEERING, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 8, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

At RYE MILL FARM,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 1-2	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 5-6
LEWIS WISEMAN ... .. 3-4	HORACE COOPER ... .. 7-8

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

## RINGING AT NINETY-ONE.

A peal on the newly-restored bells of Aldington, Kent, had been arranged for Saturday, July 7th, but the band met 'one short.' The help of Mr. C. Slingsby was secured, and he, with great enthusiasm, although 91 years of age, rang the treble to 720 Bob Minor: C. Slingsby 1, A. C. Kay 2, E. S. Ruck 3, H. C. Castle 4, P. Page 5, H. Parkes (conductor) 6. A 720 of Bob Minor was also rung by H. Parkes 1, W. Sheerwood 2, P. Page 3, A. C. Kay 4, H. C. Castle 5, E. S. Ruck (conductor) 6.

## LAVENHAM RINGING ANNIVERSARY.

On Saturday, June 30th, the 117th 'Ringing Day' was held at St. Peter and Paul's Church, Lavenham. Ringing continued throughout the afternoon and evening, touches in the following methods being rung: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent, Double Norwich, Cambridge and Superlative. The places represented were Clapham, Catford, Colchester, Cornard, Gestingthorpe, Great Yeldham, Greenstead Green, Lawshall, Long Melford, Little Walsingham, Otley, Shipley (Yorks), Sible Hedingham and Ufford.

## NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

## UNVEILING OF PEAL TABLET AT BARLBOROUGH.

Saturday, July 7th, was a memorable day in the history of the North Notts Association. The occasion was a visit to Barlborough, and the day had been looked forward to by the inhabitants of the village generally, and by churchpeople and ringers in particular. It was an ideal summer's day, and the 60 members of the association who turned up thoroughly enjoyed themselves in this remote corner of Derbyshire.

On February 4th of this year the ringers at Barlborough rang a peal of Minor in four methods at St. James' Church to celebrate the 21st birthday of Miss Locker Lampson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey T. Locker Lampson, P.C., M.P., of Barlborough Hall, and to commemorate the event a peal table has been erected in the tower. The association received a hearty invitation from the Rector of Barlborough to hold a meeting at that place to unveil the tablet, and to partake of tea in the Rectory Grounds. Further, Mr. Locker Lampson and family gave the ringers permission to look round the grounds and through Barlborough Hall. Left in the capable hands of Mr. P. E. Hibbard and his colleagues at Barlborough, together with the hon. secretary of the association, the arrangements were admirably carried out. The ringing visitors came from Auston, Barlborough, Cuckney, Harthill, Branston, Eckington, Chesterfield, Gainsborough, Brimington, Killamarsh, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Sutton-on-Trent, Shireoaks, East Markham, Ordsall, Warsop and Worksop.

A short service, with suitable hymns and prayers and eloquent and appropriate address by the Rev. M. Howard Coates, of Brimington, took place, and the peal tablet was afterwards unveiled by Mrs. Locker Lampson. A short touch of Kent Treble Bob was rung by four Barlborough ringers, with Mr. H. Stenton and Mr. H. Haigh.

After the service an adjournment was made to the Rectory lawn to partake of a sumptuous tea, provided by ringers' wives and friends.

The business meeting which followed was presided over by the Rev. M. H. Coates, who was acting temporarily as Rector in the absence of the Rev. W. H. Griffiths, who was kept away by illness. He was supported by Mrs. G. T. Locker Lampson, Miss Lampson, Mrs. Griffiths, the Misses Burchall, Mr. H. Caferatta, vice-president, Mr. F. S. W. Butler, secretary of Northern Branch of Lincoln Diocesan Guild, and the hon. secretaries, Messrs. H. Haigh and H. Revill.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Norton Cuckney on Saturday, September 15th, when the first competition for the Crawford silver cup will take place at 3 p.m. New members were elected as follows: The Rev. M. Howard Coates, of Brimington, vice-president; Mr. Harry Carter and Mr. Moses Billings, of Branston, and Mr. Percy Jervis, of Eckington, as non-resident life members.

The meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. M. Howard Coates for his inspiring address, for arranging the unveiling of peal tablet, and for presiding over tea and meeting.

The Secretary (Mr. Haigh) made allusion to the long illness of the Rector of Barlborough, and the ringers shared with him the hope for his speedy recovery.

A comprehensive vote of thanks was passed to Mrs. Locker Lampson and her daughter, the churchwardens and others, and to the ladies of Barlborough for catering for the wants of the visitors, also to the ringers and all others who had used their best endeavours to make the gathering a success.—The Rev. M. H. Coates replied in a humorous speech.

On the invitation of Mr. Godfrey T. Locker Lampson, the ringers and friends were escorted through the grounds by Mr. P. E. Hibbard and the Barlborough ringers, who subsequently showed them through the interior of Barlborough Hall, with its numerous rooms well stocked with wonderful antiquities, some dating from the 11th century, including oil paintings, old carving, and hundreds of curios.

During the afternoon and evening the following methods were rung on the bells: Plain Rub, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Violet, Stedman Doubles, and Norwich, Cambridge, London and Wells Surprise. The bells were lowered in peal at 9.30 p.m., after a most enjoyable day.

## LADIES' GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Northern District was held on June 30th, at Christ Church, Upper Arncliffe, Leeds, members being present from Rotherham, Bradford, Arncliffe, Bramley and Mansfield Woodhouse. The delightful peal of eight were made good use of during the afternoon, the methods including Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Stedman Triples. A splendid tea was provided in the Church Room, where the Vicar gave the visitors a most hearty welcome and extended a very cordial invitation for future meetings.

At the business meeting which followed, four new members were elected, and the retiring officers re-elected en bloc.

A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar and the local company for their valuable help in making the meeting such a success. September 29th was the date chosen for the next meeting, the choice of a suitable place being left to the secretary.

Further ringing, including courses on handbells, took place during the evening until a comparatively late hour, and brought a most enjoyable meeting to a close.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

### 'HEALTH, VIRILITY AND KEENNESS.'

The annual meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford was held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 23rd. The assembly was not as large as usual, partly due to the fact, no doubt, that the Cathedral bells were not available. However, those at St. Mary's, St. Michael's, and St. Chad's were made good use of. A visit to the last-named was very interesting. The bells are a ring of four, with a tenor about 12 cwt. The date of the treble is 1670, 2nd 1664, 3rd 1625, and the tenor reputed to be 1033. In the belfry is fixed a board, of which the following is a copy: 'These bells were rung for 3 hours 30 minutes on February 2nd, 1928, consisting of 740 courses of six changes. Total 4,440. By the service ringers. 1st bell J. Powles, 2nd J. Walker, 3rd J. Maycock, 4th A. Smith. Time and record was kept by H. Brown.' This, indeed, must constitute a record. As one of the visitors remarked, after complimenting the band, 'You deserve the Victoria Cross!'

Tea was provided at Lloyd's Restaurant, during which the Bishop of Lichfield entered the hall and gave the members a word of welcome.

At the general meeting which followed, Mr. J. E. Groves was unanimously voted to the chair. The committee's report was read and approved, as was also the balance sheet, and ordered to be printed.

The officers were re-elected, with the exception of the Ringing Master, Mr. John C. Adams succeeding Mr. Robert Pickering, retired, according to custom.

The Central Council representatives gave a brief report of the proceedings at the Hereford meeting.

The following places were chosen for the coming meetings: Alrewas in September, Walsall (if the bell restoration is completed) January, Norton Canes April, and Lichfield for the annual in June. A vote of thanks to the officers and chairman terminated the meeting.

### SOCIETY'S FORMATION RECALLED.

In their report the Committee said: If the attendance at meetings is any indication of the health and virility of a society and of the keenness of its members, we can look back on 1927-28 with gratification. At Tamworth last September more than 90 members and friends were present, and at Willenhall in January the attendance of over 100 was probably a record for a quarterly meeting. Brewood is not very accessible, which possibly accounted for the small number present on April 14th. Forty-three new ringing members have been admitted during the year, including 11 life members. The financial position is strong, and the year's working shows a balance of 22 lbs. 5d. The peals scored during the year were as follows: Grandire Doubles 2, Triples 5, Caters 1, Steadman Doubles 1, Triples 9, Caters 4 (one on handbells), Cinques 1, Double Norwich Caters 1, Bob Major 1, Royal 1, and Oxford Bob Major 1; total 27. The society is the poorer by the loss through death of Reuben Hall, one of the original members of the society, Harry A. Farlow, St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, Richard W. Burrows, Banbury, formerly of St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, and James Culwick, All Saints', West Bromwich. Old records are frequently worth reading, and the following, which is a copy of the minutes of the meeting which led to the founding of our society, may be of interest to members:—

'On Thursday, May 17th, 1883, a meeting of Lichfield ringers was held at Archdeacon Iles' house in the Cathedral Close to consider the desirability of forming a society of change ringers for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, similar to that already existing in the Archdeaconry of Stoke. There were present the Ven. Archdeacon Iles, Rev. J. J. Serjeantson and Mr. W. Wood, of St. Michael's Society, Mr. Gallimore, Master of the Cathedral ringers, Mr. J. Key, Master of St. Mary's ringers, and Rev. J. R. Keble, member of the Ancient Society of College Youths. It was decided that a society of change ringers should be founded, having for its objects: (a) To recognise the position of ringers as churchworkers, (b) the promotion of the art of change ringing, (c) belfry reform. It was then agreed that a meeting should be called on Saturday, June 2nd, for the purpose of constituting a committee and appointing officers, and that invitations should be sent to the Masters of important ringing associations in the archdeaconry inviting them to attend. The Rev. J. R. Keble consented to act as secretary.' Mr. J. Key is still with us—the only surviving member of the society since its foundation 45 years ago. It will be seen the society was born in the Cathedral Close, which makes it still more disappointing that nowadays we should not be welcome in our original home.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

### ASHFORD DISTRICT'S TENTH 'PEACE' GATHERING.

The annual invitation meeting at Brabourne—the tenth 'peace' gathering—was held by the kindness of the Rev. S. K. Lockyear on Saturday, June 23rd, and attended by about 50 ringers and friends. Service was held at five o'clock, Rev. Cooper, of Benenden, giving the address, and Mr. W. E. Pitman presiding at the organ. Tea was served in glorious weather on the Vicarage lawn, and was greatly enjoyed. It being the birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and of Mrs. Lockyear, 'Many happy returns of the day' were expressed. Ringing was kept up until 8.30, a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor to celebrate the birthdays making a good finish to a successful meeting. Tenterden was chosen for the next meeting on July 28th.

## HERTFORD AND MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS.

### SUCCESSFUL JOINT MEETING AT NORTH MIMMS.

Members of the above associations met together at North Mimms on Saturday last, and, being favoured with fine weather, it was not surprising that some 40 or more ringers attended, in spite of the difficulties of reaching this out-of-the-way spot. It was very pleasing to see well-known ringers from places as far apart as Crayford and Dunstable, Tonbridge and Luton, Romford and Hitchin, Sunbury and Baldock, Leyton and Harpenden, besides others from towers in closer proximity, and again the value of these occasional joint meetings was shown in that they enable ringers to become acquainted with many whom they would not otherwise meet.

At the service in the very pretty church, the sermon was preached by the Vicar (Rev. G. C. Ward), whose address was much appreciated.

Afterwards tea was partaken of, and subsequently, with no business to be discussed, it was left to the various officers of the two associations to say a 'few words.'

Mr. G. Cartmel (president, Herts Association) welcomed the Middlesex members to Hertfordshire. On his way to the meeting, he said, he had wondered who had started this very popular series of meetings, and he now thought the Middlesex Association had something to do with it. He congratulated that society, stating that these meetings were all for the good of ringing and increased the spirit of unity amongst ringers. In an age when there was so much disorder, even in the Church, the bellringers were setting a good example of unity, which he trusted would long continue. He was exceedingly pleased to meet so many old friends, whom he again heartily welcomed.

Mr. F. A. Milne (president, Middlesex Association) thanked Mr. Cartmel for his eloquent words of welcome. He also emphasised what the first speaker had said as to the value of these joint meetings, and felt that they should be encouraged. He was very glad to be present, and hoped that the spirit of unity between them would increase.

Mr. C. T. Coles (hon. secretary, Middlesex N.E. District) expressed thanks to the Hertford Association for the cordial welcome given to them that day. He said that the idea of these meetings was first given to him by his friend Mr. Hewett, who he was pleased to see present, and to whom he was grateful. They had held four very successful meetings with the Essex Association, and this was the second with the Herts Association. On September 22nd, at Waltham Abbey, it was hoped that the three associations would meet together. Mr. Coles concluded by proposing a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his very helpful address and for the use of the bells that afternoon, which was carried with acclamation.

The Rev. G. C. Ward, in his reply, said that his thanks were due to the Hon. Mr. Justice and Mrs. Clanson, who a few years ago had presented them with two new bells, for he felt that he could not have expected such a successful meeting of the two associations without the attraction of a peal of eight bells. He expressed gratitude and appreciation to all present for attending.

Mr. W. Nash (hon. secretary, Herts, St. Albans District) proposed that next year's joint meeting should be held at Hadley (Middlesex). He said he was pleased at the success of this meeting, which he had much enjoyed.—Mr. W. Pickworth (vice-president, Middlesex) seconded the choice of Hadley for next year's meeting, which proposal was affirmed.

Mr. W. Cartmel proposed thanks to all who had done anything towards making the meeting a success, especially mentioning the ladies who had prepared the tea. This was carried.

The ringing during the afternoon and evening was in the capable hands of Mr. W. Pye, who saw to it that all were satisfied. No less than twelve methods were rung, including five Surprise methods. Those who rang their first courses of London and Bristol appeared to be especially pleased, as did the local youngsters, who could only manage 'plain leads' of Major, and who did it right well.

## SUFFOLK GUILD.

### MR. A. SYMONDS RESIGNS OFFICE AFTER LONG SERVICE.

A meeting of the Lavenham District was held at Monks Eleigh on Saturday last. Rev. Canon A. F. Northcote presided at the business meeting, supported by Mr. S. H. Symonds (assistant secretary of the Guild). The following new members were elected: Messrs. R. Green, F. Hynes, A. Reynolds, all of Monks Eleigh.

Mr. A. Symonds informed the meeting that, after more than twenty years of secretarial work for ringing societies, he wished to take a rest, and hoped they would easily find a younger ringer to fill the office of district secretary.

A vote of thanks was accorded Mr. A. Symonds for his good work in the past, and Mr. S. H. Symonds, his son, was unanimously elected to succeed him as district secretary.

A strong appeal was then made to the ringers, asking them to obtain more honorary members, and also new recruits to their ranks.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Preston in September. Votes of thanks were accorded Canon Northcote for presiding, and Miss I. Barton, Kettlebaston, for so kindly attending. This was supported by the Secretary, who spoke of the kindly interest these two take in bells and ringers.

During the afternoon and evening, touches of Plain Bob and Oxford Treble Bob were rung on the grand old peal of six.

### LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. SUCCESS OF FIVE-BELL MEETING.

The Lincoln District held their second quarterly meeting at Eagle on Saturday, June 30th, and, being well attended, the meeting was one of outstanding success.

There was a unique feature attached to this meeting due to the fact that it was believed to be the first five-bell tower at which the Lincoln District ringers had assembled for the purpose of holding a meeting. The attendance, numbering about 35, was a very representative one for the district, and included in that number were two lady ringers from Sutton-on-Trent, and one from Collingham. Members of the local band were in attendance, and it was noticeable that they had made satisfactory progress in ringing since their initiation into the Guild some few months ago. An innovation regarding ringing at meetings in the Lincoln District takes the form of methods selected for preferential study and practice, and for this occasion the methods New Doubles and Stedman Doubles were chosen. The latter method was particularly favoured in the afternoon, and it was observed that a number with, perhaps, but a brief familiarity with the method of Stedman made themselves much more acquainted with it in a very little time. The method of New Doubles, like unto its name, was a new thing for this district, and came up for trial later in the evening. At first a plain course was tried, and, finding that it went so well, the band were eager to try a more lengthy touch, which they accomplished. Those who had looked at the 'diagrams' found this method one of interest, and it is expected that the method will figure at future meetings, particularly where a good tenor can boom behind.

For the service, conducted and addressed by the Vicar of Eagle, the Rev. W. D. Shepherd, the attendance of ringers, together with a number of parishioners, easily filled the little church. The usual ringers' service was used, and the singing of the hymns and psalm was most heartily joined in by all. Mr. Simpson, of Lincoln, who, on account of his frequent visits to the Lincoln District meetings, can now be rightly termed the 'ringers' organist,' once again officiated in that capacity. His services are much appreciated by the ringers. The Rev. R. Bond, the president of the district, was present and read the lesson.

Tea was then partaken of, and lady members of the Eagle Church Council officiated at the tables. Afterwards there was the usual meeting, and prior to the opening of the business the Rev. W. D. Shepherd, on behalf of the Church Council, voiced a very hearty welcome to the ringers present, and paid tribute to the work of Mr. Smith who had done much to obtain recruits for the Eagle band.

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### ENDERBY'S NEW BELLS.

A new peal of eight bells was dedicated at St. John-the-Baptist's Church, Enderby, Leicestershire, on Sunday, June 24th, the ceremony being performed during evening service by the Lord Bishop of Leicester. The bells were raised in peal during the service, and the first touch on the bells, a 504 of Stedman Triples, conducted by Fred Dexter, was rung after service.

On the following Saturday, which was the 'Wake,' the bells were made good use of by ringers from Rugby, Coventry, Nuneaton, Hinckley, Leicester and many neighbouring towers. Everyone expressed their satisfaction with the very musical ring. The work has been carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

The ringers of the opening touch thank Mr. Young, churchwarden, for his kind hospitality after the dedication service.

Practice at Enderby is on Tuesday evenings, and the head ringer is Mr. Clarence Jesson, Cross Street, Enderby, Leicestershire.

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The Rev. R. Bond presided over the meeting, and in the absence of the secretary, who was indisposed, Mr. C. McGuinness carried out the secretarial duties. Five new members, all associated with the Eagle band, were elected, and they included two lady ringers.

The selection of methods to be studied in preparation for the Wellingore meeting was discussed, and the following two methods were chosen: Oxford Bob for the beginners and London Surprise for the more advanced ringers.

Mr. Geo. Chester, one of the delegates at the Central Council meeting, briefly described some of the more interesting items of business transacted at that meeting, and he emphasised the great importance of the more advanced ringers giving every assistance to learners. He said it was unnecessary for him to go into the business in detail on account of the reports that had already appeared in 'The Ringing World.'

Thanks were accorded to the Rev. W. D. Shepherd and the Eagle Church Council for the use of the bells, to the lady members of the Church Council for tea arrangements, and also the organist. Although a peal of five bells somewhat restricts the scope of ringing, yet the Eagle bells were kept going practically the whole of the afternoon and evening, and without doubt this meeting was of value to the Guild. Handbell ringing was indulged in for a short period before and after tea. A word of praise is due to the enthusiastic way in which the Eagle ringers have come forward in increasing the membership of the Guild. Out of only a very small population the village has already enrolled 12 performing members and 1 honorary member, and the tower only contains five bells.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

It is seldom that a peal of London Surprise Minor is rung, but we record one this week at Over, Cambs. The latter part of the peal was heard by Mr. C. W. Cook, who took down the lead-ends for over an hour, and at the conclusion congratulated the band on their excellent ringing.

The 'gathering of clans' from Birmingham, Derby and Sheffield will take place at Duffield to-morrow. The party from 'Midlandopolis' will lunch and ring at Derby before going on to ring and tea at Duffield. There is no doubt they will all have a good time. We know these 'do's.'

Who can beat this? Wilfred Andrews (age 14 years), of Lavenham, Suffolk, after two practices amounting only to forty minutes, rang the treble on handbells to 720 changes of Bob Minor, the striking being almost perfect.

Ringling at White Waltham has been suspended until completion of some repairs.

A hundred and thirty years ago next Wednesday the opening peal (Grandsire Cinqnes) on the bells of St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, was rung by a band of College Youths.

Next Thursday is the anniversary of the death of Isaac G. Shade, who was knocked down and killed by a motor-car on July 19th, 1926.

John Bush, a bell hanger, of Chew Stoke, 'a very experienced man and ready to serve any parish,' advertised in the 'Western Flying Post' on July 14th, 1760, that he had 'lately hung to saily' the large peal of six bells at Yeovil, the 'tennor consisting of near 50 cwt.'

The bells were 'allowed to be the largest peal of six that is in the country, and required before new hung 22 or 23 men to ring them.'

After being rehung by Bush, seven men rang them for several hours. So he must have made a fairly good job of them for those days.

At present Yeovil has a peal of ten, but the 'tennor' referred to is the same bell as that recast by Bilbie in 1728. Its weight is actually 42 cwt.

## JAMES BARHAM'S LAST PEAL.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—I have a copy of Barham's Peal Book, which I borrowed from Samuel Slater, of Glemsford, Suffolk, in 1892, and Barham's last peal recorded in this book was 5,040 Bob Major, October 25th, 1813, at Leeds, in 3 hrs. 12 mins., James Barham ringing the treble, his age being then 88 years. Perhaps Mr. Theodore Slater or someone could give further particulars of Barham's peals, which I have been trying to collect for over 40 years. Any particulars of the above would be of great interest to the Exercise, and also to yours truly,

PHILIP HODGKIN.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

**DEVIZES BRANCH.**

A quarterly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at the Parish Church of St. James, Trowbridge, on Saturday, July 7th. Ringing commenced about 3 p.m., on the fine peal of ten bells, and subsequently the Guild service was held, conducted by the chairman of the branch, Mr. C. D. Higinbotham (who is now a licensed lay reader in the diocese of Salisbury). Tea followed at Messrs. Smith and King's Restaurant. At the business meeting Mr. C. D. Higinbotham presided. Mr. S. Hillier gave a report of the business transacted at the meeting of the Central Council at Hereford, which he attended as one of the representatives of the Salisbury Guild. He said he was very much struck by the way the business was done by the Central Council, and the help given to the Guilds.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by the Secretary, a vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Hillier for his report.

The following new members were elected: Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Lock and Mr. John Honey, of Abingdon, and Mr. Gordon Cauldwell, of Oxford, as life members; Miss E. Boyce and Mr. W. A. Swift, of Devizes, as ringing members.

A vote of thanks was passed to the chairman for conducting the service, and to the organist.

It was decided to hold the next three meetings as follows: Upvayon July 28th, Bratton September 1st, Melksham (quarterly) October 6th.

Ringers were present from Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), Warminster, Holt, Bradford-on-Avon (Holy Trinity and Christ Church), Stratton, Bratton, Melksham, Rowde, Trowbridge and Chippenham. Touches of Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Bob Royal and Double Norwich were rung during the afternoon and evening. Ringing also took place at Hilberton, touches of Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob, and Kent Treble Bob being rung.

A special meeting of the branch was held at Seend on Saturday, June 23rd. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., and the Guild service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. W. A. Butler. After tea at the Bell Inn, on the motion of the vice-chairman of the branch, Mr. B. Cook, a vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells.—The Vicar, in reply, said how pleased he was to welcome the branch to Seend.

Ringers were present from Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), Trowbridge, Holt, Melksham, Bratton, Keovil, Warminster, Stratton and Seend. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent, Oxford Treble and Cambridge were rung.



## WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. SUCCESSFUL REORGANISATION.

The annual meeting of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild was held at Winchester on Saturday, when Canon Braithwaite, Canon Residentiary of Winchester Cathedral, and an hon. member of the Guild, presided over an attendance which included representatives from a large number of towers. He was supported by the Master of the Guild (Mr. G. Williams), the hon. secretary (Mr. G. Pullinger), and the hon. treasurer (the Rev. N. C. Woods). Ringers were present from St. Thomas' Cathedral, Portsmouth, Portsea, Ryde, Christchurch, Yateley, Basingstoke, Bournemouth, Brockenhurst, Winchester, Blackmoor, North Stoneham, Bishop's Waltham, Fareham, Newport, I.O.W., Ringwood, Twyford, King's Somborne, Romsey, Swanmore, Southampton, St. Mary Bourne, and Woolton Hill. The visitors included Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, hon. secretary of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, Mr. Denyer (Aldershot), and Mr. S. A. Banford (Raunds). After confirming the minutes of the last annual meeting, and of a special general meeting, in which matters relating to the splitting up of the old Guild and the formation of the new were the most important, the Secretary reported that in accordance with resolutions then passed the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild had been split up into eight new districts, and that since the reorganisation no fewer than eighteen fresh towers had joined the Guild (applause). They had also been very fortunate in the district secretaries they had been able to secure. Although he was unable to give the actual number of members at the present time, it was considerably higher than when they started.

The joint report of the Master and hon. secretary and the last balance sheet of the Winchester Diocesan Guild were adopted.

### THE PARTING OF THE WAYS.

The report stated that it was well to think that the affairs of the old Guild had been wound up in such an amicable manner, and while they were sorry to part with so many old friends, it was generally agreed that the smaller areas would give easier working facilities, and therefore become of more benefit to ringers and the Church. Attention was drawn to the reciprocal arrangement between the new Guilds, whereby resident members of one might become compounding members of the other upon payment of 1s., if application be made during the year 1928. The number of members who paid their subscription during the year was: Honorary 74, full 646, probationers 114, unattached 14, compounding 9. After referring to the lamented death of the vice-president, Rev. C. E. Matthews, and the effort being made to provide a suitable memorial by giving an additional bell or bells at his old church at Milford-on-Sea, the report said restoration work had been going on apace. Haslemere had been augmented to 10, Deane to 6, King's Somborne to 6, Fordingbridge (8), Gosport (8) and Newton Valance (5), had been rebung and restored. It was also understood that the bells at Milford, Highclere, Monk's Sherborne and Burgclere would be put in hand shortly. Increased bell restoration, the report continued, meant more work for the Guilds, and individuals as well as bands should ever be on the alert in obtaining and training likely recruits for the Exercise, as only by ever increasing their numbers could they hope to get the bells rung regularly for the Sunday services. Keen appreciation for the support given by life and honorary members, whose generous help and encouragement was of great value to the work of the Guild, was given, and the report added that it was good to find that quite a number of the clergy were beginning to take an interest in the Guild. It remained to ask for the wholehearted support of all incumbents in the area of the three dioceses and to assure them of the readiness of the two Guilds to help them in any way they could. In conclusion, the report thanked the officers and members for their help and co-operation, and expressed the best wishes to the Guildford Diocesan Guild and the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, with the hope that both would enjoy a long life of prosperity.

The treasurer's balance sheet showed that £50 7s. 10d. was received from the districts, and that a balance of £31 19s. remained in hand at the end of the year. The balance was disposed of by paying £3 2s. 4d. in committee expenses, £14 10s. for the printing of the 1927 report, the £14 6s. 8d. then remaining being divided as to £3 11s. 8d. to the Guildford Diocesan Guild, and the remaining 75 per cent. to the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

The Master presented a report on the Central Council meeting, for which he was thanked.

### THE MATTHEWS' MEMORIAL.

The Hon. Secretary reported on the present position of the Matthews' memorial. The Guild's appeal had met with a good response, £81 15s. 2d. having been received. A further £10 had been promised from Lymington tower and friends. The Parochial Council at Milford had agreed on a scheme for recasting the present five bells and making them into a peal of eight, with tenor of 12½ cwt. The cost would be about £600, and it was hoped to raise enough money in the Guild to provide the two trebles. Following an old custom, it was intended to give each of the bells a name. These names would be: Treble 'Faith,' 2nd 'Hope,' 3rd 'Love,' 4th 'Peace,' 5th 'Joy,' 6th 'Liberty,' 7th 'Patience,' tenor 'Victory.' The Rector had asked what inscription the Guild would like put on the bells which they proposed to give, and had suggested the following, which he (the speaker) thought would have met with the wishes of the late Mr. Matthews had he been alive: Treble: "Faith." The gift of the Win-

chester Diocesan Guild of Change Ringers, in memory of their vice-president, Rev. C. E. Matthews, 1928.' Second: 'Hope,' and the same inscription. Mr. Pullinger hoped they would be able to raise the memorial fund to £100, which would more than pay for the metal in the two bells. It would not be sufficient to pay for the fittings as well, but he believed the Parochial Church Council would be satisfied with that amount. He had already issued three appeals, but there were still a number of prominent towers in both dioceses from which nothing had been received.

Mr. Andrews suggested that another appeal might be broadcast, and hoped that the total amount required would be in hand in the course of the next two or three months.

The inscriptions were approved, and it was thought that the ventilation of the subject would be sufficient to bring in amounts from those who had not yet subscribed.

The vice-presidents, the Bishop of Southampton, and the Archdeacons of the dioceses of Winchester and Portsmouth, were re-elected. and Canon Braithwaite and Mr. George Williams were added to the list amid applause.

The following officers were re-elected: Master, Mr. G. Williams; hon. treasurer, Rev. N. C. Woods; hon. secretary, Mr. G. Pullinger; recorder of peals, Mr. F. J. Rogers; auditor, Mr. G. Smith.

Mr. Pullinger said he thought it was time he handed the work over to someone who had more time to carry it out, but the members would not hear of any change, and eventually the secretary's suggestion that he should have the assistance of Mr. F. W. Rogers in getting out the annual report was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Smith, who was unable to be present, also asked to be relieved of his duties as auditor, but the Master, having remarked that this was his 'annual report,' the members at once re-elected him.

### WINCHESTER GUILD'S JUBILEE.

A long discussion ensued on the place and date of the next annual meeting. Next year the Guild will celebrate the jubilee of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, and the desire had been expressed that the members of the new Guildford Diocesan Guild should join in with the members of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. In order that some place convenient to both Guilds might be considered, the feeling of the Guildford Guild had been ascertained, and of the places suggested Petersfield and Haslemere were recommended.

Some members expressed the view that the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild should have two separate gatherings, one for the annual meeting and the other for the jubilee celebration, and this was ultimately resolved upon. It was decided to hold the annual general meeting at Portsmouth on the first Saturday in June, 1929 (an amendment to hold it at Christchurch being defeated), and the jubilee festival at Petersfield and Haslemere on the first Saturday in July, proposals to hold it at Farnham and Alton and on August Bank Holiday being defeated.

A sub-committee, consisting of the hon. secretary, the Master and Mr. F. W. Rogers, was appointed to act with representatives of the Guildford Diocesan Guild in making arrangements.

The Rev. Thomas, of Romsey, was elected an hon. member, Mr. H. J. B. Beale, of Lymington, a life member, and Messrs. C. Green and J. Green, of Ringwood, were elected ringing members.

The meeting then discussed a new set of rules, the draft of which had been recommended by the committee. The rules follow fairly closely the rules adopted by the Guildford Diocesan Guild, and the only point that raised any discussion was that of the affiliation of towers. Mr. E. Tucker said that, as the Parochial Church Council in his parish already paid the ringers' subscriptions to the Guild, he could not ask them to pay another 5s. He was opposed to such a rule.

It was pointed out that the rule was not compulsory, but only that the towers, through the incumbent and Parochial Church Council, should be 'invited' to subscribe.

Being asked to say how the rule worked in the Guildford Diocese, Mr. Goldsmith explained, that the object of this affiliation was not merely a question of raising funds. The principal desire was to give the church authorities a direct interest in the work of the Guild, and in this he felt the Guildford Diocesan Guild had very largely been successful. The affiliation scheme had been well received, and out of the 48 towers from which they had members, about 40 had actually paid the affiliation fee for this year, and he believed most of the remainder would do so.

In view of the fact that payment of the fee was not compulsory, Mr. Tucker withdrew his opposition, and the rules were unanimously adopted.

The Secretary reported that since the last meeting Col. Stillwell, of Yateley, a great supporter of the Guild, had passed away, and in the Guild's name he wrote to Mrs. Stillwell expressing the sympathy of the members. He read a reply conveying grateful thanks from Mrs. Stillwell and family, and his action was endorsed.

A vote of thanks to the chairman, moved by Mr. W. T. Tucker, concluded the business, and the members then had tea together, a party of about 70 sitting down.

Service in the Cathedral, at which the Bishop of Southampton was the preacher, then took place, the Guild's form being used.

On account of the amount of business to be transacted, there was no opportunity for ringing until the evening, and the twelve bells at the Cathedral then came in for good use, among the visitors being members of the Hillingdon (Middlesex) band, who were in the district for their annual outing.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

(Continued from page 426.)

### NEXT YEAR'S MEETING.

Notice of a motion had been given by Mr. Walter Ayre: 'That a committee be appointed to consider the best method of dealing with cases of extraordinary sickness amongst members of our affiliated change ringing associations, with power to report to the next annual meeting.' The President said the Standing Committee had considered this notice and, as it was not in order in not having a seconder, as provided by the rules, the matter could not be considered at that meeting, and they would, therefore, pass on to the next business.

Continuing, the President said the Council had to decide upon the place for next year's meeting. From the beginning, the Council had followed a definite rule as to localities. Every first year of a new Council the meeting was held in London, then they met north and south, east and west, and after that they went to the Midlands. This time their strict rota was London, Hereford, which was almost north-west, and from that they should go south-east. The Standing Committee had considered the matter, and they recommended that Chelmsford should be the place for the next meeting. The hon. secretary had received an invitation from the Essex Association—a cordial invitation to the Council to visit Chelmsford in 1929. The Central Council, the letter pointed out, had not yet met in Essex, and Chelmsford was the centre of a young and vigorous diocese. There were ample ringing facilities, including a ring of 12, eight rings of 8, and two of 6 in the immediate neighbourhood. Chelmsford was on a main line, with a good and frequent train service, and there was ample accommodation for their meeting in the Cathedral Hall. The letter which they had received added that the Essex Association would next Whitsun be celebrating its jubilee, and the attractive programme which it was hoped to carry out on Whit Monday would be a pleasing prelude to the Council's meeting on the next day. If the invitation were accepted, the association and its officers would do their utmost to make the meeting a success and arrange for the members attending to have an enjoyable time.

Mr. T. W. Faulkner said as one of the prime conspirators in the sending of that letter he would propose, if necessary, that the Council should meet at Chelmsford in 1929. The Council would be given every facility, there was ample accommodation, and as the Council had never been to Essex before—probably because it had never been asked—it would be a fitting climax to the association's jubilee celebration. If a motion on the subject was not necessary, he desired to support the Standing Committee's recommendation.

A member proposed, as an amendment, that the Council should visit Blackburn, which was the centre of a new See, but on being put to the vote Chelmsford was carried by a large majority.

### TO KEEP TOUCH WITH YOUNG RINGERS.

The Council then gave its permission for the discussion of the first item of addenda to the agenda paper—motions which had been received after the original agenda had been published.

The first was a motion put forward by the Guildford Diocesan Guild: 'That this Council invite its affiliated associations and Guilds to unite in a scheme for keeping touch with ringers who remove from one area to another.' (A brief outline of the scheme was published in our issue of June 1st.) The motion was proposed by Mr. R. Whittington, who said they constantly heard of the difficulty which associations had in getting young ringers to take an interest in ringing. Although they in the diocese of Guildford were not isolated as some other associations were, they experienced the same difficulty. They knew the trouble it was to get young people interested in ringing, and also how disappointing it was, when they had managed to get some of them on, to lose them when they had to go away to work. They also knew how much more disappointing it was when they knew that in going away these young ringers would, in all probability, owing to their strange surroundings, be lost to the Exercise altogether. The older ringers, of course, would always find their way to a tower, but they ought to do all in their power to see that a young ringer, once he had put his hand to a rope, should never be lost sight of. He hoped the Council would 'father' the scheme which his Guild put forward, so that they might get uniformity of practice. For lack of a scheme, he maintained, they had lost a lot of ringers. He instanced a case in his own parish where quite by accident he found that a young ringer had come to live among them, but was too shy to come to the tower, because he was afraid he did not know enough about ringing. This young ringer had been in the parish for months before he heard of him, and yet in the meantime he had been scouring the place to try and get recruits.

Mr. A. H. Pulling seconded the motion, and said he hoped the Council would not only 'father' the scheme, but 'mother' it as well (laughter).

The President said he thought it was a most excellent thing.

Mr. C. T. Coles said in the outline of the scheme they were told what to do when a young ringer went away from a district, but they were not told how to do it. The difficulty would be to ascertain the addresses of the secretaries with whom they were to communicate. He had seen in 'The Ringing World' the announcement of the publication of a Ringers' Directory. Perhaps the Council could take that over in some way and publish a complete list of secretaries.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith said he would be prepared to publish in 'The Ringing World' once a year a complete list of the secretaries of the

associations and Guilds affiliated to the Central Council (hear, hear). The motion was then put and carried unanimously.

### MOTIONS OUT OF ORDER.

There were two other items of addenda, viz., 'The Suffolk Guild asks the Central Council through its Standing Committee to approve or otherwise deal with each of the proposals of the Nomenclature Committee seriatim,' and 'The Suffolk Guild also considers that the issue of diplomas should be left to the associations; but that the Council should, if necessary, organise such issue.'

The President said the Standing Committee had considered both these matters and ruled them out. First, there was no Nomenclature Committee, because that Committee was dismissed last year, and its report handed back with thanks, and the Council had not got it before them at all. With regard to the peal diplomas, the Standing Committee felt that it was coming up in the discussion on the main motion, and it was quite unnecessary to raise it separately. But even if the Standing Committee had not taken that action, a legal mind amongst them was going to bring up a point of order, and he (the president) would have had to rule it out of order at once.

This having concluded the business on the agenda, Mr. Pulling asked whether they could not now go back and consider Mr. Ayre's proposition, if it were moved, in the absence of Mr. Ayre, by another gentleman. He hoped the matter could be discussed, otherwise some people might say the Council would not listen.

The Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake said he would be prepared to propose the motion in the absence of Mr. Ayre.

The President said he was in the hands of the Council, but on taking the feeling of the Council a vote against discussing the matter at this meeting was given by a large majority.

### THE LATE MR. PRYCE TAYLOR.

The President said he had to bring forward two matters, one grave, and the other, if he might say so, gay. They must not forget that since their last meeting they had lost a very prominent member of the Council, one whose death came as a great shock to them all. He referred to Mr. Pryce Taylor, who was a very valuable member of the Council and of the Standing Committee. Mr. Taylor had been to America, and was just about to return with a book full of orders for bells in that continent. He went bathing one day, cut his foot with a shell, septic poisoning set in, and he died within three or four days. Mr. Taylor was going to join a few of them on a ringing tour in the West of England, and when they heard of his death it threw a great blight over their week. They were able, however, to pay a tribute to his memory by ringing one of the very best half-muffled peals of Stedman Caters that could ever be rung. It was absolutely faultless from beginning to end. It was rung at Wrington, on that noble peal of bells, where Pryce Taylor would have been ringing with them had he been alive.

The President asked the Council to stand for a few moments to show their respect, which was done.

### A WEDDING GIFT.

The President then went on to the second subject. He said all the members of the Council knew what Miss Edith Parker, as she then was, had done for the Council; her tremendous labours in typing collections of peals and various things. No matter what work was laid upon her, she had always been ready to do everything she could for the Council (applause). On the table before them they saw the pile of typed matter which had been done by her under very exceptional circumstances, as she had just recently been married. It had been felt by many that morning that they would like to show their gratitude to Mrs. Fletcher for what she had done for the Council by combining with all those who would like to do so in giving her a little wedding present in commemoration of her kindness and unselfish work (applause). Everyone present had been delighted to participate, and the gift had developed in the form of a cheque for £6 10s., which they asked Mrs. Fletcher to accept with their best love and their gratitude to her. They thought it best to give her the money, so that she might choose something that she would like for her house (applause). In handing the gift to Mrs. Fletcher, the President said he knew that the last thing she would think about it was that it was a monetary reward for all she had done, but that she would take it simply as a token of their love and affection and of their gratitude to her, and with the wish that she and her husband might have many, many years of happy life, and, he hoped, continued usefulness to the Central Council (applause).

Mrs. Fletcher, who had been taken quite by surprise, said she was afraid she could not make a speech, but she greatly appreciated the kind thought that had prompted the gift. Everything she had done for the Council had given her the greatest pleasure, and she hoped she might be spared for many years to help on the work of the Council. She thanked them all very much indeed (applause).

The business proceedings then concluded with a vote of thanks to the president, moved by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies.

### RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Saban, of Sawbridgeworth, Herts, have just celebrated their golden wedding, and on Sunday evening a specially arranged quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in honour of the event. Mr. Saban himself taking part: H. Saban 1, F. Bird (conductor) 2, A. Levey 3, H. Bull 4, W. Morris 5, W. T. Prior 6, W. Tarring 7, H. Wacey 8.

### VETERAN EPSOM RINGER DEAD.

Mr. Thomas Miles, of Epsom, passed away on June 28th, at the age of 80 years. Deceased had lived in Epsom all his life. He began to ring at the Parish Church when quite a boy, ringing rounds for the first time in April, 1864. He rang his first peal on April 23rd, 1869, the ringers being four fathers and their four eldest sons, and a board recording this peal hangs in the belfry. Mr. Miles joined the Surrey Association soon after its birth, and remained a member till his death. He rang 61 peals, and conducted 14, his last peal being at Ewell on October 25th, 1924. Although his peals were rung in the four standard methods, he was not a great lover of peal ringing. His great point was to attend to everything connected with bells and ringers, and instructing young ringers. He was always ready to give advice, and many improvements in the towers of Epsom and neighbouring places were due to his advice.

Last August he had a paralytic seizure; three months later his wife passed away, and Mr. Miles was taken to Epsom Infirmary. Right to the end he was always ready to talk about ringing, and only four days before his death spoke of the coming festival of the Guildford Guild at Epsom, telling the writer to tell ringers not to forget to keep open leads. He said he would listen for the bells that day, but before that day came he had passed on.

Large numbers of ringers attended the church and cemetery on the occasion of the funeral on July 3rd. Muffled bells were rung for him at Epsom, where we had rung with him so often, and where we had so often been corrected when going astray. We know we have lost a wise old counsellor and friend.

J. B.

### SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

#### EASTERN DIVISION.

A quarterly meeting of the Eastern Division was held at Heathfield on Saturday, June 30th, between 20 and 30 members attending from Battle, Heathfield, Heane, Mayfield, Rotherfield, Lewes, St. Leonards, Eastbourne (St. Saviour's), Waldron. Mr. A. A. Hughes, of the White-chapel Bell Foundry, Mr. W. Boughton, of London, and Mr. Sone, of Linton, Kent, were also present. Ringing in various methods up to Cambridge Surprise Major was indulged in during the afternoon. A short service was held, at which the Vicar, the Rev. H. Grahame Clarke officiated, and gave an excellent address.

A splendid tea was provided at the Star Inn, which was thoroughly enjoyed by the members, and was presided over by the Vicar.

Owing to a prior engagement, the Vicar was obliged to leave immediately afterwards, but before he left Mr. W. D. Smith proposed a hearty vote of thanks to him for the use of the bells, and for his address at the service.—This was carried unanimously.

At the business meeting, Mr. W. D. Smith was voted to the chair. On the question of the next place of meeting, Mr. G. L. Matthews proposed, and Mr. A. Gower seconded, that the matter should be left in the hands of the hon. secretary, who was in the best position to know which towers were due for a visit. Following some discussion this was put to the meeting and carried. The members then returned to the tower and kept the bells going merrily until 8 p.m.

### MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

#### MEETING AT MELBOURNE.

The first quarterly meeting was held at Melbourne, Derbyshire, on Saturday, June 30th, and very poorly attended, doubtless owing to several other counter-attractions that day. The peal of eight bells at this fine old Norman church—which alone is worthy of a visit—were rung (more or less successfully) to different methods.

The committee at their meeting made a small grant to the restoration of the ancient peal of five at Kirby Bellars. They also requested the general hon. secretary to send a letter of condolence to the wife and other relatives of the late Mr. Wm. Thorley, of Loughborough, who was one of the committee, and who had suddenly passed away since the annual meeting at Nottingham. This was carried in silence.

Later, a substantial meat tea was served, and the general meeting followed. In the absence of the president owing to indisposition, the vice-president (Mr. Joseph Griffin) took the chair, and was supported by the hon. treasurer (Mr. W. Wallace) and hon. secretary (Mr. E. Marris). Members were present from Burton, Derby, Duffield, Leicester, Loughborough, Nottingham, etc. New members elected since the annual meeting, viz., 3 life, 20 ordinary, were duly confirmed.

An excellent account of the Central Council meeting held at Hereford at Whitsuntide was given by the new 'delegate' or 'representative,' Mr. John H. Swinfield, who graphically explained various aspects of that meeting.

Mr. J. Griffin proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the local committee for arrangements, and although one would have liked to have seen more present, yet all was carried out well. Mr. W. Wallace seconded, and this concluded the meeting.

### PEAL DIPLOMAS.

#### To the Editor.

Sir,—We live and learn. To read in Mr. Neale's letter that I had an objection to peal diplomas was a surprise to my friends and myself. If a perfectly innocent remark can be so misconstrued, it will be wiser in future not to say anything.—Yours, etc.,

A. H. PULLING.

### TRURO RINGERS VISIT DEVON.

Devon! Glorious Devon! was the venue selected by the members of the Truro Cathedral company for their annual outing on Whit Monday. It was a very quiet but happy party of thirty, including Messrs. F. I. Hairs and R. A. Watts (both formerly of London), the Rev. F. J. Driscoll, and wives and friends of the ringers, that left the west front of the Cathedral at 7.45 a.m. to cross the Tamar into 'England.' The long journey of sixty miles to Tavistock, which was the first stopping place, was full of interest, the party passing within sight of no less than six towers containing rings of eight and three rings of six, through the beautiful Glyn Vale of Bodmin and across the Goss Moors, Roche. They crossed the Tamar at 9.45 a.m., and pulled up at Tavistock at 10.10 a.m. Here they were joined by Mr. C. R. Lilley, of Plymouth. The beautiful Church of St. Eustace the Martyr at Tavistock is said to have existed long before 1184, and the building was inspected with interest. The bells themselves, a new ring by Taylor, are certainly a delightful peal, the tenor being approximately 25 cwt., and on them a touch of Grandsire Triples and one of Bob Major were both brought round. The next ride was twenty miles across Dartmoor to Ashburton. The party were allowed to pass the prison, although they were ringers and were getting, like the day, much brighter. The road traversed was nothing but 'ups' and 'downs' and turns and twists, and reminded one of a diagram of Cambridge Surprise. Ashburton was reached at 12.50 p.m., and prior to ringing there was an inspection of the church, which contains no less than seven piscinas. Will the seven altars once again be restored? The Children's Corner here was an object of interest also. Then to the belfry, where the bells were raised in peal. A touch of Grandsire Triples and a well-struck course of Bob Major were rung before the lowering in peal. Buckfast Abbey was the next stopping place. Here ringing was not possible owing to the number of visitors. Perhaps it was as well, as the ringing has to be done with only a parapet, about three feet high, between the ringers and a 70 or 80ft. drop. However, they inspected the ringing peal of twelve, with two additional bells for chiming. After spending 1½ hours at the Abbey, the party moved to Totnes. They found the bells as pleasing to the ear as the fine rood screen in the church was to the eye. There is certainly plenty of tone and metal in this ring, with tenor 27 cwt. Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7 were cast in 1732 by Abraham Rudhall, and 5th and tenor in 1863 by J. Warner and Sons. Unfortunately, the 'go' was not too good, and after one or two unsuccessful attempts Bob Major was abandoned and Grandsire Triples substituted.

Plymouth was reached at 6.10 p.m., and eight of the more energetic of the party had a hurried tea, and made a rush for Charles Church. They just had time to ring one course of Grandsire Triples and lower the bells, also to make the acquaintance of Mr. W. S. Hornbrook. Before leaving Plymouth the rest bade farewell to Mr. C. R. Lilley and Mr. W. H. Southard, the latter to commence his all-night journey to Hereford for the Central Council meeting. The 52 miles' journey to Truro was accomplished in two hours and a half, and it gave the merry company plenty of time to discuss the merits and demerits of the various bells which they had had the pleasure of ringing during the day, and also to appreciate to the fullest extent their own glorious peal at Truro Cathedral. To the Dean and Chapter are given the greatest thanks for providing the necessary funds to enable the ringers to undertake this tour, which took them at one point to within eighteen miles of their neighbouring Cathedral, Exeter.

### EAST HERTS MEETING AT BENINGTON.

The Eastern District of the Hertford County Association held their meeting on Saturday, June 18th, at the old-world and historical village of Benington, and all who attended were well repaid for their effort, for the place has a fascination for all who take any part in ringing. The green and the ancient church, with its setting amongst the old trees in its spring beauty, and the quietness of the place have a great charm.

Members of the association attended from Baldock, Hitchin, Hatfield, Graveley, Nazeing, Cheshunt, Widford, Hunsdon, Kington, Letchworth, Royston, Melbourne, Cambs, Great and Little Munden. St. Albans was represented by Mr. G. W. Cartmel, the respected president of the association.

Tea was provided by the Rector, Rev. W. E. Mills, and was greatly appreciated by all, and a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded him for his generosity.

Ringling in all the standard methods was done on the famous bells, which were kept going continuously from three o'clock till nine, with the exception of the tea interval, and all who were present spent a very enjoyable time.

**GOLDEANGER, ESSEX.**—At St. Peter's Church, June 21st, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: E. Johnson 1, F. P. Lewis 2, A. C. Langford 3, J. D. Buckingham (conductor) 4, C. J. Mann 5, A. Appleton 6.—Also 720 of Kent: J. D. Buckingham (conductor) 1, F. P. Lewis 2, B. C. Mann 3, A. C. Langford 4, C. J. Mann 5, A. Appleton 6. Ring as a welcome to A. C. Langford.—Also on Sunday, June 24th, for evening, 720 of Kent Treble Bob: J. D. Buckingham 1, A. C. Langford 2, B. C. Mann 3, S. J. White 4, J. R. Owens 5, H. B. Gardner (conductor) 6.



**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****THE 'STRAWBERRY' MEETING AT HARLINGTON.**

What is the great attraction for the Middlesex County Association at Harlington, where within its tower there are only six bells? Is it the magnificent yew tree, over 1,000 years old, situated in the churchyard, opposite the beautiful Norman south doorway (cir. 1130), or the chancel of the fourteenth century, with the tower, arch and west window of the fifteenth century in the Perpendicular style? Or is it the beautiful twentieth-century Rectory gardens, placed at the disposal of the company for recreation and pleasure by the Rector, the Rev. Herbert Wilson? Or is it the strawberries that attract so many notable ringers and their friends? The writer would be pleased to know. Whatever the reason, there was a great gathering on Saturday last. The ringing opened about 3.30 with Grandsire Doubles, the hon. secretary being present with the Ringing Master and hon. treasurer, and other members of the Exercise, viz., Messrs. Blondell, Roberts, Herbert, G. and W. Gutteridge, Kippin, Cooper, Hunnisett, Turner and Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. A. Barker, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Godfrey, etc.

The service was conducted by the Rector from the 'Manual for Ringers,' the hymns being Nos. 2 and 4. Mr. Dart presided at the organ.

After service a walk through the Rectory gardens brought the company to the refreshment hall, where everything was ready, and tea was served by Mr. and Mrs. Portsmouth, the host and hostess. The company was presided over by Mr. J. A. Trollope, supported by the Ringing Master and hon. secretary, and the lucky 50 who were in time for the strawberries. The Rector having to leave for the church, found on his return, with three more of the party who had taken the wrong turning, and one of whom was the hon. secretary's wife, that all the berries were gone. The secretary had guaranteed 20, asking the caterer to prepare for 30; result, nearly 60 present.

At the business meeting, as an act of last respect to Mr. C. T. Edwards, of Heston, who passed away on June 26th, the company rose and stood in silence with bowed heads for two minutes, after which a vote of condolence was accorded to the widow and family in their sad bereavement.

A vote of sympathy was also accorded to Mr. P. Norton, who had met with an accident, and wishes were expressed for his speedy recovery.

Votes of thanks to the Rector, organist, host and hostess and lady assistants and the ever-smiling steeplekeeper (Mr. Portsmouth) concluded the business.

Another visit was then paid to the gardens, where handbells, chairs and cushions were waiting to make everyone happy and comfortable, and games on the miniature golf course were indulged in. The Harlington band, with the Rector as their captain, issued a challenge to the visitors, which was at once accepted. The team of locals were the Rector, Messrs. Portsmouth, Sutton, Clark, Levett and Harr; visitors, Messrs. Herbert, W. Gutteridge, Waddington, Ellingham and Mr. and Mrs. A. Barker. Thanks to the skill of the last pair, the visitors won. Several now left to try Harmondsworth bells, for the use of which thanks were accorded to the Vicar.

With the village clock striking nine, no less than 15 were still enjoying sport in the gardens. The officials scorers were Mr. and Mrs. Bert Gilbert. The Rector again appeared to bid his guests a hearty good-night, and everyone agreed that it was one of the best meetings ever held in the South and West District of the association.

**SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.**

**HESTON, MIDDLESEX.**—For morning service, July 8th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: H. C. Chandler 1, P. Rose 2, W. G. Lewis 3, W. H. Hollier 4, C. S. Bird 5, E. Gladman 6, F. Blondell (conductor) 7, A. Lewis 8.—For Confirmation service at three o'clock, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins.: A. Lewis 1, W. A. Lewis 2, W. T. Godfrey 3, E. C. S. Turner 4, H. C. Chandler 5, C. S. Bird (conductor) 6, E. Gladman 7, F. Humphries 8.

**IPSWICH.**—On Sunday, July 8th, at St. Clement's Church, 720 Norwich Surprise Minor: W. Lazzell 1, F. Bowell 2, Wm. Prime 3, H. Shemming 4, Victor E. Waters 5, F. J. Long (conductor) 6. All service ringers.

**NOTICES.**

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—A quarterly meeting of the Guild will be held at Southam on Saturday, July 21st. The eight bells of the Parish Church will be available for ringing from 3 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. A. Fenton, Gen. Hon. Sec., 42, Bennett Street, Rugby.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Quarterly meeting at Wilby on July 28th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea in the school at 4.30, for all sending me names by July 23rd.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

**NOTICES.**

**DIRECTORY.**—Last day for receiving names July 14th. At present 43 counties and hundreds of towns and villages are included. Ringers should make sure now of being included and receiving this most useful book, 1/- subscription.—E. Guise, 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Maldon on Saturday, July 14th. Bells of St. Mary's (6) from 2.30 p.m., also ringing at All Saints' (8) during afternoon and evening. Service St. Mary's, 4.30 p.m. Tea at 'Voltas' Tea Rooms, Mill Road, 5 p.m., followed by meeting. All ringers welcome.—R. C. Clark, Dis. Sec., 8, Hill Road, Chelmsford.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Cuthbert's Church, Lytham (8 bells), on Saturday, July 14th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30, to make arrangements for annual general meeting at Blackpool, Sept. 29th.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec., 10, Warbreck Rd., Blackpool.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Sharnford, on Saturday, July 14th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested. All ringers heartily welcome.—W. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Sandy on Saturday, July 14th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5, on the Rector's lawn, weather permitting. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Bail, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Flamstead on Saturday, July 14th. Bells (6) just rehung, available from 3 p.m. Short service 4.45. All ringers and friends invited to this Hertfordshire hill-top village. Frequent buses from Dunstable and St. Albans to the foot of the hill. Will all who think of coming please make an effort to let me know early, on account of arranging for tea. The Vicar hopes that we shall have a bumper meeting. Do come!—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION AND ELY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A joint meeting will be held at Saffron Walden on Sat., July 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.45. Tea at 5.15. Those intending to be present kindly advise us.—C. Beeston, King Street, Bishop's Stortford; F. Warrington, Long Stanton, Cambs.

**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. All ringing friends welcome.—James Wm. Grounds, 8, School Lane, Standish, and Claude I. Davies, Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree, Secretaries.

**SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual Festival at Brecon on Saturday, July 14th. 10 a.m. to 2.45 p.m. and 5.30 p.m. to 8 p.m., tower of St. Mary's Church open for ringing (8 bells). 3 p.m., service in Havard Chapel of the Cathedral. 4 p.m., business meeting at Ely Tower (the Lord Bishop's residence). 4.30 p.m., tea at Ely Tower (by kind invitation of the Lord Bishop). The tower of St. David's Church, Brecon (6 bells), will also be open for ringing.—W. R. Howells, Hon. Sec., N.P. Bank Chambers, Neath.



**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wellingborough Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Mears Ashby, on Saturday, July 14th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. As the election of officers for the ensuing year then takes place, it is hoped as many as possible will attend.—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Quarterly meeting of the Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch, at Chewton Mendip, on July 14th. Service at 4 p.m., tea and business at 5 p.m.—R. T. Clark, Hon. Sec., Timsbury, nr. Bath.

**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.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Branch Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Southwell Minster (bells 8) on Saturday, July 14th. Cathedral service at 3.15 p.m.; ringing commences 4. Tea at 5.30 p.m., to be followed by meeting. Ringing again from 6.30 to 8.30.—F. W. Bailey, Hon. Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

**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.—Edgar Guise.

**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.—H. J. Chaffey, Dis. Sec., Upper Chilton, Longcross, Chertsey.

**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.—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.**—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Peashurst on Saturday, July 14th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4. Permission has been obtained for the Castle and grounds to be viewed after service (free to members only, any other visitors 1s. each). Tea at the Institute after the visit to the Castle, followed by business meeting.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Notice of postponement.—The Dedication and opening of the new ring of six at Great Easton fixed for Sunday, July 15th, is postponed.—C. H. Howard, Master.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on July 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. \*Headquarters on the 24th at 8 p.m. for handbell practice. District meeting at St. Mary's Beddington, on the 28th at 3 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerell, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Oldham Parish Church on Saturday, July 21st. Bells available from 2 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Secretary, 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Prestwich on Saturday, July 21st. Bells ready 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 7. A good attendance is requested. Special business: election of a branch president, also committeeman.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver St., Miles Platting.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—South District.—A meeting will be held at St. Alphege, Greenwich, on Saturday, July 21st. Ringing 3 to 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting till 6.30 evensong, after which bells will be available till 8.30. All ringers welcome, but let me have a post card to signify, please.—J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**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.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec., 16, Gawber Rd., Barnsley.

**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.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 21st. Bells at Wonston (5), Micheldever (6) and Barton Stacey (5) from 2.30. Service at Wonston 4.15. Tea at the Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney, 5 o'clock. Numbers by July 18th.—Cyril Smith, Hon. Sec., King's Somborne.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry will be held at Willingham, Cambs, on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (6) ready 2.45. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Will those intending to be present please notify by July 19th latest? Good bus service from Cambridge and trains Long Stanton, L.N.E.R.—F. Warrington, Hon. Sec., Long Stanton, Cambs.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Willoughby (6 bells) on Saturday, July 21st. Bus (Midland) leaves Northampton at 2.30.—W. C. Moore, Fircroft, Braunston Road, Daventry.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Congresbury on July 21st. Bells open 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., to be followed by business meeting.—L. G. Tanner, Branch Sec., 51, Oxford Street, Weston-super-Mare.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing practice will be held at Stoke Poges (6 bells) on Saturday, July 21st, at 6 p.m. No ringing at White Waltham.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treasurer, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sleaford District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Ewerby on Saturday, July 21st. Bells available 2.30 p.m. onwards. Those intending to be present please notify me not later than first post Saturday, July 21st. — Reginald Scott, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The Bolton Borough Police Athletic Club have again placed their athletic grounds, Bromwich Street, at the disposal of ringers, their wives and friends for a bowling match and social on Saturday, July 21st. Please forward names by 19th inst. The bells at Holy Trinity will be available from 2 p.m. until 3.30 p.m.—Peter Crook, 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Curdridge on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in the Reading Room. Will those requiring tea kindly inform me by Tuesday, July 17th? All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—A meeting will be held at Badsey on Saturday, July 21st. Service at 5 p.m. Tea provided. Names must be sent me by the Tuesday previous without fail. Bells (8) available.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Bishopstone on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea. All ringers heartily welcome. Will those who require tea please notify me by Wednesday, the 18th?—S. Hopper, Hon. Sec., 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Bury Parish Church on Saturday, July 21st. Bells ready at 2.30. Meeting 6.30. Tea will be provided as usual (free) for all those sending in not later than Wednesday, July 18th, to Mr. Joshua Ramsbottom, 336, Hornby Street, Bury.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District.—The second quarterly meeting will be held at Foxton on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m. Business meeting in belfry at 6.30 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome, and a good attendance hoped for.—Alban Disney, Local Hon. Sec., 19, Houlditch Road, Knighton Fields, Leicester.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Banbury and District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Adderbury on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (8, recently rehung) available 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, July 18th.—R. R. Lewis, 17, Easington Road, Banbury.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—Practice meeting at Pinner, Monday, July 23rd. Bells

from 7 to 9 p.m. All members and friends welcomed. A pleasant evening's outing.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Eynsford on Saturday, July 28th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at Boyne Tea Rooms or garden at 1s. 3d. per head. It is imperative that those requiring tea should notify me by last post, Monday, July 23rd. Half fares up to 2s. paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—A meeting will be held at Haslemere on Sat., July 28th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Numbers for tea to Mr. R. Hayes, Inverary, Station Road, Haslemere, by July 23rd.—N. V. Harding, Dis. Sec., Orchard Cottage, West Clandon, Guildford.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual Festival 1928.—The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Sat., July 28th (D.V.). Service in Cathedral at 11.15 a.m. Preacher the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Guild. Business meeting in Chapter House immediately after service. Dinner in Christchurch Hall, at 1.30. Tickets 2/- each to members who apply for same, with remittance, before Tuesday, July 24th, 2/6 on day of festival, 3/- each to non-members. Further details on printed notices later on.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Little Horsted on Saturday, July 28th. Tower open 2.30; service 4.30; tea at Horsted Place, by kind invitation. Those who intend to be present please notify undersigned not later than Tuesday previous to meeting. Half rail fare, maximum 1s. 6d.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at St. Mellons on Saturday, July 28th. Service at 4.30. Business meeting to follow. Bells (6) available before and after the meeting.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, near Warrington, on Saturday, July 28th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—A combined meeting of the above will be held at Ten-terden on Saturday, July 28th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 5 o'clock. Will all those attending tea please notify by July 25th? All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—The next meeting at St. John's, Hillingdon (10 bells) on Saturday, July 28th. Everybody welcome. Ringing from 3. Tea arranged as usual.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The summer meeting will be held at Bamburgh on Saturday, July 28th. Tea at the Grove Café at 5 o'clock, 1s. 9d. to members, 2s. 6d. to non-members, who send their names to me by Tuesday, July 24th.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle.

**KENT ASSOCIATION.** — Rochester District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Gillingham on Saturday, July 28th. Tower open at 3. Association service in church at 5, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. C. E. Webb), followed by tea and meeting in the Parochial Hall. Those intending to be present please notify me on or before first post Wednesday, July 25th. Tea will only be provided for those who notify.—Fred. M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

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