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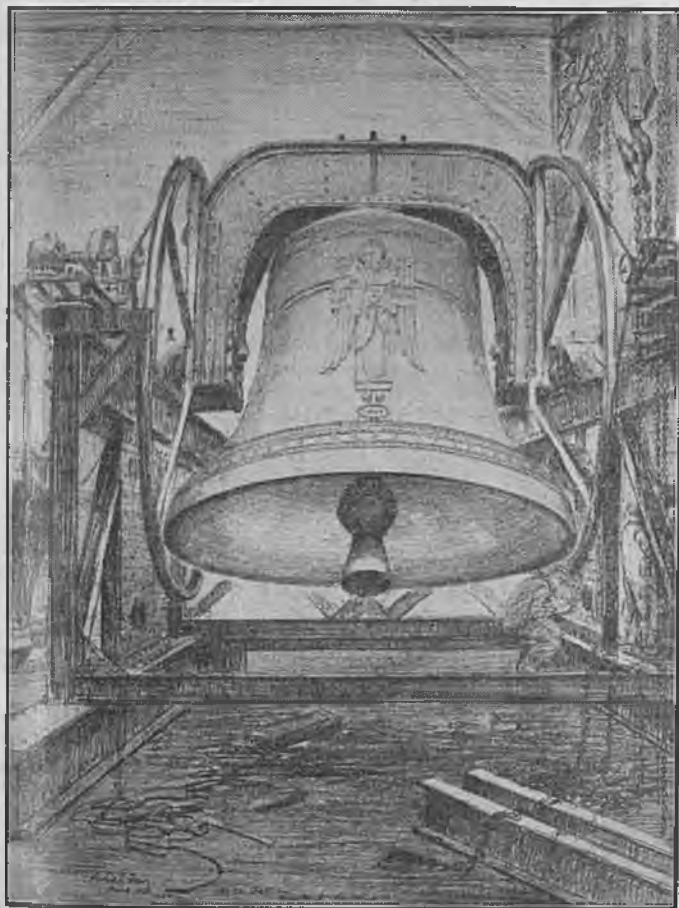
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DIOCESAN 'CONSULTANTS.'

One of the resolutions passed by the Central Council at their last meeting asked each association to appoint a consultant to the Diocesan Advisory Committee or Committees in its area. Some years ago the Council made an effort to get the Advisory Committees each to appoint a member who was conversant with bells and bell ringing. The response was very limited in extent, but wherever the suggestion was acted upon, valuable advice has been available to the Committee. Unfortunately many Committees ignored the request. We are not quite certain that they were approached by the right channel, but with some of them, at any rate, the result would probably have been the same from whatever direction the advance was made. On these committees the antiquarian side is always strongly represented, and we know of at least one instance where this element deliberately used its influence to keep the nominee of the local diocesan association off the Committee, for reasons best known to itself, but which our readers may very easily guess. It is this sort of prejudice which the ringing associations will find very hard to break down, and it is doubtful whether Advisory Committees with this kind of bias are likely to be any more inclined to consult a 'consultant' than they have been to welcome men with similar qualifications as fellow members of their Committee.

But if this second resolution passed by the Council is to have any effect at all, it must go further than the minutes of the Council. The associations must act and those who have not got a member on the Diocesan Board or who have no one who is regularly consulted when bell and tower restorations are involved, should take steps to appoint a competent consultant and to let the Advisory Board know that such knowledge and experience is at their disposal. It will probably be best if there is only one consultant for each diocese, and, if his opinions are to carry weight, he must have a practical knowledge which will stand the test of close examination by those who are likely to disagree with him. He must be able, if necessary, to argue his case, because where the antiquarian expert has to be met it would be futile if the 'practical man' could not keep his end up in an argument and fatal to any future acceptance of his recommendations if his contentions are lightly upset or his prestige damaged. Having found the man with the knowledge necessary adequately to fill the post, the association should then take steps to ensure his recognition by the diocesan authorities. Probably the best way in which this can be done is through some influential clergyman or layman who has the ear of the Bishop. A merely
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formal letter to the secretary of the Committee, or to the diocesan for that matter, is unlikely to bear much fruit, unless it happens that either is already interested. But where previous effort to get a member on the Committee has failed it will not be easy to 'break the ice' to secure recognition for a consultant.

TEN BELL PEALS.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, June 29, 1929, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 5057 CHANGES;

GILBERT GUEST Treble	JOHN ROUND 6
JOHN PRICE 2	BENJAMIN GOUGH 7
HERBERT SHEPPARD 3	*ALBERT PRESTIDGE, SEN. 8
CHARLES W. COOPER 4	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. 9
SAMUEL J. HUGHES 5	*ALBERT PRESTIDGE, JUN. Tenor

Composed by WM. MICKLEWRIGHT. Conducted by J. GOODMAN, JUN.

* Father and son and first peal on ten bells and first attempt by both. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. Canon A. H. Phelps, Vicar of Dudley and President of the above Guild.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 29, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

ERNEST HUNT Treble	FREDERICK J. SPICER 6
THOMAS J. HULL 2	WILLIAM NASH 7
FRANCIS KIRK 3	BEN JARMAN 8
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 4	WALTER AYRE 9
JOHN MALYAN 5	*GEORGE W. DEBENHAM Tenor

Composed by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM. Conducted by T. J. HULL.

* First peal on ten bells. Rung for evening service on St. Peter's Day, also for the bicentenary of a peal of eight being hung in this tower. The present 3rd, 5th and tenor are the old bells cast in 1729 by R. Phelps, of Hertford.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 29, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5001 CHANGES;

JAMES MARSH Treble	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 6
JOHN BROWN 2	JOHN SANDERSON 7
THOMAS WILSON 3	WILLIAM E. WILSON 8
JAMES W. GROUNDS 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD 9
JOHN BOOTH 5	JAMES HARRISON Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

Rung in honour of the 40th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Wilson, of Blackburn.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN DISTRICT.)

On Thursday, June 27, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF WELLINGTON LITTLE COURT BOB MAJOR,
5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*FRANCIS TOMPKINS Treble	REGINALD S. COOK 5
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 2	J. WILLIAM SHEPHERD 6
JACK STOPP 3	HENRY GOLDING 7
HERBERT GATES 4	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by WALTER AYRE

* First peal. The first peal in the method, which is No. 76 in the Central Council Collection. Rung with a 4th's place bob, and at the first attempt. A birthday compliment to Master Henry Peter Ayre.

BORDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 29, 1929, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt. in E.

ERNEST J. DOBBIE Treble	† FREDERICK WELLER 5
SAMUEL TAYLOR 2	WILLIAM WALKER 6
* WILLIAM A. WOOD 3	WILLIAM SPICE 7
STANLEY B. DOBBIE 4	† WILLIAM GORMAN Tenor

Conducted by W. SPICE.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method. † First peal. A birthday peal for Percy Spice and for the only daughter of E. J. Dobbie. Rung on St. Peter's Day.

ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 29, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

At the Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in E flat.

JOHN BREESE Treble	G. RONALD EDWARDS 5
JOHN GORST 2	THOMAS ROGERS 6
JOHN BAGLEY 3	JOHN COOKE 7
RALPH G. EDWARDS 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by G. H. BEEVOR. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

WOODSTOCK, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 29, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

WALTER F. JUDGE Treble	GORDON CAUDWELL 5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK 2	WILLIAM STONE 6
ALBERT E. LOCK 3	RICHARD WHITE 7
WILLIAM SIMMONDS 4	* FREDERICK APPLETON Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First peal. First peal on the bells since a recent overhaul by Mr. R. White, of Appleton.

RAUNDS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 29, 1929, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt. 8 lb.

HENRY W. GAYTON Treble	CHARLES W. CLARKE 5
LEWIS CHAPMAN 2	FRANK KIRK 6
JAMES GARRATT 3	THOMAS R. HENSHER 7
AMOS SMART 4	WILLIAM J. STOCK Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS R. HENSHER.

A birthday compliment to William J. Gilbert, of Raunds, who has just entered his 79th year.

WEST MALLING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 29, 1929, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

ALBERT RELFE Treble	JAMES BASSETT 5
TOM SAUNDERS 2	CHARLES H. SONE 6
MRS. H. BAKER 3	ARTHUR H. SMITH 7
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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 29, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

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

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

* JAMES MCCLUSKEY Treble	ARTHUR PASHLEY 5
GEORGE CLARK 2	HARRY MORGAN 6
ALBERT NASH 3	† PERCY GLEDSTONE 7
MILTON C. FOWLER 4	J. EDWARD CAWSE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method away from the treble. First peal in the method on the bells.

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 29, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

* WILLIAM T. CLARK Treble	WILLIAM PICTHALL 5
† RAYMOND FORSHAW 2	FREDERICK HINDLE 6
WILLIAM ROBINSON 3	THOMAS METCALFE 7
EDWIN JENNINGS 4	JAMES E. BURLS Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by EDWIN JENNINGS.

* First peal of Bob Major. † First peal of Bob Major away from treble. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 29, 1929, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ALFRED H. WATSON Treble	JOHN A. GODFREY 5
JAMES BETTS 2	FRANCIS W. NAGYTON 6
ALPHAEUS J. BERRY 3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 7
WILLIAM J. GROOM 4	TONY R. PRICE Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by W. J. GROOM.

The ringer of the 5th bell was elected a life member of the Guild.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BLACKWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 22, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Werburgh,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten 120's Grandsire, twelve of Plain Bob, twelve St. Simon's and eight Stedman Slow Course. Tenor 9½ cwt.

* W. PARKES Treble	F. KNOWLES 3
H. BAILEY 2	A. SMITHSON 4

BERNARD BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by F. W. KNOWLES.

* First peal. Rung for St. Werburgh's Day.

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SULGRAVE, NORTHANTS.
THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, June 26, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-LESS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

J. T. LEADBEATER Treble	C. HINTON 3
J. MARDELL 2	W. J. CHESTER 4
S. DANIELS Tenor	

Conducted by W. J. CHESTER.

J. Mardell is a local man; the rest hail from Lois Weedon.

HOLKHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, June 27, 1929, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WITHABURGA,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

REV. B. TYRWHITT-DRAKE Treble	JAMES H. RAPER 4
JOHN A. GODFREY 2	CLAUDE COUSINS 5
Cecil V. EBBERSON 3	TONY PRICE Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

First peal on the bells.

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 27, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, and 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 16½ cwt.

ALBERT RELFE Treble	*SAM SAUNDERS 4
*MRS. H. BAKER 2	ARTHUR H. SMITH 5
*HARRY BAKER 3	THOMAS E. SONE Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

* First peal in four methods. † First attempt for a peal of Minor. Ring as a farewell to the Rev. G. C. E. Ryley, who is leaving East Peckham to become Domestic Chaplain to the Bishop of Rochester.

HORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 29, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, Duke of York, Woodbine, Violet, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM HAZELDINE Treble	*WALTER LONGMAN 4
CHARLES S. RYLES 2	GEORGE BIDDLEPH 5
JOHN E. WHEELDON 3	JAMES WALLEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. WHEELDON.

* First peal in seven methods. This peal was arranged for 4th and 5th ringers, who hail from Lawton, Cheshire. W. Hazeldine hails from Biddulph, the others from Norton. The visitors wish to thank the Rev. E. Wheelton for the use of the bells.

STAUNTON-ON-ARROW, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 29, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Canterbury Pleasure, and one each of April Day, Pitman's, Morris', Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 6½ cwt.

JAMES PRICE Treble	WILLIAM EVANS 4
JAMES P. HYATT 2	WILLIAM FLETCHERS 5
G. JAMES R. PRICE 3	ROBERT G. FLETCHER Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYATT.

rung on and in honour of St. Peter's Day. First peal in four methods on the bells and by all the band.

WARGRAVE RECRUITS.

The Thames-side village of Wargrave boasts of a band of 17 ringers, five recruits having recently joined. Some steady spade-work is being done and an endeavour made to maintain interest among both old and new ringers.

One June 25th, in honour of the Vicar's wedding, which took place in Yorkshire on that day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) was rung in 48 minutes, with 4, 6, 8 covering: W. Boggis 1, F. Buxton 2, T. Wetherall 3, A. May 4, J. Brant, jun., 5, C. Buxton 6, J. Brant, sen. (conductor), 7, J. Collyer 8.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, June 30, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*JAMES W. SMITH Treble	THOMAS C. WARD 4
ALFRED B. KING 2	WILLIAM A. WOODS 5
CHARLES ABLITT 3	GEORGE W. ABLITT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. ABLITT.

* First peal.

HANDBELL PEAL.

MANCHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, June 27, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT 16, LIME GROVE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5055 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

FREDERICK PAGE 1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY 5-6
HAROLD JACKSON 3-4	WILLIAM JACKSON 7-8
PETER LAFLIN 9-10	

Composed by EDGAR BENNETT. Conducted by ALLEN F. BAILEY.

rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. Barnes.

BELLS AND THE PUBLIC.

Considerable attention has been drawn to the ringing of church bells by a letter which appeared recently in 'The Daily Mail,' from Mr. C. E. C. Kendle, of 71, Lewisham Park, S.E.13, who complained of the ringing of the bells at Lewisham, and asked if they came under the head of public nuisances. He added:—

'The jingle-jangle must be heard before the extent of the nuisance can be conceived. On Monday, June 3rd, for instance, the bells began at 6 a.m. and rang for 55 minutes. I got up and went to the church and protested to the chief bellringer.

'On Sundays the bells ring from 10.15 to 10.50, and often from 5.30 p.m. to 6.25.

'On Thursday the ringers surpassed themselves, ringing from 6.30 to 8.35 without a stop.

'These bells are not pealed; and they are rung without discrimination, method, or rhythm.

'I am not prejudiced against church bells, but they should be chimed rhythmically and tunelessly.'

One of the difficulties with complaints of this kind is that the ordinary public, reading such a letter, is unaware of the motives that have prompted it. Mr. Kendle is, we are informed, a schoolmaster at Lewisham, and lives 300 or 400 yards from the church, and not long ago he publicly complained of St. John's bells, which are about a mile away from his house.

The ringing on June 3rd was, of course, to celebrate the King's birthday, and that 'on Thursday' was a peal attempt, which came to grief just before half-way, and when the names of the band are known (H. Warnett, sen., A. W. Coles, J. Bennett, H. Warnett, jun., E. Garrard, J. Dafters, J. E. Davis and C. W. Roberts), the suggestion that 'these bells are not pealed, and they are rung without discrimination, method or rhythm,' is really too funny—to ringers. Unhappily, the misrepresentation in the public Press cannot be countered by such knowledge, and Mr. Kendle may probably be well satisfied that his complaint received so much notice.

People who make complaints of this kind are not always prompted entirely by public motives; there is sometimes personal feeling behind them. It would be interesting to know if there is anything behind this present attempt to stir up trouble at Lewisham, where in the forty years' experience of Messrs. H. Warnett, sen., and C. H. Walker there has been only one previous complaint.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

The members of the Southern District held their meeting at Staindrop on Saturday, June 15th. There was a good attendance of ringers, the following towers being represented: Darlington, Holy Trinity, St. John, St. Cuthbert, Bishop Auckland, Shildon, Hurworth, Gainford and the local tower, members of the Newcastle Cathedral Band, also members of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, from North Ormesby and Ripon. Touches of Bob Major, Double Norwich, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Cambridge Surprise Minor and Bob Minor were rung during the afternoon and evening. Twenty-three ringers sat down to a good tea, arranged by Mr. H. Shipp, captain of the local band.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar, the Rev. H. S. C. Spurrier, for the use of the bells was passed and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Shildon on Saturday, September 7th.

SECESSION OF GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In reply to the hon. secretary of the Central Council, I beg to point out that he has entirely misinterpreted my remarks regarding the sum of £4,000. I did not state that the Central Council had received approximately £4,000.

However, to make clearer my point stated in 'The Ringing World' of May 31st, I give the following:—

(The following figures are extracted from the hon. treasurer's books of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association of Church Bellringers.)

It has cost this association to be represented at 16 Council meetings the sum of £35 19s. 1d., an average of £2 5s. per annum. Aggregating the 36 years that the association was affiliated or represented, this totals £81.

Take this average as a basis for 32 affiliated associations, Guilds and societies, the total is £2,592. To this add the sum received by the Council in affiliation fees (I have not included these in the extracts from the hon. treasurer's books), the total is £3,242 (not far off my mark). So you see, Sir, what affiliation to the Central Council has cost associations and members.

Now, I ask, are the associations entitled to express their opinion upon matters of importance to the Exercise and instruct their members how to vote?

I contend that, the sooner the Central Council realise that they are in existence to create Sunday service church bellringers, and that scientific matters are of an aside nature, the better for the future of the Exercise.

There should be a greater stimulus from the Central Council to urge the well advanced ringers to teach young ringers.

One point of Mr. Young's letter is interesting, that is, he states that the Council has £130 in hand or invested. Had he mentioned this in his statement of accounts printed in your journal of May 17th, would it have influenced the question of associations paying larger affiliation fees?

Now, to turn to Rev. C. D. P. Davies' letter, re the last two or three lines of your opening paragraph in your leader of May 31st, which Rev. Davies most cordially endorses, might I say that I, too, most cordially endorse what you have stated in your views. Furthermore, I can assure you that an effort was made to place the matter for discussion upon the Central Council agenda, but, alas! as I have previously stated, the members of the Council are afraid, or too reserved, to bring the matter forward even though for a healthy discussion. I have correspondence to substantiate this fact that an effort was made.

Having failed in that direction, I reverted to what has been attempted before by leading members of this association in 1912 and other periods before that.

The late Mr. Raymond (Jack) Wilkins was one of the most clear-minded of men, and his sole object was the welfare of the association and its younger members. He proposed in 1912 that the association should cease affiliation.

Mr. F. K. Howell, a stalwart of this association for nearly 50 years, has periodically remarked that the association merely wasted money by remaining affiliated, and urged that the money should be spent by sending the 'representatives' to our towers to teach the young ringers. Can it be said that these men were 'fogged'?

Mr. F. G. May, who was once a member of the Council, afterwards tried to reduce the number of representatives from this association.

Mr. Howell was, with Mr. Wilkins, anxious to keep to the most important point, i.e., the fundamental principle of teaching ringers to ring the bells of the House of God and for His service, not to the point as to whether to ring what the Central Council described or prescribed.

After all, Mr. Davies must agree with me that the main object of our being ringers is to ring the bells for Sunday service, and we should be better served in our organisation if the Central Council made efforts to fill the empty towers and attach ringers to the ringer-less ropes.

With regard to his points, I think further comment is necessary.

1. I must remind him that the president of the Council definitely stated to a member: 'You are not here as a delegate,' and in view of this I do not agree with what Mr. Davies writes.

Personally, I should not (and I do not think any member of the Council would) disregard the words of the president and continue as a delegate, even though Mr. Davies now suggests that this is what may happen. At this point I would remind him of the question of 'Diplomas for young ringers.'

This item was placed upon the agenda of this association in 1928 (according to its reference from the Central Council), and he will remember that there was a difference of opinion, but without full discussion he, as chairman, said, 'Of course, we leave that to the members' own discretion.' As a member of the Council at that time, I was anxious to have the views of my association, but could not get it.

2. The ruling of the president was not wrong, and some few days ago I wrote him stating that I considered his ruling just, according to the rules of his Council.

3. The motion from this association was in the hands of the Central Council in plenty of time to have been rectified, had the Central Council intimated that the motion was not in correct order.

4. I have had advice upon this matter, and I refer it to the Central Council that they might have an opinion from its Legal Committee.

Associations are constituted bodies for one year only. If it is clearly made out, as it is with this association, that the rules of the Council cannot be accepted as binding, then the rules of the association come first and foremost, and when the motion to cease affiliation is passed, there is the end of it. And that being so the fees are not payable. The hon. secretary of the Central Council has been good enough to confirm this in a letter of his dated April 25th, as follows:—

'I cannot give you the name of the person, inasmuch as the money was sent anonymously on behalf of the Gloucester and Bristol Association. But, of course, should your association elect to withdraw at your annual meeting, the money can be returned to you.' Therefore, Mr. Davies will see that the money was not payable according to our rules and according to the hon. secretary of the Central Council.

It is impossible for the officials of this association to run counter with the officials of the Central Council or to the rules of that body, because in 1920 this association (with other associations) informed the Central Council that they could not accept the rules of the Central Council as binding.

If I was wrong in regard to the holding of affiliation fees, as Mr. Davies asserts I was, would it not be proper for the hon. secretary of the Central Council to write to the executive committee and complain of my action? No, Sir, the action of the hon. secretary appears to negative the motion upon our agenda by accepting anonymous affiliation fees.

As then, and now, the Central Council will leave no stone unturned to reserve its autocracy.

With regard to the comfort that Rev. Davies speaks of in his last statement, I might mention that I forecast this to Mr. Cave at the conclusion of our meeting, and I agree with the selection and election of Mr. Cave as a 'permanent' member of the Council. I sincerely hope that this will prove to be so.

My contention is this, give the members of every Guild throughout the country a chance to bring matters of importance before the Central Council, not by haphazard methods, but by a duly constituted rule in both the Central Council rules and that of its affiliated bodies.

It would be ridiculous for any member to quote rules of the Central Council to the ringers of England, as they do not know, and, so far as my experience and knowledge goes, they do not care, what the rules are.

I would add a quotation from a speech by the late Sir A. P. Heywood at the inauguration of the Council:—

'They had yet to make a position for themselves; and it depended upon the judgment with which their decisions were drawn up, whether the Council would come to be regarded as the final authority upon all ringing matters.'

What was the reply to this of 80 per cent. associations affiliated in 1920? And, furthermore, why?

I reiterate my statement. Upon all matters of importance to the Exercise the associations should decide which way their representatives voted. Upon scientific matters (which are of secondary importance to the Exercise) they would use their own discretion.

The Literature and Press Committee of the Central Council are somewhat anticipating in regard to church bells and street noises. I could name many towers in the west where peal ringing used to take place every few weeks, and at that time there was Sunday service ringing. In these places there are no Sunday service ringers now, and peal ringing is gone for ever.

As long as parishioners are accustomed to the sound of bells there is no fear of their being suppressed, but immediately a lapse occurs then they prefer the silence.

To stimulate ringing by helping struggling Guilds and by gradually filling the empty ringing chambers should be the foremost point of all associations, and should be the main policy of the Central Council of Church Bellringers.

In conclusion, I would point out to Rev. C. D. P. Davies that the annual meeting of this association was extensively advertised and copies of the motions spread broadcast. I regard the small attendance as an indication of approval given to the motion, otherwise members would have been there to defend the Council. The other 34 members supporting the motion must reply, if necessary, to the point as to whether they were 'fogged,' but I rather fancy that they have sufficient intellect to know which way to vote.—Yours faithfully,

EDGAR GUISE,

Late Member of the Central Council.

OXFORD.—On Friday, June 28th, at New College tower, in 52 minutes, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters, 1,261 changes: A. Dubber 1, W. Blake 2, W. Brigham 3, W. H. B. Wilkins 4, S. Hounslow 5, W. G. Collett 6, W. F. Judge (conductor) 7, V. Bennett 8, W. Simmonds 9, G. Horwood 10. Rung on the college commemoration day.

IN THE GARDEN OF ENGLAND.

WHERE JAMES BARHAM RANG.

BY W. H. F.

Following his annual practice, Mr. Frank Bennett, of Brighton, spent Whitsuntide in the county of Kent, where Mr. H. Parkes, with Ashford as a centre, kindly fixed up five towers for peal attempts during a three days' stay. Members of the Kent County Association rallied round to help the visitors, and the respective clergy and towerkeepers did their share to welcome them, and the result was most satisfactory to all concerned both as to the weather and peals accomplished. A word of praise is due to the Southern Railway Company and the Cambrian bus service, who did yeoman work to convey masses of holiday folk through the 'Garden.' Their efficiency allowed the ringers to fulfil the programme, even if 'corridor stand' was enjoyed by the London men on homeward way.

The Church of SS. Mary and Ethelburga, Lyminge, has not lost any of its historical interest. The marble tablet beside the south porch reads: 'The Burial Place of St. Ethelburga the Queen, foundress of this Church and first Abbess of Lyminge, A.D. 638-47.' The relics of the Queen were removed in 1085 to St. Gregory's, Canterbury, by Lanfranc. She was a daughter of Ethelbert, King of Kent, 633, and portions of the original church founded by her are now visible, after a thousand years' interval. Excavations and restorations reveal Roman, Saxon, Norman and Danish periods, the last-named of destruction in their various raiding expeditions to England, before the Norman Conquest. The tower, usually of most interest to ringers, was built by Cardinal Morton, completed in 1527. The bells, dating from 1631, were cast into a ring of six, the trebles added in 1904 with new steel frame and fittings complete. They form a pleasing octave, ringing being carried on from the ground floor open to the nave.

Mr. J. Steddy, of the garden of Eden-bridge, has vivid recollections of the excavated ruins. Some 25 years ago he made a 'nose dive' into them whilst hurrying to the tower on a dark night for a peal attempt with the writer. Since then iron railings have been erected alongside the path. For many years Mr. W. E. Pitman, M.B., was organist at this church before moving to Canterbury, and there are several ringers in the county who have had the pleasure of acting as 'nurse' pro tem. to his young offspring, so that 'Father' might take part in a 'touch' on practice nights. Mr. J. H. Cheeseman, who began his career as a conductor with a peal of Minor in this tower on the old six bells, was born a few miles away, and we find the same family name in peals recorded by Barham, that man of Kent, at Maidstone more than a century and a half ago.

The towerkeeper, Mr. Tanton, met the company at the church. He is well over 70 years of age, and is still a 'goer.' He asked most kindly after the health of Harry Barton, of Deal, and his 'walking mate,' who both took part in the first peal of Major on the bells with him—a gentle reminder of another quarter-century gone.

The 'unexpected' is proverbial in ringing outings, and the beginnings of this one were very dismal when two men were marked up 'absent without leave.' The Lord Bishop, who resides beside the church, saved the situation by not only granting permission to ring but allowing the use of his telephone as well. The missing couple were 'rung up,' and soon afterwards switched into Double Norwich to the glory and honour of Queen Ethelburga.

On leaving the church, the party complied with the letter of the L.V. law by gathering round a small wooden box divided into 24 squares. They privately placed the contents of the box into the inverted handstroke tittum position. Readers will sympathise with the American prohibition tactics of the company when it is known that the contents suited all palates.

AT CANTERBURY AND ASHFORD.

At St. Stephen's Church, Canterbury, the absence of Mr. E. Buesden, through indisposition, was regretted. His excellent substitute well earned the 'star' accorded him in the peal list. At the conclusion of the peal, local listeners congratulated the band at 9.30 p.m., whilst local closing hours, 10.30, allowed the latter to enjoy their second repast since early morning. The organiser met with another difficulty on the way home. A burst tube of the motor-cycle meant a five-mile walk in the clear moonlight for him and Mr. Pillion Cheeseman. At the time of writing, the Whitsun 'death roll' of motor cyclists number 21. A few more are on the 'same way home,' and it is rumoured that Parkes is on the list of eligible riders.

On Sunday, at Ashford, to quote from an 18th century peal board, 'The exponents of the grand art of change ringing ascended the noble campanile of the Parish Church and rang that ingenious peal, known to the Exercise as . . . There were 16 men present to do duty for the 10.30 a.m. matins, and some of them, it is to be feared, did not attend the 5 a.m. ringing to honour the gayest of the Church's festivals by an early morning peal. However, what was done was well done in Stedman, Double Norwich and Superlative, and the visitors' book duly signed.

The church, dedicated to St. Mary, has a tall and handsome central tower, a landmark prominent for many miles in all directions, surmounted with massive turrets at each corner, and finished each with spiral and weather vane. There is much oscillation when the bells are rung in rounds. Most of the towers in this part of the

county are very similar in outline, and take after the Bell Harry tower at Canterbury Cathedral. There are ten bells, the two 'dead' trebles employed for tune chiming, which are none too happy in their selection, one for each day of the week. The majority of the old eight were cast by Hatch about 1620.

At Harrietsham, the Vicar kindly permitted a Sunday afternoon peal, the attempt for Superlative lasting an hour. The completely new peal of bells, frame and fittings, left the two men concerned no excuse for the failure. After tea, the party rang for service at 5.30 p.m. The tower is at the west end of the nave, with a large Gothic archway now filled up with the new organ, destroying the view of windows east and west the entire length of the church.

There have been three different ringing floors—the present beneath the bells and the former one on ground floor, where the iron sally guides are still to be seen. The original ringing floor, where the Lenham and Leeds company did so much ringing—after the eight bells were put in in 1742—was level with the head of the west door, and had an open balcony on the nave side. It was reached by the same old stone stairs, but the door is now built up.

OLD PEALS RECALLED.

An old peal board has been saved, and is now on the walls. The following are the lines recorded:—

'In this Tower was completely Rung by the Lenham Company the following eight-bell peal, viz.: December 8th, 1746, was rung 10,080 changes of that admired Peal call'd Bob Major Doubles, in 7 hours by John Epps treble, Saml. Grayling 2nd, Thos. Barham 3rd, James Barham 4th, Abm. Barham 5th, Wm. Hunt 6th, John Freeland 7th, John Hunt tenor.

'March 5th, 1743, was rung a Musical Peal of 6,720 Changes of Oxford Treble in 4 hours 21 minutes, including Jacob Blundell and Benjn. Walker.

'June 13th, 1743, was rung 6,720 Bob Major in 4 hours 31 minutes, including Wilm. Eagles.

'N.B.—Here was also Rung 5,040 Bob Major (including Nichls. Grayling and Ideu Plane), also 5,040 Bob Major Triples, 5,040 Plain Bob Triples, 5,040 Fullam Triples, 10,080 Bob Major and 5,040 Bob Major Doubles Reversed.

'The above Ringers first Instituted the Leeds Society, whose performance in Ringing has not been equalled by any Society of Ringers. And there is now surviving Saml. Grayling, John Freeland, Abm., Thos. and James Barham, and John Hunt, who new erected this Inscription, and these six Ringers, with the assistance of Thos. Lacey and Wilm. Davis, Rung at Leeds January 1st, 1793, 5,040 Bob Major in 3 hours 12 minutes, whose ages when added together is 577 years. And it is remarkable that this Peal completes one Hundred peals Rung at different Places not less than 5,040 changes each by the above James Barham. 1794. R. T. Bottle.'

Barham's 'century' is probably the first recorded by any change ringer. On examining his peal book it will be seen the two 1743 performances mentioned on the tablet are not recorded in it.

There is a framed card which says: 'Peal of 8 Bells were cast at Whitechapel in 1742,' and that Thos. Lester cast 14 peals for the county of Kent between 1735 and 1769.

There is a doubt as to this being the fact. Six bells were cast in 1742, and two trebles added, and the 5th recast in 1744, according to the inscriptions. Surely the old Kent veterans never broke three new bells in two years.

(To be continued.)

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A most successful meeting of Sonning Deanery Branch was held at Wargrave on Saturday, June 15th. Ringing commenced at 3.30 on the fine ring of bells, situated near the River Thames. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. S. M. Winter), who afterwards kindly showed the ringers the points of interest in this most beautiful church, now completely restored after being almost totally destroyed by fire early in 1914.

Tea followed in the Parish Room, kindly provided by the Vicar, and 30 ringers sat down.

The Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. J. Paice, gave notice that the next combined practice would be at Finchampstead in July, and that a joint meeting with the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild and the Basingstoke District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild would be held at Hawley, Hants, on August 31st.

The Secretary, on behalf of those present, thanked the Vicar for the use of the bells, for conducting the service and for providing such a bountiful tea: and the organist, who kindly attended at great inconvenience.—The Vicar briefly replied, and invited those present to take a walk round the Vicarage grounds.

Owing to illness no further ringing could be done at Wargrave, but at Twyford good use was made of the bells until nine o'clock, the methods rung being Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major, Treble Bob, and Little Bob Major, with rounds for beginners. The towers represented were Binfield, Boyne Hill, Cookham, Finchampstead, Hurst, Hillingdon, Slough, Twyford, Wargrave, Wokingham ('All Saints'), while the Master and the general secretary of the Guild were also present.

THE HISTORY OF BELLS AND RINGING.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The very fine report of the Literature and Press Committee of the Central Council, quoted in your issue of June 7th, p. 361, mentions the publication of the splendid volume, 'Bells Through the Ages,' which is, as stated, a great addition to bell literature. One has only to see the favourable criticisms of it in many of the leading papers and magazines, and to hear of the enthusiasm which it has evoked in 'outside' circles, to know that it really fills a long-felt want, i.e., a comprehensive work giving all sides of the subject of bells, viz., early history, celebrated bells, founding, decoration, change ringing, chimes, carillons, legends, etc. It has met with a splendid reception, and can be looked upon as a standard work of reference in this many-sided subject.

The 'L. and P.' Committee then state that a further work is in course of preparation, and I assume (I trust correctly) this refers to the work I have now been commissioned to write on the 'History of Change Ringing.' Whereas Mr. Nichols' work deals almost entirely with the many phases of bells, mine is to be on ringing. Already, in response to my last appeal in these columns, I have had much help from many ringing friends all over the world, and valuable MSS. and books kindly lent, as well as historical data copied for me. I have now completed several chapters, dealing with the commencement and growth of change ringing, early ringing societies, ancient peal records, etc., and many other sides of our interesting 'art and science.'

May I once more appeal to any ringers who have, or know of, any ancient accounts of ringing in the old days, old peal records or such-like, kindly to let me know, or send copies for insertion in my forthcoming book, which I want to be as comprehensive as possible.

I am sincerely grateful to the many who have already sent me much valuable information.—Yours sincerely,

ERNEST MORRIS.

24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

A BISHOP IN A CATHEDRAL BELFRY.

On Sunday afternoon, June 16th, Bishop Thomas, of U.S.A., ascended the 250 steps to the Durham Cathedral belfry, and watched the ringing for the afternoon service. He said he was delighted, as he had never seen bells rung before. It would be interesting to know if a Bishop has sat in a Cathedral belfry and watched ringing for a service on any previous occasion.

THREE GENERATIONS PEAL.

COMMEMORATION BOARD UNVEILED.

A peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal was rung at Stockton Parish Church in 3 hrs. 25 mins. on March 15th, 1924. A unique feature of this peal was that three generations of the Newton family took part in it, their respective ages being at that date 68, 44, and 19. The ringers were as follows: William Newton (grandfather) 1, William L. Newton (grandson) 2, James W. Newton (father) 3, Alfred E. Bacon 4, Rev. Albert Simpson 5, Thomas Hensher 6, William Ellerington 7, Thomas Lancaster 8, Thomas Metcalfe 9, Joseph E. Sykes (conductor) 10.

To commemorate this peal, a board was unveiled on a recent evening by the Rev. G. W. Froggett, M.A., Vicar of Stockton, and a number of ringers from the district attended the ceremony.

Mr. Froggett made reference to the fact that Mr. W. Newton has been connected with the church and belfry for over 55 years, and expressed the hope that he and his family would continue their connection for many years to come.

As the board was unveiled and the ringers read the inscription, memories of the conductor, his genial personality and his never-failing enthusiasm for peal ringing came back to them. They realised with profound regret, that 'Uncle Joe' will conduct no more peals on this side of the veil.

The bells were rung in Grandsire and Stedman Caters both before and after the ceremony, the three generations taking part.

LAVENHAM RINGING ANNIVERSARY.

A very happy gathering took place at SS. Peter and Paul's Church on Saturday, June 22nd, when upwards of thirty visitors joined the local society for the ringing anniversary. During the afternoon and evening several short touches on these far-famed bells were rung, the methods being Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Kent, Oxford, Cambridge and Superlative. The handbells were also brought into use. Among those present were Messrs. G. B. Lucas (Walthamstow), J. Lee (Streatham), T. King (Shipley, Yorks) and Miss K. Willers (Trumpington, Cambs). Other places represented were Bury St. Edmunds, Cornard, Culford, Colchester, Coggeshall, Bergholt, Fornham St. Martin, Groton, Halstead, Hassett, Horringer, Long Melford, Little Waldingfield, Sible Hedingham, Otley and Wallington (Surrey).

The ringers wish to thank the Rev. G. Lennox Conyngham for the use of the bells, and Mr. A. Symonds, towerkeeper.

On the Sunday evening following, an attempt for a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, arranged specially for Messrs. T. King and G. B. Lucas, came to grief after 1,180 changes of excellent striking.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The first peal of Double Oxford Bob was a 6,000 rung at St. Giles', Norwich, on July 6th, 1832.

Holt's Original was rung for the first time on July 7th, 1751, at St. Margaret's, Westminster, when the composer called it from manuscript.

Carter's odd-bob peal of Stedman was rung, non-conducted, on handbells by the College Youths on July 10th, 1917.

Father and son rang their first peal of Grandsire Caters at their first attempt at Dudley last Saturday, and a correspondent asks if this is the first time this has been done.

A sentence of two months' imprisonment was passed at Sandwich, Kent, on Monday week, on Charles Reynolds, who was accused of assaulting his uncle, Alfred Reynolds, in the belfry of St. Peter's Church. Mr. Alfred Reynolds is the sexton, and the assault took place while he was engaged in ringing the curfew. It was said that the younger man came to the belfry and shouted like a madman. He then struck his uncle on the cheek and in the mouth.

THE YOUNG BRIGADE.

At the age of 11 years 4 months, Master F. J. Bowley, jun., of Kirby Muxloe, near Leicester, rang a peal of Doubles, 5,040 changes, on five bells (no cove). Is this the earliest age yet in peal records?

W. P. Whitehead called Holt's Original twice before his 16th birthday. His first peal as conductor, however, was Superlative one month after his 15th birthday. Before he had turned 18 years he had called 40 peals and headed the M.C.A. conductors' list in 1925.

The correspondent who sends us the above particulars says he is unable to answer Mr. E. H. Spice's query regarding a seven-method peal, but he would like to ask a similar question in regard to the following methods, all rung at the age of 14 years by W. P. Whitehead: Stedman Triples, Grandsire Triples, Treble to Cambridge Major, Superlative, Cambridge, London, Kent Treble Bob Major, all rung 'inside' with the one exception, and the total for the year 17 peals.

Among others who have made an early start in peal ringing have been E. G. Matthews (youngest son of Mr. J. D. Matthews), who rang 1-2 to a handbell peal of Bob Major at the age of 13½ years, and Harold J. Witchell, son of the late Mr. Bernard Witchell, who rang the 5th at St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral, Birmingham, to a peal of Stedman Triples when he was 13 years 10 months old.

PEALS OF MINOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have followed with interest the controversy on the question of the necessary conditions for a peal of Minor, and I think that those who are interested in the matter would do well to pause and consider why the ruling in the 'Rules and Decisions' was framed.

In the 'eighties' a habit had grown up of ringing fourteen 360's all in different methods; and these performances were considered by some to be superior to seven 720's in different methods. But, when the fact that in ringing a 'half-extent' the tenors could always be kept together was taken into consideration, it became apparent that these performances were inferior to, and not in advance of, the seven 720's. Hence the ruling as it at present stands.—Yours, etc.,

E. BANKES JAMES.

Scafield Park, Fareham.

CUMBERLANDS AT EPSOM

One of the oldest and the youngest of ringing societies fraternised on Saturday at Epsom, when the Royal Cumberland Youths and the Guildford Diocesan Guild held a joint meeting. The Cumberlands came from a wide district round London, and included three generations of one family from Crayford, with 'Teddy' jun., with recent scholarship honours sitting lightly upon his shoulders, the youngest among Cumberlands. The Master of the Royal Society supervised the ringing, which began with rounds on the pleasant peal of ten for some of the least experienced. Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Cambridge Royal and London and Bristol Surprise Major followed.

The Rector (the Rev. C. R. P. Muir) had arranged a delightful service, the full choir being present and rendering music, including an anthem, worthy of a full church. Tea was served in the adjoining Church Hall, formerly a brewery, and now housing many of the parochial activities, including a boxing saloon, in which, in the winter, the jockey apprentices of this world-famed racing centre disport themselves. The Rector is a man of wide views and sympathies, and his welcome to the two societies was wholehearted. He presided at the tea and was accompanied by Dr. C. F. Waters, the organist. Mr. J. D. Matthews, the Cumberlands' Master, proposed a very cordial vote of thanks to the Rector and choir, and this was seconded by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, who welcomed the Cumberlands to the area of the Guildford Diocesan Guild. The Rector replied, and the members then returned to the tower for further ringing.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

(Concluded from page 410.)

AFFILIATION FEE INCREASED.

In the absence of Mr. E. W. Elwell, who had had to leave the meeting, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn moved: '(a) That honorary members pay an affiliation fee of 5s. each per annum; (b) that associations in future pay a fee of 5s. per representative per annum.' Mr. Jenkyn said the reason for the proposal was that the Council certainly wanted more money. They were going on to-day with the same affiliation fee that they started with, which, he thought, could hardly be said of anything else. Prices had all gone up, but the Council went on with the same affiliation fee. In these days the associations were considerably better in funds than they were when the Council began.—The Rev. C. A. Clements seconded.

Mr. J. Hunt moved that the portion of the motion relating to hon. members be deleted. His association (Bath and Wells) was quite willing to support the second proposal, and instructed him to vote for it, but they would not tie his hands with regard to the hon. members. The Council, he contended, were not justified in penalising the men who came there at their own expense, after being elected by the Council for the assistance they could give.

Mr. A. H. Pulling, who seconded, said honorary members were placed on the Council for the work they had done or were doing for the Exercise or the Council, and they ought not to ask them to pay five shillings, as well as defray all their own expenses. He thought it would be a 'cheek' to do so. If the Council were short of money, let them say so and go openly to the associations and ask for it.

The amendment was carried by a large majority, and the proposal to impose an affiliation fee on the hon. members was thus defeated.

There was no discussion on the second part of the proposition, to increase the affiliation fee of associations from 2s. 6d. to 5s. per representative, and it was put to the meeting and carried by 44 votes to six.

CONSULTANTS FOR ADVISORY BOARDS.

The Rev. H. Drake proposed: '(a) The Council asks each association to appoint a consultant to the Advisory Committee or Committees in its area. (b) The Council asks each association to make every effort to get as many ringers as possible elected to Parochial Church Councils, to Diocesan Conferences and to the Church Assembly.' Mr. Drake said the resolution had been described as one which the Council carried several years ago. That was not so. The difference was that on the previous occasion they did their best to get the Advisory Committees to recognise the associations and also to get the Parochial Church Councils to recognise the ringers. His present resolution put it the other way round. It asked each association to allocate someone whom the Advisory Committee for the diocese could consult, if they wished to do so, and it also asked each association to make every effort to get as many ringers as possible elected to the Parochial Church Councils, the Diocesan Conferences and the Church Assembly. The ringers, he said, were the best people in the different parishes to put on the Council—they were the most intelligent people (laughter and applause), because their art, as they had found out that day in the difficult questions they had discussed, had taxed the intelligence of the most intelligent people in the country (laughter). Therefore, they were the people who ought to be on the different Councils and who should make up the greater part of each Diocesan Conference and of the Church Assembly (laughter and applause). Why was it necessary to put forward this resolution? Ringers, as a rule, were rather retiring people and the result was they did not get put on the Parochial Church Councils. It seemed to him that it was their duty, as a Council, to do what they could to encourage ringers to stand for election. He hoped, if the resolution was carried, that the members would go back to their parishes and to their dioceses and say that they had been asked to put forward ringers as members of the Councils, members of the Diocesan Conferences and members of the Church Assembly, and, added Mr. Drake, amid laughter, he hoped they would all meet at the first meeting of the new Church Assembly.—Mr. C. J. Sedgley seconded the motion.

Mr. C. H. Howard asked what was the result of the previous resolution that was passed, recommending that on all Diocesan Advisory Boards there should be someone with a knowledge of bells and ringing. The present resolution, he thought, did not go far enough. A consultant was not in such a strong position as a member of the Advisory Board. He was appointed to the Chelmsford Diocesan Advisory Board by the late Bishop. At that time there was an application for a faculty concerning the bells from a certain parish, and the faculty had been refused. Had he been only a consultant he could have done very little, but, being a member, he was able to plead the case and eventually, after first getting the question postponed so that it might be further considered, he succeeded in getting through a unanimous recommendation that the faculty be granted. He was in a much stronger position as a member of the Board, because, as a consultant only, the case would probably have been decided in his absence. If they could get the Boards to allow at

least one member from each association, they would be doing a great deal better service than merely asking for a consultant.

The Rev. C. A. Clements said the associations could not appoint anybody to an Advisory Board. It was entirely in the hands of the Bishop and his adviser, the Chancellor of the Diocese.

Mr. Howard said he did not suggest they could appoint anyone, but they could ask the Bishop in each diocese to do so and suggest that the association should nominate a suitable person.

Mr. Beams said what many of them wanted to know was how to get the Bishop's ear.

Mr. J. Hunt said in the Bath and Wells Association they appointed someone as adviser, who acted gratis, and was prepared to go to any church to make inspections and attend any meetings to report.

VARYING EXPERIENCES.

Mr. F. Wilford said in his diocese one or two clergy wrote to the Bishop of Peterborough suggesting that someone should be appointed with a knowledge of bells and ringing to serve on the Board, and the Bishop asked him to do so. If a Bishop were written to by some responsible person, he would no doubt be only too pleased to appoint someone with the necessary knowledge.

Major Hesse said in the Guildford Diocese the Bishop himself told him that he was a member of the Board, but he had never yet been invited to attend a meeting.

The Rev. Tyrwhitt Drake said as a result of the last resolution of the Council he received a request from the Advisory Board in his diocese to serve as a member to deal with questions arising in connection with bells. On leaving that diocese, he wrote to the secretary of the Board and pointed out that they had made no use whatever of his services. Unless a person was a full member of the Board and summoned to every meeting, they forgot his existence. The reply which he received was that no case had come up in his district. He did not like to give the secretary the lie direct, but two cases had come up within 15 miles of his own parish.

The Rev. H. Law James said in the Diocese of Lincoln the secretary of the Board sent him all the papers, in the cases where bells were concerned, and whatever he (Mr. James) told him to do, he did (laughter and hear, hear).

The President said exactly the same thing happened in the Oxford Diocese. There was no single thing to do with bells or towers which did not go first to their Master, Mr. Jenkyn, who made a report to the Advisory Committee, and they did what he recommended. He was much more valuable outside than on the committee.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn said that at first he found himself up against certain members of the Advisory Board, who were mostly antiquarians. He had to fight it out with them: he won, and the purely antiquarians had more or less faded out.

The Rev. H. Drake said his resolution was not opposed to what Mr. Howard had said. There was no reason why they should not have a member on an Advisory Board if they could get one, but that was not a thing they could do as associations. What they could do was to have a consultant. In his diocese their difficulty was the same as it had been in Mr. Jenkyn's. They were supported by one of their Archdeacons and had appointed a consultant if the Advisory Committee chose to consult him. At the present moment it was hopeless to try and get a ringer on the Advisory Committee. He thought, if consultants were appointed, no Advisory Committee would dare to neglect them in the future as they had done in the past.

The resolution was then put and carried.

NOTICE OF THE COUNCIL'S MEETINGS.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith moved: 'That the rules of the Council be amended in order to provide that the notice and agenda of each annual meeting of the Council be published at least eight weeks, instead of twelve weeks, prior to such meeting.' He said this motion had been framed, in consultation with the hon. secretary, to facilitate the arrangements for the meetings. The present twelve weeks' notice, which was given to enable associations to consider the items on the agenda, had proved to be somewhat too early, as it was found difficult to arrange the business so far ahead. If the notice appeared eight weeks before the meeting, little would be lost, as the four weeks deleted always came in Lent, when few, if any, important association meetings were held.—Mr. C. T. Coles seconded and the motion was carried without discussion.

A MATTER FOR INDIVIDUAL ASSOCIATIONS.

A motion stood on the agenda in the name of Mr. W. Ayre, who, however, was unable to be present through illness. It was as follows: '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 hon. secretary, whose name had been put on the agenda as seconder, moved the resolution. He said he did not expect to have to 'father' the resolution, because he only intended to second it 'pro forma,' in order that it might be discussed. He thought, however, there was something in the proposal. Some six or seven years ago it was rather urged there should be some sort of fund for this purpose, and the Council could not go very far wrong if it appointed a small committee to investigate the possibility of a

scheme. If the motion was carried, he would suggest a small committee, consisting of Mr. Ayre, himself and one other member. They could then present a report in a year's time.—Mr. James George seconded, saying he thought it would be a very good thing.

Mr. T. Groombridge asked if it was a suitable thing to be taken up by the Council. He thought it was a matter for the associations. Several associations had formed their own benevolent funds, and he was of opinion that each association should run its own fund.

Mr. C. T. Coles said before the Council appointed a committee it should be very careful not to interfere with the financial provisions of the different societies, otherwise it would tread on the tenderest spot of the associations. Some of the associations might be pretty hard pressed to find the additional affiliation fee, but to formulate any plan which would spend some of their funds would be going a bit too far, and he should vote against it.

Mr. P. Crook said a Police Conference, of which he was a member, discussed a similar scheme at great length, and came to the conclusion that it was best to leave each individual place to carry out its own work.

The proposition was lost by a large majority.

THE NEXT MEETING.

The Council was next asked to fix the place for the next meeting. The President said their rules laid it down that the first meeting of a new session should be held in London, so that London was the place for next year. The secretary had been trying to get an invitation from the Archbishop of Canterbury to meet at Lambeth Palace, in the famous and magnificent library, and they had received a telegram saying that, subject to no unforeseen occurrence, the Archbishop would be only too pleased that the Council should meet there, and to welcome them if possible (applause).

'A BIG BUSINESS.'

Mr. James George referred to the fact that a directory of ringers was published by the Bristol United Guilds. It was, of course, by no means complete, and he thought the Council might consider the issue of a book which would contain the names and addresses of all ringers.

The President: That would be a big business. If you wish to discuss it you must draw up a resolution and send it to the secretary, and it can then be debated at the next meeting.

THE PRESIDENT'S RECOVERY.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn said they were all fully aware, but they might be inclined to forget, that that was the first meeting of the Council since the very serious illness and operation of their president. It was perfectly wonderful how he had steered them through the business that day. It had been a trying meeting and difficult, but the way in which Canon Coleridge had gone through it had been perfectly splendid (applause). They were all glad to see him and congratulated him upon his recovery. He proposed a vote of thanks to him for presiding (applause).

Mr. T. Faulkner seconded, and, on behalf of 'the rank and file,' said how gratified they all were that their president had been restored seemingly to his normal health (applause).

'COUNCIL MUST BE KEPT YOUNG.'

The motion having been carried by acclamation, Canon Coleridge replied. He said that during his illness it was a great source of consolation to him to know that he was thought about, and in many cases prayed about, by ringers throughout the length and breadth of England. The best times that he had were when ringers came to see him. One of his visitors was an old man of 80, another was a boy of about 16, who gave up the whole of a Sunday and came a long distance on a bicycle to bring him a dozen eggs. It was most touching. Every Sunday he had visits from ringers, and he knew he was in the thoughts of many others. He was thankful to say that, so far as he knew, he was now in the very best of health (applause). He could not help feeling, however, that age was upon him. Therefore, he wanted them to think most carefully before the next meeting who they were going to elect as their president. He had had the privilege of serving for three sessions—nine years—and on one other occasion he took the chair, which made ten times altogether. By next year he would be 72, and election meant three years' work, and they ought to get a younger man. He had said that before, but he hoped they would bear it in mind this time. Youth must be served, and the Council must be kept young, with new ideas, and not have old fogies foisted upon them (laughter). The President then went on to propose a formal vote of thanks to the Mayor and to the Sub-Dean of Chelmsford for their kindness in welcoming the Council, also and especially to Mr. C. H. Howard and other members of the Essex Association, who had done so much for their comfort and entertainment. The association had done everything it could for them. Members of the Council had been welcomed on the previous day at the jubilee gathering equally with the association's own members, and they had enjoyed themselves immensely. He thanked Mr. Howard and all associated with him for all they had done (applause).

This concluded the meeting, and the members and their friends were afterwards entertained to tea by the Essex Association. Later a social evening was held at the County Hotel.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING IN PEAK DISTRICT.

A general quarterly meeting of the Midland Counties Association was held on Saturday, and, after what looked like a bad omen (a funeral and a serious illness near by), a successful meeting was held at the fine old Parish Church of Bakewell. Although on account of the funeral matters were held up for a time, eventually the bells were available, and good use made of them until 7.30 p.m. Visitors and friends from Burton, Derby, Dore, Eyam, Leicester, Nottingham and elsewhere arrived. The committee met and carried out the usual routine duties, and on several points made recommendations to the general meeting. Tea was held in the Town Hall, about 40 members being present, but, owing to the influx of other parties, it was not possible to hold the meeting there, so all adjourned to the Church Institute. The vice-president (Mr. J. Griffin) took the chair, and was supported by the general hon. secretary (Mr. E. Morris) and the hon. treasurer (Mr. W. Wallace).

The Chairman first spoke of the great loss the association had sustained in the death of the president, the late Mr. R. B. Chambers, B.A., J.P., and asked all to stand in silence a moment to his respected memory. It was decided to carry on for the rest of the year with the present officers, and the members are asked to think of some gentleman suitable to fill the office of president, but first to make quite sure that anyone so nominated will stand, as certain proposals have failed in the past for the reason of the nominee being unable to take the office.

The following members, elected since the annual meeting, were duly confirmed, viz., 2 honorary, 4 life, 21 ordinary ringing.

A good report of the Central Council meeting at Chelmsford was given by one of the delegates (or representatives), Mr. J. Swinfield, and supplemented by the chairman, Mr. J. Griffin, who is an hon. member of the Council.

Ringers members were asked to pay their subscriptions more regularly and to help all they could with the working of the association. A good start has been made in the formation of the Peak District, and this has added a stimulus to the good work originally begun by the Rev. W. P. Wright, of Eyam, Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey, of Dore, and others. Several new members have been made, and at Castleton two were now becoming quite proficient. It was hoped all the band would join.

The Rev. W. P. Wright said he would do all he could for these members and for ringers at other towers, and hearty invitations would be given to them to join in at Eyam and Dore, or any other tower where change ringing was done. It was hoped gradually to get in all the towers of the district.

Mr. J. Griffin had to leave the meeting at this juncture, and Mr. W. E. White took his place for the concluding portion, which was principally occupied with the matter of finance trustees. The hon. treasurer explained that since the death of the president, who was joint trustee with Mr. W. Willson for certain War Stock held by the association, the usual notice had been sent to and duly acknowledged by the department dealing with such matters, and Mr. Willson was now sole trustee. The War Savings Certificates held by the late Mr. Chambers were now in the hands of his executors, pending final clearing up of the estate. It was proposed and carried unanimously that these matters stand over—being in quite safe and capable hands—until the annual meeting, when new trustees would be appointed.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the bells and to the local men for arrangements were duly passed. Adjourning to the belfry, further ringing was indulged in, ranging from Grandsire to Norfolk and London Surprise.

A FAREWELL.

On Thursday evening, June 27th, as a farewell to the Rev. C. H. Reynolds, who is shortly leaving the parish, a quarter-peal of Doubles (1,260 changes), consisting of Plain Bob and Grandsire, was rung at Huntingfield, Suffolk, by five members of the Halesworth Society: W. Pierce 1, F. C. Lambert (conductor) 2, A. H. Took 3, James Howard 4, C. Moss 5. This was followed by 720 Grandsire, in which R. Kemp, of Huntingfield, rang the treble to his first 720, also 360 Grandsire, with G. Gowan, of the local band, ringing the treble for his first 360.

A young band has been recently formed here, and is making good progress. A six-score of Stedman Doubles concluded the evening's ringing, after which the Rector came to the tower and thanked the ringers for their visit, which he much appreciated. The ringers wished him 'God-speed' and health and happiness upon his retirement.

EGHAM AND MAGNA CHARTA.

In honour of the Prince of Wales' birthday and in connection with the Magna Charta anniversary celebrations, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Egham Parish Church on Sunday, June 23rd, in 46 minutes: W. Brants 1, W. Welling (conductor) 2, F. Worsfold 3, E. Goater 4, E. Burley 5, H. Chaffey 6, W. C. Parker 7, W. Peck 8. Rummymede, where King John signed the Charter, is within sound of Egham bells.

BELL RESTORATION.

AN AUTHORITATIVE BOOKLET.

A valuable booklet has been placed in private circulation, entitled 'Bells Old and New,' and deals with various aspects of bell restoration as they concern the Church, the Bell Founder and the Antiquary. It has been written by Mr. Cyril F. Johnston, head of the firm of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, but, although coming from the pen of such an eminent authority, it is in no sense an advertisement, and no existing bell foundry finds mention in it. The little work is devoted to the enlightenment of all who are interested or concerned with the care of church bells, and is chock-full of information and guidance for the uninitiated. It deals briefly with the modern development of the bell and offers advice with regard to tuning and recasting, which could not be more disinterested if it came from a writer entirely outside the industry. In defence of the bell founders and the suggestions which they make to church authorities when called in to report, Mr. Johnston says:—

'Bell founding and hanging represent a skilled and highly technical trade carried out by only two or three firms in any one country; and the bell founders are normally the *only experts*. It is, therefore, difficult or impossible to get reliable expert opinion except from the firms engaged in the work. This is where the difficulty lies.

'There is, unfortunately, a tendency to judge the contractor merely from a commercial standpoint, because recasting means, obviously, an additional price. But, if the founder has sound business principles, he knows that only honest advice pays in the end, and that his reputation is built on consistent advocacy of what he believes to be the right course. He will not condemn a bell that is "nearly true within itself," or one that can be corrected satisfactorily, if he knows his work and has the interests of the church, his clients and bells in general at heart—as any successful bellfounder must surely have.'

Mr. Johnston quotes an interesting experiment which was carried out to show that harmonically tuned bells have a greater carrying power than, what we may for convenience call, 'the other sort.' Two bells, one false and one true, were a few years ago taken out to the North Sea on a Trinity House yacht. They were dropped on buoys in the ocean and the yacht drifted away from them, following a course which preserved an equal distance from each bell. At close quarters there was no noticeable difference in the power of each bell (they both weighed the same, viz., 3 cwt.). At a distance of half a mile the false bell ceased to be heard, whilst the true bell continued to be heard up to a distance of a mile.

As to whether or not a bell should be recast, Mr. Johnston says emphatically that if it is really old, but is going to spoil musically a peal that is being restored, it should be retained as a relic in the church and replaced by a new one of proper proportions and of good tone and tune; but where it is false in its harmonics and has no particular claim to antiquity, then it should be recast—if there is not sufficient metal to correct satisfactorily the harmonics. This is a sentiment which all those who have a practical acquaintance with old bells will readily endorse.

A section of the booklet is devoted to bell frames, and in regard to the myth that metal frames affect bell tones adversely, Mr. Johnston points out that actual practice does not bear this out. Tone and tune depend on the skill of the tuner, and the musical effect is influenced by the level of the bells in relation to the louvre openings, the height of the belfry and other proportions of the tower and the surroundings in general.

This booklet is one which should be placed in the hands of all church authorities where restorations are contemplated or needed. It deals with a technical subject without technicalities and contains so much sound advice that it ought to be read by everyone interested in church bells.

Mr. Johnston kindly offers to send a copy of the booklet free to any ringer who applies. Application should be made to Mr. C. F. Johnston at the Bell Foundry, Croydon.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

A very successful by-meeting of the Southern District was held at Limsfield Chart on Saturday, June 22nd, ringers being present from Seale, Coleman's Hatch, East Grinstead, Crawley, Beddington, Croydon, Merstham, Burstow, Redhill, Reigate, Buckland, Horley and the local band. Tea was partaken of at the Village Hall, 24 sitting down. At the business which followed the Rev. Melville Williams occupied the chair, and thirteen new members were elected, including the Rev. Melville Williams as honorary member, S. Collins, of Seale, Sevenoaks, and eleven members from Kingswood tower as ringing members.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Redhill in August. Votes of thanks were accorded the Rev. Melville Williams for the use of the bells, for addressing the members at the service, and for presiding at the meeting, also votes of thanks to those who provided the tea, and to those who helped the meeting to success. The tower was again visited, and methods from Grandsire Doubles to London Surprise Minor were rung.

THE METHODS COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In spite of Mr. Willson's attempt to confuse the issue, I still stand by all I wrote in my letter of the 8th inst. I have *not* been wrongly reported, but I have apparently been misunderstood by Mr. Willson. It is difficult to answer all the points he brings in, some of which are quite irrelevant to the main point of my last letter, but I will do my best.

I am not a member of the Methods Committee, and do not *necessarily* identify myself with anything the members of that committee may have said. It is, therefore, unfair for Mr. Willson to say that I want it both ways. I have never said that rounds at the beginning of Bankes James' Cambridge should count as the first change, and it is quite certain that the Methods Committee is not responsible for that statement. That point was made in 'The Ringing World' when the composition was first published, and it was put in as an argument that the composition thus conformed to the Rules and Decisions of the Council. It is no fault of mine that Mr. Willson did not write to you on the matter at the time.

I am quite aware that there is a repetition in each of the first six 720's of the Bankes James peal, but my argument consists of this: We ring ONE PEAL when we ring seven true and complete 720's, each starting *from* and ending *with* rounds. We also ring exactly the same 720 changes, exactly the same number of times, when we ring the Bankes James composition, and some of us also wish to call this A PEAL, i.e., ONE PEAL.

How *can* the latter be termed 'hopelessly false' when it contains the same 720 changes, *exactly* the same number of times, as any peal consisting of 'seven true and complete' 720's? To me it is a matter of definition, and the Council is at liberty to alter its definition of a peal at any time, in spite of anything it has previously decided.

This matter will never be settled if the 'hopelessly false' idea is persisted in, to the exclusion of the real issue, i.e., that of defining what peals on six (and five) bells are to consist of. I feel quite sure that if the Council had had before it the Bankes James Cambridge when it *first* decided what a peal of Minor should consist of, we should have a much different definition to that of 1911-12. Further, because that rule was laid down at a time when the splicing of compositions and methods was practically unknown, is it any reason why changing conditions should not be met? It would be a sorry day for the Exercise if such a peal as the Cambridge is to be banned for fear of opening the door to that 'peal-faking' by unscrupulous conductors that you yourself, Mr. Editor, seem to be afraid of. We should have more faith in members of the Exercise than that.

Members of the Council who were carried away by Mr. Willson's eloquence and his extraordinary illustration of beer and water mixing would do well to read very carefully the eighth paragraph of Mr. Grover's letter in this week's 'Ringing World.' That gentleman's questions are, indeed, very pertinent ones, but are *quite justified*. Our authority is, of course, that we are members of the Central Council, elected by our various associations. But are we justified in using our votes to condemn a composition, that has been rung 56 times, as 'hopelessly false' when six-bell ringers have shown that they want this peal by ringing it more times than they have rung the 'seven true and complete' 720's of Cambridge Minor during the period that has elapsed since the Bankes James' peal was first published?—Yours faithfully,

C. T. COLES.

P.S.—Will Mr. C. Severn please publish (with your kind permission) the figures of the peal of Cambridge Minor rung at Killamarsh on February 18th, 1928, described as 'including Bankes James' and Severn's arrangements'?

RINGER RETIRES FROM PUBLIC SERVICE.

PRESENTATIONS TO MR. F. W. THORNTON AT GREENWICH.

Mr. Frederick W. Thornton, well known in ringing circles in Kent, has just retired after 40 years' public service. He succeeded his father as messenger to the old Greenwich Vestry, and, upon the incorporation of the borough in 1909, he was appointed Mayor's attendant and mace bearer. In this post he has served under eighteen Mayors, of whom eleven are still living. These have joined in making a presentation to Mr. Thornton on his retirement, and on Wednesday of last week at Greenwich Town Hall Mr. Thornton was the recipient of a gold hunter watch.

The Mayor of Greenwich (Mr. R. F. A. Purkis) paid a warm tribute to Mr. Thornton's long and faithful services, and added that for punctilious rectitude and quiet decorum, which added so much to civic dignity, Mr. Thornton would be difficult to beat.

In the absence of the oldest living ex-Mayor of Greenwich, Sir Ian Hamilton Benn, the presentation was made by the next senior ex-Mayor, Alderman Jackson, who was present when Mr. Thornton was appointed messenger to the old vestry in 1889.

Mr. Thornton, in acknowledging the gift, recalled that throughout his service he had only been absent from one meeting of the old vestry and one of the Council.

From the Town Clerk Mr. Thornton has received an illuminated clock, and from the Town Hall staff an oak clock.

WELDED BELLS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—We have read with great interest your report of the discussion on welded bells that took place at the meeting of the Central Council, because the two bells mentioned are amongst the number that have been successfully repaired by the Barimar process during the last few years. We refer to the bell at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, and the bell mentioned by Major Hesse.

We think that we can safely say that everyone who has respect and regard for objects hallowed by time regrets the breaking up and re-casting of an ancient bell, because it is, of course, a new bell of no historic interest that comes back from the foundry.

Really we cannot understand why so many damaged bells have been dealt with in this way, when they could have been repaired by modern scientific welding methods at a much lower cost. The beauty of many an ancient church has been destroyed by 19th century 'restoration,' and it is distressing to think of the old bells which have been ruthlessly broken up and melted down, merely because of a slight crack which could easily have been welded at trifling cost.

We realise, however, that some of your readers may be more interested in the tone of bells and the technique of change ringing than in the history of old bells, and we would like to point out that the welding of cracked bells should be as attractive to them as to the antiquarian. All enthusiastic bellringers must deplore the fact that so many bells are not rung owing to one or more in the peal being cracked and discordant. The cost of re-casting has been too often quite prohibitive, and, as a result, the bells hang in idleness. On the other hand, the cost of welding the bells could no doubt have been raised, and if the bells had been repaired by this means, they would have been in constant use to-day.

Experience shows that a welded bell stands up to continual ringing as well as a new bell, and we say without fear of contradiction that the tone of the bell is restored. This, we think, is proved without a shadow of doubt by the repair carried out to No. 7 in the famous peal at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich.

It, therefore, appears to us that from the points of view of both antiquarian and bellringer, the repair of cracked and damaged bells by scientific welding is a policy highly to be recommended.—Yours faithfully,

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DEATH OF MR. YORK GREEN.**VETERAN COMPOSER PASSES AWAY AT CAMBRIDGE.**

We regret to announce the death of Mr. York Green, who passed away at his residence in Cambridge early on Sunday morning. The deceased gentleman, who was 77 years of age, had been in failing health for some considerable time, and had done no ringing for over twelve months.

He came to Cambridge in the early seventies, joining the Cambridge Youths in 1875, but soon afterwards left for London, where he was employed at Stratford Works until his retirement.

In London he became associated with many prominent ringers of the day, made many friends amongst the College Youths, and rang several peals for that society. He was a composer of considerable ability in various methods, and many of his compositions still find favour amongst peal ringers.

Retiring to Cambridge in 1922, he rejoined the Cambridge Youths and rang a few peals for the Fly Association, his last being at Fulbourn in 1926. Always of modest and obliging disposition, he was ever ready to help the beginner and to take a rope when his health permitted. He will be much missed.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Sunday, June 30th, for evening service, 1,239 Stedman Caters: A. Dean 1, J. Hoyle 2, Miss I. Hastie 3, J. Bennett 4, A. W. Coles 5, J. White 6, A. Harman (conductor) 7, G. Cook 8, G. Newbury 9, G. Murriner 10.

ELVEDON, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, June 23rd, at the Parish Church Memorial Tower, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 48 mins.: F. Levett 1, B. Roper 2, T. W. Paul 3, W. Paul 4, T. Brown 5, W. Bowers 6, J. E. Davis 7, E. Brett (conductor) 8.

CASTLE CARY, SOMERSET.—At All Saints' Church, on June 16th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 48 mins.: J. Newport 1, G. Goddard 2, F. Hunt 3, Harold Creed 4, E. F. Creed (conductor) 5, G. Creed 6. First quarter-peal by the 3rd and 4th ringers.

NORTHFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, June 16th, at the Church of St. Laurence, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: C. Webb 1, P. O. Laffin 2, J. Turner 3, J. Withers, sen., 4, C. Wheeler 5, H. Withers 6, A. Chambers (conductor) 7, A. Hobbs 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman by ringer of the 3rd.

BIRMINGHAM.—At St. Chad's Church, on Sunday, June 16th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: H. H. Fearn 1, C. Mackenzie 2, F. J. Steele (Manchester) 3, C. Hazelden (Guildford) 4, J. George (composer and conductor) 5, T. Miller 6, T. C. Kelly 7, G. E. Fearn 8.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on July 18th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 9th, Southwark Cathedral on the 11th, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 23rd, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 25th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting will be held at Wrotham on Saturday, July 6th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The second quarterly meeting of the above district will be held at Bottesford on Saturday, July 6th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.—Fredk. W. Bailey, Local Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Clitheroe Parish Church on Saturday, July 6th. Bells (a new peal of 8 by Gillett and Johnston) will be available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Business very important, including nominations for vice-president, treasurer, ringing secretary and Central Council representatives. Every member is expected to make an effort to attend. Other ringers and friends also welcome.—F. Hindle, 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 6th at St. John's, Church, Cefn Coed. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Tea kindly provided by the Vicar and churchwardens.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec., Belle Vue, Brecon.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting at Great Barr, near Birmingham, on Saturday, July 6th. Bells available at 3 p.m. and after the meeting until 8 p.m.—Thomas H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Next meeting, Apsley, July 6th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea and service as usual. All welcome.—W. Ayre.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held at Ecclesfield, Saturday, July 6th. Bells open early.—R. Harrison, Hon. Sec., 41, Baltic Road, Sheffield.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The autumn meeting will be held at Lyminge on Saturday, July 6th, by kind permission of the Rt. Rev. Bishop Knight. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m.—Percy W. Smith, Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Summer Festival at Haslemere, Saturday, July 6th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.45, followed by meat tea (1s. 9d. per head) in the School Room. Chidingfold bells (8) also available from 2.30 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 8.30 p.m., Godalming from 7 to 8.30 p.m.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A special meeting will be held at Winchester on Saturday, July 6th, to celebrate the Jubilee of the Guild, when it is hoped that all members will make an effort to be present. Bells at Cathedral (12) and St. Maurice (6) available for ringing from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., and again after service. Tea in Masonic Hall, Parchment Street, at 4 p.m. Service in Cathedral at 5.15 p.m. Immediately after service the Master (Mr. G. Williams) will arrange for cars to convey ringers to the following towers, where the bells are available for ringing: Bishopstoke (8), Hursley (8), North Stoneham (8) and Twyford (8).—G. Pullinger, Hon. Sec., 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Eastleigh.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Colne Engaine on Saturday, July 6th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Earls Colne bells (8) available during the evening.—W. Arnold, Hon. Dis. Sec., Holt Street, Earls Colne.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The summer festival will be held at Barton-le-Cley on Saturday, July 6th. The bells (8) will be available from 2.45. Short service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Everybody welcome.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch. — Combined practice at Finchampstead, near Wokingham, Saturday, July 6th, from 6 till 9 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. J. Paice, Branch Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Clement Danes', Strand, London, W.C., on Saturday, July 6th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting.—Edith K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Sharnford on Saturday, July 6th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested, all ringers being cordially welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Netherseal (at the invitation of the Rector) on Saturday, July 6th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Special meeting at Lullington on Saturday, July 20th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Good attendances requested at both meetings. Further particulars from John Leach, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Vernon Terrace, Victoria Street, Burton.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. —The half-yearly meeting will be held at Trowbridge on Saturday, July 6th. Bells (10) ready at 2.30. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Business meeting follows tea. All ringers welcome.—F. Green, Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Aughton on Saturday, July 6th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 6 o'clock.—James Grounds, Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—A meeting will be held at Leiston on Saturday, July 6th. Bells ready at 2.30. Tea will be provided at the Junior Schools at 5.30.—C. F. Bailey, 20, Haylings Road, Leiston.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Taunton on Saturday, July 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Evensong (St. Mary's) 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. A supply of 'Shearn' pamphlets is now available, and a further quantity of badges is being ordered.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton, Bath.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Beckenham on July 6th. Ringing 3 o'clock. Service. Tea (by kind invitation of the Rector) at the Parish Hall. Only business: Votes of thanks. Ringing after tea. May I beg you to send me a post card? It really does help.—J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next meeting will be held on July 6th at Castleton (St. Edmund's Church, 8 bells, tenor 15 cwt.). Tea and meeting 5 p.m., 1s. 6d. Bells available afternoon and evening. The bells of Hope St. Peter's (6, tenor about 15 cwt.) will also be available. A good attendance is hoped for.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leamwood, Dore.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Monthly practice at Dudley, Monday, July 8th, 7.45.—Herbert Sheppard.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will hold their annual meeting, and a six-bell contest, at Meltham on July 13th. Draw to take place at 2.45 p.m. A tea will be provided, 1s. 6d. each, to all who send word not later than July 8th to L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Suckley on Saturday, July 13th. Service at 4 p.m. prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available. Tea will be provided for members who notify Mr. Ranford, Suckley, by July 10th.—J. Rowlatt, Branch Sec., Old Street, Upton-on-Severn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Tarleton on Saturday, July 13th. Bells available from 2.30. Business: Nominations for officers, also for Central Council representatives. Will those intending being present please notify the Rev. L. N. Forse, Tarleton Rectory, not later than July 10th?—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, July 13th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Battle Axes at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District. —The next quarterly meeting will be held at Hatfield, near Doncaster, on Saturday, July 13th. Service at 5, followed by tea in the Victoria Hall, at 1s. 6d. per head. Names to be sent to Mr. H. Crowe, Town End, near Doncaster, not later than Wednesday, July 10th. All ringers welcome. — A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Orsett on Saturday, July 13th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5.15, at Whitmore Arms. Will those intending to be present advise the undersigned by Wednesday, July 10th?—E. J. Butler, 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Sandon on Saturday, July 13th. Bells (5) available 2.30. Usual arrangements. Danbury bells (5) from 2 till 4 and after the meeting. Cheap tea to all who let me know not later than Wednesday, the 10th.—H. W. Kirton, Hon. Dis. Sec., Longmeads Cottages, Writtle, Chelmsford.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Ruislip on Saturday, July 13th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea arranged as usual. Cheap fares on the District Railways. All ringers and friends welcome.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Lyme Regis (8 bells) on Saturday, July 13th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—Reply to T. Hervey Beams, Bradpole, Bridport.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—District meeting at Pirbright on Saturday, July 13th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Numbers for tea to me please by July 8th.—G. L. Grover, Merrow Cottage, East Clandon, nr. Guildford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Elmdon on Saturday, July 13th, at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea kindly advise me.—C. Beeston, 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting of the Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch at Leigh-upon-Mendip on the 13th inst. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and business at 5 p.m.—R. T. Clark, Hon. Sec., Timsbury, near Bath.

BEDFORDSHIRE AND HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS are holding a joint meeting at Dunstable on Saturday, July 13th. The bells will be available from 2.30. Short service at 4.30. Tea in the Parish Hall, near the Church, at 5 p.m. It will be a great help in arranging the tea if a card is sent a day or two previous as to how many we may expect. There is a good bus service. So we hope to have a large gathering.—A. E. Sharman, 199, High Street, Dunstable, and W. Nash, North Mymms, Hon. Secs.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The summer meeting of the Reading Branch will be held at Nettlebed on Saturday, July 13th. The bells will be available from 3 p.m. Visitors entertained to tea at 4.30 p.m., and a ringers' service at 6 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please notify me by Wednesday, July 10th. Bus service from Reading.—F. W. Hopgood, 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Monmouth on Saturday, July 13th. Bells (8) available. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A special meeting will be held in Northampton on Saturday, July 13th. Bells of St. Giles' (10) before tea, St. Sepulchre's after. Service at St. Giles' at 4.15. Preacher: His Worship the Bishop. Tea 5 p.m. in St. Giles' Buildings. Will all ringers and friends make an effort to attend, and all who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, July 9th?—T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Upton Bishop on Saturday, July 13th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea (kindly given by Vicar) 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please notify me not later than Wednesday, July 10th.—J. Clark, Hon. Sec., Fernlea, Chase Road, Ross, Herefordshire.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Everton (3 miles from Ranskill and Bawtry Stations), Saturday, July 13th. Bells (6) recently rehung, Tower open early. All those who require tea please notify the Rev. F. S. Curtis, Everton Vicarage, Doncaster, not later than July 10th. Good bus service to and from Retford: 'Reliance,' 12.40, 12.55, 3.30 p.m., 4.45 p.m.; Lincolnshire Car Road Company, 12.15, 2.15, 3.5, 4.15 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—Robert W. Stockdale and H. Revill, Hon. Secs.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Lydiard Millicent on Saturday, July 13th. Bells (5) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. for those who notify me by Wednesday, July 10th.—S. Hopper, Branch Hon. Sec., 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon, Wilts.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Winscombe on Saturday, July 13th. Bells (8) open 2.30. Divine service 4.30, tea following. Please notify L. G. Tanner, 51, Locking Road, Weston-super-Mare.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Miles Platting, on Saturday, July 13th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting 7.30. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The July meeting will be held at Bromham (6) on Saturday, July 13th. Bells available 2.45. Tea at 5. All ringers will be welcome, and it is hoped that the gathering will be a record one for the district.—J. T. Newington, Dis. Sec., 32, Grafton Road, Bedford.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Stone on Saturday, July 13th. Tea, at 5.30 p.m., for all who notify Mr. A. Rowley, 88, Church Street, Stone, before July 11th.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

NAVENBY, Lincs.—The opening of the peal of six bells, recast and rehung by John Taylor and Co., Loughbough, will take place on Monday, July 15th, at 3 p.m. Visiting ringers welcome.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Westerham on Saturday, July 20th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea (free) after service, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, July 16th.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 20th (D.V.). Service in Cathedral at 11.15. Preacher: Rev. R. H. A. Bullock, Vicar of St. Laurence, Reading. Business meeting in Chapter House immediately after service. Dinner in Christ Church Hall at 1.30. Tickets, 2s. each, to members who apply for same, with remittance, by Tuesday, July 16th; 2s. 6d. on day of festival; 3s. to non-members. A collection will be taken at the service for the Guild Restoration Fund. I earnestly beg that all members who intend coming will send for tickets, as it will help easy working for organising officers and caterers. —Richard T. Hibbert, 69, York Road, Reading.

SUFFOLK GUILD AND ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting will be held at Sudbury on July 20th. Bells available from 2 p.m.: All Saints' (8), St. Gregory (8) and St. Peter (8). Tea at W. Suffolk Tea Rooms 4.30 p.m., 1s. each. Meeting follows. —Stedman Symonds, 78, Church Street, Lavenham; Walter Arnold, Earls Colne, Essex, Dis. Secs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. —A bye-meeting will be held at Appledore on Saturday, July 20th. Tea will be arranged. All ringers welcome. —A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The sixth annual festival will be held at Tenby on Saturday, July 20th. Tower of St. Mary's Church (8 bells) open for ringing from 10 a.m. to 2.45 p.m. and 5.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Service at 3 p.m. Preacher: The Lord Bishop of Swansea and Brecon. 4 p.m.: Tea at Church House, by kind invitation of the Rector of Tenby. Business meeting to follow. Numbers expected for tea should reach the hon. secretary (Mr. W. R. Howells, N.P. Bank Chambers, Neath) by July 13th without fail.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely Archdeaconry. —Meeting at Bourn, Cambs, on Saturday, July 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. The service will be taken by Rev. Duffill. Please notify for tea. Postcard will do. Come and ring some of Taylor's best. All welcome. —F. Warrington, Longstanton, Cambs.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division. —A meeting will be held at Hartfield (6 bells) on Saturday, July 20th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 o'clock, by kind invitation. Those who intend to be present please notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday previous to meeting. Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.). —A. D. Stone, Hon. Divisional Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Moreton Corbet on Saturday, July 20th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Tea about 5 o'clock, followed by meeting. All requiring tea must send number to the Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury, before July 13th.

ALDENHAM, July 27th. Bells open 3.30. Cheap tickets from all stations to Bushey (nearest station). Buses to church. —C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270. Herts Association meeting.

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