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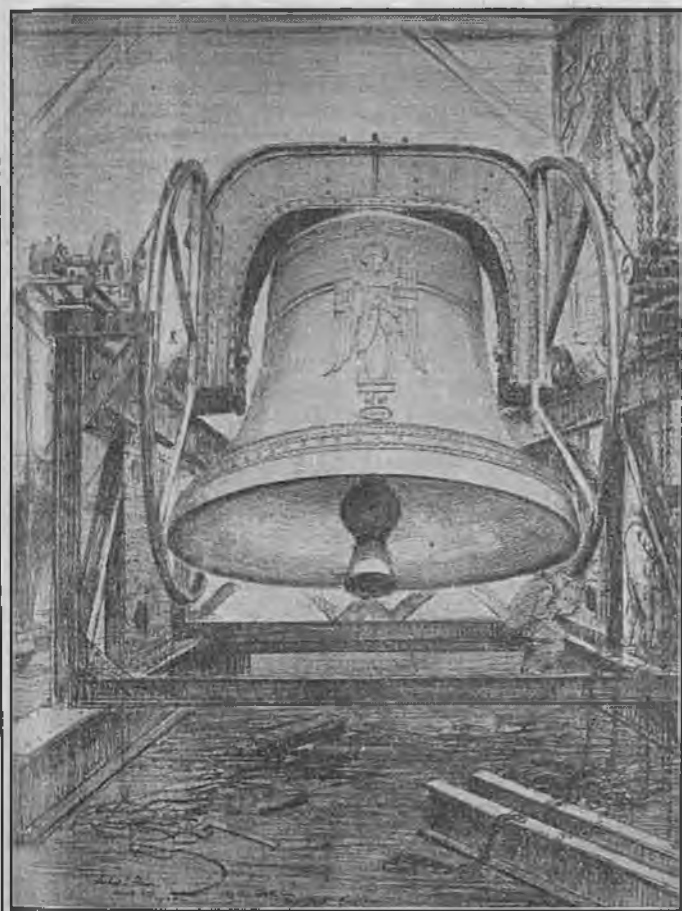
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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION

The next meeting of the Central Council is some distance off, but it would be well if associations would, before electing or re-electing their representatives, as they have now to do—the last Council having completed its triennial period—give careful consideration to the proposals which have been made by a contributor to our columns on the subject of the reorganisation of the Council. There is no better time than the present for an overhaul of the position, and with the election of members of the Council is presented the best possible opportunity of putting forward any views for improving the relationship between the Council and the affiliated bodies. At present the ties between the two are of a loose description and, as far as the associations are officially concerned, all that they are entitled to do is to elect their quota of members and pay the corresponding fees. That condition of affairs, established when the Council was first formed and in no position to take upon itself any authority, may still satisfy some, but there are others, the Gloucester and Bristol Association among them, who consider that the associations should be given a definite status in the constitution of the Council. At present the rules lay down that the Council shall consist (1) of representative members from all recognised Societies, Associations, and Guilds of Church Bell Ringers numbering not less than seventy-five members, etc. In these things a good deal depends upon the words that are used, and it might be possible and desirable so to revise this rule of the constitution that the definite status that is asked for could be provided for.

This discussion is outside the Council, therefore it provides an opportunity for the representatives of the Gloucester and Bristol Association to draft when they think are proper amendments to the rules and put them forward—so that other organisations may consider them. The important necessity seems to us to be to make the affiliation of the societies the basis of the constitution, with, as a natural corollary, a provision that each affiliated association or guild shall, as far as lies in its power, recognise and observe the rulings and decisions of the Council; also that the societies shall have direct access to the Council and the right to submit motions for consideration, instead of as at present, having to get them placed on the agenda in the names of individual members. Naturally any association which put forward a proposal for the consideration of the Council would be responsible for providing a proposer and seconder, and, it seems to us, a motion thus submitted must carry more weight than one which merely stands in the name of a member. But whatever steps are necessary to test the feeling of the new

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Council as to a revision of the constitution, they should be taken early so that associations may have as long a time as possible in which to consider them. The Gloucester and Bristol Association would do a service to the Exercise if it would formulate its alternative proposals in definite terms and not leave to others the difficult task of finding a formula to which they would be prepared to agree as a preliminary to rejoining the Council.

TEN BELL PEAL.

SOUTH CROYDON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 14, 1929, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN GATERS, 5055 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

DAVID WRIGHT Treble	WILLIAM S. SMITH 6
REGINALD BROUGH 2	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 7
GEORGE MARRINER 3	AMOS W. CLARK 8
*FREDERICK E. COLLINS 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN 9
WILLIAM BULFITT 5	ERNEST DENHAM Tenor

Composed by JAS. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by DAVID WRIGHT

* First peal of Stedman Gaters. The course-ends of this peal are alternately in the tittum and handstroke-home positions throughout. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Wright, Arthur Dean and F. E. Collins.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Friday, September 6, 1929, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

CHARLES YOUNG Treble	FRANK LAWRENCE 5
ALBERT HARTLAND 2	FRED HAWKES 6
JOHN ROWLAIT 3	CHARLES CAMM 7
WILLIAM HALFORD 4	*HENRY BISHOP Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

* First peal on eight bells. The above peal was rung in connection with the jubilee festivities of the church.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 7, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

THOMAS BUTLER Treble	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 5
GEORGE R. JONES 2	THOMAS R. BUTLER 6
ROBERT SPERRING 3	JOHN HAYES 7
PERCY SWINDLEY 4	JOHN E. RANGLES Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HAYES.

First peal in the method as conductor.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, September 10, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

PERCY GLEDSTONE Treble	*HERBERT FOWLER 5
*OLIVER GREATHEAD 2	*FREDERICK G. LEWIS 6
MILTON C. FOWLER 3	J. EDWARD CAWSE 7
*SAMUEL HARRISON 4	ARNOLD HILL Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Specially arranged and rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Urch, who were married at the above church on September 7th, the bridegroom being a member of the local band. Also rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 9, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

P.S. ALBERT LAWRENCE ... Treble	JOHN T. KENTISH ... 5
GEORGE B. COLE ... 2	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 6
RICHARD F. DEAL ... 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 4	CECIL W. PIPE ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* First Surprise peal. This is the 50th peal which Messrs. J. T. Kentish and J. E. Davis have rung together.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 10, 1929, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Philip and Jacob,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

MISS ANNIE BROWN ... Treble	*FRANK SKIDMORE ... 5
*MISS BERTHA JORDAN ... 2	GILBERT S. WILTSHIRE ... 6
FRED W. WADE ... 3	ISAAC LONG ... 7
EDWIN J. BROWN ... 4	FRED E. TYLER ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by EDWIN J. BROWN

* First peal of Major. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the late Dr. Lionel Page, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S., churchwarden of SS. Philip and Jacob, and city councillor, who died as a result of an accident on August 30th.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 11, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... Treble	MAURICE SMITHERS ... 5
JOHN H. B. HESSE ... 2	C. ERNEST SMITH ... 6
ALFRED H. POLLING ... 3	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... 7
RICHARD HAYES ... 4	ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

Rung on the eve of the 26th wedding day of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith, and the 82nd birthday of Mrs. E. S. Baker (mother of Mrs. Goldsmith).

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 11, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S FIVE-PART, No. 12.

Tenor 14¾ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD ... Treble	JAMES S. HUTCHBY ... 5
JOSEPH BAILEY ... 2	ALFRED J. BARRATT ... 6
MAURICE SWINFELD ... 3	JAMES GEORGE ... 7
SAMUEL PINDER ... 4	*FREDERICK T. JUSTICE ... Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

* First peal. This composition is now rung for the first time. The band once again thank the Rev. J. S. Galloway for his kind hospitality after the peal.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, September 14, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt.

*ERICK PICKERING ... Treble	*GEORGE F. SWANN ... 5
*WILLIAM H. HALL ... 2	WILLIAM G. ANKER ... 6
*WILFRID H. FUNGE ... 3	BERTRAM G. LEEDHAM ... 7
JAMES W. REYNOLDS ... 4	*FREDERICK R. TRINDER ... Tenor

Conducted by BERTRAM G. LEEDHAM.

* First peal and first attempt. † 100th peal of Stedman Triples. First peal on the bells after rehanging by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Arranged and rung as a compliment to the Rev. H. Francis Atkins, curate of the above church, and Miss Marjory James, on the occasion of their marriage, which took place at Cheltenham earlier in the day.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 14, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bridget,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

REGINALD POSTON ... Treble	WALTER T. BENNETT ... 5
ARTHUR W. DAVIS ... 2	*DONALD G. CLIFT ... 6
ALFRED T. POULTON ... 3	†JOHN CLARK ... 7
WILLIAM T. POSTON ... 4	WILLIAM POSTON ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by W. POSTON.

* First peal of Major, and hails from Usk. † 200th peal.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 14, 1929, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Illtyd,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALFRED W. WRIGHT ... Treble	GWYN I. LEWIS ... 5
JOHN W. JONES ... 2	ERNEST STITCH ... 6
JOHN G. WILLIAMS ... 3	CHARLES H. PERRY ... 7
JOHN PHILLIPS ... 4	GEORGE POPNELL ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST STITCH.

Rung as a wedding peal for the conductor, the band wishing him and his wife long life, the best of health, and every happiness in the future.

CLUN, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 14, 1929, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

HOBERT JONES ... Treble	JOHN J. PRICE ... 5
THOMAS H. Y. SMALLWOOD ... 2	WILLIAM R. NASH ... 6
ERNEST H. MEREDITH ... 3	FRANCIS EVANS ... 7
WILLIAM J. BENIAMS ... 4	ARTHUR C. NASON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS EVANS.

Rung to commemorate the 15th anniversary of the reconstruction and restoration of the tower and bells.

HARBORNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, September 14, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

ROBERT PICKERING ... Treble	THOMAS J. ELTON ... 5
JOHN C. ADAMS ... 2	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH ... 6
JOHN PERRY ... 3	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 7
WILLIAM FISHER ... 4	SIDNEY ELTON ... Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER WALLATER.

The band desire to express their thanks to Mr. S. Grove, who met them at the tower and saw to everything being ready.

OSPRINGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 14, 1929, in Three Hours,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

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

Tenor 17¾ cwt.

ERNEST J. DOBBIE ... Treble	CHARLES W. BRETT ... 5
*JOHN W. UNWIN ... 2	FREDERICK WELLS ... 6
WILLIAM SPICE ... 3	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... 7
SAMUEL E. TAYLOR ... 4	EDWIN G. BUESDEN ... Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by E. G. BUESDEN.

* First peal of Double Norwich. Rung as a birthday peal to Messrs. C. W. Brett and F. Fairheard.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 14, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5066 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb.

*RONALD H. DOVE Treble	WILLIAM A. STOTE 5
JAMES S. HUTCHBY 2	WILLIAM H. CLARKE 6
ERNEST MORRIS 3	†ALFRED BALLARD 7
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 4	HORACE M. DAY Tenor

Composed by E. MORRIS. Conducted by R. F. ELKINGTON.
* First peal of Double Norwich. † 50th peal. Arranged for the ringers of treble and tenor, who hail from Croydon and Market Deeping, Lincs, respectively.

RUSPER, SUSSEX.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, September 15, 1929, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

WALTER CHARMAN Treble	NELSON ELLIOTT 5
PETER CHARMAN 2	JOHN H. B. HESSE 6
MISS IRENE HASTIE 3	ALBERT HARMAN 7
C. ERNEST SMITH 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by FRED A. HOLDEN. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BATCOMBE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 7, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 20 cwt. (approx.).

JACK A. LINTERN Treble	WALTER G. TILBY 4
THOMAS WHITE 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5
JAMES F. HATCHLEY 3	WALTER CRABBE Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

Arranged and rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. J. Coombs (a member of the local band), and Miss Ruby Lena Day, which took place on the above date.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 9, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Cambridge, Wells, Ipswich, York, Beverley and Durham. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... Treble	ERNEST J. BUTLER 4
JOHN MOULE 2	WILLIAM MILLER 5
GEORGE DAWSON 3	EDWARD D. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD D. SMITH.

This peal was rung to celebrate the wedding of the Rev. Douglas Beard, M.A. (curate of this church) to Miss E. B. Mace, of Harlow, who were married at Harlow on this day.

WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, September 9, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Plain Bob and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford. Tenor 11 cwt.

ALPHAUS J. BERRY Treble	DAVID WHITING 4
BERT CHILVERS 2	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 5
GEORGE BROWN 3	WILLIAM STEGGALL Tenor

Conducted by W. STEGGALL.

The peal was rung as a welcome to the Rev. T. H. Carem, of Highbury, London, and a birthday compliment to G. A. Blaxcell.

ECCELESTON, CHESHIRE.—On September 13th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): R. Sperring 1, G. Jones 2, A. E. Richards 3, J. Swindley 4, J. Morgan 5, J. W. Clarke 6, H. W. Wilde (conductor) 7, W. Thomas 8.

REDGRAVE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, September 15, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, each called differently. Tenor 10½ cwt.

NOLAN GOLDEN Treble	ERIC BENNETT 4
RAYMOND GRANT 2	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 5
ALPHAUS J. BERRY 3	WILLIAM STEGGALL Tenor

Conducted by W. STEGGALL.

A WESSEX TOUR.

The following six peals were rung by visitors during a few days' holiday in Dorset, with the secretarial help of Mr. T. Hervey Beams and the kind permission of the clergy at the respective towers:—

BRADPOLE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, September 8, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

NORMAN V. ANDREWS ... Treble	WILLIAM A. CAVE 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 2	GEORGE WILLIAMS 6
SAMUEL J. HECTOR 3	EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... 7
CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... 4	STAFFORD H. GREEN Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS
First peal in the method on the bells.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 9, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S, Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

*NORMAN V. ANDREWS ... Treble	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 5
STAFFORD H. GREEN 2	CHARLES F. ANDREWS 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3	EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major. First peal on the bells, which were made an octave in the year 1911.

BRIDPORT, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 10, 1929, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in E.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 5
MRS. EVERARD POWELL ... 2	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 6
WILLIAM A. CAVE 3	CHARLES F. ANDREWS 7
REV. E. S. POWELL 4	STAFFORD H. GREEN Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS
This is the first peal of Major in the town of Bridport.

MILTON ABBEY, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 11, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. SAMPSON,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

NORMAN V. ANDREWS ... Treble	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 5
REV. E. S. POWELL 2	EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 3	CHARLES F. ANDREWS 7
MRS. EVERARD POWELL ... 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.
First peal in the method on the bells.

ILFRACOMBE, DEVON.—On Tuesday evening, August 27th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: J. Richards 1, C. Rook 2, H. G. Ridge 3, J. Sprague 4, C. Filer 5, A. H. Hayward 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, A. Turner 8. First quarter-peal for ringing of 3rd, although he has previously rung a peal.

WYKE REGIS, DOBSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 12, 1929, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5044 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in F

NORMAN V. ANDREWS Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	CHARLES F. ANDREWS 6
STAFFORD H. GREEN 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 7
SAMUEL J. HECTOR 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

DORCHESTER.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 12, 1929, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

SAMUEL J. HECTOR Treble	REV. E. S. POWELL 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	WILLIAM A. CAVE 6
*MRS. EVERARD POWELL 3	CHARLES F. ANDREWS 7
EDWARD V. RODENHURST 4	NORMAN V. ANDREWS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

* First peal of Stedman. This performance in the county town appropriately celebrated the birth of the first grandchild for the noble president of the Guild, which took place at Westminster the same day.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 7, 1929, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WOLFRUM,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

SIDNEY J. PROCTOR Treble	ALBERT W. COLES 6
REV. H. LAW JAMES 2	JOHN A. FREEMAN 7
JOHN WALDEN 3	JAMES BENNETT 8
CHARLES T. COLES 4	ROBERT RICHARDSON 9
GEORGE R. PYE 5	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

EWERBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 9, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

*REGINALD SCOTT Treble	ALBERT W. COLES 6
REV. H. LAW JAMES 2	WALTER PERKINS 7
FRED A. HOLDEN 3	JOHN W. WOOD 8
GEORGE R. PYE 4	ROBERT RICHARDSON 9
CHARLES T. COLES 5	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal of Royal.

HECKINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 9, 1929, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

WALTER H. WOOD Treble	ALBERT W. COLES 5
FRED A. HOLDEN 2	GEORGE R. PYE 6
CHARLES T. COLES 3	ROBERT RICHARDSON 7
WALTER PERKINS 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by FRED A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells and by the association.

A HALF-PEAL.

At Banwell, Somerset, on Saturday, September 7th, a half-peal of Grandsire Doubles (2,520 changes) was rung in 1 hr. 35 mins., being 21 six-scores with ten different callings: E. Shallish 1, E. Avery 2, G. Gilling 3, R. Roberts 4, F. D. Rickards (conductor) 5, J. Shallish 6. The tenor is 24 cwt.

A RING OF TWELVE BELLS FOR BERKSHIRE.

£170 WANTED.

Two well-known Berkshire ringers are intent on raising the £170 necessary for providing two new bells for St. Laurence's Church, Reading, to increase them to a peal of twelve, and so great is their faith that, as already mentioned in these columns, the order has been placed, so that the work may be done while the restoration of the other ten is in hand. The following appeal for funds has been sent out:—

About two years ago the authorities of St. Laurence's Church in Reading were made aware that their historic ring of ten bells was in need of rehanging.

As soon as they could see their way to take the matter in hand a fund was opened and estimates were obtained for carrying out the necessary work.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank obtained the contract to take down and tune the ten bells—recasting the treble—and to rehang them with new fittings in a new cast-iron and steel frame.

Parishioners and others specially interested in the church responded promptly to the appeal for funds, so that in three months £325 out of the £600 required has been contributed.

When the scheme was well launched it was represented to the authorities by Mr. R. T. Hibbert, who besides being secretary for the Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers is also foreman of St. Laurence's tower, that it was a unique opportunity for securing a ring of twelve bells for Reading and the archdeaconry and county of Berkshire—such being already possessed by Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire—and that it was possible to hang the ten with two additional trebles on one level, that he had it on the best authority that the result would rank among the best of the light rings of twelve in the country, and that if the authorities would entertain the idea he, in conjunction with the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, the Master of the Guild, would undertake the raise the additional amount required.

This representation was received with much favour.

Will you, then, help us two Berkshire men to raise £170 in order that this archdeaconry and county may possess a ring of twelve bells?

Subscriptions may be sent to Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Broadlands, Grosvenor Road, Caversham, Reading; or to Mr. R. T. Hibbert, 69, York Road, Reading.

HOW IT CAME ABOUT.*To the Editor.*

Sir.—The rehanging, tuning and augmentation of the good old peal at St. Laurence's Church, Reading, has been mentioned in the columns of 'The Ringing World' several times recently, and my name has been mentioned as having something to do with the job, hence these few words of explanation and appeal. When it was decided to tune and rehang the old ten and add metal to the treble, all ringers who knew the bells realised that they would be, when finished, a very fine ring. A few of us older ringers also realised that here and now was the only chance to get a peal of twelve in Berkshire, and by so doing a peal of twelve in each of the archdeaconries of the diocese. Well, I will admit 'faults and follies' by owning up that I did agitate certain people in authority and drove home these facts on all possible occasions; that we should have a good peal of twelve; that there was room for twelve on one level, with a good circle, and that in time we would ring them. When the church authorities said they would be pleased to accept two new bells, but would not shoulder the further responsibility of £170, I went straight to the Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (who is, like myself, a Berkshire man), and, after a short talk, he said: 'We will have a peal of twelve in our native county. I will guarantee the amount, and we must get what help we can through our own Guild, branches and towers, and also from personal friends.' So now, if any tower, band, or individual ringer would like to help. I will be pleased to send a receipt for amount received, and also, if the editor of 'The Ringing World' will oblige, print a list of subscribers and balance sheet. I may say that no cheque will be too large. This appeal has nothing whatever to do with raising the £600 required for the rehanging of the peal of ten.

RICHARD T. HIBBERT.

69, York Road, Reading, Berks.

A COMBINED PRACTICE AT LAVERSTOKE.

A very successful combined practice of the Andover Branch of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild was held at Laverstoke on Saturday, members attending from Highclere, Overton, King's Somborne, Wootton Hill and Wootton St. Laurence, including two ladies from Highclere. Ringing commenced shortly after three o'clock and continued until five o'clock. Then, by kind invitation of the Rev. and Mrs. W. Wragge, the members were entertained to tea on the lawn, followed by a stroll round the beautiful garden, which extends to the banks of the River Test. This the members greatly appreciated, and cordially thanked the Rev. and Mrs. W. Wragge for their kind hospitality. A move was then made to the tower for further practice. A very useful afternoon and evening was spent in practising Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. NAVENBY'S QUAIN TOWER.

The newly-installed peal of six at the village of Navenby was an attraction to the large company of ringers who assembled there on Saturday, September 7th, upon the occasion of a quarterly meeting of the Lincoln District of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

In the annals of the district one has to go back a good number of years to find any mention of this tower figuring in any events of campanology. It must, however, have been desired by the prime movers of the bell restoration scheme that Navenby should no longer be in the dark as far as ringing is concerned, and that it should be brought into line with its neighbouring parish. There was a little difficulty of a technical nature at the outset of the restoration scheme, but fortunately it was quickly overcome, and now Navenby possesses a fine peal of bells, with a tenor of 13 cwt.

Viewing this church from the roadside, the smallness of the tower in comparison to the nave of the church presents a notable feature, from which one might well assume that the builders were suddenly faced with shortage of material. The entrance to the belfry, like many others in the country, ends in a peculiar manner. Having proceeded up a sufficient number of steps, one is suddenly confronted with an aperture in the wall leading to the ringing chamber, the floor of which is some 8-10 feet below. From this opening in the wall one can obtain an unobstructed bird's-eye view of the room. With the new installation of bells, consideration has been extended to those residing very close to the church, for the louvres have been boarded over. With this improvement, however, there is coupled the disadvantage that the striking of the church clock cannot be heard to its required measure, with the result that it is highly probable that some of the boarding of the louvres will yet have to be removed.

Those present at the meeting came from Lincoln, Blankney, Rasingham, Branston, Bardney, Gainsborough, Folkingham, Worksop, Ordsall, Collingham and Navenby, many of whom arrived early in the afternoon. The Rector of Navenby kindly conducted a service in the church, and also gave an address. Tea was then served at the Lion and Royal Hotel, at which upwards of 40 were present.

Following this a meeting took place, at which Mr. Geo. Chester took, for the first time, the official position of president—the outcome of a very unanimous election at the Bardney meeting.

Mr. Chester first of all thanked the company for the honour bestowed upon him, and went on to say that he was following a very good man in the Rev. R. Bond, the late president. He would do his utmost for the benefit of the Guild. He emphasised the importance of keeping up the strength of the Guild by obtaining young ringers, and he hoped that the more skilled ringers would not grudge the time given by them in teaching the new recruits. The main thing for ringers to observe was 'to keep going forward.'

Four new members were added to the roll, viz., Miss Rollitt (Navenby) and Mr. B. Boyes (Bardney) as ordinary members, Mr. Gibson Jackson (Doncaster) and Mr. R. E. Stockdale (Ordsall) both as non-resident life members.

The next meeting is to be held at Caythorpe on November 16th, for which meeting the method of Oxford Bob Triples was selected for preferential study.

Thanks were accorded to the Rector of Navenby, to the organist, and to the tea makers.

The ringers returned to the tower for further ringing until nine o'clock, when the bells were lowered, bringing to a close a most successful meeting.

BLIND RINGER'S ACHIEVEMENT.

RINGS STEDMAN DOUBLES AT FIRST ATTEMPT.

A very pleasant meeting of the Marlborough Branch of the Salisbury Guild was held at Chisledon on Saturday. A lovely old-world village on the Wiltshire Downs, with its fine old church dedicated to the Holy Cross, and a good-going ring of five bells (tenor 14½ cwt.), provided much enjoyment for those present. Ringers were present from Aldbourne, Chisledon, Ogbourne, Sheffield, Swindon (Christ Church and St. Mark's), and Wootton Bassett.

An excellent tea was provided on his lawn by Mr. S. C. Archer, the luxury of deck chairs and the like being much appreciated.

Some very good ringing was accomplished both before and after tea, in Plain Bob, Original, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. The most interesting event of the day was the truly remarkable performance of Mr. J. E. Whittaker, the well-known organist at Chisledon Church, who is totally blind. Taking the 3rd rope, he conducted 120 Bob Doubles without the slightest hitch, and later, remarking that he knew the method but had not tried it before, he rang the 2nd bell through two 120's of Stedman Doubles, striking his bell perfectly. One thinks that the two touches mentioned are worth recording, as they must be almost, if not quite, unique, and one would like to add a word of admiration and congratulation to Mr. Whittaker on his achievement. The 120 Plain Bob Doubles was rung by: L. Wilson (Wootton Bassett) 1, D. Heginbotham (Aldbourne) 2, H. Whittaker (Chisledon) (conductor) 3, J. E. Lewis Cockey (Dore, Sheffield) 4, S. C. Archer (Chisledon) 5. 120 Stedman Doubles: C. Hussey (Aldbourne) 1, H. Whittaker (Chisledon) 2, L. Wilson (Wootton Bassett) 3, D. Heginbotham (Aldbourne) 4, J. E. Lewis Cockey (Dore, Sheffield) (conductor) 5.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

THE SAFETY OF BROADWAY TOWER.

A meeting of the Southern Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association took place at St. Eadburgha's Church, Broadway, on Saturday week, and proved very enjoyable to all concerned. The bells have recently been rebung in a new iron frame with ball bearings, by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of the Croydon Bell Foundry, who have carried out the work in a very satisfactory manner.

Mr. R. H. Dove, a member of the staff, represented the firm at the meeting, and among those present were the Rev. D. FitzMaurice (Hampton), Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Parsons (Old Hill), Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Bird and Mrs. Bird (Old Hill), T. J. Salter (Kidderminster), W. Short (Clenet), G. Fern (Smethwick), H. and A. Martin (Bromsgrove), C. H. Jones (Worcester), S. T. Holt (Crowle), W. Ranford (Suckley), J. Kyle (Charlbury), and members of the branch were also present from Evesham, Hampton, Crophorne, Hinton, Childs-wickham, Dumbleton, Offenham, Bretforton, Badsey, Staintbury, Overbury, Bredon's Norton, etc.

Soon after 3 p.m. the bells were set going to various standard methods, and the order of the afternoon and evening was for short touches so that all present could have a pull. Service was held at 4.30 p.m., the association's form of service being used, many parishioners being present.

The Vicar, the Rev. V. H. Patrick, took the service, and the choir and organist were in attendance. The Vicar, in welcoming the association to Broadway, said he appreciated the good fellowship and brotherhood they were creating among their numbers. The old church, he said, had nestled between those hills since the Norman period, its bells had pealed forth joyful news, and its muffled peals had sent forth sorrowful news, and now again they would still brighten and cheer the countryside.

Tea was provided by the Vicar and churchworkers, and was taken at St. Patrick's Cafe, upwards of 60 sitting down.

At the business meeting which followed, the Vicar presided, and was also elected an hon. member to the association. Several performing members were also elected.

It was decided to attempt the quarterly peal on Broadway bells with Mr. J. Hemming as conductor, but this caused some discussion, as the Vicar pointed out that the architect was of the opinion that the tower was not safe for long peal ringing, but this was ridiculed by Mr. R. H. Dove and Mr. C. A. Binyon.

It was further resolved to hold the next meeting at Great Hampton.

The usual vote of thanks was moved by Mr. G. A. King and was carried with loud applause, and the Vicar briefly replied.

A collection was taken at the service for a belfry repairs fund which amounted to 18s., since which a further contribution of 5s. has been sent by the Misses Hingley, of Middle Hill Park, who also have kindly consented to become hon. members of the association.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

NEWBURY BRANCH.

A very successful meeting of the Newbury Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Peasmore on Saturday, September 7th, when the following towers were represented: Bucklebury, Bright-walton, Beedon, Chieveley, East Ilsley, Newbury, Shaw, Highclere and the Peasmore ringers. Visitors were also present from Maidenhead. A service was conducted by the Rector of Newbury (the Rev. L. R. Majendie), who gave a very helpful address from Psalm cxlii: 'I was glad when they said unto me: We will go into the house of the Lord.' Miss Jacobs presided at the organ. Tea was served by the Misses Brown in their orchard, which was much appreciated by the ringers on such a hot day.

The business meeting followed, over which the chairman of the branch (the Rev. L. R. Majendie) presided, supported by the hon. branch secretary and treasurer (Mr. H. W. Curtis).

The Secretary reported the death of Mr. J. Pummell, of Hampstead Norris (an old member of the Guild), all standing for a few moments as a token of respect.

The annual meeting was fixed for Newbury about the middle of November, the date being left to the secretary to arrange with the Master of the Guild.

Mr. N. J. Blunden, of Bucklebury, was elected an hon. member, and three new ringing members were also elected.

The Rev. L. R. Majendie proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Misses Brown and their helpers for providing such an excellent tea. This was seconded by the secretary, who also thanked the Rector for his address, and Miss Jacobs for presiding at the organ. The tower was again visited, and this noted peal of bells set going again in the following methods: Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Minor.

MR. TOM BEADLE'S FUND.

Previously acknowledged £22 2s., Major H. B. Hesse £1 1s., Mr. A. T. Vervels (Brighton) 5s., Mr. E. R. Gladman 2s. 6d., Mr. A. T. Coles 2s. 6d. Donations will be gratefully received on behalf of Mr. T. Beadle by Wm. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, Chiswick, W.4.

AN ESSEX EXPEDITION.

ASSOCIATION VISITS NEGLECTED TOWERS.

Forty members, representing twelve parishes of the South-Eastern Division of the Essex Association, assembled at High Easter on Saturday last for the purpose of creating interest in the bells, which have not been rung for many years. Among those present were Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Association), Mr. G. Green (District Master) and Mr. H. W. Kirton (district secretary), Dr. Spencer Phillips, Messrs. W. Keeble, H. E. Hammond, W. Lincoln and other prominent neighbouring ringers.

The bells, a ring of six, with a tenor 18 cwt., half a tone flat, restored, and a treble added to commemorate the diamond jubilee of Queen Victoria, need the attention of a competent bell hanger. The 4th, especially, goes very badly. Fortunately, there were among those present men who could handle and strike the worst going bells, and some very creditable ringing was done in the following methods: Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles. Tea and meeting were held at the Cock and Bell, Mr. G. Green, District Master, presiding.

Rev. Canon Paynter was elected a life hon. member.

A short service was held in the church. The Rev. B. H. Vincent, Vicar, officiated, gave a warm welcome and a short well-chosen address. The lesson was read by the Master.

After the Vicar had been thanked for the use of the bells and for officiating at the service, his attention was called to the need of some belfry repairs. A wish was also expressed that an effort should be made to form a band of service ringers.

The Vicar promised that the request would receive his attention, at the same time pointing out the difficulties of securing church-workers in so scattered and rural a parish.

A call was made by some on their way home at Good Easter. Here is a very musical ring of five, hanging in a turret, tenor about 10 cwt. No ringing has been done on these bells for several years. The long draught of rope and the need of some oil on the bearings may have accounted for the indifferent 'go.' Several six-scores of Doubles were brought round, possibly the first change ringing on the bells. No band of service ringers is now in existence. The Vicar, Rev. W. F. Vaughan Jones, expressed his pleasure at the visit of the members.

Although no opportunity occurred of meeting any local ringers at either of the parishes, it is hoped that the expedition will result in an effort being made to induce some of the younger generation to take up this branch of church work.

HERTS AND BEDS JOINT MEETING.

On Saturday last a joint meeting of the Hertford County Association and Bedfordshire Association was held at Biggleswade. The meeting was well attended, and the different counties were well represented by members from Bedford, Biggleswade, Clifton, Everton, Roston, Southill, Sandy, Baldock, Barley, Hitchin, Letchworth, Offley, Stevenage, Melbourn (Cambs) and Cambridge.

The bells were raised about 2.30 p.m., and were kept going in the following methods: Plain Bob, Grandsire Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich, Stedman Triples, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise, and a course of London Minor for the benefit of the 'Minor' ringers.

An excellent tea had been arranged by Mr. C. J. Ball, the Beds secretary, at the Cafe.

After tea, the bells were again soon on the swing, and not before 8.30 p.m. was the meeting brought to a close as the bells were rung down in peal in masterly fashion, a fitting close to an enjoyable day.

The secretaries wish to thank all who lent their support, thereby making the meeting the success that it undoubtedly was, and hope that another may be arranged at a future date.

5,040 STEDMAN TRIPLES.

J. J. PARKER'S FIVE-PART No. 12.

231456 VI. S. H. L. V. Q. V.

536421	x		
345261	x	x	x
423651	x	x	x
521643	x		
461253	x		x
623145	—		
215364	—		
635124	x		x
(562314)	x	—	x —
164352	x		
631542	x	x	x
356412	x	x	x
152436	x		
342516	x		x

Repeat four times.

There are no L positions bobbed in this peal.

First rung at Greasley, Notts, on Sept. 11th, 1929, conducted by M. Swinfield.

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**PICTURES OF CHURCH TOWERS FOR
PUBLICATION IN 'THE RINGING WORLD.'**

The Editor of 'The Ringing World' will be glad to receive photographs of churches, with a view to their future publication when suitable occasion arises.

The photographs should be accompanied by brief particulars of the bells, with their inscriptions and dates if possible, and any other interesting information about them.

Pictures should, for preference, be photographic post-cards and, where there is any choice, the tower should be a feature.

Obviously, of course, all the pictures cannot be published at once, the object of getting a collection being that the photographs may be ready at hand for use when fitting opportunity occurs.

Will each tower secretary be good enough to send a photograph of his own tower this week-end—before he forgets it? It should be forwarded in an envelope for protection and addressed to The Editor, 'The Ringing World,' Woking, Surrey, and the sender should enclose his name and address.

BELFRY GOSSIP.

The peals at Grantham, Ewerby, and Heckington were rung during a week-end visit to Surfleet by several well-known ringers, who were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. Richardson. The peals at Ewerby and Heckington were rung as a compliment to the host and hostess on the anniversary of their engagement.

The peal of Stedman Caters, rung at St. Peter's, Brighton, on August 31st, in which Mr. H. J. Tucker, formerly of Bishop's Stortford, and now of Chichester, took part, was rung on the 50th anniversary of his first peal, which was Holt's Ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, rung at St. Mary's Church, Ealing, Middlesex, on August 31st, 1879, for the old St. James' Society.

On September 25th, 1845, a peal of Stedman Caters, composed and conducted by John Cox, was rung at St. James', Bermondsey. It was a 6,701, and was recorded as the 'greatest number attainable with treble in 2nd's place and bobs only.'

The first peal of Double Norwich Caters was rung at St. Stephen's, Bristol, on September 22nd, 1894.

Matt. Wood, of Bethnal Green, one of the most famous of the old London school of ringers, and one of the band that opened St. Paul's Cathedral bells, was born in 1826. He rang over 300 peals, which was a great performance for a man in his days, and took part in several celebrated long lengths. He was a martinet in the belfry—but he was a good ringer.

WILL OF THE REV. MAITLAND KELLY.

Estate valued at £18,538 was left by the Rev. Maitland Kelly, of Kelly, Devon, who died on June 15th, aged eighty-six. He was the head of one of the oldest families in the West Country, his ancestors having been settled continuously in Kelly since the middle of the twelfth century. He was formerly Vicar of Salcombe and of Ottery St. Mary.

For over sixty years he was identified with ringing in the West, and was secretary (1890-1896) and president (1896-1924) of the Devon Guild.

WINCHESTER CANON'S BIRTHDAY.

On Monday, Canon Braithwaite, of Winchester Cathedral, celebrated his 80th birthday, and the Cathedral ringers heralded the day by meeting at seven and 'firing' the bells for 80 times, and afterwards ringing a touch of 395 Grandsire Caters: R. Paine 1, W. C. Lampard 2, A. Goulding 3, H. Cook 4, C. Russell 5, E. G. Lampard 6, G. Noice 7, W. H. Loveland 8, W. Andrews (conductor) 9, P. Tibbie 10.

Canon Braithwaite has done a certain amount of ringing, and has for many years been chairman of the Winchester District of the Winchester Guild. He presented a set of handbells to the King Alfred (Training) College, Winchester, for the use of students, and always makes a point of including the Cathedral ringers among those invited to the party given by him and Miss Braithwaite early in the year. He has, indeed, proved a real friend to ringers. In spite of his 80 years he is still 'going strong,' and the good wishes of members of the Guild will go out to him.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD'S JUBILEE.



[Photo: Stearn and Sons, Cambridge.]

The Cambridge University Guild Jubilee celebration brought together a representative gathering of members, who, as already reported, presented to their president, the Rev. A. H. F. Boughiey, a silver rose bowl, as a token of their esteem and gratitude for his lifelong work on behalf of the Guild. The Guild was founded on February 4th, 1879, by the Rev. W. C. Pearson and others of Clare College, and was originally known as 'The Clare Society of Ringers.' Its scope, however, was quickly enlarged when men from other colleges joined, and in May of the same year it became the Cambridge University Guild, with the Rev. A. H. F. Boughiey as its first president, which office he has held for an unbroken period of fifty years. During that time about 300 members have been enrolled, and many of them have, after their Cambridge days, occupied prominent positions in the Exercise.

The above interesting photograph was taken during the visit which the members paid to Cambridge.

Seated (left to right): (1) Rev. C. A. Clements (St. Cath's), Master of Chester Diocesan Guild. (2) Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Trin.), Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. (3) Mr. J. T. Rickman (Jesus), Master of the Sussex County Association. (4) Canon W. W. C. Baker (Clare), President of the Bedfordshire Association. (5) Rev. Professor M. C. Potter, Sc.D. (Peter's), Emeritus Professor of Botany in the University of Durham, and one of the original members of the Guild. (6) Rev. A. H. F. Boughiey (Trin.), President of Cambridge University Guild. (7) Rev. R. Copeman (Clare), Hon. Secretary, Ely Diocesan Association. (8) Canon H. J. Elsee (St. John's), President of the Lancashire Association. (9) Rev. H. Law James (Caius), Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. (10) Canon G. H. Ridout (Selwyn), of Johannesburg, South Africa. (11) Rev. E. Benkes James (Caius).

Standing: (1) Rev. B. F. Sheppard (Trin.), Vicar of St. Michael's, Neepsend, Sheffield. (2) Mr. J. Butler (Fitz. House). (3) Rev. F. G. Benson (St. Cath's), Tewkesbury. (4) Mr. R. O. Street (St. John's), Liverpool. (5) Rev. H. S. T. Richardson (Trin.), Hon. Secretary of the Hereford Diocesan Guild. (6) Mr. M. C. G. Hooton (Queens'), Cambridge. (7) Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake (Pembroke). (8) Mr. W. H. J. Hooton (Queens'), Cambridge. (9) Capt. J. H. R. Freeborn (Clare), Rickmansworth. (10) Mr. E. M. Atkins (St. Cath's), London. (11) Mr. J. R. Duffield (Selwyn), Westminster Hospital, London. (12) Rev. H. G. Benson (King's), Likowa, Nyasaland.

In Front: Mr. F. E. Haynes (St. Cath's), Master of the Cambridge University Guild, with the presentation bowl.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

GODALMING AND ITS BELLS.

The quaint old town of Godalming, Surrey, has many charms, although the speeding motorist, hampered by its narrow and congested streets as he rushes from London to the southern sea coast, may not think so. The town groups itself picturesquely between the hills and woods, on the banks of the River Wey, and one of its glories is its fine old church, with its noble leaded spire, and its churchyard, which runs down to the very verge of the sluggish river. Parts of the Early Norman church are still to be seen, including an arch between the choir and the chancel. Godalming has had a long succession of Rectors and Vicars. The former, whose interest presumably centred chiefly in receiving the rectorial tithes, for the holders of the office were obviously 'absentees,' being, many of them, Deans of Sarum, can be traced back to the days of Edward the Confessor, and a board in the church records their names down to 1846, when their income from this source was diverted to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners. The names of the Vicars, who, of course, were responsible for the spiritual charge of the parish, are also recorded, the first being William, 1185, and the next Richard of Chiddingfold. The list appears to be almost complete down to the present date.

A RING OF NO ARCHÆOLOGICAL INTEREST.

The central tower has a lofty spire, probably the tallest to be found in the diocese. The church has long had a ring of bells, for in the time of Edward VI. it is recorded that there were, in addition to a 'Saunete' bell, 'v bells in the steeple, the best by estimation XXc. and so under after the rate.' Thus in those distant days the tenor was about a ton. The present ring are a mixed lot and poor in quality. The oldest is the third, cast in 1740 by Thomas Lester, of London, who in 1746 recast other bells, probably the old five which figured in the Edwardian returns. The fifth of this ring was recast by Thomas Swaine in 1772, two more bells were added in 1792, the treble of which was recast in 1839. Ten years later the tenor was recast, and in 1874 the fifth passed through the melting pot. The bells have thus no archæological interest, and, though the tenor is about 25 cwt., are an indifferent ring. For some years they have seriously needed rehanging, while ringing at Godalming is carried on under another serious handicap, for there is scarcely any ventilation in the belfry. There are no windows in the ringing room (for fear, it is said, of rendering the tower unsafe on account of the weight of the spire), and only two small holes have been pierced through the 3ft. thick walls to let in the fresh air. Ringing has always to be carried on by artificial light, and on a hot day such as last Saturday it was hardly the best conceivable place for a ringing meeting. Nevertheless, members of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild were present for a district meeting, and enjoyed themselves as ringers are wont to do, even under the most adverse conditions. Heroes were never lacking for the back-end jobs, but the shortest touches were enough at a time. Methods up to Cambridge Surprise Major were rung during the day.

The Guild's service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. G. S. Richards), the singing being led by the choir boys. The Vicar's address was based on 2 Chron. v. 13: 'To make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the Lord.' The bells of the parish churches of this country, he said, entered very closely into the life of the local community. In these days when mankind seemed to be mostly makers of noise, it was a great thing that the bells, with their message, given out Sunday by Sunday, should call attention to the higher things of life. The preacher referred to the duties and responsibilities of the ringers, and pointed out that their ministry was all the more effective when, in addition to calling others to worship, they set the example themselves and attended the services.

An excellent tea was afterwards served in the Church Institute, and the Vicar presided over the short business meeting which followed. Those present included the hon. treasurer of the Guild (Admiral T. P. Walker), the hon. secretary (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith), the District Ringing Master (Mr. C. Hazelden), the district hon. secretary (Mr. G. L. Grover), the Farnham district secretary (Mr. C. Denyer), the Chertsey district secretary (Mr. H. Hancock), and ringers from Guildford (Cathedral and St. Nicolas'), Godalming, Dunsfold, Aldershot, West Clandon, Woking, Thursley, and Otter-shaw, the attendance numbering just over 30.

Those present stood for a moment in silence in memory of the late Mr. Alwyn Charman, of Cranleigh, a member of the Guild. Mr. Goldsmith tendered the apologies for absence of Major Hesse, of Haslemere, the Ringing Master, owing to the annual outing of the Haslemere ringers being fixed for Saturday.

It was announced that the next quarterly meeting of the Guildford District would be held at Shalford on November 16th, and a joint meeting with the Surrey Association at Guildford on October 5th.

Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O., of Woking, hon. treasurer of the Guild, proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for his kindness in allowing them to use the bells and for his helpful address. He also thanked the organist, choir, those who had 'provided' tea, and Mr. C. Childs (captain of the Godalming ringers) for making arrangements for the meeting.

HINT TO CHURCH AUTHORITIES.

In seconding, Mr. Goldsmith said they realised that Godalming was a fine old town, and had a fine old church, but he could not say it

had a fine peal of bells. He had not come to grumble, but he would like seriously to suggest to the church authorities at Godalming that they consider doing something to their bells. At the moment, the bells really went very badly indeed, and he thought Mr. Childs and the other Godalming ringers would agree with him.

The bells themselves needed the attention of a bell hanger, continued Mr. Goldsmith, and he thought the church authorities would find it would be cheaper to have them attended to now than let them go a few more years, when the state of the bells would be far worse. He believed it was true that Godalming was quite a wealthy borough (laughter). So they would not have much difficulty in raising any money necessary to put the church bells into order. If that was the case, he suggested they should make a clean sweep. The Vicar had told them in his sermon something about makers of noise. All the while the Godalming bells went as they did now, the ringers in the tower would be makers of noise—noise, perhaps, that the inhabitants would not appreciate! If those responsible would put the bells in good order, and, if possible, have them tuned harmonically—which these were not—and have one or two of the cracked ones put right, they would have a peal worthy of the town and of the fine old church (hear, hear).

Mr. Goldsmith said he was sure members of the Guild would not think he was drawing 'the long bow,' because he believed that certainly not for 30 years had the Godalming bells had a serious amount of money spent on them. There was also not enough ventilation in the tower, and if anything could be done to improve it while rehanging the bells it would be appreciated not only by Godalming ringers but by all who visited the tower.

THE VICAR'S REPLY.

The Vicar, acknowledging the vote of thanks, said not only bells wore out but even Godalming pockets were liable to wear out (laughter). The Church Room in which they were gathered was rather inclined to wear out, and at the present moment there was a considerable debt in regard to the repairs. But he was glad to hear from someone outside the parish of a definite need like the bells, which would have to be fixed, because very often a prophet in his own country, such as the secretary or chairman of one's own ringers, was less likely to be listened to than someone from outside, of whom there could be no suspicion that he had any axe to grind. He knew that Godalming had a reputation of being able to raise money for anything and everything, and it might be to the credit of the parish that should be so, but he hoped no one would imagine it was necessarily too easy to do that in the present day. As a matter of fact, in recent years Godalming had been suffering the loss of some of its best church supporters, and those who came and replaced them were not quite so strong in their support. That applied, he supposed, practically to all parishes throughout the country. He would certainly bear in mind what Mr. Goldsmith said about the bells, and he was sorry to hear that some were cracked.

Mr. Childs, proposing the election of the Vicar of Godalming as an hon. member of the Guild, remarked that what Mr. Goldsmith had said about the bells was perfectly true. They did need attention, and had done so for a long time.

Admiral Walker seconded the proposition, which was carried with acclamation.

Responding, the Vicar said he knew of the good work the Guild did in the diocese. Bells were a real national characteristic in the countryside, and he believed the work of the ringers was an asset to the spiritual life of the country.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT AT CATHERINGTON.

A very enjoyable by-meeting of the Portsmouth District was held at Catherington on Saturday last, when, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. H. M. Lake), the peal of six was available to the members during the afternoon and evening. The weather was ideal, and members were present from Catherington, East Moon, Portsmouth (St. Mary's), Ryde and Titchfield, also visitors from Rogate and Mr. J. H. Shepherd (Swindon).

A short service was held in the church, at which the Vicar officiated and gave an excellent address, after which the members adjourned to tea. At the close of this, the Vicar welcomed the Guild to Catherington, and hoped that before long they would pay them another visit. On behalf of the Guild, the Secretary (Mr. F. W. Rogers) thanked the Vicar for his kind words, and also for allowing them the use of the bells that day.

At the conclusion the members paid a further visit to the tower until 7 p.m., when the bells were lowered in peal. The ringing during the day comprised Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Doubles, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

FRESH SPLICING.

A paragraph last week mentioned the ringing on spliced principles of methods which had not hitherto been joined up in this way. As a matter of fact, something new in splicing is being done at Leytonstone, of which the ringing referred to is only a part. We hope to be able to give something further about this new departure shortly.

DORSET DAYS.

BY W. H. F.

A brief holiday amidst Thomas Hardy's fascinating Wessex scenery in South Dorset was organised by Mr. T. Hervey Beams, assistant hon. secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, on behalf of a party of change ringers not unknown to readers of 'The Ringing World.' Drawn by 'the ropes' from six counties, they formed a 'non-resident' team of eight men, with an Exeter 'pigeon pair' in valuable reserve. Members arrived at Bridport as you please, some of them at headquarters, the Greyhound, a noted house, especially to a noted London band, but owing to the summer crowds others had to be 'bounded' elsewhere.

After Sunday morning service on September 8th at Holy Trinity Church, Bradpole, everyone assembled under the hospitable roof of Mr. and Mrs. Beams for lunch, at which the Vicar, the Rev. C. W. d'Ombrain, M.A., welcomed the visitors to Dorset, and offered grace before meat. When the afternoon peal came home, some half-dozen hefty local young men came to see the band, and were surprised to find no blisters. Over the tea cups time travelled 'Schneider speed,' and recollections of Leytonstone and Sussex, of the days before Mr. Beams came to Bradpole in 1906, were recalled.

A quarter of a century ago change ringing in the Bradpole district was unknown; there was none to be had nearer than Dorchester. The Diocesan Guild existed in name rather than as a body, with its four unwieldy divisions to the cardinal points of the compass. Areas unworkable were subdivided into the present districts, which are still too large. Perseverance has produced in West Dorset a good crop of 150 members in 17 affiliated towers, and the work of restoration has not been neglected. Seventeen peals of bells have been restored in some way or other according to the means and the interest of Dorsetshire men. Good as the results have been in the past, much still needs to be done, especially in teaching the art of change ringing, but it is growing gradually, thanks to the practical and personal interest shown by the president.

Referring to the last annual report of the Guild (1928), the list of peals was a record for the Guild, and no less than four prominent ringers paid a visit to the diocese, whose peal records total upwards of a thousand each—Messrs. W. and G. Pye, F. Bennett and George Williams. Financially, too, the Guild is in a flourishing state, and, maybe, the £90 balance in hand last year is £100 by now.

With a bright moon to prolong a joyous Sunday, the company proceeded by car and motor-cycle through Bridport to take a breath of the 'Atlantic air' at West Bay. They left behind the 'Norman' church, not yet a century old, erected on the north side of the older ruinous building, which tells one that the font bowl may have been 700 years in use; that a solid slab of stone, carved for the head of a three-light window in one piece, was found in a rubbish heap. In this parish was born a humble ringer, who rose to be the general manager of the G.W.R., well known to the writer as a resident of Slough for many years, and here he rests. Near the church door, too, where he wished to lie, rests also the late Vicar, the Rev. C. F. Langford, a lover of bells, whose last words were, 'Keep the bells going.' His encouragement of Mr. Beams in the efforts to restore and augment the old ruinous peal of six bells (cast by Warner of London, 1865), led to the 'order' for the work being given before a pound was in the hands of the treasurer. But the debt was cleared in one year, and the opening peal (5,000) roused the inhabitants to come to breakfast.

The county of Dorset from the days of Elizabeth has not been neglected by our Kings and Queens. Lyme, Melcombe, Wyke and Beer Regis all have associations with King Charles II. and George III., but we have yet to hear that there is a Regis St. Giles. Thanks to the Rev. C. Carew Cox, Vicar of Michael's Church, Lyme Regis, the party were allowed to ring in the morning, on Monday, September 9th, and an announcement in the parish magazine mentioned their coming to ring a peal (which they did), inviting young men of the parish to take up the art. In this belfry is an ornamental panel of wood, with a bold drawing in gold of a skull and crossbones, inscribed 'Memento Mori,' on a dark background—just the sort of encouragement to a young man who is tired of the dangers of motor-cycling to hang himself. Before 1911, Lyme possessed a ring of six cast by Thomas Bilbie in 1770, from funds raised by voluntary subscriptions and a church rate.

There is much to be said in favour of Mr. Cox's announcement. Beautiful bell music is poured from the church towers throughout the country without any preliminary notice to the townspeople. When the bells ring, many people would like to take their favourite walk abroad and listen to the 'loud cymbals,' whilst others who are distressed by bell music would prefer a visit to distant friends and neighbours, and notice of a peal gives them the opportunity of making their arrangements.

The visitors returned to Bridport via Whitechurch Canonorum. Here is a fine old ring of eight, tenor 21 cwt. in E flat, and Stedman Triples was lost approaching half-way, while the tenor clapper broke during the touch of Major, which was being rung so that all could have a 'pull.'

This church, which has an unusual dedication, viz., S.S. Wite Candida and Holy Cross, possesses a fine western tower, a well-kept

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT NORTHAW.

A visit to Northaw was paid by a few enthusiastic members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild on Saturday, September 14th, on the occasion of a North and East District meeting in this charming but out-of-the-way village. The small company included Miss K. Willars, who cycled from Trumpington, Cambs, to attend the meeting. Divine service was held at 5 p.m., at which the Vicar (Rev. E. S. Allen) officiated. An excellent tea was provided, after which the usual short business meeting was held.

Two new members were elected, and a vote of congratulation passed to the Rev. A. H. F. Boughy (a vice-president of the association) on attaining his jubilee as president of the Cambridge University Guild.

The note in the current issue of 'The Ringing World,' referring to a peal rung at Appleton in 1877, was commented on. Mr. F. A. Milne, the president, was one of the ringers on that occasion, and fully recollected the peal.

Mr. Milne proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for his address at the service, also to Mr. B. McKie and the local ringers for arranging the meeting.

The Hon. Secretary expressed his great pleasure at the recent successes of the Northaw band, who, being quite up to date, were practising Spliced Treble Bob methods with good results. He urged them to keep the progressive policy going.

The charming peal of six bells (tenor 13 cwt.) were rung to several methods during the afternoon and evening, including Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob Minor, Kent, Oxford and Kingston Treble Bob Minor, and the latter two methods spliced. Rounds were also rung for the beginners.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES BRANCH AT BISHOP'S CANNINGS.

The monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Bishop's Cannings on Saturday, September 7th, a large number of ringers being present. Ringing commenced about 3 p.m., and later the Guild service was held, the surpliced choir being in attendance. The service was intoned by the chairman of the branch (Mr. C. D. Heginbotham), the lesson being read by the Vicar, the Rev. L. R. Sharpe, M.A.

Tea followed, after which a short business meeting was held, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham presiding, and extending a hearty welcome to the visitors. He drew attention to recent articles in 'The Ringing World' urging ringers to take an interest in the work of their associations. He also congratulated Mr. J. T. Dyke on his taking part in the record peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Ashton-under-Lyne on August Bank Holiday.

The death of Mr. A. N. Smith, of Bratton, a member of the Guild, was reported, those present standing in silence as a token of respect.

Mr. Cyril Gilbert, of Roundaway, Devizes, was elected a member, and on the motion of the chairman a vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the organist, the choir and those who prepared the tea.—The Vicar replied.

Visitors included Mr. L. A. Wilson, Wootton Bassett (secretary of the Calne Branch), Messrs. E. Bishop, S. Palmer, R. W. Hyner, C. J. Gardiner, J. S. Roberts and J. Berry (Swindon), Messrs. S. Wilshire, C. R. Davison and H. P. Marsh (Chippenham), and Mr. H. Burry (Calne). Members of the branch were present from Bishop's Cannings, Warminster, Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), Southbroom, Rowde, Bratton, Trowbridge, Holt and Melksham. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Cambridge Surprise, Superlative, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Plain Bob Major were rung during the afternoon and evening, a very pleasant time being spent.

It was decided to hold an evening meeting at Bratton and Edington on September 21st, if the bells were available, and the next monthly meeting at Warminster.

Bishop's Cannings Church is a very beautiful building, and the bells (tenor 16 cwt.) make one of the finest peals of eight in the county. Great credit is due to Mr. T. Merritt, the captain and steeplekeeper, for the way in which the ringing chamber and bells are kept.

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belfry, and a most courteous foreman. Canon Raven, in his notes on 'Church Bells of Dorset,' gives the tenor of the old ring of five as 49 inches diameter and 37 inches height, inscribed:—

'Hark, when I call, come to church all;

Come to serve God, or come not at all.

W. L., H. G., G. W., J. P. Anno Domini 1669.'

In all probability the village inn, where tea was partaken of, was named after the church bells, the Five Bells, when this grand, deep-toned tenor was added to the four old ones.

Since the advent of railways, authors and writers have continually extolled the wonderful, simple beauty of the coast of Bridport Bay. Taking Charmouth as a centre, one word comes to mind—charming; and the Great Western Railway publications reveal much of its history to those interested in 'Dorsetshire.'

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MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT MEETING AT COTGRAVE.

A very pleasant and enjoyable meeting was held at Cotgrave on Saturday, the enthusiasm of ringers from afar, coupled with the glorious weather, no doubt contributing much to the success of the gathering. The six bells were available from 3 p.m., but even before that time a lady ringer had arrived from Surfleet, and a start was made with a 360 of Bob Minor. Soon there was a goodly company of ringers of both sexes from the following amongst other places: Beeston, Bulwell, Folkingham (Lincs), Hough-on-the-Hill, Mansfield, Nottingham, Sandiacre, Sutton-on-Trent, Treston (Yorks), Worksop and Wymondham (Oakham), several of the local ringers also being present.

The bells were kept going in various methods until an adjournment was made for tea, amply provided on Mr. Walter White's lawn, twenty sitting down, only three of whom had sent notice of their intention to be present. Luckily the caterer was able to overcome the difficulty, and gave a hearty welcome to all. Will the time ever come when ringers will give a thought for those who are arranging the meeting, and who are anxious to make it as comfortable as possible for the visitors? Some may make excuse, and say, 'A bit of bread and cheese will do for me,' but that is not quite the proper thing. A comfortable meal in company with the others who may be present does much to make an afternoon outing a success.

Tea being over, a return was made to the belfry, the company being augmented by several ringers unable to put in an earlier appearance, and ringing continued until after eight o'clock. During the day many methods were well rung, ranging from Plain Bob to Cambridge and from the complimentary remarks heard on all sides as to the tone and 'go' of the bells, there is no doubt those present carried away very pleasant recollections of the meeting.

Owing to the absence of the district secretary, no arrangements were made for future meetings.

OVERSEAL RINGERS VISIT HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL.

On Saturday, September 7th, six ringers from St. Matthew's, Overseal, had a very enjoyable outing to Higham-on-the-Hill.

On arriving at the Church of St. Peter, Higham, the bells were raised in peal, and 720 of Bob Minor rung by: A. E. Clayfield 1, L. Freeman 2, W. Brooker 3, W. Clayfield 4, J. W. Cotton (conductor) 5, W. Curzon 6.

The treble ringer then provided an excellent tea, after which further touches were brought round. The return journey was made via Fenny Drayton, Twycross and Appleby.

DEVON GUILD.

The autumn meeting of the Exeter Branch of the Devon Guild of Ringers was held at the picturesque village of Kenn on Saturday, September 7th, about 50 members and visitors from other branches being present. A service was held in the church, which is one of the most beautiful country churches in the district, the Rev. F. W. Vining officiating. A tea and business meeting was afterwards held in a room kindly lent by the Rector in the charming grounds of the Rectory.

The Rev. E. V. Cox presided, and thanked the Rector, the local ringers, the organist and choir, and all others who had helped to make the afternoon so enjoyable. The meeting stood in silence as a tribute to the memory of the late president of the Guild, the Rev. Maitland Kelly.

Three new members were elected, and it was resolved that the annual meeting of the branch should be held in St. Sidwell's parish, Exeter, on December 7th.

Several neighbouring towers were visited during the afternoon, the use of the bells having been granted by the Vicars.

DEATH OF A BRATTON RINGER.

After a brief illness, Mr. Oliver N. Smith, of Bratton, Wilts, passed away recently at Westbury Cottage Hospital. He was at work on Friday, but was taken ill in the evening. An immediate operation was necessary, but this was without avail, and he passed away two days later. The respect in which Mr. Smith was held was shown by the large attendance at the funeral service, when the church was crowded. The Bratton Silver Band, of which he had been bandmaster for ten years, attended in uniform and acted as bearers. Mr. Smith's activities in the village brought him into touch with many friends, and great sympathy is felt for the widow and family in their sudden bereavement.

Mr. Smith, who was only 50 years of age, was steward of the Wilts Friendly Society; member of the church choir; chief fireman of the Bratton Fire Brigade; ex-churchwarden; and member of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers; and out of respect a muffled peal was rung on the church bells after the service.

Beautiful wreaths and floral emblems to the number of about 40 were sent by sympathetic friends.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The eighth annual commemoration dinner to the memory of the late Jasper Whitfield Snowden and past officers of the Yorkshire Association will be held at the King's Head Hotel, Change Alley, Sheffield, on Saturday, Sept. 21st, when the chair will be taken by the Venerable John Russell Darbyshire, M.A., Archdeacon of Sheffield, at 6 p.m. prompt. The bells of the Cathedral (12) and St. Marie's R.C. (8) will be available from 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Good accommodation provided for visitors staying overnight if desired. — Sidney F. Palmer, 87, Bradley Street, Crookes, Sheffield.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637). — Meeting for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 26th, at 7.30 p.m. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District. — The annual district meeting will be held at Hythe on Saturday, September 21st, by kind permission of Rev. Chestel de Boinville. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea and business meeting. Election of officers for the coming year. A good attendance is requested. All ringers welcome. — A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — The Crawford Silver Cup Competition will be held at East Markham, near Tuxford, on Saturday, Sept. 21st. First company drawn to take ropes at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting to be held after contest. Bells available to all ringers immediately after contest. All ringers welcome. Good attendance requested. Good bus service: from all directions. — R. W. Stockdale, 34, High Street, Ordsall, Retford, and H. Revill, Hon. Secs.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Western Division. — A meeting will be held at Barking on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea in Municipal Restaurant 5.15 p.m., 1s. per head. This meeting has been specially arranged in conjunction with the Week's Hallowing Services held in connection with the restoration of the ancient Abbey Church of St. Margaret's. All ringing friends cordially invited. — E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch. — For the quarterly meeting to be held on Sept. 21st the following three towers will be visited: Rampisham, Evershot and South Perrott. A charabanc will call for ringers at Bridport 2 p.m., Bradpole 2.10 p.m., Netherbury 2.20 and Beaminster and Stoke Abbott 2.30 p.m. — T. Hervey Beams, Hon. Sec., Bradpole, Bridport.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. — The next meeting will be held at Brinklow, near Rugby, on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock at a moderate charge. — D. E. Lewis, Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Beddington on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Tower open for ringing 3 o'clock. Service 5 p.m. Tea following.—D. Cooper, Hon. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Battle on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, by kind invitation, at 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow.—G. W. Stokes, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

DEVON GUILD.—North-Eastern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stoodleigh on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea, 1s. each, 5.15.—M. Hanson, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Caldicot on Saturday, Sept. 21st (St. Matthew's Day). Bells (8) available all the afternoon. Meeting at 4.30, followed by tea and service at 6 p.m.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Barley on Saturday, Sept. 21st. The bells (6) will be available at 3 p.m. A short service will be held at 4.30 p.m.—Donald C. Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Offley, Hitchin.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Arborfield, Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells from 3 o'clock. Short service 4.30. Barkham bells also available. All welcome. Tea at 5.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Ormesby on Saturday, Sept. 21st. The bells of the Parish Church (8, tenor 18 cwt.) available for ringing all the afternoon. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea will be provided. Members 1s., non-members 1s. 3d.—T. Metcalf, 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Chesterfield District of the above association will be held at Bolsover on Saturday, Sept. 21st.—J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's Deane on Saturday, September 21st. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

ABBOTT'S LANGLEY.—Saturday, September 21st. Ringing from 3.30. Cheap tickets from London to King's Langley and buses from Watford at intervals.—C. H. Horton, Bushey.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Sandy on Saturday, September 21st. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Tea at 5 p.m. at the Rectory. All ringers welcome. Good train and bus service.—C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wednesday Guild.—A meeting will be held at St. George's Church, Jesmond, on Wednesday, September 25th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Blackburn Cathedral on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Further particulars by circular.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Denford (6) on Saturday, September 28th. Usual arrangements.—J. Nickerson, Halford Street, Thrapston.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Conisborough on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells ready early. Will all members please make a special effort to be present? Tea will be provided to those who notify M. Fowler, Clifton Terrace, Highfield Road, Conisborough, not later than the 26th.—Percy Gledstone, Hon. Sec., 34, Silverwood View, Conisborough.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672).—A meeting of the above will be held at Southwell Minster on Saturday, September 28th. Tower open 4.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berkshire Branch.—Autumn meeting at Milton on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Those requiring tea please notify A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The Autumn meeting of the above branch will be held at Henley on Saturday, September 28th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Ringers service at 6. All ringers welcome. Please notify me by Wednesday, September 25th.—F. W. Hopgood, Hon. Branch Sec., 75, Kensington Rd., Reading.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The next meeting will be held at East Molesey on Saturday, September 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Names of those requiring tea to be sent to Mr. F. Brown, Cul-de-Sac Road, E. Molesey.—H. Hancock, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Hunslet on Saturday, September 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Methods for practice, Grandsire and Stedman Triples.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Thurlaston on Saturday, September 28th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. A good attendance is hoped for at this meeting, all ringers being cordially welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, September 28th at St. Dunstan-in-the-East, Eastcheap, London. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. until 8.30 p.m. Meeting, tea etc., at 5. Every one welcome.—J. A. Waugh, Dis. Sec., 8, Fullers Road, E.18.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks & South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Cookham on Saturday, September 28th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Guild service 5. Tea by kind invitation 5.30. Send your name to T. J. Fowler, Ship Lane, Cookham, by 25th if you are coming.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of the Derby and Burton districts will be held at Alrewas on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Tea at George and Dragon (1s. 3d. per head). It is essential that those requiring tea must notify me by 25th inst. at latest. Will members please make a special effort to attend and ensure a successful meeting? Bus leaves New Street Park at 2.40 p.m. and train leaves Burton 3 p.m.—John Leach, 4, Vernon Terrace, Burton.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Autumn meeting at Tushingham, Saturday, September 28th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Will those requiring tea please let me know by the 24th?—J. W. Clarke, Eccleston, Chester.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch. — A meeting will be held at Luppitt, near Honiton, on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (6), also Honiton (6) and Ottery St. Mary (8) available. Service 4.30. Tea 5. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells available: Norman Tower (10) and St. Mary's (8), Bury St. Edmunds, Horringer (8), and Fornham St. Martin (6). All ringers welcome. — J. Chinery, Dis. Sec., 51, Garland Street, Bury St. Edmunds.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting at Egbaston Parish Church on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Business meeting to follow tea. Please notify me by Wednesday, 25th, without fail. — Thomas H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry will be held at Ickleton, Cambs, on Saturday, 28th inst. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify Mr. P. Webb, Ickleton, Great Chesterford, Essex. All ringers are welcomed, even experts.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

NORFOLK AND SUFFOLK GUILDS.—A joint meeting will be held at Bungay on Saturday, September 28th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea will be arranged for those who notify me by the 25th. A good attendance is requested.—E. R. Goate, Queen's Road, Beccles.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Harwich on Saturday, September 28th. Service at St. Nicholas' 4.30. Tea 5.15, 1/3 each. All intending to be present will they please notify me not later than Tuesday, September 24th? —R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Rd., Colchester.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will hold a quarterly meeting and six-bell contest on Saturday, September 28th, at Friezland Greenfield, near Oldham. Draw to take place at 2.45 p.m. Will those requiring tea, 1/6 each, send word not later than September 23rd, to L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax?

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of the Bristol and Wotton-under-Edge branches will be held on Saturday, Sept. 28th, at Alveston and Thornbury. Service and tea at Alveston. Ringing after tea at Thornbury. All ringers welcome. Bus leaves Centre, under the Clock, 2.15 p.m.—Harry Bennett, Hon. Sec.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Wombourn on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells available from 3. Service in church at 4.45. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Please send word not later than 24th inst. Reports are ready.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The 52nd annual meeting will be held at Durham on Saturday, September 28th. Festival Service in the Cathedral at 1 o'clock, with address by Rev. G. W. Froggatt, Vicar of Stockton. Committee meeting at 11.45 and dinner at 2 at the Three Tuns Hotel. The bells of the Cathedral (8), St. Oswald's (6), and St. Nicholas' (6) will be available. Will those intending to be present please advise me not later than the 24th?—George S. Taylor, Secretary, 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

CLAVERLEY, STAFFS.—The peal of 8, tenor 17 cwt., restored and augmented by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston, will be dedicated on Sunday, 29th inst., at 3 p.m. Visitors will be welcomed.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The autumn meeting will be held at Wingham (8) on Saturday, Oct. 5th, by the kind permission of Rev. Taylor. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea provided for those who notify me on or before Thursday, Oct. 3rd. Half fares up to 2s. paid to members attending this meeting. — Percy W. Smith, Hon. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Shipbourne on Saturday, October 5th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea (free) after service, at the Club Hall, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the Dis. Sec. not later than Oct. 1st. A good attendance of members is desired.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Singleton on Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 10, Warbree Road, Blackpool.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—Fred Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Guildford District; SURREY ASSOCIATION (Central District).—Joint Meeting at Guildford, Saturday, October 5th. Bells of the Cathedral Church available 2.45 to 4.15 p.m.; S. Nicolas', afternoon and evening. Service at S. Nicolas' at 4.30. Please send numbers for tea to G. L. Grover, Merrow Cottage, East Clandon, near Guildford, by Monday, September 30th.—G. L. Grover; D. Cooper, 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—General quarterly meeting at Lutterworth, Saturday, October 5th. Bells (8), also Bitteswell (6), available during afternoon. Lutterworth is on L. & N.E. main line. Trains leave Leicester 12.55, 3.50. Committee meet 4.15 in Church Hall. Tea (1/3 per head) at Coach & Horses Inn 5.15, followed by meeting. Lutterworth is famous for John Wycliffe's relics, the great reformer and bible translator. It is essential that those requiring tea advise Mr. E. W. Tipler, 22, Baker Street, Lutterworth, not later than Thursday, October 4th.—Ernest Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The annual dinner will be held at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, on Saturday, Nov. 9th, at 6.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

NOTICE.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Overton, Saturday, Sept. 28th.—D. L. Board, Hon. Sec.

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