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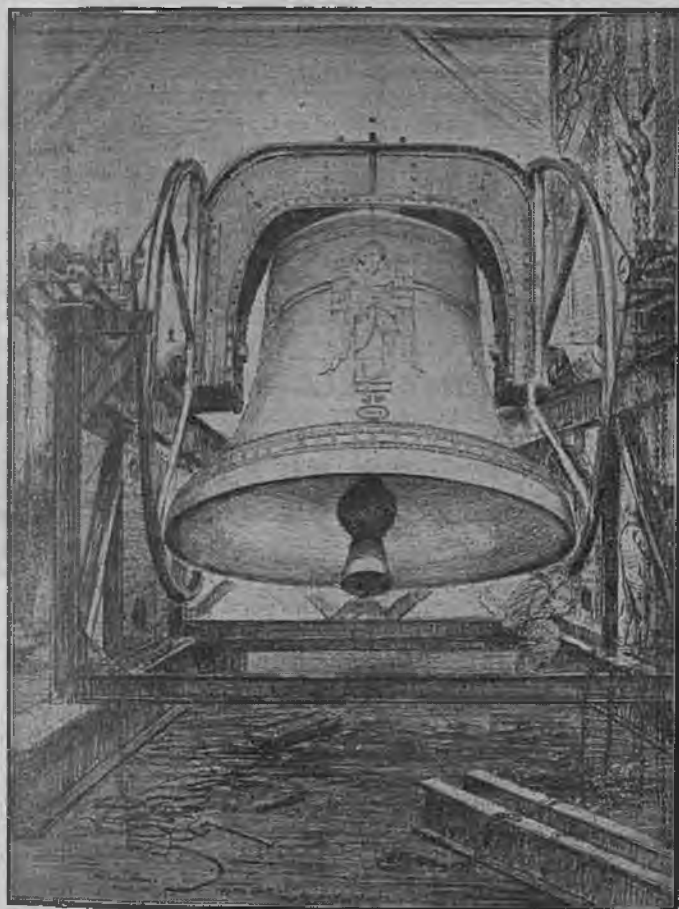
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THE COUNCIL'S JUSTIFICATION.

We remarked last week that if for no other reason than that a considerable programme of publication was decided upon, this year's meeting of the Central Council was productive of work of real value to the Exercise. The 'Collection of Minor Methods,' which in past years has given rise to some lively debates, first in regard to nomenclature and afterwards on the question of what should be recognised as a peal of Doubles and Minor, is at length to go to the printers; there is to be issued a revised edition of the booklet on 'The Preservation of Bells and Fittings,' and, in addition, the Council decided upon the publication of the report of the Legal Committee, which was presented last year and which is an authoritative review of the laws affecting church bells and of the legal position of ringers in their relation to Church authorities.

The republication of the 'Collection of Minor Methods' has been long delayed, and its appearance in the near future should be welcome to the five and six-bell ringers, for whose benefit the Methods Committee have taken untold pains and spent a vast amount of time, to give them not only a new print of an old work, but to amplify its scope and make it, within its limits, exhaustive. To such an extent has the old book been expanded, that the cost of production had seriously to be debated by the Council, which, of course, has not got unlimited resources. Having, however, made up its mind that it was able to afford the outlay, the Council undoubtedly did the right thing in deciding to publish the complete work in one volume, and when it makes its appearance we hope the Exercise at large, and not only the six-bell men, will support the Council's enterprise and quickly buy up the edition.

The other two publications which are to be issued are to be published largely, if not entirely, without cost to the Council, thanks to the generosity of some of its members, and through them ringers and others interested in bells will have at hand two important and valuable pamphlets. The immediate appearance of both of them might not have been possible had it depended upon the Council's funds, but by the private action referred to delay has been obviated, and it is in the best interests of the Exercise that it has been. Those who are fond of asking what is the good of the Central Council would do well to ponder upon whether the Exercise would have been anything like so well off for text books and printed information, if there had been no Council? Who would have undertaken the issue at any price—let alone cost price—of the many useful books which the

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Council has been able to bring out? Who would have been prepared to shoulder the risk—let alone the work—of publishing such books as 'The Glossary,' the collections of peals in the various methods, and the collections of methods themselves? No one but a body like the Central Council could have entertained it; and in what the Council has done in this direction alone can be found full justification for its existence. This part of the Council's work has advanced the interests of the Exercise to an enormous degree.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, June 21, 1930, in Four Hours and Three Minutes,

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

Tenor 50 cwt.

ALBERT W. COLES Treble	JAMES BENNETT 7
GEORGE R. PYE 2	WILLIAM BOTTRILL 8
CHARLES T. COLES 3	WILLIAM PYE 9
MRS. RICHARD F. DEAL 4	HAROLD W. CLARK 10
SIDNEY T. HOLT 5	REUBEN SANDERS 11
ALFRED E. REEVES 6	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

TEN BELL PEAL.

HATFIELD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 21, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ETHELDREDA,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5138 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt.

*FREDERICK CULL Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
*JAMES G. DUNHAM 2	P. SERGI. A. LAWRENCE ... 7
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 3	ALBERT R. LAWRENCE ... 8
WILLIAM H. HEWITT ... 4	JOHN T. KENTISH 9
*SIDNEY W. CULL 5	†LESLIE W. LAWRENCE ... Tenor

Composed by G. T. DALTRY. Conducted by W. H. HEWITT.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal on the ten bells since their augmentation from an octave. The two trebles are the gift of the Bishop of Exeter (Lord William Gascoyne Cecil) in memory of his three sons who fell in the war.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

TURVEY, BEDS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 7, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

JOHN J. MAWBY Treble	AMOS SMART 5
HENRY W. GAYTON 2	JAMES T. WARD 6
JOHN R. MAIN 3	THOMAS R. HENSHER 7
HENRY STAPLETON 4	ANDERSON Y. TYLER ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH AND OLDHAM AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, June 11, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK, GLODWICK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

E. B. SHAW Treble	*C. H. MARSLAND 9
H. BARLOW 2	V. SYKES 6
B. THORP 3	W. E. HOWORTH 7
C. E. PLATT 4	J. WARBURTON Tenor

Conducted by B. THORP.

* 50th peal. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. Isaac Schofield, who had been a ringer at the above tower for the last 17 years.

PENSNETT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, June 14, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mark,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Groves' Transposition of Parker's Twelve-Part.

JOSEPH FLAVELL Treble	ALFRED FALLON 5
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 2	ALBERT D. COLLINS 6
HAROLD L. FLAVELL 3	HARRY BOSWELL 7
HERBERT E. BOOTH 4	JAMES SHAW Tenor

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. William Dovey, of Wombourn company.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 14, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in G.

WILLIAM E. TAYLOR Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY 5
HUGH J. BALCOMBE 2	HARRY W. SMITH 6
GEORGE MARTIN 3	*RICHARD G. RICE 7
THOMAS S. GOODCHILD 4	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Composed by FRED A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First peal in the method. Specially arranged for ringers of 2nd and 7th. This was Mr. Henley's 200th peal.

LYDD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 14, 1930, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

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

Tenor 15½ cwt.

ALBERT RELFE Treble	HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHREY 5
CHARLES H. SONE 2	HARRY BAKER 6
MRS. H. BAKER 3	THOMAS E. SONE 7
CHARLES W. PLAYER 4	KENNETH PATTENDEN Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

First peal of Double Norwich on the bells. Rung in honour of the 50th anniversary of ministry by Canon Collins, Vicar of Lydd.

BIRSTALL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 14, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

*FRANK ELLIS Treble	THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY 5
CHARLES E. LAWSON 2	HARRY MARSDEN 6
WILLIAM CLARK 3	FREDERICK W. DIXON 7
WILLIAM H. SENIOR 4	HERBERT PEEL Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON

* First peal in the method.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 14, 1930, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

HARRY OVERTON Treble	HAROLD EDWARDS 5
HARRY F. HOLDING 2	ALBERT J. HUGHES 6
RICHARD D. LANGFORD 3	EDWARD JENKINS 7
RICHARD T. HOLDING 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

All the band are employees of the L.M.S., and this is the first peal of Surprise by all railwaymen. First peal of Cambridge Major in the tower.

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DEPTFORD.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 14, 1930, in Two Hours & Forty-Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original.

Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDERICK J. HURRELL ... Treble	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES 5
JOHN J. LAMB 2	ERNEST B. CROWDER 6
CHARLES ELLIOTT 3	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH 7
WILLIAM A. MARTIN 4	ARCHIBALD F. BENNINGTON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.

This peal was rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Dorothy West and George Stanley, the eldest son of Mr. Frederick William Richardson.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 14, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD LANKESTER ... Treble	ALBERT W. COLES 5
CHARLES T. COLES 2	JAMES BENNETT 6
GEORGE M. KILBY 3	HARRY KILBY 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kilby, on the occasion of their silver wedding, with the good wishes of all the band, who were afterwards entertained by the 'happy pair.' Quickest peal of Major on the bells.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, June 14, 1930, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*RICHARD DIVALL ... Treble	GEORGE LAMBERT 5
*JAMES W. KNIGHT 2	ERNEST J. OLIVER 6
*ALBERT E. LAKER 3	WILLIAM D. ASHDOWN 7
ERNEST J. LADD 4	REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by R. V. JOHNSON.

* First peal of Bob Major.

DORE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 14, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

*ALBERT HELLIWELL ... Treble	*ERNEST COOPER 5
*GEORGE CLARK 2	JOHN R. BREARLEY 6
WILLIAM A. WOOLER 3	JOHN A. BREARLEY 7
J. EDWARD CAWSE 4	*PERCY GLEDSTONE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method in the county. 50th peal as conductor. Rung as a compliment to Messrs. H. Walker, of Doncaster, and E. Cooper, of Bentley, on the occasion of their respective weddings.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 16, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ROBERT HEAZEL ... Treble	CHARLES T. COLES 5
FRANK Y. RINGE 2	ERNEST J. BUTLER 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	JAMES BENNETT 7
ERNEST W. FURBANK 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD.—At St. Mary's Church, after Confirmation service, on Thursday, May 29th, by Bishop Lander, 720 Oxford Bob in 27 mins.: R. T. Newman 1, H. Gates 3, H. Golding 4, J. Floyd 5, W. Shepherd 6, A. V. Good (conductor) 7, E. J. Wynne 8.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*ARTHUR PAYNE Treble	WILLIAM H. BARBER 5
JAMES GRAY 2	*DAVID VINCENT 6
*WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON 3	J. E. R. KEEN 7
*JOHN ANDERSON 4	ADAM DEAS Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

* First peal of Double Oxford. Rung after meeting short for Superlative Surprise, Mr. Gray kindly making up the band at the last moment.

USK, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 21, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

EDWARD H. STADLING ... Treble	GEORGE HAWKINS 5
EDGAR W. LOFF 2	EX-SERGT. J. WILLIAMS 6
ARTHUR HAWKINS 3	CHARLES GREEDY 7
GEORGE WENT 4	DONALD G. CLIFT Tenor

Conducted by C. GREEDY.

Arranged for ex-Serjt. J. Williams, of Newent. Rung after meeting short for Bob Major.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 21, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

GEORGE GREEN Treble	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5
PERCY GREEN 2	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 6
WILLIAM LINCOLN 3	*ERNEST BRIGHT 7
THOMAS LINCOLN 4	ARTHUR HEAD Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the septcentenary festival of the Parish Church of All Saints, Writtle, where, owing to serious illness near the church the peal could not be attempted. Also rung on the 27th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. Keeble. The band desire to thank the Vicar of Galleywood, the Rev. A. F. Roughton, for allowing the peal to be rung at very short notice.

CALDICOT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 21, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM PIKE Treble	PERCY JONES 5
SYDNEY T. RACKHAM 2	GEORGE POPNELL 6
TOM FORD 3	ALBAN E. SLATTER 7
JOHN W. JONES 4	BERT WEAVER Tenor

Conducted by ALBAN E. SLATTER.

Specially arranged to mark the esteem in which he is held, and rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. John Phillips, one of the association's keenest and enthusiastic members, which took place that day at St. John's Church, Cardiff, the band wishing him and his wife long life and happiness. Prior to the peal, the band were most kindly entertained to tea by the Vicar of Caldicot, who wished the peal would be successful for this very special occasion.

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 21, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in F.

*ARTHUR NEWELL Treble	†JAMES F. SMITH 5
G. RONALD EDWARDS 2	GEORGE R. JONES 6
WALTER J. BATTLE 3	LESTER L. GRAY 7
JOHN COOKE 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE (No. 9). Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

* First attempt for a peal of Surprise. † First peal of 'Old' Cambridge. Fiftieth peal as conductor. G. R. Edwards' 50th peal, of which 42 have been rung with the conductor.

HARBORNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 21, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT Treble	*HAROLD F. MARTIN 5
ARTHUR J. MARTIN 2	WILLIAM BROWN 6
*GEORGE E. FEARN 3	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 7
JOSEPH H. COX 4	HECTOR G. BIRD Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by WM. B. CARTWRIGHT.

* First peal of Major. First peal in the method as conductor.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(TAUNTON DEANERY.)

On Saturday, June 21, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

SYDNEY A. WYATT Treble	ARTHUR REED 5
*DUDLEY F. SHELDON 2	JAMES HUNT 6
†THOMAS W. HANCOCK 3	WILLIAM H. LLOYD 7
ALFRED J. WYATT 4	PERCY MERSON Tenor

Conducted by W. H. LLOYD.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal. First peal of Triples as conductor. Rung to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the coronation of King George V. 50th peal together by Messrs. A. J. Wyatt and P. Merson.

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 21, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

*PERCY H. WALKER Treble	JAMES H. RIDING 5
†ALAN M. HICKMAN 2	RICHARD T. HOLDING 6
†WILLIAM J. CHESTERS 3	WILLIAM WEATHERBY 7
HARRY F. HOLDING 4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD. Conducted by E. V. RODENHURST.

* First peal. † First peal in the method away from the treble. ‡ First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. A birthday peal for the ringer of the 6th, and Harry Overton, of Crewe. Rung after meeting short for Oxford Treble Bob. The band, together with the local ringers, were afterwards hospitably entertained to tea in the Village Hall.

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EWELL, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 21, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	GEORGE W. STEERE 5
C. ERNEST SMITH 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 7
GEORGE WILSON 4	ALFRED H. POLLING Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING

50th peal together by A. H. Pulling and C. E. Smith.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

In Saturday, June 21, 1930, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

WILLIAM FISHER Treble	HARRY BOSWELL 5
HAROLD L. FLAVELL 2	*ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 6
HERBERT E. BOOTH 3	ALFRED FALLON 7
ALBERT D. COLLINS 4	JAMES SHAW Tenor

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

* 50th peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Ivy M. Greenfield, daughter of the conductor.

NORBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 21, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

*PETER LAFLIN Treble	*JAMES FERNLEY, SEN. 5
WILLIAM FERNLEY 2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 6
ERNEST BENNETT 3	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 7
JAMES FERNLEY, JUN. 4	*EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal in the method.

WINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 21, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. Treble	FREDERICK A. COLEY 5
ROBERT COLLINS 2	EDWARD J. BEER 6
FREDERICK G. BRETT 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 7
JOHN WHEADON 4	WILLIAM J. BEER Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

ORMESBY, YORKSHIRE.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 21, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

H. TAYLOR Treble	THOMAS LANCASTER 5
G. KEMBALL 2	W. BROADLEY 6
THOMAS METCALFE 3	J. CYRIL POLLARD 7
J. W. DOWSON 4	LOCIAN VENUS Tenor

Conducted by J. C. POLLARD.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 21, 1930, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

THOMAS R. HENSHER Treble	JAMES T. WARD 5
WALTER PERKINS 2	JOHN R. MAIN 6
JOHN J. MAWBY 3	GEORGE BASFORD 7
HARRY CHAMBERS 4	ANDERSON Y. TYLER Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.

First peal in the method on the bells. The ringer of the treble has now rung each bell in the tower to a peal.

REVELSTOKE, NOSS MAYO, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, PLYMOUTH.)

On Saturday, June 21, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*CHARLES HOLMES Treble	WILLIAM HAMLYN 5
WILLIAM RUNDLE 2	THOMAS G. MYERS 6
JOHN GLOYAS 3	GEO. HARRY MYERS 7
ALFRED MITCHELMORE 4	GEORGE MARSHALL Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

* First peal on eight bells. First peal on eight bells as conductor and first attempt.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ST. NICOLAS' SOCIETY.)

On Sunday, June 22, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

ERNEST DUMFER Treble	CHARLES J. FRAY 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	JOHN R. RODWELL 6
WILLIAM ROWE 3	WILLIAM T. TUCKER 7
WALTER G. ROWE 4	OWEN H. GILES Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung in honour of the 19th anniversary of the King's coronation, also as a golden wedding peal to Sir William and Lady Portal, of Laverstoke, Hants, Sir William having been a life member of the Guild for many years. The above band are all Sunday service ringers at this church.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

DEEPPING ST. JAMES, LINCOLNSHIRE

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 7, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in eleven methods, viz., (1) Morpeth, (2) Alnwick, (3) Northumberland, (4) Norwich, (5) Norfolk and Primrose, (6) Ipswich and Cambridge, (7) London, Cuckeastro and Wells.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*CHARLES E. BLACK Treble	JAMES OSBORN 4
JOHN W. LAKE 2	ALBERT S. ALLEN 5
THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE 3	HORACE M. DAY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

* First peal.

WATERINGBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Whit Monday, June 9, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently.

EDWIN BROMLEY Treble	ALAN BROMLEY 4
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 2	REGINALD E. LAMBERT 5
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT Tenor

Conducted by R. T. LAMBERT.

MINCHINHAMPTON, GLOS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Whit Monday, June 9, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*H. PERLPS Treble	F. PONTING 4
†P. PONTING 2	H. BARRETT 5
*T. PRICE 3	†E. BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by F. PONTING.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal. Rung as a compliment to ringer of 2nd on reaching his 17th birthday.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 10, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
At the Parish Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Munden, Hexham, Surfleet, Chester, Berwick, Beverley and Carlisle. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*COLIN RYDER Treble	HAROLD CHANT 4
WILLIAM GREEN 2	ARTHUR GILL 5
ARTHUR PANTHER 3	ALBERT NASH Tenor

Conducted by A. NASH.

* First peal of Surprise Minor, and first on the bells. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Colonel J. E. Knight, a churchwarden at the Parish Church, who died on the 8th inst. The ringers wish to thank Canon Morgan for the use of the bells, and Mr. Ryder for making the band up at short notice and having everything ready for them.

WETHERSFIELD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 11, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, Plain Bob, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOSEPH JENNINGS... .. Treble	WALTER SMITH 4
BERNARD W. PETTITT 2	ERNEST TOWNSEND 5
ALBERT CATTERWELL... .. 3	OLAVE E. BROYD... .. Tenor

Conducted by OLAVE E. BROYD.

Believed to be the first peal ever rung in the tower.

BUSHBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, June 12, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two extents, ten different callings.

*RAYMOND F. BLACKWELL Treble	JAMES SEAW 4
HERBERT E. BOOTH 2	ALBERT FALLON 5
ALBERT D. COLLINS 3	HARRY BOSWELL Tenor

Conducted by A. D. COLLINS.

* First peal. This is the first peal on Bushbury bells for approximately twenty years.

SUTTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 14, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ERNEST HEAPY Treble	*STANLEY NOBLE... .. 4
WILFRED STEVENSON 2	JOHN WORTH 5
JACK TIPPER 3	WILLIAM GAYES... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal.

GLINTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 14, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Benedict,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Double Court, one of Plain Bob, two of Cambridge Surprise, and one each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

STANLEY W. THOMPSON ... Treble	FRANK ROWLINSON 4
WILLIAM ROSE 2	HORACE M. DAY 5
JOHN J. JUTSON 3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

The ringer of the tenor hails from Croydon, and was elected a life member of the Guild before starting. It was his first peal in five methods.

ASH PRIORY, SOMERSET.—On Tuesday, June 10th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Minor (1,260 changes), being 720 Kent Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob: B. T. Jeanes 1, E. Branchflower 2, F. Branchflower 3, W. H. Lloyd (conductor) 4, J. Newlick 5, H. Sealy 6. Longest length for ringers of third and fifth.

YARDLEY HASTINGS, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 14, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

FRED WOODING Treble	ALBERT MINNEY 4
HARRY PETTIT 2	AMOS SMART... .. 5
WILLIAM STOCK 3	HARRY WOODING Tenor

Conducted by AMOS SMART.

H. Wooding has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

BRIGSTOCK, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(THRAPSTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 14, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four six-scores of St. Simon's, 14 of Plain Bob, and 24 of Grandsire. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb

*JOHN A. SANDERS Treble	*PERCY HECTOR 3
*JOHN W. ALLEN 2	†FREDERICK TOOLEY 4
†W. REGINALD BUTCHER ... Tenor	

Conducted by W. R. BUTCHER.

* First peal. † First peal in three methods. First peal to be rung on these bells by the local band, who are all Sunday service ringers.

CRATFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 14, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven different extents, two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

ALFRED H. WATSON Treble	HARRY HALL 4
ALPHÆUS J. BERRY 2	JOHN HALL 5
DAVID CRACKNELL 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

Rung as a compliment to G. A. Blaxcell, who had long wished to ring a peal upon these, the bells of his native village, which are one of the finest peals in six in the county.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, June 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Twenty Nine Minutes,

At the Residence of Mr. J. Bray,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 11½ in F sharp.

*HARRY CARTER 1-2	JACK BRAY 5-6
FRANK LORD 3-4	BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. ... 7-8

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by J. BRAY.

* First peal 'in hand.' Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Enid Bray.

CRAMLINGTON, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD.)

On Saturday, June 21, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At West Cramlington No. 2 Pit (Hartley Main Coal Co., Ltd.),

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN ANDERSON... .. 1-2	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON... .. 5-6
WILLIAM H. BARBER 3-4	ROBERT S. ANDERSON 7-8

ADAM DEAS 9-10

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

Referees: J. E. R. KERN and OSWALD SIMM.

This is the first peal rung in a coal mine. It was rung in the low main seam at a depth of 441 feet.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.**CIRENCESTER RINGERS' ANNUAL OUTING.**

The annual outing was held on Whit Monday. The first stop was Ledbury, where the party were met by Mr. Dance. The bells, a fine peal of eight by Rudhall, were raised in peal. Several touches of Stedman and Grandsire were brought round. Malvern was the next place of call, after a splendid run over the Malvern hills. Worcester was then visited, where the company, who were met by Mr. Jeffries, were fortunate in getting permission for a ring on the Cathedral bells, and touches of Grandsire Cinques were rung. The next move was to Pershore, where, on arriving, the company partook of tea at the Angel Hotel. At Evesham they were met by Mr. J. D. Johnson, and several touches were rung on the bells, a fine peal of ten. After a short stop at Cheltenham, home was reached at 10.30 p.m. The thanks of the ringers are due to the Dean of Worcester, Rev. Carnegie, of Ledbury, and the Vicar of Evesham, for the use of the bells, and to Messrs. Dance, Jeffries, and Johnson, who met the company and helped to make the outing such a success. The ringers also wish to thank Mr. F. Edwards for the excellent arrangements which made the outing so successful and enjoyable.

ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY'S LONG DAY.

The above society held their annual outing on Saturday, June 21st. Arriving at Braintree by 8 a.m., where breakfast was waiting at the Nag's Head, Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Essex Association, and Mr. Lewis W. Wiffen, welcomed the visitors, both standing in to a course of London Surprise Major. This was followed by a course of Cambridge Surprise Major on the 'all of a family' bells at Great Dunmow, at Bishop's Stortford a well-struck course of Cambridge Surprise Royal and a course of Superlative Surprise Major at St. Mary's, Harlow. After dinner at the Green Dragon, a splendid course of Cambridge Surprise Maximus was rung, and was repeated at Chelmsford, where the visitors were again met by Mr. L. W. Wiffen and other members of the Essex Association, who had just rung a peal of Superlative at Galleywood. Double Norwich, Stedman, and/or Grandsire were also rung at each steeple. All agreed this was an outing par excellence, about 150 miles in 18 hours.

The society thank all incumbents and steeplekeepers for having everything in readiness.

TRURO CATHEDRAL RINGERS VISIT EXETER.

Although most of the Truro Cathedral ringers have many towers to ring at before they complete the 137 or so with a ring of bells in their own county of Cornwall, it has long been their desire to visit Exeter Cathedral and ring on the noble twelve. This was the main objective selected for the annual outing on Whit Monday. Soon after 7 a.m., the appointed time of departure, a party of twenty-seven was en route for Exeter, Truro's neighbouring cathedral city. Lunch was enjoyed in picnic style, and Exeter was reached at 12.30 p.m. The party arrived at the Cathedral at 12.45 p.m. precisely, as arranged, and were welcomed by Messrs. Gardner, Davey and Truman. They were soon in the ringing chamber, and after pulling the bells up rang rounds on the twelve, Grandsire Triples on the back and 'Thomas' eights, and also the 'Stafford' ten to rounds, the two youngest members, aged twelve and fourteen, acquitting themselves splendidly. One wonders if they are the youngest to ring in this tower, at least on the twelve. As a ring, these bells are certainly wonderful, and after one visit it would certainly be very unwise to say that the much praised 11th is a better bell than Grandison, the tenor, or the two trebles. After a hurried look around the interior of the Cathedral, the party made for St. Sidwell's, where they were welcomed by the Rector, the Rev. A. Lanyon Owen. They found a very handy ring of ten, which, as the numerous peal boards in the ringing chamber suggest, have been used to the fullest advantage. After a pull the ringers bade farewell to Mr. Gardner, who made them feel quite at home at this tower also. The next place visited was Torquay. Here no ringing was done, but a couple of hours enjoyed in the sun. The party arrived at Truro again at 11.30, tired, but nevertheless chattering of the 200 miles that had been covered, the places visited and the ringing done.

Thanks are especially due to the Dean of Exeter and the Rector of St. Sidwell's for the use of their bells, Mr. Gardner for acting as pilot at Exeter and allowing the ringers to view the Cathedral bells, and the Dean and Chapter of Truro Cathedral for again making such a long journey possible.

BISHOP STORTFORD COMPANY'S DAY OUT.

On Whit Monday, the Bishop's Stortford company and friends to the number of 30 had their annual outing, when they rang at Watford and Tilehurst in the morning, and after lunch at Reading rang at St. Mary's and Caversham, before proceeding to Hatfield. They reached home at 11 p.m. after a very enjoyable day, and wish to thank all those who welcomed them and had everything ready at the various towers which they visited.

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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? 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 ring of ten bells at St. Michael's, Coventry, were rung for the last time on June 28th, 1885, the previous peal on the bells having been rung two years earlier. The risk of damaging the fabric of the beautiful spire was the reason for ceasing ringing, and the bells have now been formed into a carillon. The 'battle' in the Consistory Court against breaking up the old bells is still fresh in the memory of the majority of our readers.

Elijah Roberts, one of the greatest exponents of 'tapping' that the Exercise has known, tapped a peal of Stedman Cinques at Birmingham on June 30th, 1883, the peal being conducted by Henry Cooper.

The first peal of Grandsire Cinques 'in hand' was rung at Birmingham on July 2nd, 1886.

Mr. Noel E. Hope was ordained at Chichester Cathedral last week and is taking up a curacy at the Church of St. Mary Magdalen, St. Leonards-on-Sea.

Mr. W. L. Gutteridge, of Stoke Poges, is lying in Windsor Hospital, having been involved in a serious motor-cycle accident at Gerrard's Cross, as a result of which his left leg is broken.

The peal of Stedman Triples rung at Staplehurst on June 7th was the 50th peal together by Mr. and Mrs. H. Baker and T. E. and C. H. Sone.

The ring of ten at Truro Cathedral were dedicated twenty years ago last Saturday (June 21st, 1910). Amongst the many noted ringers present were the Revs. J. F. Hastings and E. V. Cox, Messrs. J. R. Newman, C. H. Hattersley, B. Prewett and R. Stavert, of whom some are fallen asleep. Methods rung were Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Kent Treble Bob Royal and Bob Royal.

Of the present company, only one member can remember this great day. Next year the 'coming of age' of the bells falls on a Sunday, and it would be splendid if the present keen band could (perhaps with assistance) repeat these methods.

The order for the recasting of the peal of eight at Ilfracombe Parish Church and the rehangings with new fittings in a new cast-iron framework has been entrusted to Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

At a meeting of the Council of the Library Association, on Friday last, Mr. J. S. Pritchett was appointed honorary legal adviser to the association in place of Lord Macmillan, who had resigned on being raised to the peerage as a Lord of Appeal in Ordinary.

'HENERY THE EIGHTH.'

Mr. Editor.

Dear Sir,—I see as how there be zum fellars as have rung a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Neots, Hunts, and as how one of 'em had the nerve to call 'isself Henery the Eighth.

You moight be good enough to tell all they blokes as writes to you that there be only one Henery the Eighth, and if they wants to know who he be, it be I. Him as rung a peal at Shiplake, that topper as was referred to in your paper a few weeks ago.

You can tell 'em to come down here, and that Lunnon bachelor as well, and we'll let 'em know who Enery the Eighth be.

FLIPPY GILLIE.

Barkshire.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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FUNDS HELPED BY INCREASED FEES.

The hon. treasurer presented the accounts, which had been audited by Messrs. A. A. Hughes and A. Paddon Smith. The balance at the bank at the beginning of year was £31 19s. 6d. The receipts included a donation from the Rev. Teape of £1 1s.; affiliation fees, arrears 7s. 6d., current year 17 at £1, 5 at 15s., 10 at 10s., 16 at 5s., £30 2s. 6d.; interest on stock £5; total £68 3s. The expenditure had been £13 14s. 1d., leaving a balance at bank of £33 5s. 6d., and cash in hand £16 3s. 5d. Last year, the Treasurer said, he pointed out that they were year by year sliding down in their balance, and they agreed that the affiliated associations should pay more. The receipts this year had therefore jumped up accordingly, and they got about £29 in fees. He explained that the donation from Mr. Teape was received in return for advice and services which he (the treasurer) had been able to give in connection with the recasting of some bells. Two associations, he added, had not paid their annual subscriptions, viz., the Doncaster and District Society and the North Wales Association, but they had new associations in the Romney

THE NEW PRESIDENT.



Mr. E. H. Lewis, who succeeds Canon Coleridge as President of the Central Council.

Marsh and District Guild and the Oxford Society. They now had three societies from that ancient city—the Diocesan Guild, the University Guild and the Oxford Society.

The balance sheet was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Paddon Smith. The auditors were also thanked for their work.

The Librarian presented his report (already published in 'The Ringing World'), and added that while the book, 'Model Rules for a local company,' was out of print he had several applications for copies, but since the revised issue had been completed, very few applications for it had been received. It was a most valuable little work, which was published at 6d., and he hoped the members of the Council would do their best to secure its sale, so that the copies were not left upon his shelves.

Replying to Mr. Coles, the Librarian said he was always pleased to send out the Council's publications 'on sale or return' to responsible officials of an association, but last year very little return in cash was received from this source. The report was adopted.—At a later point in the meeting the Librarian stated that the amount received for the sale of publications by associations was 4s. 9d.

HONORARY MEMBERS RE-ELECTED.

The following honorary members retired from office this year, and were re-elected on the motion of Mr. A. L. Coleman, seconded by Mr. J. George: Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Messrs. J. A. Trollope, J. Griffin, E. A. Young, J. S. Goldsmith and C. F. Johnston. The Rev. A. T. Beeston also retired, but did not seek re-election, and the vacancy thus created was left open in case of emergency.

THE CARTER RINGING MACHINE.

The Council came next to deal with the report of its various committees. The Hon. Secretary, for the Standing Committee, said there was very little to report. They had had a meeting that morning and an interim meeting last November. He had done his best to obtain cheap travelling facilities for members of the Council, and many of them had availed themselves of the opportunity, but they had not sold the one hundred tickets which the united railway companies stipulated they should do. It therefore remained to be seen whether they would grant them the same facilities next year. With regard to his trusteeship, with the Rev. Davies, of the Carter ringing machine, he had to report that on the previous Sunday for the first time the machine was officially inspected by members of the Council and ringing friends, about 20 of whom assembled in the Science Museum at South Kensington. The machine was set working, and he explained it. They had scrapped the old battery of gongs and had got a new set of bells, given by Mr. Hughes. These were connected electrically with the machine, which, unfortunately, was in some respects beginning to show signs of wear. Two friends of theirs, Mr. George Fardon and Mr. Sharman, had devoted many hours trying to see what could best be done to adjust the wearing parts. On Sunday it almost rang a plain course of Stedman Cinques, but it did not come round. That, of course, was disappointing, but there was the machine; it was in good hands, and if they could only afford at some day to lay out £15 or £20 and overhaul the machine and have some of the cams and clicks renewed, it would be as good as it was in dear old Mr. Carter's time. Continuing, Mr. Young said the members of the Standing Committee who were up for re-election were Canon Coleridge, Revs. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Canon Elsee, C. D. P. Davies, H. Law James, Alderman Pritchett, Messrs. Cockerill, Hughes, Griffin, Young, Cave, Coles, and Paddon Smith. The Rev. A. T. Beeston, being no longer a member of the Council, could not be re-elected.

Replying to a question, Mr. Young said the president was an ex-officio member.

On the motion of Canon Baker, seconded by Canon Elsee, the report was adopted, and on the motion of Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, seconded by Mr. W. Willson, the Standing Committee were re-elected, with the addition of the conveners of committees who were not already members of the Standing Committee.

TREBLE BOB PEAL COLLECTION.

For the Peal Collection Committee, the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson reported that the only work in hand was that of proving the peals of Treble Bob Major with tenors parted, the chief interest of which was the development of the long length. He had got the manuscript almost complete, and he hoped it would be typed very soon. A suggestion was made—he forgot from what source—that Mr. Carter's peals should be edited and published by the Council. It would be a very good thing to do, but he thought the Council as a Council could hardly undertake the publication of any individual's compositions. Some opinion was expressed that the collection of Stedman Caters and Cinques compositions should be published.

The Hon. Secretary said the suggestion was not received in formal terms, and he simply sent the letters on to Mr. Richardson.

Mr. Sedgley said in the Suffolk Guild they would welcome the republication of Mr. Carter's 'Broadsheet.' It could not now be obtained, and its republication would prevent it being lost.

Rev. E. S. Powell said Mr. Carter's 'Broadsheet' was in the library, so that the peals could not be lost to them.

Mr. G. R. Newton urged that something should be done to publish the collection of peals of Treble Bob which were now in the library only in typed volumes. They should be placed within the reach of all ringers in a convenient form.

The President said it was a question of expense, and Mr. Newton's suggestion had better be left over until they had dealt with the Methods Committee's report and saw what was to be done in another direction.

The report was adopted on the motion of the Hon. Secretary, seconded by Mr. Coles; and on the proposition of Mr. Hunt, seconded by Mr. Hughes, the committee was re-elected as follows: Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Rev. E. S. Powell, Mrs. Fletcher, Messrs. J. A. Trollope, H. W. Wilde and J. W. Parker.

REACHING A NEW PUBLIC.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards presented the following report for the Literature and Press Committee:—

A general survey of literary publications during the past twelve months shows the last two months to have been the most interesting portion of that period from the ringer's point of view. In the 'Church Times' of May 30th a whole column was occupied with an article headed, 'Of Bells and their Music.' Commencing with the

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statement, 'He who would write the history of bells would come near to writing also the history of civilisation,' the writer proceeds to refer to the part played by bells in public rejoicing, of which he says: 'A great occasion would, indeed, be emptied of half its colour without the jangling clamour of the bells.' Then in the May number of 'The Accessory,' a journal for the Radio and allied industries, appears the first of a series of some twenty articles on 'The History of Bells,' by Mr. J. R. Nichols, author of 'Bells through the Ages.' The same author has contributed other articles on bells to various trade journals, which are of exceptional value by reason of their reaching quite a new public, whose interest must often be stimulated by the fact that they are so completely taken by surprise. Who, for instance, would ever have expected to pick up a publication entitled, 'The Tractor,' and find himself reading a vivacious article on 'Bells'? Another contribution from Mr. Nichols was published in 'Musical Opinion,' while, at the request of the editorial manager, a member of the Literature and Press Committee contributed an article to the 'Musical Standard' of April 21st on 'Some Musical Aspects of Change Ringing.' And last, but by no means least, the ringers' own journal, 'The Ringing World,' has attained its thousandth issue. The committee confidently anticipate the time when their successors on the Literature Committee will make a note of its jubilee year of publication. A most interesting discovery had been reported in the columns of 'The Ringing World' by Mr. J. Perry, namely, that of an old book published in the eighteenth century, which contains an article on change ringing with a detailed description of a spliced method.

Occasional complaints about bells, continued the report, have found a place in the public press. Mr. C. E. C. Kendie wrote to the 'Daily Mail' last summer stating his objection to Lewisham bells. In that case the laudable energy of the ringers appeared to have encouraged the wholesome practice of early rising, as the writer said: 'On Monday, June 3rd, the bells began at 6 a.m. . . . I got up, went to the church and protested to the chief bellringer.' Apparently what he protested against was the ringing of the bells in honour of the King's birthday. As the circumstances of last year gave exceptional occasion for public rejoicing at the preservation of His Majesty's life, the aggrieved correspondent could not be congratulated on the choice of a felicitous occasion for his protest. His attention might well be directed to the example of our gracious King, who recently signified his pleasure at hearing the bells of Windsor Parish Church rung for the Easter Festival after a temporary silence. Another newspaper correspondent made a complaint about St. Clement Danes' bells. His letter evoked a spirited reply from the Rector of that church, who aptly emphasised the fact that many members of the legal profession had contributed to the restoration of the bells. The 'Daily Telegraph' brought the matter to a satisfactory conclusion with a powerful leading article in defence of bells. One, Francis E. Trotter, had perpetrated in 'Everybody's Weekly' an article on 'Bells that make our Sundays hideous and our nights intolerable.' Evidently this gentleman would have found a kindred spirit in a certain Fellow of a college at Cambridge, mentioned by the late Oscar Browning, who seriously proposed that the college clock should cease to strike! At the same time there is no doubt that much needless annoyance is caused by the injudicious use of single bells, and it is in the interest of ringers to exert their influence on the side of strict moderation in such use.

The carillon installed in Hyde Park had received frequent attention on the part of the press. A regular contributor to the columns of the 'Church Times,' under the heading of 'The Humanities,' referred to it in appreciative terms, but concluded his remarks with the commendably English sentiment, 'For my own part I prefer the merry clangour of our native ringers.'

FORTUNE FOR A BELL TRUST.

Mr. C. H. Howard said, although it did not, perhaps, come within the scope of this report, he would like to mention that he had received information that Miss Barron, who had previously created a trust for assisting in the restoration of bells, had by her will left a sum of some forty thousand pounds for the benefit of the trust, which would add about £2,000 a year to the fund.

Canon Coleridge said a good many present might like to know that Mr. Ernest Morgiss' wonderful new work, a survey of ringing, was to appear at the end of this month, the only thing that remained to be done being to make an accurate index, on which he was now engaged. He (the speaker) believed there were the names of hundreds of ringers mentioned, many interesting photographs, one of them being that of the members of the Council assembled at Chester. He believed there were about 122 pictures altogether. The work, from what he had heard and seen of it, would be of intense interest to every ringer. It would be rather expensive, but he hoped that ringers who could not afford to purchase it would ask the Library Committee of their own town to obtain it and put it in the public library. The book would contain a great deal of sound knowledge which had never been put before ringers before. Library committees of town councils were only too glad to have suggestions.

A member remarked that the committee's report contained no reference to the complaints made in the press in regard to a peal of Double Norwich Royal rung at Westminster last year, and which emphasised the great need there was of care in regard to ringing peals in churches near hospitals.

The report was adopted on the motion of Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by Mr. J. George, and the committee was re-elected as follows, with the addition of Mr. C. H. Howard: Rev. F. L. Edwards, Messrs. A. Paddon Smith, J. S. Goldsmith and W. Willson. Rev. A. T. Beeson and Mr. G. P. Burton, being no longer members of the Council, were not re-elected.

The sub-committee who had revised the rules for a local company (Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Canon Elsee, Mr. Elwell and Mr. Wilde) was dissolved, and the committee thanked for the work they had done.

THE COLLECTION OF MINOR METHODS.

The Rev. H. Law James, reporting for the Methods Committee, said the Council would remember they arranged a year ago to print the 'Collection of Minor Methods,' but this had not yet been done because the expense of printing the book was so great in its full form that the publication could only be done at such a price that there would be, they were afraid, very little sale for it. As they had got so near to the time when the Council were going to meet again, it was decided to wait and ask the Council whether they would publish the whole thing at a cost of something like £68, or would divide it into two portions and publish it in two parts, the first part consisting of the methods only, and the second part consisting of the compositions. In view of the cost, to make it pay the charge would have to be about 3s. per copy if it were printed in one part.

Mr. A. P. Smith asked if the committee had got an estimate of the cost of printing it in two parts? If not, he suggested that the matter should be deferred until they had done so.

Mr. J. A. Trollope said the question of obtaining an estimate was not the committee's job; that belonged to the Standing Committee. The Methods Committee's job was to prepare the book, which they did, according to the standard which they set down for themselves. It was to be a complete book, and it was exhaustive. Mr. Young obtained for the Standing Committee an estimate for printing, and the committee demurred to the cost. The Methods Committee came to the conclusion that if they were going to print a book like that for the six and five-bell ringers, they must not have a book so costly that people could not buy it, and they decided that on the whole it would be better to divide it into two portions. It could not be divided into equal parts. The first part of the book would be a little less than two-thirds of the whole, and would contain a lead of all the six-bell methods which were considered to be regular, and a selection of five-bell methods; also the amended list of alternative names, the alphabetical list of the methods, and one or two other things. Among the methods, there was a complete list of Alliance and Little Minor methods, which were now very little rung, and which would introduce a new style of six-bell ringing. The committee considered that they could not omit so much as a single comma, if the thing was to be understood and useful and exhaustive. The second part consisted of the compositions and the appendix which they were last year authorised to include.

Mr. Willson suggested that before any expense was incurred, the societies should be approached and asked for a guarantee to take a certain number of copies, otherwise they would saddle the Council with an expense equal to two years' income.

(To be continued.)

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES BRANCH.

The monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at the Parish Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Urchfont, on Saturday, June 7th. Ringing during the afternoon was followed by the Guild service, conducted by the Rev. G. E. Lewis (priest-in-charge), who also gave an interesting address based on Daniel iii. 5. Miss Edwards was the organist.

Tea followed in the New Hall, which has been erected entirely by voluntary labour by the residents of the village.

A short business meeting followed, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham presiding. He extended a hearty welcome to the visitors, Messrs. George Poppail, of Bedwellty, Mon, E. Woodroff and N. Allnutt, Swindon.

On the motion of the Chairman, a vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. G. E. Lewis, to the organist and to those who prepared the tea.

Ringers were present from Urchfont, Aldbourne, Bratton, North Bradley, Devizes St. John and St. Mary, Melksham and Trowbridge, and touches of Grand sire Doubles and Triples, Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Major were rung during the day. Ringing also took place at Market Lavington.

Urchfont possesses a peal of eight bells, tenor 21 cwt. The following description of the church is from 'Highways and Byways of Wiltshire': 'The noble church of St. Michael is a remarkably fine decorated work not too well restored, and yet by no means spoilt, for much of it remains untouched. A thirteenth-century church seems to have stood here, and this was rebuilt in the earlier half of the fourteenth, first the transept, then the chancel, then the south aisle, then in the fifteenth century the nave was attached and porch, and, last, the tower was added. The most interesting part of the church is the chancel of three bays, with its heavy buttresses and great stone vault.'

NEW PEAL OF 10 FOR IRELAND.

INSTALLED AT WEXFORD BY CROYDON FOUNDRY.

Five months ago Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., were asked to examine the bells at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Wexford, and to report on their condition to the Rev. John Sinnott, administrator.

The bells consisted of a diatonic eight, tenor 29 cwt., hung for ringing, with a flat second hung dead for tune playing. The tenor was cracked, and the others so badly out of tune that it would have been impossible to retune them satisfactorily. The frame, in two tiers connected one to the other, was of extraordinary height, being some 22 feet from the bottom sills to the bearing points of the top tier.

It was evident that the bells had not been rung for many years owing to these conditions, and as a result of the long inaction the fittings had become dilapidated and dangerous. Eventually it was decided to recast all the bells into a ring of ten, and hang them with



The tower of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Wexford, where the new ring of ten bells has been opened.

new fittings throughout in a new metal frame, and to provide a chiming apparatus so that the bells could be either rung or chimed, and the order was given on condition that the whole contract was finished by May 25th.

The whole work has now been carried out, the metal of the old peal being distributed throughout the recast peal, the tenor of which weighs over 31 cwt.

It was on Sunday morning, May 25th, just three months after the order had been given, that the bells were inaugurated by chiming for the mid-day Mass, while in the evening at the close of the annual three weeks' men's mission an hour's demonstration of chiming and tune playing was given by Mr. S. R. Roper, the representative of the bell founders.

There was an assembly of 7,000 men in the precincts of the church, and the beautiful tone of the bells evoked the admiration of the entire audience. A further demonstration was given on Friday, May

30th, when the Papal Nuncio, the Most Reverend Paschal Robinson, O.F.M., visited Wexford to receive the freedom of the borough. This ceremony took place in the churchyard before a crowded assembly, and the enthusiasm of this Irish Catholic community was a most impressive spectacle to the privileged visitors.

From the ringers' point of view, however, Whitsun Saturday and Sunday were the great days. There is not a single ringer within 20 miles of Wexford, and accordingly arrangements were made to bring a representative band from Dublin. The ringing was arranged primarily for the purpose of testing the tower under ringing conditions, and after a few short touches the architect expressed himself thoroughly satisfied that the ringing bells had no effect on the stability of the tower, and considered that the frame provided all that engineering principles demanded. After this test a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,331 changes) was rung in fifty minutes by: P.C. R. S. F. Murphy 1, G. G. Lindoff 2, G. Lindoff (conductor) 3, T. McMorran 4, W. H. Wilson 5, E. Lutman 6, J. A. Atkinson 7, A. L. Murray 8, G. Wilmet 9, J. W. Townley 10.

Among other ringers taking part in the proceedings were Messrs. Lynch, Hogan and Kennedy, of Dublin, S. R. Roper, of Croydon, and Lungley, of New Ross. London ringers will recognise in the last-named an old Rochester Row ringer, and it is hoped that he will consent to teach a band to ring the new bells.

The volume of sound of the bells proved a revelation to the people in Wexford, and one old gentleman could scarcely believe that the ten bells could be rung by ten men, as he stated that the old eight bells required 17 men to ring them. The 'go' is all that can be desired, while the beautiful tone of the bells is a delight both to the inhabitants and ringers alike. They are pronounced to be equal, if not superior, to any ring of ten in Ireland, and Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., are to be heartily congratulated on this latest example of their craft.

The Dublin ringers wish to place on record their appreciation of being chosen to carry out the opening ringing on these bells, and their thanks are due to the Rev. John Sinnott, and the founders who defrayed the entire cost of their visit.

It is hoped to attempt a peal on the bells in the near future.

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NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.

The annual festival of the North Bucks Branch was held at Whaddon on Saturday, June 7th, and the weather being fine quite a large gathering was attracted, nearly a hundred being present. The following towers were represented: Bletchley, Beachampton, Bradwell, Fenny Stratford, Loughton, Maids' Moreton, Newport Pagnell, Stony Stratford, Swanbourne, Simpson and the local ringers, with visitors from Central Bucks Branch and the Beds Association. The bells were set going about 2.30 p.m., and service was later conducted by the Vicar of Whaddon (Rev. E. A. Selby Lowndes). The Guild form was used, and an eloquent address was delivered by the Rev. Wynne (Vicar of Grendon Underwood), and much appreciated by all.

The members were afterwards the guests of Col. W. Selby Lowndes, who had made arrangements for tea to be supplied on the lawn of Whaddon Hall, situated amidst beautiful surroundings, and where a complete view of the historic Whaddon Chase could be obtained.

After tea the business of the branch was transacted, the Rev. L. Moxon (chairman of the branch) presiding.

The Secretary (Mr. W. Sear) gave a brief account of the work of the branch during the past year, and explained the financial position, which was considered very satisfactory, grants up to £10 having been made, and a balance of £12 4s. maintained.

The election of officers resulted in both the Rev. L. Moxon and Mr. W. Sear being elected chairman and secretary respectively.

The Master (Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) addressed the meeting, expressing his appreciation of the healthy condition of the North Bucks Branch, and specially remarking on the good attendance of the clergy. Mr. E. T. Hibbert also spoke a few words of good advice.

The Rev. L. Moxon proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to Col. W. Selby Lowndes for his kind hospitality. The grounds were open to members to walk round, and proved a great attraction. The bells were also kept going, the methods rung during the afternoon ranging from Grandsire and Stedman Doubles to London Surprise Minor.

WEDDING OF A WELL-KNOWN SUFFOLK RINGER.

On Saturday, June 14th, a wedding took place at St. Peter and Paul's Church, Lavenham, between Mr. William R. J. Poulson, a well-known ringer, and Miss Elizabeth C. Mills, both of Lavenham. The bride was given away by her brother. Mr. Lawrence Poulson, brother of the bridegroom, and also a ringer, acted as best man. As the happy pair left the church, the bells were thrice 'fired,' followed by a merry touch of Grandsire Triples. The bridegroom, who is deputy conductor at Lavenham tower, has rung upwards of 100 peals, and has a large circle of ringing friends in Essex and Suffolk. He is an adept, whether at the 'big' or 'little' end, his striking being an example for any young ringer. Mr. and Mrs. Poulson were the recipients of many useful presents, including one from the Lavenham ringers.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. PRESENTATION TO HON. SECRETARY.

The annual meeting of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association held at Northallerton on Whit Monday was a record in more ways than one.

The attendance was greater than that for many years past, representatives attending from Middlesbrough, Skelton, Ormesby, Stockton, Darlington (St. John's, St. Cuthbert's, and Holy Trinity), Selby, Thirsk, Ripon, Sharow, Tadcaster, West Hartlepool, and the local band, in addition to a visitor from the Lancashire District.

All had gathered to do honour to the ever-popular and enthusiastic secretary, Mr. Thomas Metcalfe, who, on that day, celebrated the 21st anniversary of his appointment. The presentation, consisting of a gold watch and chain with ringer's badge, and also a cheque for 26 6s., was made at the Primrose Cafe, when over fifty members and friends were present.

The President, in proposing a vote of thanks to Mr. Metcalfe for the valuable services he had rendered the association and the art in general during his years of office, mentioned that the secretary, in addition to being secretary and treasurer, had acted as Ringing Master, and, more often than not, president as well. Mr. Metcalfe's peal list was a formidable one, and had been performed in many and various towers of the association, but his chief forte lay in his work of teaching learners, a thing which many of the other leading ringers seem to ignore. Most of the members there owed their success in the art to Mr. Metcalfe, and the president voiced the opinion of the meeting when he declared that but for the work of the secretary the association would have died. Mr. Pollard also referred to Tom's famous 'bark,' but everyone agreed with him that the 'bark' was worse than the 'bite'—a fortunate thing for most of them. He gave a statement of the presentation fund which had been subscribed by 191 members and friends.

Vice-President Newton, in seconding the motion, dwelt on his many happy recollections of good times spent with Mr. Metcalfe, and touched the meeting by his sincerity and deep regard for the great and happy friendship he had enjoyed.

Mr. Pickering, a representative of the Tadcaster tower, eulogised Mr. Metcalfe's services to the association, and dwelt specially on the assistance he had rendered the Tadcaster band in their hard and uphill fight to gather together a useful company.

Mr. Robson (secretary of the Eastern Division of the Durham and Newcastle Association) accorded the thanks of the life members to Mr. Metcalfe for the way he had helped the younger members in the art.

Mr. Porter, of Darlington, one of the original members of the association, and one of Mr. Metcalfe's oldest friends, then made the presentation, which was accorded musical honours.

Mr. Metcalfe expressed his thanks in a few homely words, and gave some amusing reminiscences of his many adventures in pursuit of his favourite hobby.

At the annual meeting which followed, the secretary's report was presented, showing a continued run of successful and happy meetings and useful work performed by the association. The balance sheet showed that the funds were in a healthy condition. The first certificate under the Sunday service ringing scheme was awarded to the Middlesbrough tower, and the Ripon band received the second certificate. Meetings for next year were fixed for Guisborough in the autumn, Richmond pre-Lent, and the annual meeting at Thirsk on Whit Monday.

The service held in the Parish Church was attended by all the ringers, and the Vicar of Northallerton gave an inspiring address and welcome to the ringers, making special reference to the unique ceremony which was to be performed that day.

Photographs of the gathering and of Mr. Metcalfe were taken by Mr. Venus, of Darlington.

The peal of eight was kept going from an early hour till late at night in the various methods, ranging from Grandsire to Superlative, a special feature of this meeting being the number of young ringers present, who were made heartily welcome.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. PEAK DISTRICT.

A pleasant meeting was held at Eyam, on Saturday. About twenty-five ringers and friends were present from Bakewell, Baslow, Castleton, Dore, Eyam, Fairfield, Hathersage, Manchester, Matlock and Tideswell, and good use was made of the pretty light ring of six, tenor about 8 cwt., from 3 to 7 p.m., all the standard methods being made use of, and the ringing being concluded by a well-struck 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor by: V. Dane (Eyam) 1, Rev. W. P. Wright (Eyam) 2, F. Barker (Eyam) 3, F. Sheldon (Baslow) 4, A. G. Wallace (Bakewell) 5, J. E. Lewis Cockey (Dore) (conductor) 6.

At the kind invitation of the Rev. W. P. Wright, tea was partaken of at Godber's Cafe. After tea, a short business meeting was held, at which eleven members were elected, subject to confirmation at the next general meeting. Nine of these were from Fairfield (Buxton), which tower had expressed a wish to join en bloc, and were given a hearty welcome. The remaining two were Messrs. D. Carey and G. Thorpe, of Dore, the latter of these being 10½ years of age, who has to be placed on a stool to reach his bell, but who rang the treble through three courses of Grandsire Triples and Plain Bob quite creditably. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Dore on July 19th.

A cordial vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. W. P. Wright for his kindness in making all the arrangements, and for his generosity in providing tea and in opening his beautiful grounds to those present—an addition to the usual programme which always makes visits to Eyam so attractive.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

A joint meeting of the Dorchester and Wimborne Branches was held at Milton Abbey on Saturday, 120 members and friends attending. At 2.30 p.m. some members soon got the bells in motion. The following towers were represented: Bournemouth (St. Peter's and St. John's), Bradford Peverell, Bere Regis, Dorchester, Charborough, Fordington, Milton Abbey, Poole, Puddletown, Childs Okeford, Kingston Magna, Okeford Fitzpaine, Shroton, Sydling, Upwey, West Lulworth, Warham, Wimborne and Wyke Regis, and welcome visitors from Devizes in the persons of Mr. C. D. Heginbotham (chairman of Devizes Branch) and son. Four clergy accompanied their ringers.

At 4.30 the party assembled at the Abbey, where an inspiring service was held, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. C. J. Ellwood), and by request the Vicar of West Lulworth (Rev. C. D. Job) gave the address, in the unavoidable absence of the Master (Rev. R. H. Gundry). The organist (Mr. S. Sweetapple) presided at the organ, and the ringers' hymn, 'Unchanging God Who liveth,' set to the bell music, was sung for the first time in the Abbey, and the organist played the bell anthem as a voluntary. An al fresco tea followed in the grounds of the Hambro Arms. At the business meeting the Rev. C. D. Job was in the chair in the absence of the chairman (Mr. R. N. Dawes). Apologies for absence were received from the Master (Rev. R. H. Gundry), the general secretary (Rev. F. L. Edwards), Messrs. R. N. Dawes (chairman) E. Hutchings (Abbotsbury), R. Hawkins (Frampton), H. A. Runyard (Wool), and W. Cheater (Ringwood). Mrs. E. F. Middleton and Miss L. R. Clapcott (Bradford Peverell) were elected hon. members. It was left in the hands of the hon. secretary to arrange the next meeting at Bere Regis. The secretary was asked to write to Mr. T. Hervey Beams, sympathising with him in his illness.

Rev. C. A. Phillips proposed, and Rev. Wynn Wernick seconded, that a comprehensive vote of thanks be given to all concerned. The large party visited the Abbey gardens. Afterwards the Dorchester party visited Hilton and enjoyed a ring on this handy six in which the lady ringers took part. The Bournemouth and Poole party went to Puddletown and indulged in some nice touches of Minor and Doubles, and here the two parties met again, after having spent a most enjoyable day.

THE DEVON GUILD.

A meeting of the North-East Branch of the Devon Guild was held on Saturday at Cruwys Morchard. A good muster of ringers attended, and some very good ringing was done. The bells are a nice peal of six, with the tenor about 15 cwt. A service was held in the church, and the Rector gave an excellent address. After tea, the business meeting was held, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and passed. New members were appointed, and all the band of Cruwys Morchard.

A SUFFOLK ANNIVERSARY.

A very pleasant gathering took place at Lavenham on Saturday last, this being the 119th ringing anniversary. Upwards of 40 ringers were present from the following places: Ipswich, Colchester, Halstead, Sudbury, Long Melford, Coggeshall, Mistley, Stowupland, Glemsford, Groton, Finborough, Monks Eleigh, Little Waldingfield, Shipley (Yorks), and the local band. Everyone present obtained a pull on this far-famed peal. Many touches were rung in the following methods: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich. The Maldon (Essex) band, who had been touring Suffolk and Norfolk, were unfortunate in arriving at Lavenham just as the bells were being lowered.

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

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SWINDON, WILTS.—On Sunday, June 22nd, at the Parish Church, for the annual service of the Wiltshire Bowling Association, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,257 changes): R. G. Townsend 1, E. Bishop 2, R. W. Hyner 3, W. W. T. Daniels 4, H. W. Bishop 5, E. J. Berry 6, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 7, W. B. Kynaston 8, S. Palmer 9, W. A. Bullock 10.

NOTTINGHAM.—On Sunday, June 22nd, for evening service, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich (1,280 changes) in 49 mins.: J. E. Hobbs 1, F. A. Salter 2, F. Bradley 3, N. Hemmington 4, L. Chadburn 5, J. A. Barratt 6, Geo. West 7, Sam Pinder (conductor) 8. First quarter in the method as conductor. Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. H. R. Cobbin, Ringing Master of the above company.

SEVENOAKS.—In the garden of the Vine House, on June 22nd, a quarter-peal of Bob Major in hand by the following: *Dr. E. L. Taylor 1-2, E. H. Lewis 3-4, Stephen H. Wood (conductor) 5-6, *Stafford H. Green 7-8. * First quarter-peal in hand.—At St. Nicholas' Parish Church, for evening service, on June 22nd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Dr. E. L. Taylor 1, H. B. Baker 2, Stephen H. Wood 3, P. Turley 4, D. Ford 5, S. H. Green 6, E. H. Lewis 7, F. Paige 8. Conducted by Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council).

PAIGINTON.—At the Parish Church, for evensong, on Sunday, June 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 47 mins.: F. Allwood 1, H. G. Lewis 2, H. H. Fearn 3, T. S. Collings 4, A. L. Pope 5, F. E. Parnoll 6, C. R. Walker (conductor) 7, H. J. Hole 8. Arranged for Mr. Fearn, who hails from Smithwick.

LONDON.—On Sunday, June 22nd, at the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, E.C., for evensong, 1,120 Spliced Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major: H. Belcher 1, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 2, G. H. Cross 3, J. H. Crampion 4, W. H. Hewett 5, E. F. Pike 6, W. Williams 7, J. E. Davies 8.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—On Sunday, June 15th, for evening service, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 43 mins.: Dr. E. L. Taylor (conductor) 1, W. Latter 2, C. Collinson (first quarter-peal in the method) 3, S. H. Green 4, W. Collison 5, A. Richardson 6, H. Markwell 7, A. Mayes 8.

WINDERMERE.—On Sunday, June 15th, for evensong, at Windermere Parish Church, 672 Grandsire Triples in 27 mins., with the bells fully muffled, as a token of respect to Sir H. Segrave and Mr. V. Halliwell, who lost their lives under such tragic circumstances on Lake Windermere on Friday, June 13th: E. Hadwin 1, H. Richardson 2, H. Woodburn 3, G. Sutton 4, T. Jefferson (conductor) 5, J. Tebay 6, F. Wilson 7, W. Walker 8.

OXFORD.—At St. Ebbe's Church, on Sunday, June 8th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes) for morning service in 41 mins.: Jack Harris 1, W. Henagough 2, F. Taylor (conductor) 3, F. Beckitt 4, W. H. B. Wilkins 5, F. White 6, F. A. H. Wilkins 7, G. Horwood 8. Arranged for Mr. F. White, of Cranbrook, who was spending a week-end in Oxford.

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SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Established 1623).—The 307th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Friday, June 27th. Bells (12) available from 9 a.m. All visitors welcome.—Leonard E. Pitstow, Hon. Sec., 21, Debden Road, Saffron Walden.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The summer meeting of the Cheltenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association will be held at Dumbleton on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 (by invitation of the Rector, Rev. Collens Ashwen). All welcome.—Walter Yeend, Branch Hon. Sec., Millfair, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Longwood, near Huddersfield, on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea provided at a charge of 1s. 3d. per head.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Sutton Coldfield, on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Tea at 5 (1s. 3d. per head).—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Clement Danes', Strand, W.C., on June 28th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Service 5 o'clock, followed by tea and business meeting. Gentlemen cordially invited.—F. E. Orr, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Laitwood Road, Balham, S.W.12.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The first general quarterly meeting will be held at Duffield on Saturday, June 28th. Bells (10) open for ringing during afternoon and evening. Committee meet at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in Church Hall, followed by general meeting. Special business to be discussed, so turn up in crowds!—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (East Berks and S. Bucks Branch) and **MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION** and **LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD** (South and West District). A joint meeting has been arranged on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available; Old Windsor 3.30-4.30 p.m. and after tea; Wraysbury 3.30. Guild service 5. Tea in the Scouts' Hall, Wraysbury, 5.45, at 1s. 3d. per head.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION and **LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—Next meeting at Stanmore on Saturday, June 28th. Bells from 3. Service at 5. Tea, usual terms, at 5.30. Please advise me if you are coming. Harrow Weald bells available after tea, if required.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held on Saturday, June 28th, at Hartfield. Tower opened 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Hon. Sec., Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Rishton on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Shipham on June 28th. Bells open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow. Recently affiliated tower. Please attend.—L. G. Tanner, 51, Locking Road, Weston-super-Mare.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—An invitation meeting will be held at Brabourne on Saturday, June 28th, by kind permission of Rev. S. K. Lockyear. Service at 5. Tea at 6 o'clock. Motor bus will leave College Road at 2.30. All ringers invited to attend.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Southminster on Saturday, June 28th. A short service in the church 4.45 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. A bus will leave Chelmsford at 2 p.m. (Baddow Road Corner). The towers of Tillingham and Burnham-on-Crouch will be open during the afternoon and evening.—A. E. Coombs, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A combined practice will be held at Worplesdon on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available at 3.30 and after tea. Tea at 5 p.m. at the Rectory, by kind invitation of Rev. J. C. and Mrs. Bruce.—W. R. Melville.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the branch will be held at St. Katherine's, Savernake Forest, on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m.—Cyril Hussey, Hon. Sec., East Leaze, Baydon, Marlborough.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Aysgarth, Wensleydale, on Saturday, June 28th, when the peal of six bells will be available for ringing. Tea will be served at the George and Dragon Hotel at a charge of 1s. 6d. each.—J. W. Addison, Northern Division Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Newbury Branch) & **WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD** (Andover Branch).—A joint meeting of the above Guilds will be held at Highclere on Saturday, June 28th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Curtis and the Rev. H. Sears, Hon. Secs.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A district meeting will be held at Bentley on Saturday, June 28th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting at Linden Cottage.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Don't miss Barkway on Saturday, June 28th. The peal of 8 will be available at 3 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at Wheatsheaf. Come along and make the attendance a record! All visitors welcome.—D. C. Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Offley, Hitchin.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Woburn on Saturday, June 28th. The bells (8) will be available from 2.45 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High St. N., Dunstable.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Balderstone on Saturday, June 28th.—W. Horan, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Blackrod on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on July 3rd, 17th and 31st. *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 8th, Southwark Cathedral on the 10th, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 22nd, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 24th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual summer festival will be held on the Thames-side, with Egham as the centre, on Saturday, July 5th. Egham bells available from 2.30; the bells of St. Mary's, Staines, will be available during the afternoon and evening and St. Peter's, Staines, 6.30 to 8.30. Service 4.30 at Egham, followed by tea. Ladies are particularly asked to attend, as their annual business meeting will be held after the tea. All intending to be present must notify G. L. Grover, Merrow Cottage, East Clandon, Guildford, by Tuesday, July 1st. All visitors will be welcome.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry will be held at Soham, near Ely, on Saturday, July 5th. Bells (10) 2.45 p.m. Please try and attend this meeting. P.C. will oblige, and also help to make arrangements.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec. and R.M., Ashcroft, Mill Road, Over, Cambs.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Swynnerton on Saturday, July 5th. Will all who intend to be present please inform the Rev. J. B. Frith, The Rectory, Swynnerton, near Stone, Staffs, on or before July 2nd?—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will take place at Lichfield on Saturday, July 5th. Bells, St. Mary's (8), St. Michael's (6), from 3 o'clock. Tea (1s. to fully paid up members, to others 1s. 6d.) at Wade Street School, at 5 p.m., to be followed by the general meeting. Subscriptions are now due. Please send word by Tuesday, July 1st.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will hold their annual meeting and a six-bell contest at Sandal, near Wakefield, on Saturday, July 5th. Draw to take place at 2.45 p.m. Will those who require tea, 1s. 6d. each, please send not later than June 30th, to L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax?

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—A district meeting will be held at Leiston on July 5th. Bells available 2.30. Tea will be provided. Please notify by July 1st. All ringers welcome.—C. F. Bailey, 20, Haylings, Leiston.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Southampton, Saturday, July 5th. Executive Committee at 11.30. General meeting 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. in St. Mary's Church. Three towers of 8 bells available. Tea at 5 p.m., Chantry Hall. Replies, Mr. W. T. Tucker, 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

—The annual meeting will be held at Minehead on Saturday, July 5th. Bells available: Minehead (10), Dunster (8), Carhampton (6) from 2.30 p.m. Evensong 4 p.m. Preacher: The Rector of Porlock. Tea and meeting at the Gymnasium, Bancks Street, 5 p.m. Members requiring tea please notify me by July 1st.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton, Bath.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bowdon and Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Marple on Saturday, July 5th (instead of June 28th). Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Will those requiring tea please inform Mr. J. B. Wood, Norbury Smithy, Marple, near Stockport, before July 2nd?—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Collingtree on Saturday, July 5th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Business: Election of officers. Please notify me not later than Tuesday, July 1st, who require tea.—T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Trowbridge on Saturday, July 5th. Bells (10) ready 3 p.m. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Business meeting follows tea. All ringers welcome.—F. Green, Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Summer Festival will be held at Cardington on Saturday, July 5th. The bells will be available at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at the King's Arms at 5 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Withernsea on Saturday, July 5th. Bells (6) available from 2. Short service in church at 4.30. Tea, served in the Select Café, Queen Street, at 5. Those requiring same are requested to notify Mr. H. S. Webb, 10, Seacroft Road, Withernsea, not later than Thursday, July 3rd. Business meeting to follow. For further particulars see circular.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at Bebington on July 5th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. Will those who intend to be present please let me know soon?—H. S. Brocklebank, Sec.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting and shield contest will be held at South Kirkby on Saturday, July 12th. Draw takes place at Church Institute at 2.45 p.m. Ringing commences immediately afterwards. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. A. E. Harrison, 74, Mill Lane, South Kirkby, Pontefract, not later than Wednesday, July 9th?—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 12th. Service in Cathedral at 11.15. 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 8th; 2s. 6d. on day of festival; 3s. to non-members. Will all members who intend being present please send for tickets, as it means easy working for organisers and caterers?—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting will be held at Linton on Saturday, July 12th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service at 4.45, followed by tea (kindly provided by the Vicar) and business meeting. All ringers welcome. Please notify me not later than Wednesday, July 9th.—C. S. Sone, Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Odiham on July 12th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Business meeting follows.—D. L. Board, Hon. Sec., Basingstoke District.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Ruislip on Saturday, July 12th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Cheap tickets are issued on the District and Metropolitan Railways. Tea arranged as usual. All ringers and friends welcome.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on July 12th at the Parish Church, Llanfagan. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec., Belle Vue, Brecon.

LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Bristol on Saturday, July 12th. Fuller particulars later.—E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The annual invitation meeting will be held at Ardleigh on Saturday, July 12th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Mr. Newth's room. All wishing to attend will they please notify me not later than Tuesday, July 8th?—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—Meeting at Seaford, Wednesday, July 16th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (by kind invitation of Thomas Fisher, Esq.). Those desiring tea must notify the undersigned not later than Friday, July 11th.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

ABOUT that Meeting.—Abbots Langley.—Further instalment next week.

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